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77TH STREET AND EIGHTH AVENUE.

NEW YORK, 5 October, 1904.

DEPARTMENT OF
VERTEBRATE PALÆONTOLOGY

My dear Mr. Muir:

On our return from a wonderful trip abroad we find your letter of July 16th. I write to say that we are all well and happy. Our older daughter, Virginia, is engaged to be married, and we are looking forward to this event with great interest. My older son is a senior at Princeton, and the second son enters there next year.

I enjoyed your letter intensely. The picture of your journeys fills me with envy. I often recall the passage which you quoted to us from Goethe,

Keep not standing, fixed and rooted,
Briskly venture, briskly roam.

One reason I should like to live to be a hundred years old is to be able to see more of the planet than I am likely to. My chief duty now seems to be to publish the results of the wonderful discoveries we are making in the West. You will find popular articles of mine in the September and November Century.

Do come and see us on top of the mountain at Castle Rock. It is still wilder and more in the forest than Wing and Wing.

With warmest greetings from Mrs. Osborn, and trusting you will pardon a typewritten letter, I am

Always faithfully yours,

H. W. Osborn

Mr. John Muir.

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