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PREFACE.

To prevent the misunderstandings that will naturally arise from my work, I here take the opportunity of explaining its mission.

Let it be understood from the beginning that my efforts are made in behalf of the unmarried women, and I earnestly hope that the work will be read, understood, and accepted in that light.

My knowledge of the world and of woman's position in it has come with years of experience and watchfulness, and it is not to be expected that my generation will realize the advancements I advocate, nor the prejudices I would have overcome.

Nothing stands still in this world, all is advancement or retrogression; the world itself goes whirling and spinning on in space, accomplishing its daily and yearly work, and gradually changing. Should not we then call into action every faculty with which we are endowed—develop, cultivate, and strengthen each and every one, be we *men or women*?

The world is wide, our glorious land is broad and fair. In it there could be found territory out of which a State could be established for women. Would it not be for their advancement, for their development? Would it not cultivate their energy and fire their ambitions to be rulers of a State?

Before condemning, understand the intentions. Do not meet the idea with significant looks and the doubtful expression of "Well, that class of women who advocate women's