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## Letter from John Muir to Mina Merrill, 1902 Jan 8.

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[Original letter returned to Miss M. Merrill]

Martinez, California,

January 8th, 1902.

Dear Mina Merrill:

You don't know how glad I am to get your New Year's letter - glad and sad. I hear the kind and gentle tones of your voice in it, and see you and your beloved sister as if I were beside you. Old days and present days are as one. For, with loved ones, new places and people, time, distance, and geography are of non effect.

I know your natural sorrow and loneliness. You are lonely, yet not lonely. Your sister still lives with you in love, and with your other sisters and brother and friends you must be of good cheer and go on doing whatever your hands find to do as if she were still with you in the flesh. So will your burden seem lighter all the way in your home-going. God cheer and comfort you, my friend.

Yours ever the same,

John Muir

[Envelope addressed Miss Mina Merrill, 425 N. Capital Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana].

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