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[Original letter returned to Miss Katherine Merrill Graydon]

Martinez, California,
July 21, 1904.

Dear Miss Graydon:

My little visit to you in your charming island home was delightful, and I have since wished it had been months instead of hours, and no doubt some of us will be with you again in good times to come.

I found everybody and things here about as usual. Wanda and Helen are in the High Sierra having, of course, a grand trip. Helen is quite well again. The Colemans are putting up a nice new house. The Swetts are well. Frank has a wonder baby, a rival to Coleman 's.

I'm hard at work again trying to write another book on Yosemite. In the big talus of letters piled on my desk I found not a word from Indiana. Professor Butler wrote me a long letter the other day, cheery and witty as ever. He is in his 90th year, hale and happy, a fine sight to see.

I shall never forget that ride up the long hill with you and Professor Alexander, one of the great beautiful days of my life. Remember me with kindest regards to your cousin Alexander and to all those interesting people to whom you introduced me that College night, especially to my guide back to the [hotel] in the midnight dark.

And believe [me], dear Katherine,

Ever faithfully your friend,

John Muir

[Envelope addressed Miss Katherine Graydon, Oahu College, Honolulu, H.I.]

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