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Martinez, Jan. 30, 1888 -

Dear Mrs. Carr,

My Knowledge of S. Cal. is not sufficiently close to enable me to follow you well in your descriptions and the M.S. is so mixed & disjointed that I cannot in some places find out where or in what direction you are driving. The pages not being numbered is I suppose the chief cause of the apparent confusion.

I think that you had better put the article together yourself writing freely without sense of haste - taking all the time you require to make the work satisfactory to yourself. This you will now be able to do since the Co have or will indicate definitely what to omit & what to include & the relative importance of the sections etc etc

Weather Bureau of Birmingham
Mr. W. M. Cook's wishes to have
all the rest of our own
to be written to the Editor

I first thought after conferring with the publishers that I could put the material in 2 shape & thus save you further trouble. But my ignorance I find is too thick for the purpose & too comprehensive.

In talking over the country yesterday with Messrs Sewing & Oge it seemed best that you should not attempt to cover so much territory with so thin a layer of words but rather that you should give a good solid instructive, lively & shining picture of Pasadena, the Black & the Old Mexican & Young American Angels with all their flowers gravel beds & groves etc etc & padres. Mr ^{Oge} Sewing

however promised to write you particulars & I need say nothing more than Good Luck & don't forget the Arithmetical signs for the tops of bases.

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