Danmark, Nov. 1, 1905.

Prof. O. C. Marsh,
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Dear Sir:-

I am making a report for the U.S. Geol. Survey on the loess and glacial deposits of Illinois. Among other matters I should like to discuss the "rocks" of the loess.

I was informed some two years ago by the late William T. Adams of Alton, Illinois, that he had disposed of a collection of mammalian remains obtained from the loess in the vicinity of Chester and Alton, Illinois. I should like to inquire whether you have yet examined them and if so are the results published? It will be glad to get any information concerning them which you may be able to furnish.

I find in Morton's last geological report (Geol. of Illinois Vol. VII, pp. 3 and 9) a brief reference to Mr. J. C. Adams's collection. It is there stated that it embraces the bones of the Mastodon, Mammuth, Megalonyx, Hod primigenius, Castoroides columbi and several species of rodents, some of which belong to distinct species. In my conversation with Mr. J. C. Adams I learned that his collection embraced teeth as well as bones. The collection seems to be a rather unusual one and I am unsuccess in hopes it has been evi-
examined and reported upon so that I may have opportunity to discuss it in my report.

I should be glad to know also if any other mammalian remains from the Jones have come to your notice. I know of but two other instances in the Mississippi valley, part of the teeth, bones and antlers of *Ceratotherium simum*, found at Davenport, Iowa, and reported by Mr. Mc Gee in the Eleventh Annual Report of the U.S. Geol. Survey, p. 471; and the tusk, molars, and some bones of *Elephas primigenius*, found at Davenport, Iowa, announced by Mr. W.H. Pratt, in the Proceedings of the Davenport Academy of Sciences, 1876, p. 90-92.

Very respectfully,

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Frank Leverett.