J. A. Allen Collection

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Prof J. A. Allen –

Dear Sir –

I write to try and sell a collection of bird skins and eggs made by Mr. Nelson, to the Harvard Museum. You know Mr Nelson, his work and crippled condition. Enclosed is a memorandum made by him descriptive of some of the most valuable things in his collection which number between twelve and fourteen hundred skins, nests and eggs. He has taken pains to gather quite a large number of the rare

Specimens so that whosoever purchases the collection will be in position to make advantageous exchanges. Enclosed is also a letter from Prof Baird who is familiar with the collection which is a duplicate of one made for the Smithsonian by Nelson.

Should you think the collection or portions of it worthy of a place at Harvard please lay the matter befor the proper authorities and advise me as to the result. Mr. Nelson thinks the collection worth about $7500— As you may perhaps be away he came home last month and tried to resume his work at Washington but was again seized with bleeding at the lungs and compelled to return. He is now I believe at Colorado Springs with Mr Henshaw.

Hoping that you have improved in health as much as your humble servant I remain

Yours &c

Eugene A. Coubes