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Marshfield Wis.
April 24th 1913

John Muir Esq.
Martinez Calif.

My dear Sir

A few days ago I saw in the Record Herald of Chicago a brief sketch of John Muir. As I once knew a John Muir I examined the reference and came to the conclusion that the gentleman referred to was the same John Muir with whom I was acquainted more than fifty years ago at the Wis. University. A vivid recollection of the old days at the University came to me and I felt that I would be delighted to grasp your hand once more and give it a hearty shake.

Fifteen years ago I met Prof Butler at his home in Madison. In the course of our conversation he asked me if I remembered John Muir. I responded that the last things that I would forget would be John Muir and his famous clock and bed. He called my attention to the great work

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you had accomplished on the Pacific slope; and the distinguished honors you had won in the realms of natural Science.

I am an old man, friend Muir; The children call me Santa Claus. The sun of my brief day long since passed its Meridian, is now low down the western sky and will soon set in night.

I may never enjoy the pleasure of meeting you again in this world but I hope that when life's journey is ended, we may be permitted to renew our acquaintance in the land of the dead.

I trust this letter will find you enjoying the choicest blessings of life.

M. A. Leahy