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## Letter from Mary Frances Kellogg to John Muir, 1914 Aug 14.

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and it was altogether delightful.  
The proposed reservoir, if it did  
no other harm, would ruin the  
beautiful sweep of the falls on the  
cañon-side. I am more than  
ever against the proposed desecra-  
tion, and hope it will be ultimately  
prevented. I could not bear to  
think of that beautiful valley grove  
and flower-garden being destroyed  
and drowned.

I will let you know when I  
actually decide upon the rest of the  
gift - probably several weeks in the  
future. Affectionately your friend  
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Dear Mr. Muir:

Your letter, with  
the over-generous check, arrived  
yesterday, and you have surely  
given me plenty of time, and  
money enough to get Dorothy  
something remarkably fine.  
She is much pleased at your  
thought of her, and has en-  
thusiastically taken up my  
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suggestion of using part of the money for your books — that is, the three she does not have — in which she hopes you will write your name when you come down. So I am ordering them from Uroman, so they will be ready for your coming.

With the rest of the money, I think I shall get a silver gift. For that I shall take

more time and thought. It will get something very nice. I believe I forgot to speak to you of my impression of Hetch-Hetchy. Without prejudice (for I had even begun to dread the mosquitoes and bogs and rattlesnakes, which many claimed were worse there than anywhere else), Hetch-Hetchy seemed to me the very most attractive camping-place of the month. None of those threatened evils materialized,



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P.D. Not that this is the least important, but rather, the most important part of the letter, and put by itself for emphasis. I hope you have already begun to diminish work-hours. Please don't mind my venturing to make the suggestion. Like all who love and admire you either through your works alone, or through your person-

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ality as well, <sup>and</sup> I want you to save  
yourself for the uplifting of ideals  
for a long time to come. So  
forgive my presumption in advis-  
ing you -

M.F.R.