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## Letter from Annie Kennedy Bidwell to [John Muir] Muir's, 1902 Apr 17.

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Mrs B. J. ...  
c73  
I would be ashamed to give so little, but honesty toward other persons, & urgent claims, demands humiliation on my part (give or not!)

Also: I do not know to whom to vote for on the enclosed Ballot etc, except for you. Of that individual I am certain.

Will you kindly be my proxy and fill out Ballot for Board of Directors of Sierra Club, and mail it to proper destination.

Please do! I might so mar matter by random crossing. Now with love to each and the hope of seeing you some time. Believe me, I ask of you,

Yours heartily  
Annie Kennedy Bidwell.

At the usual place.  
Mrs Geo W. Gibbs.  
c17

2622 Jackson St San Francisco  
Apr. 17, 1902.

My dear Friends -  
The Muirs

What have you thought of my silence these Spring months, when I was so anxious for a visit from you!

Well, I have been at this address since Jan. 31, expecting to return home at any time - yet not able to write anything not positively obliging. My strength was such an uncertain quantity that Dr Fischfelder ordered me to



remain here for electricity heat.  
 went, promising to notify me  
 when I might return home,  
 but forbidding any questioning  
 as to time - on my part.

Have not made calls, or  
 gone sight-seeing, but have  
 rested when not on duty at  
 Doctor's Office. Nor have I  
 received callers save when  
 necessary, having had to  
 sleep, or rest, so much of  
 the time.

Monday, Doctor told me  
 that now he was "going to put  
 the finishing touches on," and  
 that I might visit, and see  
 guide; that the social was  
 needed now." So I write to

say that I hope ere long to be  
 at home, and to have the  
 great joy of welcoming all  
 of you who can come, to Pawnee  
 Ohio. Also, that if any of  
 you should be in the city  
 I should be so glad to see  
 you, and that I will arrange  
 to be at home any time you  
 may set for calling.

And now, Mr. Muir, I  
 wish a word with you, of  
 advice, in regard to the  
 Le Conte memorial fund.  
 I can give so little at present  
 that I thought perhaps best  
 not to belittle the sacred cause  
 by a \$5<sup>00</sup> when a \$100 might  
 be expected. What is your  
 opinion? Please be candid.