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Dear Mrs Cayley,

Please forgive me for taking so long to answer your very interesting letter of May 29th, which reached us in July, and to thank you for the fascinating photographs which accompanied it. I was abroad on my summer holiday when they arrived, and found them awaiting me on my return.

The photographs are of exceptional interest to us, as we had none of early women trade unionists, and we shall treasure them very much. We are so glad to have the descriptive notes you were good enough to send us. What shocking conditions prevailed for women workers in 1915! The present generation in factories would scarcely believe it! The Mrs Fawcett in the picture is not our Mrs Henry Fawcett, but we are none the less delighted to have her portrait, and that of Miss May Mathews, and certainly not least those of yourself. Miss Dorothy Jewson was later Labour M.P. for Norwich (1923-24). In 1936, she married Mr R. Tanner Smith. Mary McArthur was a great woman, and I hope her name will always be remembered among those who worked for the women's cause.

We are gradually getting together a good collection of photographs, all due to the generosity of kind friends such as yourself.

I am so sorry to hear about your bad sight, and your osteo-arthrititis. These things must indeed be a misery and a handicap to you, and it is very good of you to think of others in this kind way when you have so much to put up with yourself.

Actually, my name is VERA DOUIE, but I never expect anyone to get it right, for the surname is most uncommon and improbable!

With very many thanks and all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Librarian

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