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Dear Madam,

I beg to thank you  
for sending me a copy of  
'Woman's Franchise' which

I received this morning  
I much regret that I am  
unable to take it - irregularly  
for the reason I now wish to  
explain to you.

If the magazine were totally  
unconnected with any party movement  
I should have been pleased to  
do so - but I have feared very  
much lately that a determined  
effort has is being made by



the Socialist-Labour Party,  
to endorse the Women's  
Movement on their side  
for the furtherance (as I firmly  
believe) of their party as  
they realise how greatly  
it may be benefited by women.  
I cannot help but fear that  
this party is only making use  
of the Women's Movement for  
the Franchise for its own  
ends & that no real help  
will come to the women from  
that Party. In any case  
nothing would induce me to  
have anything to do with that  
Party - even though through  
it we were to gain the franchise.

& in this feeling I believe.  
I express the views of the  
majority of the women in  
this country - I firmly  
believe that women would  
stand to lose much  
more than to gain should  
this Party ever come  
into power.

In conclusion I wish at  
least to make a suggestion  
that in my opinion would  
help the Women's Movement  
& that is that advances  
should be made to the  
Middle Classes. Dejeu  
Organisation lately started

Ex. Comm.



# Middle Classes' Defence Organisation

with the view of pushing  
out of this organisation  
would take up our  
movement - for the foundation  
In an interview I had  
lately with the Secretary  
he seemed I thought favourably  
inclined for the idea - on  
the ~~same~~ properly - qualifications  
for women - & it is possible  
& indeed probable that this  
organisation may have  
great power in the future  
Believe me

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*137a* yours faithfully  
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