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Martinez, July 6, 1904

Dear Professor Sargent:

Our St Petersburg guide
is John Bararoi,
Hotel d'Angleterre

I was glad to get your letter
of June 16th in which you
sketched your travels &
fortunes after we parted
at Shanghai but said
not a word about your
family though I enquired
particularly about Alice.
I had several good
letters from Nicholson.
In his last he tells me
that Sir Joseph is better
& again at work in the

herbarium. I'm sorry
dear good Canby died
so soon. He should
have lived & botanized
far longer.

You should not begrudge
time or pains on your
manual. It is more
important than the big
Silva. Make the descriptions
short & sharp & crystal clear.
& don't leave out your few
illuminating color touches.

I am now at work on a
little Yosemite book which
should have been written
long ago. Next I suppose
will come Alaska.

As to these last long
wanderings I have

notes enough for a
book or two but when
if ever I will be able
to work on them I
don't know or guess.
Australia New Zealand
& the Phillipines are
glorious fields & I'm glad
you're going there
Remember me to
Robison & all the family
& believe me

Faithfully yours
John Muir