

have a valid one executed. - The
reason of the expression "any right which
I may have" &c. is that such a provision
was made for his wife & children by a will
directing that the principal should be divid-
ed on the majority of the youngest child.
But as this will was made before her mar-
riage, & there were Trustees, I presume
the poor man had nothing to do with it: but
as the Trustees are both dead, & it would
give trouble just now to ascertain the pre-
cise nature of the will, which he tells
me a Lawyer told him was one of the
strongest he had ever met with - I thought
the better way would be to express the

matter as I have done. Should the will
be valid, please not to trouble yourself to
write till you would otherwise have been
doing so. -

Very much obliged by your mentioning it
to Mr. L. Entre nous, if published at all,
it would have been far better months ago,
& every week has detracted from its value
& meaning - but that is no affair of mine.

I was truly glad to read your very nice
notice of the Prof. & to see your name in
print. Shall you receive anything for that
article? I ask, not out of curiosity, but
only to know if there is any prospect of
my being paid for mine - a point which