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Dear Mr. Bigelow:

You will forgive me for not having acknowledged earlier your note of November 18th, enclosing the criticism of my article in the November Good Housekeeping, when I tell you that it only reached me Saturday. I have been away from town for several days.

I don't know that I can do more in answer to Mrs. Abel's spirited defense of the non-college women in the war, than to insist that the last thing I had in mind was a reflection on the tremendous volume of invaluable service that women of all classes, women with and without education made in the war. As a member of the Women's Committee of the Council of Defense I was in a position to see what women were doing, and I would be the last to discriminate between the different groups. The fact of the matter was they all gave whole heartedly of what they had, but that there was a kind of service that required a thorough intellectual equipment special knowledge in various lines, I think goes without saying. I cannot agree that recognizing this special service and its value [illegible] of Samuel's "Unenlightened snobbery." It seems to me to be recognizing things as they were. Each gave what she had to give and that was all that the Government could or did ask. I regret very much that I did not make my meaning in the matter clearer. I think I could have done so if it had occurred to me that my position would be misunderstood.

You say this is the only criticism you have had. I have had one other, several strong protests against the exclusion of Goucher College from the group. Of course, my idea, and I have no doubt yours too, dear Mr. Bigelow, in presenting the case of the seven was in reality you were presenting the case of all women's colleges, and I am writing that to the Goucher alumnae, who have felt themselves slighted.

I hope if anything else turns up in regard to the article you will let me know.

Very sincerely yours

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