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WHITTINGHAME,  
PRESTONKIRK.

Dear Mrs Fawcett

First I want to thank you for  
the paper about Sidgwick's  
memorial. I thought it very  
striking reading, & also very  
true. Gore's speech profoundly  
interested me, both because  
I knew of Gore himself  
what he thought of Henry,  
& also it fitted in to a re-  
mark Henry made to me,  
during his last illness  
about Gore. He sd, "if I had

known a man like fore  
30 years ago, I think I might  
not have left the Ch. of England  
I could only say that thirty  
years ago, there were not  
these exact types of mind in  
the Church, because those  
thirty years had meant much  
in the spiritual progress of  
belief. I told fore of it at the  
time, & it moved him much.  
However foolish a Sed. can be  
in politics, there is always  
a backbone of common sense

& high belief about him when  
he comes to deal with friend-  
ship, & so I felt as if read  
Bryce!

Nothing too much was said  
about the vivid personality of  
the man. He's been amused  
interested in the smallest details  
& gossip of a big family circle,  
were unceasing, & much al-  
ways be missed. We are just  
getting up some Tableaux among  
the children, the last time he  
was here, he did "John Knox"  
preaching to Mary. We used  
to come upon him in appropriate  
attitudes practising, with that  
wonderful keen work he put

into everything. Oh does seem  
hard to have had to lose him.

I am rather thankful I was  
away of that first amalgamated  
meeting! Oh, have felt so ner-  
vously inclined to have so to the  
other party would you be President,  
and then Miss Blackburn wd  
~~that~~ on the spot have been seized  
with convulsions. Oh gives me  
such relief to see that you wd  
wile always put you in the  
Chair. Nothing & frightens me  
more than occupying that post  
with Suffrage. We are so weighty  
round the table, & when Miss  
begins to role, I become dizzy  
with sea sickness!

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WHITTINGHAME,

PRESTONKIRK.

The only thing of regret is the necessary departure of poor Miss Torrance, but something had to go. I am so afraid she is a little old, & old in her methods probably to get remunerative work.

I believe we shall get along in the quietest of ways. I only hope they will relax in their attendance, & we shall be very well in our office.

May I keep the paper about Henry? If Mr. Auld send a card asking me to return it.

I sh. like to keep it.  
Yrs affly  
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