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Letter from [John Muir] to [Daniel Muir, Jr], [1871?] Jun 4.

John Muir

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I follow my instincts & am  
most-intensely happy.

Some day you will also  
behold the Lords Yosemite

I went to a noted point  
at the top of the valley wall  
today & am a little foot-  
sore. Yesterday I went alone  
up the rocks to the upper  
Yosemite fall & back in  
<sup>a days work</sup> the night - after doing my  
days work to enjoy the  
glory of the fall in the moonlight  
not long ago I was at  
the summit of Mt. Hoffman  
with an English man & Scotch  
man,

I am well

Be hopeful

& patient - &

do not overwork

yourself. I have full

Confidence in you & am your brother

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Yosemite June 4<sup>th</sup>

1871?

Dear brother

Some time ago  
I rec'd a letter from you  
in which you requested  
a loan of a few dollars  
etc, I answered at once  
saying that I would willingly  
send you what you wanted  
if I could get out of the valley  
in the fall to send it -

I addressed the letter to  
Ann Arbor & perhaps  
you have not rec'd it -

As long as I have a  
dollar you are far more  
than welcome to it - if you  
need it - & I hope that you  
will not allow yourself  
to suffer for any thing that

we require I am in the  
heart of the mtns or I would  
send you \$100 at once

I am glad to hear that  
you have opened an office  
I now let me say to you, be  
cheerful, & hopeful, the best  
of physicians generally have  
a slow recognition of their  
talents & many have to go  
through a sort of starving  
period before they are  
known & appreciated, but  
be stout of heart, you  
have many friends & will  
soon have more I suppose  
a true woman to share your  
joys & trials & labors. & brother  
at this distance I reach  
my hand to you & press it  
with all the warmth of  
confiding affection & say that

You shall never know  
a want that I can relieve  
whenever I may soever

Remember me very  
kindly to your loved ones  
& say that I will be very  
happy to know her

I am working hard  
in every way but enjoy  
most of my work

Sometimes operating the saw-  
mill sometimes guiding in  
the mtns, I am more &  
more interested in science  
& am making many friends  
among the learned & the good  
who all seem to hail me  
as a brother

I have no fixed practical  
aim, but am living in con-  
stant communion with Nature