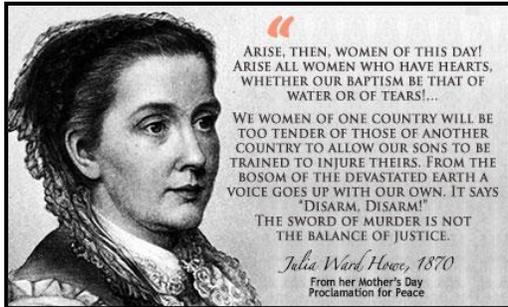


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## **The 1898 SOCIETY**

**In honor of our founder,  
JULIA WARD HOWE**

Julia Ward Howe was the **founder** of the GFWC Massachusetts Federation. She served as the **first President** 1893 to 1898. Among her many contributions to American society is her famous "Battle Hymn of the Republic," which has become a national anthem of sorts. She was also co-editor and writer for *The Woman's Journal*, which lobbied for suffrage and human rights.

Julia was instrumental in creating Mother's Day, which she envisioned as a day where women from all over the world could meet to discuss the means whereby to achieve world peace. They would also convene as mothers, keeping in mind the duty of protecting their children. She became the first woman elected to the Society of Arts and Letters, and the biography of her, written by her children, won the Pulitzer Prize. Julia traveled the world promoting Women's Rights, Peace, Prison and Education Reform as a preacher, lecturer, and dignitary. She was seen as a bridge between Society and Reform and used her celebrity and social status to further her ideology.

Show your support of GFWC Massachusetts by joining **The 1898 Society**. Members are dedicated to the financial well-being of our state organization, all funds raised contribute to the welfare of this Federation. We celebrate together at the **Members Only** reception which is held at Annual Convention. We encourage all members to *join each year at \$18.98 per year*.

GFWC Massachusetts is privileged to have property and headquarters located in Sudbury. Along with the privileged is the challenge of maintaining the property, so donations in a higher amount to **The 1898 Society** will be *greatly appreciated*.

You can join at state meetings or by contacting Mary Ann Pierce.