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My dear Miss Gilpin:

I have been burying myself for hours in your beautiful book on the Rio Grande and I want to tell you what a wonderful thing~~x~~, as it seems to me, you have done.

The photography is marvelous in the skill of your selection and the composition. The story the pictures tell is absorbing. And with this your own accompanying history and explanation are full of interest never boring nor a let down, as so many such comments are, and often "moving" and poetic. You have done a tremendous job beautifully and satisfyingly. And I am sure that none of us realizes the sheer physical and mental courage often demanded.

May I also thank you for the added interest you have given my copy by your autograph? My sister has often written of you and I wish Mrs. Howland and I might meet you. Alice has driven us over much of northern New Mexico and southern Colorado and I love it all.

Yours very gratefully

Murray Shipley Howland