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Dr. F. S. McKay,
Colorado Springs, Col.

Dear Doctor:-

I have received your letter in reply to mine of recent date, in regard to the papers we are to prepare. If I understand the matter right, I should say that you have the option of publishing this whole thing, giving the names of towns and villages without stint.

In making this remark, I allude to the support that you should have had from the city of Colorado Springs. At least you wrote me once, unless I am mistaken, that they had voted a support, or partial support, to you in the way of covering the expenses of the search you are making. After a year or so, as I understand from letters from you, this was withdrawn, and I suppose it has not been renewed. If that is true, the city has no right whatever to have you withhold the publication of names. Now I speak of this as a right, but there is another consideration, and that other consideration is common prudence upon your part. If you believe, as you have stated to me in your letter, that to do so would bring great blame upon you by your citizens and friends, it becomes a matter of prudence upon your part to so act as to avoid this, and if withholding the names of places will do that satisfactorily to your friends, it might be your duty to yourself as a matter of prudence, to withhold the names. Now that matter I shall allow to rest with you entirely.

It is not very important in what I write, about the names of places, but from the wording in your letter I shall object to one thing. You speak of naming this as belonging to the Rocky Mountain region. Now doctor, this mottled enamel does not extend through the whole Rocky Mountain region, and this would cast the inference that it does. Therefore I should suggest that you say "certain districts in the Rocky Mountains" and then you can, for the purpose of writing, designate these places by letters as you have suggested. This matter cannot be hidden, however, nor can the principal districts be hidden, from this fact - that somewhere such a condition of enamel as described exists, and this can be seen by everyone who visits these regions, and it will become common knowledge in spite of everything that can be done; but if you do as you suggest, the blame will not fall directly upon you as it may do if you give the names freely.

I have looked over the paper I had written, and it is substantially the copy that I will send you. I shall remodel the paper somewhat after looking it over now, but will add no new facts of special importance. I have made some further studies, especially comparing the deposit of the coloring matter in atrophy and various other mal-forms of enamel with the deposit of coloring matter in this condition, and I have added the fact that they correspond very closely; and that as the conditions of coloring matter in atrophy, enamel pits, and various other mal-forms of enamel - even those that are deeply

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within, and surrounded by, perfect enamel - have this coloring matter in the same form and in spaces of the same character as that in mottled enamel, there can be no doubt but what this has been deposited during the formation of the enamel. Much of it is buried too deeply in solidly formed enamel to have received the deposit from without. This indicates that in mottled enamel the deposit is for the most part laid down as the enamel has been built.

This is the only material fact that I will add to the paper as it stands in your hands. As I said, however, I shall remodel it and change the order of the presentation somewhat. This will be done mostly by changing the position of certain sections of the paper. Therefore you can consider the copy you have as substantially the copy that I will offer. I have this under way now and will complete it probably within a few days. I will, however, erase all mention of places or districts that appear in the paper that you have. I will not mention the State Society or anybody else excepting yourself anywhere in that paper. If you think there is reason that I should mention the fact that I was there by invitation of the State Society, I will do so. I will leave that to you.

If you have a copy of your presentation that you can spare, I would be very glad to look it over to get some idea of the manner in which you are handling it.

Very truly,

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