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Dear Miss Strachey,

I have been longing all the week to write & congratulate you most cordially for the glorious success of your work for Saturday's procession. You must indeed feel proud & happy - it could not by any possibility have gone better - do you think?

We have been kept at it very close all the week, morning, noon & night & have barely had a moment to write home ~~still~~ just to say we were alive - Hence this note being so absurdly belated - we have gloated over all the newspaper accounts as we cd. beg borrow or steal them, - particularly the Observer & Daily News.

I do hope you are not all ill of over-work by this time - you must be most desperately tired anyhow.

When we get back we look forward to hearing more of the detail

about things,

This is being written during the report of their work by the Freedom League during which they have been kind enough to attack us violently - particularly Pleasant when we had made a violent effort (or a successful one) to say no word against them, in our report.

W^m Fawcett is supposed to be going to speak after questions have been asked, but I rather tremble for how she will do it - even if she is allowed to speak.

W^m F. Las pret made a very poor & heartless defence - almost of an apology for our existence!

Things are getting pretty bad when 2 of our own delegates clapped the Freedom League the whole way through. Will you confer with us when we get back?

We shall have to take some pretty strong measures I fancy, if we are not to be dragged at the cart-tail of the law-breakers.

If we have to come to a struggle the procession & the way it was taken ^{by the press} will be a great support.

This note is I fear desperately confused & jerky but until we start back on Tuesday we probably shall have no better chance of writing letters!

Yours ever cordially
J. Sterling.