



John Muir Correspondence (PDFs)

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Letter from Geo[rge] Hansen to [John Muir], 1905 Aug 7.

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Friend ,

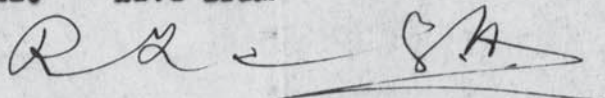
We keep no diary , but it would be wicked to let a day of such perfect blessings pass by without recording - in the minds of friends - their magnitude and our appreciation .

Early in the morning Prof. Bailey called (who is now lecturing at the summer-school) and shook the hand that was not so bony when he pressed it last years ago . I told him : " The like of I in richness and in wealth , you shall seek in vain . Those sugar-laden vessels that sail in there , poor Spreckels thinks they are his , whereas the only looks after them , as they are mine . What I have not got , I have friends to ask from . And wouldst thou know what I ask of you this day ? " -- And he said : " Speak " . -- And I responded : " It is your Encyclopaedia that I need, needed long since, and I have not pay for it " - " You shall have it , the new edition that is now in preparation " . - And I said " I take it " . -- And ^{like} ~~different~~ from Jacob , I ~~did not need to~~ held him ~~with~~ with my mind , and he blessed me as Israel ere he departed .

And ^{as} if the Lord of Hosts was going to punish me for my lack of Faith, and to make my lips a liar , He send a man the afternoon of the same day , and said man took me over to Oakland (the first drive in more than all the moons of one season) to have me inspect his place. - And now that I have returned to the bosom of our home , I cried like a child that he, He had added such perfect gift from on high to me so low . " Verily , Thy gentleness had made me great " .

And I sawas not disappointed that not every one of the Sunday-goers took a look at me till I turned the corner .

And in the late of the evening my pair of hawks returned, once again, to circle a halo over our tabode . I said to my soul : " They are from Alhambra Valley , and Mrs Muir is well . " Love from



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