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My dear Emma Goldman:

You have my cordial thanks for the good letter from you under date of March 18th. received through the kindness of our mutual friend and comrade, Van Valkenburgh, and which I have read carefully and with the keenest interest. You will excuse this belated acknowledgment, I know, when I tell you that your letter came in my absence and since my return I have been so ill that my correspondence and office affairs have suffered prolonged neglect in consequence of which a great many personal letters addressed to me still remain unanswered.

I am glad to have been corrected in the matter of the personal treatment of you and Comrade Berkman by the soviet authorities. I had the impression from what I had heard and read of your experience there that you had been persecuted and otherwise subjected to ill treatment and I am glad to know that such was not the case. I am not surprised in the least that it was NOT on your own account that you found fault and made your indictment of the Bolshevik regime but that it was due wholly to your interest in and your solicitude for others who were less able to speak and do for themselves. This accords perfectly with your entire public career. You have never thought of yourself but always of those who are oppressed and suffer and whose cause has been your own ever since I first heard your name.

I wish it were possible for me to write you at length and to tell you all I would like to say in answer to your letter. But under the present circumstances, lacking both the strength and the time, it is impossible for me to go into matters mentioned in your letter with any hope of doing them even the scantest justice.

Just now the report comes that the strike in England has abruptly ended. I fear that labor has again been made the victim of divided and contentious leadership. The miners seem to have been left to their fate and what that will be may be readily anticipated.

I note what you say of Dr. Beckh and he must surely be a fine man. I will be on the alert for him and if there is any opportunity I shall certainly be glad to serve him in any way in my power.

With hearty good greetings to you and Comrade Berkman and affectionate regard for you both I remain,

Yours faithfully,

