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San Francisco, Sept. 4, 1912.

Adelbert Cronise Esq.,

Rochester, N.Y.

My Dear Cronise:-

The question of water sanitation has been debated with me by several of my friends, and among other instances of lake reservoirs, Rochester and Hemlock Lake were named. I have a dim recollection that during my seven years in Rochester, an epidemic of typhoid occurred through Hemlock Lake having been polluted, or was it possibly an epidemic on the water shed to Hemlock Lake that caused the city to fear an epidemic in Rochester? May I not ask you at your early convenience to write me briefly anything you recollect of typhoid fever in connection with Hemlock Lake water supply and also send me if possible a certified copy of any laws or ordinances enforced either by the City of Rochester or by the state relative to the sanitation of the Hemlock Lake water shed. Also please advise if Rochester filters the waters from Hemlock Lake or from any other sources, and if so the kind of filter used.

Also advise me of the death rate last year of the City of Rochester, and the typhoid rate as shown by the records of your Health Department.

I am asking a good deal of you, but this is a matter of considerable interest to me and I feel that you will be interested to supply the desired information. Thanking you for the courtesy involved,

I am

Very truly yours,

E. T. Parsons

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