

up to the mark. Most are artificial magnets that have to be retouched now & then, else they will point nearer east & west than to the true pole. We frequently find ourselves making observations on their declination intensity & dip. How many whom we read to Kansas, are any better than ourselves - more than fractions of men requiring repeatedly to be waft around with the practice or sticking plaster of public sentiment. The only man from those parts whom I chance to have met ~~at~~ who impressed me as a unit, was Capt. John Brown of Ossawatimie. I have faith that he will be "old Brown" still wherever he goes, whether I and the President or the newspapers countenance him or not.

In short to most men their relation to mankind is all in all, and it is fatal, in their eyes to outrage the opinions and customs of their fellows. Therefore they never judge of failure and success by absolute tests.

But I need not say, it is unwise to defer to the opinions of the community in which you live,