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From Lady Frances Balfour

My dear Mrs Fawcett.

Tomorrow, I go to Oldham, not Suffrage, but prize giving at a big school. I thought I wd take ~~me~~ the week end with my children in Scotland, especially as I think my husband who has been very out of health will come up to Whitbyham on that day, I can settle him in. I lunched with Asquith yesterday. He opened on Suffrage. I had passed thro' 50 police stationed opposite the 10 d. St

↳ The glaziers were busy in
the hall. I tried to look digni-
fied & unconscious! He gave
me a much less lurid acct
of his own adventures than
press reports and he was very
good natured. I thought a little
more full of realisation. He
sd he stood ^{on} ~~in~~ an island in
Whitehall, watching the pro-
cession, & was not recognised
till ^{by} almost the last woman,
who rushed at him calling
'Asquith'. When he was got
into the private motor, they

drove their umbrellas thro' the
glass window at the back, cover-
ing him with glass but 'doing
him no harm. They merely seized
my arm. I so I thought he had
tempted providence, (he agreed
saying he had passed thro' them
in the House without recognition.
& hoped the same wd happen in
the street. He was emphatic
that they had really hurt Bri-
rell "kicked his knee out".

He owned that his secretary
Meiklejohn is a violent anti,
& that he had so it served
B. right for having anghts
to say to them. I see today
Christabel emphatically
says, B. twisted his own

linee. These personal assaults,
I think quite apart fr. processions
& petition carrying, or from
chaining. They are personal
assaults & battery, fr. wh. all
citizens claim immunity.

I told Asquith I had heard how
Lady Spyer, one of the richest
women living had gone to their
meeting in Cavendon Hall, & unable
to resist their argument had
joined them, & no doubt has
given a really large sum.

We went to the Welsh troubles
(he sd) "I don't think we shall
get thro' these elections with-
out some loss of life." I know
(I think) what he meant.

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I spoke ⁱⁿ at Hampton Court
district last night. a fri-
gid meeting. Just back fr.
a very keen one at Chiswick.
I am so keen we sh. do all
we cd to put the Conciliation
men safely back, & help
Robert Cecil in. The dubs
are going to win hands down.

I think. - Yes affably

B -

Even if I go to Scotland I shall
be back Monday night