

Chicago, Ill. July 10/98
5552 Drexel Av.

Prof. O.C. Marsh:

New Haven. Conn.

Dear Sir:

It was with much pleasure that I had
you letter to me concerning my Jurassic
work. It was also more than pleasure, that I
learned that you would allow me to see your
collection. Had I only known this a month
ago I would have arranged some work with
you. I still have three Jura. plesiosaurs to describe
and a lot of new material in the Dinosaurs.
I really have a valuable collection of this material,
it standing second to yours in the am. Jurassic
fossils.

I have some new features in the structure
of your *Baptawodus* which are very important
and only add strength to your description, I also
have material that would strengthen a great
deal of your work.

Why are you not continuing in this line. The
Jurassic rocks are only scratched and I am quite
confident that some other vertebrate species will
be discovered.

Ostrom has started in on this theme and his

intention judging from what I have heard
is to break down so far as he can see of your
work. If at this time you could put a good
man at the work you could head off every
possibility of injury to your wonderful efforts.
I am as familiar with the field that I know
that the Dinosaur beds are vastly more extensive
than any one has considered and that in the place
of Como being the only great place there are many
place of as much importance. I know that the
Dinosaurs can be taken from the fauna of Wyoming from
a region 200 miles square

any of your paper would be very acceptable in my
work. I have a small library and no funds to work with.
I am here taking up work at the University of Chicago
for a Ph.D. and will remain until Sept. when I will
resume my field work. As soon as I return from the
field I expect to resume my Jurassic studies. Allow
me to thank you again for your kindness and say that if
possible I intend to continue the Jurassic work for years
to come.

Very respectfully,

Wilbur C. Knight

(Copy)

Yale University,

New Haven, Conn., July 21, 1898.

[Clinton]

Prof. Wilbur A. Knight,

Dear Sir: -

I was very glad to get your kind letter of July 10th in reply to mine, and I thank you for the information you gave me about your work and prospects, and also the other matters you mentioned.

It will give me pleasure to send you any publications that I have on hand, and I will try to send you some as soon as I can get time to put them together. Kindly let me know if there are any special papers that you need, before I get time to arrange the set I have in mind.

I regret very much that you could not have seen my collection, and talked over various matters before you made your present arrangements, and I hope it is not too late to be of mutual advantage to each other.

We have, as you know, here by far the largest collection of vertebrates in this country, and if you have any duplicate specimens to spare that would make our collections more complete, I should be very glad to give you a good exchange, either in specimens or books, or purchase them outright at a fair price. Please give me the first chance with anything you have to spare.

I am still at work on the Jurassic, and hope soon to publish my Monograph on the great Dinosaurs, for which I have a vast amount of material already figured.

I was much obliged for your prompt reply to my telegram. I wanted to give Reed full credit for an interesting discovery of Cycads.

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Although I have been in the region myself, I wanted to know just where his discovery was made.

I expect to sail to England about the first of August, to attend the International Congress of Zoologists in Cambridge, but shall return in September.

Let me hear from you soon about your duplicate specimens.

Yours, very truly,

(Signed) O. C. Marsh.

P. S. -

I shall send you by a later mail, two of my volumes, which I hope will be of service to you. Some other publications will go later.

Chicago, Ill. July 25/88

5552 Dearborn Av.

Prof. O. C. Marsh

New Haven, Conn.

Estima^ma Sis:-

You kind letter together with your
great work *Odontosaurus* received. I thank you
ever so much for both.

as to exchanges or sales I will be pleased to
do what I can to aid you. So far the material
collected appears to be largely new. You see I
have not collected in your old fields at all.
When I have duplicates will let you know. How
long before you will publish more concerning your
Jurasic plesiosaur? From what I have seen I am not
ask to place any of the remains I have in your
description. I have two more very good species to
describe and a vertebral of a third, I will try and
get this work of this fall.

I would appreciate your paper on the classification
of the Dicroidium as much as any. I am especially in-
terested in that point. From data in hand I judge
that there is much to be done before a satisfactory
classification can be reached.

Concerning my work, I ~~had~~ intended to make a list

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work of the Jurassic Vertebrates, but the University is requiring so much work of me that I find that I only have a few hours per week. My collection is growing very rapidly and soon I will have material enough to keep a man busy for years. I believe that there are ~~more~~ ^{as many} species to be found in the Jura ~~than~~ ^{as} you have already described, and that some of the great discoveries have yet to be made.

I trust that you will have a pleasant and profitable time in Europe and that Sept. will find you safe at home and in good health.
Thanking you for your kindness I am

Very truly
Wilbur C. Knight

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LARAMIE, - WYOMING.

Laramie, Wyo. Oct. 11th, 1898.

Dear Pro. Marsh:

I write to thank you again for the very valuable reprints and books that you have been so kind to send me. They are of invaluable assistance to me. I am at the present time making a study of the Jurassic of the world preparatory to making a thorough investigation of the jurassic of this state. I have found it very interesting and ample evidence to maintain the *Atlantisaurus* beds as Jurassic. I can not imagine what has gotten into Scott. In his text he has referred the *Atlantisaurus* beds to the L. Cretaceous. and without giving any reason for it whatever. In my study I wish you to know that I will champion your side of the question and help what I can to maintain the point. The season in the field has been an excellnt one for me. Reed brought in not less than 5 tons of bones, all of which are in perfect condition. We have not commenced to work the material yet, but will very soon. While in the field this fall I ran onto some very exceilent localities and believe that I have a new Tertiary locality, I mean a new horizon. It seems to be between the Bridger and White River. As usual I am crowded to death with work, having to teach 5 hours a day and do all of the state assaying. I hope that in a few years that I will be in a position to devote all of my time to the subject I love and then I will be contented. Recently I have been examining the artesian basins of this state preparator to makinga report and I have found no end of Jurassic. and further it is all carrying fossils. Realy the work in the Jurassic has just begun, and I expect to see as much new material come to light as has been described already. The American Museum people have just left, with two cars of bones. They have a nearly complete Trionyx from the Jura.

Very truly yours,

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Laramie, Wyo. Dec. 14th, 1898.

Dear Professor Marsh:

Your last letter was received some time ago and would have answered sooner could I have found the time. Yes you have many things that I would like very much to exchange for. and just as soon as I can get ample material in from the field I will gladly arrange one with you. Our cycad collection at present is quite small and has not been worked up. There are only a few good trunks and the rest of it is fragments. I hope to get some of these together so that we may get out say 20 trunks in all. I expect to have Reed go to the field very early in the spring and I will have him take out a nice lot of these the first thing. Then I can let you know just what I have and the kind of specimens they are. As to the bones associated with the cycads we only have two fragments and I am very much afraid that you could not identify them. I will however attend to this point during the coming season so that I can have some good bones from this cycad bed to send you. In case you wish the fragments of bone we have from the cycad horizon I will send them to you immediately. Have you noted Dartons discovery in the Black Hills of Jurassic fishes and a Lower Cretaceous vertebrate horizon. These will be of great interest. Thanking you for many favors in the past, and trusting that I may be able to aid you in the future, I am

Very truly yours,

Wilbur C. Knight