

(From secretary's notebook)

(To Dr. Parkinson, Eng.)

June 2, 1914.

Dear Parkinson:

Your patient Mrs. H.H.A. (Mrs. Asquith) 'blew in' as the Americans say, last Saturday, greatly worried about the loss of the power of speech although there was no evidence of it during an interview of three-quarters of an hour. From her description it must be pure exhaustion aphoria and aphasia, due to organic lesion. The truth is, of course, that she is without anchorage in the climacteric rapids and lives a life in which she is hard pressed beyond all endurance. I tried to reassure her on the matter of the speech. She asked me to drop you a line. The interview was only semi-official but it was long enough to make me feel sure that she would need for the next year or two great care and attention. Could she not go into retreat this summer to some quiet place away from all people except her immediate family! I am sure that is what her ovary nerves need. Time and rest will recharge her storage batteries.

Wm. Osler.