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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT
THE CENTURY MAGAZINE
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21st November, 1889.

My dear Muir,-

I inclose for your eye alone, the material concerning the Yosemite which we shall have in the January number. Please do not let it get into anybody else's hands. When I reread it, I am astonished at my own moderation. The press in the East I hope will take up the subject.

You must see that now is the time for your article on the Yosemite Valley, I mean your general descriptive article, and I want you to sit down at once and fix a date at which we may expect the article; and then I want you to go right ahead with the article as rapidly as you can, while we will at once proceed with the illustrations. We very much need to make use of the brilliant pictures, and will print them in a spring number; but we have to prepare for everything three or four months ahead, and we must be sure of having your MS. I know if you promise with your hand on your left breast pocket, I can depend upon it. Do this and the past will all be forgiven.

Remember me to your wife and the children, whose faces

I see everyday.

Very sincerely yours,
R. W. Johnson

Why don't you start an Association for Preserving California's monuments of Natural Wonders - or at least Yosemite? It would be a good influence if you qualified carefully the membership. You'd

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are the one to do it
But if you possibly
can find yr. California
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