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## Letter from John Muir to David Douglas, 1893 Sep 17.

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[Copied from a Journal of Mr. David Douglas, Edinburgh, Scotland]  
[Original in possession of Miss S. B. Douglas, 22 Drummond Place, Edinburgh]

Cunard Royal Mail Steamship "Campania"  
September 17, 1893.

My dear David Deuglas,

I am now fairly off and awa' ower the sea from the old nest to the new - from kin to kin - from friends to friends, and as the old shores begin to fade and I look through the many fine pictures and memories gathered this eventful summer to enrich my life, none pleases me more than my meeting and meetings with you and your family. For your grand old-fashioned Scotch kindness I thank you and bid you goodbye. I shall not forget it, as I am sure you know.

And let me hope that you will now and then think of the lonely mountaineer you so kindly guided through the only wilderness he ever feared.

The boys will tell you how fine and instructive a time I had in Switzerland, and how well Sir Joseph cared for me in London.

They did a thousand things for me in getting ready to leave Edinburgh, and I trust I may have the opportunity to return some of the kindness I have received from you all.

My kindest regards to Mrs. Douglas.

Farewell,

John Muir.

[replied 3 Nov 1916]