

April 6, 1886.

Dear Swain,

Dr. Kirkwood has privately tendered his resignation. I have therefore regarded it as settled that you are to be Professor of Mathematics and Green Asst. Prof., next year. Green has been remarkably successful as a teacher, this year, and altogether the prospects in Mathematics look bright.

The total attendance this year reaches 201. 101 Freshmen & irregulars.

Collect some fishes. If you find anything we need, but not unless some variety appears.

I think that I shall spend the summer in Europe, but I may not be able to get away.

I trust that the Professor in question has written his epitaph. I am looking out somewhat, for a successor.
(David Starr Jordan). Z.

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The resignation of Mr. Rowell, professor of mathematics, was accepted, and W. H. Baker elected to fill the place thus made vacant. Mr. Baker is said to be one of the most eminent mathematicians of his age. A communication has been received at this office, which says of him: "There is no branch or range of pure mathematics in which Mr. Baker is not a master, and there is no department of applied mathematics in which, it is claimed, he is not proficient."

It is also stated that Mr. Baker has written a book. When it is remembered that the great universities of the country vie with each other to secure the services of such eminent scholars, Fresno is to be congratulated on retaining Professor Baker for the coming year. Professor Swain, who does not claim much rank as a mathematician, left a position which brought him \$7000 a year as professor of mathematics at Stanford to accept a more lucrative chair in an eastern university. Professor Baker's salary was fixed last evening at \$1260.

Dear Swain:

This from Fresno will
do you good. I have never
heard of Baker, but I
await with anxiety the
word from Bryan.

You could find another
Bryan more easily than I -
if there is any. -

I have written in behalf of
Mr. Howard -

Jordan