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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Stanford University, Cal., Feb. 10, 1903.

Mr. John Muir,
Martinez, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

My friend, Bliss Perry, of the Atlantic Monthly, urges me to tell you in my way that no California number of the Atlantic, and I may say, of anything else, is complete or satisfactory without a word from you. Perhaps I can say this much, which you already know very well, that the Atlantic Monthly is the most worthy of all our magazines, and that Mr. Bliss Perry is one of the most worthy of all its editors, and that for the first time a seaboard magazine has been turning its attention in our direction, and wishes to have a strictly and distinctly Californian number.

As the one who has looked on California with the clearest eyes of all the men who have seen her, surely this number of the magazine ought to have a word from you.

I have been planning to visit you at Martinez for a long time. If it were not quite so difficult, I should have been there long ago. One trouble is that we have such absolute confidence in your soundness and sweetness that we do not need to watch you all the time as we might some poet of whose personality we were less sure.

Very truly yours,

Randall Jordan
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