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ARNOLD ARBORETUM, HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Jamaica Plain, Mass., October 10, 1895.

My dear Mr. Muir:

I am very much pleased with your note of the 1st inst. If people realized how much pleasure such words sometimes give they would write them oftener. Few such come in my way, and when they are written by a fellow who knows trees and the difficulty of learning much about them, they are the more welcome.

I am now about to take up seriously the Conifers and so shall be entering your province. You may expect therefore to hear from me often and to receive many troublesome questions. The Sequoias come in the volume following the one I have about completed and I feel very poorly equipped with information about them. The age attained by these trees ought to be more carefully studied, that is the rings of a greater number of individuals ought to be counted, but how to get this done I confess I don't know and I don't know who can tell me if you cannot.

Of late years my field work has been in the south; now I have got to turn northward and hope next summer to get to Alaska, returning home by California. On the way out I should be glad to stop in the Rocky Mountains of British Columbia where there appear to be a few undescribed Spruce trees and which is, so far as trees are concerned, the least known part of North America. Are you good for any kind of

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a trip next year on these general lines? At any rate, if I get to California I shall count on you as a companion for at least a few days in the Sierras.

Thanking you again for your kind words, I am
always faithfully yours,

L. Sargent.

John Muir, Esq.
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