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Martinez, Oct. 7, 1901.

Dear Professor Anderson;

Shortly after the death of our beloved Catherine Merrill Mrs Moores requested me to contribute something to a memorial volume such as you mention in your letter.

I then wrote & sent to Mrs Moores just what you are asking for your sketch the story of our first acquaintance her kindness when I was blind, my appreciation of her as a friend, teacher philanthropist & pure lovely noble woman.

This I sent to Mrs Moores. What if anything has been done with it I don't know. Miss Graydon could probably get it for you.

Mrs Muir & I are delighted with the near view of your visit with Hazel. I have long wanted

to know Flugel, so has
my wife. Come as soon
as you can after this week
then I'll be at home.

Looking forward with
great pleasure to your
visit

I am ever
faithfully Yours

John Muir

"Memorials" however sincere are often
sadly in need of an able editor.

The Catherine Merrill biographical material
so rich in scenery, history, art literature
& big warm all-embracing sympathy
written as it should be written would
be literature, a cheering charming helpful
book for everybody instead of one of those
colorless monotones of lamentation-stained
praise so common nowadays, floating in
passing clouds of feeling out of
sight of the twiling world. So far as
I know you are the only man
able to write this book. Do it!