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Los Angeles, Cal. July 10, 1907.

Dear Muir:-

Thank you for the good letter--- but I have taken a half hour off to swear over it at the idea that you should be here and I didn't see you. That really is too much! It is so long since I have allowed anyone to talk to me; and you are about the only person that I can listen to with philosophy for a long time. Glad you had the visit with the Sellers. They are good people--- and I am glad they are converted to God's Country.

You ought to have been here about now; for while the school teachers are a nuisance en masse there are some that are worth while--- particularly among the Indian teachers of whom we have been having some at the house this week. It is a marvel to me to see the Government officially carrying

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out my plans for which I was nearly hanged twenty years ago. They are even encouraging the Indians to keep their own songs, and stories, and arts! Wouldn't that jar you after a century in which they have tried to make these First Americans ashamed of themselves and their parents, and their arts?

I enclose something that has just come to me from long ago, thinking you may enjoy it. When you get done, send it back. It is something I wrote when we were both younger.

Our love to you and to the dear girls,

Always,

Your Friend,

Chas. F. Lummis

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