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Sweetbrier Camp,
Castella, Shasta County, Cal.
August 16th 1903

My dear Mr. Morris:

What a wanderer you are! I have no idea where to address you, but will send this to Martinez to be forwarded. All the spring I thought of going to see you, and planned for it, but Louisa was not very well and I had the misfortune to become entangled in one task after another, that left me no freedom. Then you went off to the Yosemite with the President, and whick! before I knew what had happened you were started for the ends of the earth! What a royal good time you will have of it, so happily companioned and in such far wildernesses!

Our summer has passed quietly enough in this woodland nook beside

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the rushing waters of the Sacramento.
I have had some fine tramps to
the heights - on the McCloud trail
where one may find superb views of
Shasta and the Crags - to the summit
of the Crags themselves, and up and
down the river.

We have watched the blooming and
seeding of the wild flowers, the nesting
of the birds, and all the wood folk at
their feast of nuts and berries. Louise
has been making designs from the
wild-flowers for decorating a new
collection of my songs, and I have
been finishing a set of children's
poems "Little Songs of Sunland," which
I commenced for Merodine some years
ago.

Now we are turning our thoughts
homeward after nearly three months in
the pine woods, and in a few days more
we shall be in Berkeley ready to settle
down to our tasks for the winter.

Louise and Merodine join me in

loving greetings to you, and we wish for all happiness and
success upon your journey.

From your friend

Charles Keeler