

[Pankurst]

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Dear Friend,

Many thanks for your letter. I hope that when you get some news from Ponza you will let me have it. It would perhaps be of some small help if I could get the British Medical profession to make a strong protest for Dr. Germani, and all possible information on this which I can get into the medical Press would assist. I wrote to several friends in France, but perhaps my letters did not reach them as only you replied. That is often the case.

You will have heard the sad case of Dr. Dora Fabian and her friend. There are all sorts of rumours about this death, and when the inquest is held perhaps some information may come to light. So far, despite all other rumours, I think it is a case of suicide because the resources they had to live on were precarious and perhaps vanishing, and fear of not getting further permission to remain here. It is very tragic, for had I heard of it, I would have left no stone unturned to help them.

Today I find I have been able to get six months permission to reside here and the possibility of permanent residence for Raffaele Vincis, and I have no doubt ^{by agitation} I could have done the same for Dr. Fabian, and her friend. If it were

a case of need, I would have done everything possible to get financial assistance for them, and I would certainly have ^{had} ~~but~~ ^{and should what little I have} them ~~come~~ here for a time, rather than this should have happened. Of course, we are all afflicted with this notion of professional status, but one or both of these women could have had a room here ^{permanently} and if they would have helped me a little so that I did not have to pay for service to other people, they could have had their food and something for their clothes, ^{and their needs} and we could have done lots of propaganda work together.

I make this offer to any Italian ^{woman comrade} ~~Italy~~ who may be over in Paris in the same sad straits. If she likes to come over and housekeep for me, I will pay her fare and she will have a home here. Of course, it will have to be called a case of her coming here as a guest, or she would not get permission, but fair arrangements could be made between us mutually. I am sure that if there are some women in Paris who want ^{a home} ~~work~~, I could find other people who would be willing to do the same, but, of course, these things would have to be arranged privately between us ^{owing to regulations}.

I am terribly distressed and upset over the tragedy of Dr. Fabian, which has occurred, I think, simply because we have not enough confidence in each other.

Yours sincerely,

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