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To Isaac Jenkins, President,  
and the Board of Trustees:

Honored Friends,

Pardon me, but why  
have ladies not been placed  
upon the Board of Visitors?

To think that ever since '68 you  
have declared the half of the  
Kingdom theirs, and yet they have  
<sup>even</sup> not a name among you as co-workers.

You do not wish to increase the  
number upon the Boards? Certainly

not. What is the use of so many  
men? I do not know one of those <sup>part of the world of</sup> I

object to, but I should think the  
Governor sufficient to represent  
that office, and that one Judge  
would do for the Supreme Bench.

If there is no Chief among five, they

might take turns, I would reduce the number and consequent (supposed) expense, and <sup>elect</sup> place two, or at the most three, women in the place of the five unnecessary men. But if the pay (supposed) is not sufficient this reduction would help to make it creditable.

I have noticed with a great deal of anxiety for several years past, that there seems to be a tightening of restriction as respects women. It may be observed in many departments. It is I think the natural reaction consequent upon the greater liberty that has been granted them, especially since the Civil war, when they were found more necessary and more capable than before thought of. As this capacity has

been more and more revealed, as opportunity has afforded fields for action, a counter current has set in, especially in politics for various reasons, affecting educational interests and even those of religion. It is a concern and grief to me as it sets the sexes at odds in a measure, and whatever does that impairs the dearest and most vital interests of humanity.

If I had been a man I would long ere this have been, (looking at precedent,) elected to some office in my Father's place. But being a woman I am the more needed or others like me.

An associate State Superintendent is needed, a woman, and she should have an assistant.

I can speak as I do because I have my hands so full I do not wish any office, but until you honor women in accordance with the expectations you have permitted them to indulge in, and you could hardly have done otherwise with the law as it was, every once in a while you will find a need for which you have not the engraving at hand. Things will not go wrong for you will lack to that extent the benediction of the Great God, who in the creation of man planted the family and in the Fall provided the only remedy for the ills of the world in Him who was born "seed of the woman".

Yours with gratitude, and  
respectfully  
Joshua P. Morrison.

I should like the State Board of Education to see this.