

ture, or have aspirations in that direction, are content to look upon it merely from a personal point of view, and the question they ask themselves is how it will affect their chances of success at the polls.

I do not desire, however, to discuss the question from any of these considerations. If such a measure is in the interests of society—if it would tend to the promotion of the well-being of the community as a whole—my judgment is that it ought to secure the support of all right-thinking men. Under such circumstances, I ought to support it, even though I feared it might interfere with my personal advancement or the advancement of the party with which I happen to be in accord. I prefer, however, rather to look at it and discuss it, first, as a matter of right or wrong; and second, as to its expediency in the interests of society.

#### SCRIPTURAL TEACHING.

My honorable friend who presented the Bill has introduced the Bible to support his contention. I propose to base my first argument on that authority and I shall give him some quotations which seem to have entirely escaped his notice. To discover whether this measure is right or wrong I shall not force on your attention merely my own opinion; but I shall refer to this higher authority, the only standard from which there is no appeal in matters of right or wrong. I am aware that all will not accept this standard as final, as I do. They will either assert that its statements to which I shall shortly refer are old and not applicable to the present age or discard it altogether as not worthy of credence and of no account, especially as it does not accord with their views. Mrs. Harriet Law, an advocate of women's suffrage openly repudiates the Bible on the ground that "its teachings oppose that liberty of speech and action which she as a representative woman demands." Another lady writer states that "if the Bible stands in the way of women's rights then the Bible and religion must go." These are strong statements, which will not be endorsed by many who support this Bill in this Legislature or outside of it.