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U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.,
April 19, 1912.

My dear Mr. Muir:

The Marshalls welcome home their dearest of friends!

Our friend McFarland of the American Civic Association tells me that he had an hour of real pleasure with you in New York on the fifth of March, and this is the nineteenth of April and we have not had even that promised note or wire saying you are coming, and when, to make us that long delayed visit. It is not fair--not like our John Muir--to stay in the largest city when "country" Washington has a small corner begging for you. Come-come. Mrs. Marshall and the babies want to hear all about your ramblings now--certainly before you start for God's country.

By the way, I had the courage a few days ago to send a few simple words and some pictures of our national parks to our friend Robert Underwood Johnson. I want to go on record--to express some of my feelings

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to the public on a subject so dear to our hearts, and I presumed Mr. Johnson might think it worth while to put it in the Century, but so far I have had no word from it. If you see Mr. Johnson and care to bother about it, I would appreciate your interest. If it is worth using I hope it may be published before Congress adjourns in June.

Mind you, I am not trying to get famous by my writings--that is one art about which I know nothing, but if my humble contribution will in any way help to save our parks I shall be more than repaid for my labors on my first manuscript.

How is your book on the Yosemite getting along. I have sent them the maps they wanted to use as illustrations.

With much love from the four Marshalls and hoping to have you with us soon,

Sincerely,

A. D. Marshall

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New York City.