

Newport, R. I.

Oct. 11, 1888.

Dear Mr. Garrison

It has me to
 express the hope that you will feel
 free to sign the call within. Attending
 a meeting of the Committee of Arrangements
 (of whom I am one) I found a unanimous
 desire that you should do this, & should
 occupy a prominent place in the Convention.
 It seems to me to your early advocacy of
 the principle, especially in view of the
 foolish & unjust things said in regard
 to both yourself & Mr. Phillips in the
 "Revolution" - & an injustice which your
 refusal to act with the Convention would
 tend, I fear, to confirm. The strength
 of Mrs. Stanton's & Miss Anthony's position
 is that they are acting - zealously &
 constantly though often injudiciously
 & unfairly even - & the community
 always sympathizes with those who
 act rather than those who criticize.
 What we ought to do (in my humble

BOSTON, August 3, 1868.

Ms.

DEAR

At a meeting held in Boston, May 28, 1868, a Committee was appointed to arrange for a public meeting in behalf of Woman's Suffrage. The Committee think the best mode of executing their trust will be to publish a CALL for a meeting, signed by well-known names from each of the New-England States. On the opposite page you will find the CALL we propose. If you approve it, will you be kind enough to sign it, and return it, directed to the Secretary, 3 Bulfinch Place, Boston? If any names occur to you which you think will add weight to the CALL, will you be kind enough to suggest them to the Secretary?

Secretary.

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WE, the undersigned, recognizing the so-called "Woman Question" as fundamental in its relations to society and to government, — a question, therefore, demanding honest investigation and wise treatment, — unite in calling a Convention for the discussion of the principles involved in it, and for the formation of a Society to secure their application.

We propose, as the basis of our discussion and subsequent action, the equality of the sexes before God, — as written in the nature and duties and destinies of both, and as announced in the Old and the New Testaments, in the significant words, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion. So God created man in his own image; in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them;" and, "In Christ Jesus there is neither male nor female;" — and the rights of the individual, as set forth in the following ever-memorable words of the Declaration of Independence: "we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness;" and, "that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed."

We hold it a self-evident truth, also, that these principles, applied to the women as to the men of any nation or race, must produce the best results; and that such application is necessary to the normal development of human society.

We therefore invite the thoughtful men and women of New England, who are willing to join us in such deliberation and action, to meet in Convention, at Boston, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 18th and 19th days of November next, to organize a permanent Association, for the wise, systematic, and efficient advocacy of Woman Suffrage, and its kindred civil and political rights.

judgment) is a "critique by superior
question" as Theo. Parker used to say,
- to have a conviction so comprehensive
of so large a tone that all personalities
will be kept under & ultimately be
forgotten, & we may all work together
in this great movement. I desire
that nobody should be excluded now
(if we can help it) & include themselves:
& I was greatly pleased & encouraged
by the tone of the Committee of Arrangements.

May I not express the respectful
hope, dear Sir, that you will lend your
powerful cooperation to this movement?

Very respectfully

T. W. Higginson