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Mrs. E. How-Martin, M.Sc.,  
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Elizabeth Bay,  
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Australia.

My dear Mrs. How-Martin,

I was so glad to hear from you. Your letter arrived a little while ago, but so soon after my husband's death when I still had such masses of extra work, that I was not able to go and look through my mother's things in response to your request about "British Freewomen."

Yes, I think my mother's book "British Freewomen" is a historic book and it certainly could be reprinted as regards the paper problem, but I don't know that any publisher would do it because I think they would fear the sale would be too small. Things are so much worse than they were before the war. Before the war if one could sell 1000 copies of a book it covered its expenses, now you have to sell 5000 or else charge a very high price.

Also, I would not like anyone to touch it, or alter it, or bring it up-to-date, and would insist on it being reprinted as it is. Somebody, of course, could add another chapter bringing things up-to-date if they liked, but what my mother wrote is to stay as it is.

I am awfully sorry I can't send you a copy because I have got only two, one must be kept and the other would have to go to the printer if anyone could be found to advance the money to have it reprinted. But I find I have quite a lot of the little pamphlet "The Sphere of "Man"" and it was out of that the "British Freewomen" arose, and it contains a good deal of interest. I have 40 copies of this. Just think of it, 64 pages for 6d.! Culture is sadly injured by the present state of the world.

If you would like to have say half of what I have of this "Sphere of "Man"" I should be glad to have them sent over to you, and hope so much that you may help to do something about "British Freewomen."

Yes  
please

P.T.P.

You mention my Clinics. Australia has been very disappointing to me. If you are interested I should like to write to you about that.

With all best wishes for the Season,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Mae E. Stokes