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Letter from N. D. Stebbins to John Muir, 1880 June 21.

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The Precinct of Montecito.
We have no D.B. in this Precinct.

I am not strong enough to ramble
about much. I wished for your opinion
in 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 Monterey that looked like
it is Glen Annie Canon. or El Bol-
litos - Ranch.

I would be delighted to see you
and learn more of your adventures &
discoveries in what we both feel so
enthusiastically about & wish ask-
-ance of it. If we are called mount-
tainers. 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^{yr}; this hard
work from year up the struggle. At
last, I don't know now when I
shall visit San Francisco.

Santa Barbara Cal. Jan 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 auto-
graph 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 to it write to Mrs.
Davis & enquire about your Mountain
-outs & States! 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 ripe old age &
your 'quid' be full of many hassles
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 glades
& the trip with the Greek clergy. &
criticism on their deal.

I have seen some of your articles in
Pendergast's Magazine - but I have
not seen your book on Mountain
Structures - Glad to hear it is
done will ~~they~~ make it appear
- soon.

Your letter home was put into
my hands by a friend at Commencement

School & S. School Picnic. The Group
of from from the O.R. There was pres-
ent Mrs. Otis. A. & O. 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
thirty miles from the Post Office in