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Miscellany

Helen Wright

216 South 2nd St.
Jan. 20, 1894.

Dear Mr. Muir,

An opportunity has come recently to do what seems like helping our old friend, Prof. Norton, through his oldest daughter. She has written to ask if there is any way in which she can get something to do to pay her way here while she finishes a Normal school course, and suggests tutoring, and the like. She had one year in our school, but at her father's death went to Mills College, Mrs. Mills giving her a scholarship. She has been entirely through that course of study, but is not yet able

to support herself or help her mother. So she wishes to get something here to enable her to teach.

Our plan is to advance her the money, as her expenses demand it, and take at the end a note from her, which she will pay as she can; then the money will be returned to the donors if desired, or left as a fund to help some other poor student in the same way.

If she can do the work in a year, \$350 will carry her through, if it takes a year and a half, as is more likely, the sum needed will be about \$500 or \$550.

As there are left only five members in the Faculty of our School who were here with Prof. Norton, it has been decided to tell a few of Mr. Norton's nearest friends

of the matter, with the thought that perhaps some of them might like to help along.

The teachers will give monthly, and any one else could do the same thing.

How much I wish, Mr. Muir, that circumstances would bring you down here now and then, as in those old days. I don't know how we shall bring it about unless by engaging you to lecture for the ^{school}, giving the "rising generation" some idea of what a live explorer's experiences are like.

Yours very sincerely,
Helen S. Wright.