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To the Secretaries of the National  
Union of Women's Suffrage Societies  
Messdames

As still a member  
of the National Union of W.S.S.  
I would like to protest against  
Mrs Parkhurst being called  
on to speak at a Demonstration  
supposed to be ours, in Newcastle.  
This is not from any personal  
objection, but from the  
conviction that, at present, it  
would do us wide-spread  
harm. It is all very well  
to sympathise with the  
efforts of the Social & Political



Union, as another body,  
from sharing the platform  
with them, as members of the  
Union. The public mind is  
easily confused in its ideas, &  
we should lose much more  
power than we should gain.

If Newcastle had not unfortunately  
been chosen as the first meeting  
of the reconstituted Society, it  
would not have mattered so much.

You may remember that when  
I proposed that the first meeting  
should be held in London, in  
association with "the Demonstration",  
it was stated "there could not  
be a Demonstration so near  
that of Newcastle". Yet it was  
settled so to be, and no  
association with the Union's  
meeting decided.



I want to record my disapproval, as long  
as I have a right to do so. It's under  
the new Constitution, there is to be a General  
Council, on which I shall probably sit,  
and an elected Executive Committee,  
I shall not in future have anything  
to say in business, as I never send up  
my name for election anywhere.  
I have a very great deal to do, and  
only respond to invitations to serve anywhere.  
I shall of course still help the Union  
by every means in my power.

I am the only person who has been  
present at all the London Committees,  
but last Thursday, was too much for me.  
I only got home after it at 6 o'clock, &  
had to go out again at seven, to speak  
in the Pioneer Club on Shakespeare.

I am trying to found a new Society  
to affiliate to the Central, & shall find many  
ways of helping, as I shall be doing tomorrow.  
Remain

Yours sincerely  
Charlotte C. Stopes