

Private Hyatt
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The letter accompanying this is of course ~~not~~ intended for Dr L's perusal but not this note.

I hope sincerely I shall not be forced into saying anything about the general collection. There are several things which must not be made public, if they can be kept down. Our collection of duplicates are not what they appeared to be in Dr L's books. We have had one very disagreeable result already from this cause, which we were obliged to make good at considerable loss to ourselves. This and other facts would be pretty sure to get raised up in any prolonged discussion. I shall never allow Dr L's honor to be called in question, if I can help it, but any expose of matters of this sort would not be pleasant to any of us. I hope that in trusting you with this sheet I can rely upon you not to use it in any way but to put it where it belongs immediately, that is into the fire. I have written with great hesitation but I believe I am right in trusting that you will do this. I am prompted to

send this by my sincere friendship
for Dr G's memory, as well as by
a desire to let you see the entire
view of the case, as it stands.

