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Dear Sir William

I am much obliged for an opportunity of correcting the note on page 7 of your address. in a way which can offend no one. The date 1858 settles it. I was then alive. Some Hopkins & Archdeacon Pratt & I defended the solid interior on both physical & mathematical grounds. as I have ever since done. Neither Thomson nor any of those whom your name. some Hopkins has then attached the problem. Bernardi was a mathematical discussion of the abs astronomical argument & Dutton & Crosby were pupils of mine & Wads. with whom few look upon as a man in serious earnest. attached me through the doctrine. because he was J. D. Whitney's tool. Le Conte took up my theses in 1872 & Chalmers in 1869. I am glad of an opportunity of

putting on record the date of my work of
complying with the view. The names of my
supporters. At first I was alone. Dana's
conversion dates back only to his last edi-
tion of his Manual.

With thanks, I am, dear Sir William,
very truly
Yours

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Sir William Dawson

