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Letter from John Muir to Mother [Ann Gilrye Muir], 1872 Sep 27.

John Muir

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Yosemite Valley
September 27th 1872

Dear Mother I am just
arrived from a long excursion
up the Great Tiolumne Canon
above Hetch Hetchy Valley
I did not complete my
proposed work there, so I
set out again tomorrow
for two weeks more.

I am measuring gorges & canyons
with particular reference
to Mt structure in connection
with ice action, also sketching
waterfalls, special rock forms
etc.

I have just received
a letter from Prof Agassiz
written by his wife
He regrets his inability to
visit Yosemite & Ramble

with me among the old glacier
works & ways.

I could have enjoyed a
visit with him in San
Francisco but I could
not spare the time, he
may come another year,

I am able to do
a great deal of very hard
mountain exploration,
& someday will if I like
tell you how mountains
& river canons & lake basins
& meadows are made

My life work is now before
me plain enough, & it is
full of hard labor & abundant
in all kinds of pure reward
nature - God asks much

& gives much. & if we only
are pure in heart we
will see him in all
times, & in all lands.

I will write you
again when I return
In the meantime, take
more farewell,

with love to all

Ever affectionately
Yrs John Muir