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Old Lone Home, Apr 25, 1908.

Dear Sellers,

Many Thanks for
your kind three-score-and-ten
telegram - The years these days
however laden with care are
the only things that go fast.

I'm pegging away at Stickeen
getting ahead, but at a pace about
as slow as that of a starving glacier
that has not had a full hearty
storm-meal of fountain snow
for a dozen winters. How
comes this word-work to be so
strangely difficult? Why even to
dreamy wanderers should climbing
Anglo-Saxon sentences be more difficult
than climbing mountains? But
no soft sympathy may be looked for
from hard-headed Chicago. O perhaps
you'll say, go to the dog or the dog
& so I will doggedly. Heaven bless
you all with sweet unliterary peace
& believe me ever faithfully yours
John Muir