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**Letter from Annie K. Bidwell to John Muir, 1905 May 4.**

Annie K. Bidwell

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those granted by it, <sup>honorary</sup> degrees," and that the records of the old College of California show that General Bidwell was granted an honorary degree in 1865, his name being the very first in the list, and will be the first of our list of some 6000 graduates".

General was not a "graduate," but he was granted the degree of Master of Arts. Dr Willey writes me this, also.

Another singular incident is that The Chico State Normal School held very impressive memorial services for him on April 4, and the paper was entitled "How best can we honor General Bidwell." By striving to preserve the best etc. I can not recall the

1711 G St. Washington D.C.  
May 4, 1905.

Dear Mr Muir.

Just a line to tell you how very grateful I am for your letter to me, and to Dr Benjamin, and to Mr Johnston, about dear General.

Dr Benjamin is so very much in earnest in his enthusiasm for General Bidwell, as one to be honored by California, - in The Hall of Fame, that he proposes to push the matter, and is urging it in

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<sup>[23]</sup>  
The California Society of Washington, and  
with individuals. Mr Garver of the Civil  
Service now, but of the Forestry Depart-  
ment recently, is very enthusiastic  
on the subject, and is "talking it up"  
with some who prefer Stanford etc.

Dr Benjamin was a resident of California  
from his birth until he was a man.  
He is compiler of biographies for the  
Smithsonian Institution and, publishes,  
or is in line to be interested. He told  
my sister some time ago that he wished  
I should let him write General Powell's  
biography. He & his wife are neighbors  
and very beloved friends of my sister and  
Mr Alexander.  
Mr Inuston sent Dr Benjamin

<sup>[33]</sup>  
The Centurys containing General's account  
of his trip overland, and write a very  
kind note. So you see you have set  
in motion a force of value, in this  
matter. It is very strange that for  
the first time in my life, when such  
articles have been sent me about  
General which were very important  
for Dr Benjamin's "paper," and will be  
important for his work, and are still  
arriving, the senders wholly ignorant  
of their peculiar value at this time,  
to us. Mrs Cheney wrote to know date  
of General's death, stating that the  
University of California is "about to pub-  
lish a list of its graduates and of