

are keeping the faith, patriotism is still our strongest trait, and obedience to the laws our highest desire?"

We believe the great body of our countrymen could truthfully sign such a message, and that the struggle is still upward to a higher civilization, but we must never forget, that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and hence it is a holy duty to fight every wrong and to impress upon the world that no land so blessed as ours was ever known before, and that her real children hold no other duty so high as to guard their country's liberties and laws.

Cause and Effect

A WRITER in the current Century reviews the debates between Lincoln and Douglas in 1858. He was an eye witness, and listened to all those strong men said. They were, perhaps, the most important debates ever listened to; they were a part of the setting of the stage, in anticipation of the great tragedy that the curtain was to rise upon three years later. They were to Illinois what the killing of Broderick by Terry was to California; what the smiting of Sumner by Brooks in the Senate chamber was to Massachusetts—each were thunder peals denoting how fierce a storm was approaching. No one not living at the time can understand by reading these debates, why they were of such intense interest to all the people of the United States. Modern men reading them will be sure to exclaim in wonder that they were held at the time of such vast importance, or why the differences that then so shook the whole republic could not have been by wise minds adjusted without a mighty war. But the attempt to arrest a cyclone when the pent forces that create it have all gathered, would not be more impossible than the attempts to put off the inevitable were in 1858, '59 and '60. There seems to us to be but one lucid explanation. The infinite had grown tired of the institution of slavery and had marked out the sufferings through which the nation must pass before it could be eradicated. So one step followed another, one event succeeded another, each one intensifying the bitterness, until nothing was left to decide the matter but the sword. When the

Government was framed a few more votes would have abolished slavery; when it failed the wisest of the fathers bewailed the failure and predicted infinite trouble to succeed. That was before the invention of the cotton gin, before any one ever dreamed that cotton would be king. So the trouble grew until at last the theory grew up in the south that there could be no perfect civilization save that it was founded on unpaid labor. After that there was no turning the storm aside. But some one may say: "This is ancient history; why recall it now?" Only for one reason. Our liberties are liberties under righteous laws. In many places throughout our country, the people are careless about obeying laws that they do not happen to approve of, or laws that interfere with their own dark passions. Unless that failure of duty is arrested, the tendency is directly toward anarchy or slavery. In Utah, the men in control think nothing of defying and deriding both the Constitution and the laws, and when men cry out against the infinite wrong it is to the state and the masses of the people. What a dishonor it is to the country and what a perversion it is of free institutions, when all the reply they receive is that they are pursuing a peaceable people for their religion's sake. But the right will have to triumph some time. The laws will have to be vindicated, the American home will be restored in all its old purity, and the attempt to shackle the minds of free men and to hold them in the chains of a superstitious fear will have to be given up. Even Turkey, that has been a despotism for a thousand years, is breaking away, and within the year past the men of Turkey, of Persia and of China have been given constitutions to be the sovereign law. Our belief is that two or three more such exhibitions of priestly tyranny as were witnessed here in Utah during the late campaign and election will be sufficient to emancipate a majority of the men of Utah and cause them to rise up and demand of their dull and bigoted priests, that henceforth they shall be free Americans, in the American sense of that word, and that the shame, the wrong and the slavery which has heretofore benumbed their minds shall cease. "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

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