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2, CURRIE STREET,
NINE ELMS, S.W.

29th January 1911

Beloved Friend,

Pardon me for not having answered your letter sooner.

I have had a very busy and anxious time during the past week. Moreover, I thought it better (although I was perfectly sure of the feeling of our League) not to answer you until after our An. Conference which took place yesterday. A resolution was put to the meeting that would have implied a censure on our prominent members who took part in your demonstration. It was lost by a large majority. So you see the sentiments expressed by Miss Thompson, in haste, I cannot but think, do not in any sense represent the feeling of the League. I am grieved (deeply) that your feelings should have been wounded in our Office,

S. CURRIE STREET.
NINE ELMS S.W.

Now that the Conference is
over and I am certain of the
wishes of my fellow members,
I shall lose no time in warning
Miss Thompson against improp-
er speech which, from one of
our officials, may easily be
interpreted as expressing the
views of our Society.

So far as you, dear friend, are concerned
I have always understood and
appreciated your position. I am
proud to have you for a fellow-
worker and it would give me
true pleasure if you, when you
are stronger, you could find
time to come occasionally to
Caxton Hall on a Thursday after-
noon when we hold our weekly
'at Home'. I do not know whether
you often speak in public. It would
be delightful, some of these days.

to have your views, for instance
on South Africa, which you know
so well and love so deeply. But
that is for the future.
Meanwhile (and this is quite personal
and because I love you and want
to keep you) don't, for the present
at least go into another demon-
stration. In that way you have
suffered enough. And you don't know
how difficult it is for some of
us to bear the treatment to which
you have been subjected. Then again
- we know you are ready to give
your life; but, even for the sake of
the great causes you serve, is it the
right moment? I speak as the sister
and daughter of soldiers when I
say - it could not be that all
should go to the front at once.

That would mean loss of the
battle. Think of how unhappy
Prussia with her best and noblest
in exile in prison, executed. A
little less of personal daring and
heroism might have meant
more of guidance of the people.
I will say no more. I myself am
a little exhausted and am writing
this from bed. Hope however to
be at our meeting at Exton.
Kiss this afternoon.
My best love to you.

Yours always affectionately

C. D. Shepard

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