

the place. Our own Queen is pointed to as an example of what a woman can do in ruling a great nation. She has won the respect and admiration, not only of her own people, but of the whole civilized world. But how has she done this? Is it because she has assumed the position that these persons desire women generally to take? Has she assumed the position of a dictator, that she might have her will and her way? I think not.

She has always shown her dependence upon men by choosing from among her people the wisest and best men upon whom to place the responsibility of the great work of governing her vast empire. She is admired to-day, not because she is a ruler, but because, in the midst of all her queenly duties she still maintains the womanly part; she is esteemed because of the admirable example she has placed before her people as a dutiful wife and an affectionate mother

I do not wish to be misunderstood by anyone. I am conscientious in my statement of the case. I am not seeking to degrade woman, but am anxious, rather, that she should maintain her present high place, and be beloved still more, if possible. What I have said here I have said in her defence. I am here to defend my wife and my daughters; I am here to stand in defence of our home; to stand in defence of the influence and power of woman in the home, in the church and in society, and I call upon the hon. members of the Legislature not to treat this matter as a trifling question, to pass it by with a smile and vote for the Bill because they think they are thus paying a compliment to woman. It is not a compliment to them to vote in favor of my hon. friend's proposition. I call upon them to take the manly part; to join with me in defending woman from the degrading influences which are sure to follow if she takes part in political warfare. I am prepared to vote "Nay" squarely against my hon. friend's Bill, but as I am anxious that some members of the House, who do not take such strong grounds as I do, should vote with me, especially the Attorney-General, I therefore beg to move in amendment:—