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Dear Miss Strachey

Thank you so much for your letter. I was only too pleased to send a small contribution to wards your presentation fund. I often look back to those days when with Jack Hills & your sister in law we plotted & planned. We were crusaders in what was then an unpopular cause. How things are very different & no Government will be able to resist for long. As you say, I will not be Speaker then, but perhaps I may be able to welcome the change if, as is possible, I go to 'Another Place'. To tell the truth, I shall not be sorry when my time as Speaker ends. This

Parkiment has not been an easy one  
for the Chair. The majority is too small  
& in consequence, party passions flare  
up too frequently & I admit to having  
been a very tired man when the  
session closed at the end of July.

All my kindest regards & good wishes  
to you

Y<sup>rs</sup> sincerely

Oliver Johnson