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DR. WILLIAM LYON

March 27
1913

Grass Lake Mich.

Mr John Muir: -

I have just finished reading your book to my son - "The Story of my boyhood and youth". I read to him while he eats breakfast. and I told him his opportunity was different from yours - even if we are just plain Country People. The book was most interesting and we much admired the boy and his work - the "home-loving boy". My people came from Scotland - and this June we - my son 12 years old this month - and his father and myself - expect to go to

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Edinburgh - perhaps for a year. The boy and his mother are "home-loving" and we can scarcely endure the thought of leaving our precious little home - but we have long planned on the journey and I believe it will be good for the boy and his father.

My husband went from this little village & country to Jackson - was called up - and for 2 years has done his work there - but we stay here and our 2 horses were the things that troubled me most. I wanted them killed - but my husband said they were too lively

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and found to be killed - so one of them
has gone to my mother's farm to raise
colts and the other I let an elderly
man take to use and he had to tell
me came back - Still I regretted to
put him out of his good home even
in another - You say "Animals have
rights we are bound to respect". How
many do? I wonder what you would
have done in the case. We have 3
on hand - none for sale and I did
repeatedly say no hand but my
husband's could draw line over
them - and now these they are
all alive and well and likely
to live. My Scotch Grandmother

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was so fond of animals - and, I
have so much to be thankful for in
my honest, upright, industrious,
kind Scotch Grand parents.

I hope this will quiet you and that
I may hear from you.

With many thanks for the work.

Sincerely,

Mrs Wm. Lyon