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Martinez, California

September 13, 1913.

Dear Maggie Lunan:

Annie Hay's letter brought the sad news of your blessed mother's journey to the better land. The news was not unexpected. could not be after reaching the grand old age of ninety years, and I was very glad to learn that she suffered no pain, passing away in perfect peace like sleep full of God's love.

I used to meet her on the winding stairway in Grandfather's old stone house when she was in the full bloom of youth, and those long gone days were brought vividly to mind when I was writing my last book "Boyhood & Youth, a copy of which I sent you yesterday. All our family old enough to know her when we left Scotland loved her. And when I last saw her in 1893 she reminded

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me of grandmother Sibyl in
her looks and voice and kindness
of heart. But alas! how fast
these late years fly. Every
human life is a short life, a
step to immortality.

Now dear Maggie I trust and
pray that God will give you
grace to sustain and cheer you
in all your burdens and sorrows.

Write and tell me your plans
and wants and how I can help
you

Ever your devoted cousin

John Muir