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32 ADDISON ROAD,

KENSINGTON, W.

My dear Mrs Fawcett.

This is just a private word about  
my own affairs. & Amsterdam. I wish  
not think of it. I want you to know  
what not even all my belongings  
know, that I am much restricted  
in my life, by the condition of  
my husband's health. He has a  
form of heart disease, the serious-  
ness of wh. I doubt if he realises  
himself, & his condition keeps me  
in a state of constant watch-  
fulness. Necessarily as of explained  
to you earlier in the year, all this  
tells on my state of health. I  
could not go away with a free mind

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Among the minor worries of the situation, I know the sort of criticism I sh. receive from far & near, if anything did happen - "of course his wife was away talking Suffrage". One learns to take a great deal of criticism, as when Miss Dimock severely reproved me yesterday morning for singing of a wd. return of the afternoon Committee, but there are some criticisms wh. might have the sting of containing a real truth, & they sh. be avoided for the truth's sake. Of course all may be well, but the conditions

vary fr. day to day, & my life  
must be fr the day.

I don't find all this is made easier  
by talking about it, & I don't tell  
many, but I just want you to  
know what governs my existence  
& my work.

This needs no answer. What  
a blessed relief this cool is.  
I have written to Margot - ad-  
vising her to accept & use the  
Box in the Albert Hall!

Yrs affly

Francis Balfour