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Prof. Jones
Dear Sir

I am very much pleased to hear from you upon the matter of the Stone Relics. And yet all I can say is, that I can do but a very little indeed in these matters. For I am occupied with a very laborious Professorship (Physical Education & Hygiene) in College, that takes all but my sleping time.

But even since a Long

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I have been interested to gather stone relics of our Indian aborigines. and so I have by means of means contributed by friends gathered for our College a collection of these things in the main from the Connecticut valley, about 2500 in number.

But I have written nothing about them, for I think Schoolcraft has theorized enough on this subject, & that is pretty much all any one can do.

Our collection is exhibited in glazed cases & I have grouped together the different articles according to the best of my ability

These relics are now excessively scarce. Here is not one found now where there were fifty a few years ago. They mostly lie quite close to the surface - seeming to me to mark no great antiquity. & Of course after the land has been thoroughly cultivated by the plow & shovel, all the implements are exhumed.

I take the liberty to send you by mail a few stereoscopic photos of some of our nicer relics. I should be delighted to hear from you again, and do anything that will help you in these matters

Very Resp. Yours
E. Hitchcock