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## Letter from John Muir to [Jeanne C.] Carr, 1874 Nov 1.

John Muir

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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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Sissons Station  
Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 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 &  
afoot 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 unstopping in the early morning.

If the snow proves to be mealy & loose it is barely possible that I may be unable to wage 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 Puget glaciers etc many other lesser problems besides. The fountains of the rivers here. & the hanging gls.

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