

Chicago, April 13th 64
Prof Dawson,

Dear Sir,

I return your
many thanks for your val-
uable information, and for
the pamphlets. I am glad
to see you take ground against
the theory of the continental
glacier. We have a vast amount
of glacial drift section exposed
by the wave action of our lakes
and I say without hesitation
that it is a stratified
water deposit, and in no way
resembles the Alpine moraines.

I think your remark
attributing the lake basins to
the erosions of the drift waters
needs some limitation, as
there are various proofs in

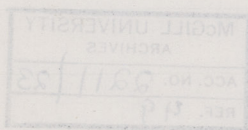
the west that the basins
of ~~the~~ some of the ~~great~~ great
lakes exist ~~in~~ in pre-glacial
times, & probably date from
Silurian ~~times~~ ages. It is
curious that our drift waters
of this region seem to have
retired very suddenly, sinking
at least 1300 ft over a
slope 500 miles long, without
leaving a single beach line,
but guttering ^{the} country extensively
with the traces of a rather
violent ^{torrent} action of the retreating
waters. In central Illinois
the ancient pre-glacial soil
lies undisturbed beneath the
glacial drift. We are setting
on foot measures to investigate
it. We have ~~not~~ yet reached
any important results, but so
far as we have gone the fauna
very much resembles the present one,

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I have not yet been able to
get any of the vertebrate remains
in a shape to be identified.

Very truly

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