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LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

March 12th. 1908.

Dear Mr. Muir,

You see I have made quite a change of base - from the Canyon to this gentle valley - but my name in the heading saves my reassuring you . I am not here for my health. The severity of the Grand Canyon winters so interfered with business at Grand View, that it seemed wise to close the house for the winter, and I came directly to this position for the winter season. The change has been delightful and I am deeply impressed by the natural charms of the region as compared with the artificial beauty of the southern towns of the State which were all I had seen here-to-fore.

I am looking about for occupation now, as I leave here about April 1st. I have a possible opening in the Yosemite tourist business, and should like very much to locate there, since it seems to have become my business to make capital of glorious scenes which, it seems to me, were never meant to be so abused. Perhaps you may not relish the idea of a Canyon dweller mixing into your Yosemite, and I really do feel that I belong to the Grand Canyon, but it is doubtful whether we should do well in a financial sense to return to Grand View, the business future of the place seems uncertain.

I have also been told of a certain spring or group of springs close to Martinez, where there is a hotel and bath house of some sort, not now doing business. May I trouble you to let me know something as to this? It is possible I might be able to do a little business of my own there.

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But my inclinations are toward the wilderness, and I hope to follow some such vocation as I had at Grand View. I should like very much to talk with you about the mountains of this State.

Before leaving Arizona I made a visit to Adamana, and spent two days with Stevenson. I enjoyed the locality very much, and was astonished at the diverse features of interest thereabouts, besides the wood-my talk with you at Grand View had prepared me to appreciate the marvellous deposit. Of course the atmosphere was full of you.

I hope you and Miss Helen are in good health. Mrs. Goulding joins me in kindest regards to you both. I should be very glad indeed to hear from you, or far better, if you are at home and ready to see folks now-a-days, I should like to make a pilgrimage to Martinez for a day some time when I am San Francisco.

Very truly yours,

J. M. Goulding

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