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My dear Miss Gilpin :

We were delightfully surprised when we received a letter from my brother, Mr. Long, telling us that we were to have a copy of your book, " Rio Grande, River of Destiny " and in addition that you would inscribe one each for our two grand-daughters, but our enjoyment has far exceeded our anticipation.

Never have we seen such beautiful reproductions of the scenes we have loved and so long remembered. One especially appealed to me as it is not only a triumph in photography but it reawakened an old memory- the day my father and I drove my older brother back to the sheep country which he loved. The lighting is so beautiful in that picture, the sheep, the dust they create, and the rays of the sun.!

Oh, there are so many such lovely ones and the story so full of interest. Bo said your show at the Museum was marvelous- how I should have enjoyed seeing it.

And for the girls to have the personal inscription makes the book doubly a treasure. It will go on the shelf beside Dr. Morley's " Mayan Civilization " which he signed for them.

You will not hear from them now as these go into the Christmas gifts but you may be sure they will value them as the treasures they are.

Thank you for being so gracious and for giving all of us so much pleasure.

Faithfully yours,

Mary Long Olney