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F. HERBERT STEAD, M.A.

AR/2827

29, GROSVENOR PARK,  
LONDON, S.E.

May 30th, 1911.

Dear Miss Bompas,

I am exceedingly sorry that it is only this morning I have realised that your meeting on June 2nd falls on the Friday before Whit-Sunday. Of course I am fully aware of my share of responsibility in the matter. I ought to have noted this before, but through some carelessness I did not.

So far as we are concerned, the situation becomes this. In preparation for the holiday, working women in this district at any rate are so exceedingly busy in "cleaning up" and preparing for the two and a half days that the menfolk and the children will be at home, that they have neither time nor strength for a public meeting on the Friday night. It will reduce what would otherwise have been a big contingent to very small proportions indeed. I also shall be out of town.

I am extremely annoyed about the whole matter, because it is so largely my own fault: but I am afraid I cannot avoid the consequences. Our women were very keen to go to the meeting, until they knew the date, and then they have made it quite evident that with the best will in the world they cannot afford the time on that particular Friday.

With kind regards, Believe me to be,

Sincerely yours, *Bessie M Stead*

Wm. Cowmeadow  
43 Paddington Street  
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AL/2828

Dear Madam

If my offer is not  
too late, I shall be  
pleased to act as a  
Steward at Friday's  
Meeting.

Please ~~Mr~~ Mrs let me  
have ~~particulars~~ particulars as to  
Meeting place, times etc  
for Procession June 17th  
c golly