

Mrs Ramelson

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Dear Mrs Ramelson,

Thank you very much for returning Miss Moberly Bell's JOSEPHINE BUTLER, which had scarcely been back an hour before it was borrowed again. The book has been very well reviewed, but I feel with you that she is a difficult character to whom to do full justice. And I certainly agree with you regarding the note of apology and mild fun-making to be discerned in many modern books on the history of the women's movement. The worst example of all was the disgraceful things said about Mrs Fawcett in Lucille Iremonger's AND HIS CHARMING LADY. It is very sad when people, themselves so much less great, are unable to respect greatness in those who went before them.

I have to thank you very much, too, for the copy of "Marxism Today" containing your admirable account of the Fawcett Library. We are delighted to have this, and it will be interesting to see whether it brings us any new enquiries.

After a bit of a set-back, my mother seemed quite herself again last weekend, and my sister is well, too. Thank you so much for your sympathetic interest. I am terribly sorry to hear of your very troublesome condition, and do hope the flare-up is indeed nearing its end, and that it will not recur, at any rate, if this is too much to expect, for a very long time.

Yours sincerely,

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