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## Letter from R[obert] U[nderwood] Johnson to John Muir, 1908 Jul 1.

Robert Underwood Johnson

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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT  
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R. W. GILDER, EDITOR.  
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ASSISTANT EDITOR.

My dear Muir:

Your letter reached me in Indiana where I spent the week previous to the Chicago convention, which I also took in.

It is always a great pleasure to hear from you and your loyal friendship is one of the comforts of my life.

You speak of your "Yosemite book." I hope it is coming on rapidly. You ought to make it the aim of your life to finish up what you have to say about the National Park and all that region. I mean the book we have all been talking about for so long. Are you not engaged upon it? The older I grow the more I feel like concentrating on the accomplishment of a few things. I hope it all goes well with you in the family and I heartily wish you were coming East soon.

I send you herewith advance sheets of two editorials of mine, one in the July number, "Patriotism that Counts," a review of the White House conference. Gilder sent this to the President to be shown to Pinchot and the latter wrote me a very warm and grateful letter in appreciation of it! The other editorial relates, as you will see, to the Hetch Hetchy and will appear in the August number, "A High Price to Pay for Water." You will please see that

*\* Apparently, it doesn't occur to him that any credit is due to my suggestion*  
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this does not get into print. *I hope you'll like it.*

Ever your faithful friend,

*R. L. Johnson*  
Associate Editor.

Mr. John Muir,  
Martinez, Cal.

*I can't help wondering if our good  
Oppositionist President would have given up  
the Hetch Hetchy if there had been no Taft  
delegates to be secured for California.*

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