Waterville, Aug. 15, 1891.

Dear Miss Leslie,

I am afraid I did not impress upon you the fact that we must be as expeditious as possible in what we do. That paper ought to be before them, that is, before the ballots, by the first of Sept. I fear we have delayed too long already. I want to hand it to the printer Monday morning.

The discussion has been opened already by the Lewiston Journal and Boston Advertiser. Both these papers have recently printed editorials in favor of coeducation and dissenting from the new plan. Now, if we can speak and speak energetically, it will I feel sure, produce a good effect upon public opinion, at least.

It seems that the public are just waking up...
Is all that has been done and it looks as if
Oreo Small is going to do this and remain
unexcised. We shall have more help after
we speak, I feel almost sure.

Now, please do let us have your hearty
co-operation and let us all get at once.
I wish you would return the paper on
Saturday. That will give me a little time
to make any alterations that may be necessary.

A word about your criticism of my point
of view. I argue it on the ground of the
home-life and for married, because he does.
If I can show him that co-education and
the present course of study results in a ben-
efit to the home life. I advance his argument
more effectively. Don't you see? I say after-
wards that there is no need of arguing for
the benefit to society as everybody knows
that an educated woman's sphere is neces-
sarily wider than the home. He won't admit
half of the course, and so why waste time on
that part of the argument. I must meet him on his own ground.

Please let me hear from you right away. I go out today to see the Matthews girls, and shall see Miss Reader soon.

I begin to be afraid that our unconsidered delay will let the secret out prematurely and thus injure the effect of whatever action we may take.

Excuse this dreadful "shut up," for I can find no other.

In haste,

for lovingly,

Mary L. Barrow.