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## Letter from Emily Bell to John Muir, 1906 May 5.

Emily Bell

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by the railway <sup>C43</sup> at well which  
runs through your place &  
wondered if it was disturbed.  
All our people have sent  
money & clothing through the dif-  
ferent channels & those of us  
who have been in San Francisco  
feel doubly sympathetic.

Please give our kindest regards  
to the daughter we know & hoping  
that all is well with you & all

Yours very sincerely  
Emily Bell

1420 Spruce St

Phil - 5 - May 1906

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May 5, 1906

My dear Mr. Davis:-

We have read  
with anxious interest the  
terrible accounts of the San  
Francisco earthquake & we  
hope that no harm was done  
to your belongings. Some Phil-  
ipino friends who have been spending  
the winter at Santa Barbara  
have sent me some post cards  
of the ruined buildings & we  
wonder with the San Franciscans

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from their shattered city. <sup>23</sup> Some  
friends escaped from a small  
hotel near the St. Francis which  
they damaged entirely but of the  
remains of the fire & they are  
thankful to be alive, but they  
lost all their possessions. Mr  
Crown Fred. Wille who has  
recently been given the Chair of  
Music at Berkeley is distressed  
at the loss of his fine Symphony  
orchestra as most of its members  
were from the East & their oc-  
cupation & in many cases their  
instruments gone, they have  
returned to their various homes  
to start life anew. It seems

terrible to think of the loss at  
the Stanford University & I sup-  
pose the insurance does not  
cover it - as it was entirely done  
to the quake. We shall be very  
glad to hear from you & we hope  
that you are all well -

We have just had the annual  
dinner of the Geographical  
Society & among the guests was  
Mrs. Nuttall, the archaeologist,  
who is a California woman  
with all her business interests  
in San Francisco. She had heard  
nothing about her affairs but  
was prepared to find her home  
absolutely cut off - I thought