

Mrs Ramelson

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Dear Mrs Ramelson,

Many thanks for your letter and for enclosing a postal order for 13/6d to cover the cost of postage. We are keeping an account, and will let you know if we over-spend it in sending the "Women's Herald", "Women's Penny Paper" and "Woman's Signal".

As there are 15 volumes, we shall be despatching these either by road or rail. I hope they will not take long to reach you. I think it is an excellent idea to get your friend Mrs Van Loosen to transport by car the very heavy volumes of "Votes for Women" and "The Suffragette". If she consents, we shall be very glad to let them travel that way.

With the sad demise of the Women's Freedom League, their books, periodicals and pamphlets have come to us, and so now we have a complete run of "The Vote" from 1909 to 1931, barring one year, April 1912 - April, 1913, unfortunately missing. Formerly we only had the volumes from 1920 to 1926.

Mrs Despard was born in Kent on June 15th, 1844, and died at Whitehead, Co. Antrim, on November 10th, 1939. I am sorry not to be able to be more exact regarding her birthplace, but her obituary only gave the county, and she has not been given a place in the Dictionary of National Biography, as she ought to have been. A member of ours is at present engaged on a Life, but she herself is in her eighties, and has recently lost her husband, so that she has had to give up the work for the time-being, and I don't know whether she will feel able to resume, though she herself hopes to do so.

Thank you for your kind enquiries about my mother. I am pleased to say during the last two months she seems to have taken a new lease of life. I hope all goes well with you yourself and your family.

Yours sincerely,