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My dear Mrs Fawcett.

I have just got back from  
the House to find your note.  
Asquith made such a fight  
to keep Friday for us, I rather  
think he believed we sh. be  
beaten! Lady Emmott was  
the one friend, "I saw, <sup>she</sup> said  
"it would have gone badly  
with us." Betty wrote me  
she heard if 50 Conservatives  
voted, the Bill would be saved  
but not unless. Bonar  
Law made a determined  
demand of the day. Backed  
up zealously by Austen



↳ Cong. Arthur was sitting  
out of sight. The gallery  
was crowded, so I did not  
hear, what I read in the  
papers, that Asquith pro-  
mised to find an early day.  
Cecil could not come home.  
He was sitting ready with a  
rather great speech on the  
ethics of industry. "You play  
with the votes you have, and  
you -" I could not hear the  
end, but doubtless an allu-  
sion to the light was in  
it. The House flung aside  
the day & the C. Bill.



When will they take us serious  
ly? of which Mrs Burston  
avoided me -  
on the whole I don't think  
we shall suffer. I don't be-  
lieve we could be worse  
off, than we are just now.  
There is a regular stampede.  
Cecil says it is not mili-  
tancy, but the work of the  
anti's, in the constituencies  
notably among Conservatives.  
I went round <sup>to</sup> the Lord  
Steyn & get de Grey's views.  
He was making a very  
much too long speech on  
the censorship of Plays.  
He is so good, but never  
can be shut. So, I really  
left the House with out



getting any views. Tomor-  
row I leave for a nine  
days of speaking in Scotland  
ending with Aberdeen and  
Worcester. If there are any  
special marching orders

Tell the Office to let me  
hear at

30 Dillybank Gardens  
Glasgow.

I had a quiet and fairly  
good meeting at Rochester  
last night. There were  
militants present. They  
organised a sheaf of mili-  
tant questions, but I was  
not let into any trap.