

Colorado Springs
March 4-1910

Dr. G. V. Black
Chicago Ill.

Dear Doctor Black-

Our sub committee of which I wrote you as having been appointed from the big committee to carry on the work of securing an appropriation met this afternoon with the City Council at a private called meeting. The full committee was present and the matter was presented after the Council had all read the first report you sent us.

Without exception the Commissioners received the matter favorably and have promised that action will be taken early next week.

The County Commissioners now have the report and we will try to get action from them soon, although it is likely that they will be much slower to give it attention because of pressure of other matters.

The agreement among us today was that we

were to ask for \$500.00 from the City and the same amount from the County.

It is very likely that the City will grant our request which they concede to be reasonable, at once or at least enough to give us a start in which case the pressure on the County officials need not call for undue haste.

Now while I don't want to "count my chickens before they are hatched," yet I feel that I want to get in touch with you as to suggestions as to just how to proceed so as to lose no more time as soon as funds are available.

Probably the first thing to do will be to devise a new form of examination card based upon the suggestions we have from you and have a lot printed for use in future examinations.

It is agreed that the area immediately surrounding us here should be gone over carefully to locate the boundaries.

(The Dental Review came to me today and I was delighted to see that it contained the account of the banquet at Chicago. I called Mrs. McKay's

attention to it & laid it on the table for her to read. She is now doing so as I write and has just interrupted me by being convulsed with laughter at the story therein told of the newsboy and the skeleton.)

In order that we may accomplish as much as possible when we visit a given locality and collect all data of value we ought to have clearly in mind just what we are to do and it is particularly along this line that suggestions from you will be very valuable.

I have the idea that probably a printed form of some sort which would be filled out for each locality would help us to classify things and expedite matters. Such a form could contain space for the writing in of observations and data obtained from analyses of the different samples taken.

For instance soil - surface water - drinking water - vegetation - milk - vegetables - crops - water sheds - geological formations and anything else that relates to the problem. - Also I presume the teeth of native animals should be looked at.

The sheets should be numbered in order to keep track of them & guard against loss or misplacement. If any other features that might assist us occur to you we would be very glad to know of them at your early convenience.

I have not yet read the Review for March but will do so with a great deal of interest.

Waiting your reply I am

Very Truly

Frederick S. McKay

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