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Letter from Florence Booth to the Church of England Women's Help Society, August 1910

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HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

Study this source carefully and consider what it tells you about why people thought women should get the vote. You should consider:

ASK YOURSELF:

- What is the attitude of this letter towards girls?
- Do you associate this kind of campaigning with the Salvation Army?
- Is the vote mentioned in this letter?
- Do you think the writer or the person receiving the letter would see the vote as an important issue?

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Dear Miss Russell:-

Mrs Booth desires me to apologise for the delay in replying to your letter of the 17th inst, owing to absence from town.

With reference to the matter upon which you write, Mrs Booth is entirely in favour of raising the age for the protection of young girls. It is well known that her husband, Mr Bramwell Booth, worked with Mr W.T Stead when the Criminal Law Amendment Act raised the age from thirteen to sixteen years, and at that time the utmost was done to get the age put at eighteen instead of sixteen, but they were not successful. Mrs Booth has however, every hope that in the near future it will at least be raised to eighteen.

Yours, faithfully,