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Museum,
Oxford.

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To Dr. G. F. Marsh.

I have made a very bad
return to you for your kind Writing to me
of date March 12. but having just now
been busy over your printed Writings I
shall be ashamed still more if I con-
tinue writing to you any longer. Please
pardon my unparallelable delay.

I have opened & reprinted parts of my
kind Writing of some of Animal life
to a good deal of good & new information
& much more information which the
world owes to you as my debt. I have
acknowledged due if not fully -

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How I am to be bold enough to ask you
to send me the femur of *Altantosaurus*
I scarcely know. However if you will
be so "unpleasant," as ladies say, we shall
be very much obliged. & it will be
a great thing to have it alongside
of *Cetiosaurus*.

I am writing with a little about Rodentia
as I have had an opportunity of the Geo-
logical Record strongly impressed upon
me by the fact that of vertebrates
the effect that *Seneximus* is the
darkest form of fur. Yet *Sciurus* are
the most specialized & highest of living
Rodentia beyond question. The parents of
the Hare & the Rabbit & dog-toothed
must be somewhere down in Cretaceous.

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lime. But where is *Cretaceous*, you ask?
It will be a small pleasure to your mind. When you
take you car into the country never or twice go.
as often where as there, so please. I do not
with a more glad heart for the

Yours truly

George Goldston

Professor G.C. Marsh -

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My dear Professor Marsh.

The fact of my being away from Oxford & the fact that the cause of my being there absent is ill health will I hope be something of an excuse for my not having long ago thanked you for your splendid gift of your epoch making Book. "Something of an excuse" I say; not a complete one for I was in Oxford after your book came thicker & I lost no time in gratifying myself like reading it & I worked my advanced pupils through its main outlines. Honouring thus the book I ought to have paid the author of it the compliment of showing him as well as others without delay how really I appreciated it. Let me thank you late rather than now for

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it; I need not repeat that I value it most highly; & I venture to congratulate you on being the author of such a durable & everlasting contribution to the history of our World of life -

I thought much of you when I was in Horner; as a Museum there under the charge of Dr. Totsky Major there are such splendid Mammalian remains from the Miocene & Pliocene epochs as have so little in Great Britain. Such a sight as the Pliocene Bigs I never saw; but other Ungulates & some Carnivora of the same & the previous period were all but equally interesting. I suppose the great teeth of the Carnivora were correlated with the thick hide & sinews also with the great tusks of the Suidæ!

I hope I shall be back a lighter when you visit it next; in the mean time you will I trust

believe me etc

Yours very truly & sincerely
George Rolleston George D. M. L.

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