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Letter from John Muir to [Robert Underwood] Johnson, 1893 Dec 20.

John Muir

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Martinez Dec. 20, 1893

My dear Mr Johnson.

You did just as you ought to do in devoting the few days you had for Chicago to Mrs Johnson & the great show. Only I expected to see you at least once more for a minute or two to press your hand again & pay my respects to Mrs Johnson. ere I took wing for home.

I stayed about a week in Chicago, then went to Portage to see my mother & sisters, then to the Wisconsin University - to see some of the old Professors - a grand time all these long years, - Thine I

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my regards to Mrs Johnson. Best
wishes - happy New Year
I'm still sick in wonder
how I praise when I look
back on former ailments
kind regards to your devoted friend
John Stein

returned to Chicago I went
home direct by way of the
Santa Fe road.

In Arizona our train was
wrecked in a collision
everybody well shaken, a
few hurt but nobody killed
I was not injured in the least
At home I found all well
excepting Mrs Strentzel, who
is still quite poorly, but is
getting better.

I see by yesterday's paper
that John P. D. has at length
got an appointment - Naval
Officer. If Mr Cleveland had
only sent him as minister
to Queen Liliuokalani
& kept him there!

A Committee of the Sierra
Club is investigating
Yosemite matters, tree-
cutting, the accounts of the
Commissioners etc. Their
report will probably not
be handed in before
May or June.

Something must be done
soon in forest matters
if the sheep are to be kept
out next year.

My old friend Dr Gibbons of
Alameda sent you a forest
paper the other day. You
can rely on his facts. I
hope you will give the article
a good reading.

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I'm still lost in wonder
love & praise when I look
back on your manifold
kindnesses to your devoted friend.
John Muir