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**School Children Petition Preservation of California Redwoods.**

One of the most unique petitions ever sent to Uncle Sam is one which has just been received by the forest service from nearly 1,400 California school children who ask for the establishment of a Redwood national park. This petition, which is from the children of the schools of Eureka, Humboldt county, California, is unlike any other which has ever been sent to a government department to ask for the preservation of forests. In the petition the children say:—

"We, the children of Eureka schools, have been studying about our redwood forests, and along with the rest of the people of our country we feel that representative groves of these trees should be preserved for ourselves and coming generations of children; and we respectfully petition the United States government to take some action toward establishing a national forest of redwoods."

Government foresters who are acquainted with this section of California say that the children give good reasons for the establishment of the national park. It has only been a few years since the redwood trees stood thick on the land around the larger towns of Humboldt county, but now all the readily accessible timber has been removed, and the people see the time when the redwood groves will have disappeared.

There is little, if any, redwood left suitable for a national park that has not fallen into private hands. The acquisition of any such areas therefore would have to be brought about through purchase or through private donation. If it is found necessary to purchase the land for the park congressional action will be required.

It is not often that private donations of valuable timberlands are made, but a notable example of such generosity and public spirit was recently shown by William Kent of Chicago, Illinois, and Kentfield, California, who presented a tract of 295 acres of magnificent sequoias in Redwood Canyon near San Francisco to the government. In Monterey and Trinity national forests at California there are a few small tracts of redwood.

The children do not specify any particular grove of trees which they would like created a national park. It will therefore be necessary for the people of Humboldt county to locate a suitable grove of redwood to be made a national park, make arrangements for the purchase of the tract, and then request Congress to take up the matter. The forest service will be able to do nothing more than to supply all possible information and assistance. The chief inspector at San Francisco will be requested to look into the matter and assist those interested in the movement in every way.

When the foreign missionary made the usual appeal for contributions, a small boy mounted with several others to the level of the lecturer. "Please, sir, I am very much interested in your lecture, and—and" —"Go on, my little man," said the missionary, encouragingly. "You want to help in the good work?" "Not exactly, sir," said the boy. "What I want to know is, have you any foreign stamps you don't want?"