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Oct. 3/08

My dear Mrs Fawcett.

Ever since July 19th yr letter
written before yr left England
has been on my table, & I have
always meant to write to you
about Suffrage events aft
yr left. I had a great deal
of pompaloring with Herbert
Gladstone. He freely admitted
he & Asquith had misled us.
Asquith undoubtedly said, he
w^d receive us as a deputation,
but he did not intend this to

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be taken as an invitation to do so. Gladstone wished we had made an advance thro' him. He had a talk with Asquith, & I gathered (seeing we had understood we wd be rec?) if in the autumn, or later, we think there is any advantage in going to him, he will feel rather bound to receive us. A good deal of this was by verbal messages, in two talks I had with Gladstone, & not on paper.

new in order followed our
policy at the Haggerston election.
The Com. wh. settled it, was a
very small one. Mrs Broadley
Reid, & myself, Miss Ward
& I think Miss Bompas. I think
the Liberal was certainly going
to lose, & I did not particularly
wish to be on the losing side.
Mrs B. R. was very insistent
we sh. support him. Her heav-
iest argument with me, was
that he was a member of the
men's League. Also, if no
one ever came up to our
requirements, we sh. be con-
sidered outside everything.
I was doubtful, but had
no very valid excuse, for

existing. I had misgivings,
wh. were confirmed when I
met later Lady Carlisle, who
in her most precious man-
ner congratulated me. I had
forgotten the decision, asked
in a bewildered manner,
why? She replied, "of sup-
porting the Liberal". Then, I kn.
we had done something wrong!
I hit off one Com. while I was
in London & a day or so in
September, I heard then the
policy was to be brought up
at Leicester. Also, Miss Di-
moch sd she wd never again
miss a Com. meeting. I heard
very few comments about

the constituency.

THE WOMEN'S HELP. AL/442

We are informed that the Executive Committee of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (President, Mrs. Henry Fawcett) have decided to support Mr. Warren's candidature for the Haggerston Division of Shore-ditch for the following reasons :

1st. Because he includes Women's Franchise in his election address.

2nd. Because he declares he will support the extension of the franchise to women on the same terms as it is or may be granted to men.

3rd. Because he will support the inclusion of women in the proposed Government Reform Bill by every means in his power.

4th. Because he is a member of the Men's League for Women's Suffrage.

The answers of Mr. Guinness and Mr. Burrows to the questions addressed to them by the representative of the Union were not considered satisfactory.

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at the time.

I don't know whether it
 was very important. It gets
 more & more difficult to dis-
 tinguish & settle among the
 candidates. Their forms of
 adherence to the cause are
 getting more & more dodgy.
 I shall not be at Leicester,
 as I am going to Aberdeen -
 now, as to your letter of Oct 1.
 I will write to the Dept of Su-
 thland about the Stafford
 House entertainment. Hatfield
 also I will see about. Poombly

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I may see dad's Salisbury
tomorrow. She is in our neigh-
borhood, of a day or so.

Oct 18th or 20th. Sh. see me
in London. I have an engage-
ment to speak at Dorchester
or thereabouts on the 22nd.

Arthur was hit, but not hurt
in any serious way. He is just
off to speak at Danvers.

Yours affly

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