

Waterville, Aug. 15, 1840.

Dear Miss Coburn,

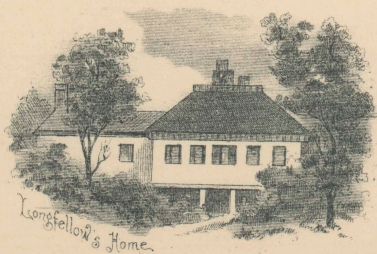
I am afraid I did not impress upon you the fact that we must be as expeditious as possible in what we do. That paper ought to be before them, that is, before the trustees, by the first of Sept. I fear we have delayed too long already. I want to hand it to the printer Monday morning.

The discussion has been opened already by the Lewiston Journal and Boston Advertiser. Both these papers have recently printed editorials in favor of co-education 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

to see what has been done and it looks as if
Pres. Small is ^{not} going to do this and remain
uncriticized. 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 set 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 ^{women} because he does.
If I can show him that co-education and
the present course of study result in ^{quality} benefits
to the home life. I answer his argument
more effectively. Don't you see? I say after-
wards that there is no need of arguing for
the benefits to society as everybody knows
that an educated woman's sphere is necessa-
arily wider than the home. He won't admit
that, of course, and so why waste words 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 to-day to see the Mathews girls, and
shall see Miss Meader soon.

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

Excuse this dreadful "stilt pen," for I
can find no other.

In haste,

for Colby -

Mary L. Carver.