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Mr. Marion E. Dice,  
Chairman, 25th Anniversary,  
Southern California Section,  
2525 E. 37th St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Dice:

I wish I might be with you on the occasion of your 25th Anniversary. If you were not so far away, I certainly should. I remember with great clearness and pleasure the stop we made with the chemists in Southern California on July 9, 10 and 11 in 1910. The entertainment that was given us in Redlands, in Riverside, in Los Angeles and at the beach and the special train to the borax mines will never be forgotten by those who had the privilege of being present.

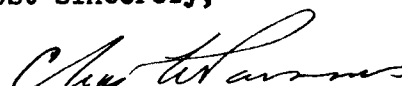
This stop in Los Angeles also had one result which has been of great importance to the American Chemical Society; namely, it was the direct cause of the formation shortly afterwards of the Southern California Section in Los Angeles, which ever since has been one of our most virile and loyal local sections.

Three times since then we have been entertained in your city. In 1925 the general Society meeting was held there, a meeting which has impressed southern hospitality on the minds and hearts of every chemist that was present and many who have long since regretted that they could not be present. Jokingly, they sing about me as "King, Kaiser and Czar", but in Los Angeles I was, for a time at least, in the movies as a "Queen".

Many of us who were in Los Angeles in 1910, the year before your section was founded, met Henry Payne for the first time. I know how seriously he will be missed on this anniversary occasion. He was beloved by all who knew him and he was for many, many years a hard worker and loyal member of our organization as well as a faithful guide to the local section itself.

Please convey to the members of your local section at the time of this Anniversary my very great personal regard for the section itself, for all the courtesies it has shown me thru the twenty-five years that have passed, and for the loyal help they have always accorded to me in my work for our great organization.

Very cordially and most sincerely,

  
Secretary.

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