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Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of March 24th, for which please
pardon delay.

I am worrying the authorities and M.P's all the time to get
information as to the conditions under which these prisoners serve.
These conditions seem to change from day to day, and no prison
officers seem to know what the rules are !

I have found, during the nearly 4 weeks remand period, that my
position as a Territorial Officer, with the right to use O.H.M.S.
envelopes, worked miracles !

I spent 3 weary days last week at Newington Sessions waiting for
my wife's case to come on.

I learned much about the scandalous methods of blackmail by which
only it is possible to reach prisoners to advise them on their

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defence.

On this point I shall later repay myself with interest !

I was never prouder in my life than when I heard my wife's dignified defence, before she was sentenced to 3 months.

I hear that the foreman of the jury said that he should never again say a word against the suffragettes !

If your wife is in Holloway will you write to Rev. Fred. Hawkinson, 60 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, London. N.W.

He is a Unitarian Minister who visits the convicted prisoners every Monday and Friday, and is allowed to read each time one letter to the prisoner.

My method is to send to him a joint letter from myself, children, and friends (as many pages as you like !).

I would suggest sending to him some stamped envelopes addressed to you for the reports which he will gladly send after his visits.

I am more than ever convinced of the rightness and justice of Militant methods, and I hope you will let me know if I can in any way assist you.

Yours faithfully.

T. S. T.