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October 20, 1902.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

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Note:

This is a copy of the appeal written & prepared for mailing to the press by Mrs. Stanton a few days before her death. October 26, 1902. An envelope addressed to Oswald Villard, editor of the Nation is attached.