

Professor Sereno Watson

Herbarium of Harvard
University

Botanic Garden

Ruckelshaus House

Jan. 8th 1890

Dear Prof Watson -

I received your letter yesterday, & thank you for the trouble you have taken about the Book - I suppose there is nothing to be done but to let it remain as it is -

In regard to Mr. James' collection of Mosses, I should like to have them added to the Herbarium of Harvard University, but my children felt that they could not give them outright - If you think the college would make any offer I will consult them about it -

I should meanwhile be very glad to have you open any of the boxes, & examine whatever you require - the whole correspondence with Desquerieux & the original notes are in one of the cases I believe - One box which is marked "only to be

opened by Dr. Gray" contains some MSS.
& private papers connected with botani-
cal affairs, which I should prefer to
have remain intact at present - any
thing else you are quite welcome to
have free access to -

I think you will remember that you
valued the collection of insects at my
husband's death at \$1,000 - I dare say
that my children would be quite willing
to accept \$500 for it - Mrs. Burp had
so expressed herself -

The Christmas tide brought to our
home a fine little boy, & Mr. & Mrs. Burp
are rejoicing in the acquisition -

I have some expectations of making a
visit home next summer, as I was
disappointed of making the trip last
year as I intended -

Wishing you a Happy New Year

Believe me truly yours

Isabella James -

Isabella James
Jan 1st 1851



James, Isabella Batchelder. 1890. "James, Isabella B. June 18, 1890 [to S. Watson]." *Asa Gray correspondence*

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