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John Muir Esq.

Dear Sir:-

Permit me to recall myself to your memory, and the pleasant evening I spent in listening to your talk about the big trees, and the other great and beautiful things of California at the Players Club. I have read your book on California with great interest and pleasure. Mrs. Warner keeps it on her table as one of her Scriptures. She prefers above everything else in the book the chapter on the wind in the trees.

I am engaged just now, with my brother Charles Dudley Warner, in preparing a collection of good literature taken from sources all over the world, to be embraced in thirty volumes. The selections are prefaced by critical and explanatory articles by various writers. We have some of the best names among the current literary workers of the day, and we would very much like to receive an article from you, to be signed by you, on some author whom you may like to write upon. Do you know any botanist whose biography you could write for the purpose? Is there anything in the works of Linnaeus which we could have translated, and which would make good reading for the lay reader? We can have trans-

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lations made here of anything in Swedish. We have short articles on Buffon and Cuvier, and if Linnaeus would inspire your pen we would like to have you give us some 2000 words, and indicate what reading matter you would like to have printed; or, can you suggest any other name which is prominent enough in the world to entitle it to be put in the "Library of the World's best Literature" and write on that name? We cannot, of course, give articles pure and simple on botany or any of the sciences.

We would like to quote from your book one of the chapters, and hope you will give us permission to do so free from copyright, and of course if necessary we will get permission of the Century Company also, and if you will let us have a photograph of yourself we would like to reproduce the portrait in the book. I will send you a pamphlet which will give you an idea of the volumes we are going to print.

Very sincerely yours,

G. H. Warner

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