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My dear Mrs Fawcett.

I was so glad to hear from you.  
I was utterly incapacitated yesterday with various forms of gouty rheumatism, (was tied to the house).  
The truth is I am now at a stage of life when I much take full notice of health, & if I don't come up to the figure on every occasion, it is simply that I cannot. I am much better today, (had Mrs Snodden to lunch. She gave me an account of the evening meeting, where there was a good deal of noise

flags & boys! She says they  
all talked thro' the disturbance.  
She gave a very good account  
of his speaking, & Mrs Russell  
got a better hearing than any  
one. What annoys me is hear-  
ing that the liberals won't al-  
low their agent to work for Mr  
Russell. That seems most vene-  
tious & unnecessary, on their  
part. As to the question, I know  
it is no use ~~either~~ asking either  
Cecil to speak. They won't  
speak for a liberal, because

they say it entirely destroys their  
position with their party. H. C. will  
not even speak in a Liberal  
House of Free Trade. Mrs Snow  
don told me her husband was  
persecuted by the Independent Labour  
party, and they would not let him  
speak in favour of a Liberal.  
She says he would much like to  
speak of Mr Russell. We note  
that the cause of the women  
must always take a back seat!

Mr S. H. Butcher was here, Mrs  
Snowdon talked the ideal so-  
cialistic views to him. She is  
a Primitive Methodist, and  
preaches. I thought she must  
be a preacher of the way

She spoke. She is really an  
excellent speaker, tho' I think  
she takes too much time, pro-  
bably born of experience, that  
women are to be raised by hav-  
ing the vote, & that their natures  
are Slavish. Yrs affly

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