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Letter from Annie K. Bidwell to John Muir, 1894 Nov 27.

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rejoicing in more glorious
visions, but I believe that
the beautiful which has be-
come a part of our being
here, will ever remain
with us, to add to our fu-
ture enjoyment. For are these
not the works of God, who
is eternal!

How I do thank you for
this precious gift; not
only for its intrinsic val-
ue - for it will carry me
into the loved scenes again
and lift me "to the very skies"
of enjoyment, but for your
thought of me, on this "line."

General exclaimed, "Oh
Annie! What a precious gift!
We must read it together."

I wish I could have gone
to Martiney the past,

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Dear Mr Muir. What a de-
lightful surprise is mine
in receiving your pre-
cious gift! Words fail
me to express the emo-
tions elicited on open-
ing the package and
finding ~~it~~ what it
consisted! Memories
most precious family
surged about me!

Our exploring tramps,
and campings, almost

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among the stars.

Do you remember that night near Lassen when we slept under the pines, and stars, with saddles for pillows and the heavens for tents? And how you upbraided us for sleeping at all, under such glorious trees, and stars! How immense and brilliant the stars seemed! When these pictures rise before me they bring with them sweet odors of pines, with their wild music, or solemn stillness, and the exhilarating emotions excited by the

great Scavions, crashing waters, mighty peaks, oppressive fathoms surprising me by their beauty as well as by their expanse.

The pictures on canvas proceed, for me, the magic power. Give the wings over and over, with all the pleasure personal memories in our minds. In we have been blessed in our camping companions. Then they have opened our eyes to read in the books they have also opened to us! Some have passed beyond; and are

Summer, as planned, ^[5]
but I was not well enough
to do so. I wished to meet
your dear ones, and
try to persuade you and
them to visit us at
Rancho Chico.

Prof. Henshaw has pass-
ed weeks with us during
the two years past and
has taken some lovely
views of our canyon,
where I am sure your
daughter who so longed
for you to take her
"to see the bonny water-
falls" would delight
to ramble.

But I must

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close, with best wishes
from General and my-
self to you and yours,
and the hope that we
all may meet ere long
beneath this roof,
ever remaining

Gratefully yours,

Annie K. Stowell

Rancho Chico,
Nov. 27, 1894 -