

## LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF  
CIVIL ENGINEERING

Stanford University, California,

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Miss Lou Alta Melton,  
1920 Arapahoe Ave.,  
Boulder, Colo.

My dear Miss Melton:

To date no woman student has graduated from any department of engineering in Stanford University. A few years ago Miss Helmick graduated in the department of applied mathematics. She took a number of engineering courses and served as engineering assistant both to her father, who is an engineer, and to the J. G. White corporation. She is now married to Mr. Jesse Hayes of Shanghai, China, who is himself a civil engineer and is connected with the American International Trading Corporation. At present we have one young woman registered in mechanical engineering. Her name is Kirby Ingoldsby and her address is 229 Roble Hall, Stanford University Post Office. Miss Ingoldsby is a young woman of fine character, excellent ability, and is much admired by all who know her. I suggest that you put yourself in touch with her.

Now as regards the formation of a separate engineering organization which you contemplate, I must confess that I am not in favor of such a move if you can get the young men in your institution to take the proper step which, in my opinion, consists in admitting you to full membership in the existing organization. For years I have favored the admission of women to membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers, and can see no reason why there should be any discrimination on account of sex.

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Very sincerely yours,

*Chas. Frank*  
Past Pres. Am. Soc. C.E.