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Oakland Mar. 20th 1883.

Mr. Muir.

Dear friend:

I received your
very kind notes and I hope
that you will excuse me for
not answering it before. But to
tell you the truth I have not had
a minutes time to do anything
in that line since I received it.

I can assure you my dear
friend that I appreciate your
invitation very much. When I think
of the very pleasant visit I had
last year, it makes me feel bad
to tell you that I cannot accept
it. There is considerable work to
be done just now. and I think

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I ought to stay and do it. I
-am a member of the Young
Men's Christian Association.
Therefore I consider it my duty to
devote my Sunday's to that worthy
institution.

You spoke of not having heard
from mother since she left. I
know that you will receive it as
a sufficient excuse when I tell you
that she has been far from well.
What between the change of
climate, and the extreme cold
weather, she was completely
up. She was unable to leave her
bed for quite a long time. I don't
remember just how long. She has
thoroughly recovered now, and is
enjoying herself in Albany, N. Y.
She intends returning home in
May. It seems a very long
time to me since she left, and
I shall be very glad to see her

safely home again.

We have been having very
pleasant weather here in Oak-
land for some time past. I
suppose the farmers would
rather see signs of rain.

It must be very nice for you
since the doctor moved into his
new house.

Our friend Kieth, the artist, is
to be married to a Miss McKenry
(a young lady practicing law in
San Francisco) in May. He
thinks intends to go to Europe. I presume
you have already heard of it.

Remember me very kindly to
the doctor and Mrs. Strentzel, and
to Mrs. Muir.

Again thanking you for your kind
invitation.

I remain Yours Respectfully

Harry W. Williams. 1020 - 14 st.