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Letter from James D[avie] Butler to John Muir, 1889 Sep 20.

James Davie Butler

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"THE EUCLID," SUPERIOR, WIS.
FRANK L. TAYLOR, PROP'R.

This hotel was
built by Henry
this partner.
two they are
lawyers.
They put it up
as a speculation

1889.

Mr John Muir.

My dear friend of all times.
I was very glad that
you at last gave up Caeiturni-
ty. More than that you gave
me a map of your life such
as I demanded. Besides,
you ask whether you have
sent me photographs of
your girls. — No you have not
at all, by any manner of
means.

Pray fulfill your promise
of those presentiments which I
know are no counterfeits,
and that right early. Address
Madison, as my hope is to
be in my own cottage soon.
In all that street I am

Now the patriarch. - No man has been there so long - no woman but Mrs Vilas. Most of the houses also have risen since I settled there.

Death has struck all around us while we have borne charmed lives. My wife has here become so well that she has already gone to N. England with our Anna. As, all last year, she seemed in the jaws of death, her resurrection is a miracle in our eyes.

You must tell me the names and ages of your girls - and all about their mother of whom you have not written me one word. Doubtless you think me informed of a deal of your history that is unknown to me.

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3/ I think that you have likenesses of my girls since they have grown to womanhood. If not, I shall be glad to send them.

I would like to see your slope again. - and indeed my stamping-ground in all the continents. - Nor am I too poor for such a tramp. Could either of my girls go with me I should be off at once. -

But one feels tied to her mother - the other to her brothers. I say to them daily, "Quarrel! Turn your backs on each other. Then you will marry. - and give hope to continuators of Brut. Loriane. - Cease to sit like cherubims that shadowed the mercy-seat, gazing at each other in mutual admiration!

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I enclose an account of the University at the era when you knew it. This paper was prepared by request of the

students - to insert in a memorial vol. -

They also asked me to sit for a portrait in oil which they hung in the library. - Another ^{resembling the founders statue made} likeness has been painted for the Hist. Soc. which has now a separate art gallery.

I hope you keep up acquaintance with Wm Alvord in Frisco.

A son of the girl's is a Prof. at West Point, and I have exchanged letters with him. But old friends cannot be exterminated. Jones you know is no more.

Sorry that we embrace only from the ends of opposed winds. yrs.

James O Butler.

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