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answers  
said to be  
presented to Committee  
at next meeting

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The 'Upique'  
from Hill Road  
Gumbridge. Well

May 3. 1909

Dear Madam,

It is with  
great regret that I feel  
I must protest against  
the inclusion of <sup>Members</sup>  
of the Socialist Party  
such as W. Ramsey  
Macdonald & W. & Mrs  
Philip Snowden at  
the Meeting held by  
our Union on April 27<sup>th</sup>  
I think the Union is

Making what I regard  
as a fatal error in allowing  
the Socialist Labour Party  
to take a prominent position  
in connexion with the  
Suffrage Movement. Such  
help must be fatal to  
our Movement if continued  
as the Working Classes &  
the Country generally are  
undoubtedly turning against  
this Government & it can  
do the Suffrage Movement  
no good. In fact it can  
only injure it. In my opinion

by the help & assistance  
of Members of a discredited  
& unpopular Government.  
There is so far as I can see  
no chance of its being either  
willing or able to carry a  
Measure for the enfranchisement  
of Women & the wisest course  
is to look to the Conservative  
Government to do this.  
In my opinion it would  
have benefitted the Woman  
Cause considerably more & it  
would also have filled  
the Albert Hall with an  
enthusiastic audience of W.

Balfour (who is without doubt  
inclined to be favorable to  
the Suffrage.) had been  
with other leaders of the  
Conservative Party asked  
to speak at the Meeting.  
So my mind the advocacy  
of the Socialist-Labor Party  
& of such men as Mr.  
Campbell. can only injure  
the Cause by giving the  
impression to the Conservative

Party - who will in a very  
short time be in power &  
will help the Cause of Women  
Suffrage if not prevented, that  
our Cause is almost in a  
I trust you will excuse my writing  
so plainly but I have the interests of  
Women Suffrage too much at heart to do  
otherwise. your faithfully  
Charlotte S. Pemble