

Feb 12.

2, Gower Street.

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My dear Lady Frances,

I am very sorry; it is a serious  
strain for you. I advise you to  
write round to your promised meetings  
and tell them that you have cause  
but don't want any public announcement made  
for serious anxiety, and advise  
them to provide a second string  
to their bow. As you now have  
a break of 11 days before



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the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The whole situation  
may have very much improved  
before that and you may find  
yourself able to fulfil these  
engagements; ~~but~~ if this should  
fortunately be so, getting away  
for five or six days might be  
really good for you after



all this strain and confinement to the  
house.

If, as the Men have  
there should be no improvement  
in the husband's state, you will

have given the people getting up  
the meeting a fairly long notice.

They can provide themselves with  
another speaker, but need not  
with draw your name, because



you will carry out the engagements if

Mr Dalfour is decidedly better.

Dear Friend, Don't put too much  
strain on yourself. It is a hard  
time for you any way. Much as I value  
your help in going about speaking, I  
would far rather you definitely gave  
up all this series of meetings, if you feel  
it would in any way ease you<sup>in</sup>. But I  
think perhaps the middle course I have  
suggested would be the best all round.  
Ever your affectionately,  
M. J. Peacock