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Mr. & Mrs. Touyee.

My dear friends.

I have your letter of yesterday & I hope you have received mine of yesterday before this time, for ~~it~~ it will show you how Mr. Matthews feels, He intends to go on and pay for the plates and do all he can to make the work a success, He hopes he is mistaken; and that the work will succeed and have the desired effect, As for me you know I have always been much more hopeful of the work, Of course no one can tell just what such a work can or will do, Even authors fail to estimate correctly sometimes, Still I would give more for the faith of an intelligent father in his child, or author in his book, than I would for any outside opinion, I would give more for the faith and opinion of Mrs. Touyee in this case than for that of any one else, not excepting the judge, for a man naturally grows true to his own pictures, especially if he has worked long and anxiously upon them. Neither Mr. Matthews nor myself knew the state of your affairs, Your position is certainly honorable and business like, I am sure Mr. Matthews will be as much delighted as any one could be to have the work prove a great success and the proposition a noble possibility, I hope, trust, and am inclined to believe, if properly handled, that the work will be a great success. I have faith in Roberts, Cross, I will forward the ~~the~~ ~~to~~ ~~do~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~with~~ ~~best~~ ~~results~~ your friend. Ad. Moot