of that kind, may become known in the United States, and reach such persons as would naturally be interested in it: . . .

With friendly remembrance, yours always, Louis Agassiz.

The answer is some months later in date, but is given here for its connection.

FROM OSWALD HEER.

Zurich, December 8, 1868.

My Honored Friend, — Your letter of last May gave me the greatest pleasure, and I should have answered it earlier had I not heard that you had gone to the Rocky Mountains, and supposed, therefore, that my letter would hardly find you at home again before the late autumn. I will delay writing no longer, — the more so because I have received, through the Smithsonian Institution, your great work on the Natural History of the United States. Valuable as it is in itself, it has a double attraction for me as the gift of the author. Accept my warm thanks. It will always be to me a token of your friendly regard. It gave me great satisfaction to know that my Fossil Arctic Flora had met with your approval. Since then many new facts have