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## Letter from Kate M. Graydon to John Muir, 1879 Dec 12.

Kate M. Graydon

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From being my teacher, he has  
become my friend, & one that  
I take the greatest pleasure  
in introducing to you.

As ever your friend

Kate M. Graydon

Can I not hope to hear  
from you some time?

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Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

232 W. Alabama St.

Dear Mr. Muir, -

For two or  
three years I have thought of you  
of writing to you, indeed, I went  
so far once as to get your direction  
& commence a letter. I will  
now send a few lines introduc-  
ing to you Prof. Jordan, one of  
my teachers & best friends!

I send this with a little quaking  
of the heart; what if you should  
ask "Who is Kate Graydon"? Still  
I have faith that even ten or twelve  
years have not obliterated the  
pleasant little friendship formed

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one summer so long ago. The remembrance on my part was wonderfully quickened one morning nearly two years ago, when Prof. Jordan <sup>read</sup> to our class the sweetest - brightest - most - musical article on the "Water Angel" from Scribner. The writer, he said, was John Muir. The way my acquaintance of long ago developed into friendship, & the way I proudly said I knew you, would have made you laugh.

What shall I say of your articles? They are as refreshing as I imagine a sea breeze or the mountain air to be. We have all read & re-read them, & have

wished to see you. Do come back, & come soon. Can't you come next summer? Why, we have all grown out of your knowledge. The three children you knew best - the ones who long ago in the dark room delighted to read to & bring you flowers - are now men & women.

Merrill is a young lawyer, with all sorts of aspirations. Janet is at home, a young lady of leisure. Your "little friend" Katie is teacher in a fashionable boarding school, which, I know is not much of a recommendation to a man who turns his eyes away from all flowers but the wild rose & the sweet-brier.

Prof. Jordan anticipates pleasure in your acquaintance, & I am sure each will enjoy the other.