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John Muir
Martinez Cal.

My Dear Sir

Your kind letter of 9th was recd. yesterday. Many thanks for the same. I assure you that we will try to place it where it will do the birds "the most good." Yet I am free to state that, while we greatly need funds, I had much rather have recd. an article from your pen. We shall hope for the latter, after your "rush" is somewhat over. We have formed an organization of two, to try to do something for the birds. Miss Groce is one of the class of assistant editors, who work for an assistants salary, yet do all the work of the Editor in Chief - who spends most of his time in travel, and addressing Conventions: Etc. The Epworth Herald is an organ of the Epworth League, and has a subscription list of over 115,000. Please accept the gratitude of Miss Groce - to whom I reported your generosity. We hope to obtain a consider-

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able amt. of fresh and original literature, in
favor of bird preservation - and relating to birds.
This matter we propose to set up in "proof" shape,
and send these proofs to a large number of news
and syndicate papers - so as to secure a circu-
lation of two or three million copies. This is our
idea of a "Campaign of education". Then we
shall try to reach farmers through the ag. and
"home", as well as religious papers; also the State
legislatures, as far as may be, in order to try to
influence favorable legislation. Bills are now
pending in Congress, favorable to birds. There
is a vast number of ag. and other societies -
farmers', women's, and other sorts of clubs - schools
both secular and religious, and many other organi-
zations which can be "worked" in favor of birds.

This is the idea - but the laborers (as well as the funds)
are few. However, if we can get a start, I hope both
the workers and the cash, will be more plenty.
Hoping you may yet favor us with an article, and
secure other mites for us, I remain, with the com-
pliments of the season Horace H. Waters.