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My dear Mrs Fawcett -

Your letter filled me with despair,
for I had not realized that date
meant Whit Sunday, we may
cover London with memorials,
but we are done for. ^{the 3rd} Even if
the House sits, there are so large
a proportion of men who will
be so glad of the excuse to get ^{off} ~~away~~
2nd comm. themselves either
way, & very few who care end
today like Thursday, if they can
prolong their holidays by getting

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away on Tuesday. I think the
prospect so bad, that even
for cheer we went object to the
House 'sitting' thro' that wednes-
day! However it is right to try
it to it. I signed & wrote
off to Alice Balfour to do the
same as Miss Blackburn
so they wd cut out & paste on
signatures. I unfortunately cannot
lay my hands on the papers wh.
wd give me Miss Blackburn's
office address, so I asked Alice
to send her signature direct to you.

Things are looking well, but
prophecy is vain job now!
I am job back of six weeks
with my father at Moversey.
He is not very vigorous physi-
cally, but his pen is not idle!
I am not appearing any where
job now, not thro' idleness,
but another good "unionist"
is pending, & I shall not be
fit for any useful work till
Easter! Yrs very sincerely
Francis Balfour

P.S.
I am ready for any work of any
kind as being a writing paper,
it is only committees & meetings
are of no use.