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Dear Mrs. How-Martyn,

Many thanks for your letter and invitation. I am sorry to say, however, that I shall be on my way to Vienna on the day of Mrs. Mansell-Moullin's tea-party, so that I am afraid I must refuse her kind invitation.

I don't know if you would be interested in my views on paper, but I must confess that I personally don't feel any urge to keep in touch with suffragette prisoners as such. I feel that in the busy life which we all lead, when one has not enough leisure to see one's own friends, that it is a pity to try to keep up with people with whom one once had a sympathy which may no longer exist.

I have met old suffragettes with whom I find that I have lost all touch, so that I felt that I had much rather we had never met again, and that I had been left with our common enthusiasm long ago.

Probably this is not at all a general view of the matter, but for what it is worth you may like to have it.

With all good wishes for 1931,

Yours sincerely,

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