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## Letter from Harvey Reid to John Muir, 1904 Jul 13.

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Dr. John M. Mearns  
Martinez, Cal.

My Dear Sir:-

I was very glad to receive your greeting a few days ago. I really think that I can recall the handwriting from the days of the old North Dormitory. I congratulate you on the world trip that you made - a gallant undertaking at your age. I believe that I would be unable to endure it. Your long absence makes me suspect that you did not see the Outlook for Nov. 28, 1903, and as I wrote the article which appeared in it mainly for your eye, I will enclose a clipped reprint from one of our local papers. With the letter which I wrote home describing your clock I had enclosed a drawing of the sythe clock made by Will Fuller. I found the old letter and a pin in it which had held the drawing, but the card was gone - when and where I don't know. Was very sorry to have lost it as the Outlook people would have been glad to make an engraving of it, no doubt.

It is a little singular that in all these

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43 years I have never met one of the fellows that attended the University that term (Spring of 1861) that I did. Aaron H. McCrackin and Gotham Scudder were in the same regiment with me during the war but I have not seen either of them since. John Spomer roomed in the same hall with me although I cannot say that I really got acquainted with him. He was a freshman - one class farther advanced. I think his recent portraits look very much as he did when a boy. James L. High has kept well in public view as a Judge in Chicago and law book author. Farlin Q. Ball, a senior of that year is also a Chicago Judge. I met him in the army, too, when he was Major of the 31st Wis. Charlie Vilas a Chicago surgeon, has borrowed some letters from his brother, Wm. A. That I think with my roommates, Will Fuller, a Dr. in Grand Rapids, Mich. and John E. Goldenroth, a lawyer in Rhode Island completes the list of those whom I know anything about. I would very much like to know what became of.

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Wallace, the bright young orator (he had a defective eye) Then then was the prominent, Holt, a genial old head, and Black, tall and swarthy who loved dramatic declamation, and the two young mischiefs, Dr. Butler's son, and Dr. Carr's son; and there was Matherson, another mathematical fiend, who tried to live more economically than even we did. Do you remember you and Will Fuller buying a barrel of crackers together?

As to myself, I enlisted in August, 1862 in the 2<sup>d</sup> Wisconsin under Col. Am. L. Utley of Racine, who was Gov. Randall's Adjutant General, and served full term of three years. My people moved to Iowa during the war and this county has been my home ever since. Have followed a commercial life with only moderate success, but have never felt it congenial. Have attempted more in the way of study during the last four years since

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I have shifted most of the burden of business on the young shoulders of my son-in-law than ever before. But I have never tried writing except in the way of helping to preserve local history. I will send you a few specimens in a newspaper Souvenir No. recently issued.

I want to make a trip to the "Coast" - but not this year - and shall certainly try to see you if I do.

Sincerely yours  
Harry Reid