

## NOTICE CONCERNING COMMUNICATION WITH PRISONERS.

## LETTERS.

All letters are read by the Authorities, who may keep them back if they think it right to do so. Every letter will be kept back in the following cases:—

1. If it is crossed, or otherwise not written in a plain manner, so as to be easily read.
2. If it contains indecorous or improper matter.

No unpaid letters will be received at the Prison.

Each letter must have on the back the registered number of the prisoner, as well as the name.

## Prohibited Articles.

It is provided by the Statute that persons attempting in any way to introduce into the Prison, spirits, tobacco, letters, or any other article contrary to rule, shall be immediately taken before a magistrate and subject to a penalty not less than £2 or more than £5, or to imprisonment in default of payment.

Register number 729 Name James Maxton

The Prisoner's writing to be on the blue lines only.

H.M. PRISON, Duke Street

18 , 4 , 1916.

Dear Mother,

I hope you're keeping well and cheerful, in spite of the worries that you must be having. Will you get Annie to write to Mrs Allan, on my behalf, expressing regret and sympathy at Mr Allan's death. I got



a shock when I read of it in the paper this morning as he was very fit looking when I saw him a few weeks ago. We'll miss him here in the movement, as he had a fine quiet unobtrusive influence always in the highest directions. I had a visit this forenoon from Mr. Rosslin Mitchell, and talked over my case with him, and decided to plead guilty. I was. and in any case it's quite obvious that we're not going to get a show in the courts, and all our statements would be twisted and contorted to bear the worst possible appearance. This will probably expedite our trial, and put everybody



concerned at ease, knowing just exactly what has to be faced, instead of the vague indefiniteness of things as they are now. I am not joking when I say that this imprisonment has done me good both physically and mentally, and if it were not for some misgivings about yourself, I would look forward to 3 years penal servitude with philosophic calm. You must be as philosophic as you can be too. There isn't any use repining and I'm inclined to think that in the same circumstances, I would probably act very similarly again. I had a long visit yesterday in prison from Miss McCallum,



and we agreed to put our friendship  
on a more regular footing by becoming  
engaged. I don't know whether this  
can be justified on rational grounds,  
but in fairness to her it seems the only  
possible course. We have been very intimately  
associated for about four years now and during  
the last year, the intimacy has developed into  
something deeper. It would probably have remained at  
that <sup>for some time</sup> if it had not been for this trouble & my  
probable retiral from the public gaze for a time.

I hope you'll see something of her, and cheer  
her up, as I'm sure she'll do for you. Willie Stewart is  
to be my visitor on Thursday, but Johnnie might fetch my things.  
I am as usual.