

Lucy Stone's Marriage.

The New York papers contain the following announcement under the head of "personal intelligence:"

MARRIED—On Monday, at West Brookfield, Mass., the residence of the groom's father, Mr. Henry Blackwell, of Ohio, to Lucy Stone, the orator, &c. Elizabeth Blackwell, M. D., of this city gave the wedding party a soiree, at her residence, in Fifteenth street, on Tuesday night.

The following protest was signed and has been published to the world, we suppose as a sort of defense of Miss Lucy's *unmanliness* in getting married:

PROTEST.

While we acknowledge our mutual affection, by publicly assuming the sacred relationship of husband and wife, yet in justice to ourselves and a great principle, we deem it a duty to declare that this act on our part implies no sanction of, nor promises of obedience to, such of the present laws of marriage, as refuse to recognize the wife as an independent rational being, while they confer upon the husband an injurious and unnatural superiority, investing him with legal powers which no honorable man would exercise, and which no man should possess.

We protest especially against the laws which give to the husband—

- 1 The custody of his wife's person.
- 2 The exclusive control and guardianship of their children;
3. The sole ownership of her personal, and use of her real estate, unless previously settled upon her, or placed in the hands of trustees, as in the case of minors lunatics and idiots;
4. The absolute right to the product of her industry;
5. Also against laws that give to the widower so much larger and more permanent an interest in the property of the deceased wife, than they give to the widow in that of the deceased husband.

6. Finally, against the whole system by which "the legal existence of the wife is suspended during marriage," so that in most States she neither has a legal part in the choice of her residence, nor can she make a will, nor sue or be sued in her own name, nor inherit property.

We believe that personal independence, nor equal human rights can never be forfeited except for crime; that marriage should be an equal and permanent partnership, and so recognized by law; that until it is so recognized, married partners should provide against the radical injustice of present laws, by every means in their power.

We believe that where domestic difficulties arise, no appeal should be made to legal tribunals under existing laws, but that all difficulties should be submitted to the equitable adjustment of arbitrators mutually chosen.

Thus reverencing law, we protest against rules and customs which are unworthy of the name, since they violate justice, the essence of the law.

(Signed) HENRY B. BLACKWELL,
LUCY STONE.