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My dear Numelin,

Many thanks for your article, which gave me much pleasure. It is full of exaggerations so far as I am concerned, but even if I deserve a little of the praise I am glad to think that my work as a teacher has not been quite in vain. I have devoted all my time during this and the last year to rewriting my old book on Marriage, and I have really enjoyed it. Hardly a line of the old editions has been left, and the new work will be at least twice as long as the old one. I have not altered my views in the fundamental points, but on the contrary found them confirmed, in spite of much criticism, but I have dealt with many new questions and found many new points of view, ~~as regards the old ones~~ some of which I think will considerably improve the book. The work, however, is not finished yet, and now that my lectures at the University of London have commenced the progress will be slower. From two cards which I received earlier in the year I understand that you also have been thinking of marriage. Please accept my heartiest congratulations. I should have sent them when I received the cards if it had been possible to expect a letter to reach you. I was wondering where you were and how you were, and was so pleased to find that you were at Stockholm.

With many kind regards,

Always yours sincerely,

Edward Westermarck.