

weakened by the dissipation of his father, and a nervous system enfeebled by the anxiety, the hopeless waiting, and the overwork of his mother before he was born. She knows that the saloon wrecked her happy home, and she fears that it may destroy her hopes of brighter days in future when her sons grow up. She longs for the time, when her country shall stop licensing men to rob women and children. She has been told that the laws of a nation are made by the votes of the people in it. She reasons that as she is one of the people she is entitled to help to make the laws by which she has to be governed, and that it is her duty to do so. She resolves to vote on election day for the man who promises to work for closing the saloons. She goes to the polling booth and asks for her ballot paper. She is told she has no vote. Coarse men jeer at her, and despairingly she turns to go home. As she turns she sees her husband in a state of intoxicated stupor, led in to vote by a ruffian hired by the saloon party. The representative of the State gives him a ballot, which he proceeds to mark as he has been instructed by the enemies of home and womanhood and childhood.

The man was allowed by the laws of a Christian nation to vote for the perpetuation of a traffic that is the greatest enemy to Christian civilization; the woman who supports him and his family, and pays taxes in the same Christian nation was not permitted to vote against a system that has blighted her life and threatens to curse the five boys who are now the sources of her only earthly hope. The man's motive in voting was solely to pay for the free whiskey given him that morning: the woman's motive was to save her husband and her sons, and to aid in the propagation of truth and justice.

Sex is clearly not a true basis for suffrage, either logically or practically.

Yonder is an immense host of negroes, a great army of men marching to the ballot-box to help to make their country's laws. Through no fault of theirs, they are nearly all ignorant, uncultured men. They have had no training in political economy. They know nothing of the historical development of nations. They are allowed to vote, however, because they