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My dear Father,

I got back here last night after 1 am. & nearly an hour & a half late & found a perfect chaos of letters etc waiting attention. Mr Whitecross is much concerned about Dr Hunt's action re Topworth's Paper. Dr Hunt is evidently brood & wote all the trouble he can. He wrote to Mr Boodle saying that you had told him Mr Whitecross was to blame for the whole business & Boodle sends Hunt's letter on to Whitecross with several votes of his own. Whitecross is naturally annoyed at the whole thing, particularly as to the use of your name by Hunt. I told him I was sure you never made the statement in the way Hunt put it, & endeavoring with the object of creating bad feeling on Mr Whitecross part toward you. You are not safe in treating Hunt as a friend or writing or saying I bin anything you do not wish to go further. Hunt in his letter also insists that

proof shall not go to Topworth, but every receipt  
 in whatever concerns & be returned to print.  
 Dr Selwyn & the Librarians, however, decided to send  
 the proof on to Topworth notwithstanding. The printing  
 Committee have had the MS since August & if  
 it has not been set up till now it is their fault  
 alone. We are here all thoroughly disgusted  
 with the high handed way Hunt tries to manage  
 things in connexion with the printing etc, issuing  
 his orders as though he had only to speak &  
 be obeyed. I should be sincerely pleased  
 to hold a Council meeting of members in Ottawa  
 by R.S. & possibly some resolutions on the subject.  
 There is too much Hunt in the R.S. management,  
 & the other night at the Nat. Meet. I was quite amused  
 to see that he has there surrounded himself with a  
 set of obsequious worshippers who utter for  
 the words of wisdom which they fall from  
 his lips in a way quite Toputian. His  
 offer of Topworth has to be forgotten & his  
 paper will not be returned for printing if it  
 should take the best Spring to make the necessary  
 corrections. It should have been in type in August  
 or by November ago. I hope your lectures have been  
 successful & that with a few will have safely arrived before this  
 week.

Sent to Selwyn 1876