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DR. GARRETT NEWKIRK
ROOMS 501-502 BLAVIN BUILDING
PHONE HOME 1800

PASADENA, CAL., April 11, 1907.

Mr. John Muir.

Dear Sir:

If republics are not ungrateful as proverbially reported, one thing is certain that the citizens thereof are likely to be neglectful in matters of ordinary courtesy. I asked some of these gentlemen who had charge of the Burns' banquet if they had made proper acknowledgment to you of your contribution, and if they had sent you a clipping of the newspaper. They blushingly admitted that what was the business of quite a number perhaps had been performed by none. But one of them had a clipping from the Star which he gave to me for you, and they wished me to write and express their appreciation of your delightful paper which was greatly enjoyed by those present. I am sending with this also a clipping from the News of my own contribution, ^{with a number of *Muir's* *cross*.} a part only of which I read, out of pity for the audience at a very late hour.

While I am writing permit me to express my personal thanks for what you have done for all nature lovers in the West in "Mountains of California," and "Our National Parks." The first of these was brought to my attention by a friend in Chicago some eight years ago, and some of the chapters have been read many times. As a bird lover I have particularly enjoyed the little prose poem "The Water Ousel."

Hoping this will find you in good health and spirits still able for many a tramp on the mountains, I am

Sincerely yours,

Garrett Newkirk

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