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TELEPHONE:-- HAMPSTEAD 1090.

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67, BELSIZE PARK GARDENS,

HAMPSTEAD, N. W.

Dec. 18⁵ 1910

Dear Mr. Fawcett.

Your lovely present
+ the inscription on its
wrapper have given me the
very greatest pleasure.
I can never half succeed
in saying thank you
for all your kindness
& help. I wish we had
ended the year with more

flying colours but in
spite of the S. & P. U. & other
jeerers I don't believe
that the party people
really regard our attempts
with contempt.

I send you W. Hopkins's
letter about East St. Pancras.
He is embittered but there seems
a good deal of truth in his
remarks. Not however in what
he says about there being no chance
for a Liberal. I believe that if we

had ^{had} time to make them believe
that Jacobus had a chance of
getting in, it wd have made
the whole difference & that
it was because they considered
our attempt quite hopeless
that they wouldn't risk ~~letting~~
letting in the other side.

I hope you will get a
real holiday & will not be
disturbed by nightmares of
your trusty followers
tearing each other limb
from limb when your eye
is off them. I think

That the prospect of an
Annual Meeting with
opportunities of expressing
their feelings by voting
will keep everybody
calm for the time.

Yours very sincerely

Philippe Stracker

P.S. A bag was just the
very thing I was longing for