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## Letter from John Muir to Asa Gray, 1882 Jan 2.

John Muir

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Martinez, Cal.  
Jan 2<sup>d</sup>, 1882.

My dear Asa Gray

I cordially wish you  
a happy new year, &  
rejoice with your many  
friends that you are once  
more in your own country  
& still strong to work &  
enjoy.

Perry was here a short  
time ago & we greatly enjoyed  
his visit. He reported Dr.  
Engelmann unwell & likely  
to seek California next  
season for health as well

I shall fondly hope that  
you also will come again  
to this side the big botanical  
garden for another  
ramble among the trees  
& to delight your friends.

The Bird among others  
would be beside themselves  
with joy should you bless  
them with another visit.

Mr & Mrs Parry were up at  
their big Kingdom ranch &  
they were here too among the  
vines & so was General Bidwell  
He is erect & massive as ever.

I have not yet heard from  
those Arctic plants I sent you  
by express two months ago. Have  
you received them?

Hoping you will long  
be spared to bless the  
people & the plants  
I am ever your admiring  
friend John Muir.