Squirrel Island, Aug. 7, 1890.

My dear Miss Cochrane,

Many thanks for your beautiful letter. You cannot know how gratifying it is to me to find that we agree so well in regard to this matter. Indeed, as far as I have been able to ascertain, the Alumnae are united in their feelings and opinions although they perhaps differ as to ways and means.

I intended to go up to Kennebunk to see you but Prof. Taylor and sister gave one as pressing an invitation to come down here that I came Wednesday with my little girl. My husband came down for the Sabbath.

I wish I might see you. I think we could arrange something that we could agree on. To-day I had a call from Alice Santillo, May Farr, Berdie
Martina and Mary Pry and we met afterwards and talked over matters and I read them what I had written. I find we all agree and it is their suggestion that I write to you. Our idea is this. We see of course that it would be useless to expect to change anything now. The thing is done. We couldn't do anything to prevent it, because we didn't know what it was to be done. We couldn't act, of course, till the troubles had acted. It looks as if the result had precipitated, sprung on us, as you might say in such a way that neither we nor our friends could do anything to prevent it.

We can't change anything, but is it right and best for us to remain silent? Is it right for us to remain silent and thus really accept this change? I understand Price Small invites criticism and asks the girls to express their opinion about it. His references to our modesty or want of it are of the nature of an insult. Although he may not have intended him to be so, yet we all feel that they are of that nature. And then is it right for us to remain silent and...
let the impression that everybody favors this new plan? Shouldn't we do what we can to have matters understood as they are. He has given the impression that everybody and even the girls themselves desire this change when we know it is not so. It seems to me that there are many reasons why it is right for us to speak. Another thing, is it better to be silent? What shall we gain by silence? Will our influence have any effect—by-and-by if we don't try to use it now? Won't these contemplated changes be "sprung on" us again just as this has been? And if we seem not to care now, will it be expected that we shall care by-and-by? Shall we be given any chance to use our influence if we don't attempt to do it now.

I don't mean and we don't any of us mean that we will place ourselves in opposition to the trustees. But can't we by the right kind of a protest place ourselves in such an attitude that they will see that we love our
college and have her interests and the interests of her women students at heart? We know we have many friends among the trustees and we think they all respect us and would respect our opinions. We are educated women and are supposed to have an opinion in this matter. That nearly concerns ourselves. Why shouldn't we express it?

Now, perhaps, the fullest I have written may not be the right kind. It is written from my own point of view, I find, however, that these girls here and Miss Parsons all agree that it's just the thing, Alvée Savitts says she would sign it three times over. I think we could easily get 20 signatures and perhaps more. There are 33 Alumnae in all and 1/3 of them live in W. What we propose to do is this, to have it printed first without signatures and sent around for the girls to sign. Then have another set printed with the names printed underneath by classes and these copies to the trustees and faculty.

I did wish that you might see the Ms., before it should be printed so that you might suggest any changes.

I don't care anything, of course, about being the author of it, but somebody had to start and I should be glad to re-
come any suggestions. I'll meet it as long I would send the Ma to you. I will do as rather than have you say that you can't help us. I thought you might possibly be coming down here before long so we could arrange a meeting. It would be just the thing if you could come to us all here. Can't it be brought about in any way?

We do want you to help us. It seems as if we can't have it otherwise. Four names and influence would have the weight of a dozen of the other names. I think and we all think that we ought to act together. We can't afford to split up into factions. Now, can't you act with us? We seem to be waiting for you, for I think there is little doubt about the other girls, the majority of them. Please let me hear from you as soon as possible in regard to it. I shall probably be here till the middle of next week, how much longer I cannot say.

Dr. Patten talked the matter over with Mr. Carrin-
when he was in N., and he says that the new plan cannot be carried out without considerable money and so will, he thinks, be a failure, will work itself clear after a while. What I am afraid of most is that public will get this false impression to such an extent that somebody will be giving them money. Pres. Smell will leave no stone unturned to carry out his pet scheme of his. I think he wants to dignify his administration by something new and marvellous.

Well, let me hear from you very soon. Wish love.

Mary L. Carrer.

Excuse pencil for my pen won't work well.