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Ojai 5/23, 1887.

Dear John

I am apprised from a lady friend in the east, that she has given a letter of introduction to ~~me~~ from Alfred R. Wallace, the celebrated English Scientist, who will arrive in S.F. today. I have written to him, inviting him to lunch on Thursday; to ride up to the Red Wood grave yard in the P.M. & to be a guest of the Berkeley Club in the evening. Now I want you to come down & join us without fail. If you can come Wednesday evening & stop over night, all the better.

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There is a serene atmosphere
pervades the moral & intellectual
world, which will be highly
conducive to your general
health. The proper way to treat
English Scientific Darwinian Me-
taphysicians is to lend them a
pair of convex lenses so that they
can see further backwards into
the problems of nature, while
we lead them over new ground
of exploration. If, by any possi-
bility you can't come, send
me a note immediately, so that
I may substitute - unreluctantly
- some other scientific - I was
going to say cuss, but I won't.
If Wallace has preengaged him-
self we can have our own terms.
With kind regards to your
wife & the doctor's family I am
Very truly Yours
W. G. Gibbons