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Letter from John Muir to [James Davie] B[utler], [ca. 1900].

John Muir

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My dear old friend Prof B
 Your kind letter & picture
 does my heart good. How rich & beautiful
 your life is. altogether delightful & how
 blessed a life too has been Miss Merrill's
 When you 34 yrs ago ^{you compelled me} made me know her
 to know her you pushed me into one of the
 most & most influential friendships of my
 known life. ^{your letter & responsibility was most personally known} I was desperately shy (I am still)
 + timid
 I must again & again to her kindness
 in I could summon up courage
 enough to knock ~~at~~ But Thanks to your
 painstaking loving kindness I soon
 found a home in that house.
 I last saw her in California
 2 yrs ago
 when with her sister & Kathleen Gaydon
 she came to visit me at my
 home a whole helpful ^{as from your} woman full
 faithful as a star. Still loving in a
 1000 hearts - I wish I could see
 you this winter, possibly I may
 tho the way is not clear yet. Last
 summer I was in Alaska with Dr. Harriman
 in late winter I spent hours working
 about Borish. The ^{spoke passed the}

with miserable gripes suffering
I am delighted it is that you ^{are} ~~are~~
so well & hopeful. with your
happy children about you
May we soon meet
Ever your friend
J. M.

Dear Sir

The article on hand
was delayed by the death of a friend
but I still hope to finish it about
the time in time for the Oct number.

The next article will be on The
Sequoyia & Gen Grant Nat Parks (perhaps
two articles). To be followed by an article
on vegetation, wh. It seems to me will
make ^{about} as big a tree bush & rock
book as most readers will ^{now} ~~under~~
tho in arranging these chapters I might perhaps
more add something to the Rainier & Grand Canon
The Century Co. have agreed to

As to the Alaska book I hope to get it off my hands
next yr. The Century Co. will allow the use of these ^{magazine} articles
they promise to show ^{no} ~~no~~ trouble on that score.