



Louisville Ky

March 15th 1869

Prof O. S. Marsh:

My dear Sir;

I wish to

post myself somewhat in Archaeology.

Will you please recommend some works to me on this Subject, and state name of Publisher; if published in this country.

I do not wish to buy expensive works.

By doing me this kindness you will much oblige. By the way, I was very sorry that you were not able to give me a call during your Western trip.

By the way, Dr J. S. Bell of this city affirms positively the following ^{almost} incredible statement. He says that Prof Cobb of this city (now dead) discovered a Mastodon's tooth in a mass of Pittsburgh Coal that he was about to put in his stove, but being too large he broke it into

two, with a hammer, and the tooth fell out. What do you think of that?

Dr Bell is ~~of~~ is one of the oldest Professors in the Medical University here.

With sentiments of high Esteem
I remain

Yours very truly
J. R. Eaton

William Jewell College,

Liberly, Mo.

Sept 17, 1877

Prof O. C. Marsh.

My Dear Professor

I have just been reading your address on the "Introduction and Succession of Vertebrate Life in America", in which you state that thus far no vertebrate life has been discovered in this country in the Silurian. I know that Dana states the same thing as a fact. I thought therefore that you might be interested in the fact that Prof. J. G. Morwood (no mean geologist) of the Mo. State University, at Columbia, Mo. has in his possession a *Pterichthys* (I have seen it) which he affirms positively he himself obtained from the Silurian formation.

I drew his attention to the general statement that in this country no vertebrates had existed below the Devonian, and asked "are you sure that it is from the Silurian?" He re-

please." I know it to be Silenus."

If you will write to ^{Dr.} Prof. ~~Wood~~
he will with pleasure give you any
information with respect to it.

If in any of your trips west,
you should come through Liberty.

(on the Hannibal + St Joe R.R. 14 miles

N.E. of Kansas City.) I should be very
happy to receive a call from you, and
renew the pleasant acquaintance of
many years since.

Please extend
my very kind regards to Prof. Verill &
wife, and believe me as ever,

Yours very truly,

J. R. Eaton.