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## Letter from Bradford Leavitt to John Muir, 1903 Mar 9.

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4.  
The name of the great man  
whose memory  
we would honor, and honor  
ourselves in remembering.  
Let Emerson be fittingly  
remembered in a public  
way in San Francisco. If  
you will come and help us  
it will be a great occasion  
- if you do not come - there  
is no one to take your place.

With cordial regards

Sincerely Yours

Bradford Leavitt.



CORNER GEARY AND FRANKLIN STREETS

213  
First Unitarian Church  
San Francisco

REV. BRADFORD LEAVITT, MINISTER

Minister's Study

March 9 1903.

Dear Mr. Muir:-

As you know  
the Centennial of Emerson's  
birth falls this year, on May  
25th. and I am planning  
to celebrate the occasion in  
some notable way. It is fit-  
ting that the celebration should  
be in the Unitarian Church  
both because he was a min-  
ister of that faith and es-  
pecially because he was a  
friend of Starr King and

at the time. If you will come and say a few words about Emerson, anything you like, we will "make an immortal Emerson night of it", even though we cannot have the equinox with us.

I know you do not often make public speeches - and I do not ask a speech on this occasion - just a fifteen minute talk; and I urge this not so much in my own name or the name of the Trustees, (of whom our friend Mr. Upham is one) as in

Mr. Stebbins, <sup>[23]</sup> and has spoken in this very pulpit in San Francisco.

Now my plan is to have a special meeting, a public meeting, on Sunday evening May 24th in the church, and make ~~it~~ as much of the occasion as possible. To do that we need especially two men, admirers of Emerson, one of whom, Pres. Jordan, has already consented, with enthusiasm, to speak; and the other, Mr. Muir, who writes so delightfully about Emerson's visit to Yosemite and the impression the great philosopher made upon him. President Wheeler would speak but will be East