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227 North Capital Avenue
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March 16, 1895

My dear Mr Muir,

I did not want to write to you until I should have read your book, so that I could tell you exactly what I think of it. But I must not delay longer or you will think me an ingrate, a reprobate, and everything bad.

I am really very grateful for the kind remembrance and for the beautiful book, the noble book, as the Dial calls it, and well calls it I judge from as much as I have read.

You ought to be a happy man, Mr Muir, to have had the time and the opportunity and the soul to do such a thing.

You have expressed your own joy in God's beautiful creations and you are leading others to appreciate it.

To have done any one thing well, even the smallest, is something to be very thankful for and very glad of. Like you have done one of several things well.

01960 I hope you will live long to enjoy and

and to teach others to enjoy.

I had to lend the book before I was through with it to a lady who sends a yearly present of an American book to a friend in Germany.

Last year she sent Fiske's Critical Period in American History. — This year she will send Muir.

Your friends remember you affectionately and gratefully. That was a dear letter you wrote to Janet, thank you for it. Give my regards to Mrs Muir. I hope the sweet little girls continue and will continue to be your joy and delight.

With warmest thanks believe me yours.

Catharine Merrill.

Mina sends love and thanks.