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Letter from C[harles] S. Sargent to John Muir, 1896 May 30.

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ARNOLD ARBORETUM.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Jamaica Plain, Mass., May 30, 1890

My dear Mr. Muir:

I return to you with many thanks the communications you have been good enough to send me in reference to the Big Trees.

Engelmann, in The Botany of California, speaks of the fruit of Sequoia as maturing the second year. This I should think must be a mistake, as there is nothing to show on any of my specimens that it does not ripen the first autumn. If I am wrong about this, I wish you would send me a line by return post that I may make the correction in my proofs. If the fruit does mature the second year, I should much like to see a cone during its first winter.

I am delighted to learn that Harvard is going to honor itself by giving you a degree at Commencement, which is on the 24th day of June. Nothing, I hope, will prevent your being in Cambridge on that day, and while you are in this neighborhood you will of course stay with me in Brookline. *It is essential that the degree be given*

I must be present to receive it
I am going west myself with some members of my Commission on the 2nd of July and I am not without hope that you may be returning home at that time and that we may all go together. It might be a good idea for you to telegraph either Johnson or me, if you have not already done so, if you will be here on the 24th.

Faithfully yours,
C. S. Sargent.

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