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## Letter from Julia [Merrill] Moores to John Muir, 1891 Sep 6.

Julia Merrill Moores

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Julia Moores

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Indianapolis

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1891

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 you - you will do her good - & she will make  
 the basis of your little girls sweetest wishes  
 for being with them. How affectionately all  
 these children remember you! And how  
 good you have been to them - we can never  
 forget. Of Merrill & Charles all I can say is  
 that they are well and hard at work in the  
 profession they have chosen. It is a guiding  
 life - nothing & nothing other memories.

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