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sideration, it occurred to me again.
But the suggestion being made to
me that a word from you would
help the sale of the book, if published,
has kept me putting off asking you,
for I did not want that idea to
come in at all. My first idea
was that a thought from you
would be especially in keeping
with my aim in writing and
illustrating the story, however
far short I might have fallen
of my goal.

When you have seen the
book, if you approve of it, per-
haps you would be willing to

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Sept. 21, 1912

Dear Mr. Muir:

Our visit with you
at your daughter's home was a
memorable close to our stay in
San Francisco. And your kind-
ness to us in every way was won-
derful. We reached San Fran-
cisco in plenty of time to go
out to the Y. W. C. A. and pack
our things.

Every minute of the trip from
San Francisco to San Pedro was

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delightful. ^{C27} I had not the faintest
hint of discomfort. And my time
was most ideally spent in re-
reading "My First Summer in
the Sierra" and "The Yosemite".
How can I thank you for the
gift? You have been so good
to me. I was glad to find
that, much as I had enjoyed
my first reading of those books,
this time I really seemed to have
a deeper insight into the beauty
of mountains and flowers and
trees, as I read the descriptions
again.

^{C37} It was well I did not stay longer,
for there was a school notice in
my mail to the effect that the
high school teachers were requested
to be at school as much as possi-
ble this week. So I went down
the morning after our arrival.

I have not yet heard from "Paul
Elder & Co."

Before the book was finished, I
longed to ask you to write a
little message for a foreword,
but I could not ask you with-
out knowing more of the worth
of my work. After it was
actually judged worthy of con-

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I am intending to go to Church
out of doors tomorrow, by tak-
ing a tramp with the Sierra
Club.

Gratefully and affectionately
Your friend,

Mary Frances Kellogg-

Sunday evening- How much better
than a tramp with the Sierra Club
would have been a visit with you!
I can't tell you how sorry I am to
have missed seeing you. The walk
was far longer than I had antici-
pated, & instead of getting home by
four, as hoped, it was 8.30 nearly.
I am very glad you are

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near us again, and I am going
to be presumptuous enough to ask
you to come to dinner with me, ^{and my cousin} on
Sunday, at my own little bungal-
low. I will be in Los Angeles
Sunday morning, and will go and
bring you back on the car with
me.

If this were not the first week
of school, I should expect to see
you this week, but I know I shall
not have time to come over for
even a flying call.

This letter was all directed
to Martinez, ready to send you,
when I learned you were here.

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give it a blessing in the form
of a few words. I should
not want you to consider it at
all unless it impresses you as
being worthy.

William was sick in bed all
the time we were in San Francisco,
but is up now, and planning to
start his school work on Monday
with the rest.

I shall have my class in Greek,
and that, of course, pleases me
much.

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