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"Towards a Social
Feminism"
by W. W. Keble
(Somerville)
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Dear Miss Wilkinson

I have hastily read enough of this.
I think it is a pity that Miss Mickle has
mixed up her main excellent thesis with
a deal that is no better really than her
rashed premises. The thesis I should
extend. Not only women but men need
to turn their attention more + more to
"production", i.e. to business. I have long said
myself - I mean in private, I have only once
written it, that to the thesis! - that educaⁿ
is a change in productive workers. It will
never directly produce more material goods
material which no one of us can live.
We wanted, I venture to think, less

Provincial Universities and more quite
first rate Trade Schools & Technical Colleges.
I see no reason why a productive (of material
goods) worker, should have "shop ~~at~~
each day and all long long" But I need
organisation to give people trade skill
& an intellectual hobby. A certain number
of pure scholars we must always have
as Mulcaster observed in 1581. But there
are not more people "fancy filled for pure
Scholarships than the country can support.
Miss Meikle might have done the country-
great service, by slipping in at the right
moment with a vital idea, if she had
presented it convincingly. But such
chapters as The Break up of the Land etc
will only clothe people off. We all know
cultivated, most thoughtful and useful

women who are ladies, will never break up!
She must know better too, whatever she writes.
The funny nervous which overtake her now
has caught her. She gives at University
equipment, would be so much better off if
she were obliged now to take a degree
in economics, political science & ethics; I
feel convinced of that. To hang on for the
love of it. I quite agree with what she
says about the Suffrage. I worked at it for
years; always saying on platforms that
while it was worth having, it was immensely
overrated. She is right too that the
Constitutionalists did the work, the real work.
If you know of any school or College that
needs a first rate housekeeper & maid
(a lady not broken up) let me know, as
a friend of mine is seeking a new job.
Mine is a winning fan; I do not call
second-rate people first rate.
I am very sincerely yours
C. A. L. E. Hodges

Miss Wilkinson

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