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Hon. A. W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Judge:--

Your letters with copy are at hand. First, in regard to the initials: We received from you sketches for and had made twenty-seven cuts only of initials. We enclose bill from engravers in proof of this. Second, in regard to the biographical sketches. You gave us ~~copy for two which we enclose. We set these up in type---one in long~~ primer and the other on brevier. One time when you were here you indicated on the proof to set the sketches in nonpareil, but on the copy which you send to-day you say to set them in brevier. As we think that ~~xxxxxx~~ the nonpareil will make a better distinction from the main part of the book than the brevier we will set them in nonpareil as you first indicated unless you advise us to the contrary. We will need the biographical sketches other than the two we now have in hand, at once so that we can go ahead with these three chapters.

As regards Mr. C. M. Fenton: Very soon after the first number of the BASIS was issued and mailed Mr. Fenton mailed three subscriptions for the BASIS---his own and two others. Some two weeks after that he sent a check for \$4.50 in payment of them. This amount was included in the aggregate amount of subscriptions received by me. Your letter says that this is probably one of the three which Miss Jones says she and I were unable to find any trace of. For myself I would say that I

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never tried to find any trace of this matter as I had no reason for doing so. To do so would reasonably indicate, I think, that there had been a complaint, and if so we would have written to Mr. Fenton and set the matter right. But until this late day no complaint has come to this office from him or you. It seems very strange that, taking such an interest in the paper ^{as he does,} that if he received no copies at all he should allow the matter to run for four months without seeking some explanation.

The advertising contracts will be finished at once and sent to you.

The number of copies of the BASIS mailed this week were 1313, including two orders which we found among the other wrappers---one for two copies, the other for three.

Yours very truly,

Admcherald