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[Original letter returned to Miss M. Merrill].

Yosemite Valley,
Sep. 27th, 1872.

Dear Miss Merrill:

Your note of Sep. 1st was received last eve on our return from Hetch Hetchy Valley and the Canyon of the Tuolumne above. Also M[errill] and I have each received a letter from Mrs. Moores dated Sep. 9th. I am glad you all feel that it is best for Merrill that he is in our Sierras, and that Mrs. Moores' health is so improved. I shall continue to hope that I shall yet meet you all here to drink the beauty that wells from a thousand fountains free and available to all the pure in heart.

We have had a most glorious time in the great Tuolumne canyon, wh[ich] is a Yosemite valley where Godful sublimity more abounds than in this. We have been absent on this excursion 9 days. I am not satisfied, and will set out again tomorrow alone for a week or two. This will be too dangerous for M[errill]'s inexperienced limbs, therefore I shall have to leave him here.

I am glad you found abundance of beauty in the sea and that it has so enriched your life.

Ever your friend,

JOHN MUIR