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Palway Sunday

Dear Mr. Fawcett

Many thanks for the
sentimentally. Our own members
arrived yesterday & we have been
much excited over the two
magazines. It is hard to say
which article is the best, but
perhaps the 19 Century.
Mr. Hallett says it is like the
fine stepping of a prancing
steed. I doubt whether
anything better has ever
appeared. The two articles
convey the impression of real

joy in the writing & as if the
writer felt himself on a high
mountain & the enemy
far below, deluged with
his hand. The laugh
is terribly turned on the 104
and one feels that the
general amusement on the
whole account must be great.
The Times Leader wriggled
in most comical fashion
for it felt there was no getting
out of the overwhelming
testimony of that the intellect
among women was all
on one side of the controversy.

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How I long to hear some of the
talk the contrary has excited.
I can well believe that Mr. ^{Hobhouse}
for one, wishes herself well out
of it. The list of women is
most remarkable. There are
some names. Miss Maude for
me who would be better out, but
these are best among the
long list of names about approach.
We owe you a great debt for
these articles - but it was too
bad that you should have had
to write both. I cannot
imagine how you could do this
in the time & produce the
variety. There are one or two
points in both which I would

observers will trace to the
same mind.

We were unacquainted about
Mr. Askin's letter. There is something
mean about Kuntze's. He
evidently wanted to be little
the subject by dragging her in
& bracketing the two articles
together. I suppose you had
no idea this would be done. Her
article reads very weakly &
is no attempt even at a "Reply".

Agnes tells me you have had
some deseguelle business
with Lydia but she does not
say what it was about. We
must prevent any friction

if I knew all about the matter
I might give Miss Blackburn
a hint. It would be very
precious if we had to make
any change - but I wanted
to ask for help to give Miss
Blackburn a long holiday.
She really needs it. She has

been so much mental strain
just over Basil Dufferin's
& the new Central. If she
gets a long secret rest she
will come over to Valence
& this will rest her in every
way. This annual meeting
leaving now seemed an extra
thing & this it will be useful
if seemed almost unnecessary after

the previous good meeting.
The only way ^{to manage} about Miss Berke
is not to put her into responsibility.
For she then assumes command.
The funny part of this last encounter
is that she writes me this this
day to say what a "pleasant
Committee" you have had!!!
& to ask me to have some roses
sent from Bell's tomorrow
for the meeting & these I
have ordered.
I thought the Times was
shabby on the Women's L. U.
Annual meeting. It headed

AL/28 " ^{conv} Speech from L. U. Derby "
or only by chance did I see
that it was really the
Women's meeting!
Marguerite's A.A. -

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