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Dear Miss Leslie,

I am sorry I have not been able to answer your letter sooner, but I have been extremely busy during the last two or three weeks.

I think one of the chief reasons why there are so few women in Parliament is that the number of women candidates is still so small compared with the number of men candidates. The number of women who have the opportunity and the inclination to undertake a Parliamentary career is likely always to be less than the number of men who can do so, and at the present time even the comparatively small number of women available do not always find it easy to get adopted for a constituency where they have a reasonable prospect of being returned to Parliament. Women are new to the job, and a certain amount of prejudice still exists in the minds of some - at any rate - of those who are responsible for the selection of candidates. This applies to all the three parties, and is a state of affairs for which the women themselves cannot be blamed.

Yours sincerely,

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