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Martinez, Aug. 4, 1914

Dear Johnson unchangable immortal friend I often wish we were fewer miles apart that we might come face to face every day through all the seasons & years. But we meet everyday anyhow for you are never out of heart & mind.

Many thanks for the good Academy news, that at the November meeting a member of the French Academy will take part bringing greetings from that famous body of great men. This formal recognition will I feel sure go far toward entisting the interest of those able to help in building up our Young Academy & spreading its influence in every direction. The first thousand for money foundation in your work are always the hardest to get. Be of good cheer, you are sure to make a grand success of this, as you have always done in every kind of public service you have put your hand to.

I'm afraid I shall not be able to
be with at the great November
meeting. For I have not yet
fully recovered from last winter's
grippe, tho I have not lost a
single day in bed.

Am now at work on old Alaskan
notes trying to make something
like a book out of them. ()
and besides many others are calling
for pen work & my years are
flying very fast.

I wish you could come & spend
a year or two with me. Tho my
house now is only a lonely
bachelor place

If Mr Bridgman comes I'll
be glad to see him.
Remember me to Burroughs when next
you see him. and however silent
believe me ever faithfully affectionately
Your friend John Muir