

My dear Maynard:

On reaching home yesterday I found certain work I had expected to take up immediately deferred for some months.

This just reverses my plans. Instead of doing the bulk of the work in Jan. and Feb'y, I must now get it out of the way of other work which will begin at that time.

This will make it necessary for me to do the correspondence in order to save <sup>time and prevent</sup> ~~trouble~~ <sup>trouble</sup> by leaving two men to write to. I will keep an

account of postage and stationery  
and make no charge for the  
work.

Send me at once all the  
data you have. Everything has to be sent  
to me, you know and I must  
not lose a minute in beginning.  
I hope to have it substantially done  
up to ~~blatant~~ by the Re-union.  
After that the work will be more  
slow as I have neither personal  
recollections nor so full an in-  
terest study to aid me. I expect

to be ready to have the printing done in February when it is always cheapest.

I am not sure but it will be well to arrange with some publisher to put it in the trade. It will cost nothing except a publisher's percentage on volumes actually sold and I should not be surprised if it had a pretty fair sale outside of regimental libraries. The title, "The Story of a Thousand" is a good one and it is quite possible that ~~it~~ <sup>the general sale</sup> might float the whole cost. If it should "take" or "hit" the general fancy, as many books are apt to do

there would be no question about it.

I will write to a couple of publishers about it today.

This change of plan will require some change in terms of payment on being the two back, as I proposed them, <sup>sub-</sup>structurally together. Probably the best way will be to make the payments about \$50. a week beginning with next week. I think I will go to Washington in September to get hold of some threads & probably can ~~be~~ <sup>reach</sup> there.

Don't want to send that account you have to Harbin. I won't it at once.  
Regards to all your family in which Mrs. T. joins most heartily.

You must not lack of it before  
- you a lot from now on.

I will prepare circulars re it once  
and send to addresses as in  
last report.

Yours truly,

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W. W. Sawyer