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Dear Miss Gilpin

The near approach of Thanksgiving Day recalls to me the very pleasant occasion six years ago when I enjoyed your hospitality and your kindness in taking me through the Garden of the Gods. So I have the desire to send you my kind remembrances and greetings for Christmas and the new year.

We have been through much and endured much since those peaceful days and perhaps may still have to suffer more before we get through. Still we feel that the worst is now behind us and that brighter days approach.

I see occasional references to you and your work in the American magazines so I hope that both your photographic activities and your turkey ranch continue to prosper. Have you been down to Central America on any more exploring expeditions? I read with pleasure and interest the manuscript of your lecture on Mesa Verde etc that you gave me and only regret that I haven't photographs of those parts to make lantern slide illustrations as it would make a most interesting

lecture to circulate among the 300 British societies that are affiliated to us under the title of the Photographic Alliance. Very few British people have any knowledge of the wonders and antiquities of the American Continent in spite of the fact that the National Geographic Society has 30,000 members in this country.

Since my American visit I have done little photography and nothing at all since the outbreak of war. I have undertaken the offices of Honorary Secretary to the Society and to its Pictorial Group and under present conditions these represent more than a whole time job. The Society has grown very largely both in membership and prestige during these recent years, has acquired new and beautiful premises and is flourishing greatly in spite of all the difficulties and restrictions of wartime.

I trust you and your father both continue well and I should enjoy to hear from you when you have time to write a few lines

With kind regards

Sincerely yours

J. Dudley Johnston