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Chelsea,
London, S.W.

Dear Mrs Sterling,

I withheld sending even my small contributions to the special fund asked for for election work, until I had asked an old suffrage friend if the Central Society was responsible for the ill manners of the women who caused such an interruption at the Albert Hall Meeting. - She said not & directed my attention to W. J. Jarvis' letter. - I approve of questions being asked, but if the bad manners or want of fairness on the part of the Chairman or the candidates ^{leads them to} refuse to answer, then there is nothing to do but to sit down. I wait for another opening. To annoy a whole audience & intercept

a speaker in his speech, is, to say
the least of it bad manners.

If the question "when asked properly" is
ignored by the platform, I believe it is
true, that the love of fair play in an
English audience invariably is in sympathy
with the question who is not answered,
& "the platform" is not slow to perceive
this. Another time "the question would
probably be civilly answered," I am told.
Pardon this lengthy communication &

Believe me

yours sincerely

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