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TO
MY WIFE.

AT the Annual Meeting of the MASSACHU-
SETTS WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION, held
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Resolved, — That we respectfully ask Hon. GEORGE
A. O. ERNST to allow this Association to publish his
Essay upon the Laws of Massachusetts affecting Women
as Wives, Mothers, and Widows."

P R E F A C E .

SOME time ago I was invited to address the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association upon the Legal Status of Married Women in Massachusetts, and the following paper was written for that purpose. I have since read it before several Associations of Women, and am now asked to allow it to be printed.

In doing so, I wish to utter a word of caution. The paper does not pretend to be an exhaustive treatment of the subject, and, being written in a popular vein, is not intended to be used as a legal guide. It may, however, serve to call attention to the illogical condition of some branches of the law, and so lead to a change.

GEORGE A. O. ERNST.

BOSTON, March, 1895.

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