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Dear Mr. [unclear] ^{Blatch} ^{From Mrs. Harriett C. Blatch}
for Fulford You & C is so important

to be announced ~~hurriedly~~ - briefly - Pray
do nothing hurriedly about a Test Case -

Above everything do not select a Test Case
for any joint home of husband & wife - Such
a selection would be almost certain defeat
~~a wife given to the wife would exclude the~~
husband from the right of voting ^{in a} ^{to ask for a vote which}
would make any Judge grasp here!!

We must feel our way first - Therefore I
have not made further enquiries of Mr. Watson
as I see in reference to his letter - The home has
been taken in her name - I've been trying to meet
her & hope to see very long. Mrs. Parkhurst's
particulars of

(as a married woman trader) seems to me a
fairly ~~more~~ desirable case. because her
place of business is quite apart from
her home - . . . Again I say do nothing

hurriedly ~~because~~ silently & surely married
women are making headway - and it will
be impossible to keep them from stirring in
large towns when they have a mind to

take an adverse decision will throw all back
and ~~very~~ selectly give Par St & College St -
the chance of reintroducing the Coverture
Clause - It shall be again offered as a
propitiatory sacrifice to our legislative Gods

Swill of my feet; & dequies thy appeal
to all women to do them. —

I do trust thy good will to
guide with grace

most truly yours,

E. C. W. Elmy.

Keep your mental supremacy jealously
but give the vote to single women &
widows !! —

I do not yet know how many married
women Guardians are returned this year
- Some of their names will doubtless be refused
in the Borough List - ^(County Council Election) If so ~~then franchise~~
~~was denied~~ - and the Poor Law Guardians would
grant a case - ~~to be made here~~ such a
case having the prestige of a Poor
Law Guardian would be an advantage.
Sure to try - If I am certain that ~~some~~
~~are~~ ~~asking~~ ~~for~~ ~~a~~ ~~few~~ ~~cases~~
are ~~something~~ ~~to~~ ~~pray~~ ~~that~~ ~~at~~ ~~least~~ ~~some~~
would fail
to be taken