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Antarctic regions which  
he made some fifty  
years ago when he was  
with the celebrated Ross  
Expedition as Naturalist.

I saw New also & the  
Tower & Wordsworth's Lake  
Region.

In Edinburgh I found  
the old publisher David  
Douglas who was a father  
to me & just as good as  
possible. Saw Scotland  
pretty well & Ireland slightly,  
Went from Dublin to Killarney.

From your house I visited  
my mother in Portage & my  
old professors in Madison,  
then returned to Chicago & home.  
I wonder if you are coming  
to California this winter. You may be  
here now. Do come & see us.  
Remember me to Mrs Sellers. Thanks to  
all & best wishes. Ever your friend John Muir

Martinez, California,  
December 31, 1893.

My dear Mr Sellers,

Looking back over the  
years blessings, one of the  
best & handsomest in  
sight is my long pleasant-  
eventful visit to you in  
your beautiful happy  
home. I have seen  
Kittie & he says the same  
thing, so we are agreed  
for once.

I was sorry to find  
you away on my return  
from Europe for I had  
a hundred things to talk  
over or tell, but no doubt  
you needed rest though.  
I came near pursuing  
you into your Puckaway.

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solitude. That I did not you may  
in great part thank Frank who used me  
so well & showed me so much of the  
fair. I had a grand fertile time  
among the fiords & valleys of Norway  
got some fine telling facts there bearing  
on my studies. Also in Switzerland  
through which I bored pretty thoroughly  
though I made no special studies  
In London I spent about two

weeks - an awful wilderness. But  
fortunately I found my old friend Hooker  
with whom I had a delightful  
& instructive time. He took me through  
the Abbey Parliament house Museum  
etc & then out to his home in  
Sunningdale 25 miles from London  
where he showed me his portfolios of  
sketches he made in the little known-