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Baltimore July 6<sup>th</sup> 74

Prof. O. C. Marsh -  
Yale College, New Haven Ct.

Dear Sir

I wrote a letter  
to Harger immediately upon  
arrival from Mexico. In it  
I requested him to report my inter-  
views with the different quetzals, to  
whom you gave me introductions  
but as I have received no answer  
I fear the letter may have mis-  
carried and so will report myself  
At Mayablan I missed Dr. Rogers  
At Acapulco visited Mr. Sutter  
who made arrangements to forward  
you a number of specimens. He  
seemed however to utterly lack ap-  
preciation of the work I and re-  
marked that he could not com-  
prehend what you contemplated  
using the specimens for, which surprised  
me greatly. Mr. Chermann at Panama  
declined to extract the gold images



to my care but said he would [2]  
forward them at an early date  
His collection of relics, images etc  
is quite large and I should judge  
valuable and if he acts fair with  
you as he doubtless will you will  
receive many most curious specimens  
of the ancient Central American  
Civilization. Since my return I  
have been elected to the Maryland  
Academy of Sciences entirely by  
virtue of my recent connection with  
you which they knew of by my letters  
to the Baltimore papers. Some of the  
members are deeply interested in  
Palaeontology and asked me many  
questions about you, about the Cope  
controversy, about the work etc  
and desire very much to have a  
paper from you. I would urge you  
to send one as Baltimore is com-  
paratively ignorant in this science  
and should be instructed. The  
Academy is in a very flourishing con-  
dition. Has a large membership is  
wealthy and is now just completing  
a handsome new building for  
its museum which will also contain  
the hall for its meetings. Several

of the influential members have been after me to  
give them fossils for the museum. You also give have  
a few duplicates I think the Academy would be  
most thankful to obtain them with a short Serap-  
hid catalogue

Your most affec relative and friend

Alfred Kinney

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Prof. O. C. Marsh  
Yale College New Haven

Dear Sir

The account of  
the structure and affinities of the  
Dromottheridae which you was  
kind enough to send me, interests  
me as great deal I hope you will  
send me all the accounts of extinct  
mammals which you publish  
Prof. Hensley sent some of Cope's  
Paleontology here a day or two  
since and I should like to ask  
you some questions concerning  
it. Orskippus Marsh I thought had  
five toes. Has it only three? Has



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Triceras Marsh <sup>true</sup> Homs or [2]  
 are some of the Horn cores merely  
 rudimentary. And by the way  
 if the Orohippus has only three  
 toes, have no <sup>single</sup> horses been discovered  
 with <sup>more or less</sup> toes than three

Rev. S. Lockwood in the N. Y.  
 Popular Science Monthly states  
 that no horses have been found  
 with more or less than three toes

Several of your friends  
 have inquired especially of  
 you among others Mr Eaton  
 of Franklin Street who seemed  
 particularly interested in your  
 recent discoveries.

Hoping you will not  
 forget your promise to send  
 me a Hypodomas jaw or  
 something of that kind as a scalp  
 pin  
 I remain very truly your  
 affectionate Abbot Kinney

my address is  
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Prof. O. C. Marsh  
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My Dear Professor

Your pamphlets and letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> came duly to hand. The notice of the new Equine mammals of the Tertiary was very interesting especially the latter part of it treating on the general bearings of the Discoveries. I have already made use of ~~them~~ your facts to strengthen the Development theory in the minds of some of my Disciples here and will probably bring them before the Academy of Science in a short time. The members of this Academy I regret to say are principally ignorant. As to Paleontology



they have a general idea that it is a science relating to fossils but beyond that they know nothing and never seem to have considered its utility or the general bearing of the Discoveries made & being made every day.

It would seem that these persons join Scientific Societies not to learn science but to obtain a Scientific reputation among the uneducated. They thus unconsciously show and help the tendency of age to escape from the government of <sup>the</sup> feelings and enter that of the reason.

The Equine Mammals already discovered show without any doubt a progression from a formation of limb and extremities not well adapted to their condition to one better calculated to supply their wants. It is to be hoped that many new

genera and species will be discovered to explain the anomalies and complete the chain of evidence.

Unfortunately a consummation of this can hardly be expected as there must have been ~~been~~ existed during those epochs many animals whose bones will never again see the light.

I noticed in the *Mon. Popular Science* Monthly a lame acknowledgement of your opinion regarding Cope's supposed *Synborodon* and *Miobasileus*. I think it is evident that Lockwood was employed to write the article "The great cemetery in Colorado" and crammed his information out of Hayden's report. By the way you have never sent me the *Hypopsodus* jaw for pin which you promised. I hope you can find time to send me one — Ernest is now living in



the old Dixon house North  
east corner of 14<sup>th</sup> st. and New  
York Avenue

Your very affec Russian

About Kinney