

FROM

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My dear Professor Lyon,-

I called on you the other day, but missed you.

I have in this house the collection of Egyptian curiosities which was made by my brother in his long residence in Egypt as the representative of the United States. Some of the objects are unquestionable antiques, some of them, perhaps, modern imitations. Unfortunately we have no catalogue of them; for ten years I have been hoping that such a catalogue would turn up, but it has not done so.

If these things were mine, I suppose I should give them to the Semitic Museum. But they are not mine; they are the property of two

sisters, who ought not give away a collection in which he invested a good deal of money.

It has occurred to me that, even in your present limited quarters, you might be willing to have me, or some competent person, arrange these articles (perhaps a thousand in number) where they could be called the Hale Collection. Let me place them on deposit with you. Somebody may stumble along who would like to buy them and give them to you. Or I might myself find a purchaser. But this will not happen while they are packed up in barrels in my cellar.

If you like to talk with me about this, or to see any of these things, I will call upon you, after the New Year, at any time you will name.

Always truly yours,

*Edw. C. Hale*