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[Original in possession of Miss Margaret Lunam, Dunbar, Scotland]

Martinez, [Cal.]
November 30, 1894.

[To Mrs. Margaret (Hay) Lunam]

My dear Cousin:

I have just received your letter of the 16th, in which you say that you have got my first book. I sent one to Cousins Hay, also one to Susan Gilroy, one to Mrs. Kelly and one to Cousin Mather - the last two in your care. With your letter this evening came one from Susan, but she had not yet received the book. You say you saw a review of the book in your paper: please send me the review if you have it. It is selling well in America, and I hope may do some good.

I am now busy with another book, but I don't know yet when it will be published, and when it does see the light I have about four other volumes to write. Whether I will live to see them all in print I don't know, and don't much care; the main thing is one's own joy and benefit in the studies that make such books possible.

I'm sorry you have not yet got Picturesque California, but you will get it sooner or later.

I continue to look back on my visit last year to old Scotland and friends, and to the time you used to stop me on the stairs going up to Grandfather's room and demanding a kiss for toll, with pleasure and feel myself a boy again. Susan's letter is very nice and I greatly regret that she and your Maggie, so fond of traveling, can't come as far as our house in these days of quick travel. Too bad and sad that "Seas between us braid must roar" and drown our voices on either side. I hope you will enjoy reading my little book.

Ever affectionately your cousin,

John Muir.