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BIRMINGHAM

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My darling old Jessie

I am so very sorry about the news your letter brings but I hope you are better by now.

The weather here is damp and horrid – only one gleam of sun (reported in the Daily Mail) has visited us so far.

But the Smethwick [people's friendliness] seems

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to make up for it.

You can imagine what work it has been to get the organisation side going. 3000 absent voters to circula[rise], committee [loans] hard to get [through] the political views of their landlords etc. etc. But all is smoothing out and in the next two weeks we shall [*illegible deletion*] reap

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the fruits of all this [*illegible*] work.

The [happiest] band is the [Meetings] Department.
Miss [*illegible*] and Maguire and Co [*Company*]. They are on familiar ground so far as the work is concerned and they are doing it well.

My final meeting was last night

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and was most encouraging. No Unionist opposition and the only Labour opposition came from measly Bolsheviks and very few at that.

But of course meetings are not the final test and we act accordingly.

I have written to Dr. S[-----] asking if it is really impossible to get the stuff mother

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has when she is in U.S.A. [*United States of America*]

If he arranges anything I will let you know so that you may share the benefit. What you need is more Bu[---] and dry [*“dry” underlined twice*] weather, for dampness is the worst thing for your troubles.

I have some hope

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that Dr. [*illegible*].S. will rise to the occasion as the one thing needed on this job is plenty of “push and go”.

Annie may be interested in the enclosed cutting, do please hand to her

With best love

C.P. [*Christabel Pankhurst*]