To the Reverend Joseph Caldwell,  
first Professor of the University of North Carolina.  

(11-26-1803)  

Sir:  

Desirous to manifest our solicitude for the  
prosperity of the institution, over which you preside,  
with so much honour to yourself and advantage to the  
Public; we request you to accept, for the use of the  
Philosophical Class, a quadrant, the best we could  
procure, but not the most valuable gift we could wish  
to present.  

Our sex can never be indifferent to the promotion  
of Science, connected, as it is, with the virtues that impart  
civility to manners, and refinement to life. Nor can we  
suppress the emotions of (we hope) an honest pride, at the  
reflection, that our native country boasts a seminary  
where, by the proper extension of Legislative patronage,  
itis ingenious youth might be taught to emulate the  
worth of their fathers; where, their minds might be  
enlightened with knowledge, and their hearts inspired  
with a love of justice, morality and religion; where, they  
might learn to embellish the manly and patriotic endow-