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PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT
THE BAKER & TAYLOR CO.
33-37 E. 17th ST., NEW YORK.

September 10th, 1909.

Mr. John Muir,
Martinez, Cal.

My dear Mr. Muir:-

No doubt you will have heard already the news of Mr. Harriman's death, and, I have no doubt, feel a much keener sense of loss than those of us who knew him less personally. As I think I may have written you, I had a conversation with Mr. Harriman the day before he sailed for Europe, and was much depressed at his appearance. He was a man of such extraordinary capacity that one felt it would be a loss to have him even partially incapacitated, but I felt that day, when we were talking, that unless a great change occurred his working days were over. The members of Mr. Harriman's immediate circle were, however, so confident that he would recover, that I found I had to keep my misgivings to myself. I feel a personal sense of loss, because I began to have hopes of making his further and closer acquaintance. It was a pleasure to see the workings of his mind, and would have been a privilege to talk with him, as there was a prospect of my doing, at much length on public questions.

You will notice that I have made a change of address. I have come here to take charge of the publishing of The Baker & Taylor Co., thus severing my relation with the Metropolitan Magazine, ~~and~~ I should be glad if it were possible for you to let the Magazine have some parts of your autobiography and, I need not say, that it would be a great pleasure and privilege if I might have the opportunity of publishing the book when it is ready.

With all good wishes and regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. B. Parker.

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