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Oct 21st

Dear Mr Unwin,

Mr Watt will call up on you in a day or two with my new story of 'The Playactress' which is about 33,000 words in length. Mr Wylie spoke to you of it, and that is entirely my fault, and it is in no sense the fault of Mr Wylie. I handed back the Sweetheart Travellers papers to show to you without duly considering the stringency of my agreement with Mr Watt. Will you kindly pardon the misapprehension into which I have inadvertently led Mr Wylie and yourself? I received the enclosed letter from Mr Watt... who reminds me that for ten yeas all my work except SERIAL RIGHTS of work in Leader is in his hands. This is quite true, though I did not realise that I had no power to arrange for the book rights of what had already appeared in Leader. You will therefore make my broad back bear all the blame. I hope you will like The PlayActress. George Alexander is going to revise it before it is issued in book form, and it is very likely that we may have it played at the St James' Theatre before very long. Mr Alexander says that he would much like to play the

Great Preacher

With regards

Yours very truly

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