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## Letter from John Muir to Emily [O. Pelton], [1881] Mar 28.

John Muir

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after the  
birth of Wanda  
slight child

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Martinez, March 28.

Dear Emily,

Our little one has  
come to us & we are all very happy,  
mother father grandmother & grand-  
-father. She was born three days  
ago, coming in the warm sundays  
of the springtime with the full  
bloom of the fields & orchards & the  
singing of the birds. Heaven bless  
the small darling & make all her  
life as happy as the promise from  
every quarter is now. She is a  
tiny happy healthy daintily-featured  
lassie, cheeks & chin nose & mouth  
& brow as finely modelled & composed

as if she were in her ripe way  
years, & she looks about her with  
her bright blue eyes as if eager  
to know what kind of world  
she had arrived in.

Apr 1847  
After a little you must come  
& see us in our quiet home.

I was glad to hear from  
you after so long a silence  
I supposed you had vanished  
with your dear Cousin among  
the Conifers of Washington.

I hope however that you will  
enjoy your old employment  
& friends in Yuba County.

Remember me to the Knoxes  
& tell them that I will gladly  
give their scholars that lecture

we spoke of long ago whenever  
I have the time & good fortune  
to find myself at Brownsville.  
Remember me also to your  
friends in Strawberry Valley  
at whose house I spent so  
pleasant a time years ago.

Let me hear from you  
often & believe me ever  
truly your friend  
John Muir.