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Jan. 16, 1908

Dear Muir:-
I am sorrier that I can tell you that Helen still keeps that bad lung. Barstow is very good for aridity; but don't you think the radiation is rather extreme? You must know that in that very region the chief disease is pneumonia. I am inclined to think that San Diego or some such region would be safer. I am no doctor; but pneumonia derives largely from strenuous variation of temperature and their effect upon the unprepared physique. The difference between sunlight and shadow, between day and night on the Desert is a pretty serious thing. In my unauthoritative judgment, you need a climate of less range.

Why don't you ever get in here on your pilgrimages? We could talk it out then possibly to some advantage--- and anyhow it would be a good sign to see you.

Always,
Your Friend,