

effects a vicious political atmosphere has in causing even young scholars to forget the high ideals which should illuminate their lives and form their political action.

Since the above was written, the *Mail* has come out with its startling pronouncement of the 8th of January. The reception that editorial met with is a sign of the heart-sickness of the country at campaign falsehoods and the special pleading of partisanship, and its hunger for sincerity of speech in those who discuss its public matters. If we judge aright, Canada is approaching a great moral crisis in her history. Where will her college men be found in the struggle—bearing in advance the grander standards of the future, or filling their bellies with the husks that the swine do eat? Uttering strong convictions born of the present hour and need, or, bound by the magic of a name and party traditionalism, daring to speak only the words of a political set. Permanent political parties cannot exist where there is a large *free-thinking* element in the country, and in unnatural permanence is to be found a large part of their evil.

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#### WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

**I**T seems that the idea of woman suffrage is rapidly passing out of the period of crankism and blue-stockingsism into the period of sensible, sober advances in the recognition of woman's claims as a member of the body politic. Standing as she does most intimately connected with the interests of the children and the home, her voice must be heard in a State made up of homes and whose hope is in the children. The victory gained last year and again this year in Toronto by right principles as represented by Mayor Howland, is a testimony to the sober earnestness with which the women of the country are awaking to a sense of their political privileges and the wise way in which they are inclined to use them. The appointment by Mayor Grace of New York of women of the intelligent and sensible motherly type on the School Board of that city, is an evidence of the coming triumph of the true