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The Bishop's Cottage,

Broadstone.

May 11th. 1917.

Dear Madam,

I am sorry to have been so long in replying to your letter of April 30th.

I have now had an opportunity of reading your Book.

It is extremely distasteful to me to appear in any way in opposition to the wishes and views of the Women of the Country, to whose zeal and capacity we are all so much indebted. The difficulty is increased by the very temperate tone of your Book, but I cannot disguise from myself that your real objective is the admission of women to the Ordained Priesthood of the Church, and to that I have offered, and shall continue to offer the most strenuous opposition.

On several grounds, and especially on this ground <sup>that</sup> it would separate the Church of England hopelessly from the other branches of the Catholic Church.

Your Book contains a great many statements and assertions which are highly controversial and upon which you largely build your arguments.

I will endeavour to enclose if possible a few references to

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what I mean in this respect.

I can assure you that so far as Womens Suffrage is concerned both Politically and Ecclesiastically, and the recognition of their work and position in every possible way, short of the Priesthood, and what would logically lead up to it, I am entirely in sympathy with the aims of the Womens movement.

Yours very truly,

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