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**Letter from John Muir to [Katharine M.] Graydon, 1904 Dec 28.**

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[Original letter returned to Miss Katherine Merrill Graydon].

Martinez, California,  
Dec. 28, 1904.

Dear Miss Graydon:

We are glad to hear from you. I was just about to begin to write you a letter when yours arrived.

I often think of the charming landscape I saw on that fine drive up the hill with you and Prof. Alexander and of the beauty of your college grounds. Mr. L. T. Alexander's death was unspeakably sad. I noticed the account of the accident in the newspapers and realized how you would feel his loss. How good he was to his friends and all with whom he came in contact! I liked him when first I saw him at his Oakland home when you had just arrived in California. I thank you for news of Indiana friends. I wish I could lighten the sad burdens they are carrying.

Excepting Helen we are all about as usual. She went to the mountains with the Sierra Club, climbed too hard and high and inflamed the sore lung. She is now slowly getting strong again, but needs constant watchful care. She says you have not answered her last letter. I'm trying to write another little book. Did I send you a copy of "Our National Parks?" I'm sending a little volume with this letter, possibly you may know it all by heart.

Remember me to your mother and all the family and families Moores and Merrills. When are you coming to see us? I wish I could find time to take the girls over the blue sea to you. Perhaps I may some day. But anyhow I am ever faithfully yours, and wish you a truly happy New Year.

John Muir.

Remember me to your College\*friends who received me so kindly.

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