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Sargent is associated with  
Park Benjamin in publish-  
ing the New World, a  
New York newspaper; His  
efforts to bring about an  
international agreement,

New York, Jan. 31st.

Dear Sir,

Being in Philadelphia the last week, I did not receive your letter until I returned to this city to-day. It will give me sincere pleasure to discharge the little commissions, which you entrust to me. I will make immediate inquiries in regard to the works, and apprise you of their condition. The Boston papers announce, that the Athenaeum Library have recently purchased Napoleon's Egypt - and I have written to ascertain the price, which they gave.

I need not say that I am much gratified by your kind expressions of interest in regard to me and my "whereabouts." I withdrew some three months since from my connection with the New York Mirror, and

in company with Mr. Park Benjamin, started a new paper, which we christened The New World. Not being ambitious of newspaper notoriety, I have not publicly announced my interest in the paper, nor do I intend to. Our success has been brilliant beyond our most sanguine hopes. Having the interest of proprietors as well as editors, we mean to devote to it our best efforts. Though commenced only, the latter part of October last, the weekly circulation of the New World now exceeds fifteen thousand copies. We have strenuously advocated the proposed international copyright law - and, to give the American re-publishers a lesson, we have issued the first American editions of the last week's works of Bulwer, Tom Moore, Sheridan Knowles, Miss Mitford, and Mrs. Jameson, <sup>severally</sup> on one page of our mammoth sheet, which is sold for a sixpence! I learnt in Philadelphia, that in consequence of these publications, Messrs. Carey & Hart, who last year opposed

the international copyright law, are now very willing that it should pass. We have practically convinced them, to what excess the present system of license may be carried. I shall henceforth send you the New World, ~~which~~ but if, as is most probable, you find no time to con ito its innumerable contents, please present it, with my best compliments and regards, to Mrs. Preston.

You shall hear from me in regard to the books in a day or two. In the mean time, believe me, dear sir, with the truest respect and admiration -

Yr. friend & most Obedt. Servt.

Pres Sargent  
of New York

Hon. Wm. C. Preston.

