

Beecher.  
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Auburn, N. Y.  
May 9, 1899.

Sir Wm. Dawson,

Honored and dear Sir,

About the sixteenth day of March last, our President Booth, of Auburn Seminary, read me a letter from you, dated the fourteenth of March, in which you referred pleasantly to your visit here some years ago. Two days later, President Booth died suddenly. Your letter to him is now before me. We have no means of knowing whether he had written you an answer before his death.

In your letter you refer to Dr. Huntington whose guest you were when you lectured here. He and Mrs. Huntington are still living, though he is now eighty six years old, and retired six years ago from active work. When you were here I was in years the Junior Professor here, and I am now the only one of the men then in the Faculty who remains in active service. I retain a vivid and pleasant recollection of you and your lectures.

You inquire as to whether

you sent the Seminary a  
copy of your Modern Science  
in Bible Lands. I think not.

Our Library has usually  
purchased your books as  
they came out, but I think  
we have not the edition of 1895  
of this book. If President Booth  
availed himself of your  
authorization to order a copy  
from the London publishers,  
no word to that effect has  
been received. It would be  
greatly to our liking if we  
might have a copy of the  
book with your autograph  
in it.

Since writing the above, I have

been to call on Dr. Huntington  
and his family. They are  
well, and rem<sup>em</sup>ber you with  
a great deal of esteem. As you  
remember Miss Mattie Hunting-  
ton married Mr. Gilchrist  
of Boston. She now has  
five little boys, the last two  
being twins.

I send a copy of our latest  
Catalogue.

I am, my dear Sir, with great  
respect and esteem,

Yours Truly

Willis J. Beecher

Notes

asked whether  
this referred to this or  
New York  
to Beecher of this  
JWB wrote  
May 20, 53  
JWB

