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J. Duncan Putnam, Corresponding Secretary.

Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences

Davenport, Iowa. July 27th 1880.

M. Emile Cartailhac

Toulouse, France

Dear Sir:

I send you herewith by mail a complete set of the Proceedings of the Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences; a set of lithographs of the Inscribed Tablets found near this city; and photographs of two elephant pipes found in Louisa County Iowa. The first of these (the larger one) was plowed up in a corn field by a german farmer Mr. Peter Mare' 7 or 8 years ago. The second (with extended trunk) was found by Messrs. A. Blumer and J. Kass in a ^{small conical} mound near Grandview (Louisa County) on the brow of the bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. It was in a bed of ashes beneath a bed of hard burned clay. There were no indications of disturbance in the mound and the pipe was taken out by the gentlemen with their own hands. A copper "axe" and a few other articles ~~of~~ less importance were found in the same mound - a full account of which will appear

in the next number of the Proceedings of the Academy. Ten other mounds in the same locality were explored without finding any ~~other~~ remains whatever, though in previous years several pipes representing birds have been found in mounds near by.

Regarding the Inscribed Tablets, the evidence that they are genuine aboriginal relics is very strong. They were all taken from the mounds by one of our most experienced and reliable members the Rev. J. Cass - in the company and with the assistance of other members i.e. Messrs Wilrodt, Harrison & Nune, the last two for a long time Secretary & Treasurer of the Academy, respectively.

Last year we had the pleasure to receive through the Smithsonian Institution Volumes 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 of the *Matériaux pour l'Histoire primitive et naturelle de l'Homme*. We have found these volumes of the greatest interest and we desire very much that we may obtain the remaining volumes and especially to receive the numbers as they are issued.

Please accept our most grateful thanks for the volumes already sent. Hoping that the package may reach you safely, I am, with best regards,

Yours very truly

J. Duncan Putnam
Corr. Secy.