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## Letter from John Muir to [Annie Kennedy] Bidwell, 1879 May 3.

John Muir

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920 Valencia St.,

San Francisco,

May 3 1899.

Dear Mrs. Bidwell.

Your letter, telling bunch of bloom is here, & how gladly I would seek the fields when it came you must know. But Alack! work, work, work, holds me here. How beautiful the fields, & plains, & fence corners, about Chico must be. I have been hoping all through the winter that I should be with you in bloom-time for at least a week. Now summer is coming on, & my chances to see Chico this year seem to be growing less. I may probably go into the Sierra above Yosemite for a month, & then up the Coast to study the glacial phenomena. The Sunday School people from the east want me to lecture for them; but this is a business that I know little about. Am hard at work with my pen. Have not had a single excursion this winter. Have had your flora studies prospered. With thanks for the bloom, I am cordially Yrs John Mearns