

## United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 21, 1892.

Rev. Timothy Dwight,  
President Yale University,  
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 8th instant is received. The Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill, in which the item of appropriation for palaeontology should appear, is now being considered by the Senate Committee on Appropriations. I shall do all I can to secure the appropriation, but it is very difficult at this session of Congress to obtain needful appropriations to carry on the Government. The Democratic party seem determined to make a record for the fall election without regard to the merits of any particular appropriation. They are striking in the dark for the purpose of reducing the aggregate amount, without regard to the effect upon the business of the country, or matters of educational or scientific importance.

Your letter calls to my mind many pleasant recollections. Although I left Yale to seek my fortune in the gold fields of California before I had finished my collegiate course, my attachment to that great institution is as firm and lasting as it could



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possibly have been if I had been fortunate enough to enjoy all the advantages of a complete course. The training I obtained there has been of immense service to me through life, and the failure to remain during the term and receive my degree in the usual way is a matter of life-long regret.

I expect to visit Yale on the 28th and enjoy the reunion of the Class of 1852. It is possible, however, that official duties here may prevent my attendance. The two Conventions of the great parties, one at Minneapolis and the other at Chicago, have interfered very materially with the business of Congress. If the Commencement of Yale were this week, I could leave here without neglecting important public duties. Next week there will be a full Senate and a great pressure of business, and it will be very difficult for me to find time to visit Yale. I have not, however, given up the hope that I will be able to do so. I have charge of many important bills, and cannot positively determine whether or not I can leave until about Monday or Tuesday next. If I am <sup>not</sup> able to attend your Commencement, be assured that it will be no fault of mine, and is only because I cannot be excused from important legislation entrusted to my care.

Yours, very truly,





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New Haven, Conn., July 11, 1892.

Hon. William M. Stewart,

U. S. Senate.

Dear Sir: -

I do not believe that you wish to do me an injustice, but you have certainly done so. In the Senate on Friday last ( if the Congressional Record is correct ), you made a charge, which is without just foundation. You said, in substance, that two very expensive books had been prepared by me, and published by the Government; <sup>namely, the first</sup> ~~one~~ printed by the Engineer Corps of the Army, (under which you say I was acting with Lieut. Wheeler,) and <sup>the second one</sup> ~~another~~ later, under Prof. Powell, which ~~was~~ contained nothing that was not in the first <sup>book</sup>.

The first work can only be Vol. VII. ( Odonatolithes ) of Clarence King's Survey, as I had nothing whatever to do with the Wheeler Survey. For the preparation of this extensive monograph, involving several years' work, and several thousand dollars of my own money, I received no compensation whatever. The second <sup>" "</sup> book to which <sup>I suppose</sup> you refer was not a separate volume, <sup>as you imply</sup> but merely a short article in the Third Annual Report of the Director of the Geological Survey, ~~pp. 42-52~~. All the illustrations of this article, I paid for myself, and if you have seen a separate copy, it must be one of those I had printed at my own expense. This is the whole story.

Yours, very truly,

O. C. Marsh

It included the results of important researches made after the ~~first volume~~ Monograph was published.