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LONDON SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SERVICE

(Formerly London Society for Women's Suffrage. Dating from 1866)

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Dear Dame Millicent

The Annual Meeting is safely over. The only blot - & a very black one - was your absence. It was bemoaned by every one from highest (on this occasion, I consider, Miss Clough) to lowest (the ex-office girl from Victoria Street). Your letter was most valuable - exactly what was wanted - & I hope you will let us print it in the Report. Mr. Graves read it with the slight alteration (to bring in the Trustees) which is marked on the copy. The audience took the whole thing in the best possible spirit - it had just the effect one wanted; everyone feeling they must do something in response. One old member came in to-day bringing her sister to join the Society & another new one came up & asked for a membership form this afternoon saying that the only immediate thing she could do to help was to bring in a new member. They really were very nice at the meeting and Miss Clough who stopped behind after they had

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gone was delighted with the way that
everything went off. She was quite beaming
with pleasure. One good thing was that
there was a real crowd in spite of the
weather being most unpleasant so that we
were fearing there might be a poor attendance.
All sorts of little faithful people re-appeared
& although they were much disappointed at your
not being there, they were cheered up to great
excitement by the grand news & were much
delighted also by Ray's history of the Society.
Nearly everybody stayed to the end hanging
on her words & they all went away puffed
up with pride. Pride of birth - feeling
that they had the most wonderful
ancestors in John Stuart Mill & the
Garrett family! I do trust that your
native air is doing you both good. Please
give my love to Miss Agnes. A great many people
asked after her. Ever yours affectionately
Philippa Strachey