9900

10 Sutherland Place,
Bayswater,
London. W.
31/12/05.

Dear Mrs Joursée,

I am afraid you must be thinking me very tardy in answering your letter of the 6th but in making enquiries I have been rather delayed by the Xmas holidays. But now I will proceed at once to give you a resume of the facts collected.

Headley Brothers ~~are~~ have a very well known booksellers shop in Bishopsgate & are I am told Quakers; I have enquired from several people who all know them as possessing an excellent bookshop, but did not know that they went in for publishing; however I asked a friend who is a publisher to make enquiries for me & he writes me as follows

"They are large Booksellers in Bishopsgate St. & also undertake a good deal of printing and publishing. I have their Catalogue by me & it is a most interesting one. They issue a general catalogue of all the standard works of other publishers and also a list of their own publications. They seem to publish a number of books relating to Quakers and issue several magazines including "the Friend". I notice several American stories in their list some relating to Quaker life."

Another friend of mine who is a publisher said that he had always considered them a firm of excellent repute.

I had an enquiry made through a Commercial intelligence office & received the following report.

"The Firm in question is a thoroughly

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY NY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2013

respectable one of some years standing. They are looked upon as a good house, are thought to be doing a steady turnover & those firms who know them & have had dealings with them state that they have always found them reliable & straightforward.

They are in favourable repute in the trade, are generally considered equal to their engagements & are also stated to be trustworthy for what they undertake."

On the whole I shd fancy you would be quite safe with them. If there is anything further I can do let me know as it is no trouble whatever when one is on the spot.

I am sorry to hear of your misfortunes in the way of illness; but as it is 3 weeks now since you wrote I hope that matters have mended considerably by this time. I envy you the "snow mantle" with which you are favoured. Our Xmas here ~~was~~ consisted of a persistent drizzle which was anything but cheerful. We were all at home & spent a very jolly time whilst it lasted, which was unfortunately ~~not~~ only 3 days.

I had the honour of being entertained to dinner by Karl at his palace. I was quite overcome by the sumptuous appointments of the place. Cousin Aimées sketch makes a great hit on the walls & he has copied the framing in mounting one or two other pictures.

I wish you both a very happy New Year & with kindest regards,

Remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Maurice P. Shepherd,

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY NY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2018