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Arden
Orange County
New York
October 28th 1899.

Dear Mr. Amier.

The reason that the
G. G. have not answered your
letter was that we hesitated to
attempt to cope with your over-
flowing, poetical queries, and
~~felt~~ that we must
all wait until we
assembled and put
our wits together
to reply. A handwriting

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sharp would revel in
the incongruity of the
styles but we hardly
dare to hope that such
a well-rounded, polished
and glacialized poet will
take the same delight.
Now you are in for it, &
~~now~~ will have to read
with patience this lengthy
document.

Your deadly enemy; John
Bourroughs, has been here, and
has won us all over to his side, so
you will surely have to come
East post haste, to counteract

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his bad influence. He did
give me a beautiful start on our
line of nature, and which I
am surely going to follow up,
especially after your advice.

You certainly converted
us all in that respect
— but Dr. Couvrose
seems to have run
in the wrong direction
I wonder why? Perhaps
because the glacier
chill had seized you
in thought! But is so
wily that it quite
overpowers a plain ordi-

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Mary person like me
and I am at a loss
how to keep up with
her. It is perfectly great
to be with the other
S. G. once more and
as you may easily
imagine our principal
delight is talking over
the trip and the people
of this summer. -
We are soon going to
play the great Astor
Game Golf for which

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I must get ready so
I will relieve you
and remain with you

Dorothea

It is sad that we have
to wind up so soon,
but in the country
young people have to be
out in the air a good deal.
We have seen various
members of the N. A. S. B.
lately, & all look well,
but when we get
together it is impossible
to refrain for talking
of the trip & all the sights
of Alaska. I have heard

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that at the time of the
earthquake there the
Amir glacier had entirely
disappeared but I hope
it is not true, for it
would be too sad to think of
that wonderful glacier
having been destroyed.

It is time to stop now
for Mary wants to add
a line

With love

Cornelia

But just little
Beth will put in
a word or two again.
I received your
letter telling of

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Dr. Merriam's expected
visit and would
have paid my
"Corresponding Club" dues
even though had I not
been busy at school
in New York. Will
this make up for
the answer? I
trust so, and am
as ever
Lovingly your H. A. E. friend

Beth

I think the finder is better
than the find, so am not as
disturbed about the Muir Glacier
as though you were there yourself.

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This letter makes up in length
if not in brilliancy, with your
own, and I hope we will have
another one soon from you. It
makes us feel as though the
H. A. E. were not so separated
as they really are. Please
remember me to the H. A. E.
of your side of the Continent,
and please don't forget
us on this side, especially
Your loving little friend
Mary Merriam

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