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Letter from Irene G. Wheelock to John Muir, 1903 Sep 16.

Irene G. Wheelock

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are yours - ^{c43} You can
never be lonely, with so
much to know and to
do, as well as to remember.
Forgive me for trespassing
on your time, Mr Muir,
my envy got the better
of me.

My book is in press
and as soon as it is
out, in November I shall
take pleasure in sending
you a copy.

Please remember me kindly
to Mrs Muir, your daughters
and your sisters. I shall

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1040 Hinman Ave Evanston Ill.
September 16. 1909.

Mr John Muir,

Dear Sir,

The enclosed
letter will be no greater surprise
to you than it is to myself.
I have this moment taken
it from the pocket of my
travelling writing case where
it has lain unsuspected
for more than a year. What
you must think of me I
can not surmise. I offer
no excuse for my carelessness.

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ness except ²⁷ that in the confusion of travel it slipped out of sight and I supposed I had mailed it.

I waited long and eagerly for a reply and finally decided you had "turned me down". So we have had no one write the introduction to "Birds of California". It was a great disappointment to me that you took no notice at all of my appeal for I hoped

you would ³³ consider it favorably. The disappointment is tenfold more keen since I now discover that it has been due to my own carelessness.

I thought of you so often during that July, as climbing the high Sierras with your daughters. Afterward I saw the article on the subject and the excellent pictures of the Sierra Club members. How much you have enjoyed in this life, Mr. Muir! The secrets of the mountains

Just received
of thanking you for your
kind invitation & heart
wishes I am etc

not even forget the day
I spent with them. If
at any time you or any
of your family come to
Chicago please do me
the favor of allowing me
to welcome you or them
to my home as guests

Believe me very peni-
tently yours
Irene G. Wheelock.

Monday 24, 1904 -
Kind love from Wheelock
your letters after their many adventures
one of them dying sudden & another a
year in your pocket. Then the twins
setting forth on their travels
around the world & along the world
have at last reached me

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forwarded from Peking
 China. One of them a year
 old the other more than 2
 yrs & still as good as
 new. ^{on this same package} I wish you could
 see from my own family
 In the middle of May 1903 I
 went with the President Roosevelt
 to Yuzen to then started on
 an excursion more than a year
 long. Visited most of the famous
 parks & art galleries of Europe
 spending about a week or
 ten days at London, at Paris
 Berlin Rotterdam Amsterdam
 the Hague Leyden St Petersburg
 Moscow. From Moscow I
 went to Sebastopol thence along
 the Black Sea to Batoum
 thence to Tiflis through the
 Caucasus by the Darbel Pass
 back to Moscow. Thence via
 the Urals, Siberia, Manchuria

at forests waterfalls
 people etc. from Vladivostok
 to Korea Japan China
 Singapore India up the
 Himalayas thence to
 Egypt up the Nile thence to
 Ceylon to Australia N. B.
 Manila Hongkong & home by way
 of Japan & Honolulu
 I have much of the time off the
 ground & see you see it is wonderful
 to go on its own wings.
 to find me. But the
 loss of your letter was
 no loss to your book
 for it is all rightly stored
 has beautiful plumage
 bright & abundant & will able
 to go on its own wings.
 We all remember you
 with pleasure & hope
 to see you at our home again
 when you come to this end
 the continent - further all