Waterville, Sept. 12, '93.

Dear Misses Osman,

Your note written from Brunswick was not received till last evening at the same time with the one written from your home. Had I known that you were to go through N., I should certainly have met you at the depot.

The present "status" is this. We have 19 names, Miss While, Miss Leland and Miss Windus in addition to those whom you know before.

Miss Leland wrote a "splendid" letter and says Miss Brown will write soon. I immediately wrote to Miss Leland asking her to hasten Miss Brown's decision. He must hear from her soon.

Miss Brown and Miss Merrill are lost. we haven't heard from yet. If we don't
hear by Sat. ev., I propose to send another letter by Sat. evening mail asking them, if they will sign, to telegraph us on receipt of letter.

We will pay for telegram. I think it won't cost more than $2.00 at most, and as we are to get two signatures by 8:00 o'clock, I think we'd better do so. In that event we could hear from them by next Thursday. Hattie, if you think we shall have to give up, she probably doesn't know anything about the discussion and cannot, therefore, have much interest. She may, however, come in at the last moment.

Hattie and I called on Mrs. Hammond but she said that, although she was perfectly in sympathy with what we are doing, yet she thought it would do no good for her to write to Sophia. Sophia has no interest in college matters at all and the subject is a very painful one to her, on account of the experience that she has passed through. Mrs. H. thought she would answer the letter which you wrote her. Wouldn't it be a good plan for you to write?
again? If you should send a letter tomorrow morning, she would get it Tuesday, I think. Perhaps you'd better ask her to telegraph. He could afford to pay for a telegram, if it were a favorable one. Perhaps she would sign out of regard to you if for no other reason. The reasons are all strongly in favor of co-education, I think. Mrs. H. is and she says Dr. H. voted against the new plan. She thinks Sophia is in favor of co-education, only being outside of the discussion, she has little interest in it now.

I wish you would write to her. Do as you please about asking her to telegraph. It seems to me, however, that it is better for us to be short in expense than to be lacking in name that might be obtained by a little extra expense.

Miss Curtis, I am the most troubled about. I have sent her two letters besides the letter that went with the protest. I sent a postcard card to her relatives, I asked Miss Horner to write to her. If she is in the
"land of the livin," I should think she'd receive some of them. Will you write to her? If it meant as far I should approve of having some one go down to Kennebunk and hunt her up. Possibly she is not there but I should think a letter would be forwarded to her. I believe I will write to Minnie Mann and ask her to go and see her or ascertain her whereabouts. Mrs. Mann might perhaps, help us also about Miss Littlefield. She has had several letters, the last one I sent through Carrie Speak who is now at Hilltop. The head at Miss Bragg is sick at her home in Lindenmills but no word come directly from her. What more can we do? If I don't hear from Miss Curtic today I will write to Miss Mann and send this evening. It is so strange that the girls don't respond. The called on Miss Reader and Miss Smith. The latter made me mad when she returned the "document" that she was thoroughly in sympathy with our undertaking but thought it not advisable to sign under the circumstances. She sent money to help us.

Miss Reader read the protest and "admired" but will not sign. She "never do-
lived in co-education. The college girls are "Romanly righteous and strong-minded and they want to vote!" "They do such dreadful things!" go to class, singing, have Sigma Kappa coffee in a public dining-room and when they have a chaperone it is a woman!" Alice asked her if she thought they would be likely to have a man for a chaperone. He got thoroughly disgusted here. She said the most exasperating things right to our faces. She says the "town girls" look down on the college girls. By "town girl" she means the set composed of Helen Plaisted, Nancy Philbrick and May Eldred etc. Mrs. Heaton was exceedingly amused when I told her about it. Of course we stood up for the college girls and "winged words" flew about in a lively manner. I don't believe any of us call them again.

Mrs. Leland wrote, "If I am to go through life lacking in modesty because of my college course, I am surely in the company of the select."
now. If you can do anything to relieve the situation, let me know at once. Please thank your mother for her information about Mr. Kellogg. Prof. Hull says he knows of no benefactor to the college who was not a friend of co-education. I think Dr. Small is sure on that point.

If any new names appear, I will inform you soon.

Heartyly but sincerely, and abnormally,
as Buddha says,

Mary L.Garrett.