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JAMES F. BELL

February 18, 1931.

My dear Mr. Ford:

Thank you for your courteous letter of the 15th. I am delighted to have your kind expressions of appreciation in respect to the silver.

There were quite a number of other things in the Garvan sale that looked very well in the catalog but upon examination there were some defects or uncertainties that led us to avoid them. Quite a number of the pieces bore recent initialings or markings that really destroyed their value, particularly as museum pieces.

It is very interesting to learn that Mrs. Ford is a descendant of the famous silversmith Brasher. Unfortunately, I have no example of his work, although I have him on my list of acquisitions should anything turn up.

It is particularly encouraging to anyone trying to collect to have a word of appreciation. There are not so many who understand or comprehend its significance.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Bell

Mr. Allyn K. Ford,
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Minneapolis, Minnesota.