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My dear friend

Lady Henry has been asked and says that, under the altered circumstances caused by the sad death of Miss Willard, she will consent to stand for re-election provided a sufficient number of Branches express the wish that she should. It all depends upon what the Branches desire. A great many of us feel that, now Miss Willard has gone, we must strain every nerve to keep Lady

Henry in our work, as it would be too terrible to lose two such Leaders at once. Personally I feel that to lose Lady Henry now would inflict an irretrievable blow upon our Temperance cause, and upon all good reforms. Miss Willard's dying wish was that Lady Henry should keep her position, and Lady Henry feels it is a sacred legacy. I hope every Branch will nominate her.

Yes, Miss Slack and Miss Gorham and I are quite willing

to continue to work as officers, if so wished.

Our dear President is heart broken over the loss of her beloved comrade and friend, but she writes me that God does comfort.

Thine lovingly

H. W. Smith