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WOODCROFT,
BATH ROAD,
FELIXSTOWE.

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My dearest Elyla.

It is only for a very few minutes at a time that my thoughts have left you since the hunger strike started in Holloway. Life has been a nightmare!

Welcome back to the world sister mine! Would that I could say it - in person! that I could put my arms round you and try to kiss

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And prefer to think of them
as criminals who cannot be
too severely dealt with.

I suppose we should pity
them rather than blame
them.

When shall I see you dear?
I am so hungry to see you.

If you cannot do more
come to us for a week end
& perhaps when you are
stronger you will come and
speak for us at Felixstowe
We had a fairly good

meeting for Mr. Channell
last Thursday. People are
being waked up in spite of
themselves. The Constitution

are holding a big meeting
in the Spa on Tuesday.

Spring has come dear, with
its lovely flowers and very
biting winds & so it is with
our movement the flowers
of self sacrifice endurance
endless work & the cruel
wind of opposition, ignorance
and prejudice.
Love always love dear from
Jessie!

away some of the pain &
loneliness & indignation
But darling let me give
you one little bit of en-
couragement: - one man
down here who was against
militancy has been con-
verted to it by the hunger
strike. If only English
men had just a wee scrap
of imagination to help them
realize how hard it is for
our women to do these things
knowing the suffering that
will follow; but they
just shut their eyes to that