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Benicia 5th June 1854

Miss J. H. Hudson

Dear Madam

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the "Benicia Female Seminary" held on the 29th May ult (ed. meaning "previous month") the following resolutions were passed unanimously.

"Resolved, that the thanks of the Trustees be communicated to the Principal, Miss. J. H. Hudson, for her faithful and assiduous attentions to the duties of the School during the past year."

"Resolved that owing to the pecuniary embarrassment of the Board, it is inexpedient to proceed at present to the election of a Principal to the School for the ensuing year."

It is with much pleasure that I find myself the medium of communicating to you the unanimous approbation of the Board for the faithfulness and assiduity with which you have discharged the duties assigned to you, and it is with a corresponding degree of regret that I am required to communicate the embarrassment of the Board which makes inexpedient, any present action in view (end of page 1)

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of a continued organization.

Your connection with the Institution for the past year will be remembered with pleasure and satisfaction by many of its patrons and friends, who doubtless accord with the Trustees in appreciating your exertions in behalf of the pupils committed to your charge.

Regretting that the Board do not feel prepared to elect teachers for the ensuing year and wishing you prosperity and happiness

I remain truly

Yours tr

Saml. C. Gray

Secy.of Trustees

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