
OPINIONS OF MARY

"They'll have to listen before long to what they are closing their ears to now," and she nodded sagely; "and really I fancy they'll be a little sorry they hadn't the wit to grasp the situation, and the grace to accept and approve the solidifying of the nation that votes for women would give. The governments in refusing women equal citizenship are throwing away the resources of the country—good material, ready to their hands—because it is not exactly what they have been accustomed to make use of; and tradition, custom and self-sufficiency loom so large in their eyes that they are blinded to changing conditions that have grown up around them. They'll *have* to give the women votes. Public men cannot afford to be made so ridiculous. They might perhaps resist any other form of attack. This unmanly attempt to terrorize and cr-r-r-ush the suffragists only makes the contrary ones more determined in their demands, the quiet, thinking ones indignant, and the men themselves laughing-stocks." She spoke with conviction.

"What about this other section of disapproving and shocked women—the Anti-Suffrage Society—who are begging the authorities to be firm and not to give a secondary and rightly less important sex any voice in the affairs of their country?"

"Oh, that's a great bid for masculine approbation, isn't it?" laughed Mary. "The silly