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Martinez, April 31, 1912  
Dear Mrs Bidwell.

Nothing in my big lot of mail is more delightful than your New Year greeting for it stirred and brought forward innumerable fondly cherished memories, and friends become more and more precious in the serene light of life's evening.

I have just returned from a very long trying trip through South America and Africa, and it was while exploring in Chili that the news of dear Hooker's <sup>death</sup> reached me. How long and noble his life has been.

Remember me to Sallie, write me a long letter, and believe me, dear friend,  
ever faithfully affectionately Yours

John Muir