

Stoubridge, July 31, 1890.

Dear Mrs. Carver,

You are right in sup-
~~posing~~ that I disapprove of the
late new departure at Colby.
It seems to me a step backward,
and far backward. It was very
suddenly ^{carried} put through, and comes
I suppose as an entire surprise
to many. I don't believe there
has been anything in the
way of friction in the college
which a proper attitude on the
part of the faculty would not
~~soon~~ have put right. I felt
very badly indeed about ^{the matter,} it,
how badly I need not try to
describe.

Before commencement I would

gladly have signed a ~~renoustrance~~ ^{protest}
 in regard to the matter, and
 even thought seriously of ~~yet~~
 starting on, but was not certain
 of the wisdom of it. Now
 however I feel differently. I
 have several friends on the
 Board of Trustees among those
 who ^{soberly} opposed the change, and
 I have heard from them
 quite particularly ^{about the} ~~low the~~
^{inside} ~~history~~ ^{of the} ~~movement.~~
whole matter was carried
~~through.~~ I am sure that no
^{for any} ~~renoustrance~~ would have made
 any difference with the result,
~~of course~~ it is still more
 certain that no renoustrance
 would now make any difference
 or produce any effect on the
 Board. All that we would
 accomplish would be to put on

carried
 record our own opinion and
 feeling. Of course there is
 great satisfaction in that, but
 we don't want to overlook the
 practical results.

I thought at commencement
 time that I wished the alumnae
 might have a meeting to consider
 ways and means. I think
 we ought to act together, and
 attempt to make our influence
 felt in the direction of the
 best good of Colby and her
 woman students. Now what I
 question is - is it best to put
 ourselves in recorded opposition
 to the Trustees when nothing
 but the relief of our feelings
 can possibly be effected by it.
 Would it not impair the influence
 of any ~~words~~ ^{expression} we might wish
 to ~~make~~ ^{make} express in the future

This new summit may work itself
into something altogether different
from what ~~the~~ ^{we} think, or ~~from~~ ^{what}
we think. They may even do this
when the friends of Colly can
say ~~let~~ with some hope of being
listened to, let us go back.

I do ^{feel} I am ~~sure~~ now that all
we can do is to submit, and
that my remonstrance is as idle
as the wind.

Please excuse this long
letter. It is a rather a wh. I be-
lieve very ~~strongly~~ ^{deeply}. My ~~strong~~ ^{strong} now
is quite strong that I am afraid
the effect of a ^{protest} ~~remonstrance~~ will
be to cause the trustees to feel
that we have put ourselves in
opposition to them, & thus to nullify
the influence wh. we ought to
have & expect in the future.
I hope ^{no more} ~~my~~ will be ^{taken} ~~best~~ ^{done}.
I am sure you and I think

entering alike a this year,
even if we should not give
~~money~~
~~to~~ money + means.

With sincere regards
Yours very truly,
Louie D. Cole