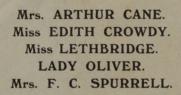


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20th January, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Strachey,

Will you look at the attached copy of a letter to Mrs. Wilkins. She came to see me a long time ago with a view to discussing co-operation.

I notice in the enclosed cutting from the "Daily Express" of 19th January that Mrs. Fawcett approves of the new scheme for the organisation of women for work on the land. I am strongly of opinion that we shall soon find things even more difficult than they have been up to date. There have hitherto been so many available women that we have not felt much shortage anywhere. But with all the independent calls upon them we shall soon feel a shortage. I do not believe that my V.A.D. Organisation will suffer as much as any other, so far as our paid nursing members are concerned. The General Service and unpaid Members have been so invariably snubbed and discouraged by the Military Authorities that they deserve to have the chance of better work under better conditions in other spheres. At the same time it is very wasteful of energy, and not productive of the best spirit in women if they are appealed to by various Organisations competing for their services.

I had hoped to see the Employment Department, strengthened confimproved working under Mr. Neville Chamberlain, as the one Source of supply of women for Government work. Is it too late to urge this?

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. STRACHEY,

58, Victoria Street,

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