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dept in Fresno^{C43}, where we all
felt unnatural in the
glare of the electric lights
and the smell of locomotives
when we were used to the
pine smell.

Four weeks ago we were
in camp at the foot of Glavin
Mt. Whitney, and we were
happy in spite of the rain
and cold.

My first night in civil-
ization Ellie said I sat
up in bed, ^{in my sleep} and said "~~break~~"

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San Juan
Sept. 7, 1902.

My dear Mr. Muir—

Your book
reached me yesterday and
when I unwrapped it and
found what you had done
just I was blessed indeed.

The photograph of your
Yosemite cabin is charming
and you are kind indeed
to take so much trouble to
put it in the book, and

your own ^[22] picture too.

The book brings back many many "blessed Bern-
Karnah-whiting memories" -
the very happiest summer
of my life.

Nothing can ever take the
place of the three weeks I
spent travelling about in
that most wonderful country
with you, Dr. Thurman &
Mr. Gannett, learning about
the forests and flowers, and

seeing the ^[31] work of the glaciers

It is all with me con-
stantly and I only wish
I had nothing to hold me
at home and I would go
back to the mountains and
the real house, just as
fast as steam and horses
and my own feet could carry
me.

I wish we could have
said good-bye to each other
in the woods, and in our
camp clothes instead of the

"Soft beds makes weak backs"
So I am living in the
hope that next summer
will find me with my two
best girl friends in Yosemite
and we will think of you
and wish for you constantly.

I have not seen Marian's
photographs yet, but she
wrote that they would be
sent in a few days, and
that the ones taken on
the Keri-Kowah came
out splendidly.

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Ellie is back^{F⁶³} in Los Angeles
and Mrs. Disney at Lake
 Tahoe. I suppose Mr. Garnett
is still in Utah and prob-
ably knows where Dr. Merriam
is. I often wonder if we
will meet together again.

I hope I shall see you
again very soon. And
again thanking you for the
book, and with best wishes
that the writing you were
reading will not be tiresome

and that the^{C⁷³} green dressing
 gown will go to the mount-
ains many fine times with
its owner - believe me
always most sincerely yours.
Helen Douglas Greene.