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My dear Mr. Badley

I am sure you are feeling as we all are that the crisis of our agitation is now very near at hand.

The Government confesses itself at a loss how to deal with women in revolt against intolerable injustice.

Having failed, as the Home Secretary admits, to break down the courage of women by forcible feeding &

the Cat & Mouse act they hope in the last resort to terrorise our members so that the money necessary

to carry on our work shall not be forthcoming. This attempt

is already being answered by members
who are sending me promises to
increase their contributions to the
Self denial fund. The result of
which will be announced at our
next big meeting in July.

The best way to reply to threats
such as that made by Mr McKenna
is to have a bigger collection than
was before at that meeting &
so prove that only by giving women
the vote can peace be restored.

I am writing to as many of our
subscribers as possible to ask them
to make this a very special effort
as an effective reply to the Government
threat & also as a protest

against the horrible treatment - which our brave women
are receiving in prison.

It is a tremendous struggle we are making against
great odds. A much bigger fight than just to win
the vote. Much of the opposition we meet with is
provoked by the Moral Crusade. Leading articles
such as appeared in the Standard the other day attacking
my daughter's book & the attempt to fix responsibility
upon the W.S.P.V. for the moral downfall of that poor
girl who died the other day clearly prove that
the leading enemies of women's progress are determined
to resist our movement to the uttermost.

We know they will not succeed & we rejoice to see
the wonderful progress already made thanks to the
untiring work & splendid loyalty of the members of the
W.S.P.V.

Will you dear Mr. Badley let me know as soon as
you can what you are able to give at the great collection
in July. A letter in a covering envelope addressed
to Miss S. Bulman, 1 Ormonde Terrace Regents Park London N.W.
will reach me safely. At the same time tell me if you
wish your name attached to your promise or if you are
giving in some other way. I know you will like to hear that
I am making good progress towards recovery & that I mean if
possible to take part in the meeting with kindest regards sincerely
E. Pankhurst