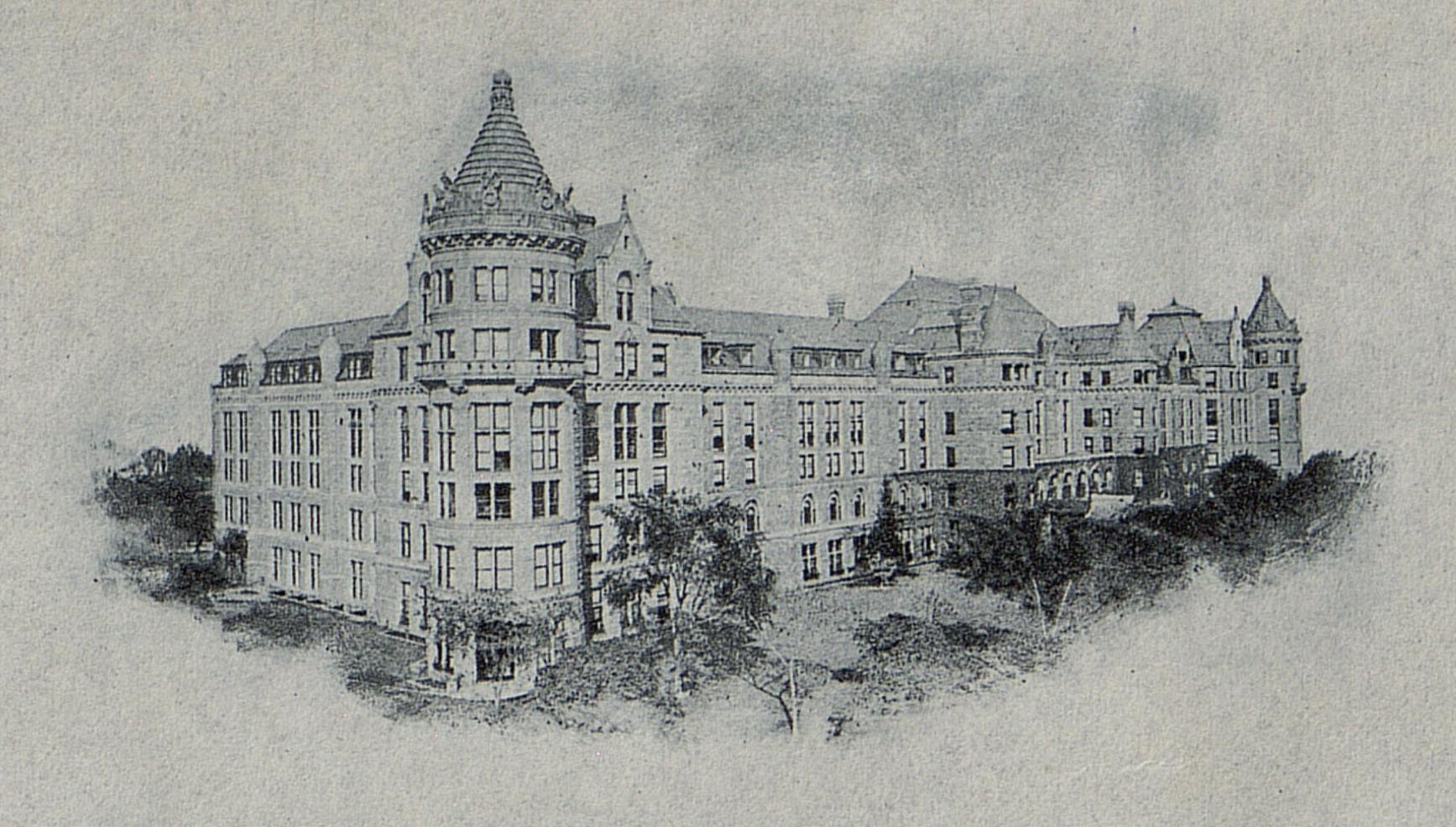
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## THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY NEW YORK

May the second Nineteen hundred twenty-one

Dear Professor Cartailhac:

Professor J. Howard McGregor, of Columbia University, on a special mission for the American Museum of Natural History and the Galton Society for the Study of the Evolution of Man, is being sent abroad by the American Museum to make a personal examination and comparison of the fossil remains of man in the various museums of western Europe.

The American Museum is especially interested in studying the remains of the Neanderthal race, also of the Heidelberg and Piltdown races and Pithecanthropus. Professor McGregor is also commissioned to examine, as far as the time permits, the skeletons of the Crô-Magnon period and the skeletal remains of the Neolithic deposits.

Professor McGregor also hopes to obtain for the Museum a complete collection of casts, skeletal and intracranial, and sharp impressions of tooth forms of various types. He will take with him a stereoscopic camera, as we are desirous of securing photographs especially for the Galton Laboratory. I know that you will be glad to give him your full cooperation. These materials will be exhibited in the Hall of the Age of Man and in the Hall of European Archaeology, with due credit to the institutions from which they are received.

All the research materials in the American Museum collections are now open to the freest examination and study by students of palaeontology, anthropology, and comparative anatomy from all parts of the world, and we desire to secure equal facilities in the museums of other countries. The American Museum is becoming an important center of research and we hope to make our series of casts complete and extremely full, particularly of the unique specimens which have been found in western Europe. In return, Professor McGregor is prepared to send some of his restorations, which are valuable as coming from a very highly trained anatomist as well as sculptor.

Professor McGregor and Professor Gregory are now in charge of the entire vertebrate instruction at Columbia University and the materials which Professor McGregor brings back with him will thus reach a very wide student audience.

Believe me,

Mincerely yours,

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President.