

A NOVEL APPEAL BY WOMEN.

A CONFERENCE OF STATESMEN CALLED BY THE CAMBRIDGE WOMAN'S UNION—THE EVILS OF THE POLITICAL SYSTEM DISCUSSED.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

Boston, May 11.—The ladies of the Cambridge Woman's Union, an organization of prominent women of that intellectual suburb, meeting weekly, like the Woman's Saturday Morning Club of this city, for conversation on subjects of importance or interest to women, have issued an address on the political question, and make a rather novel appeal. The country, they say, is bewildered and almost hopeless over its condition. The wrongs suffered by the Colonies, under George III., were no more dangerous to liberty than the insidious evils which the apathy of intelligent voters and the jealousies and selfishness of politicians have brought upon the public. Our badly-working ward and district systems of elections, our irredeemable paper currency, our tariff, imposed for special rather than from general considerations, the Indian wrongs, and miseries which cry out aloud against us, the deplorable governmental abuses in certain of the Southern States, the temperance and suffrage controversies which now so deeply interest and agitate the non-voting sex—all are questions a satisfactory manifesto on which requires the wide vision and dispassionate judgment of responsible statesmen; and as the party views and votes of ordinary legislators have been fully tried in the balance upon every one of them and been found uniformly wanting, these women of Cambridge, mindful of the invitation that emanated from Philadelphia to the women of the country to do all they can to make this year the worthy Centennial of the nation's birth, call upon the women of Boston to join them in the invitation to representative men irrespective of parties to meet in the name of patriotism, in conference, as soon as possible, on the state of the country, and after due deliberation to unite on such a declaration of principles as may serve for a guide to all those seeking political truth, and possibly as a new departure for the political conventions themselves. The list of gentlemen called upon is as follows: Hon. Charles Francis Adams, Hon. John Quincy Adams, ex-Gov. Emory Washburn, Hon. Henry W. Paine, Prof. James Russell Lowell, of Massachusetts; Gov. Samuel J. Tilden, of New-York; ex-President Theodore D. Woolsey, of Yale; Hon. Abram S. Hewitt, William M. Evarts, Charles O'Connor, George William Curtis, of New-York; Hon. Jeremiah S. Black, of Pennsylvania; William C. Bryant, of New-York; ex-Gov. Buckalew, Gen F. A. Walker, Judge George Sharpswood, of Pennsylvania; David A. Wells, of Connecticut; Senator A. G. Thurman, of Ohio; Hon. Carl Schurz, of Missouri; Senator Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware; Hon. Lyman Trumbull, of Illinois; Senator John W. Stevenson, of Kentucky; ex-Gov. Cox, of Ohio; Senator Newton Booth, of California; Secretary Benjamin H. Bristow, of Kentucky; Congressman L. Q. C. Lamar, of Mississippi; Secretary Hamilton Fish, of New-York; Prof. Joseph Henry, of the Smithsonian Institute; Hon. James Speed, of Kentucky; Senator John B. Gordon, of Georgia; Chief Justice T. W. Cooley, of Michigan; Speaker M. C. Kerr, of Indiana; Hon. George Bancroft, of Washington; Wade Hampton, of South Carolina; John Welsh, of Pennsylvania, and Gen. Joseph Johnston, of Georgia. The ladies call upon the Woman's National Executive Committee at Philadelphia to act as the Committee of Invitation for the Statesman's Conference. The Cambridge Woman's Union is not a suffrage association. Its President last year was Mrs. Isabella B. James. This year the office is filled by Mrs. Zina F. Pioree. During the last month the state of the country and what to do for it has been the absorbing topic of consideration.

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