

Santa Cruz, Cal.
Feb. 15th 1876

My Dear Prof.

Yesterday I took a walk into the mountains above the Powder Mill to get willows for Bebb and Chas. to find a small tree of the new "Mangarita." It was beautiful to look at all covered with flowers at this season and remembering that I promised you some for your herbarium I herewith send you a lot. They may curl up a little on drying altho' I put them in papers and tied the package tight so as to act as a press somewhat. You will see the old leaves are still on the

stem. - On my return I found
your letter in reference to your
niece. I have no doubt she
would be a valuable addition
to our corps of teachers and I
wish I could say come at once.
But our school opens in about
two weeks and there would not
be time for her to get any
kind of certificate, without
which we could not employ
a teacher. The only certificate
recognized by our State from
abroad is a ^{State} Normal School
Diploma. I think this law
will be changed very soon
so as to include competent
teachers from other states.

Better defer her coming until
next summer or autumn for
this reason. Altho' if here now
I could find a place ^{for her} soon

after the examination of teachers which
takes place in March.

We have built a large
school of 12 rooms and are
very anxious to have it open
well and with good teachers.
There is scarcely a doubt but
Miss Bragg whenever she thinks
best to come would find
employment soon.

The pay for teachers in places
like Santa Cruz is about 60.¢ to
80 ¢ per month.

Now we have over 30 inches
rain at Sta Cruz. Good for other
parts of state but not for
Santa Cruz. We generally have
too much when they only have
enough back from the coast.

Yours Truly
B. L. Anderson



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