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Dear Mrs Ramelson,

I am really ashamed at the length of time which has elapsed since the arrival of your kind letter of sympathy early in May. Thank you very much for writing, especially when you have so many troubles of your own. I do hope your mother has rallied, and that she is not suffering any great pain. You yourself will know full well how divided one's mind is when those one loves are failing in health, and a prolongation of their lives can only bring them increased helplessness and perhaps suffering. We were very thankful that my mother was able to end her days in her own home, better and more devotedly looked after than she could have been in hospital. We were exceptionally fortunate in having such a nice woman to look after her, otherwise, of course, we couldn't have managed it.

I am very sorry to hear that you yourself have been back in hospital, and that they are able to do so little to diminish the pain you suffer. I do hope the drug table the specialists were working out is proving effective. It is an absolute miracle that tou are able to carry on your work, and I do admire your courage.

I shall look forward to seeing your article on the suffragists in 'Marxism Today'.

A day or two ago, I sent a card to the young woman in Cornwall, saying I hoped her mother was home from hospital, and that she would soon we able to arrange for the return to us of those volumes of 'The Vote' for which you are waiting. But I am afraid at the best of times she is tiresome about returning books, so I don't feel too hopeful.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,