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Mrs. A. W. Touse

Dear Madam

We have yours of the 22<sup>d</sup> inst.

We are very much pleased to think that so distinguished a writer as Judge Touse should be inclined to enter into publishing relations with us, but the pleasure is not unmixed with a feeling that disappointment might be the result. We think that his great popularity is a thing of the past, although we sincerely hope we are wrong in this supposition, but if right the disappointment might reflect upon us.

As to the manner of publishing, we have never done so on a half profit system & we doubt if <sup>we</sup> should want to. That Judge Touse's experience is the exception ~~we~~ would follow the rule would be our fear.

We should, however, be glad to arrange for the publication of "Pastors' Lives", but, as we look at it, 15% to the author means 9% to the publisher, on a book retailing at \$1.00, and we do not care to modify our previous proposition as to the percentage. Perhaps, however, the difficulty may

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be overcome by an agreement to pay a specific sum instead of a percentage.

We will agree to pay you fifteen cents a copy (15¢) on each and every copy sold, the retail price not to exceed \$1.25, and of course we can make it as much less as we please. Accounts to be settled twice a year and the amounts due to be paid in Cash.

If you think favorably of this modification we shall be well pleased to conclude the matter, and with the hope that it might prove the prelude to continued intercourse.

Yours very truly

Roberts Bros.