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Letter from Florence M. Bailey to John Muir, 1903 Jan 14.

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1834 Kalorama Ave. Washington

Jan. 14, 1903.

My dear Mr. Muir:

Your letter announcing the nuts
and raisins was a surprise. You are
altogether too good to us. The beautiful
great bundles of raisins are a feast to
the eye and the nuts the most delicious
we ever tasted. As we eat them they
warm our hearts, for it does us
good to think that you thought
of us.

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Your letter about my book
was especially grateful. To know
that you like my writings is a
substantial comfort. I had worked
on the Handbook so long that when it
was done I felt almost as if my
usefulness were over, but the work
that after all I like best, and have
put aside for it, was on the country
itself, so it is peculiarly comforting
to hear you feel that I have some-
thing left to say. How to say it

to interest nature lovers in
general, and yet get in the way of
science that I want in is the
difficult question.

We were all taken by storm by
your Grand Canyon article. I am
thankful that you have done it. No
one else could have expressed the
canyon.

Mr. Bailey joins me in
heartiest New Year wishes to you all.
Yours sincerely,
Florence M. Bailey.