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Feb. 19,

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Dear Mr. Murdoch;

I thank you for your kind sympathetic letter of last September. Only those who have suffered the same loss can possibly understand its influence.

I had to make haste to my daughter Helen who had a dangerous relapse after a severe attack of pneumonia. She has been here ever since our sad loss, & though much better now & seemingly well on the way toward complete recovery she is still a source of great anxiety & care, & may have to remain in Arizona for another year or more. Either Wanda or I has always been with her, most of the time we are both here. I have of course done no literary work since August, but am beginning

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to take long rides over the plateau & hereabouts studying the wonderful fossil forests of the Carboniferous period which flourished over an extensive area in glorious luxuriance in this plateau region - pines, Araucarias, Lepidodendrons, Sigillarias, Calamites, tree ferns, etc opening most impressive & magnificent views into God's Auld Lang syne. This hard work & hard enjoyment I find good for all sorrow & care.

The photograph came safely & is very fine though at first sight I hardly recognized you in it. The papers too I have to thank you for. Letters sent here or to Martinez will reach me as they are forwarded to wherever I happen to be. Should you come to America again be sure to stop off & visit us at Adamana & I'll show you a grand lot of geological wealth. With kindest wishes I am ever faithfully & gratefully
Yours John Muir. 03697