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[1] Sept 6, 1902,
Minto Park.

Dear kind friend:
Your offer to go with me to the mountains is the best thing I could possibly have conceived. It is so good that I fear it can hardly be true, - but - yes, there it is! I am talking electrical treatment with Dr. Hirschfelder who doesn't want to let me go at present, & I am loth to break entirely with him, as I fear I should have to do if I went now. Would it be possible for us to go, say,

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two weeks ^{C27} later than now? or about the 20th.
But I fear your offer to go represents rather the impulse of your big heart than a possibility: poetry rather than actual reality. Anyhow the offer is very cheering to me: and if I can summon courage to bid the doctor go to psalteeie I'll attempt to renew the charming day-dream. I am not exactly a puling paralytic; but you would find me a very humdrum companion, altho' a very good listener (so I flatter myself).

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^{C33} I'll go (if at all) wherever you think best. I had thought of going to some quiet place, like the Sequoia grove near Keppeler's, and camping there for some time, taking my Dante-work with me - two hours, or three, a day ~~represent~~ are my stint. Of course it's too cold to camp in the high Sierras - soon. I will write again. Most gratefully yours,
Melville B. Anderson

M. John Muir

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