

As this collection - museum is in the nature of a surprise & from the time Sir worked on it until this very minute, the lad has had no inkling of its existence. It started as a surprise & will continue so. Sir kept it a secret from him for nearly four months - the time Sir spent getting it together. The secrecy has been ~~so~~ made easier because he has not been at his home here in town but has been hospitalized quite a few miles away.

I sincerely hope this lad has not been your re-action. But if the contribution of Kansas means the divulging of the museum idea to the lad before the time set, I'm afraid it will be necessary for us to forego Kansas' contribution much as I regret that.

Thank you again for your nice letter of Feb 22nd & may I say again that I hope all my surmises are wrong - & hope, too, your contribution has not been sent as that will only mean loss in the mail.

Sincerely yours,

R. E. Caravan