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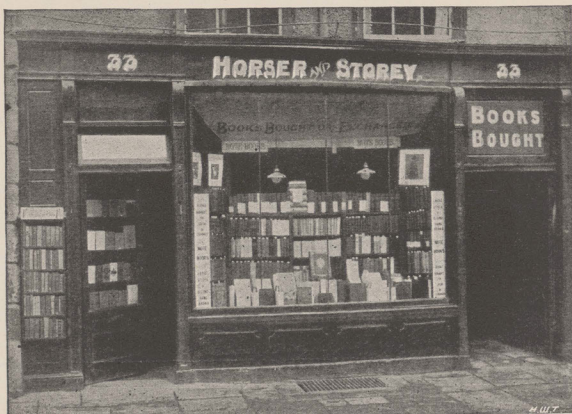
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OXFORD, February 4<sup>th</sup> 1911



COTTRELL HORSER  
HEDLEY V. STOREY.

Professor Osler.

Dear Sir,

In your interesting address at the annual dinner of the Antiquarian Booksellers you said of Mr. Blackwell that around him rotates much of the intellectual life of Oxford: "for without him there is no question that the undergraduate world here been in a great measure lost." This was a handsome compliment to our friend Mr. Blackwell, but do you not think all the other Booksellers of Oxford will feel that they have been slighted? Mr. Blackwell is not the only Bookseller here who devotes his life to helping undergraduates in their choice of books and even in more than that. Indeed, Sir, for my own firm I may say that we have the pleasure all the year round of helping & advising many tutors as well in their choice of text-books, translations & commentaries. And I am sure that

Mr Blackwell himself will be the first to admit that in knowledge of Oxford & books needed for the Schools no one in the Trade can surpass my own partner, Mr Cottrell Horner; who does not know I am writing this letter.

I am sure you did not intend in your offering of graceful compliments to Mr Blackwell, whom all of us profoundly respect, to keep the rest of us in the shade or turn your back to us, nevertheless you have done so, and as the youngest & therefore the most audacious of the Oxford Booksellers I venture on behalf of myself & of the other Booksellers to make this gentle protest. Your name will give your speech a repetition throughout the Empire and it is not fair that so many people should be led by you to think that in Oxford there is only one Bookseller, only one holding the honour of being an exhibitor to the University, of being in fact if not in law a part of the daily life of the University of Oxford.

yours faithfully

Hedley T. Storey

P.S.— I should like to publish this letter & your reply if you will agree to publicity.