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**Letter from John Muir to [Charles Sprague] Sargent, 1902 Sep 10.**

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Martinez, Sep. 10/02

My dear Sargent, What are you so wildly quitting about? You faithfully answered all your letters, & as far as I know you are yourself the supreme quitter. Quitter gigantea, quitting Mexico, quitting a too trusting companion in swamps & sand-dunes of Florida etc etc etc. Better quit quitting though since giving the world so noble a book you must, I suppose be allowed to do as you like until time & Siberia effect a cure.

I am & have been up to the eyes in work insignificant though it be. Last spring had to describe the Colorado Grand Canon. The toughest job I ever tackled strenuous enough to disturb the equanimity of even a Boston man. Then I had to rush off to the Sierra with Club cutting. Then had to explore Kern River Canon etc. Now I'm at work on a little Yosemite book. Most of the material for it has been published

already, but a <sup>new</sup> chapter or two will  
have to be written. Then there  
is the Silva review the most form-  
=idable job of all. which all along  
I've been hoping some abler  
better equipped fellow would  
take off my hands. Can't you  
at least give me some helpful  
suggestions as to the right size,  
shape & composition? This review?

Of course I want to take that big  
tree trip with you next season  
& yes I should hate mortally to  
leave either of these tasks unfinished.

Glorious congratulations on the  
ending of your noble book!

Ever faithfully Yours  
John Miner