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Private

327 Lexington Ave.
New York.

March 26, 1914.

My dear Muir:

Storm has told me of having seen you (I wish I had been in his place) and that you are getting happily over your long siege of the grippe. I am rejoiced at this and I beg of you to devote yourself to building up your health so that you may go on with your most important literary work.

I hope you will not take too much to heart the apparent victory of the San Franciscans

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Washington - a call which resulted in a very kind and rather unpropitious nor informing letter, though she made no commitments. I can not wish, lost to say that this new gift has been offered, and asking if it may come to speak to her again.

Just at this juncture, you can be of great service if you will write her, again and sincerely say a good word for me personally (as a trustworthily form and one who does my share in any enterprise) and for the need of such an indication for hypothetical ideas and standards. It is moreover a great opportunity for any one who wishes to help America's literature and arts.

I am eager to set good news of you my dear friend. Put down November 18-21 for the New York print making of Academy road gratitude. It will be a memorable occasion and we must you love. I will be a special in preparation. Believe me dear Muir with unflagging esteem, affectionate regards your comrade and friend,
R. W. Johnston.

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in the Rape of the Hatch
Hatch. I sincerely hope
(and with some confidence) that
they may yet prevent the
rally from going to the dogs.
I feel just as badly as you,
but I am learning not to
fret over evil-doers. In fact
I am mastering the demon of worry
& concentrating on the beauty and
kindness of the world. If I
were willing to worry I could
find plenty of justification in
my treatment of them, and in my
loss of nearly a year in making
my new start.

But the light is breaking!
We are about to realize my
dream of an Endowed Academy.
I feel confident. If that is
done, my activities henceforth
will go into the building-up of

that institution "along lines of honor
and usefulness to be for a I can contribute
as the foremost Secretary. So what do
I followed.

Five days ago I went to see a gentleman
of this city, to ~~interview~~ him in the Academy. I
succeeded! He has offered us a beautiful site
and \$100,000 to start the fund, and now I am
forgoing for the rest — for a donor of the building and
for \$500,000 more for maintenance for we shall
need an income of at least \$30,000. Of course I shall
have to have a living salary for the work of organ-
ization and the Treasurer & assistants. (If I were able
to do so I would decline a salary as I did that of
the Secretary of the Copyright League). I called on Mrs.
How, this has occurred since I called on Mrs.