

From Professor BENJAMIN SILLIMAN.

*To the Trustees of Columbia College.*

GENTLEMEN,

Professor T. Sterry Hunt, for many years connected with the Geological Survey of Canada, under Sir William Logan, is, I understand, a candidate for the Geological Chair about to be established in your institution. It gives me pleasure to have an opportunity to bear my testimony to the remarkable attainments of Professor Hunt in Geology, Mineralogy and Chemistry. Nineteen years of active service in the field and the laboratory, in the prosecution of the Canadian Survey, have given to him a fund of experience as an original observer second to that of no other Geologist in America. I have known him intimately since 1845, when he was for a time associated with me as assistant here, and can speak from personal knowledge of his high attainments in many departments of physical science, of the fertility of his genius, and of his great power of acquiring, retaining and communicating knowledge. He has also had several years of experience as a teacher, both in the Laval University at Quebec, and in McGill College at Montreal.

His reputation is equalled in Europe by that of few American scientists of his age, as is evinced by the honorable notice taken of his various scientific labors, and his membership of many noted Scientific Societies. The list of his original contributions to Geology, Mineralogy and Chemistry, in the journals of this country, is of great extent, and will doubtless be submitted to you.

In appointing Mr. Hunt to the chair in question you will, in my humble judgment, secure a most able and efficient officer, and add new lustre to your honored institution.

Respectfully yours,

B. SILLIMAN.

YALE COLLEGE, NEW HAVEN, Dec. 30th, 1865.

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From Professor JAMES D. DANA.

Professor T. Sterry Hunt is one of the first Geologists and Chemists of America, both practical and theoretical, and has done