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My dear Miss Gibbs.

Since you have been so good as to send me a copy of your letter to Miss Comstock, giving your reasons for not coming to Radcliffe, perhaps you will permit me to say that while in the main I agree with your premises I do not find them adequate for your conclusion.

I see no reason for serious objection to the Radcliffe Ph. D.; indeed I should like to see it strengthened in every way, and I have been pleased to see the increased demand of Radcliffe graduates fellowships. I agree entirely with the criticism as to library restrictions and non-admittance of women to the Economic Seminary - which probably hang together with the library restriction, since it is a new rule introduced since the Seminary

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meetings were moved to the Widener Library. I should greatly like to see these library restrictions removed. But it seems to me that the chief question is as to the quality of graduate instruction both to classes and to individuals. If that instruction is better elsewhere, then that is obviously a valid and adequate reason for not coming to Radcliffe. This consideration, which seems to me fundamental, may have been one of the determining factors in your conclusion, but if so it does not appear in your statement.

I do not wish to be understood as urging you to come to Radcliffe, but I regret your decision, and as a life-long and convinced supporter of the higher education for women and a free and open opportunity for them in every sphere of activity, and also as a friend of Radcliffe, I cannot let your statement of criticism pass without some comment.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours, Edwin F. Gay

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