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**Letter from J. S. Merriam to John Muir, 1903 Jan 5.**

J. S. Merriam

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Photographs of their sweet faces  
and write me news of you all and of course  
of the people and pictures.  
It will do them no harm sending  
it to an old man of 74 years.

What a multitude of things  
and incidents come to me as  
I close my eyes and go back  
there - and at last I said farewell  
and then a pleasant day in town and good by  
at dinner - probably forever.

Harl has sent me a few of  
his photos - in which you  
and Keith appear - notably  
at the foot of the twin Sequoias  
across the meadow from Sierra  
Camp. Where Mrs. Hopper fed  
us beautifully - with fair  
faced Daisy Martin to help

[13]  
209 W. 56 Street NY  
Jan 5 1903

John Min Esq -  
My very Dear friend -

On the  
11<sup>th</sup> Dec I sent you by Wells  
Fargo Co - the volumes of Notes  
Ambrosianae - and the Life of  
your friend Christopher North the  
lion named Wilson - a glorious  
bronze bust of whom - one of the  
finest portrait busts I have ever  
seen - <sup>standing</sup> near by the noble  
monument of Sir Walter -

03/31



I hope you may recall our speaking of the Noctes, once or once of those happy, happy days of which all are well here - in red letters, when <sup>was</sup> my great good fortune to be with you, somewhere between Vicinia and the Bear-dance Pass - probably in the National Sequoia Park -

I hope the books reached you, because you then expressed your love of these Noctes - my card was enclosed but I am not observ-

-ed. I meant it to reach you by Xmas time when I hope you were all together - those two dear girls whom I love to think of among the loveliest things of two days - and your good wife - I hope the girls did not forget to tell her of our talk about her - I trust her health is complete and that you are all well these new year days - Of course they are or have been home from school for the holidays, and why should they not and me



To speak to you thru by a  
mere letter is an aggravation

My trip to the Pacific coast was  
an episode in my life - beauti-  
ful toward its close - and  
the story of it has <sup>many</sup> friends  
wish to go -

I bid you good bye with  
every wish for a happy and cheer-  
ful New Year to you all and and

Most sincerely yours  
J. S. Murrian.

I shall be glad to know she is mar-  
ried. What thousands of photos

must have been taken by the  
army of young folks of the Sierra  
Club - it would be interesting to  
see them to judge from the  
few I have seen my good luck  
to see - a few from Hart and  
Rome & or ten from Smith of Vico-  
lia. I may add Nov. 11. Out  
West where the "Faculty Meeting" and  
Dinner Time Camp - must have been  
taken <sup>from life</sup> - for nothing else could be more  
funny.

The portrait of John Davis is re-  
ally humidly in a precious mood



Was it <sup>66</sup>brave a great fir tree? I am very glad  
to possess it.  
I presume in the "Dinner in Camp" -  
one knowing well the party, might identify  
by a good many. I thought one  
I feel sure of is the "Dancing Doll" found  
"at first position."

In the article Italy Luminis lost a good  
opportunity.

It was an event, in 19th Century to  
read your superb article the  
Grand Cañon which only those who  
have seen it could appreciate

I felt how difficult the task was  
to satisfy yourself - and nobody but  
yourself could have come off victo-  
rious. I suppose it would have  
been easier to have filled a

67  
volume.  
Do please tell me how you  
and your family all are and  
how dear Mr & Mrs Keith to  
whom my kindest remem-  
berances - I have not yet seen  
Hart to hear of the famous  
Kern Cañon trip

The red pen came to me with  
weather almost worthy of your  
matchless state. I was at old  
Norwich Conn. and though a little  
snow was melted on the ground  
the air was soft and hazy -  
like Indian Summer.