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Archaeological Files.

St. Mary's Hospital,

Bryant and First,

San Francisco, Cal.

May 10th

1893

Right Rev. Fr. Crane
Catholic University
Washington
D. C.

My Lord

I enclose Bill of Lading of two Cases
shipped yesterday. They contain Tiles,
Brick & from all the Franciscan Missions
established in California that I could manage
to procure. Of the Mission of San Rafael
not a tile two inches square could be found,
but I succeeded in getting a cut of one of the
Pear Trees planted by the Missioners and
which were cut down about a year ago to
make way for an Odd Fellows Hall.

On each tile is painted by our pupils a
picture of the Mission from ^{which} it came, generally
the Mission. To testify to their authenticity
we put a seal on them, the San Diego one
was somehow overlooked & Sister gives me

a seal to enclose which I think can be attacked
by strong gun. I very ^{much} fear they will not
reach Washington whole for they are extra brittle
from age & exposure and they will be roughly
handled en route but if not smashed entirely
they can be pieced with plaster of Paris

Besides the Mission relics I put in
the case a stone Pestel & Mortar used by
the Indians to grind Corn, a corns &c before
the good Missionaries taught them a better
plan.

Hoping our contribution to your
Archaeological Museum will be acceptable
and begging your prayers & blessing

I remain your Lordship's

obt. humbl. servant W. J. C.

St Mary Is. Russell

Sister of Mercy

In taking them out of the Boxes please ask your
Man to remove the lids and remove the
straws in small quantities before trying to
the tiles which are placed on their ends