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May 27th, 1896.

Mrs. John Muir,
Martinez, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Muir:

I have just received your note of the first of May. What a long time it has been coming!

I telegraphed you the other day that the Harvard matter was all right, as I am informed by Professor Sargent, and he urged me to make sure that Mr. Muir would come, as his presence to receive the degree is a condition of its conferment. If it were necessary ^{to urge}, I should urge him to come by all means. The honor of a degree from Harvard is no small one, and it will be of use to all good causes in which he ^{is} will be enlisted in California.

As I understand, there is no speech-making at the time of conferring the honor. I believe that there is a little informal speaking at the alumni dinner afterward, but the speeches are always short and not much is expected. Moreover, if anything were expected, who could speak more interestingly of Harvard men whom he had known than your good husband. This is a very little matter and he must not

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let it stand in the way of acceptance of such a compliment -
which is, in fact, ^{a compliment} to all those of us who have been associated
with him. Harvard Commencement is an inspiring occasion
and brings out the best there is in one. I am expecting a
telegram from Mr. Muir in reply to my telegram. Professor
Sargent is very much interested in having him come, and so am
I and all of his friends at "The Century." As soon as
I ascertain the exact date of Commencement I will let him
know. It is along about the twenty-second or twenty-
fourth of June I believe.

With kindest remembrances to you and the young
ladies, as they must now be, I am, indeed,

Very sincerely yours,

R. U. Johnson

P.S.

We had a little dinner at our house about a month ago,
at which there were present Mr. Paderewski, ^{Mrs. Joseph} ~~Miss~~ Szumowska, ^{Adamowski}
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Underwood Janowski and their daughter,
Agnes Janowski. Mr. Teslarowski also came in after dinner,
and we had a Polish evening of it.

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