

Waltham. Aug 23, 1917

Dear Mr. Henderson.

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I have just been reading very word after word
at the adjourned Labour Conference reported in
yesterday's paper; and I feel I must write you a
few lines to say how deeply I appreciate ^{the} ~~your~~
power in this showed to put all personal
matters ^{on one side} ~~at~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~side~~ & concentrate, & make
an audience concentrate, on that was for
the good of the nation as a whole, and
for the development of the world's freedom.

You have showed (if it is not impertinent of me
to say so) a largeness of view for which the
whole country ought to be grateful.

You must have had a most trying ordeal to
go through during the last fortnight and I hope
your health has not suffered in consequence

As I am writing I should like to add how much I
regret that we are no longer a member of
the Government. We humbly ^a proposed
and effected part of our work in securing the
recognition of W.S. as a part of the Reform
Bill, and we know we have seldom or never
had so strong and able a friend in any Cabinet.
For this you have caused & I believe will always
receive the sincere gratitude of the Suffrage
Societies.

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