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**Letter from C[harles] S[prague] Sargent to John Muir, 1902 Aug 26.**

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*Jamaica Plain, Mass., August 26, 1902*

My dear Muir:

Although a quitter by nature and habit I did not suppose that you would allow this unfortunate failing of yours to affect your relationship with your old friends, but I am obliged to confess that you are a quitter even so far as I am concerned. What in the world are you doing, and why haven't you written to me whether you were going to Siberia, China, Java, etc., with me next year? If you are, it is time to say so that we may make our plans, arrange our party, etc., etc. How, too, about that review of *The Silva of North America* in the *Atlantic Monthly* which is to be your great literary monument? The book is finished and the two final volumes will be out before the end of the year. I have asked the publisher to send you advance sheets of these two volumes that you may get the article under way and ready for publication, I hope, not later than the first of January.

I am busy this summer, now that *The Silva* is off my hands, in getting ready to take a fresh start in life, beginning with this Siberian trip, and you had best do the same thing. This journey ought to give you material for many interesting contributions to the world's knowledge and, if you were not such a very silent man, something for you to talk about the rest of your life.

Let me hear from you soon.

Faithfully yours,

John Muir, Esq.

*P. S. Sargent*

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