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My dear Sir

I was very glad to receive today your letter of the 20th ulto; and I return you my best thanks for the trouble you have taken for me in respect of the American Naturalist. I shall be glad to have my remarks inserted also in the Canadian Naturalist at the proper time.

The Reports on Quercion and your own pamphlets have also come to hand, & will be both useful & interesting. Just at present I have no time for reading any thing except correspondence,

not have I yet examined any
of the shells I brought home.

At Christmas time I shall be in
Wales & will not only (I do) look
over the Reports & Pamphlets
but pass them on to a relative
here who is especially interested
in the subject of education.

I know that you were
not well treated (between
ourselves) by the Council of the
R.S.; but although the mode
of proceeding in such cases is the
objectionable and cowardly
mode of ballot, I can assure
you that the decision was by
no means unanimous. The

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Council depend in such cases mainly
on the Report of the Referees.
I can say no more, because I attended
the Council sitting when your
Bakerian Lecture was disposed of.
At the same time I would advise
you, as a friend, not to see in this
any protest. Such would be
considered an undignified course,
& poor Stokes suffered in reputation
for the same thing in the case
of the Geological Society.

I am very sorry to learn
that the Museum of the Academy
of Sciences at Chicago was
utterly destroyed by the late
west calamitous fire. You will

probably have seen what I said
about the collection of molluscs
from the fall of Mexico examined
by me at Chicago; it was in the
'Atheneum' & 'Nature' for
the 26th & 27th of last month.

D^r Carpenter returned
home from Italy last Sunday
night. We shall soon make
arrangements of preparation for
the great Circumnavigation
expedition from Great Britain.

With best compliments
to Mrs Dawson and your
daughters

Believe me
Yours very truly
J. Owen Silliman