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Jamaica Plain, Mass., June 25, 1897.

My dear Muir:

I have yours of the 18th and write at once to say how delighted I am that you will join me in the field. I will confer with Canby at once and fix a date and place as soon as possible for our meeting.

I did not say anything to you about *Abies magnifica* before because I did not want to bother you with such trifles. I have not the flowers and I do not believe they are yet out on the high Sierras, so if you feel ambitious for a mountain trip and want to secure an absolute cure for the grip, now is the chance for you to do The Silva a service. If you really think of making such an excursion I would suggest going to Shasta as it would be possible there, perhaps, to obtain flowers of the two forms, those with included and exerted cone-bracts.

Your Atlantic article is bully and I am not surprised that Page is delighted. What I have written for him this morning seems so tame, woodeny and commonplace that I have urged him to throw it into the waste basket. No one has such a trick as you have for writing about woods and trees, and I never read in your book without feeling absolute discouragement.

I have about finished the Pine business but I do not suppose the volume will be printed until after I get home in the autumn, so

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we can make additions or corrections if needed. I do not believe it would be wise to hold it another year. It might be held twenty and there would still be things to learn about these trees, and each year brings me nearer the end of my line.

In case we can manage to make the run together to Alaska, I suppose we should take the boat at Victoria. Is there any chance of getting transportation on the steamer? I feel excited and stimulated at the thought of taking you by the hand again.

Faithfully yours,

P. S. Thompson

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Climbed the mt. back of village to height
of 3000 ft. toward the Paton Spire at this height + above
abundantly dwarfed specimens frequent - Day 4 woods -
largest about 16 ft dia + 20 high also many more
Sp + thick ferns in abundance on the mt.