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NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

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Westminster, London. S.W.

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Dear Madam,

In connection with the Special Effort Week to provide funds for the National Union you will be sent collecting cards which I earnestly request you to distribute among your members, urging them to do their utmost to obtain subscriptions. The date of the Special Effort Week will be left to the discretion of the local society, as the date recommended, May 9th to May 16th, may not be universally suitable.

At Home cards suitable for drawing-room and other entertainment, garden parties, whist drives and competition teas can also be obtained from MRS. DOWSON, FELIXSTOWE, THE PARK, NOTTINGHAM, on early application

Apart from the constant demand for organizers to help form new societies we are greatly in need of further funds if we are to obey the express orders of the Council and take part in all bye-elections. We cannot insist too strongly on the fact that our best opportunity for educational work is during the political activities of a bye-election, and the voters' petitions sent in to the House of Commons bring home our demand to Members as nothing else does. In Edinburgh one out of every four voters signed our petition. We are also faced for the first time with the organized opposition of a dead weight of inherited prejudice and only steady and persistent educational work can deal with this.

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Yours faithfully,

MARGERY I. CORBETT.