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(Original in possession of Mrs. Florence Merrian Bailey)

Martinez, Dec. 24, 1908.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bailey:

Your good New Year wishes make me glad, and I wish you the same with all my heart.

Have you collected any telling specimens from the New Mexican fossil forests you mention, or have you written anything about them? I wish I could have been with you to compare these old trees with those of Arizona.

I felt lonesome not seeing Dr. Merriam this year, and Helen and I mourned our grand old Uncle James. Helen is getting well, but she will remain with Van Dykes on the desert another year at least.

Several weeks ago I sent some nuts, etc., hoping they might reach you by New Year.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) JOHN MUIR

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