

San Francisco, Cal., April 21, 1891.

Dear Sir,

Agreeably to an earnest invitation signed by Bishop Keip, Asst Bishop Nichols, Rev. Dr. Stebbins, Rev. Dr. Mackenzie and other eminent citizens of California, including Messrs. Geo W. Gibbs, H. H. Bancroft, Ira P. Rankin, John Sweet, Thos. Magee, Wm L. Merry, James K. Wilson, W. W. Montague, R. Beverly Cole, L. L. Baker, Mark Sheldon, J. Lawrence Pahl, Frank J. Symmes, W. F. Whittier, J. F. Merrill, B. F. Dunham, and W. J. Reid, I am about to establish in Berkeley, Cal. a permanent seminary of the highest character for young ladies.

In a circular which I propose to issue, I desire permission to use your name as a reference, and shall be grateful to you if you will do me the honor to consent thereto.

Kindly answer in the enclosed stamped envelope, by return mail if convenient.

You may perhaps recollect that since the war I have been two years principal of the Conn. Normal School, five years principal of the Adelphe Academy, Brooklyn, N. Y., nine years Head Master of the Girls' High School, Boston, Mass., one year President of Mills College, two years professor in Cornell University, and during the last four years President of the State University of North Dakota.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully Yours

Homer D. Sprague

Hon. Albion W. Tourgee