

which the candidate of one party in one constituency is allowed a seat in consideration of a candidate of the other party obtaining a seat in another constituency. The whole proceeding is corrupt and corrupting,—contrary to the interests of the country and utterly opposed to the "righteousness which exalteth a nation."

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THE last act in the scene, the opposing lawyers being the actors, is, if possible, more disgraceful and scandalous than the first, in which the barter is between the candidates' agents and those who are open to bribes. It must be assumed that the man who petitions a court to have an election set aside or a candidate disqualified, and deposits a thousand dollars as a proof and guarantee of his intention to prosecute to the end, has or believes he has, good grounds for his action. If he has, or believes that he has such good grounds, and if he saws off or settles the matter, he condones that which is an offence against the community and a crime in the eye of the law. Men in possession of the electoral franchise are in possession of a trust, to be used by them for the benefit of the country; and if a candidate for election, or the agent of a candidate, perverts an elector's judgment and corrupts his action by means of a bribe, a crime is committed just as truly as if a man is bribed to be false to any other trust. Such a crime cannot be condoned with credit to the parties to the settlement.

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WE are indebted to the Women's Council for an opportunity to discuss the right of women to participation in public business at the City School Board. Ever since it was discovered that it is not good for man to live alone, it has been known that men and women co-operating can do fuller and better