Waterville, Me, Aug. 25, 1896,

To the Alumnae of Colby University,

Dear "Girls",

So far as we can ascertain the alumnae heartily disapprove of the new measure at Colby, by which the young women are placed in a department by themselves and are thereby deprived of privileges which we, when students of the college, possessed.

After careful consideration, we have decided that it is our duty and privilege to appeal to the Trustees, asking them to reconsider their action. With this end in view, we have prepared the accompanying protest.

Our plan is to submit this to the approval of all of the alumnae and then, if a majority approve, to send copies containing the printed signatures of the petitioners, to the faculty and Trustees.
We already have the promise of twelve signatures which is more than one third of the whole number.

Though we may not be able to induce the authorities to reconsider, yet we hope that our action may have some good effect.

We earnestly ask your signature for this paper. If you are still a friend of co-education and of the higher education of women, will you not cooperate with us, that our action may result in perfect success?

We must be as expeditious as possible. So please send your reply at once.

Our action involves some necessary expenses for printing, postage, etc. These will require an assessment of about $1.00 from each alumnus. Therefore if you should approve will you please remit? Address letters to P. O. Box 80, Waterville, Me.

Please keep the matter a "profound secret" until we are ready to place it before the proper authorities.
Come up to Lolly next commencement and help us to organize an Alumnae Association.

Furce for "Old Lolly",
Mary L. Barrer  '75
Elizabeth Mathews  '79
Beaie A. Mostine  '87

By permission
Minnie Fred. Brocke  '87
Alice E. Saratelle  '88
Kattie M. Parmenter  '89
Addie L. Furse  '90

P.S. I made a few little changes in the "project" as you will see, in addition to those which you suggested. I think there is nothing, however, that will be disapproved by you. We heard from Minnie Mathews and she promises us her unqualified approval.

We have sent them around now to all the girls and I hope we shall get answers before the end of the week.

Furce,
M. L. Barrer.