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My dear Lou, This is my 3rd letter to you  
 in the fortnight - and I am bringing you one from  
 you, which it seems impossible to get - I thought  
 I had arranged it, but - alas it could not come  
 off - but - I do wish you would keep in touch  
 with Bertie & over the arrivals, several of our  
 women are supposed to be going up next week  
 & any of them could bring a letter each, but -  
 Bertie I believe is conducting the case of Mrs  
 Rowlett, & he would know place & time of  
 arrival - do try - anyone from King E. is best - as  
 it is so difficult to communicate with the  
 others. I wondered if you would care wish a  
 note in form of blue shirt - which is being sent  
 in. I saw Mr Harrison on Sunday, he told me  
 he had received a note from you, but - had not brought  
 it, because was not sure he would see me - he repeated  
 somebody was coming to stay from today -  
 that - you are all well! - I also got a similar  
 message from Dr. Wilks re the children. Dr. W. is  
 very clever at getting things in, phone her what

She thinks of a letter, I do not want to overweigh  
her apart from you & the children it is not so  
bad here. I am getting accustomed to the life  
& do not allow myself to dwell on the disagreeable.  
The most interesting is the best part & I am oh so  
thankful that it is I & not you - I think I  
could send you really dirty but as you  
know dear, thought & imagination can do  
a great deal - the power of thought is wonder-  
ful. I am going to make use of this time for  
reading. Somewhere I should like to feel you  
are doing the same. I want you to get  
"Health" by Dr. Miller from Fowler, Empirical  
Arcade, Ludgate ~~Street~~ <sup>circus</sup>. am not sure if this  
it is the book on metaphysics I wrote about  
before, there is a great deal in it & it seems  
a sort of explanation of this inner self, the  
soul & thinking part. Anyhow I am curious  
to hear your opinion. Some of us are trying this  
transference of thought - so far I am not good  
receiving. Then read with me, Plato's Republic,  
you see the same thought & principle coming  
out in this book, & it is so interesting. The  
edition I have is published by Dent & the  
translation is by H. Spencer - the Everyman's Library  
not an expensive one. Another English book I am

reading is "In the South Seas" by R. D. Stevenson  
also delightful - the thoughts from these books are  
comforting & inspiring. I realise more than ever  
that what we want & what the world needs  
is - is "The Truth" & it is this Spirit of  
Truth seeking which I pray may help you &  
my precious little ones, in its helping way  
& power - I do not think I feel far from you, I  
am so often with you in spirit, particularly  
at lunchtime & I hope some word or comment  
speaks to you of me. <sup>Walter</sup>  
I wrote you about my campaign books - I have had  
no reply from #. See but found on Sunday a  
French, German & Italian book placed in my  
cell. I nearly had a fit. I am studiously  
reading Bismarck's letters for an hour a day &  
try to do ditto in French & one of Lenin's works  
& most interesting work of Louis XIV's time  
& the same to the Italian. Happily this last  
is a novel, but I only understand about 2 words  
in a line - no fear of my getting very learned,  
I am fighting for dictionaries & grammars  
will it or with the P. Commissioner who came  
yesterday morning - but he steadily refused to let  
me have any more books, asked me if I was a journalist

That a married woman should want to study seems  
beyond the ken of ordinary man - had I had a  
preference my request - would have been granted but  
I shall still push for it. This visit - was a great  
event - G. P. Low is not enough & since a poor little  
Suff. Pet. P. is in addition, he is attended by two  
Gov. the doctor, the D. & M. & 2 hardasses, &  
really is a frightening ordeal - but - somehow we  
all stood up to it & persisted in something & other  
but - you need to be lion hearted - I begin to think  
however that - all Suff. Pet. & anyone previous are  
that - Mrs. Parkhurst - & Dr. Smith came back to  
this time yesterday - we are all concentrated in  
them. Mrs. P. looks well - & Dr. Smith is an  
individual of individuals she fascinates me  
& oh just - fancy these two great - women, sitting  
sewing all afternoon & the garments for  
prisoners - can you imagine anything more  
ironic - it certainly does seem that the world is  
topsy turvey - why not - just - Argentin & Sir L. Grey &  
blackie boots - but he shall live to see "the best  
things of this world confound the <sup>wise</sup> ~~old~~".  
If you hear nothing further from me in 10 days then  
send me in to Mrs. Ireland - Suff. Pet. Prisoner  
some anchovy paste. I've chere & cream dutch, B.C.  
jelly - another box of jigs - I share with Mrs. Richmond  
she has difficulty to get things. The last came  
abright - so many thanks for them. The earliest date we