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Friday's Mill,

Maglemere.

My dear friend

I think ~~there~~ will be interested in the various steps of our late trouble, so am sending thee some ~~Ms.~~ in regard to it, which please return. I also send thee Lady Henry's two pamphlets on the subject.

Fifty three of the Nat. Exec. Met and discussed the matter fully, with a good deal of warmth, but quite good naturedly. By far the majority

felt that, while the E.D.
agitation was a vitally
important ^{one}, it was not after
all our main line of work,
but only one of our side
issues, and that therefore
difference of opinion must
be allowed in regard to
it. Most of the absent
members of the Com. work
in the same strain. I
enclose the letter from Mrs.
Blairie of Scotland as
a sample. (Please return it.)
Thou may keep the pamphlets

as long as thou likes, only
return them when entirely
done with. It is a
most difficult question,
and I feel sure Lady
Henry has been very
much misunderstood.

It would have been a fatal
blow to our Assⁿ to have
lost her, and I am un-
speakably thankful the
trouble is averted.

I hope at our next Nat.
Exec. to have thy name
added to the Committee. We

all want thee.

Thine warmly

H. W. Smith

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