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Hope Anna is better

[May 1903]

My dear Friend Professor Butler

763 I am delighted to see you

again in your ~~long~~ ^{a brief} good
telling letter. How ~~pure~~ ^{sane}
~~bright, long & noble~~ & rich
in good works has been
your long bright ^{whole} life!

~~All the years "since first~~
~~acquaintance" it has been ^{formed} a spring~~
~~source of strength & joy in~~

It has been for me a light
in all my lonely wanderings
a ~~spring~~ ^{refreshing} & joyful spring!

~~At every added year~~
~~is a blessing to circle~~
~~heyon circle of true~~
~~life scholars &~~
~~lovers & glory in your~~
~~strength. Your ability to talk~~
~~& talk six hours every day~~

It is now 34 yrs since I
felt your telepathic
touch when I sat
sketching on the top
of the ^{Go} North Dome.
~~I must show~~
After the Presidents trip
I mean to start on
a trip round the O
~~to learn something of~~
~~the forests & water lakes~~
~~& rivers of other lands~~
I see & sketch a fine
Kumaka my love to your
girls & boys, I used to
know them so well.
I must ^{see} come to you
again or as you say "at
least must you up in
the life beyond" for I am
ever faithfully your scholar