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I wish you would
send me your photograph

You ask what are
the mountains saying,
I hear them now & then
in my notebooks some
of which I have been
looking over. but the
summer work now holds
me much of my time.

I hope however to get
off next summer to the
mountain fastness for
a few big unmeasured months.

Good bye. Come again
Best wishes for the new
Year Ever cordially yours
John Muir

Martinez, California,
January 1, 1894.

Thank you my dear cable
for your good telling
suggestive little letter.
It makes me hunger & thirst
for a talk & saunter with
you across your Dryad's
Green, white now perhaps
more than green yet displaying
all the colors of Heaven
in varying times & tones as the
sun sweeps over it.

Too bad there is such a
breadth of continent between us.

Do you ever walk with
Bourne's, You should some
times & poke him up for he
needs it notwithstanding he has
written so much that is truly
delightful. It provokes me
to have him pecking & pulling

so complacently as a naturalist, without
ever seeming to take time to look up & abroad
to behold the glory of God.

Thank you for Lanier. I have had my eye
on him for some time as a part of
grand promise. How sad he should have
left us so soon. And yet he has done
far more than I thought we had. His
poems have delicious fragrance &
vividness. & how sure & sustained & easy

the beat of his wing.

I shall always remember my evening
& little ride along the bay with you
as one of the best blessings of '93.
When are you coming again to our
side the continent. Man there's much
for you here ready & waiting.
Don't spend all your day talking
& writing.