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**Letter from Charles E. Washburn to [John Muir], 1889 Jan 21.**

Charles E. Washburn

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Charlie  
Warburton  
whom I look to  
Mrs Whitney

Lisle, Broome Co., N.Y.

Jan 21, 1889.

My Dear Friend:

When we were on Mount  
Whitney together - nearly fifteen years ago -  
you proposed a subsequent meeting  
for the discussion of our mutual experiences  
- as also, incidentally, of trials of a less  
ethereal nature. Your proposal was carried  
into effect. - how pleasantly, and profitably,  
to me. I have never forgotten.

During the interval time we  
last met I have scaled divers rugged and

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sightly peaks; and make no doubt that  
there have been times when you, too,  
have been well up in the world.

Now, it has occurred to me  
that we may both have been on the  
same lovely-lonely-heights, though we  
may not have made their ascent together,  
or by the same approaches. And if I  
am right in my surmises a meeting  
for interchange of experiences would be,  
I am sure, a feast to me. I  
wonder if such, in the near future, is  
among the possibilities?

There is no prospect of my being in  
California very soon; but how about your  
being "in these parts?" Pray, let me  
hear from you, whatever be that prospect.

Hoping that your power to enjoy has  
been, and may ever be, on the increase,  
and that I may have the pleasure, at  
no distant day, of again seeing you,  
face to face; — and awaiting an answer,  
when, and as the spirit may move you,  
I am,

John Muir,  
Martinez,  
California.

Your still-aspiring friend,  
Charles E. Washburn.