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Dear Judge:

Your letter regarding Mrs. Campbell's books is received. You are way off on F. N. O.'s idea. They have charged off to profit & loss all their losses on her books — some \$1000 — and have no thought of mixing those with the Continent Library. The only point was this: if it should appear that they had any balance to the credit of The Continent, out of which they could pay royalties to authors, they would be very glad to know that a portion of it was available for Mrs. Campbell, as they could credit it to her and partially offset an old balance against her, for merchandise — books bought of them and never paid for. Your letter straightens that out. If there had been no copyright due her on G. A. Roughs, of course they could not dip into the Continent's funds to pay her — this contract for all these books being direct with the Continent.

In my efforts to dispose of some of the available material of The Continent, to enable me to buy the copyrights, etc., in pursuance of my plan to squeeze old Hallock, which I detailed to you — I have an offer from Cassell on the 200 True for Fiction stories, which I have tried in vain to do something with heretofore. The question arises in my mind as to leaving in your "Gauge or Swallow" story. Cassell would have no objection to leaving it in, notwithstanding your amplification of the scope of it in your Lippincott series. But I do not want to do anything without consulting you, although I do not think the presence of the original sketch in this volume of stories would interfere with your present plan. At the same time, I prefer to refrain from anything you might regard as unfriendly. Doubtless to leave out your story would materially decrease the value of the series in Cassell's mind, and I rather depend on what he will allow me for them for the means to carry out my general plan. I hope

You will see your way clear to let  
me go ahead with the series intact,  
for the control of Mallock would re-  
lieve me very materially.

Yours Faithfully,

H. W. R. Howard

I have told Williams to send  
Dinoch to moot his bill, today.