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Dear Mrs. Jewett

The enclosed does not
surprise me: you were in
an 'idealistic' Mr. W. J. Farrow
spoke of Mr. Stansfeld as the
best man to take our Bill!
I did not discuss the matter
with her, feeling that she was
so outside all action or
practical work. But I forgot
that she was the "Puler" of the
'idealistic' class and they dare
not oppose her in anything.
Of course the proposal is utterly
ridiculous. However I had

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written a word of warning to
Miss Bleby only this day
before & I said that the danger
of any such mischievous
proposal had made me feel
it should be raised in church
the question of the Federals
somewhat. I suspect that
the Stoursons will be
soured on the matter. especially
the Unmist Miss Stourson.

I believe fully that Coertzen is
betraying (tho' I suspect in vain)
to retain the Chairmanship of the

There is nobody else I would
desire before W. W. W. I believe
he is thorough in earnest

of his position is unquestionably
makes him of great value to
us. I believe moreover
that he has already grasped the
"best points" that we can feel.
The "one man" business stands
next to the Rule on the Gladstone
proposition. but Bill is
the most vexatious & troublesome
proposition that can be put
on the rails for the Gladstone
train to run into. It will
be hard to meet by them when
they construct their electoral
Bill & ^{with} a Bill ~~of our own~~
will be a note of warning
they cannot disregard.

All we said to women about
the importance of Bill &
Division last session came true,
for this case has no doubt that
the conduct of the Gladstones
towards us
weakened & almost destroyed
the efficiency of their women's
Federation in the election fight.

Now the storm is in the
"body" of the Party & it is of
the utmost importance
to keep the wound open.
I am certain women will
see all this, & we must
~~be~~ beware that the Bill
must be kept out of the hands
of any traitor who would
play with us & betray us.

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If only he had been at that
@ the time poor Walter was
pleading for us to be thrown
over at the secret. However,
he would realize how vital
it is for us to have a leader
"True & Just". I should
not be at all surprised if
Stansfield or some other
predominant one to pretend
to take on Bill for the
express purpose of carefully
filtering it should.

Peer's give my strong desire
with you that women
may caused to our anniversary

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him as receiving the Bill.
It would be an error to go back
to Sir C. Berthwick if we can
avoid doing so.

The Clifton Commission. I have
not seen any constitution, but
if it is at Clifton I shall not
trouble to accept it &
return her the same night.

Do you think there is any
value in accepting? I would
rather avoid it myself
unless there is any useful
spirit to gain.

My pleasure will ask
you about a suggested afternoon
at home at our supper office.

I should like the cards to go
out "To meet Mr. Barrett"
if you can arrange to be present.
Let me know what train
you come on the 7. It will
be very nice to be able to
talk over things.

Ever yours
A. Hallett

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P.V. Please tell Agnes

that if she comes down to

Bell on 9th she must

come to the house. She must

not see Mary Curry to

learn their plans - but

whether we are here or

in Ireland Agnes will

be all right & completely

here.

I do not know

whether we can get away to

Ireland with so much

political work to do; but we shall

know in a few days what our plans will be.

I feel terribly upset about Emily's feelings and health.