

Montreal, July 11<sup>th</sup> 1890

Dear Sir W<sup>m</sup> Dawson.

The specimens collected by Mr. Gibb have arrived at the Museum and are all unpacked. Mrs. Hill has looked them over and is much in doubt as to what were intended for the College and what were collected for Mr. Gibb's own use. The Chalcedony stone containing liquid I have received from Mrs. Hill, and have placed it in charge of Edward who is to put it in some cotton for safe keeping. This, Mrs. Hill says was intended for yourself. She also tells me that Mr. Gibb wrote her there was a present for you, one for me and others for other friends. If, from the following list, you can give me any idea as to what you think must have been intended for the Museum, so far as you can judge from the general instructions given Mr. Gibb, and if you can also indicate which of the other articles might be acceptable as a souvenir, I will endeavour to arrange with Mrs. Hill accordingly. The articles are as follows:-

A number of sections of palms & bamboos, and  
seeds. These are obvious for the College.  
2 Lacquered tables, possibly designed for the  
College.

Several walking sticks. Palms. I should think  
these were designed for private distribution.

1 Papyrus.

3 Ornamental - Covered and inlaid bamboos. Japanese.  
Evidently intended as presents.

1 Japanese short sword.

A number of knife handles. Elephants' teeth.  
Polished Elephants' teeth.

A few books of travel, botanical reports etc.  
Some of these were evidently designed for the  
College & Hort. Socy.

1 Bronze fishme

1 Prayer wheel.

1 Brass image

3 E. Indian daggers.

1 Brass lamp.

4 Specimens flexible sandstone. Bombay.

Please accept our regards for Lady Dawson and  
yourself.

Very sincerely yours  
W. P. Parshall

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