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Santa Barbara, March 16, '85.

Dear friend Muir:

You may be disappointed to find this old octogenarian plus three again in Cal. It is even so for a short time. I came here in Dec. On my way I called at our old friends Dr. and Mrs. Carr. They have a lovely home -- like themselves. I remained with them one night. When I left she spoke of you and yours, especially the little girl, with much affection. You may wonder why I trouble your eyes with my scribbles. I'll tell you. I met with the Natural History Soc. in Santa Barbara, in which I am an honorary member, At one of its meetings I brought up the subject of Prof. Whitney's Calaveras skull and the opinion I had just received from Prof. Dana of New Haven, doubting the verity of the history as given by the prof. or the miners. It has led to a newspaper discussion on the age of man and the truthfulness of this skull being found where Prof. Whitney has published [that it was] found. I would like to know if you know anything about it? And where can I find Prof. Whitney's statement that the Tuolumne meadows were good grazing lands and already covered with good pasturage. Give me the year of his reports, if you recollect. I recollect your telling me the story when I saw you in Yosemite Valley. If you recollect and can tell me I will be obliged.

My furlough runs out in June next, when I expect to return to Mich. I may be obliged to go to San Francisco. If so I would be glad to meet you. Incipient cataract has commenced in my eyes -- please excuse my scribbling. Kindest regards to Mrs. Muir, and a kiss for the little one not only from me but Mrs. Carr at her earnest wish.

Ever truly your friend,

N. D. Stebbins.

If you desire your name will be not known in this discussion. My 83years celebrated by young ladies from S. B. 3 weeks ago.

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