

Chippens Bank. Fever. Kent.

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Dear Mr Fawcett.

Your letter of the 24th inst was forwarded to me immediately, but I delayed a day to think the whole matter over before answering it. — For I am much troubled at this Swanley friction, indeed it seems to me an un-necessary friction, & unless it soon comes to an end, the whole good work of a valuable Institution will be wrecked. — I tried to say this to the different members privately & had hoped that their good hearts and good common senses would have made them pull together in the future, & try to carry out the compromise, which we (the Shareholders) had tried to lay before them. But from your letter & the one you enclose, (which I ^{now} return) I fear that friction is again beginning. — I assure you that during the past fortnight, Miss Everett & I (we knew nothing of this before the 1st meeting 2 weeks ago)

have done our best to make peace,
& hoped we had done so. —

February is always my busiest month,
& I have extra business thrust on me
just now, but Swanley must be
saved, if it is possible to do so, & I will
try to fit in any appointment you can
make. — Would Tuesday afternoon
about 2³⁰ be convenient to you? —
I have a Committee at 4 o'clock — but could
come at 5³⁰ if that would be better for
you. — I have a Lecture at 8. —

Wednesday I cannot offer you as being
a delegate at Crewe I shall be away all day.

Thursday I have business all the morning
until 1 o'clock, but could come any time,
up to 7 that evening, your prefer? —

It is very good of you (who are always so
busy) to take this matter up, but I am sure
that you realize the great importance
Swanley is to Womens work, it has been

in the past, & may develop to even greater
good in the future. I quite agree to what
you write as to members of the Governing
Body having a monetary interest in the
concern, people who have none, generally
play "ducks & drakes" with other peoples
money! Not that I think it would be so
with Lady Frances, she seems to me to
be one of the few people who would not
do so, but there are two on that Body who
would do anything when they were put
out of temper. —

~~That I wish your views on this governing
body. — I agree with you in your
temperament as you are the best man
I know of in the world.~~

Believe me

Very sincerely yours
Emma Cus.

P.S. Why do not the others esteem Miss W's
quiet power & work, at her proper value? —