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[43] work," I think it can
safely be promised to keep
so.

Again, thank you!

Sincerely yours,

Chas. F. Lummis

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THE LAND OF SUNSHINE

THE ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY

OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

CHAS. F. LUMMIS, EDITOR

Los Angeles, Cal., June 14 1895

My dear Mr. Muir:

I am 20 pages
farther along in your book
(all my reading nowadays
has to be done after 1 a. m.,
in bed, & you may be sure
does not include much
sleepy stuff) when in
comes your letter to give
me a still more intimate
angle of you. You have
the outdoor generosity,
& it does me good, & I want
to thank you. But please
pardon me for returning
your check — the time has
not come when we can

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take John Muir's money. I am
just lover enough of good
literature - & lover enough
of California, too, - that
the writer of that book is
more than welcome to any-
thing in my gift. It will
give me much more pleas-
ure to send you the mag-
azine let regularly than
you can ever get out of
it. I hate to crowd things
on people, or should have
put you on the list before
writing at all; now that
you are kind enough
to express interest, you are
in for it.

We have a field - I am
sure of it. And my hope
is to make what shall be
worthy as well as success-
ful - & worthy whether

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successful or not. But I be-
lieve we shall succeed. Going
over the books yesterday I
found that we have over
700 paid subscribers in this
city - which has not yet
been quarter canvassed. One
in every hundred at one
year old isn't bad for the
home town. Our circulation
is 8000, & growing rapidly.
That, I take it, is encourage-
ment that a self-respecting
concern can thrive even
on the "frontier".

I shall be more grateful
than I can say if you will
write something for us; & sin-
cerely hope that as the mag-
azine speaks for itself you
will find the kind impulse
not weakened. It isn't all
I would like, but it is "honest"