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My Dear Lionel"

You will pardon the familiarity, but as you could so easily be my son, I know you won't mind. I want to have a heart to heart talk with you. I chanced recently to see some newspaper articles referring to your charming ~~to your charming evening,~~ which, while interestingly written, made a rather free use of ^{the names} your guests, and your would be guests. Now I am in a very exposed position here in London; my interest in psychic work, my addresses, and writings on that subject make it somewhat difficult for me unless I walk with great caution. Very lovely people like Sir Oliver Lodge, and Sir Wm. Barrett, and a considerable number of their associates have taken an interest in me, and they advise me to use great caution in giving interviews, or subjecting myself to newspaper comments save from people who are properly introduced to me. Therefore you see why I am writing you. In the spontaneous enthusiasm of your boyish heart, you would not take things like this into consideration. I want you to constitute yourself my Knight of the Protecting Arm, and shield me from whatever would be ~~here~~ notoriety, or idle gossip, in print.

I find that with my entertaining Officers, at the Washington Inn, to-morrow afternoon and a later dinner engagement I cannot get to see you, but I am looking forward to seeing you at Mrs. Sebrights on Monday at five o'clock. Your admiring friend,

Ethel Wheeler Gilbert,