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Evening Bulletin, Wh I suppose
you have seen

I wonder how you all are
faring in your wilderness
educational departmental
institutional etc write
me a line here in care
of Sisson. I think it
will reach me on my
return from Dry Shasta

I am with ever cordially
Yrs John Muir

Love to all Keith
The boys & McChaneys
& etc

Send forward any letters
from the Oakland Office
I want only mountains
until my return to Calif

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Sisson Station
Nov 1st 1872

Dear Mrs Carr. Here is
icy Shasta fifteen miles
away yet at the very
door. It is all close
wrapt in clean young
snow down to the very base
one mass of white from the
dense black forest girdle
at an elevation of four or six
thousand feet. At the very summit
the extent of its individuality
is perfectly wonderful.
When I first caught sight
of it over the braided folds
of the Sacramento valley
I was fifty miles away &
a foot alone & weary. Yet
all my blood turned to wine

∇ I have not been weary since Stone was to have accompanied me but has failed of course. The last storm was severe ∇ all the mountains shape their heads ∇ very impossible etc but you know that I will meet all its icy snows bravely.

I set out out in a few minutes for the edge of the timberline then upward if unstormy in the early morning.

If the snow proves to be mealy ∇ loose it is barely possible that I may be unable to urge my way through so many upward miles as there is no intermediate camping ground. Yet I am fearless ∇ strong now ∇ can

spend two days with their intermediate night in one deliberate unstrained effort.

I am the more eager to ascend to study the mechanical conditions of the fresh snow at so great an elevation, also to obtain clear views of the comparative quantities of lava denudation northward ∇ southward.

Also general views of the ~~ancient~~ channels of the ancient Shasta glaciers etc many other lesser problems besides. The fountains of the rivers here. ∇ the hanging fls.

I would like to remain a week or two. I may have to return next year in summer.

I wrote a short letter a few days ago wh' was printed in the