



Montreal Aug 8 1876

Dear Sir

I have recd your letter of the 4th and have written to Harper & Brothers to see if they will publish the book in conjunction with us and what terms can be made for the copy-right. I have to go to Toronto for a day and their answer will no doubt be here on my return.

I think the best plan would be to have it set up at Harpers and make three sets of plates one for Canada - one for England and one for U.S. and for you to take a royalty of ten per cent on all the sales. Perhaps Harper may prefer a lump sum.

S^r Dawson

Harper will do better than Carter for the book - I am not so sure about Macmillan. He has gone very much after strange gods and is surrounded by a clique of people who throw cold water on the views you hold. It damps a feebler's efforts very much to hear continual detraction. It will be better however to wait upon Harper before writing to England.

When I was in England a Mr. Crouch - an employe of our agents, spoke about his brother's theodolite and gave me a Catalogue which I have lost. It was quite an important Catalogue of Optical Instruments of all sorts and prices were lower than Beck's. I will write you another - At that time it was foreign to my views to go into it.

Sincerely
P.S. I will send Harpers Samuel Dawson

James

Aug 16

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