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St. Michael's Vicarage,  
Poplar. E.

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Dear Mr. Marshall

I have already pointed out to you that the E.C.U. Report contains a statement which is absolutely false.

I understand from your letter of to-day, that the writer of the statement in question, attempts to get out of the difficulty, by asking for information as to the Church League for Womens Suffrage, which he can perfectly well ascertain for himself by the official publications of the League, and especially from the monthly Paper which contains its Rules and Objects.

The opinion which he expresses as to the duty of the League in disowning the utterances of some of its members, is pure impertinence.

I should not consider myself justified in abusing the E.C.U. on the grounds that some of its members went beyond the Rules and Objects as officially stated, still less would I publish a libel about it.

The question as to whether or not the C.L.W.S. has been compromised in the eyes of Church people, is a question which concerns the C.L.W.S. alone, and we do not consider ourselves bound to justify our position in the eyes of the E.C.U. while so glaringly false a statement appears in the official paper of the Union, and therefore, presumably with its authority.

I am writing to you now, without any consultation with my fellow-members of the Executive Committee of the C.L.W.S., and you will hear from us officially in due course.

I wish to say in conclusion, that whatever individual members of the C.L.W.S. may say<sup>or</sup>, whatever individual members of the E.C.U. may think, it is a scandalous thing that the E.C.U. should publish a false statement of this kind, which has no foundation in fact, and is likely to prejudice many people against the League which is striving for the advance of God's Kingdom just as truly as the E.C.U. is doing.

Yours sincerely

*C G Langdon*