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## Letter from [John Muir] to [Gertrude F.] Boyle, 1905 Jan 27.

John Muir

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[First draft of letter, in note-book]

Martinez, Jan. 27, '05.

Dear Miss Boyle:

Please find enclosed my subscription to "Ability." I heartily wish you success, though I fear you will find that the strain of literature is as heavy as that of modeling - a sort of "out of the frying-pan into the fire." Still, I admire your pluck, and wish you every success.

As to contribution, I am unable to promise anything until I get some long promised books off my hands.

[John Muir]

Miss Gertrude F. Boyle,  
728 Montgomery,  
San Francisco.

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Martinez, Jan. 27th, '05.

Mr. Francis George,  
Crockett P.O., California.

Dear Sir:

If Mr. Hanlen is trespassing on the streets I don't see that we can do anything about it. The town authorities ought to see to that.

As to the Strentzel Hall, Mrs. Muir is getting tired of it and has concluded to offer it for sale. If you find anyone desiring to purchase it, please let us know. Anyhow we don't feel like fitting it up at present.

With best wishes,

Faithfully yours,

[John Muir]

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Martinez, Jan. 27, '05.

Dear Mr. Reid:

I failed to meet any of the geologists interested in New Zealand glaciers on account of their being away on their summer vacations. These interesting glaciers are like those of Switzerland. The largest (the Tasmanian g.) is 16 or 18 miles long. The lowest descending of the group reaches to within about 700 feet of sea level. The vegetation along their banks is extremely novel and interesting. All are receding, as far as I saw. I have heard nothing new about the Alaska glaciers.

Please send me a photo of that fine boy of yours. He, at least, must be advancing and increasing.

Faithfully yours,

[John Muir]

Prof. H. Fielding Reid,  
Johns Hopkins University,  
Baltimore, [Maryland].

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[First draft of letter, in note-book]

Martinez, Jan. 27, '05.

Mr. Frank H. Scott,  
New York.

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your kind letter about the little Alaska dog.  
I proposed having it published as a small book simply because so many  
have written to me requesting me to have this done.

Faithfully yours,

[John Muir]

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