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[First draft of letter, in note-book]

Martinez, Feb. 18, '05.

Mr. Elen R. Brown,

When your letter of July 18th, 1903, was written I was studying the forests of Australia. I know very little of technical forestry. A list of books suitable for your library on practical and technical forestry you could probably get from Gifford Pinchet, or Professor Fernow.

[John Muir]

[Following letter evidently replaces the above]

When your letter of July 18, '03, was written, I was studying the forests of Australia. A list of books suitable for your library, on practical and technical forestry you could get from Gifford Pinchet or Prof. Fernow better than from me, as my studies have mostly been on wild forests.

Of course you should have the works of Linnaeus, and Marshal's Arbustum Americana, Michaux's Silva of N. A., Sargent's Silva, all Thomas Nuttal's writings and those of Bertram Pursh, Kahn, Benth^{am} and Hooker, Drumand and some other worthies. But anything like a complete list it is impossible for me to give in a letter.

I should advise you to visit the Arnold Arboretum library, one of the best I know of in America. No doubt Prof. Sar[gent] would gladly assist you in making out a list suitable to your wants.

With best wishes for your good work, I am,

faithfully yours,

[John Muir]

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