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COMMITTEE OF WOMEN GRADUATES OF THE
SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES

(PARLIAMENTARY FRANCHISE).

MISS J. CHRYSTAL MACMILLAN,

HON. SEC. AND TREAS.,

CORSTORPHINE HILL HOUSE,

BY MURRAYFIELD,

MIDLOTHIAN.

Nov: 19th 1908.

My dear Eunice,
Many thanks
for your kind letter. It
did not reach me for
some days for I stupidly
forgot to give my ad-
dress to the ~~Low~~ Lyceum
people. I stayed almost

four weeks with Miss Edith
Hooper an Edinburgh gra-
duate who helped me
to great purpose in
understanding the Lord
Chancellor.

It really was a great
time and I wish you
had been there. It is
wonderful to think it
has all gone off so well
and I've had no end
of nice things said. The

fact that the press agrees
with these kind people
makes it more probable that
they really mean what
they say - It is quite
true about my voice being
good. The first day especially
I had ^{before} never felt it sound
so well - It is a delight-
ful room to speak in.
I may never have another
opportunity but one of my
correspondents addresses me

to the House of Lords to
which he says I would
be a valuable addition!!

It was rather terrible than
never interrupting. You
know how much more
animated I can be when
I'm heckled or opposed.

I daresay it was partly
consideration but it was
what I most dreaded.

The first day I spoke
50 minutes with no in-

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interruption and the second
day I think I must have
had one spell of two hours
without a remark. As
far as I could judge
they all listened to every
word. They all kept taking
notes at intervals up
to the end and kept the
messenger who runs for

reference books going all
the time. I believe Council
did too, but then I
could not see, for they
were behind. You would
notice that the Lord

Chancellor forbade ladies
without a special permit
to his bar on the same
day as the Speaker
closed the galleries of
the House of Commons. These

were consequently very few
ladies for appellants ~~of~~
attend in and receive above
a dozen passes for friends
I understand however that
the space behind the
bar was crowded all
through the hearing - I
am finding out who were
there. An Edinburgh School
board deputation came

to hear me peck off and
a great number of M.P.'s
came in during the day
The attendant said that
on the record day both
the wife of the Lord
Chancellor & the wife
of Lord Collins were there!
They did not go to the
herrens gallery which
was rather mean when
the sitting accommodations
below is so limited. Earl

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Rumell sat through the second
day and about a dozen
real peers dropped in
during the day - Sir
Charles Gille & Sir John
Batty Luke - the Edinburgh
University member - stayed
a considerable time. The
Scottish Solicitor General

heard me open and Danch.
worthy one of the biggest
of the N.C.'s who missed
and made impertinent
remarks at the opening
of the first day listened
the second and to some
one who repeated the remark
to me said it was an
ably put case - I hope
to see you soon because
there is so much to
tell and form impressions

quickly die. -

The Newspaper Reports are
delightfully entertaining. I've
read a good many copies
of the best & most amusing
and will send you a selection
on Monday. I'm also reading

some to Dorothy.

Ellis Hopper has the
President & Secretary of
the Men's League to meet
me in London. We had a
good ~~evening~~ evening - from

Mr Mitchell I heard
you had not been well
Is this so? I am sorry -

In connection with Mr-
Asquith getting a special
excuse for not answering
to his subpoena do

you not think you
should send a letter
to the press about his
detector. You would have
to be very particular
about whether the detector

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was sent by Mr Asquith
or whether Mr Asquith
put the matter in the
hands of the police &
they sent the detective.
The fact that he ul-
timately sent an apology
makes it look as if

he had sent the detector.

But think about it

It would come in very
well just now when

he is being given special

privileges. Mitchell Secy of the Men's
League said he would
publish it if he had
exact particulars.

I am being welcomed

on Saturday evening by

Edinburgh supporters &

I've accepted for opening

the banner exhibition

in Glasgow on Dec. 2nd &

Lemji the evening of the
same day. Both these
engagements are provisional
in fact all my engage-
ments must be provision-
al until the date for
judgment is definitely

fixed.

In your second letter
you ask if I will speak
to the Freedom League
in Feb. — (I did not get your
wire) Things are so unsettled

I'd rather not fix up def-
initely just now - I've
been asked to speak in
Manchester too. I'd like
to go but it is the uncer-
tainty which makes it
impossible to promise any-
thing.

I wish you had been at
the Queens Hall!

Let me hear further about
the Freedom League.

With love

Yours affly

Christal Macmillan