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Dear Mrs Badley,

The manner in which the Press boycotts all our Constitutional work, and distorts and misrepresents our militant action, is proving to be a most serious hindrance to the progress of our work, because a great mass of intelligent and thinking people, who really want to understand the whole question, can find no means of getting the necessary information. There is no way out of the difficulty save that of increasing the circulation of our paper, "Votes for Women". It must be brought to the notice of an increasingly large public, because in its columns alone can the truth about our agitation be found.

As the situation is so serious, we are now about to make a very great effort to win thousands of new readers for the paper, and to have it read by people in every part of the country. With this end in view, we are writing to our most active & enthusiastic members, asking them to act as "Votes for Women" agents in the particular place in which they live. We hope that you will do

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this service for the cause as far as Petersfield is concerned.

I am sure that you will yourself be able to devise many ways of advertising the paper and getting new readers for it, but among the things which it is important to do are - getting the paper sold and a poster shown at railway stations and at newsagents; arranging for it to be sold in the streets and from house to house. The house-to-house sale is a very good plan and has been found most effective by the Salvation Army, who have by this means won an enormous circulation for their paper, "The War Cry". In country places, a stall in the market on market-days proves a very good move, as then people who come in from remote country places have an opportunity of buying it.

I hope very much that you will consent to accept this responsibility and I feel sure that if you take the initiative in the matter other Suffragists in the district will rally to you and help you to carry out this all-important work,

Reports of the progress made in your district will appear from time to time in "Votes for Women".

Sincerely yours,

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