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Letter from Emily O. Pelton to [John Muir], 1882 Jan 6.

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be sure to do so as it is not an easy trip in the stage.

Thanks for your new years greeting. I am quite well, and never came out of a long term of school feeling fatter than I did this fall. I hear frequently from my eastern friends, and Jessie is at home now, feeling quite well excepting that her throat gives her some trouble as it did when here. Byron Herwit is still at P. du Chien, and is happy in having a little girl to brighten his home. She is their only child and is nearly a year old now. Uncles family are urging me to come home to them in Englewood in the Spring, and I think some of going. Mrs Knox has grown old rapidly, in the last few years, and is far from well. Come and

see us my dear friend. Yours sincerely

Emily
expects to
go to Chicago
in the coming
month.

Bronsville Cal. Co
Cal. Jan 6 1882

Dear old friend a happy new year. It has been months since I heard of you by the papers and still many months more since I saw your familiar handwriting.

How are you? and where? Busy at home perhaps, with writing and wife and baby, perhaps busy climbing. I shall be glad to know. Don't say I wrote you last for I have written you since I heard from you last winter or spring.

I am requested by Mrs Knox to write and remind you of a promise once made her

to give a lecture for the benefit of the Knoxdale Institute which is established here.

They will pay your expenses up and back if you will give the lecture. The Institute is not in as thriving a condition as could be wished and it is thought a few lectures by eminent men will be beneficial to the cause by bringing the school before the public and by pleasing the parents and pupils.

So come if you can and bring the wife and baby which will please all of your friends in this vicinity.

Let us know when you can be here, sooner or later whichever it may be.

We are having a warm sunny day, have had no cold

weather this winter.

Your old friend
E. D. Kelton.

It seemed a little odd a half hour after writing the above, that a letter from you should be handed me. We have discussed you frequently in the past three weeks and, I wonder if your ears burned ^{last} evening of the old year - for then I was being urged quite strongly by one of the Prof's here to write you about lecturing here, but I hesitated as it is winter and a good ways from your home.

Mrs Knox wishes me to say that if you will let them know when you can come - this winter next Spring or Summer they will meet you in Marysville. So if you bring your wife and baby you must