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Letter from [John Muir] to [C. L.] Biedenback, [1902 Nov].

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Dear Mr Biederbach

Rest assured I shall be with you December 1st if I can possibly find a way through the confounded ^{tangles of} obligations that holds me here. But I see no opening ^{however} as yet, or anything that promises one. therefore, much as it distresses me to seem wanting in appreciation of the kindness & honor of your invitation, I must warn you not to count on me. After escaping ^{the common} dangers of the wilderness these kind invitations & honors of civilization are like to be the death of me; for from some ^{mysterious} strange cause they come flying about one thick ^{with} as snowflakes & give ^{no} end of sore trouble in trying to explain a poor wanderer's ^{woeful} inability.

to accept them.

Faithfully Yours

Mr A. H. Payson
San Francisco

Dear Sir: -

My studies, ^{next year} will probably
call me again to the Grand
Canon, the Petrified Forest
of Arizona, the Yucca &
Cactus groves, ~~etc~~ at their
times of bloom etc, etc
~~some of the ancient cities~~
etc along the Santa Fe
lines. I would therefore
respectfully request an
annual pass.

Will you kindly forward this
request to its proper place &
believe ^{to be} me, Faithfully yours