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Dear Mr. Fawcett

A few days ago Mr
Wilson ("P.W.W." of the
Daily News) asked us
whether we might contribute
an article to the English-
woman on "Military &
the prospects of the Reform
Bill." He explained that
we had great hopes, if we
gave him the opportunity,
that he might write
some thing which would

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placate the W.S.P.U, and
cause them to postpone
their violent intentions for
September. ^{My hope}
of their acting with reason
is certainly less vivid
than his; but we en-
couraged him to write the
article, & when it appeared
last Saturday ^{at our office} had a
long interview with him,
& got it arranged a
little to suit the policy
of the magazine —

as it was rather too much
in the nature of an Open
letter to Mr. Parkhurst.
He also, at my request,
consented to put in a
review of the publication
with regard to the
Nationalists.

I think the article as
it now stands is really
very valuable — and quite
as useful for what it
says, as for what it
does not say. I do hope you
will think so. If you had
only been in town I should
have been so glad to have
had a chance of consulting
you about it. As it was
Miss Goodman, I had

to settle it, without a
chance of talking to any-
body -

My conversation with
Mr. Wilson left me with a
clear idea that there is
a large & growing set among
the Liberals who think it
very damaging indeed to their
party to allow women's
suffrage to be any longer
postponed. All the time
we talked I think each
watched the other to see
if any mention of the N.U.
Labour policy was dropped out
inadvertently — it did
not: — but I felt instinctively
by that it was becoming large
in his thoughts. / When

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The revised article reached
me on Monday I was
interested to see the topic
had kept in — under
cover of advice to National
ists.

Our September number will
be very "Suffrage", as besides
15 pages from P.W.W. we
have a long and I think
useful article from W.
Dickinson on the Suff.
amendments, especially
the "Norwegian" one for
which he is responsible —

I thought you might
like to hear about W.
Wilson's article. He has
been having interviews with

Mr Parkhurst — who he
considers a good deal more
satisfactory than from his
account they appeared to
me — his description
was rather amusing —

"Mr Parkhurst had
all the air of a dulness
— no, rather I should
say of a condescending
Princess."

His wife, who was
present when we were
talking, was highly dis-
pleased at the Parkhurst
ass.

"I never heard such a
thing!" and Mr Fawcett

(There's a woman! &
ajaculated her lord) —
— "So kind to every
body — & ready to speak
at any little garden
party as if there were
nobody!"

I am afraid the
weather in London (and
must be detestable.
A friend of mine has
just come back from
Yorkshire with Philblains.
I hope you and
Miss Garrett have not
got port-bitter —
I must send this

letter to Gower^{sc}, hoping
that the very prudent
dragon who guards your
correspondence may think
it worthy to be sent on.
— being it requires
no answer.

With love, and hoping
every much you are
well.

Yr affect
Henry Lowndes

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