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HAMPSTEAD. N.W.~~

Hotel Suisse Charles
Heidelberg.

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My dear Hall Cassie

It has been on my mind for
some time to write to you upon two
points - One I hoped to have a
talk with you - which is far better than
any writing. My two points are
these -

I would first of all, to write you
in the "Atlantic Review" - the

papers, or preparatory proceedings,

of wh. I enclose a copy - with them

you what is meant. The idea is simply

to the well we can be American & Colonial
virtuous. The thing is already well spoken
of in America and is being taken up by
good people at home. as you well see. The Council
as shown in the list has been largely increased.
Since this paper is printed - I undertook
a month ago to write to you & the delay
you must set down to my fault - or your
many excuses if on account of engagements
& the health. You have so many friends
in America and your name in the list
would be great help & strengthening - Observe
that, apart from the modest queries, no money
is asked if the Council except general
approval & readiness to do any thing if
it comes in their way. For instance, Lord
Northwell will show a party over the H. of
Lords - and Foxall over the H. of Commons.

the Authors' Club for a dinner & soon then people ^{will give}
pardon parties - I enclose a card for you in case you are in London
on the 30th. In fine, the thing is, I believe, full working &
your support /

The main point is the Plan of the Authors' Society - You
have not probably read the Outline for the last two or three months -
The Fund is destined to those members only, who, having ^{succeeded}
in making literature their profession, break some sort of a ^{new} record
It is estimated that ~~some~~ every few hundred a year will meet all their
cases that would fall under the head - The R. Lib. Fund, which
does not grant pensions but only ~~some~~ grants of money only, being about
25 cases every year - and of admittance cases which we certainly should
not consider working. As regards wages & means - about a dozen of us
remember how such donations of 100£ and upwards - and others are
doing annual subscriptions. And of course we look to the
likes of you as one of the most successful - I think, considering
the colossal sale of "The Christian" - was it not 200,000? - the most successful
of living works for support.

I am hoping about Germany for a week or two but hope to get home
next Tuesday - Meanwhile I remain my dear Madam
Yours very truly
Walter Arncliffe