

as would appear to have been the
price by the enclosed receipt from
Dr. Gray, both Basins & Whedden must
have been well paid - & I have received
no compensation.

Please give my love to Mrs. Gray
& tell her I intend to write to her soon.

Believe me truly yours

Isabella James.

April 1st 1890

ROCKBEARE HOUSE,

NEAR EXETER.

Dear Prof. Watson

I received your
letter of March 1st this morning
& I hasten to answer it.

I am greatly obliged to you, & to
Mrs. Gray, for your exertions in
obtaining the money to purchase
Mr. James' collection of Mosses for
the Herbarium - & I am pleased to
have it placed at last where it
will be useful to students of the in-
teresting family of Musci.

As I have a deposit account at
the Charles River Bank, Cambridge,
I think it will give you the least
trouble to place the \$500. to my
credit there.

The entire collection, just as my late husband left it, packed & removed to our new home 96 West 42nd Street, & where you appraised it, I sent to Dr. Gray at the Botanic Garden, for which I enclose his receipt.

One small unpainted packing box (probably No. 17) contains papers of mine relating to Botanical subjects. I marked it "not to be opened by any one except Dr. Gray". I will ask you to keep this box for me unopened. It contains among other things my collection of "Autograph letters of Botanists" which I have given to the Herbarium in my will, but I have not here any list of its contents.

Mr. James made a book of the Mosses of Bullivant, printed in Dr. Gray's Botany, which he interleaved with notes.

If it is not in one of the painted cases it is in my safe at Barnbridge, where I remember I placed it at one time for safe keeping. This little volume goes with the collection & I know of nothing else.

Do you know that Mr. James depended principally upon the Botanical works in the Coll. Lib. & the Herbarium (he had not ² many books upon the Mosses) (for reference)

I posted a letter to you a week ago enclosing one from Bradlee Whiddon regarding the "Mosses of North America". I was very sorry to trouble you upon a subject in which you have already so kindly aided me, but I did not know what else to do. Of the 750 copies have been sold for \$4 each,



James, Isabella Batchelder. 1890. "James, Isabella B. Apr. 1, 1890 [to S. Watson]." *Asa Gray correspondence*

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