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Editor's Office

Los Angeles, Cal. May 8th 1902.

My dear Muir;--

This is to present to you with strong commendation Mrs. H. B. Wheelock, who has been sent out to the Coast by A. C. McClurg & Co., of Chicago, to write a book on the California Birds. Mr. F. G. Browne, the head of the publishing department in that great house, is a warm personal friend of mine and is very deeply interested in getting out first-class work. They are reaching much harder for really substantial and worthy books than for mere peddlers. He has wanted for a long time to have a first-class book on California Birds,

As you know we have at present nothing at all

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adequate. Mrs. Wheelock is a very competent woman in many things; and as she has already given a good deal of study to this subject he believes, and I presume, that she can do the matter justice. He is extremely anxious that you shall be identified with the book, and will, I know, be glad to make most liberal terms. I think they would like your revision of the book, and an introduction to it perhaps. At any rate they would want it to pass your critical approval. Both for Mr. Browne's sake, and as a Californian who would like to see something more competent on this important subject than we now have, I very much hope that you will consent to take up with his plans.

At any rate you will find Mrs. Wheelock pleasant and interesting, and will, I am sure, be glad to know her.

#2-M.-

All here are well and all send their best.

Keith writes me that he thinks of going to the Grand Cañon. I think he had better wait until you and he and I can go together. Eh? How would that be?

Always Sincerely yours
Chas. F. Sumner