

[Within mourning border]
Mount Barker
13th March [1897]

Dear Mr Hodge

I sent away my telegram today, before I opened my newspaper. I see the notice in the Advertiser so I troubled you unnecessarily.

It is my own fault, not making my refusal at the meeting .

No harm is done, only I am a little tired of these laudatory notices.

There seems an immodesty, in letting your good deeds be known of men.

“apologising for troubling you”

Yours truly
R. Barr Smith