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Letter from Freddie Magee to John Muir, 1913 May 7.

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thought in Kipling's verse "The
Explorer" - "But his whisper
came to me." So dear Mr.
Muir when I read of your
boyhood, as I am now doing
of its fun & its hardships
& its wanderings in early
manhood, you again make
me long for the mountains -
for these "Camps of proved desire
& known delight" that my father
& Willy & Dorsey knew of with you
& that we live over again with you
in spirit. And I do hope it will
be my good fortune yet to see
Yosemite & El Capitan with you.
Your room is always waiting you at our
home & we hope you will come down very soon
& stay for a long visit. Mary & Freddie Muir.

5 Montez st.

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May 7/1913



Dear Mr Muir: It is some days
since I received from Mr Colby
your "Autobiography"; Mr Colby
tried twice to leave it here
earlier, but our office was closed
for a couple of days due to the
death of Mrs Thomas Magee Sr.
So I trust you will pardon
my delay in acknowledging
your very kind & very much
appreciated gift. There are
no books after "The Book"
of Sir Walter Scott so well

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our thoughts and memories.
And for the object-lessons in
the pure love of nature &
"for the precious things of
the lasting hills" that you
have, & you first & foremost,
made the priceless possession
of everyone that has eyes
& see and heart to love &
understand - none of us can
be thankful enough to God & to
you for interpreting his voice
& the land to us - "How
precious also are thy thoughts
unto me, O God! How great
is the sum of them! Your
life so well exemplifies the

described The Bible that I prize
so much as yours in my
library - because of the intense
personality of the author & because
of the affection & sincerest esteem
in which we Magee girls
& boys hold him. I especially
feel a nearness to you by
reason of that babyhood
meeting in the fire mite
of you & my dear Mother &
father in May 1871 & I do
so prize the picture of my
mother with me in her lap
& I could only wish that you
& my father were in the picture
as you shall always be in