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Martinez, Apr. 3, 1913.

Dear Mrs Hooker, I'm glad you're
all going to take a travel rest
It will help to blot the past
and heal cruel heart-sores.

Marian too will get the rest
she so sorely needs and has
so bravely won. For faithful
Ellie too the trip is just right

I would enjoy going with
you, but enjoyment of this sort
has never been mine and I suppose
never will be. all perhaps for the
best. I would like to see Athens
and Rome & a few of the Greenland
and Antarctic ice-floods. Then
I'd willingly let my legs rest.

I like the little picture you sent better
than the one I have framed. but both
are impressively bad. Strange is it not

how photographers with their crystal lenses can make God's holy light tell lies. I wish you would try Darsonville whose address is 251 Post St. Colby & Parsons dragged me into his studio a few weeks ago, & the pictures he made are said to be the very best.

As for the book I was tired of it, thought there was but little available good in it for busy strangers, & my head was full of Amazone, so I handed the M.S. to the publishers & hurried away to the sun-drenched wilderness not caring what they called it.

By the way, how many copies do you want for your friends? Will two dozen be enough? I'll send them as soon as I can get them I could find not a single copy in the S. F. bookstores a few days ago but they were expecting them soon.

In Your guess that I dont eat
enough you may be right; For
Contra Costa County cooking is
rough like agricultural day-
year Clods.

Your Buenos Aires Letter
lost nothing by delay. Time
never affects love words.

Ever Your affectionate friend

John Muir
With love to all who love you.

my memo - Religious Revival
The revival swept along
like a prairie fire till
there was only this one
old burnt stump of a
sinner left