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Lordsburg, Caly. Nov. 17. 1910.

My dear Mr. Muir: —

Your valued letter of Nov. 7. is before me. It was a real treat to us both to hear from you — and to read in plain type, and between the lines, that you are well housed, well fed, and generally well fixed to enjoy life and work. If I am not wrong in my bearings 325 Mr. Adams is somewhere in the vicinity of John D. Hooker's home — and I know when you are there you're all right. He and his family will keep curious callers away, and let you do as you please, which means much in the direction of conserving one's peace of mind.

Glad enough we are to hear that you are sawing away at some more books. That is good news, indeed! The titles, and nature, of these works, as indicated by you, sound good to us both. It seems to me you must take great pleasure in these tasks. I know the readers a-plenty are waiting for them, literally with outstretched hands. Now, when these are done, I wish you would give us some more glimpses of Yosemite, and the Sierra and San Joaquin Counties generally, such as only you can compass. "It's up to you: if you don't do it it will never be done." What a book, or group of books, you could make out of those notebooks of yours, with their wealth of

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I must thank you for your generous proposal to send me copies of these books that are now forthcoming. I shall be only too glad of the opportunity of purchasing if only you will continue to produce. But I must confess that when the book bears upon its flyleaf your name in your hand it is enormously enhanced in value. You may be sure I will not forget.

We are just beginning to enlarge our Camp out here by the addition of a room with a porch and a fire place, and a little more sleeping space. Unless the rains, now plainly promised, are too generous, we shall be done in a month, and then — anytime you want to Exchange the Sybaritic luxury of West Adams St. for the few crumbs of bread and small and homely comforts of our modest ranch we shall be able to give you common necessaries, and talk some. It will be a great delight to us to have you with us any time you can see your way comfortably to a call. Mrs. P. thinks she may be able to lure you out here by suggesting a call, and then keep you awhile; seeing that she never has had half the visit with you she longs for. But anyhow you know you'll be welcome here whenever or however you come.

Sincerely yours

J. E. Calkins