

firmation of this view  
Mrs Stanbury tells me  
that dad Meath's docu-  
ment bill was suddenly  
swamped by a rush of  
men against. She has  
a list of the Beers who  
voted for us on that occa-  
sion which I tell her  
is the best asset we  
have ~~in~~ on the present occa-  
sion. Oh, before leav-  
ing the doubtful mine  
I alone than of an al-

this minute, if I feel there  
was no whipping on the  
part of our enemies. I  
have heard no particu-  
lars as to what they  
are doing, but I feel  
in my bones, they mean  
business & are working.  
Min Chamberlain, dur-  
ing the course of a good  
long talk I had with  
her last night, fully  
admitted the influence  
of our work, & how the  
ordinary uninterested  
Mr. P. had been caught  
& converted by our

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knowledge & zeal. Of this  
is true of the M. C. who  
is more of a party man  
& has constituents, it sh.  
be true of the free Peer.  
I am by no means wil-  
ling straight off to every  
Peer I have undertaken  
I put their names into  
my mind to be dealt with  
some how, & if I hear, or  
know they are hostile I  
am careful to let sleep  
in & dogs lie. I dined  
last night with Lord  
Battersea who announ-  
ced we sh. be beaten by

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a huge majority but when  
of ~~the~~ set to work to discuss  
his views, I found he  
concluded 'every Bishop  
wd be ag<sup>st</sup> us', & he was  
amazed to hear Halifax  
was with us! Then, I asked  
Sir Henry Frahm, (Clerk  
H. Ids) as good a judge  
as any, what wd happen?  
He sd he simply cd not  
tell. He th<sup>th</sup> there wd be  
a heavy m<sup>ost</sup> of Beers  
& that most wd wait for  
a lead, ~~if~~ if Salisbury

gave that lead, we sh-  
ouldn't easily. Take Butter-  
sea, he says as a liberal  
he certainly could not, &  
would not vote against us, but  
he is by no means pre-  
~~pared~~ pared, to come up  
to vote for. 'Oh is work-  
ing much in the dark, but  
tho' I fully share Mrs  
Fawcett's fears, wh. I  
had learnt already thro'  
Mrs Stanbury, on the

whole I am inclined to  
strongly judge of work.  
I rather agree that per-  
haps it would be well  
to attach every Unionist  
Beer, <sup>as such</sup> I quite agree if we  
could get a little advice it  
would be helpful. I am afraid  
Selborne may think office  
ties him but I am going  
to write & ask his ~~or~~ view,  
sending him Mrs Fawcett's  
letter to you. Will you  
send this letter to Mrs  
Fawcett - don't mean  
is too ill to work for us.  
on Monday we shall

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know what day it comes  
on. For once of an ud,  
thanking Providence for  
a House of Beers.  
Yrs sincerely  
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