

New Haven, June 14, 1889

My dear Gray: —

I am very
greatly indebted to you for
your letters on the Marconi
affair, both of which came
today. This morning after re-
ceiving the first of the two, I
wrote as follows to George:
(I had seen the pamphlet, B.S.
for having rec^d one from Marconi by
mail): —

Dear A. —

I find by a copy
of a pamphlet by Marcon, which
has just been received here, that
Marcon, through some means, has
got hold of our confidential
correspondence, and charges me
with refusing to publish your paper.

we will publish the closing
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part of your memoir with pleasure
the copy -

without scissoring, and with
yielding only upon your threatening
to withdraw your name from
the cover of the Journal. I hope
you will do all you can to
correct this error publicly. You
know that in my correspondence
I at first objected strongly to your
views, and said that if you
would read the book you would
be convinced that I was right;
and ~~that~~ in my last letter, I
based my objections to publishing
(I made no refusal) on the
ground that you had not read
the book. ^(in New Haven) When you were here,
you told me that if you had
read it before publishing, you
would not have published at
all. I presume you have not
seen the paragraph in Marcon's
pamphlet in which he makes
this development. I do not wish to
write any thing further on the

Subject, and so leave it with
you. — With best wishes to

J. D. Dana

I don't know but A. is
already ill, so that my letter
will not reach him. I may
have a letter from him, in
consequence of your prompting.
If nothing comes, I shall have
to follow your advice, and make
a brief correction of the false
statement. So much as this is
true, that Agassiz wrote ^{finally} me,
that if I did not choose to
publish his paper I might take
his name from the cover. I
wrote in reply that I would
publish it ^{if still desired}, — but for I had not
refused it; but that I still
thought it due to me and to
science that he should read
the book before publishing. —

Your copy of the Marcon
pamphlet has come; and as
Silliman has me, I will return
it to you if you wish it again.
If Aearius prefers to befriend
Marcon, whom he acknowledges
to B. S. Jr., ~~was~~ unprincipled,
to dealing fairly with me, ~~it~~
there is a lack of somethingⁱⁿ
him. — I suppose there was
no intentional wrong. But
such double dealing is sure
to betray itself & prove a
double failure. —

I wish you would send those
corrections of the Eulogy, as soon
as you can, as we may not
get them from Prof. Veltin. It is
already printed off: but we can
correct in the Enata (or in a
paragraph in the Miscellany, if
that is allowable under the
circumstances.)

Marcon makes much of what
he considers errors in my history of

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American Geology. — In
the first place, I have
written no formal history;
secondly, in what I wrote
I spoke of the New York
Geologists in a body I did
not omit them. I

overlooked Vanuxem's
part in the discovery ^{or identification} of the
Cretaceous. & that is the
only oversight. — But
I shall make no
reply on this point or
any thing else in the
pamphlet, beyond what
you have advised. —

Sincerely your friend
James H. Dana

Did you hear anything when in New York from
Dr Toney about my being vexed because it was
proposed to give me a partial salary for a
partial course in Columbia College? There
was some foundation for the ~~statement~~
though it is an exaggerated expression of
my feelings. Moreover, I am
confident neither Dr Toney or any
one else except Mr Allen knows
all the facts. — I give you the
facts on another leaf — and
if you have heard from Dr
Toney any thing about it,
you may (without mentioning
it as my suggestion, send
him the leaf — for I wish
him to understand that I

I have not been unreasonable
Prof. Bryant told me that Dr Toney & others regarded me as having
taken offense at Mr Allen's proposition.
or ill-tempered.

My article on Bushnell —
was intended for Chappman; and if
you know the ignorance among them, &
the readiness there is to take in Dr
Bushnell's rhetoric as sober truth, you would perhaps

is the need of such writings.



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