

purpose: though, if they led the way, I would help them quietly to the small extent of my power.

The Syndicate itself is a strong one; & I infer, nearly unanimous. It includes many of the ablest business men, & of those most in touch with general opinion in the University. And they think they have a strong defence in Oxford precedent. I fancied they might have over-rated that part of their

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My dear Bishop

On receiving the enclosed answer from the Local Lectures Syndicate, I tried to find out what support would be given to a movement for restricting the delivery by women of lectures to mixed classes under the authority of the University. I found a general agreement that the Syndicate ought to have consulted the University at an earlier stage:

and it would, I think, be easy to get up
a memorial asking the Council to enable
the Senate to have an opportunity
of expressing an opinion on the
subject. But to do so would be
worse than useless unless we
could make at all events a good
fight at the next stage. To do
that also may be possible; but
only by the aid of a very vigorous
campaign of Residents or Non-Residents.

& I found scarcely any one among
my own friends who would be
willing to help in that. Some whom
I had felt sure of, are on the other
side: e.g. Prof. Stanton. Others
are rather indifferent & rather
busy. If a fight is made at all
it must be organized by people whose
general views on University Politics
are different from my own, & whom
I should not care to approach for the

I think I may as well add Berry's
last letter ^{of Nov 9} It was in answer to one
of mine asking when the resolution
to appoint women was passed. It
makes clear that the Syndicate
was publishing extensively by
unofficial methods throughout
nearly the whole of 1893, information
of the great interest to members of
the Senate, but which they withheld
when publishing their Report last
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case. So I wrote to Sir H Markby,
who, like a hearty friend of
women's education, is a man of wide
experience & cool temper. I inclose
his answer; which certainly seems
to tell against us. On the whole
I think I must not venture to take
the initiative in an appeal to the
Senate.

There remains the question whether
a letter should be written to the Times,

or a "fly" circulated among the Residents
on the question. I am myself rather
dismachined to do so, both because I
have put myself forward a good deal
already in the matter, & for other
personal reasons. But if you
could make the publication of the
Syndicate's Report the occasion
of a protest of some kind, your
words would carry great weight;

& you would do a very important
service to this & the next generation
of ~~men~~ men & women. I suppose you
receive the Reporter; if not, I will
send you a copy of the number -
it may be next Tuesday's - which
contains the Report of the Syndicate.

I am sorry I have no better news to tell.

I remain

My dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely

Alfred Marshall

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