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[Christmas Card which depicts a cathedral on one side with the subtitle "CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS" and a winter landscape with palm trees and a star with the subtitle "I am the light of the world' John 8:12. The other side reads "On the birthday of Our Lord, May you know the joy and comfort of those who dwell safely within His abiding love."]

1007 Ocean Avenue Santa Monica California 14th December 1954

Dearest Jessie

This card reminds me just a little of Notre Dame, Paris and the time you were there with me in the final, decisive phase of our campaign for the vote. Let us always be

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thankful that we were victorious. Our bloodless war ended in real victory, unlike the bloodshedding wars between nations especially world wars I and II which have, as it were, [tried] warfare [illegible words]. Now the only hope for world peace and freedom is not in human effort, but in divine deliverance.

I shall think of you on Christmas Day and your and my thoughts will turn to [beloved] Annie.

You miss her greatly, I know.

Warwick she has left

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to represent her. How happy she must have been – and you also – that he has turned out so well – so much his mother's son. Annie's husband misses her too.

The fine record she made as she passed through the world we all can be highly proud of. She fought a good fight and finished her course triumphantly.

I have written a Christmas letter to our dear [illegible] secretary of WSPU [the Women's Social and Political Union] days. She is living in the Villa Maria 1 Kloof Nek Rd [Road] Capetown S. [South] Africa. She likes to hear from us

[Vertical writing inserted between Pages 2 and 3]

I know. Much Christmas love and dear memories of our past Suffragette days and hope and [faith] for the future.

Christabel