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Mrs Hamelton

Dear Miss Douie,

Many thanks for the books and your great kindness in letting me have the other most useful books on the people involved in the CD Abolition campaign.

The postman or sorters or whoever it might be, did not handle the parcel at all kindly and it was very badly torn on arrival. The result was that the "Inquiry" binding covering the spine was ratherly badly torn. I have very carefully repaired it with sellotape and it can be opened easily and of course, being colourless the title and details are not obscured. I hope that you will not object to this. I was afraid to handle it at all until I had made these running repairs, as I am sure it could have fallen apart, however careful I had been. As it is, it is not exactly as good as new, but is quite sturdy for future journeyings!

Also the postman left them on my doorstep, which caused my heart to sick in horror at what could have happened with children and all that getting inquisitive. I am therefore going to suggest that for future parcels, they be sent to me, marked "PERSONAL" at

The Communist Party: Yorkshire District
5, Westminster Buildings
31, New York Street,
Leeds 2.

There are always people here. I know the postman very well and a word in his ear about how important it is to handle carefully will I am sure meet with a response.

Incidentally, it is interesting that this building used to be an hotel, and meetings both of the Suffragists and the Suffragettes were held here. The Suffragettes certainly had an office here for a while, from which Adela Pankhurst worked (amongst others) and I think, but am not sure that also for a while there was an office here for the Yorkshire Committee when for a short time it had a separate existence from the Manchester Committee when Lydia Ernestine Becker was the force within it. Mrs Oliver Scratcherd was the secretary.

I am sending you under separate cover today "Essays on Women's Work and Culture" and "Personal Reminiscences of a Great Crusade". Inside the front cover of the former you will find the pamphlet, "Women's Testimonial" for which I thank you I got the notes out of it last night. I will let you have back within three weeks the Moberley Bell "Josephine Butler".

Once more my most grateful thanks for your help.

With best wishes for your health and that of your mother. My mother is 81 and most irascible at the moment that the doctor will not let her go out in all this. She thinks it a lot of nonsense!

Most sincerely yours

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