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Dear M^r Thompson

I have just seen the extract from your Clarion article in the Suffragette. I am glad that the Clarion now understands our movement - & what it stands for & that you realise the only solution of the national difficulty is the defeat of the present Government. "Out with them quick" that is what we have been saying for a long time & our by-election policy has been the way we have tried to get them out. Leicester is a great opportunity. For years I have worked with our splendid members in the by-elections now I can do so no longer by speeches & canvassing. I can only return to prison & the hunger strike as I suppose I shall

tomorrow when I attempt to
attend Emily Davison's funeral
will the Clarton & the Claron men help
us to defeat the Government Candidate
at Leicester? men by their ~~the~~ political
influence can end the whole horrible
business & get us the vote. will they
do it or must we go on & win it by
ourselves by tragedy after tragedy?

If only we could make men realise how
much they would gain in ^{the} restored faith
& confidence of women by coming to
our help now! will they not realise that
women are human as they are & make
the fight one for human freedom their
right as well as ours?
With thanks for your strong words
Sincerely yours
E. Pankhurst