

Letter from Appleton to A.P. Watt

Thursday 7 December 1905

As you are probably aware, there is a strike threatened among the NY printers on the 1st of January and for reasons which will be obvious to you D Appleton and Co are very anxious to complete all their composition work on their English work and get plates cast before the commencement of the new year. I therefore ask you if it is absolutely necessary for Mr C to have proofs of his new work Fishers of Men. Should they be compelled to send the proofs to England it will not be possible to get the plates prepared before the date above mentioned. If you let me have an answer to this promptly I will immediately cable Mr Cs decision to NY. Mr C has had many former experiences of the careful proofreading of our establishment and has before now conveyed to us his thanks for the care we have taken with his work so that we feel sure that we need not mention. that the proofs will be very thoroughly scrutinised before the pages are cast.