

3234 Rhodes Ave.,
Chicago.

My Dear Ma Tougel -

I regret more than
^{can} possibly ^{can} help the unavoid-
able silence which has
fallen since the receipt
of your letter and later
your postal card. Circum-
stances over which I had
no control connected with
household affairs made
it impossible for me to
write myself and I have
been unsuccessful in the
effort to secure a stenograph

er. When I haven't been ill
myself, I have had illness
in the house.

Besides, I appreciated
the clipping and the spirit
which prompted you to
share it with me, so much
that I have been trying to
have it reproduced in a
circular to send to some
friends, but the folks who
were going to look after it
failed to do so, and I am
therefore reluctantly forced
to return it unused. Thank
you so much for letting me
see it. Like you, I feel it

to be the best estimate I have seen
of your noble husband's work.

As to the fund for the Fool's
Errand, I did not, could not prom-
ise anything about it, in the report
Mrs Brown saw. I simply said
you had thought to publish it
yourself and if you did, I
wanted our people to stand
ready to help. You remember
that was the reply you gave
me that day when I said some
of us desired to see what could
be done about the publication.
I have had many inquiries ^{since} but
I told them, I could give no
definite information until you
had had time to formulate your
plans and then you would
let me know what you would
like us to do. When you have de-
cided, please let me know.

Again begging your pardon for
the long delay, I am, hoping to hear
from you soon, cordially yours
J. M. Barnett.