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My dear Mrs Fawcett.

I had been thinking of writing
to you of the last week or two, &
am so glad to see you are back
in Lower Shree. I can't be in
London till Nov. & then only for
a short time. The Balfour bro-
thers all spend Xmas here,
& it is not worth my while
carrying my family back to
don, just for now. So I shall
either remain here with them,
or take them to Mowbray, giving

myself a short London job
night. I don't feel very cheer-
ful about "the Special Appeal",
but perhaps I am judging too
much by what has not gone
on during the ~~short~~ slack time
of the year, and get. I ~~don't~~
^{help} feel in with my lab talk with
Min Blackburn, that we are
hampered by our machinery, &
our lack of a secretary who
has initiative. In Scotland
I have had so far great diffi-
culty in filling one book!

The Edinbro' Committee is just
starting. Min & Balfour asked
me to be on it, and of course I
said yes. I think our first
Committee meeting is this week
& then I shall be better able to
judge about it, but "I have
no doubts" as we say here -
already one good Tory suppor-
ter of the Suffrage in these
parts, has told us she has
difficulty in putting her name
down, as the office bearers
are such Radicals, as you know
the lines here are painfully sharp.
I have a letter from Min
Stewart asking me to get
around to speak on the 10th in
St James Hall. I don't think

there is the least chance of his
doing it, but I shall advise
her to write straight to him, & of
course will do my best when
the letter comes.

I will read the article you men-
tion, with much interest. We
had Goschen here the Sunday before
last. He is interesting always, but
his constant harping on himself
does become very tedious. He
was full of the speech he was to
make wh. was very good I
think. Tell me if there is any
thing I can do in the cause, but
Scotland is terribly "behind the
age!"
Yrs very sincerely
Rance Balfour,