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Saturday night

Dear Mrs Lavendish Bentrick

I have been away on a
wearisome campaign & have just
returned, so my reply must be
brief to your letter. Indeed, you do
not "trouble" me. I was told by
several people this week that Miss
Pankhurst & several lecturers of
the W.S. & P.A. are persistently
circulating the misrepresentations
you meet with. I shall not
accept a manhood suffrage
Bill unless I am convinced
that the women's amendment is

defeated solely owing to what
the W.S. & P.U. does between now
& the Committee stage of the Bill -
I have been perfectly straight all
through & I shall remain straight
to the end. I shall be guided solely
by what I believe women have been
the wishes of one to whom the cause
of women was the breath of life & whose
quiet approval was next to me
than the votes of ten thousand
electors. To everything & everybody
else I am absolutely indifferent.

I shall save the women's amendment
if I can. I shall speak for it & work

for it in my own way.

I w^d be very pleased to see
you some time. At present I
am unusually busy, but when
Parliamentary work settles into its
grooves I might manage to
arrange for a talk.

I am
yours very sincerely
Edna Macdonald