

day. In the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, Benjamin Franklin influenced public opinion on political and electrical subjects. Among the files of the *Boston Gazette* begun in 1755 you may catch the spirit of the approaching revolution. There are articles written by Otis, the two Adams and Warren. These men spoke to the thinkers of that period and did more perhaps towards moulding and strengthening public opinion than any other four men have ever done. The *Massachusetts Spy* was a different style of paper but effective nevertheless. The *Boston Gazette* spoke and the *Massachusetts Spy* championed its speech. It was light and active, but a good skirmisher.

The question of abolition furnished food for newspapers established before and during the civil war. At no time in our history was a better chance displayed for editors to establish undying fame. Both sides in the contest were ably represented and editors on either side guided public opinion. Some, representing southern ideas, are still admired for their honesty but pitied for their misguidance. Others, upholding northern views, are yet remembered with gratitude by white and black alike. The *Boston Liberator* was founded on New Year's day, 1831. It ushered in a period as black and bloody as the days of the old Norse kings. Its founder, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, was editor, writer, compositor and pressman. He moulded public opinion so strongly that \$5,000 were offered for his arrest and trial. Notwithstanding his misfortunes he continued to guide public sentiment by means of his paper until New Year's day, 1861. When that day dawned the cause for which he had devoted every intelligent faculty he possessed was about to be won. He had not only strengthened public sentiment but he had incited it to such a degree that nothing could stay its irresistible course. The abolition of slavery was sure, and William Lloyd Garrison lived to see the negro's triumph and his own.

A contemporary of Garrison was John Greenleaf Whittier, a journalist also. The

two men hated slavery with equal hatred, but they could not work together. Garrison was violent in his methods, Whittier loved peace while Garrison commanded, Whittier persuaded. The former sounded the harsh notes of war and the latter cooed the soft notes of peace. One developed the element of stern manhood, the other infused into it the spirit of mercy. Both moulded and guided, intelligently and ideally, public opinion, and each in his own way did all he could to abolish slavery.

Such is journalism, a profession that has been strengthened and weakened, ennobled and debased. It is a profession that will lead one to the heights of fame or to the depths of degradation. There is no happy mean, but the height once reached will amply repay the editor for all the toil and care he has experienced in his attempt to control public opinion.

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The Athletic association has withdrawn from the state association. This was almost necessitated by the character and manner of conducting the state field day. In the last few years we have taken nearly all the principal events, which, of course, is largely due to the vast number of students in attendance here. And it is for just this reason that our local field day is a greater success than the state field day. In nearly every event in our local field day we have more contestants than there is in the state field day. Hereafter we shall be able to have our local field day somewhat later in the season, as it will not be necessary to hold it some two weeks before the state field day. Last year we were somewhat hampered for this reason, and had to hold a part of our local contest in the gymnasium, on account of rainy weather. Had we not been in the State association we could have put it off until the weather was favorable, and then held a contest worthy the name of field day. Again, by our withdrawal, we have colleges of nearly equal standing, and a contest between them will truly be a contest for supremacy. But, now that we have withdrawn let those who intend to enter our field day commence to train at once. We have a gymnasium well equipped and there is no reason why our next local field day should not be the greatest athletic event of the season.