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Yale University, New Haven, Conn.,

January 19, 1893.

Prof. J. C. Branner.

Dear Sir: -

Mr. J. B. Hatcher, my assistant for many years, whose discoveries are well known to you, wishes to secure a position in some institution as assistant in paleontology, where he would have an opportunity to <sup>bring together</sup> ~~form~~ a ~~large~~ collection of vertebrate fossils, and at his request I write to you on the subject.

Mr. Hatcher is a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School, and for about nine years has been at work mainly in the West under the auspices of the Geological Survey. He has shown great ability and industry in his work, and no one knows the important localities of the West better than he. He could, of course, collect invertebrate fossils and plants also, and would be invaluable in other respects if your institution would like to build up a geological and paleontological museum.

I intended to have mentioned the subject to Governor Stanford, but have not been able to see him since his return from Europe, and therefore write directly to you.

Should your institution think favorably of such a plan, Mr. Hatcher will write himself, enclosing testimonials.

Yours, very truly,

( Signed ) O. C. Marsh.

January 26th, 1893.

Prof. O. C. Marsh,

New Haven.

My dear Professor Marsh:

I have yours of the 19th regarding Mr. Hatch. I am very glad to have your opinion about him, but I regret that nothing can be done here at present in the way of invertebrate paleontology. Just as soon as the matter can receive attention, however, I shall bear in mind what you have written and shall want to consult you in regard to the work and the right man to take hold of it. We now have a man for invertebrate paleontology, but his hands are more than full of that alone.

Very truly yours,

J. C. Branner