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Dunbar, Scotland
July 12. 1843

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Dear Lomi.

I have been here nearly a week & have seen most of my old haunts & playgrounds & more than I expected of my boy play-mates. Of course it is all very interesting & I have enjoyed it more than I anticipated. Dunbar is an interesting place to anybody, beautifully located on a plateau above the sea & with a background of beautiful hills & dales, green fields in the very highest state of cultivation & many belts & blocks of woods so arranged as to appear natural. I have had a good many rides & walks into the country among the fine farms & towns & old castles. I had long talks with people who listen with wonder to the stories of California.

I fear Alaska. I suppose of course
you have received my Edinburgh
letter telling the fine time with David
Douglas. I mean to leave here
next Monday. for the highland
& then go to Norway & Switzerland

I am stopping with my cousin
who with her daughter lives in a
handsome cottage just outside
of town. They are very cordial
& take me to all the best places
& people, & put me in grand style,
but I must on & away or my
vacation time will be past ere
I leave Scotland.

At Haddington I visited Jeanie Welch
Caryles grave in the old abbey - there
are two daisies or gowans that
grew beside it.

I was on a visit yesterday to a
farmers family three miles from
town friends of the Lunans

This was a fine specimen
of the gentleman farmers
places & people in this the
best part of Scotland. How
fine the grounds are, & the buildings
& the people. I think such
places would greatly interest you.
I showed them the picture of
Helen & Wanda & of course
they thought them wonderful.

I begin to think I shall
not see Keith again until
I get back except by
accident, for I have no
time to hunt him up, but
anyhow I am not so lonesome
as I was & with David.
Douglas' assistance will make
out to find my way to fair
advantage.

The weather here reminds
me of Alaska. Cool &
rather damp. Nothing can
surpass the exquisite
greenness & wealth of the
farm crops. While the
modulation of the ground
stretching away from the
rocky foamy coast to
the green Lammemoor
Hills is charming. Among
other famous places I visit
the old castle of the Bride of
Lammemoor. & the field of
the battle of Dunbar. Besides
I find fine glacial studies
everywhere. I fondly hope you
are all well while I am cut-
off from news. Ever Yours John Muir

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