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DEPARTMENT OF
VERTEBRATE PALEONTOLOGY

My dear Sir:

I am very glad to learn your present address from Mr. J. B. Hatcher.

You will be interested to hear that we have at last done the systematic preparation for purposes of exhibition of the splendid series of fossil bones which you secured for Professor E. D. Cope so many years ago.

I find that the records which came to us with the collection from Professor Cope are very inadequate and do not enable us to determine where the various fossils were found. I write to ask whether you have any records of the number and kind of bones taken out of the different quarries which would enable us to clear up this very important question.

In the first lot taken by Professor Cope as types there are apparently portions of two skeletons, one of a light yellowish color, possibly from one quarry, another of a reddish iron, rusty color, possibly taken from another quarry. The latter was made by Professor Cope his type of Camarasaurus. What I am especially anxious to do if possible is to separate the bones belonging to different individuals.

Will you kindly address your reply to my colleague, Dr. W. D. Matthew, Associate Curator of this Department, as I am soon to go abroad.

Believe me,

Always very truly yours,

Mr. O. W. Lucas.

Henry F. Osborn