

Woman Question

WAS UNJUSTLY QUOTED.

PRESIDENT ELIOT OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY
WRITES A LETTER.

PARAGRAPHS TWISTED.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT CLAIMS THAT WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS MIS-
REPRESENTED HIS REAL OPINION IN THE CALL ISSUED
FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVEN-
TION OF THE SUFFRAGISTS.

President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard University, has addressed a letter to Mrs. J. V. L. Pruyn of Albany, in which he severely criticises the call issued for the twenty-eighth annual convention of the National American Association of Women Suffragists, which is to be held in Washington, January 23 to 28.

The part of the call objected to and President Eliot's references thereto, will be read with interest by those people all over the country who are either for or against woman suffrage.

They are contained in the following, which was furnished *The Argus* press last night, by Bishop Doane :

THE CALL.

Extract from the call of the twenty-eighth annual convention of the National American Association of Women Suffragists :

"All friends of justice and equal rights are earnestly invited to assemble in the twenty-eighth annual convention of the American Woman's Suffrage association, in the Church of Our Father, Washington, January 23 to 28.

"The present day is bristling with an energy which has for its aim the elevation of our race in mental and moral directions, in every department, indeed, of human life. Living under the law, helped and hindered by its enactments, women are, by every principle of natural justice, as well as by the nature of our institutions, as fully entitled as men to vote and to be eligible to office.

"As the president of Harvard university says : 'The exercise of suffrage stimulates all citizens to reflect on problems outside the narrow circle of their private interests and occupations. The duties of Republican citizenship, rightly discharged, constitute in themselves a prolonged education. The bulwarks of the commonwealth will prove all the stronger and more lasting because women, as well as men, can work on them and help to transmit them, ever broader and firmer, from generation to generation.' "

(Signed,) SUSAN B. ANTHONY,

President.

RACHEL FOSTER AVERY,

Corresponding Secretary.

MR. ELIOT'S DENIAL.

Extract from a letter of the president of Harvard university :

Harvard University,

Cambridge, Jan. 6, 1896.

The quotation in the call for the twenty-eighth annual convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage association, introduced by the clause, "As the president of Harvard university says," is from an article by me in the *Forum* of October, 1894, entitled "Some Reasons Why the American Republic May Endure."

The last paragraph in the quotation is separated in the article by ten pages from the preceding paragraphs of the quotation. In the last quoted paragraph "the bulwarks" should be "these bulwarks." "These bulwarks" had just been enumerated in the last paragraph of my article, and the suffrage, whether for men, for women or for both, was not mentioned among these bulwarks.

The list is long and specific, and does not contain the suffrage. The manner in which the quotation is printed in the call, the alteration of "these" to "the," and the misrepresentation of my real opinion make the extracts in the call a perfect example of misleading and unjust quotation.

You are at liberty to make any use of this article which may seem to you desirable.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES W. ELIOT.

Bishop Doane is strongly opposed to woman suffrage, and is one of its many opponents in this section of the country.

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