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My dear Mr Marsh.

I'm writing to you a short time ago I forgot one point - that was in my mind at the time. Lucy has become extremely interested in Ceramics, & is collecting samples of the characteristic varieties of ancient & modern porcelain & pottery with all the zeal that her opportunities & slender purse will admit. She is also a fanatic in reference to matters of classical archaeology, & her imagination has been fired by accounts, occasionally seen in the papers, of ^{recently} ~~one or two~~ discoveries in Rome. She is particularly anxious to have access to the Archaeological Bulletin, published by the ^{City} Government.

I therefore write to ask whether you cannot negotiate for an exchange for this work, from the beginning if possible, with the publications of the Smithsonian Institution, in behalf of any library or institution in Rome. We shall be very glad indeed to send the Annual Reports, & perhaps even the Contributions, if the magnitude of the exchange will warrant ^{it.}

Hon. Geo. P. Marsh.
U. S. Minister,
Rome, Italy.

Yours Very truly & Sincerely,
Spencer & Baird