

Goat  
Francis Alfuz

What a muddle  
over Ireland & S  
have let the fool  
& kept the  
piece of the  
piece!

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My dear Mrs Fawcett.

I am free on Friday, but I am  
I am very reluctant to enter  
into a fresh talk & controversy.  
I cannot believe we shall  
do well at Swanley as long  
as Miss W. is Principal. I feel  
sure she has neither health nor  
nerve for the work, & that her  
system of perpetual meddling  
& jealousy of all supervision but  
her own, leads to a poor service  
in those under her. The accounts  
are wrongly kept. There is waste

in the management of the garden,  
waste & misunderstanding about  
the live stock, a very capable  
woman went down to see it all  
late. Miss Hicks Beach, with  
a good deal of her father's gift  
of experience, & she with the  
most uncomplimentary criticism  
of it, & said bluntly of the high  
fees, the students did not get  
their money's worth. The lecturers  
she chooses are so poor, & no  
suggestions for those who know  
better have any effect on her.  
Miss Cons, used to know twice,

& believes it was in a worse con-  
dition before she came, that is  
no comfort to us who believe  
it would be in a better condition  
if she went.  
The governing Body took a  
tight hold of her at the last  
meeting, & said they intended  
to govern, & I put the views  
of those of us who objected to  
Miss W. very strongly. It is  
intolerable that whenever we  
want a change, a caprice or  
view, the way she says "then  
I will go." It is like an ill-  
tempered servant. Miss Dickin-  
son & I want to go & stay a  
day or so on the place, but I  
am told if we do that we

are subject to the most jealous  
supervision. I had Miss W. here  
& I told her all I felt. Sir  
John Cockburn much objects  
to our meeting separately about  
the situation, (as I am only  
staying on 'because he asked  
it, I don't think I ought to do  
anything more in private dis-  
cussion. She may be more  
'governable' in the future, she  
has this advantage, <sup>except Mrs H.</sup> we all like  
her personally, though <sup>we</sup> all  
of the governors think her hopeless  
& unfit for the work.

I addressed 150 of the smartest  
American women on suffrage yester-  
day at the Hotel Cecil. Mrs T. P. O'Con-  
nor became on the spot a convert