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Dear Mrs Cavendish Bentinck,

Thank you very much for your congratulations. Lancashire has been most disappointing, but I hear that religion has entered largely in the contests, and that the deserters have not been working men so much as shopkeepers and the petty middle classes. When I wrote you, I had South Wales and the North-East Coast mostly in mind on account of the troubles that had broken out there. Sunderland is the biggest victory we have had. The Jarrow result has not been declared yet, but I am in some hope it may repeat the Sunderland and Newcastle polls. I quite agree with you, however, that an arrested intelligence together with moral snobbishness make my description quite erroneous when used generally. We want ever so much more education and propaganda of a much more serious kind than some of our people imagine.

The elections as a whole, however, are turning out pretty much as was expected. Very few believed that much could be gained in the boroughs, and I think most people were afraid of London where we have gained two seats. The optimistic Liberals whom I met just before the dissolution were hoping more from the

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counties than from the towns, so that the coming week is really to determine how parties are ultimately to stand.

You will have a proof of your article in the course of a day or so.

Yours very sincerely,

Mansay Macdonald