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Martinez, Mar. 25, 1900

My dear Prof. Sargent.

I cannot find a spare copy of No 14 Sierra Club Bulletin still if you must have it - I'll break my own set. You say I did not try to help you to get good photographs of Sugar-pine & Redwood. Go to, You grumbling sinner! sighing by-guess like a wounded Jeffrey in a gale. I spent days turning over my own Coll. & others in San Francisco & sent the best I could find. Mr Sawyer tells me he is going to get a better lens & try to make a collection of representative trees animals etc, so your long felt want may yet be satisfied. What has bothered you this winter to so completely abolish your

Calm Boston temper? Judging by
your letters you are as stinging &
sprickly as a cockspur Crotalus.

As to this "quitting" business, how
can a fellow quit what he has
never joined? To explain this
would require the very wisdom
of a Jamaica Plain transcendentalist

Who did the quitting when a poor
Scotchman was left alone among
the Palmettos of Florida? & who
had to be dragged to Alaska like a
sinner to Paradise to prevent
the rankest wickedest quitting?
Ask your conscience or Canby.
Verily in these last summers of the Century
you seem to have quit everything except
your sawthorns & sins.

I have no plans as yet for the summer
Perhaps you had better join me in a trip through
the Sierra Parks. & bring a good photographer!
May the Salmy-South woods sweeten you.
Love to Canby. Ever Yours, John Muir