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Mum Lisa
has been to see
me, and has
brought me some
nice chocolate, books
etc. She is looking better.

My dearest Ones,

You will be together at home tomorrow, I suppose; at any rate, it is safe to send this to James & I have just written to Mr. Wilson, asking him if he will pay in my rent for me, and arranging how I am to do the transaction. No doubt he will see you and tell you about it. As you will be away on April 15., it is better to arrange it thus. Be sure you let me know in good time what arrangements are made and when you go. When do you each begin work again after the holidays? — I am sorry I put the wrong address on the letter, Margaret, and even yesterday I did not notice till after I had written it that it ought to be "Road", not "Lane". However, I daresay U. Hall would have found you without any road at all, only one likes to be accurate. I have asked Mr. Wilson to ask you for that bill, so you will not forget it again. As I said before, it is a yellow paper in a bundle tied up on my writing table. What are you going to do about Mr. Francis while you are away? I wonder if any one else would like to have her services till we come back again. If not, you might compound with her for so much. Tell me.

Probably you have done better in your terminals than you think I hope so. It is not always a good sign to be satisfied with one's work. I am glad to hear of "a new and glorious person" to be a friend to you. Tell me something more about this Miss Harvey. What is her subject? her year? her approximate age? her outside interests? her views on W.S.? etc. I think Aunt Meta is the very best person for you to stay with from the point of view of working. She will be sure to keep you to it. You really must, especially now since I have been in prison. And impress those National Union people with the way in which we of the WSPU feel that our struggle is raising us up all along the line. Be very well behaved, both of you, and be as tidy as you can. Try to let Aunt Meta see that a Mother in prison influences you more than one out of it! You can really do as much for the Cause by making her think something of that sort as if you were going to prison yourself. I am tremendously pleased to hear what you say about the V.C. I told Miss Davis, and she said she thought at first that I was speaking about the Chancellor of the Exchequer!!! I should think you'd say no thank you to that. It is very interesting to watch the faces of our women in chapel, where we see most of them. Some are handsome, some pretty, some quite plain, but there is a peculiar Suffragette look on them all that transfigures each one. There is one in this corridor with a specially bright look rather like Miss Cleveland. I like meeting her. I don't know her name, but we all smile and recognize each other even when we don't know to whom we are speaking. You haven't told me if you have been to

Fancy Lloyd George
pulling me up!!!

any meetings at Renshaw Street. Miss Harris was going to speak
one Tuesday, I don't know whether last Tuesday or next. Yesterday
I wrote to Mrs Tracey, to explain that I can't be at the Life Soc^y
meeting next Tuesday. If you were free and cared to go, you are
a member, you know. It is held at 21. Catherine Street,
and begins at 7.30. On those fourth Tuesdays, which are
called open nights, I think they are reading a very interesting
book written by a woman, a book about women. My third
letter today will be to Mrs Edwards. For her sake I wish
I were at home again. I can't find out what is being done
about being bound over, but I know that none of the cases
which have already been tried are like ours. Either they
are magistrates' cases, under £5, or cases in the Criminal
Court like Nurse Pitfield's. = I see an advertisement
in the Daily Mail of a system of Exercises for Health's sake.
I think we must all get them and have them ready for
the next time we come in here. I am still doing a great
deal of walking, always 2 hours a day, half an hour or $\frac{3}{4}$
at a time, besides the time outside. I don't think you will
worry too much if I don't get the chance of being bound over.
I am just going to take what comes, but I shall find out from
Mr. Lamartine Yates what is being done and what is the right
thing to do before we go in. = The more I think of the National
Union, the more amazed I am. No other political party repudiates
its extreme wing. The Labour party did not dissociate themselves
from the rioters at Longpandy, they just watched the case care-
fully to see that they were fairly dealt with, and nobody ever
thought of making the moderate people responsible for the disorderly ones.

That is why we say they are so unpolitical, and that is why we are all here. If all the Suffrage Societies had stood firm, not necessarily approving, but not so elaborately firing into us from behind, the Government must have given way. As it is, they have simply played the Cabinet's game, which was to sow dissension and to break up the Suffrage ranks as much as possible. I think we may regard the defection of those who have gone off as a purging of the ranks, just as Gideon's army was reduced by one test after another until only the bravest and most capable were left - all the sources of weakness eliminated.

There is no letter-writing on Sunday, as you know, but I shall certainly be able to write again on Monday, for the Sessions do not begin till Tuesday. I wonder if Lady Constance will be able to be in London again next week. What did she say to you about her health? I wonder if I shall have any visitor today. I suggested to Aunt Lisa yesterday that some one might come to see me on Monday, when I would return Mrs. Armour's book, and I asked Aunt Lisa to give me another. I think it is nearly exercise time, so I will stop for the present. I have written this letter since coming back from chapel.

On going down to exercise I have your telegram, which we all think splendid. Mrs. Petrick Lawrence strongly advises not being bound. She says while you're in do the thing thoroughly while you are about it, and that is just my feeling. I hated the idea of going out and leaving the others. Now Miss Davis and I will probably stay together all through, as our charges are exactly the same. It takes all the sting out of punishment when you welcome it. Go to the WSPK office when you are in Glasgow, and tell them Miss Alison Gibb is in here with me. She exercises along with us. No letter yet, but your tele is sufficient. Much, much love
Always your loving Mother,
Alice J. Stewart Her.

This letter was to be sent by the hand of the Rev. Mr. ...