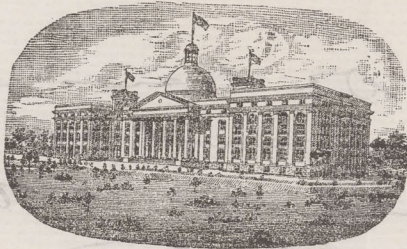


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My Dear Sir,

In March, I will leave for Europe on a six months leave of absence. My primary object is the study of glaciers, lacustrine and volcanic phenomena. I will sail from N.Y. direct to Gibraltar and thence to Malaga, Sicily, Italy, Switzerland, France probably to Norway and afterwards spend a month in Britain. On a trip of that length do you think it worth my while to take any of the time in going to Greece. Of course the only general interest in geology would be the comparison of the bays with the fossils of the north. Would you give me the address of that firm where you obtained those disarticulated invertebrates. I want to visit several of the museums and Universities and also get some materials. Our museum according to Prof. Wood of Rochester is the largest and best lighted building west of the Hudson, and considering their means, the Authorities have been very liberal, through the influence of my perpetual "wanting" and the

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very warm support of Dr. Laws -  
the President, who is a great admirer of Dr. Hunt and yourself both from hearing your lecture and your books. For the last year and a half I have been very highly favored, as shown in the output of my department. A few days ago they elected Ellsworth Call as my assistant.

There is another Canadian here the staff a Dr. Paquin V.S. of your school. He is connected with the Agricultural school. He is a bright young Frenchman (Canadian). He also goes to Europe this spring to study under Pasteur, the treatment of feline diseases.

As I look back at all times with pleasure and pride at having been your student, I have taken the liberty of writing to ask if you could make any valuable suggestions as being plans for the coming trip, as you have already contributed so largely to my success. I intend to return by way of Canada.

I am  
Yours  
G. W. S. Mearns

Sir Wm Dawson K.C.B., F.R.S. &c

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