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WALTON ON THAMES.

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OATLANDS MERE, WEYBRIDGE.

20th October 1903

Dear Lady Frances Balfour.

It has been in my
heart & mind for some time
I write to you. — Just to offer
you our sympathy in your
Great loss in your home life,
and by Lord Salisbury's death — and
also for the loss it is to all

of us who care as you
do for the women's suffrage
cause. — First I knew you

had been overwhelmed ^{numbers}
of letters & I felt that an
outside person like myself
shd not add to the correspondence.

My reason for writing now
is to ask your advice as
to the future action of

The Women's Liberal Friends
Associations. — I cannot
accept the Chamberlain
District proposals — and
I know our Committee will
be divided. — Her cause
and existence (the N.E. of
Scotland branches I mean) solely
for the maintenance of the
Union & to oppose Irish
Home Rule — All along

our Committee - have clearly
refused to take up any
other question - social or
political, & to be consistent,
they should take up this
social question -

My idea is that we should
in this maintenance, give up
any active work - if that is
not prearranged?

As to local matters - personally
I would rather work for
Leeward Country than for

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Lewis M. Doe.

I do not
just at present

feel inspired for any
political work. as I
have had a busy trying
time of anxiety about
hall and my
sister! Louis. I am
glad they is better. +
is gradually resuming her
work

back the Elders are very frail
o require much thought
o Care. —

I see named you — at least
I did at the Suffrage
Convention the other day.
It seemed queer that few
of the old workers were
there, and that the
present Committee are

Some what Discouraged
I forgive me for troubling
you with this letter, but
I should be grateful for
your views on the situation.
I came here for my
niece in August — I shall
be in London next week
at Brown Hotel. — +
home about Nov. 6th

I am
Yours very sincerely
J. H. Stevens

I am very sorry
that Mr. George Balguy
is laid up
at
Wilmington