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## Letter from Katharine Hooker to [John Muir], [1911] Nov 30.

Katharine Hooker

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157 Maplewood Apartments  
Cincinnati, Ohio. Nov. 30  
January 1911

my dear friend

It is a longer  
time than I meant to let  
go by since I have written  
to you, but if I had written  
as often as I have thought  
about you, you would have  
had a continuous stream of  
messages.

I am glad, very glad  
that your pleasure in the  
journey you are making began  
at once - with the sight of those  
wonderful forests. I speculate  
as to where you are and what  
you are seeing now, and  
after a while I shall have  
another letter from you and  
learn something about it.

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We wrote Helen<sup>C23</sup> for your address  
for it seemed to me that just  
"Para, Brazil" was indefinite.  
Did you get the letter I sent, or  
addressed? What a story that  
~~and~~ was of yours about  
poor little "Wauferos" discovered  
in the heart of the Amazon  
country! I could hardly  
believe it - I thought as I  
read of the lovely house and  
the little stacks of volumes,  
I was coming to the finding  
of one of your books - "Mammals  
of California," probably. How  
strange! - it did please  
me greatly.

Now you will want to know  
what this unheard-of address  
means, which reads my  
sheet. Well, we have been  
in the Capim suburb of Curitiba.  
innati here says and V

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suppose shall stay in it  
for something like six weeks.  
We are here because Maria's  
friend and instructor, Dr  
Martin Fischer, is settled at  
the university and has asked  
me to come here and work  
with him for a while, in his  
laboratory. He and Mrs Fischer  
have taken us into their  
own home and as we are  
very fond of them both, it  
is most homelike and  
comfortable for us. It is a  
enormous change in life for  
me - a sort of oasis of  
inaction arrived at from  
weeks of crowded occupation.  
I can hardly tell you how  
much that was new and  
unexpected pressed upon me,  
but much of it I enjoyed and  
all of it interested me. One

thing I did<sup>43</sup> was to purchase  
a little house (have I already  
told you this?) next door to  
Agnes, and to move into it  
some furniture from the  
Los Angeles place. I did not  
leave the table at all dismantled,  
for there was really enough  
there to span much for the  
small table in San Francisco.

You may be sure the "Palace  
parrot" was not disturbed,  
nor the blue sofa pillow  
profaned! When you  
come back Marjorie and  
I want you to make us a  
visit in this little house  
when there will always be  
room for you.

After our stay here we shall  
go on to New York to see my  
sister Mary Shepard and  
my other friends, and so

<sup>CSJ 3</sup>  
shall be likely to be away  
from California for  
about three months.

I meant to have told you  
that before we left it we  
did "sit down among the  
pines" as you bade me do  
in your letter from Para-  
marian, Ellie and I went  
up to Lake Tahoe and spent  
two days in absolute rest.  
I was still obliged to lie  
down three hours a day, and  
there could not have been  
a better place to do it. The  
mattress was perfect and  
I am sure it did us all  
good.

Fred and Alice Jones are taking  
care of the L. A. house for us,  
seeing part and closing part

with the <sup>63</sup> faithful Agnes to  
care for them, and will not  
in the garden. This makes  
it easy for us to get back  
some whenever we wish  
to.

Let us hear from  
you when you can.

With much affection

yours

Katharine Hooker