

gives way ; she, too, is attacked by the disease, and in less than a week she is laid away in her grave. Do you mean to tell me that I can ever forget such affection as this, and that if this mother were living to-day I would not be the first, if any law were pressing heavily upon her, to go to her relief and rescue ? Does this woman mean to say that there is no response in man to such affection and such proof of love ? I repudiate the idea and say that it is an outrageous and abhorrent statement which should never appear in print again.

This same lady tells us that women do not receive equal pay with men for equally good work. How can the ballot correct this ? Can you compel by law the payment of a higher scale of wages ? So long as women are willing and anxious to work for less wages than men, so long will they be paid less. Would the use of the ballot compel the mistress on Bloor street to give her servants higher wages ? Would it insure the dressmaker down town more wages for her work ? All this is regulated by the law of supply and demand, and is in no way affected by the ballot.

TO REFINE POLITICS.

The advocates of Women's Suffrage tell us that the ballot is wanted in order to refine politics, in order to bring better candidates before the public. That depends on what you consider better candidates. Is it better looking men who are required. I can easily understand looking around this Assembly, if a few, especially in this corner, were excluded, including the Attorney-General and perhaps the leader of the Opposition, it is possible better candidates in this regard might be secured. But speaking for myself, I am not aware that there is any particular necessity for refining politics in this country. I believe that our political campaigns in these days are conducted in a very orderly manner already.

Do these people mean that if women were to engage in political struggles there would be less quarrelling, less anger, less disputing in our assemblies ? I fear that such would not be the result if the experience of the present time is a criterion. I took a couple of