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## Letter from Katharine M[errill] Graydon to John Muir, 1906 Nov 3.

Katharine Merrill Graydon

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desire of my <sup>C43</sup> heart - while our  
Mother is still with us. She  
was very ill in the Spring, and  
this letter now, is very much  
broken. It seemed strange  
that she should collapse both  
physically and mentally so sud-  
denly after seventy of such un-  
usual health; but - so it is.

Aunt Julia's slight - hold on  
life continues still slighter.  
The boys are well, are working  
very hard, are as devoted as  
they should be to their frail  
Mother.

Aunt Miva is the same Aunt  
Miva, only more so - poor lonely  
soul. She sees no life for herself.  
My blessed sisters grow to my vision  
finer than ever. God bless

Send me a word; send me a note; send me  
a thought - some kind. With love to the family -  
I am sincerely,  
Yours,  
Katharine  
M.  
May 21.

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Dear Mrs. Muir,  
Pr. 8  
1906  
Duke College,  
Honolulu.

Again I am  
back at my Honolulu home  
living about as when you  
saw me here. The past  
blessed year has left me  
letter in spirit, stronger  
in body; indeed, it has  
shown me that - I can  
live in Indianapolis a  
more satisfying and larger  
life than in Honolulu, and

as soon as <sup>C23</sup> convenient I mean  
to make the change. For it I am  
working, and planning, and pray-  
ing.

It was a disappointment - not  
to see you all as I came thro' in  
September, but my visiting  
was cut short and I did  
not linger - I could not.  
It is a long while since I  
have heard of or from you.  
Such stretches of silence I  
wish might not be. I hope  
you will write soon, and  
tell of yourself, of Helen's  
health, of Wanda's marriage,  
which, by chance, I have read.  
I <sup>new</sup> knew I had <sup>new</sup> heard, I should

must tell you that the ink has in it 13 must tell

write her. <sup>C23</sup> Oh, tell me every-  
thing! I never wander beyond  
my interest in and affection  
for the Misses. That you must  
know. When does your new  
book come out? What are you  
now working on?

I thought a lot, while at home,  
and am pegging away now to  
accumulate enough to put  
up a house. Think of it, the  
Graydons to have their own  
home before they pass on to  
their eternal mansion!  
It seems so good to be true,  
I plan for that little home by  
day and by night, and am not  
eager to accomplish this