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Ms
Ramsden

April 27th, 1965

Dear Mrs Hamelson,

I was very sorry not to be here when your husband called last Wednesday to return your borrowings and to take away the periodicals for which you asked. I expect he was told that the sad reason was my mother's death on Easter Sunday. Though we had been expecting it for some weeks, and though my sisters and I would not have wished her to live on in her final state of helplessness, one feels the parting very much when it comes.

I am hoping to let you have the earlier volumes of 'The Vote' before very long. I did recall them from the present borrower, stressing the urgency of the matter, and trusted they would be back by Wednesday. But yesterday, I had a pathetic letter from her, explaining why they hadn't come. She lives in Cornwall, is writing a thesis, and is so badly crippled that she spends all her time in a wheeled chair. Her mother, on whom she is entirely dependent, has been seized with a serious heart attack, and has been swept into hospital. So you can imagine how desperate her situation is. However, she has promised to send the volumes as soon as she can.

I am so sorry your own health is not better.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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