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Rowland's Road

West Worthing

Aug. [August] 25th 1912

The Rt [Right] Hon. [Honourable] Augustine Birrell M.P. [Member of Parliament]

Dear Sir,

As an Irishwoman and a former member of the Women's Liberal Federation (from which I resigned owing to the il-liberal policy of the present government on the question of woman suffrage) I write to protest against the treatment meted out to Mrs Leigh & Miss Gladys Evans in Mountjoy Prison.

I am aware that it has been stated by those in authority that privileges have been offered to the prisoners but that they have refused them and have continued the Hunger Strike.

I know as a matter of fact that full political rights have not been offered to them and that nothing short of these will satisfy them.

One would have thought it hardly necessary to labour this point in Ireland of all countries, where the battle with regard to political prisoners has been fought and won.

Evidently the battle was fought by men for men and it must be fought again by women for women.

I shall continue to do my utmost to make clear to my Liberal friends the trickery and treachery of the present Government and the cowardice displayed by the so called Suffragist members of the Cabinet.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully

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