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Natick, Mass
May 19th 1913.

Dear Mr. Muir:

Just a wee bit
scart to say that your kind letter,
and book arrived together last
Friday morning. I am not able to
fittingly express how much I think
of the book and the hearty sentiment
inscribed on the fly leaf. But I can
assure you it will be carefully treas-
ured, and will have a place in my
book-case alongside of "Our National
Parks", and "Sticheens." I am glad
that my letter carried you back to the
Ancient and Royal Burghs. True it is,
as you say, as we go along down the

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pathway of the years, that we live
more in the past. Since I wrote you
one of the town's veteran lieges has
been laid in the shadow of the Buld
Kirk. Archie Rithen the plasterer at
the age of 80. His Father was Peter
Rithen, also a plasterer, and I can
just mind o' him. Now when I get
the book read, will write again, for I
hen I will find more in it to give me
an excuse to write about. Speaking of
the Belharen card, if you should
insert any views of the old home in a
later edition, I have cards galore and
will look them up, and send you some.
I sent you some, some three years ago,
but I have somewhere a good one of

the New Harbour mouth taken from
"The Grips," with the gauls coming
in from sea. I am keen to know if
you hen about the wee fool up on the
rocky shelf ablow the gunholes.

Thanking you ever so much for book
and letter, and with renewed good
wishes for your good health.

Yours very truly
John G. Manuel.