

Hodder & Loe

27, Paternoster Row

London, Nov 20 1887

E.C.

Dear Dr Dawson,

We are much obliged
for your letter with reference
to the new edition of "The Story
of the Earth" we must beg to
apologize for having gone to
press without communicating
with you. Until recently
we had been in the habit of
importing sheets from Messrs
Harper Brothers but when ^{last} ~~we~~ ^{running}
^{low} ~~out of~~ stock we decided to
sterotype from the paper moulds of first edition
~~set up the type~~ print a new
edition. Unadvertently we
omitted to write to you on the
matter which omission we

exceedingly regret. shall be glad
to make any amendments in our
power. If you could supply
us with MSS for a page or two
which we could print with
heading say "Note to Sixth
Edition" we could bind
the leaf up with copies as sold.

Before going to press again
although we have now only
about 50 copies left we will
wait for the revised copy.

The sheets from America
were rather inferior but though
we were studying your interests
as well as our own by effecting
a saving in the long run as
we had to pay a high price
for the sheets.

It is rather costly work
to make many alterations
in the stereo. plates & we hope
you will not find it
necessary to do much in
this way.

The balance on the a/c
due to you we suppose you
will have received by this
time from Messrs A. Cameron
as arranged by the writer
before leaving New York.

With kind regards

Dear Dr Dawson

Yours very truly

Walter Houghton

Principal I. N. Dawson Ltd. F.R.S.

We are quite ready to make
the alterations at once as
unexpectedly we have sold
the book more quickly than
before. Our edition is
we think preferred by the
trade.

W.S.

We shall be very much obliged
if you will kindly allow
us to publish your lecture
on Modern Agnosticism
on usual terms.