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Derby House,
St James's Square.

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Dear Mrs Fawcett.

I always listen with respect and interest to opinions of yours: and I am by no means an admirer of the meddling kind of legislation which is so much in fashion. Therefore I am inclined to favour your view: but in the case you mention there are

Difficulties: the clauses
to which you objected having
originated in the report of
the "Society Committee"
to which I was a
consenting party.

I do not think the
witnesses who objected to
the use by women of the
heavy hammer were in
the Trades-Union interest:
some certainly were not:
if we, in the committee,
had noticed any such

tendency, it would have
been seriously to their
disadvantage.

I will attend when these
bills are before the
standing committee, and
see what is to be done:
but I cannot oppose
them, unless on some
points of detail.
It is quite on the cards
that the bills may not
pass - from want of time
in the Commons.

Believe me

Very faithfully yours

Derby

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