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Letter from Helen S. Wright to John Muir, 1895 May 1.

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San Jose, Cal.,
May 1, 1895.

Dear Mr. Muir,
I find genuine pleasure
in your book, which you
so kindly sent me. I had
not yet seen it, though I
had been quick to notice
its coming from the press.

It makes one feel that the
Douglas Squirrel, the Water-
Ouzel, the wild sheep, and
all the other living things
you describe, are his very
friends as well as yours.

The breath of the wild,
free mountains is in it,

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as doubtless many have
told you.

I am glad to see that the
illustrations preserve the
distinctive characteristics
of the thing they represent.
I remember how you
worked for that.

When will you come
to San Jose and talk
to our school about
something? I want this
"generation" of students
to know your work
and you.

Hoping that this is
but the beginning of
what you will give

us out of the full treasury
of charming things which
are yours and yours
alone.

I remain

Yours very sincerely;

Helen S. Wright.