

enough to suffer it all without impairment of her physical health or her mentality." If she goes away, she is not entitled to support, even though by reason of her physical condition she be unable to support herself, and in many cases she must leave the society of her children. In other words, the wife must humbly submit or cast herself upon the world.

This condition is made worse by the fact that the Courts are bound to interpret the conditions under which alimony may be granted according to eighteenth century standards. A very elementary knowledge of history tells us that social problems of today ought not to be adjusted in the light of conditions of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, when it was established as a principle of English law that in order that a wife might be entitled to alimony on the ground of cruelty, she must establish as a principle of English law that in order that a wife might be entitled to alimony on the ground of cruelty, she must establish danger to life, limb or health. The social conditions affecting both domestic and civil life were vastly different from those of today. Slavery was recognised and protected by English Law. It was over a quarter of a century later before the law intervened to prevent the flogging of women. Children of six years of age were employed in factories and mines, being compelled to work fourteen and sixteen hours a day under most revolting conditions. Women worked in mines as mere beasts of burden. The woman was little more than a servant of man.

But this is all altered. Society of today has elevated womanhood to a new level and the Legislature surely ought to give our Courts the right to interpret her rights in the light of modern thought and modern ideals.

It is in the interest of public morals that the marriage tie should be very binding, but it is also in the interest of public morals that the honoured mother and wife in a home be given a legal status and legal rights commensurate with the position she holds in the society of today. It is difficult to see in what way public morals would suffer if the bad