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Dorothy & Bard

Sir: I am sure you assumed at the time you reviewed Vincent Sheean's book, Dorothy and Red [Nov. 15] that, since certain events took place more than 40 years ago and both main characters had passed on, so also had Joseph Bard, Dorothy Thompson's first husband. Such is not the case. Joseph Bard is very much alive, and your reference to him is distressing in the extreme—not only to him but to his many friends and admirers. Mr. Bard is a wellknown literary figure, and one whose reputation is highly respected throughout the world. He is, among other distinctions, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. Contrary to the impression your article may have created, Mr. Bard continued to enjoy Dorothy Thompson's affection and respect to the end of her days. NORMAN SCHUR

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▶ TIME regrets any distress caused either to Mr. Bard or to his friends.—ED.

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