Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 20, 1882

Prof. C. G. March—

Dear Sir: Please read the paragraph which is marked on the enclosed printed slip. The teeth therein have been sent to you by mail; and our local Academy of Science will esteem it a real favor if you will examine them and write us your judgment as to their geological age and zoological place.

No one here pretends to be an expert in such matters, and we know that we may be widely mistaken—hence appeal to you.

The relics belong to Master Charles Hayes, who is anxious to preserve them in his own collection, and stamps are here enclosed for return postage on them. So please return them with your answer on their age and species.

Yours very truly,

H. A. Reid

Sec'y Academy of Sciences,
Des Moines, Iowa.
STONE AXES WANTED.
Academy of Science Meetings and Discussion.
At the regular December meeting of the Academy of Science the following discussion was made. Three hundred copies of the constitution and by-laws, with schedule of the annual meeting and rules of the society, printed on forty-four pages, and a printing bill of $30. The report was accepted, and an order drawn on the treasurer for payment.
Master Charles Kytes submitted for examination two ancient stone mauls and a fragment of a wall found in the Johnstown coal pits, in the town of Idaho, Idaho County. They are genuine mounds, and, in the same vicinity he reported several more of the same class. The Academy can have the privilege of exploring.
Master Cari Hurst brought a collection of tiny arrowheads, discovered by himself on a track in the southern part of Idaho, in the long—-the smallest ever made; two of obsidian or volcanic glass, and others of various kinds of stone, and all of the stone material. They were procured in Oregon; also a zoological curiosity from the Oregon sea-coast, an agglutinated and interwoven oyster shell, so small; some of the shells were worn away by attrition in the beach waves, so that the internal compartments could be plainly seen.
Master W. S. Grant exhibited four large objects, viz., the head, body, and tail of a small fish, and a large red-coated chukar partridge. The shells of the fish were in the repair of the shell, and could probably tell in five minutes the name and geological period of the animal by which they belonged.
Judge Fulton proposed the names of S. B. Tuttle and C. G. Brewster, both of Des Moines, to become members.
A resolution was adopted instructing the directors to confer with the State Executive Council.
The Secretary was authorized to hold a copy of the society's pamphlet to anybody who desires one strongly enough to send a postage stamp for it.
"WRAPPED" STONE AXES WANTED.
The Secretary read a letter from O. W. Cole, president of the Missouri State Historical Society at St. Louis. The Missouri's report of the Academy meeting several months ago, with the accompanying letter from Judge Fulton, Dr. Field, Dr. Worden and others, had been copied into an article in the American Geologist, and the Report of Science for December. In this article mention was made of many stone axes having the other end wrapped, that is, covered with a coating of clay or cement, in other words, wrapped. And the question was raised whether this fact might indicate any race difference in the use of the stone tool, for any mental incapacity to do straight work. With the object of following up this hint and testing Mr. Cole's suggestion, he says, "I am making copies of noteworthy objects in archeology for our museum, wherever convenient to do so, with a view to obtaining a series of axes from different parts of the country; and if you will permit the use of your copper and stone axe, you would greatly oblige us. Further, it would be well to have some copy of the club or weapon, which you are interested, and claim to our thanks, if you would obtain the same favor of Dr. Field and Mr. Cole, and Dr. A. G. Field, as respects the axe belonging to them. If the implements be sent by express they will be returned in a few days free of expense."
On motion of Mr. Pence this matter was referred to the committee of four, to form a committee to see what can be done about it.
The Secretary and the Treasurer were appointed special committees to prepare a design for the proposed monument, and to determine what it will cost; and report at next meeting.
On motion of Mrs. Reel, a monthly scientific items and question box was voted to be established, its contents to be drawn from and read upon the foot of the meetings; and the Academy paid its debts and adjourned till the second Tuesday evening in January.
It was August 31, 1881, and the stage-driver was anxiously waiting for the mail wagon to arrive. He had heard that many accidents were occurring due to bad roads. He was grateful to have been assigned to this route. He had a little trouble with the horses, but it did not well receive. She is headstrong. In fact, it is not the horse that is out to catch the cart. Mr. Langtry was not her sister who is coming out to take care of her. I may mention, but Mr. Langtry's. She is a very pretty woman to quarrel with Mrs. Launcheber. 

A report has been circulated that, owing to the contemplated purchase of a new stage, and the consequent injury to her business in Boston, Mr. Abbey intend...