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Milwaukee, ~~June~~^{Dec.} 10, 1897.

Mr. John Muir,
Dear Sir:-

Upon the inclosed water-marked and engraved slip you are requested to write your autograph and profession, and return the same in the accompanying envelope. This autograph will be one among about one thousand names of persons eminent in the National, State and Municipal government of this country, and of men and women of foremost rank in the professions, in affairs, and in the fine arts; these, bound together in one grand volume, will be sold for the benefit of the Soldiers' Monument of Milwaukee.

A bronze group, already accepted, is now being executed in Rome by Sculptor John Saverino Conway. Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) has already been raised, and to meet the deficiency (about \$10,000), this volume of autographs to which we are asking you to contribute will be sold.

Thus far over five hundred names of statesmen, diplomates and high officials have been given; more than one hundred of the most distinguished musicians and dramatists have kindly responded, and unsolicited have added musical notations, sentiments or quotations, thus contributing to make the volume unique and priceless. The Scientific division is just reached, and you are invited to be on this honorable roll. A remark in pen or pencil, or the name of your work which is most distinguishing, or best known, or anything you are willing to add, will be greatly appreciated and materially aid in the sale of the book.

Please give your autograph and profession if you do not add anything thereto. The book will be distinguished and every name conspicuous in its department. It will be offered to the world for sale; already proposals for its purchase are made.

Thanking you in advance.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) LYDIA ELY.

(Signed) E. SCOFIELD,
Governor of Wisconsin.

(Signed) W. G. RAUSCHENBERGER,
Mayor of Milwaukee.

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