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Dear Madam,

Thank you for so kindly sending me a copy of your circular letter on the subject of the ordination of women; it is not want of sympathy but of time that has so long delayed my answer. The question has been often in my mind, & I should be very glad to know how much

support would be found for a movement to promote the entrance of women to the priesthood. My feeling is that their admission would be of incalculable service to the Church. Some women speakers & preachers have a wonderful influence over men, as men have over women; Is it not possible that, among other good results, the disproportion between men &

women worshippers in our churches might be rectified? At any rate as far as I can think it out alone, there appears to be no sound argument for keeping us out.

I am only doubtful whether this is the tactful moment to begin to agitate. The clergy are coming forward warmly, & after with the disapproval of their parishioners, to champion us in our fight for the vote. Until their support is more widely & strongly established would it be wise to introduce a new demand which might frighten some of them from the "Women's Movement" altogether?

There would however be no harm
in preliminary study & conferences.
My answer to questions a, b & c
would be in the affirmative. I am
too busy to prepare a paper to read
at a conference on the subject, much
as I should like to do so.

The following members of the Church
League in B'ham, would I think
be very much interested in your
proposals -

Miss Davis, 130 Ladywood Rd, Edgbaston
Miss Shirley, 43 Frederick Rd " "

They are women whose opinions
would be well having.

I shall be grateful if you will
let me know any further steps
that are taken in the matter.

Yours faithfully,
E. Grand Griffiths