
OPINIONS OF MARY

ruler was Victoria the Good—and what of Joan of Arc, who led an army? To be sure the men of former days had a simple directness of procedure with unusual women. The fair Maid of Orleans was ultimately burnt at the stake, wasn't she? If the men of to-day might only take the leaders among the suffragists and burn 'em as witches, how it would simplify matters!"

"They will tell you that a queen takes counsel of her ministers, that in reality it is they who guide the ship of state."

"Still, with the ruler remains the supreme power to veto or approve a measure. And it seems to me that if a woman was admittedly worthy of governing a great nation like ours—with the highest wisdom and a thorough grasp of public affairs—if while doing this she could be a perfect wife and mother, a model to all her subjects in dignity, true womanliness and domestic virtues, it is possible that an intelligent interest in public affairs, the responsibility and privilege of a voice in the conduct of our administration, need not unsettle us nor break up the home. And for that matter, the counsel of wise and experienced men will always carry due weight with our sex and we will continue to look to them for guidance. It is the nature of woman. And now let us have tea and stop thinking about the old debate. If such arguments as you have been bringing forward are amongst the oppo-