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Miss Gertrude Toybee,
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My dear Miss Toybee:

This letter will introduce to you, through the medium of correspondence, my friend Colonel Andrew T. Thompson, of Ottawa, who came to my apartment last night to have a look at your watercolor reproduction of Turner's "Lake of Lucerne", and who was so delighted with its charm and beauty that he expressed to me his wish to obtain from you something of the same character, in the event of your still having copies of Turner's paintings with which you would be willing to part.

I read over to Colonel Thompson your letter to me of January 9th, in which you mention that at that time you had left three different views of Venice, two of Bellinona, four different views of the Lake of Lucerne, one of the Splügen, one of Goldau, and three unnamed, but probably the Lake of Geneva or Lucerne, any one of which might be obtained for \$10, except a larger one of the unnamed, which is \$12.

If in your opinion the large one at \$12 is as beautiful as the smaller one of Lake Lucerne you have sent to me, Colonel Thompson would be very pleased to purchase it from you. He would also be willing to take two other paintings, one of Lake Lucerne, and one of Venice, if in your opinion they are of equal beauty to the little watercolor of yours which he saw last night.

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