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My Dear Sir

I have nearly finished my sketch of the geology of Canada for Hitchcock & as I approach the Quaternary, venture to ask you, if possible. I am sure that you could furnish a brief sketch of the geology of the stratified drifts, as no one but yourself can do it. It would be doing a great service to American geology, for I fear no one else will take up the subject for this N.E. region. It does not enter into my plan to give lists of fossils or detailed descriptions of phenomena, but only to sketch in broad lines the history of the time, so I think you could do it in a few pages. My whole sketch will not cover more than 20 pages of Silliman's Journal of Geology, my general introduction & of Pollack's geology which will bear much more. I have not spoken to Hitchcock about going to you for I feared your occupations would make

unwilling to undertake it. - You know however
that his letters will be out of books
& authority for a long time & come for the
development of American geology & would depend on
the work being properly done -

I wish also to consult you about what I sus-
pect is a new word to wit fauanal, as per-
taining to fauuna. We have flosal, fosal. etc.
& I think fauanal a good word. though I
do not find it in Webster's same not certain
whether I have ever met with it. I have
written "fauanal conditions" referring to
the conditions of life as shown in its
distribution in different parts of the sea bot-
tom. also "fauanal break" an interrup-
tion in the succession of the fauna. instead
of the clumsy word hitherto used "paleon-
tological break". Tell me what you think
of the word thus used -

I sent you on Saturday the Nouveau
Monde with the article in French

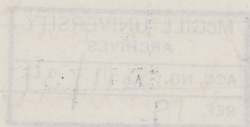
Education marked - I have in last
number a second article on The Origin
of Speech, a review of Darwin's "Descent
of Man". in which I note & show
that Darwin seems to be abandoning
his former leaning to Mivart's & the
"Vestiges" view of the origin of speech.
I think you approved of printing the
previous article on the origin of speech
from the Nation, in the Naturalist -
but write to be sure before I send it
in.

With best regards I remain
my dear Sir

Very faithfully Yours.

T. Sturge Hunt

Dr. J. W. Dawson



J. S. Hunt
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