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**Letter from John Muir to [Katharine] Hooker, 1911 May 24.**

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side of the continent I've been in a dizzy whirl of National Park work, book-publishing arrangements, South American plans, visits, receptions, dinners etc. In particular I feel bound to do all in my power for the Hetchy Hetchy Valley ere I vanish in the wildernesses of the other America.

The interest taken in my simple work seems wonderful, and wonderful too it seems that I have been able to endure weeks of late hours & extravagant lionizing with no apparent injury. After a dinner the American Alpine Club is arranging for me, & the cap & gown affair I may get some real work done. I long to hear from you. How bravely are you enduring your heavy load. The letter you enquire about with various

NO. 1 EAST 69TH STREET

New York City  
May 24<sup>th</sup> 1911

My dear Mrs Hooker.

Your note of May 1<sup>st</sup> of the just received on my return from Boston, and I'm so glad to get your S. F. address to which letters may now fly straight from heart to heart.

The above will be my address until the first week of July though any letters sent in Johnson's care will reach me here. I am stopping with the Harrimans, a grand place and perfect home in which now that the greater part of the Hetchy Washington work is done I hope to finish the Yosemite book. Ever since my arrival on this crowded



but will probably go  
 straight to Paris & up the  
 great river as a beginning  
 Anyhow and anywhere  
 I'm faithfully affectionately  
 Your friend  
 John Miner

inclosure was duly received -  
 and you may rest assured  
 that communication is  
 now perfectly reliable

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You say you seem  
 to have lost me altogether.  
 You should know that  
 while I live such loss is  
 impossible. All Hookers are  
 in my heart to stay, you  
 and M. the dearest of all.

It's kind of you to care  
 so much about my loneliness  
 in my travels. but I'm always  
 fortunate as a wanderer & fear  
 nothing fate has in store.  
 Have no plans as yet