



Waterville, July 17. 1890.

Dear Miss Coburn,

It has been lately ascertained that many of the Alumnae of Colby disapprove most heartily of the recent action of the board of trustees with reference to the higher education of women.

Doubtless you have received the circular lately issued by the college in reference to the matter.

Some of us think it our right and even duty, in view of all the circumstances, to protest and let them know what we think in regard to the matter.

A circular is in preparation, containing such a protest and respectfully

asking them to re-consider their action.

The probability is that the protest will be sent even with a small number of signatures; but it will be much more effective if all sign it, especially of the older Alumnae.

We mean that it shall be cautious and just, yet honest and vigorous.

I don't know how you feel about this matter but judging from the position of yourself and family in the past, I feel assured that ^{you} would act with us.

Will you kindly write me your idea of the matter and say if you would probably give us your signature?

We want to hurry the matter along as fast as possible and also keep it a "profound" secret among the Alumnae.

Truly yours

Mary L. Leaver.