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,

Signed
asking them to reconsider their action.

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

I 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 will 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. Warner.