Spiegel Grove
Fallon, Q.
12 Dec 1883

My Dear Governor:

Yesterday read in the San Francisco "Spirit of the Times" the first full account I have seen of your matchless gift to the cause of Education. I cannot resist the impulse to thank you and to congratulate you. I need not try to express the admiration felt for you and for your work by all your able and helpful friends of free institutions. All who read your deed of Trust next the Illinois Stamford Junior University will have the utmost confidence ever knowing that it will be non-sectarian; and that it will furnish industrial education to its students. All of these features will command the approval of the intelligent and judicious. The coast-mentioned, viz, manual training, is before to
fee is fundamental. Its importance in this country, especially, cannot be overrated. No American can be regarded as well educated who cannot earn his living by skilled labor either in agricultural or mechanical pursuits.

But I must not trespass on your time. Mrs. Bovy and myself will always remember gratefully your generous kindness to us in the most agreeable journey of our lives—our California trip in 1880.

I am gratified with your decision in your great affliction as your friend with all the world in applauding what you are doing for your fellow men.

I have never met Mrs. Stanford, but I venture to write in respectful ad

Regard to to her as well as to yourself.

Sincerely,

Gov. Stanford
Washington, D.C.