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Dear Miss Leslie,

This reply to your recent note is late. My answer must be brief, although a long statement could be written in reply to your question:

"Why are there not more Women in Parliament?"

There were 67 women Candidates in the last election. Only 9 were elected. Only 1 of the 9 was a woman with working-class associations and Parliamentary experience, though most women voters are women workers.

There are more than 28 million voters and in that number there are about 2 million more women than men. It is clear, therefore, that women do not vote for women candidates as such, and like men voters they are influenced by Party considerations. I wish this were not so.

Merely to increase the total number of voters is of no great National importance, and if the mass of women electors would express themselves in some united and organised manner on the great questions of world peace and the domestic subjects which specially interest them, they could confer an immeasurable blessing upon their country.

Yours sincerely,

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