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‘Apology.’

16th February, 1871. Sir,—I have to offer you a most full apology, and to express my most sincere regret for having, through the medium of my Printing Establishment, been the means of circulating a certain Newspaper, called the “Armourer,” ostensibly published, “for the defence of God’s truth against man’s impostures, whether in divinity, science, or political and social Economy,” of which Mr. John Hampden, of Swindon, Wilts, is Editor and Proprietor: and also a Pamphlet, entitled “Is Water Level or Converse, after all?” both of which were printed by me for the said John Hampden, and contain certain Gross Libels against you.

I have intimated to Mr. C. E. Shea, your Solicitor, that I am willing to insert this Apology, at my own expense, in the following public papers, viz.:—“The Times,” “Field,” “North Wilts Herald,” and one other Wiltshire paper, “The Weston-Super-Mare Gazette,” *Nature*, and “The English Mechanic.”

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, Alfred Bull, Printer.
Swindon, Wilts.

To Alfred Russel Wallace, Esq., F.R.G.S., &c.,
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