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## Letter from John Muir to Louie [Strentzel Muir], 1893 Jul 22.

John Muir

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[4] He long remembered "Over  
The Moor among the heather" #78

The heather is just  
coming into blossom & it  
is glorious. Wish I could  
camp in it a month. All  
the scenery is interesting but  
nothing like Alaska or California  
in grandeur. Tomorrow  
I'm going back to Edinburgh  
& next morning intend to  
start for Norway. When  
I write

Possibly I may not be able  
to catch the boat but guess  
I will. Hence I'll return  
to Edinburgh & then go to  
Switzerland. Love to all  
Dear Wanda & Helen here is your  
hill heather for you. Ever yours M.



Oban July 22, 1899

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Dear Louis. I stayed about  
ten days at Dunbar, thinking I  
should not slight my old home  
& Cousins. I found an extra  
cousin in Dunbar - Jane Mathew  
that I had not before heard  
of & she is one to be proud of  
as are the Sunams. I also  
found a few of the old school  
-mates now gray old men  
older looking I think &  
grayer than I thought I have  
led so hard a life. I went  
with Maggie Sunam to the  
old school house where I was  
so industriously thrashed

half a century ago. The present teacher Mr Dick got the school two years after I left & has held it ever since. He had been reading the Century & was greatly interested & dined with him & at table one of the guests said "Mr Dick doubt you wish you had the immortal glory of having whipped John Bull. I made many short trips into the country, along the shores, about the old Castle etc. Then I went back to Edinburgh, & then to Dumfriesshire Country for some years. & when I found another Cousin Susan Gilroy with whom I had a good time. Then I

went through Glasgow to Sterling when I had a charming walk about the Castle & saw the famous battlefield Bruce & Wallace's Monuments etc. - & glacial action. This morning I left Sterling & went to Callander thence to Invernaid by coach & boat by the Trossacks & Loch Katrine. Thence through Loch Lomond & the Mts to a railroad & on to this charming Oban. I have just arrived this day on Loch Katrine & Lomond & the Drive through the pass & over the mountains made famous by Scott in the Lady of the Lake with