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Chalfont St Giles,
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Rickmansworth Station.
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February 17th. 1913.

Dear Mr. Billinghamurst,

In consequence of a speech I made recently at Pontypool, in Mr. M'Kenna's constituency, in which I charged the Home Secretary with responsibility for the brutal ill-treatment of your sister in prison, a correspondence has been started in the local paper, the "Pontypool Free Press". The writer states that he is authorised by Mr. M'Kenna to say that my allegations are absolutely untrue, and speaks of them as being "reckless & false".

The report of my speech was somewhat exaggerated in one particular, but was in the main quite fair, and I have written to the paper maintaining that my statements were correct, that they were based on the statements of your sister, and after a conversation on the subject with you, and enclosing a long quotation from the article in "The Suffragette" in which your sister describes her treatment.

I understood you to say that your sister's doctor was prepared to give a certificate that her treatment had been ignorant & cruel, and I should be glad to know if this really could be obtained from him. I feel it is most important, seeing that it is M'Kenna's own constituency,

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that the matter should not be allowed to drop.

I should be very glad to meet you & discuss the
matter at any time that would suit your convenience.

Yours véry truly

Henry J. Harben