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June 19, 1901.

R. W. GILDER, EDITOR.
R. U. JOHNSON,
ASSOCIATE EDITOR.
C. C. BUEL,
ASSISTANT EDITOR.

My dear Muir:

I fear it will take you a long time to read those twelve copies of "Arrows of the Almighty" through, and I really cannot insist. That would be stretching friendship to too great a point; but when you get up into the Yosemite valley you need not conceal the fact that this is the only novel that was ever written, and that it is worth reading.

As the time draws nigh, I do wish I were with you. What a fine time you will have, sacrificing yourself to the ladies who go in skirts that reach only a little below the knees, as I see they are to be worn, according to the circular. Seriously, I hope that this excursion will stir everybody up to insisting that the government patrol of the Sierra Reserve should be more rigid. I was about to telegraph you to see President McKinley in San Francisco on this subject and, if possible, take him up into the Yosemite, when the news came of Mrs. McKinley's illness.

I hope you will have the best weather for the trip. After a dismally rainy spring, we are having a beautiful June.

J. M. 2.

Looking over my papers I came across the in-
closed paragraph. Will you tell me whether this relates
to our program for next year or the year after, or is the
Autobiography to take precedence of the "Camp-fire Chat?"

Faithfully yours,

R. U. Johnson

The boy's wedding went off beautifully. His book
is in a third edition which is selling well. On the
strength of it the Yale faculty have voted unanimously to con-
fer upon him the degree of A.B. which he failed to get with
his class last year on account of illness.

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