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of the mountain, seen on the right-hand side when standing on the steamer's deck facing the glacier." She sent also a photograph of the glacier showing this mountain; and "hopes for an answer at your own convenience."

Dear John, the Alaska book and the Yosemite book must be written, and you need to be your own self, well and strong, to make them worthy of you; there is nothing that has a right to be considered beside this except the welfare of our children,

Ever lovingly yours
Louie Muir.

Martinez, Cal.
August 9. 1888.

Dear Papa,

Your letter of Aug. 1st from Seattle, made us glad, and yet grieved us that you should have been so worried and anxious. I did not think you could return so soon, and wrote to Victoria, supposing that you would come back that way and stop at the Priard. O John, try to rest a little to grow well and strong again. You seemed to feel so much better and be so comfortable at Victoria, that it is just wicked and cruel for anything to make you feel that you must hurry away while it is

still good for you to stay. This August head and dust down here is miserable for us all, but while Helen is too little to travel without fretting, we can not go away. You could not bear it all in your weak state.

A ranch that needs and takes the sacrifice of a noble life or work, ought to be flung away beyond all reach and power for harm.

Wanda is very well, and growing; oh, so tall and restless, and Helen seems well too, but clings to me more than ever. I think she would be better satisfied at the old home if it were not for the mosquitoes, but they were blown by the north

wind over from the tules again last week, and are still troublesome to an extent, surely, never before known in this region.

Aunt Annie reached Lincoln safely, August 1st at noon, and "although very tired and dusty, felt as well as usual"! She wrote me 6 postal cards on the way, and says she will send us a full description of the trip as soon as possible; also of Dr. Muir's new house. She went by way of Denver, and seems to have enjoyed the grand scenery exceedingly.

A letter to you has just come from a Miss Maria Fairchild, of 311 Polk St. San Francisco. She visited the Muir Glacier 3 yrs. ago, & now wishes to know the "exact latitude & longitude