

Don't have Sophia's
telegraph unless
she will sign.

Waterville, Sept. 12. '98.

Dear Miss Coburn,

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 W., I should certainly have met you at the depot.

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

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

Miss Brown and Miss Merrill in Col. we haven't heard from yet. If we don't

hear by Sat. eve, 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 so doing, I think we'd better do so. In that event we could hear from them by next Thursday. Hattie Goy, I 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. Hanson but she said that, although she was perfectly in sympathy with what we are doing, yet she thought that 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 ^{by} Tuesday, I think.
Perhaps you'd better ask her to telegraph. We
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
Hearsons 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 even} \$5.00
short in expense than to ^{be} lacking in names
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
postal card to her relatives, I asked Miss
Horscross to write to her. If she is in the

"land of the living", I should think she'd receive
some of them. Will you write to her? If it
merely as far I should approve of having some
one go down to Kernabunk and hunt her up.
Probably she is not there but I should think a
letter would be forwarded to her. I believe I will
write to Minnie Mann ^{at Biddiford} and ask her to go and
see her or ascertain her whereabouts. Mrs.
Mann might, perhaps, help us also about Miss
Littlefield. She ^{also} has had several letters, the last
one I sent through Carrie Spear who is now
at Willon. We hear that Miss Bragg is sick
at her home in Lincolnville but no word comes
directly from her. What more can we do?
If I don't hear from Miss Curtis to-day I
will write to Mrs. Mann and send this even-
ing. It is so strange that the girls don't re-
spond. We called on Miss Meader and Miss
Smith. The latter ^{said} ~~said~~ me word when she
returned the "document" that she was thorough-
ly in sympathy with our undertaking but thought
it not advisable to sign under the circumstances.
She sent money to help us.

Miss Meader read the protest and "ad-
mired" but will not sign. She never he-

lived in co-education". The college girls "are
'romantic-rightly' and string-mind^d and they
want to roti!" "They do such dreadful things
too! go to class ^{with the boys} - supper, have Sigma Kappa supper
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. We got thoroughly
disgusted there. She said the most exasper-
ating things right to our faces. She says
the "town girls look down on the college girls".
By "town girls" she means the set composed
of Helen Plaisted, Haray Philbrick and May Ed-
den etc. Mrs. Haason 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 be-
lieve any of us call there again.

Miss Leland writes "If I am to go through
life lacking in modesty because of my college
course, I am surely in the company of the select".
Well, that is the way the matter stands

now. If you can do anything to "relieve the situa-
tion", let me know soon. Please thank your mother
for her information about Mr. Colby. Prof. Hall
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.

Heavily but sincerely, and abnormally,
as Bertha says,

Mary L. Carver.