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[2]
has been a joyous one,
— for in view has
always been the
thought of your beau-
tiful inscription.

I fear you will
never know how
much that meant to
us — except that
"where your treasure
is there will your
heart be also."

And yesterday
came your letter and
little pamphlet con-
taining the full

[1]
September 26
325 East Avenue
Rochester

My dear Mr. Lewis
Since Saturday
last I have kept
close to your de-
lightful "Mountains
of California" and
have travelled with
you over their glaciers,
through their forests
and along their streams.
And each step
towards their summits

accounts of you and your doings ^[3]
that have reached us since we
said "Auf Wiedersehen" in Portland
for as yet "the rhyming tail" has
not wagged in my direction. But
Mary writes us she would keep it
still for me until I reached Arden,
and so I am hurrying down there
the end of this week. The New
York at Uncle Henry's house we are
to have a grand celebration of the
H.A.E.C. on Dewey Day. You see the
Eastern half must try to keep up
with the Western, for from
your letter I should judge you
had meetings nearly every day. Some-
day I hope we can combine forces
- but until then the Corresponding
Club must do its very best to bring
that about. From Dr. Lowell

To you see you are ^[5]
ever with us in thoughts
and in all happy memo-
ries of the H.A.E.C.

Yes, Dr. Brewster has
retired from the
west but whether
he lost track of the
deer and goats I do
not know. Doubtless
he gained much else
- though his successful
trip would I fear
be to you a most
unsuccessful one.

But it is learned

and the Captain ^[6]
learned of their visit
with you, of how you
bumped into memoris
ice bergs and tumbled
to the hum of glaciers
artillery again. Last
evening Mr. Fenow
spent with us - and
when speaking of
the recent Alaska
earthquake he said:
"Why, where is Mr. Lewis
- some other force be-
sides glaciers must
have been at work!"

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to know the animals as I have the ⁽⁶⁾
birds certainly he would never tell
any more — no, not even for science!

Of course, I am anxious to see
you and your Big Two but suppose
I must wait until we near the
Pacific Coast again — and who
knows where that will be?

But think of me still as
a Big One of the Big Four — and
with love

Ever your friend

Beth Averell.