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My dear Mrs Fawcett.  
I got back on Tuesday  
night. I have been tied  
to the house with business  
ever since my return. I  
was very glad to get your  
letter. I felt very much  
out of it all. Nowhere  
could I discover any paper  
with a notice of the meeting  
in Trafalgar Sq. One of  
my girls passed thro' on her



way to divepool & she  
said one was early but it  
did not look very big.

I met Arthur last night.  
He said he thought the best speak-  
ing was against us, & that  
he had never heard a squirrel  
speak so well, or with  
more seriousness. He under-  
stood the Cabinet had taken  
the matter very seriously, all  
the more that they were  
so divided. I said, I believed



It would make both parties put  
off the day of launching the  
franchise. He said, "that  
is a very true & pertinent  
observation". By implication  
the ~~Bill~~ talk implied  
the Bill was dead.

I have read yr letter in today's  
Times. I have not cancelled  
a little meeting at Hamp-  
stead where I speak on the  
19<sup>th</sup>. What to say, I know  
not. We seem a long  
way off getting it just now.  
I must have a talk with  
Miss Dimock & get on the



track of present feelings.  
I have not much heart for  
anything. This has been a  
heavy blow to myself, she  
was the sister most to me, &  
in parting, was my only sufferer  
one! I am very tired out, &  
have a great deal more  
work before me in connection  
with the death.

Yours affly  
Francis Balfour