

Some very
kind offers
have been
made
Mr. Chapman
Mr. K...
Mr. H...
Mr. T...
Mr. W...
Mr. O...
Sept 14. 07.

SPITTLESTONE COTTAGE,
HOLFORD,
SPRINGWATER

(AL/3155)

Dear Mr. McAlpine,
Thank you for
several notes & enclosures
and the Cheltenham Echo
which probably you
would like back. How
prompt you are at seizing
opportunities for testifying
to the faith! I thought
the old vaccination act
said the "parent" must
apply, & that the mother
not being in law the parent-
magistrates required the

father. I suppose some
were more human &
reasonable. But the
Barnes has not done well
for himself in expressly
stating 'father'. Lord in
the Labour Leader takes it
up.

As regards widows & widowers
somebody points out to me
that the new act, or any
act in fact, must of necessity
bear equally on men &
women; for if a ^{woman} ~~widow~~
cannot marry her deceased
husband's brother neither
can a man marry his

deceased brother's widow!
Women's Franchise had
no letter from you last
week, nor from Mr. Sturgis.
Perhaps both will be in this
week.

Are you a member of the
W.S. & P.U.? The Conference
interests me greatly, & I am
puzzled to know what to do.
A section objects to Mr. Park-
hurst as Hon. Sec. because
they say it is turning Mr. Martineau
out (Mr. Despard's name
has been on the bills all this
year also as joint Sec.).
It seems to me that tho' 3
names cannot properly ap-
pear as Hon. Secs., 2 may
well might; & I think the
following arrangement wd.
settle this thorny point &
also that of keeping A. Venner
on the eye. Tho' a paid organ-
-iser;

Chairman: Mr. DeFord
Joint Hon. Secs.: Mr. Parkhurst & Mr. May
Hon. Treas.: Mr. P. Lawrence

General Organising
Secretary Mr. Parkhurst

Organ. Sec. for
North England Mr. A. Kenney.
all these officials can be on
the eye. Besides 8 others,

voluntary workers -
I feel it is a ticklish business
to propose not having paid or-
ganisers on, & if I have to speak
upon it as a Resolution from
Hammersmith I shall hardly
know how to do it. I want
the organisers to have very
great influence & honour, for
they are invaluable. Could
they form an advisory Com-
-mittee to the Executive?

Let you can hardly bind the
eye to them, for the eye
itself must be the supreme
power: you cannot limit-

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HOLFORD,

BRIDGWATER.

it by any decisions of an
advisory Cl^o of organisers.
And as a member ~~of~~ sub-com-
-mittee to give reports they
wd have no special position
of sponsor or honour; the
Exec. itself cd focus them
into that, as it can focus
any other sub-committee.
I want their position to
be embodied in the
Constitution. This
is what I don't know
how to do. If your
experience suggests a way
to you, I should be most
grateful for a few lines
within the next few

days. I am making up
an agenda paper for my
Branch covering all these
points, & the Branch meets
(without me) on Sept. 11.

I am quite of Mr. Sluey's
opinion that we can never
have enough of Mr. Park-
hurst, & I expect Mr. Mart
is herself. I do think
that if, as the Committee
now propose, only 3 names
show as officials of the
Union & 2 of them are
Parkhurst, it will in no way
thwart our way be a pity.

But those inconveniences will
be obviated if a set of
6 Officials were given to the
world.

I am glad to tell you
that we have after all
done some of our propa-
gandizing with the blessing
of Capⁿ Luttrell. We
had a little open air
meeting in his village but
as it was rather threatening
weather we had not the
audience we might have
expected, so I asked him
for the use of an old school
house for another evening.
He not only gave it
but appeared himself, sat
listened to our stammering
tongues, & made a nice little

speech at the end of country
- buted 2/6. Far
different was it at Holford;
the clergymen's 2 boys & his
men & women servants
came to jeer & interrupt;
the boys were disgraceful,
& the men had a banner
about trousers & petticoats
which the clergymen's wife
helped them to make. I
find that the whole family
is disliked here & we
really got a little extra
sympathy through it.

I hope to gather together
some 1/2 dozen whom we
have interested, & set them
in the way of self education
in the subject during the
winter. Then they will
propagandize in their town.
My wife Babb is quite taking
it in.