

National Museum, Washington, D.C.

May 16, 1921.

Dear Mrs. Warner.

How shall I thank you for your good letter of the ninth instant with the kind thoughts expressed in it, and your valuable and splendid gift to the National Museum in memory of the Major Murray! Both reached here last Saturday and I have just unpacked the box and the six barrels and found the collection in perfect condition. It could not be otherwise since it was so carefully and exquisitely packed, as you always do things in fine style. It is an exceedingly valuable collection, the bronzes as well as the fascinating Kakemonos, each

object being of striking artistic and symbolical significance. I have surveyed the collection briefly and prepared a preliminary list of the specimens which will be forwarded to you with the official acknowledgment. With the large collection of the Shinto Talismans which you presented to the Museum in 1919, you have made two important contributions to our Section of Religions which, in my opinion, is a paramount element of culture in the true sense of the word, meaning for breadth of view, understanding of and sympathy towards other peoples. This has at present a special mission since, as it seems, a narrow, intolerant and prejudicial

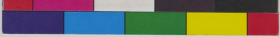
nationalism is rampant all over the world.

I do also thank you heartily for the fine bronze piece which you included as a personal gift to myself. I shall cherish it as a precious souvenir of the Major as, indeed, our friendly meetings in the Museum and at the Willard Hotel belong to my pleasantest experiences of my life in Washington.

Dr. Hodlicka asked to be remembered to you.

With kindest regards and best wishes for your well-being, I am

Yours cordially and gratefully
McCasnovicz.



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