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Clarksburg, West Virginia, 1920, 1940.

Samuel R. Bentley

Clarksburg, West Va.

March 25, 1920.

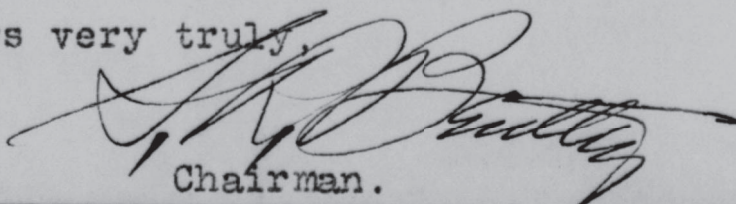
Rabbi Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Clarksburg Lodge of Elks is
very anxious to have you deliver their
memorial address Sunday, December 5th,
1920, and we implore you to accept this
invitation to do so.

We have always made a feature
of our memorial services and have always
had men of high calibre to deliver the ad-
dress. That is one reason why we are partic-
ularly anxious that you accept. We know
your ability, and we will consider ourselves
fortunate and highly favored if you will
come. We will in turn, ~~do~~ do all in our
power to make your visit as pleasant to you
as possible.

Yours very truly,


Chairman.

April Seventh

1920

Mr. Samuel R. Bentley,
Clarksburg, W. Va.

My dear Mr. Bentley,

It is indeed very kind of you and of the Clarksburg Lodge of Elks to extend to me an invitation to address your Memorial Meeting on Sunday, December 5th.

I should be very happy were I in a position to accept. Unfortunately, I find that I shall not be able to leave my pulpit this year on a Sunday. It was with great difficulty that I succeeded in having some one occupy my pulpit here last year, when I addressed the Wheeling Memorial Service.

Thanking you again for your kindness, and trusting that you will have a very successful gathering, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel R. Bentley

Clarksburg, West Va.

April 13, 1920.

Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi,
Cleveland, Ohio.

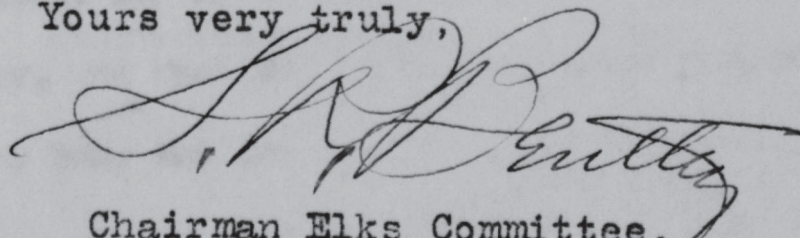
My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are indeed sorry that you
cannot accept.

If it is possible to reconsider
we would gladly stand any expense it might
necessitate to have your pulpit filled from
some city like Cincinnati or Pittsburgh, or
elsewhere. If it could be arranged we would
be happy.

We want you to come if it can be
so arranged.

Yours very truly,



Chairman Elks Committee.

B/A

April 15th, 1920

Mr. Samuel R. Bentley,

Clarksburg, West Va.

My dear Mr. Bentley,

I have your letter of the thirteenth. It is indeed very kind of you to ask me to reconsider the matter of my declination of your kind invitation to address the Memorial Service of the Clarksburg Elks. You know how much I should love to be with you, but I really do not feel justified in accepting. It is very difficult for me to leave my pulpit on a Sunday, and that day is in many other respects a very busy one for me.

At some future time, I hope I may have an opportunity of serving you.

Very sincerely yours,

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AUGUST 19, 1940

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DR. A. H. SILVER

WEST VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTER HOOD'S CONVENING IN
CLARKSBURG OCTOBER TWENTY TWENTY FIRST FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION
WILL YOU HONOR US BY SPEAKING AT BANQUET ON MONDAY TWENTY FIRST
PLEASE NAME FEE IN WIRING AT MY EXPENSE BY WESTERN UNION.

MRS. WILLIAM CAPLAN