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Martinez, California,

December 3rd, 1914

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I heard some time ago that a considerable number of men were making beginnings on road work near Hetch Hetchy, and members of the Sierra Club outing who passed through the valley in July report that a few cabins have been built in the central part of the valley and a few trees have been cut, but nothing like an earnest beginning of reservoir work was to be seen, and hardly a word about Hetch Hetchy is heard nowadays either in San Francisco or in the state at large since Phelan was elected Senator. Having attained his object he has never a word to say on "pure mountain water."

I thank you for Academy news. You must be having a fine time. Wish I could be with you, but I am not fit to travel. I would be delighted to have you come out for a California trip next summer. Come direct to my house. I don't know anything about the literary exercises of the Panama Exposition. I don't think Phelan's majority was very great. With all good wishes for the new year, I am,
dear old friend,

Faithfully yours,

