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From

Lady Constance Lytton,

15, Somerset Terrace,

Duke's Road, W.C.

Dear Mr. Ker,

Mr. Davey is taking your washing etc. to Holloway today and I cannot resist taking my chance with a letter. I suppose you have been allowed one at least per fortnight for some time, but I was afraid perhaps if it was only one key letter might be thrust upon you in place of news from the dear daughters. However a few days ago I recd. Mrs. Min Davis, a letter from a gentleman in Liverpool to you so I think I have as much right as he has to a share of whatever correspondence privileges are allotted to you. I am answering that letter for you: will send you a copy when done. I had a very dear & happy letter from Margaret not long ago which I have not yet answered.

Soon after that Police-Court season & in fact before you were sentenced, I broke down physically with flu & bronchitis. When the mugs-strike began I picked myself together, came back to London & did my share of work. There was the usual difficulty in getting our view of the matter put in the press. After two visits to the Times office one p.m. my health gave out, returning

to the tricks it has often indulged in since 1910. Since then I've been quite
useless. I am in London at this minute, but in bed. I feel like a cur,
but I am giving up all my various jobs & trying to retire to a peaceful
cottage where I have no ties or "darius", to finish my book, devoting
myself to that entirely. I shall not even, probably come up for the
Leaders trial (which has been postponed to Wednesday 15th May) unless I
am "wanted" myself. This may be, as my name was mentioned in the
prosecution & certainly if the leaders are criminals on the grounds of
"incitement", "conspiracy", etc. so am I. It seems to me our Albert Hall
meetings during the summer will be held in Holloway.

Now I have wanted my opportunity in telling you of
myself - because that is the reason I am being to slow in answering the
Liverpool man etc. It takes me days to write certain kinds of letters
It was the greatest joy to me to get your little letter. I hope the small spec of
food supplies I send you are the right ones. I am afraid the time must
be seeming very long & depressing now with this glorious Spring holding joy
meetings outside & you unable to share in them. But if only you could realize
the worth-whileness of your "rest-cure"! I am so glad the officials are
kind, ~~they are~~ so far as they are free to be; it is hard on them being
called upon to work war in a political cause. My thoughts are constantly with