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Dear Miss Goulden Bach,

I am working on a study of the Pankhurst family, & find myself at a loss about the personality of the father - Dr Richard M. Pankhurst. -

I thought there might be some old Liberals ^{still} alive who had known him - or whose fathers or mothers had known him & wrote to your Organising Chief Mr Harris. He 'phoned that he would get in touch with you.

Now why didn't I do this myself? In the first place I thought you were much too young to have ever met him. I wanted older contacts, but not necessarily family ones.

Sybil gives both a very full record of his public work & suffrage activity and of his character as a beloved father - there are the Liberal and early Labour papers - but apart from Sybil's grateful suffragist letters - no one speaks of him personally.

and his photograph (the only one I have seen) is in no sense enlightening - indeed it sets up new queries!

I have always felt that he has not received adequate recognition from the suffrage movement - and that only Sylvia of the militants has indicated his part in the early campaign & the possible part his spirit & character may have played in the creation of militancy.

Perhaps you would suggest some names or groups - I shall be grateful.

Yours sincerely

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