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Dear Sir

The moment, I heard of the fatal event, I hurried off, with a living letter in my hand, to Sir J. Bernard to suggest him the propriety of deferring my lecture - or rather, my own incapability of giving it. O Henry! - but a man - he who had knit my very soul not only to my Country (for that it was always was) but to the immediate Government. I never saw him - yet I loved him as if he had been flesh & blood to me - rather than the mere idea of a great & good, by most simple, great man. - Sir J. B. was on his way to me, and on my return from his House I luckily met him - he was

coming with the same purpose - & on
our return he found a note from
Lady Beaumont likewise urging the
same - You, I well know, thank
the same - The Object the end of this
flashed letter is to request you to
let those of the subscribers, whom I saw
in your kind quarters, know that
the lectures are deferred to ~~next~~^{the}
Tuesday after next - Lady Beaumont,
we trust, will take upon herself on the
part, of Sir J. Beames to remain
I have no servants, I know no
other way of preventing disappointment

Dear Sir

Your Obedient

J. T. Clarke