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Dear Miss Solomon

Although I have not been able to meet members of the Union lately owing to my enforced retirement - until I have recovered from the effects of my recent imprisonment - I have been following their devoted work with the deepest interest. They threw themselves with their accustomed energy & enthusiasm in to the self denial effort in spite of the terrorism of the police & the press.

I think most of you feel as I do this year - that it is not so much an act of self denial as an active protest against this cowardly & cruel Government's policy of intimidation, coercion & torture.

We all wish to show the Government - that just as there will always be women ready to face torture & even death so there will always be money with which to carry on the Union's campaign for the vote & against the evils of vice & disease. Our great collection will be an answer & a challenge.

I write to ask you to retain all money collected locally by Hampstead members in your or your local treasurer's hands until claimed by an accredited representative of the <sup>met</sup> treasurer's department.

The bearer of this letter will explain how this can be done. I hope before the end of the summer to be present at a great meeting when the result of our effort will be made public.

Meanwhile please convey to your members my warmest greetings & tell them how greatly I value their loyalty & devotion to the Union & to the great movement.

With kindest regards yours sincerely

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