

sell at our last Exhibition offering
to sell it for me as I had none
for my purchase. I sent it
to him with clear intimation
of all the above particulars.
I felt much annoyed to find
some people had got the impression
that it was the Herbarium of Trinity
College Dublin. However you
now know all about it. The
collection is an exceptionally
fine & well named one & the price
I put on (£500) was a few pence &
species. Prof. Ward informs
me he will have to sell it for
the cost of its carriage from this
to Rochester! - I shall be sorry
to lose my money & plants too, but
suppose it cannot be helped.

I remain Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
Prof. Asa Gray
Harvard University, Mass.
Frederick M. Coy

University Melbourne
1st November
1887
Concerning Harvard
Collection by Prof. McCoy
Dear Sir,

Our mutual friend
Hooker has written me
informing that you were
with him & wished to
know about an Herbarium
formerly belonging to an
old friend & fellow of
Dublin now in the
hands of Prof. Ward of
Rochester who thought
he could easily sell it
to some of the Americans

unwisdom.

The Herbarium was the private property of Dr. Hume & had nothing to do with the Trinity College Herbarium containing his Cryptogam & Colonial Collections. This one was of flowering order only and contained so many thousand species that he said it would place any College or other purchaser in a front rank as far as a Botanical Collection went, having out the great unapproachable collections. It was made up from selections from the chief collections of collectors of Europe, and

had the whole of the nomenclature most carefully gone over by himself. When I came out here I thought I should probably require some such provision for this subject and purchased it for a few hundred pounds (between 4 and 5 I think) but Dr (now Baron) V. Müller I found had got together an Herbarium & was doing such excellent work that I directed my attention at: together to other subjects, and on Prof. Ward's living collections &



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