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Beloved Friend:

Alas, in spite of my promise to write to you in your beautiful language, so dear to me, I am addressing you again in English. But you who know so admirably the English language will forgive me once more.

I am enclosing herewith a reprint from the New York Times which will be of great interest to you. You will see how the attempts of the destroyers of Culture were rebuked and thrown out of the highest court of New York, ^{State} they have taken to all impossible means ranging from malevolence to crime. We endure all this with an unwavering spirit, and feel that everything which bears the name of our Beloved Master, shall and will live, because at the base of every endeavor are his high and noble Ideals. Hence, nothing was too difficult for us, nothing too long to overcome or fight for. Indeed, we have learned during these hard times of the hostile attack to love our Master and our Inspiratrice and the works more than ever before. Nothing ever can divert us from the path.

I know Beloved Friend that you have had it also difficult, and that the present crisis has affected you and made you worry as to the immediate future of the works. You have been admirable in your courage and indubitable energy in our Cause for Culture. Your very personality is a symbol of high valor. You have been admirable in your work, and we know that no temporary adversities could ever shake your great faith.

Our Beloved Master said, "Through Obstacles we Grow". We cherish this formula, for it has given us fearlessness, the limitless love to overcome the obstacles and faith to the end. I know your great Heart is filled with high realizations and nothing could impede your great activities for the General Welfare. We are happy to have you with us and so proud of you our great Co-worker. Difficulties are passing, but achievement is lasting,

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and how dear to one is an achievement if one's heart has shed a few drops of blood for it.

We have received your letters about the publishing of "Trails to Inmost Asia", and fully understand how you feel about it, as we realize how important this wonderful book will be in many respects. The Trustees are considering the question. Of course as you know from the state of affairs in your own great fatherland, that state of affairs in our country is deplorable - long bread-lines and millions of unemployed. But also great is the hunger for spiritual and cultural values, and one has to apply everywhere a little bit in all directions. Do you really think that this subsidy asked by Guethner would suffice to print and issue the book? Will he not be hampered in the middle and have to stop the publication because of lack of funds. We know how hard the times are for everyone.

For the coming year I am wishing you success, health, joy and in all love and tenderness with which my heart is filled for you, I wish you an active year.

Avec tout mon dévouement et affection

Bien à vous

Esther J. Lichtmann