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In replying to this letter, please write on the envelope:—

NUMBER 15299 NAME Dr. Alice Wel
Halloway PRISON.

The following regulations as to communication, by Visit or Letter, between prisoners and their friends, are notified for the information of their correspondents.

The permission to write and receive Letters, is given to prisoners for the purpose of enabling them to keep up a connection with their respectable friends and not that they may be kept informed of public events.

All Letters are read by the Prison Authorities. They must be legibly written and not crossed. Any which are of an objectionable tendency, either to or from prisoners, or containing slang, or improper expressions, will be suppressed.

Prisoners are permitted to receive and to write a letter at intervals, which depend on the rules of the stage they attain by industry and good conduct; but matters of special importance to a prisoner may be communicated at any time by Letter (prepaid) to the Governor who will inform the prisoner thereof, if expedient.

In case of misconduct, the privilege of receiving and writing a Letter may be forfeited for a time.

Money, Books, Postage Stamps, Food, Tobacco, Clothes, &c., should not be sent to Prisoners, for their use in prison, as nothing is allowed to be received at the Prison for that purpose.

Persons attempting to clandestinely communicate with, or to introduce any article to or for prisoners, are liable to fine and imprisonment, and any prisoner concerned in such practices is liable to be severely punished.

Prisoners' friends are sometimes applied to by unauthorised persons, to send Money, &c., to them privately, under pretence that they can apply it for the benefit of the prisoners, and under such fraudulent pretence, such persons endeavour to obtain money for themselves. Any Letter containing such application, received by the friends of a prisoner should be, at once, forwarded by them to the Governor.

Prisoners are allowed to receive Visits from their friends, according to rules, at intervals which depend on their stage.

When Visits are due to prisoners notification will be sent to the friends whom they desire to visit them.

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Friday, May 3. 1902.

My darling Daughters and Everybody else who gets this,

The fortnight has come round again, and with it my permission to write another letter, and to look forward to an answer to it. Before I go farther, will you please send a post card to Miss Walker, Aunt Ella knows her address, & tell her that a letter from her came to the Prison today, & was offered to me, but that I am allowed only one letter each fortnight, & as I particularly want to hear from you, I refused it, so it will be kept for me till I go out. So she will understand that I have not had whatever news it may contain.

I must answer your last letter. I was quite anxious before it arrived, as I had had no news later than your telegram on the Friday, which I received on Saturday, & I thought you had been alone in the house for the week-end, & something must have happened to you! I was just about to ask leave to send a telegram when your letter was brought to me. Many thanks for the fruit, which has been particularly welcome, as fruit is the only thing that I can eat now with any enjoyment. For I am sorry to say that I can no longer report myself as well. You know how I can go on & on for ever so long, & then suddenly go down with a run, & that is what has happened now. The Dr. sent for me on Monday, I think it was, & said my friends had been asking after my health. He gave me some medicine & took into consideration some rather unsatisfactory symptoms which I have, but I am not much better. Holloway is not exactly a health resort. I think our friend the widow is still the example to be followed; you know the one I mean - she who would not be denied?! I feel as if I would like to go to bed in the back garden for a week. I shall certainly not be able for the journey home immediately after getting out. June 4th is a Tuesday, & if I can I shall stay in London till Friday, take a train at an hour when you can meet me, & then get you to nurse me on Saturday and Sunday. We must arrange some more domestic leisure for me, for I can certainly not do as much work as I was doing before I left home. I have had a nasty dull headache for two days now, round the back of my head & in the nape of the neck, a sort of cerebro-spinal ache that is not easy to relieve. But a truce to grumbles about my own health, we'll go on to something else. - I have got all the garments you mention as having been sent, & since then 2 pairs cotton knickers. I am

"will send packed message here - will send letter out tomorrow"

wearing the green ones now, with much satisfaction. You know I can never
wear sleep ones without altering the waist band, but I have put these
on quite easily at once, & they are easier to fasten every day. Also
Aunt Meta's blouse, which is only 13½, is quite comfortable round the
neck & everywhere else, & you know I always take a 14 collar & in sum-
mer 14½. If you are at James St., I would like the collar belonging to
the lilac blouse you sent. It is probably in the collar drawer, the top left
hand little one; if not, it will be in the middle long one where the
blouse was. White collars look dirty so soon, & the collar belonging to the
blouse never looks so bad. Everybody admires the broad arrow on the
buttons of Aunt Meta's blouse, & one of my colleagues has imitated it on her
own blouse. There is so little that I can tell you, I can only go on
havering. It is so curious to be so long without hearing anything of what
is going on outside. Visitors told us about the loss of the Titanic - &
that is about all we know.

Please thank Miss Harvey for her little
bit of letter. I am so glad she was with you for that week-end. My spe-
cial love to Mary. * Get her to write a bit of your answer to this. By the way,
the green hat is much approved of. I have taken off the scarf & turned
it, & I haven't troubled to put the scarf on again. When I go out, I shall
leave it ^{the hat} behind me for some one.

I have not heard anything of Mr.
Abraham at all, but I had already had a visit from Miss F. Davies, so
I suppose if she did ask to see me she would not be allowed.
I have been reading a German story book lately, "Die Burghinder"
by Ludwig Herzog, a story of the time of Waterloo. I managed to follow
the tale quite well, although one or two words were new to me, & I had no
dictionary. The German idea of woman as the saint of the home does not
comprise all her powers, but at least they honour & adore her for that
saintliness. It is only in England that men say her place is the home
& then despise her for that same. I am also reading Seeley's "Expansion
of England", tell Miss Henderson; & Wells's "New Worlds for Old"; but
I have not got any special passages to quote today. Our numbers are
getting fewer, for the 2 monthlies have been going out day after day. Some
go tomorrow, & the last, I think, next Wednesday, then the next
out will be ourselves in 4 weeks from Tuesday. Please thank Mrs.
Bygton, 41. Norfolk Sq. W., for sending me some paper books and also
some fruit & other food, which I have distributed among some who had
none.

I had a business letter from the Secretary of the Rescue Home Committee
* Write your note on tissue paper. I'll send it by letter in a book. 30.10.1914

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asking me to resign my position as Hon. Medical Physician of the Home, "owing to a recent episode." I got leave to hand it to my visitors to be answered from outside, & she was to ask Lady Conny to acknowledge it, & to say I would answer it when I came out. I don't believe the Committee has the power to ask me to resign, & in any case I am not going to do it; if they want to get rid of me, they must have the scandal of dismissing me. I'll find something to write to them when I am free. We are not getting any Unitarian news now, as you have probably heard already, so you might tell me how things are going at Beesborough. Have they got a minister yet? Please remember me to everybody whom I know, & tell those whom we know best that we often think & speak of them. It will be strange to be out in the world again, & I wonder how things will go with me, if the action of the Rescue Home will be followed by other people. I should think it is quite possible that I may find I have to leave Birkenhead, even if it were only to go over to Liverpool. I was prepared for this possibility before I left home, knowing that it might be the price I would have to pay.

Tell Aunt Miss there are a great many people in here who are interested in Theosophy, & one in Bahaiism, & there are several members of the Order of the Star in the East. Some interesting books have been going the round, passed from one to the other. It is getting so warm now that we can sit out of doors, which is convenient when one does not feel well enough to keep walking all the time. It was raining a little this morning, but it seems fine again now, so I hope we shall be able to be out for our full time, which was curtailed in the morning. I must take a little rest now, & try to get my head better before we go out. It is only this week that I have taken to lying down at all. Very much love to every body.
Always your loving Mother,

Alice J. Stewart Ker.

When I want more fruit, I'll send you a form asking for it; we are allowed to do that.