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I am fairly well - not well enough to have much energy to tackle anything serious in the way of work. I must next year see what tramping a little on a glacier will do. If anything will cause the oil of life to burn a little more brightly that is it I am sure. I was at a lecture a short time ago and saw a lot of Alaska slides on the screen. I was immensely interested in the series on account of your connection with the Hicken country. I hope you are keeping well and that you are better in every way for your long absence from home - and no worse for such long and arduous journeys.

Yours very sincerely,
Geo. Nicholson

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37, LARKFIELD,
RICHMOND.

13. XI. 03

Dear Mr. Muir

Your letter of 28 Oct. gave me genuine pleasure. I had often wondered where you were and how you were getting on. I envy your trip to Darjeeling &c: the "immemorial East" has been the dream of my life and I fear the reality will never come now. At least you will have had distant glimpses of the roof of the world. A fellow

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traveller and climber has given
me urgent invitations to go
to him in India, and promises
to show me the mountains,
so if my health permits I, may
after all get to Darjeeling etc.
I fairly hunger for the mountains
and feel sure I should pick
up if I got within sight of the
eternal snows. This year I have
seen nothing beyond the snow clad
hills (Lochnagar &c) of Scotland
and was only in reality a day
in real hilly country. I look
forward with great pleasure to
a letter from you after your
arrival at home and shall look
out for your "impressions

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de voyage" when published. I
wrote Sir Joseph Hooker for a
copy of Sir William Hooker's life
but he had none left. So I
post with this my own copy - I
can always refer to another copy
at Kew if I want to. Leslie
Stephens' Playground of Europe
also goes by this mail - I hope
you will experience as much
pleasure in reading it as I
did. Sir Joseph Hooker is
apparently much better than
he was in the early part of the
year - I have not seen him
myself lately but he has been
at work in the Herbarium and the
reports given me of him are
favourable. As for myself