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done a good deal - for me -
But my mind is still weak -
it lacks grasp somehow.

I cannot take hold of in-
tellectual work. And what
else is there for me? Why do
I ask that when the duty
immediately before me is to
make myself invaluable
& extremely agreeable to my
mother & father. But after all
"the boys" have their sweet hearts
& where then does the sister
come in - & I suppose I shall
work out my fate somehow.
I should like to "work like a
star" as you say. And who
knows but I shall, when I
come to my best self.

You did promise me
Ina Lord's brother's poems, also

Valentine's Day - [17] Feb. 14th, 1890.

My dear Mr. Muir.

You are
a good true friend some enough.
I felt it or I should not have
written to ask what I did -
But I felt it still more - when
I received your prompt & ca-
dial reply. I love im-
mediately to my cousin, young
Joe (we are three or four
miles apart, though both in
Boston,) and have waited
to hear his decision before
answering your letter.

He is pleased with your
offer and would go within
a week if he had the

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a book of E. R. Sill's. But
I thought I should not re-
mind you, as your head was
full of other things. Now
that you mention it, how-
ever, I shall be bold, & lay
claim to them both.

I must not write more
this morning - Thanking
you again & with kind-
est regards to yourself &
Mrs. Muir.

I am affectionately yours
Janet -
[Moore]

Hotel Ambar,
Roxbury,
Mass.

money for the journey. As soon as he is able to raise the necessary funds, I expect to hear of his departure. He will write you, doubtless, in a day or two. Do not expect too much of him in the way of scholarship - I think he has had little "schooling," & his rhetoric & spelling may not be of the first order. His father on the contrary is a really intellectual fellow with literary & musical tastes - But Ed has I believe all that you will require - he is true, & he means to succeed.

I felt when I received your letter that a great good had come to me - that I was the one in luck - as pleasant is it to be able to just congenial work in a friend's way. Not that I did - but I was the means - the "middle man" so to speak - Now if ^{only} she pleases you & grows into the place - I shall be happier still.

I read what you said of "little pills" to my doctor who laughed, though she was a trifle indignant at your scorn of the great Homeopathic School of Medicine - Well she has done me good - as nothing & nobody has ever succeeded in doing before. Physically I am able to en-