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Sir

Several liberal minded citizens have recently by their voluntary contributions endowed a School, intended to be of high character for the education of young ladies in the standard scientific useful and ornamental branches of study; the Institution to be located in this city, and to be known as the "Benicia Female Seminary." It is to be both a boarding and day school, and ample preparation has been made for the reception and accommodation of young ladies from the various counties in the State.

A board of nine Trustees has been elected, of which the Rev. Sylvester Woodbridge has been chosen President. The very efficient services of Miss Susan A. Lord, a lady of superior ability and refinement, have been secured, as Principal of the Seminary. She will be seconded by able assistants.

The Trustees have determined that there shall be a Board of Visitors to be composed of twenty four educated gentlemen from different parts of the State, whose advice in regard to the course of study shall be duly considered. Believing that you would take an interest in directing this important educational movement, and in promoting the success of the institution through the patronage of your acquaintances the Trustees have directed me to invite you to become one of the Board of Visitors to the Seminary. The honor of your acceptance will be grateful to

Your obt svt Saml. C. Gray.
Secretary

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Circular to
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