



John Muir Correspondence (PDFs)

1901-02-23

Letter from Charles [A.] Keeler to John Muir, 1901 Feb 23.

Charles A. Keeler

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/muir-correspondence>

Recommended Citation

Keeler, Charles A., "Letter from Charles [A.] Keeler to John Muir, 1901 Feb 23." (1901). *John Muir Correspondence (PDFs)*. 4392.

<https://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/muir-correspondence/4392>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by Scholarly Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in John Muir Correspondence (PDFs) by an authorized administrator of Scholarly Commons. For more information, please contact mgibney@pacific.edu.

of mountain and forest. We should
be most happy to have a line
from you way off here, but in any
event we feel sure you have not
forgotten us in our flight across
the seas.

With kindest regards to Mrs.
Muir and the girls from us both,
believe me,

Very sincerely yours friend

Charles Keeler

Our address is

Care Union Steamship Co. Auckland N.Z.

New Zealand
etc

976

Dunedin, N. Z.

February 23rd 1901

My dear Mr. Muir: —

Very often since we have
been on this interesting voyage
we have thought and spoken of
you. Of course I have been
constantly making comparisons
of everything with Alaska and
to speak of the Harriman Expedition
is to recall my room mate during
those two delightful months on the
Elder. How you would enjoy this
New Zealand country! The
coast is not unlike the California
shore — bleak brown hills over
which the wind sweeps and the
fog drifts — but in a week we
shall be amid the wonderful
lakes surrounded by snow-capped

02842

mountains, and with densely forested shores. I hope to visit Southerland Falls, 1900 ft. high, and anticipate much of interest in the excursions amid the mountains.

We spent over two months at Tahiti, studying the life of the tropics — the mountains and the plains covered with brilliant verdure, the sparkling sea of the brightest blue, the ring of coral reef encircling the lagoon, with white breakers ever dashing upon it, and the bright people so gentle and friendly in their ways, with bronzed skins and wreaths of flowers. It was beautiful and charming for a time, but the life of the tropics is so utterly corrupt that we were glad enough to be off exploring fresh fields and

pastures new.

We have been hard at work, striving to portray the life we have seen. Louise has made over 60 drawings and

I have written industriously. Our present plan is to remain three months in New Zealand, but beyond that we are uncertain. The Oceanic Steam Ship Company have written to London asking for our transportation home via London, visiting India and Egypt on the way.

If this is granted you will not see us for many a long day, but if they refuse it we shall return by Samoa and Honolulu, reaching home about the first of August.

I hope you are well and writing away at your various

Dunedin, N. Z.,
February 23rd, 1901.

My dear Mr. Muir:

Very often since we have been on this interesting voyage we have thought and spoken of you. Of course I have been constantly making comparisons of everything with Alaska and to speak of the Harriman Expedition is to recall my roommate during those two delightful months on the Elder. How you would enjoy this New Zealand country! The coast is not unlike the California shore -- bleak brown hills over which the wind sweeps and the fog drifts -- but in a week we shall be amid the wonderful lakes surrounded by snow-capped mountains, and with densely forested shores. I hope to visit Southerland Falls, 1900 ft. high, and anticipate much of interest in the excursions amid the mountains.

We spent over two months at Tahiti, studying the life of the tropics -- the mountains and the plains covered with brilliant verdure, the sparkling sea of the brightest blue, the ring of coral reef encircling the lagoon, with white breakers ever dashing upon it, and the bright people so gentle and friendly in their ways, with bronzed skin and wreathes of flowers. It was beautiful and charming for a time, but the life of the tropics is so utterly corrupt that we were glad enough to be off exploring fresh fields and pastures new.

We have been hard at work, striving to portray the life we have seen. Louise has made over 60 drawings and I have written industriously. Our present plan is to remain three months in New Zealand, but beyond that we are uncertain. The Oceanic Steamship Company have written to London asking for our transportation home via London, visiting India and Egypt on the way. If this is granted you will not see us for many a long day, but if they refuse it we shall return by Samoa and Honolulu, reaching home about the first of August.

I hope you are well and writing away at your visions of mountain and forest. We should be most happy to have a line from you way off here, but in any event we feel sure you have not forgotten us in our flight across the seas.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Muir and the girls, from us both, believe me,

Very sincerely your friend,

Charles Keeler

Our address is

Care Union Steamship Co., Auckland, N.Z.