

Scarfild Cottage Arthur A. Watts
Cambridge.

My dear Mr. Lawson,

I have deferred
answering your enquiries about
pronunciation until I could get
some trustworthy information on
the subject.

When I was up at Cambridge
I never heard a lecturer use
it; but now I hear that in
several who do. I think it
is only used at one of our
large Public Schools - Marlbro's.

Today I called on Mr.
Sandys of Johns, the Public
Orator, & asked him some
questions about it. He believes
in it & would like to see
it used. His chief argument

is that it is a ridiculous
thing to teach boys to pronounce
short syllables as long &
vice versa, - as in "bonus".
He seems to be of opinion
that it will come into
more general use here,
several eminent men having
taken it up very strongly.

He referred me for
arguments to an or two
pamphlets which I have
asked my bookseller to
get for me, & which I
will send to you.

For my own part, I quite
think that the Latin vowels

We have a "w", but
always an "v".

Now I really haven't
gone deeply into the subject.

My father is at present -
in Aberdeen, where he will
remain a fortnight.

If I am in this part of
of the globe next - year, I
shall certainly try to
fit - a visit - to Canada, et -
any rate we shall do
our best - to persuade my
father to go.

Ever yours sincerely
Arthur Roberts