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General Pitt Rivers.

Sir.

I hope you won't think me too  
presuming in writing to you but  
when I tell you my object I feel  
I shall have your sympathy  
& perhaps help. I am a schoolie  
I spent part of my holidays at  
Blandford and I was taken to your  
lovely museum, as my friends  
knew me to be interested in geology  
I am appointed manager of  
our school museum. The gift  
of a case for specimens  
was a lovely case for specimens

of any thing they could collect during the holidays. The collection is very small & we don't know how to enlarge it without asking those who make such their study to help us with any specimens of stone &c that they would not mind putting into a Museum such as yours.

To place such a collection as yours at the disposal of the public, & also to provide such a lovely spot for recreation, & to train a band to raise the tastes of the people around, shows that you don't live for yourself alone but to do good to your fellow men. This too I heard from the old man who takes charge of the Museum.

We have a large school here & we want to get the girls & ministers themselves in our museum. Mr Charles Lees has just brought us from Barbadoes (where he is Governor) some fish, (his two daughters are here) & all we have nearly in the Museum is from the West Indies. If not asking too great a favor, should you have any stones (duplicates) or anything you could present to our museum we should be very grateful to you. & I hope you won't think me taking too great a liberty in asking.

I am Sir,

Yours Obediently  
Sammy (de. Manager

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