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My dear Dr. Deitchman:

Acknowledging your letter of March 10th. I am glad "This Book Collecting Game" has given you pleasure. There are several others in the same series: I venture to give the titles, thinking you may be interested:

"The Amenities of Book Collecting"  
"A Magnificent Farce"  
"The Greatest Book in the World".

Every library has to have a certain number of standard sets, and I should not advise you to follow the course suggested: that of giving them to the Salvation Army. Books in sets are not to be confused with collectors' items.

You are quite right in regard to the "Origin of Species". It is a very important book. A few years ago it could have been bought for almost nothing: now it is assuming its proper place as a collectors' item.

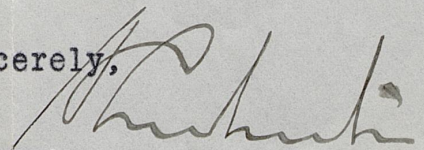
As I have said somewhere, it takes a long time for a book or an author to secure its or his final position. For a long time Tennyson could be had for almost nothing: he will soon be fashionable, and the same thing applies to Swinburne.

American first editions are bringing ten times what they did three years ago.

In regard to your specific question about the Rudge publication of the Boswell Letters. There are, I hear, only a few copies of this book now available. The set is, I understand, bringing nine hundred dollars. You tell me that you are thirty-five or thereabouts: you will see this book bring five thousand dollars without a doubt. It is very interesting; fascinating, in brief, especially after you have read Boswell's Life of Johnson; and it is one of the most beautiful books published in America, or, indeed, anywhere else.

Yours sincerely,

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