

THE WOMAN'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

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THIS reform underlies all other reforms. We ought to call it a movement in behalf of *Human* Rights, not *Woman's*, for the most important of *man's* rights is what we seek to secure, namely, the finding of woman in her *right place*, where she may help, not hinder, and set free instead of fettering.

Young men, drawn hither, perhaps, by curiosity, yet not ashamed to dream in your hearts of a wife and a home, would you have a doll to decorate, a toy to play with? If not, you are bound to lend yourselves to our effort to secure a better education for women. Was there ever *one* among you who found a wife *too* capable or *too* well instructed? If not, let none of you fear it. If reformers are found incompetent to household cares or maternal duties, it is not because they are *women*, but because they are imperfect. *Some*, nay *many* of the most distinguished men in the world, would present no better appearance on paper than Mrs. Jellaby, — the great historian Niebuhr, for example. It is the *want* of something, not the *surplus* of any thing, that makes the woman a slattern. Many are the injuries to our cause from those who thoughtlessly advocate it, oblivious, meanwhile, of the small sweet charities of home. I need not tell you what I think of such women. *You* know my opinion; but here in the city, where I was born, where I have grown up, and my word ought to be worth something, I assert, on behalf of the