

37 Foley Square N.Y.
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Sunday

Dear Shields,

Why are you silent?

Solacing yourself with your wife
at Brighton when your cry
should be "to your tents O
Israel"? I have not been
able to write to you till
this minute for you left
me no address - I am
to go down to meet the
Committee of Decoration

at Manchester this week
& sadly would require to
speak with you before
going - Things may
get into a terrible mess
& see owing to water-
house & general stupidity
but with Rowley, & much
energy, may still be
brought right - When
I am there I shall do my
best for our common interests

saying a word for Armstrong as a Manchester
man & hoping to be able to serve Arthur
Hughes & Ebenezer Thomas - with caution as
I can see my way - I don't yet know
what day the meeting is to take place - I
only know that it must not be Wednesday,
because that day I have an engagement in London.
You promised to finish your short truncated visit
here, you & your wife, on your return from Italy

I hope I am as good as home & I expect
all me to expect you now? I suppose
you must look out for a house —

I have just written off a scheme of decorations
for the 5 Rooms (substantially what we decided
on before you left) to Roly to be shown to Councillor
Thompson. stating what portion you devised of it.

5 4 3 2 1 1 Committee Room Religious; 2 Politics;
3 Entrance hall Manufactures & commerce; 4 Legendary; 5 The

banqueting hall to be devoted to great men of different Municipalities
(your idea & as I told them most important) Watson, Gregory & Marks from you
know declined — I, you & Morgan are now it seems to be spoken with & (oh
that it should be so!) Guffens & Swertz of Belgium with our