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Dear Editor:

It is more than pleasant to get such a kind note from you. But now, knowing how driven you are, and some of it in the interests of that real book you are writing, I announce that this requires no answer at all. But I write you so much in my mind about this beloved Bert book that I have to do a little on paper. I don't know what I said the other day, but know I did say the half of what I feel and nothing as to my passionate conviction that the world has to have that book. And there is one thing more should be said by you when the world is invited to read it.

It is this: such a volume about almost any other person any of us can think of would have its suppressions, big or little. I lay this one down struck mightily with the perception that Bert's friends have simply told all bearing on character that we know about him. The record is complete.

I am on fire about the wonder and value of that volume. And the other person who expresses himself in almost the same terms as I use is Brownell. He said the world had to have it. I said up there that it made me want to write about it. He said it made him feel the same way--"without any thought of doing so of course," he added.

I want it published so I can get copies as I want them. Molly and Ida M are the ones who are finest. And Bartlett is lovely. Bert was catholic. yes. but it is the people who were closed to him --

P. S.

Brownell said - "Why this man has made poets of all these people."

V. R. (Murray)