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I notice my communication to your paper in reference to Lake Sakaegan has been copied into other papers, and has brought out several replies, among others one from Mr. J. H. Wheelock, of Medford, this State, in the last issue of *The Sunday Telegraph*, in which he says: "My father, B. F. Wheelock, now living at this place, came to Milwaukee in 1835. Shortly after his arrival, in a conversation with Solomon Juneau, Mr. Juneau spoke of Pewaukee Lake, calling it Lake Sakaegan, meaning 'Snail Lake,' the shape of the lake giving it this name, and, as such, it was known to the early Indians."

I was quite certain this must be the lake referred to in the treaty of 1804, as being the only one which answered all the conditions, but the positive testimony of Mr. Wheelock, resting upon the statement of Solomon Juneau, a man well and perfectly versed in the Indian names of this region, must be conclusive, and if so, then this little lake has a greater historic interest than any other lake in Waukesha County, as being one of the prominent points mentioned in a treaty, which will be referred to as long as Wisconsin has a history. Now we all have a great interest in preserving everything of an historic or romantic interest regarding our lakes, especially as our County is fast becoming a famous place of resort for those seeking health or pleasure, these beautiful sheets of water being one of the chief attractions.

Therefore, I hope the good people of the town and village of Pewaukee, and also those of Lakeside, will pardon me for suggesting to them, that it might be in accordance with the eternal fitness of things, to restore to this lake its ancient, historic and rightful name. Let us hope they will investigate this matter, and act upon it. Many reasons may be brought forward in favor of such change of name, which cannot be given in a short article. Those who happen to have a copy of the late *History of Waukesha County*, will find the treaty and lake mentioned on page 38 of that work.

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[As Dr. Rice has succeeded in establishing "Sakaegan" as the rightful name of Lake Pewaukee, it is now incumbent on him to furnish a pronunciation, if that is possible. Of course, in accord-