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Melville Best Anderson

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Stanford University, 18 May, 1901.  
 Mr. John Muir,  
 Martiney:

Dear Friend:

Here is a good  
 fellow who wishes to draw  
 you for McBlair's Magazine,  
 the owners and promoters of  
 which are former students of  
 mine and honorable men. I  
 tell him that very likely  
 you may win at the ordeal.  
 In the good old times they  
 used to draw and quarter.  
 Now most of them draw without  
 quarter. I do not wish to  
 be implicated in the plot,  
 and I have warned Mr.



Baker that, if he writes <sup>[22]</sup> you  
dise, you may revenge it in  
the way Dr. Johnson threatened  
Booswell. But I could not  
refuse the request of my  
friend, Mr. Baker's  
employer, - to give the  
latter an introduction to  
you. - This reminds me  
that, a number of years  
ago, Mr. S. S. McClure  
invited me to be your  
showman. Have I not  
a title to your gratitude  
for refraining? And after  
~~rejecting~~ <sup>rejecting</sup> McClure's

acquaintance, could <sup>[33]</sup> I do less than  
I am now doing for him?  
I trust that I shall have your  
forgiveness and that you will not  
feel obliged to resort to physical  
violence with Mr. Baker, I am  
Always cordially yours,  
Wm. Mitchell D. Anderson



Baker that, if he writes <sup>[22]</sup> you  
a line, you may revenge it in  
the way Dr. Johnson threatened  
Dorwell. But I could not  
refuse the request of my  
friend, Mr. Baker's  
employer, to give the  
latter an introduction to  
you. — This reminds me  
that, a number of years  
ago, Mr. S. S. McCune  
invited me to be your  
showman. Have I not  
a title to your gratitude  
for refraining? And after  
regretting  
that I have not  
McCune's

acquiescence, could <sup>[3]</sup> I do less than  
I am now doing for him?

Trusting that I shall have your  
forgiveness and that you will not  
feel obliged to resort to physical  
violence with Mr. Baker, I am

Always cordially yours,  
Marville D. Anderson