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Letter from Chas. Warren Stoddard to John Muir, 1874 Jul 8.

Charles Warren Stoddard

Rome the Eternal
8th July 74.

Dear Le-man.

Rome is running rivers of good honest-sweat just now, would you like it, think you? It gives much to see you footing it among-st these weary-some ruins; how ugly they are, as the Old City itself is a kind of respectable bore.

Rome at the Sierras! There is all the difference between them that there is between bone dust - and growing granite. There is no pine-spiced air here; our lungs are full of infinitely small relics of the past; the Colosseum and

the Catacombs has contributed toward the natural earth deposits we are supposed to nourish in our bosoms. It is not clean, or sweet, or wholesome.

Ah, Jean of the Hills send us an honied breath with a dash of snow in it as I shall know that you has not forgotten me times I has dropped behind your horizon of adamant!

For your friend, longing to be where he is not at regretting the change when it comes —

Chas. Warren Stoddard.

2 John Muir
Somewhere!