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9, THORNTON AVENUE,
STREATHAM HILL,
S.W.

February 1st 1913

Dear Miss Billinghurst.

I wanted to write to
you some days ago to tell you
of my admiration for your
pluck and courage - I hope
you are not suffering too
greatly from the treatment
dealt out to you. Well &
our Bill has been killed

and we shall have to
work harder than ever.

I am sending a petition
which we wish to present
to Mr. Paulkist at an
early date. and trust that
you will feel with us that
we miss our Treasurer
Mr. Petrick Lawrence so greatly
that we desire he back
among us once more.

Whatever the difference was
which caused the severance, it
was not that of policy

↳ therefore of a nature to hinder
the Cause of Militancy. If it
was, as I believe, personal,
it ought not to have happened
because it has damaged our
Union in a most far reaching
way and weakened it. On
every hand one hears of
members resigning, or becoming
inactive until such time as
Mr. Lawrence be with us again.
Let us try and make a big
effort, for surely, we who are
members & form the Union
may voice our desire.

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You will notice, that we
take this step in no way to
worry or annoy Mr. Passhurst
but in all loyalty & admiration
for her as our leader - At
the same time we must think
of Mr. Petrick I who has been
so wonderful all the years that
you & I have known her - Surely
something is due to her from
us - Where would the W.S.P.U
be but for the help of Mr. Mr.
Petrick Lawrence, not only financially
but in a greater way by their
self-sacrificing behaviour - Please
help - With kindest regards to Mr.
Billingshurst whom I much want to see
soon. Believe me Yours sincerely
A. H. McLean