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## Letter from Sallie J. Kennedy to John Muir, 1878 Jun 21.

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it, the sun revealed it in its  
 thin white mantle,

Whether in the Mountains  
 or on the Sea, that you may enjoy  
 more than usual happiness if possible  
 is the wish of your friend.

Sally J. Kennedy.

I hear Prof. Butler will go "abroad"  
 this Summer.

I should have told you how much  
 I enjoyed your bright amusing letter.

Washington, June 21<sup>st</sup> 1878.

My dear Mr. Shuir.

It is well you are as far  
 away as you are, or I should write you a  
 good scolding. But when I consider  
 it would be a whole week on the way,  
 and perhaps several more would elapse  
 ere you returned to find it; and when  
 you did it would express a sentiment  
 possibly passed away. I conclude

I will not.

I am glad

you liked the photographs.

I am quite at sea as to where  
 you are going. Anne understood  
 you to say you were going with Captain

Rogers, and you wrote me you were to be in the Mountains. Tell me some time what it is all to result in.

One loves to see a life with its best powers put to use, but it is also pleasant to know what the grand whole aimed at may be. Is this imperfect? I know not, and hope not.

I trust you saw General, for a short letter received yesterday from Annie told of his being with her at Black Point. She enjoyed your visit to her very much. I have been

this morning to the Smithsonian to <sup>see</sup> Prof Henry's family.

I have always thought if ever you came East, a visit to the Capital

would be expected, and of the pleasure I would have in your meeting Prof Henry. Most of our pleasure it seems to me we derive from anticipating that which will never come to pass. A blessed condition it is to have the truth concealed.

Our Spring has been so cool and lovely no one cares to think of going away. If my parents do not go West, and I fear they will not, I will be off I hope by the first or middle of August. If they leave I will remain at home. If worn out - will refresh myself with memories of Thutis words. You remember how gracefully it seemed wrapped when after the confusion and darkness of clouds around