

wood's law, passed probably to attract women to a district in which they were scarce. The event itself therefore could not be of much moment. But it is pretty sure to prove the thin end of the wedge. As soon as politicians see that a new postulant for the ballot is gaining ground all power of resistance fails them, they fall on their faces and think only how they may propitiate the coming vote. Never was there a truer or a more pregnant word than that of the American who said that there would be no peace or quiet till a black woman had been elected President of the United States. When by successive agitations that point has been reached the slow and painful reascent towards reason and nature will begin. Perhaps by that time the world will also have had experience enough to make up its mind whether faction is the everlasting ordinance of nature and the only possible form of free government. In Kansas, where they have municipal suffrage for women, the men are already in revolt. Against the female candidate for a municipal office they have set up in mockery a coal-black negress and elected her.

There is a bevy of ladies over the way who have evidently set before themselves a very high and spiritual ideal. They propose to throw all the work and all the endurance on the men, to escape as far as possible the burdens of the family, to share the sovereign power with all the prizes and excitements of public life, to retain at the same time all the present privileges of their sex, and to have a good time. This they think, and indeed have been taught to think, due to their angelic nature and they call it Equality. They have made very fair progress towards realization ; whether they will be altogether and permanently successful in this unangelic world, or whether the inferior sex will recalcitrate, the next generation will see. These questions are not settled in a lifetime.

—In England the bye-elections give varying results, but generally against the Government. The Government won