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Sir Wm Dawson C. N. G. 0090  
Principal McGill University

My dear Sir William -

I thank you very much for your letter re. the Carpenter collection of shells. While at Murray Bay last Mo. and in conversation with my friend Mr Elliot who had just rec'd a valuable appointment in a Museum at Chicago. I mentioned the fact that a duplicate collection of shells was in possession of Mr Carpenter, he at once became interested in the matter and asked me to obtain a catalogue if possible and all other information available including the price asked, and communicate the same to him. On my return to Montreal; and in reply to mine, I rec'd from Mr Carpenter a letter stating that no printed Catalogue was in existence but a MS one was. Her collection consisted of 4050 specimens and some other shells would go with them if a purchaser were found. Her price was \$700, and she added "I will let the collection go for less money if necessary." The institution with which Mr Elliot has become connected is a very wealthy one, and he appears to want to secure this collection.

It seems to me that if Mr Elliot

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2/ Elliot had to begin the formation of such  
a Collection it would cost him years of trouble  
and a large amount of money, but with a very  
Complete assortment such as Mr Carpenters  
I thought when writing to him, I would  
name one thousand dollars as the price,  
and if that seemed too much, he could  
suggest an amended offer!

You were kind enough  
to say that you would lend me your  
MS Copy of this Collection. If you  
will do so I will send it to Mr Elliot  
with instructions to carefully return  
it to me - Mr Elliot informed me thro  
Telephone last evening, that he had  
called at the College and had seen  
your Collection - he left at 9 PM for  
Chicago -

I am dear Sir William  
Yours very truly

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