Arise, then, women of this day!
Arise all women and men who have hearts,
whether our baptism be that of water or of fears!

Say firmly: “We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies.

Our spouses shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause.

Our sons and daughters shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.

We women and men of one country will be too tender to those of another country to allow our sons and daughters to be trained to injure theirs.

From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own.

It says “Disarm, Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice.”

Blood does not wipe our dishonor nor violence indicate possession.

As people have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war, let all of us now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel.

Let them meet first, as women and men to bewail and commemorate the dead.
Let them then solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each bearing after their own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God. In the name of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women and men without limit of nationality may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.