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My dear Chestnut: I rec'd yours of Sept 26 and
was much interested both in it and the story
to which you refer. I do not know how it is
with you, but such trash as Maurice Thompson's
"Ben and Judas" in the last Ontario makes me sick.
I have hunted for twenty-five years for that type
of Master and slave and never found them yet.
I don't believe they ever existed - except in
the imaginations of men who know more than
God ever dreamed of.

I am very glad to note your success which
is of a positive and encouraging char-
acter. I think myself that the turn of
fairs are taking will make your ac-
cual affinity an advantage rather
than a hindrance to you, and
think the idea of a volume of yours

stories a good one.

Perhaps, if you were to furnish me the material as to yourself, I might write you a Preface that would do the volume no harm, should you so desire.

As for myself I am working steadily away - lecturing from November till May and writing from May till November, with a good bit in the mean time. I have a story now running in the "Advance" and another to begin next May, besides my regular

~~to~~ work ⁱⁿ different journals. So of
course, I am busy. I think we are rapidly
approaching a serious crisis, to which I look
forward with the utmost dread. It has
to come some time however, and ^{it} may
as well be sooner as later.

Sincerely Yours

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