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Letter from William C. Flint to [John Muir], 1890 Jan 28.

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San Francisco Cal.
January 28th /90.

My Dear Friend:

At the earliest time per-
mitted by my mental and
physical condition, I acknowl-
edge receipt of your tender
words of sympathy. Sym-
pathy sweetens the bitter con-
tents of the cup from which
I am made to drink. It is
soothing, but the wound is
deep, and more than human
balm is required for true
relief. Heavy and dreadful
has been my blow, and deeper-

- all - is the warfare between my
strength and grief. At times,
the latter almost conquers and
it is difficult to find hope.
Oh; how sweet would be
the full consciousness that
I can again take the hand
of my dearer boy in mine,
and be with him forever.

For your condolence accept
our gratitude and may heav-
-en keep you and yours
ever from sorrow, through
the whole of life. In sorrow,
I am sincerely

Yours &c

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