

38 Wimpole Street, W.

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My dear Mr. Hayashi:

I was very pleased to see your handwriting again and to receive your interesting catalogue of the delightful drawings of M. Renouard. My wife had a number of his charming drawings at the Chicago Exhibition which were lent her by the proprietors of the Graphic. I should very much like to see your exhibition, but I fear it will be quite impossible for me to run over to Paris as I am full of public work here as Chairman of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the British Medical Association and I fear it will be impossible for me to leave London whilst parliament is sitting. I have presented some copies of the photographs of your falcons to Mr. Holmes, the proprietor of the Studio and to other Japanese amateurs here, who all highly appreciate them.

Are you likely to come over the Dinner of the Japan Society on the 21st, which will be a very interesting occasion and at which you will meet a great number of our Japanese amateurs. If you come I shall be very glad to put you up.

I have been lately adding a few very interesting pieces to my collection, but good old pieces of any sort are I find scarcer than ever, and it is only occasionally that anything worth having offers

itself here, but still I have found from time to time some interesting things. How I regret having sold my Korins [*1], I have never found such good pieces again, those which come over now are very secondary. Those however which I have kept are among the gems of my collection.

By the bye, were you able to secure for me any of the pieces which were set aside at Chicago when I went over the Japanese show with you? and what about the set of silver table ornaments which I should like to have if they are still in the market and for which I made an offer.

Would you be disposed to come over and read a paper at our Japanese society on the Japanese exhibits at Chicago? I think it would be a very good subject and no one could do it as well as you.

Have you had the volume of our transactions? If not, I will send you one.

With kind regards, Believe me, Very truly yours,

Ernest Hart

[*1] 尾形光琳 (Ogata Korin) 。