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For yourself and the girls are being
realized. How glad I could have
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did to the Yosemite! Perhaps another year,
how I must keep near my desk.
I am, thank Heaven, in good health
and enjoy my work. Mrs. Johnson is
in Florence. She will return early in the
fall. My children and grand children are
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in spite of the cares of this world and the decreasing
ness of a moderate income.
I hope you are not failing to make record
of your eventual days. Begin with the most important things
and work downward. In the new interest which the world
has in California that Yosemite Guide seems an imperative

and we are all getting older. Look
I think of you often my dear
Muir and wish I could tell
you all of my wonderful ex-
perience at reservoirs.

Faithfully yours,
R. W. Johnson. July 5,
1906

Dear Muir.

Sound the loud tim-
brel o'er Yosemite!

Jehovah hath triumphed:
His forests are free!

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I hope all your expectations of good health

The Players,
Sixteen Gramercy Park
[New York], July 5, 1906.

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Sound the loud timbrel o'er Yosemite-ee!
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You have perhaps noticed that the bill to accept the recession of the Valley trust became a law on the 11th of June. Finis coronat opus! I hope there is no darkey in that woodpile! You remember that when in the month of June, 1889, you and I planned the details of the campaign for a Yosemite National Park, one of the chief objects in our mind was to create a reserve which should be so well managed by the national government that California would be glad to merge into its protecting environment the long mismanaged valley. This having worked out exactly as planned, I send you my congratulations on the accomplishment of our hearts' desire. The Sierra Club, which under your leadership bore the brunt of the fight for Recession must be very happy. I am sorry to hear that it was burned out and lost all its archives; but it will live in its ashes and do battle for outraged Nature -- the Big Trees next, which the misguided will now wish to cut down for the building of the new San Francisco.

I must write to Colby for the Club record of its service to the state and nation in defense of the forests and to send my congratulations and good wishes.

I hope all your expectations of good health for yourself and the girls are being realized. How I wish I could have you for my guide to the Grand Canyon, as I did to the Yosemite! Perhaps another year. Now I must keep near my desk.

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I hope you are not failing to make record of your eventful days. Begin with the most important things and work downward. In the new interest which the world has in California that Yosemite Guide seems an imperative duty. The days come and go and we are all getting older. Look into thy heart and write. I think of you often, my dear Muir, and wish I could tell you all my wonderful experience at Vesuvius.

Faithfully yours,

R. U. Johnson

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