

A detailed account of my sister's case has been sent to the Home Secretary by our family doctor, who has and Mr. McKenna is acting with full medical warning of the disastrous results that will probably happen.

Keir Hardie

Thanks you for your letter of June 15th ~~for~~ ^{concerning} my sister Miss K. May Billingham. Letters have been written by many people to Mr. McKenna both at the Home Office & at the House of Commons concerning her, and a detailed account of her case, with the ^{very} ~~probable~~ ^{disastrous} results of frail feeding upon her, were sent by our doctor as long ago as last Saturday.

Judging by the identical printed slip which is always sent as an acknowledgment of all such letters I ~~should think~~ ^{presumes} none of them ever reach Mr. McKenna himself and therefore do not know how to bring the case forcibly before him. It seems impossible to reach him except thro' members in the House who will interest themselves in my sister's case. ~~That the case is now urgent is apparent from the fact that she is now being fa~~

receive longer and longer sentences.
 The Recorder himself ~~too~~ said in Court that
 he realised ~~they~~ ^{she & her comrades} had acted from the highest
 & purest motives, and yet could give them
 so manifestly unjust a sentence compared
 with those which are daily being given to
 men who traffic in women's lives or brutally
 assault and ruin little girls.

It cannot be a "civilized" Government
 which can treat a poor wounded and crippled
 body such as my sister's in so brutal a way
 and therefore I can suggest no alternative
 treatment but releasing her before they have
 brought on again the total paralysis of
 the whole body from which she suffered
 as a child.

Surely when so many high-souled ~~good~~
 splendid women are willing to suffer
 such a martyrdom for their cause it is
 time that that cause should be dealt with
 without the ruse and deception which has so far
 been practised by the Government in their
 dealings with the women, and which from what
 one can gather, is again to be used against
 them next week when the amendments to
 the Suffrage Bill come on for discussion.