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My dear Dr. Dawson,—

I find myself in somewhat serious trouble in regard to the publication of your lectures. For this I am somewhat to blame, and you are somewhat. I am in fault in that I said nothing beforehand on the subject, and you are really the blameworthy party for awakening so deep and universal an interest among the people. It is perfectly clear that if you had only been dry and dull, no one would have wished to read your lectures; I should have been praised for not burdening anyone with their publication, and peace would have reigned in all directions. As it is I receive no congratulations on my foresight, and, if you will believe it, people intimate I was stupid in making no provision for printing.

Now I appeal to you on all principles of justice, ought you not to help me out? I am sure you see if it had not been for you I would not be in this fix. People say "no matter if the substance of these lectures

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is in print the connection here is a good one, the line of argument is clear, and the end reached is one." They say "that just these six lectures in juxtaposition are what they want". Here again I am at a great disadvantage, for so far, I have not been able to say anything in rebuttal of their position.

Now my dear Doctor will you not help me?

Very sincerely yours,

Henry G. Weston.

P.S.

After the forgoing was written, I received the books you so kindly sent me. I am very much obliged for them. After a perusal of them all I am more convinced than ever of the desirableness of the publication of the Crozer Lectures. The volume will fill a place not occupied exactly by any of your preceding works, will gain access to many readers who have not become acquainted with the arguments and facts thus presented and who are not likely to be unless in some such connection as that in which you have now grouped them. Prof. Cope told us to make much of you, for you were the last of the kind. I do not believe his reason but his advice is good, and I am profoundly impressed with the fact that if you comply with our request you will greatly enlarge your already wide sphere of usefulness.