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Iowa City, Ia., Dec. 2. 1873.

Prof. G. H. March,

Dear Sir,

You may remember, on your first visit to the Rocky Mountains, in 1865, that you stopped one at Clinton, for a first time examining the geology, and other matters of interest, along the Miss. River. You inquired particularly, with regard to Indian remains, but afterwareds sent to me a pamphlet concerning Indian mounds. I have obtained nothing of interest in that direction until this fall. About five miles below Clinton on the opposite bank of the river, is a large collection of mounds.

In connection with a party from Davenport,
Visited these four months. The mound are. They exist, irregularly, upon an area of a hundred acres, and some of them are of large size. By digging into them, we found a large number of very perfect skeletons, male, female, and all other parts in a perfect state of preservation. The skulls, I suppose, typical of the mound builders, face long—face broad. The skull mound, that we opened, there was one large skeleton, one of which, we conjectured, would measure seven feet around. It were clustered a large number of smaller skeletons, and some of them of quite young children. We found some fragments of pottery, but nothing beside of much interest. The bodies appeared to have been placed on the surface of the ground and the large heaps of dirt raised over them. In one mound, was found an enclosure of rough stone, six by seven feet square, within which were the skeletons. The most perfect should and skeletons are in the forefathers of the
Natural History Society at Davenport. The weather becoming cold, we did not pursue the investigation further. I have in my possession some parts of skeletons, which I might send to you if you deem it of sufficient importance. As I will endeavor to procure for you some more perfect remains, B. F. H. B. If you should make another Western tour, and will stop here on your route, it would afford me, I am sure, pleasure, to show you the mounds and render you any assistance for your investigations. There are in this vicinity numerous collections of mounds. I find what seems to me to be the peculiarities of these, in the perfect state of preservation of their contents, being evidently buried as they
Dear Sir:

I have sent you the enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully yours,

W.J. Farnsworth

Prof. C. O. Marsh,
New Haven,
Conn.