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## Letter from John Muir to James Davie Butler, 1867 Apr 27

John Muir

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Most of my strength  
has suddenly returned,  
I am well now; but  
tears of gratitude course  
at the remembrance of your  
kind words, and I will not  
forget them.

The eye is not entirely  
lost - it still occupies its  
home - is not very much  
altered in appearance -  
and can look out in  
cloudy day.

For some days  
all sight was gone,  
and my great physician  
said that it would not  
return, but a little has  
come, and though from  
its indistinctness, it is  
of comparatively little use,  
I prize it beyond telling  
and cling to the hope that

possibly more and clearer  
light may come w-it-  
hereafter.

Now that my  
mind has returned, I feel  
that this copy is given  
our Father, and is given  
in love.

I thank you for  
your invitation to the Union  
I long to see you & yours  
and Mrs Carr, and your  
dear cakes & flowers,  
but I think it is impossible  
that I shall leave bed -  
this summer.

I was sorry to hear  
of your sickness - I trust  
that you will gather that  
harvest of knowledge which  
is beyond the Atlantic.  
May God bless your ab-  
undant labors -

Muir

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I see Henry that I began  
to write to him one or two  
days before I was hurt,  
and that I will finish  
<sup>(his letter)</sup>  
it soon

Our friends the Morrills  
were exceedingly kind  
to me

I repeat the expression  
of my gratitude to you and  
your family and receive

Yours most cordially  
John Muir

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Ind. Pls April 27<sup>th</sup> —

Prof<sup>r</sup> Butler

Dear friend, your  
message of sympathy & cheer  
came in my deepest need,  
when I was lost — lost  
in the darkness of that  
terrible valley which has  
gashed my life in twain  
from side to side —

I was weak  
in mind as in body —  
all of my lessons of forti-  
tude were forgotten —  
the comforts of religion  
did not come to me, be-  
cause my mental powers  
were stricken down, —  
all that my spiritual ap-  
petite craved was sympathy  
and of this your letter was full.