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May 26/10.

My dear Mrs Fawcett.

I had a talk with Mr Barnes
about yr letter, & he was to write
& communicate our view to you.
He rather wanted to keep you
in reserve, that you may sum
up, & say 'the thing that the
other women witnesses may have
left out, or perhaps put right
something they had better not
have said! We had Mr Chap-
man yesterday. He expounded
a gospel very well known to
us, but dear Grel opened his

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eyes, and said it was most interesting. Unfortunately I rather weakly let "the Church" (who was furious with him) take my turn along of cross examining. But, it was not necessary. I think they told me you had named him as a good witness. He was most effective. I am going to miss the next three days of the Commission. It will be my first non attendance. So far the women & Dibden, the most fossilized of all the

Commissioners (I am getting
positive to detest the Church)
have been the only regular
attenders. After this, if all
goes well, I shall miss no
day.

I take the chair for Mrs Snow-
den here tomorrow. They wanted
me to get her to the moderator's
breakfast, an institution of the
assembly's time. It wd be far
easier to get her into the house
of Mrs. The idea was she
sh. address the breakfast table!
I shall also do ~~a little~~ ^{the} open-
ing of a little sale for Miss
Main, but these are only light
tasks, while the Commission
sits, I cant do much speaking.

Lyttelton has been busy with a Bill
wh. Shackleton is to introduce. Lyttel-
ton will back it fr. the front bench.
Birrell, Winston on the South side,
Arthur has refused to ask for time
for it, but promised if there was
a division to vote for it. If we
have lost ~~an~~ ^{one} enemy in the King,
we have another in his successor.

I wrote a foreword for the Eng-
lish woman ~~unpublished~~. The pub-
lishers & it wd give offence.
Lady Strachey at their request al-
tered it. I am curious to see what
was wrong. I send you the proof
as I wrote it (the pencil is the sug-
gestion of a friend) do you see
anything grave wrong? wh. wd
offend our readers? of course I
told them to do to it what they
liked. I am here till the

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3rd when I shall be back
in London. By the way Miss
Strachey says I must come
to the meeting June 28th I think.
What a welter politics are
in. The Queen Mother has told
the ministers what she thinks
killed the King - very plain.

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Francis Balfour