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Don't let Tinning forget the renewal  
of the Williams Gate Hong Kong

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

S.S. "Bayern," N. German Lloyd  
September 16<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Dear Mr & Darlings, I wish you could  
be with me this morning on this fine  
steamship in this most wonderfully  
beautiful mountain-girt harbor.  
Left Russia at Vladivostok Sep 3, worn  
out & starved out & poisoned out with  
2 mos of R. R. travel & Russian food -  
now I'm all right & getting fat - &  
am on my way to India to see the  
Himalalaya. I am alone & inde-  
pendent having parted from the  
Sargents a week ago at Shanghai -  
(their aims & interests were so different  
from mine I should never have  
joined them.) We sail for Singapore  
in an hour or two, wh we will reach  
in about 4 days. At Singapore I will  
take a steamer for Calcutta. Thence  
in a few days I'll be far up the mount-  
ains near Darjeling. Leaving India

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in a month or so, I expect to  
catch one of these fine North  
German Lloyd steamers at  
Colombo, Ceylon for Europe by  
the Red Sea Egypt etc, &  
perhaps sailing from Naples  
direct for New York instead  
of coming back this way  
to Yokohama & San Fran.  
I expect to be home about  
new Year. In the meantime  
the White Hymmalayan  
is a glorious inspiring  
aim. I'll write often  
so you will easily  
trace my wanderings on  
the map & many a story  
I'll tell when I at last  
join you again Love To  
all. Ever yours John Muir