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## Letter from John Howitt to John Muir, [1893].

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[1893]

# 219 Grand Ave.  
Waukesha Wis

Prof. John Muir,  
Martinez Cal.

Dear Friend.

I presume you may have forgotten me. My name is John Howitt who attended the Wis. University when you did and my room was just across the hall from your and your brothers.

I recollect you so well; also, the clocks you made of wood and the time we spent with each other; also, of your going out to teach school; that was the last time I saw you until I called on you at Prof. Sweets about four years ago, or it is more, I think. Five.

I met Prof. Chat Allen, who used to teach the normal at Madison and later at San Jose, Cal. here a few years ago also at the World's Fair and he gave me your address; but I neglected in

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writing until this late date. Today I was looking over the map of California and I noticed Marteny which brought to my mind again your name. I still reside at Waukesha, Wis. <sup>Genl</sup> Supt. of Schools for eleven years, but gave up the work about the time I visited California.

I am so much pleased with the success you have made of this life and the benefits the world will derive from your writings. While in California in trying to find you, I was informed to a publishing house which was printing a history of California which you was writing. I think they had one or two volumes printed when I was there. I have read some of your articles in Harpers, also a sketch of your life by Prof Sweet in the Anti's Monthly I believe. If any man has

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made a success in life I am  
sure you have; and, erected mon-  
uments more lasting and enduring  
than granite. Many are the times  
I have thought of you bro. Geo. I believe  
was his name, who attended the University  
that fall you went out to teach. I have  
never seen him since. Where is he?

Time is telling on us; my hair  
is turning grey. I do not know as  
you recollect, but there were some grey  
hairs when I attended the University.

You may recollect J. N. Stewart and  
M. Griswold whose room was just above  
yours and your bro's. Mr. Stewart has been  
clerk in the State-Supt. of Pub. Inst. at Mad-  
ison the past year and Griswold is Co.  
Judge here. I will close hoping  
you and family are well.

Yours truly  
John Howitt

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