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Den in the Old Home  
Feb. 23, 1910

Dear Mr & Mrs Kellogg

I should have written days ago to thank you for the good books & above all for the warm heart reception you gave. I enjoyed it more than any letter can tell. I'm still tingling with it.

I'm sending today by mail the two books you (Charlotte) said you would like. I've forgotten what you said about the copy of Stickeen, something about lending to friends. If it is not properly inscribed tell me & I'll send you another copy.

Last Friday night we had a funny Surra Club meeting to consider the Hetch Hetchy dam plan, as if it had not already received far too much consideration. But anyhow we got fun for our time.

I managed to get about eighty of our Club members out to dinner at the paddle dog restaurant. The long



flowery table flanked with merry mountaineers looked something like a Sierra canyon so they called it, the Muir Gorge. After dinner we marched to the meeting, every face radiant & entered the hall in a triumphant rush, fairly overwhelming the poor astounded Hitchy Dammers. Next morning the call reported that I had packed the meeting, though forsooth I had only packed seventy seven stomachs.

But nonsense enough, I must to work: I'm pecking away at old notes, occasionally finding something that may prove worth a while.

Thanking you again <sup>for that charming</sup> day & hoping to see you both again I am faithfully & affectionately Yours, John Muir