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## Letter from John Muir to Wanda, Helen & Mama [Muir], 1898 Oct 18.

John Muir

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## + Dan \* Ness \* House, +

On Lake Champlain.

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Burlington, Vt., Oct 18 1898

+ Helen + Mamma

Dear Wanda, I'm pretty sleepy, for it was after midnight when I went to bed last night & the bed was only a confounded stuffy jiggling bunk at the top of a sleeping or sleepless car. But this day was so crisp & bright & delightful, so full of lovely & wild scenery it might awaken the dead & do away with sleep altogether. I stopped here on my way from Montreal to the White Mountains & all the scenery was beautiful & must be beautiful all the year but robed with glorious leaf colors as it is now nobody can half tell or even hint it. The town is finely

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situated on Lake Champlain on high ground on the eastern shore commanding wide views of the lake with its many islands & the mountains of the Adirondacks region, while the Green Mountains make a grand fence along the eastern horizon. I got here about noon, had a nice dinner in a fine clean commodious hotel which you may be sure I appreciated after the squalls & pizzy places we had to stop at in the Southern States. Then I got a buggy & drove through the pretty town & the hills, & along the lake through the midst of yellow & purple & golden trees & bushes. My! if you & Helen & Mamma could have been with me. Tomorrow I start for Stowe & thence up Mt Mansfield. Thence I go to Mt Washington & the passes & notches of the White Mountains, &

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then back to Boston perhaps passing through a  
 part of the state of Maine. You ~~at~~ Helen  
 must read or reread Parkmans history of  
 the Indians & early French explorers in Canada  
 You will find charming descriptions of  
 this region in the midst of the green  
 & red history of the fur traders, missionaries  
 & adventurous traders. Lakes George  
 & Champlain were the highway to  
 Canada for both Indians & Whites  
 for centuries.

Burlington, Vt.

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You may be sure I'll sleep long  
 & well tonight. I have a good room  
 & a good bed. I wonder if John Small is still here -  
 -abouts. How he must have enjoyed his New Hampshire  
 hills. - Give my love to Maggie. Heaven bless you all. So prays J. M.