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The Precinct of Orontecito,
We have no D.B. in this Precinct.

I am not strong enough to ramble about much. I wished for your opinion last summer while I was visiting some of the canyons in the upper part of S.D. valley. It is said there are no evidences of the action of Glaciers below Monterey in this State. I imagined I saw from today that looked like it is Glen Annie Canon. or (A Hol- lites - Ranch)

I would be delighted to see you and learn more of your adventures & discoveries, in what we both feel so enthusiastically about & wish acknowledgment of it. If we are called Mountainers. I have often longed to be with you - How much I wished to be with you when at Alaska - I am nearly an old 79^{or}; this hard work from top up the struggle. At Bushby, I don't know now when I shall visit San Francisco -

I may this fall or spring visit
the
precinct
I hope to see you
your truly
Nels Johnson

Santa Barbara Cal^a June 21/80

My dear friend G M Davis

To-day I was more than pleased to have a letter put into my hands which had your autograph attached to it

Some weeks since at one of my calls on a lady friend nearby in conversation your name came up. My said the lady I saw a notice in a 'paper' that Mr Davis was married. That opened my eyes, I recollect your saying that you loved the Mountains, & you believed that they loved you. The question arose in my mind has he got a divorce from his old love? I'll see but I wrote to Mrs Carr & enquired about you & her whereabouts & status! Only a few days since I received an answer confirming the news. Glorious news to me I intended before this to have written to you &

Congratulated you on your "second
 like thoughts." I found one in whom
 you could love fervently and at
 the same time know that it was fully
 appreciated. Nothing like lovely
 intelligence - don't you think so?
 May it last till you are old &
 your 'quid' be full of young Kossuths
 and what a blessing!

I want to say I have been inter-
 ested in reading your letters from
 Alaska published in the Bulletin
 especially your account of the glaciers
 & the trip with the great clergy. &
 criticism on their deal &

I have seen some of your articles in
 Penning's Magazine - but I have
 not seen your book on Mountain
 Structures - Glaciers & other things.
 When will they make it appear
 - again?

Your letter to me was put into
 my hands by a friend at Coonau

School & School Principal. The Group
 of boys from the O.P. There was pres-
 ent Mrs. Otis. A. & O. P. Otis. Her
 husband was formerly publisher of
 the S. B. Press. He is now engaged
 for a Seal Co. (?) in Alaska. It may
 be you have seen him as he was
 in Alaska last summer.

I let Mrs. Otis look over your
 letter & she was pleased with it and
 remarked she would like to write
 to you - but felt a little dejected
 about it. She has a fine cultivat-
 ed mind - a poet - writes for Eastern
 journals - & some in Col. - a lovely
 character. In many respects like
 our friend Mrs. Carr.

I told her after tomorrow she
 might address you as soon as
 she pleased. In the night I would
 write to you & introduce her to you
 as my friend. I am living some
 three miles from the Post Office in