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Hopetown May 20th 69

Dear friend Mrs. Carr, I forgot to state in my last concerning the Yosemite that I did not receive yours until many days after its arrival, as I was shearing sheep a considerable distance from here in the foothills, & the postmaster not knowing when I was could not forward it, but I will remain here until the 1st of June or possibly a few days later, & will receive any letters arriving for me at once either in Shelling or Hopetown.

#16
The grove of Reynolds is only six miles from the Yosemite trail, about midway between Mariposa & the valley; the trail leading to the grove leaves the Yosemite trail at Mr. Clark's, where you can obtain all necessary directions etc. It is not many years since this grove was discovered, the Reynolds as often described & so well known throughout the world belong to the Calaveras grove, the Mariposa grove has a much larger number of trees than the Calaveras, & it is in all the majesty & grandeur of nature undisturbed. You will likely make the journey from Mariposa to the valley in two days. No member of your company need be afraid of this mountain ride as you will be provided with unfooted horses accustomed to the journey & an experienced guide.

most persons visiting the Sequoia
grove spend only a few hours in it
& depart without seeing a single
tree, for the chiefest glories of these mount-
ain kings are wholly invisible to hasty
or careless observers, I hope you may be
able to spend a good long time in couching
amid the glorious columns of this mountain
temple I fancy they are aware of your
coming & are waiting

I fondly hope that nothing
will occur to prevent your coming
I will endeavor to reach the valley a
day or so before you.

The night air of the mountains is very
cold you will require plenty of warm blankets

I am sorry that the doctor has been
so suddenly smothered up in business - if
he & the Priest were in the company according
to the prophecy our joy would be full

I am in a perfect tingle with the mem-
ories of a year ago, & with anticipations glowing
bright with all that I love

Farewell, John Muir

I received your letter containing
the Song of Nature by Emerson & derived a
great deal of pleasure from it J. M.