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Dear Mrs. Roberts,

Thank you for your letter. I am afraid that in my former answer I took too much for granted that the unanswerableness of the statement would move even our hierarchy, and did not take sufficiently into account the strength & perversity of long established prejudices. I now see the danger suggested by some of your correspondents, and am quite content to wait for further conference.

I am coming South on Sept. 11th to take charge of a College reading party in Surrey. It would be possible to come up to town and meet you one day between the 11th and 16th, I think. Or I might arrange to spend the week-end 9th-11th in town, if we could arrange to meet then. I could probably get a bed at my Club, or could stay with friends. The Club (Ladies' University Club, 4 George St., Hanover Square) is a convenient meeting place. The 11th itself would scarcely give time, if I leave Manchester in the morning, and have to meet my party in the early afternoon. Will you let me know what would suit you?

You may be interested to hear that our Rector, Rev. Harold Anson, asked my mother yesterday to open & close the weekly service of silent intercession held in the Church, as he could not be present.

My mother-in-law, the Rev. Babson altogether, writes - "It seems to me that the Church of England is proposing to ask God to speak to us at this critical time, but is dictating to Him what and how and by whom He shall speak. On these terms there will be nothing but silence".

Yours sincerely

Thank you very much for suggesting that I should come to you for a night; but it seems that you will not be at home at the time I can come South.
Margaret E. J. Taylor.