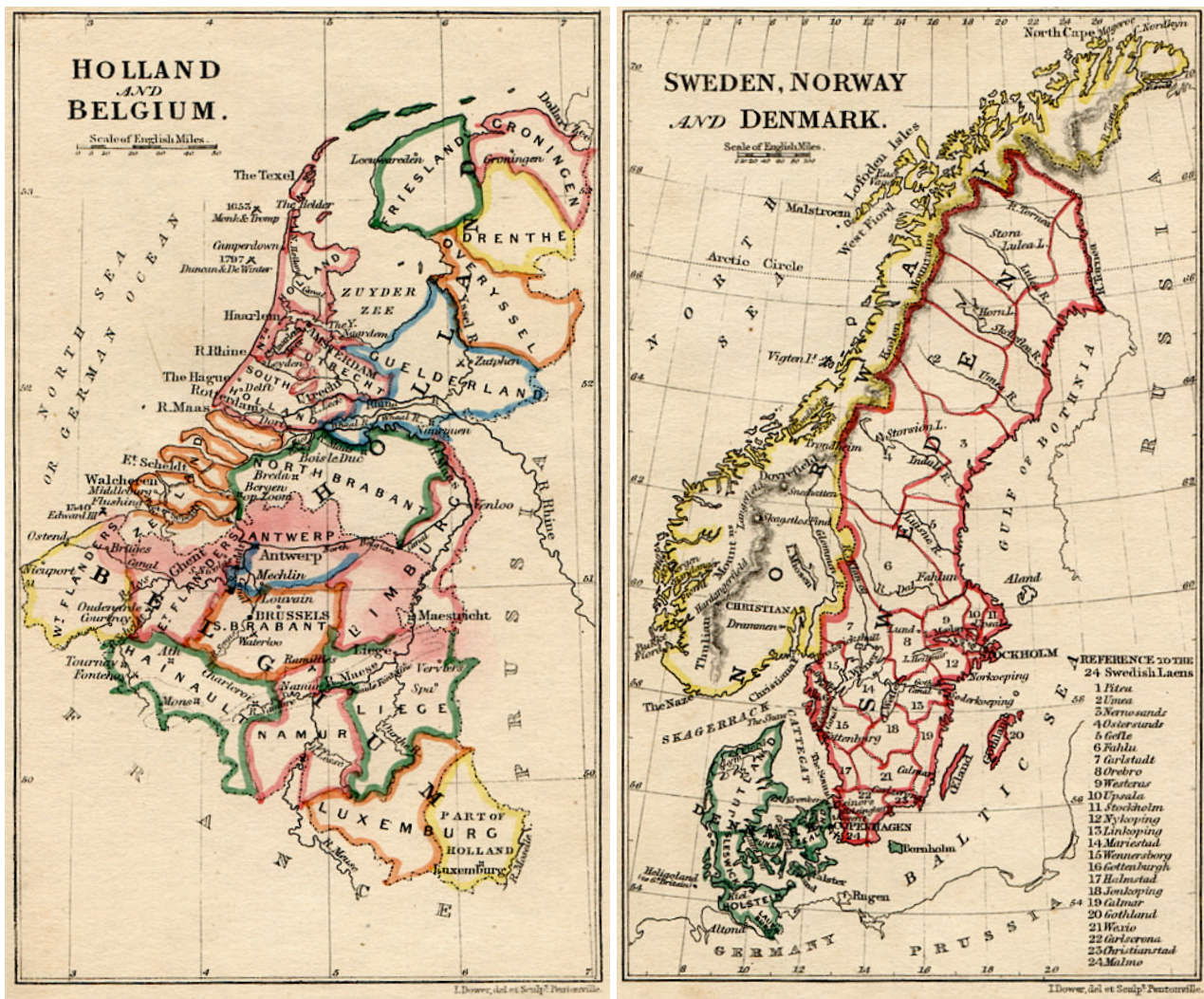


Dr. James Cornwell's school atlas was in print for many years from about 1849 and as only four issues were dated, it is bibliographically problematic. However, ownership inscriptions provide some clues, as do the publishers' advertisements for other textbooks. These include edition statements or the words 'just published', some of which can be dated. For example, to establish the approximate date of first publication, the earliest ownership inscription found is dated 1849. A copy in the British Library has an accession date of 31.7.52 but contains an advertisement for the fourth edition of a poetry book, the fifth edition of which was published in 1850.



The atlas measures 170 x 105 mm. and includes eight pages of 'A List of one thousand of the principal places in the world, with their latitude and longitude.' Its frontispiece is a chart of the solar system and is invariably uncoloured, whereas the other twenty nine maps usually have neat outline colour. These are mostly single-page about 85 x 140 mm., though often with insets, but a few have more than one to a page and the England map is double-page. They were all finely drawn, engraved and signed by John Dower and glimpses of dividing lines show they were engraved more than one to a plate:

*Solar System.*

*The World; Europe physical map; England & Wales; Scotland; Ireland; France; Holland and Belgium; Germany; Prussia; Austria; Switzerland / Italy; Spain & Portugal; Turkey in Europe / Greece; Sweden Norway and Denmark; Russia in Europe; Asia physical map; Turkey in Asia, Persia, Arabia &c.; Hindostan; Further India, Birman Empire etc.; Chinese Empire and Japan; Africa physical map / Egypt; North Africa / South Africa; America physical map; North America British, Russian & Danish Possessions; United States; Mexico, Guatemala and the West Indies; South America; Oceania; Australia / Van Diemens Land, or Tasmania / New Zealand.*

The work was continually revised. The single-page map of Scotland was replaced by a double-page one prior to 1860. By 1863 the Burmese Empire was deleted from the map of Further India and Guatemala was replaced by Central America on the Mexico one. After 1864 the covers were 175 x 110 mm. and had plain brown cloth with an embossed front, instead of pebbled cloth with a printed label on the front. Between 1864 and 1876 the single-page maps of Germany and Prussia were replaced by one double-page map: *Prussia, The North German Confederation and South German States*. After 1876 the cover had a black printed design on maroon cloth and many of the maps were modified. The London publishers were subsequently joined by Whittaker & Co..

*A School atlas.* London, Simpkin, Marshall & Co., Hamilton, Adams & Co., (1849-1860); London, Simpkin, Marshall & Co., Hamilton, Adams & Co., Edinburgh, Oliver & Boyd, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, (1865-188?).

