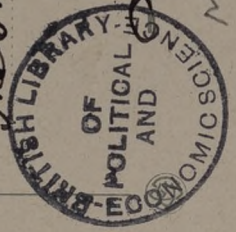




Rev. John Ough (150)

Mr. George Lansbury. M.P.

The House of Commons  
London. S.W.



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Congratulations upon your  
 (and our) success. We  
 ought to have won Bethnal  
 Green, but the Communist (in  
 the S.W.) spoilt it.  
 I left home on the 1st and  
 have only just seen the  
 papers with the latest news  
 yours Sincerely  
 J. Ough (S. Jude's  
 Bethnal Green)

Naples June 9th/25

*Napoli - Panorama.*



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subject please quote No. ....  
and address—

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THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL,  
PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

10th June, 1929.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the  
accompanying notification that you have been  
sworn First Commissioner of Works and Public  
Buildings.

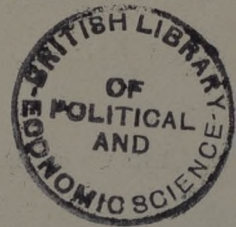
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*M. P. A. Hankey*

The Right Honourable  
George Lansbury,  
Office of Works and Public Buildings,  
Storey's Gate,  
S.W.1.



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Dear Mr Rankin

I understand Sir Lionel  
will need enclosed.

I shall like my salary monthly.

Yrly

R. Rankin

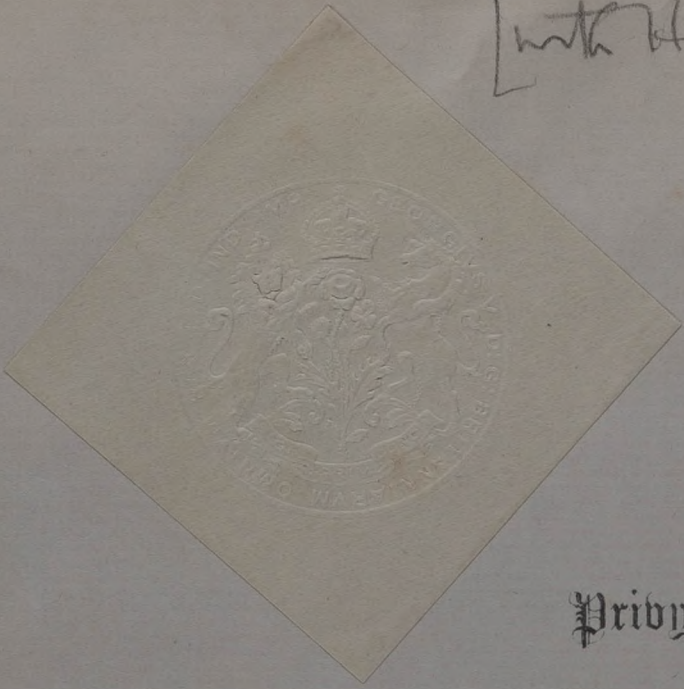
First Comm<sup>n</sup>.

This is not required for retention, but the  
appointment signed by the King is required to  
be deposited in the Office Archives.

Rankin

12-7-29

[with Hawkey of 10 June 1929 above]



Privy Council Office.

The 8th day of June, 1929.

THIS day, in the presence of the Lord President of the Council, the Right Honourable Sir Charles Philips Trevelyan, Bt., was sworn President of the Board of Education; the Right Honourable Noel Edward Buxton was sworn Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries; the Right Honourable Margaret Bondfield was sworn Minister of Labour; and the Right Honourable George Lansbury was sworn First Commissioner of Works and Public Buildings.

*M. P. A. Hawkey*

Maurice Pascal Alexis Hankey  
(1st Baron Hankey; 1877-

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subject please quote No. ....  
and address —

THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL,  
PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

10th June, 1929.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the  
accompanying notification that you have been  
sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy  
Council.

A copy of the form of Oath taken by you is  
also enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

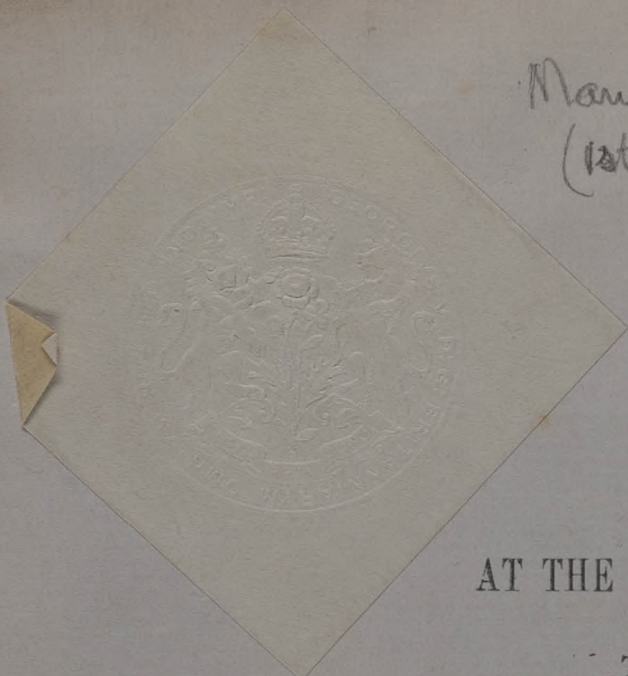
*m. p. a. Hankey*

The Right Honourable  
G. Lansbury, M.P.,  
39 Bow Road,  
E.3.

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[with Hankey of 10 June 1929 above]

Maurice Pascal Alers Hankey  
(1st Baron Hankey; 1877-



AT THE COURT AT WINDSOR CASTLE,

The 8th day of June, 1929.

PRESENT,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY  
IN COUNCIL.

**T**HIS day George Lansbury, Esquire, M.P., was, by His Majesty's command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

*M. P. A. Hankey*

[with Hanky of 10 June 1929 above]

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[8 June 1929]

### The Oath of a Privy Counsellor.

I do swear by Almighty God to be a true and faithful Servant unto the King's Majesty, as one of His Majesty's Privy Council. I will not know or understand of any manner of thing to be attempted, done, or spoken against His Majesty's Person, Honour, Crown, or Dignity Royal, but I will lett and withstand the same to the uttermost of my Power, and either cause it to be revealed to His Majesty Himself, or to such of His Privy Council as shall advertise His Majesty of the same. I will, in all things to be moved, treated, and debated in Council, faithfully and truly declare my Mind and Opinion, according to my Heart and Conscience; and will keep secret all Matters committed and revealed unto me, or that shall be treated of secretly in Council. And if any of the said Treaties or Counsels shall touch any of the Counsellors, I will not reveal it unto him, but will keep the same until such time as, by the Consent of His Majesty, or of the Council, Publication shall be made thereof. I will to my uttermost bear Faith and Allegiance unto the King's Majesty; and will assist and defend all Jurisdictions, Pre-eminences, and Authorities, granted to His Majesty, and annexed to the Crown by Acts of Parliament, or otherwise, against all Foreign Princes, Persons, Prelates, States, or Potentates. And generally in all things I will do as a faithful and true Servant ought to do to His Majesty.

SO HELP ME GOD.



B. Shiva Rao

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SOCIÉTÉ DES NATIONS.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

CONFERENCE INTERNATIONALE DU TRAVAIL  
INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE

GENEVE

10<sup>th</sup> June - 1929

Dear G.L.

My hearty congratulations  
to go on being given a place in the  
Cabinet - not for your sake, but for  
India's - at least one staunch  
advocate of our right to full  
freedom - that is how I look at  
it - I expect to be in London  
on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June -

With affectionate regards,

Yours sincerely

B. Shiva Rao

Wait Chester Sewell

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43, JEWIN STREET,

LONDON, E.C.1.

June 10 1929

Dear George

I am glad our dream of

Boyhood has come true

Yours ever  
Wait.

I like the DN. news of your Zapper. It seems like a reincarnation of me for I was one of the men who voted against you. I was delighted at your big pulling over the advisability of "drawing out of the Bank" in view of "Saturday sharing out".

It is funny that I suppose will be the reason

Reginald Sorensen

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WEST LEYTON PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION, 1929.

Labour Candidate.

(1891—)



CORRESPONDENCE TO—

S. W. S. HUBBARD, ELECTION AGENT,  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE ROOMS,

478, HIGH ROAD, LEYTON, E.10.

\*Phone WALTHAMSTOW 2780.

49 Greenleaf Rd  
E 17

10. 6. 29

REGINALD SORENSEN.

Dear Comrade,

Just a personal word of warmest  
congratulations & good wishes for you in your  
new position. It gave me more joy to know of  
your appointment than anything else.

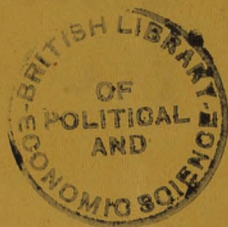
As you may know I hold a meeting  
in Victoria Park every Sunday morning &  
my statement to the effect of my previous sentences  
drew hearty endorsement from my audience.

God bless & help you. Yours sincerely  
Reginald Sorensen

WEST LEYTON FOR LABOUR THIS TIME!

P.S. I was very grateful for your visit to us during the fight.

*Review*



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Rev N. E. Egerton Swann

ST. MICHAEL'S HOUSE

MARKET STREET

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10 June 1929

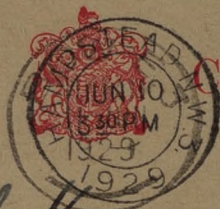
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Heartly congratulations on your elevation. I am glad you are at last a Cabinet Minister; and hope you will see a real and great improvement in the position with regard to unemployment, before your term of office expires.

With kind remembrances

Rev: N E Egerton Swann

POST CARD



The M. Hon.

George Lansbury MP

~~103 S. Stephen's Alley~~

39 Bow Rd

E.

Bow



JEAN MARIE  
TEHRAN  
D. MICHEL

Arthur H. Darby

110, GRENOBLE GARDENS

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N. 15

[see Reformers' Yearbook 1909]

WIMBORNE GREEN 2605

June 11/1879

My dear George

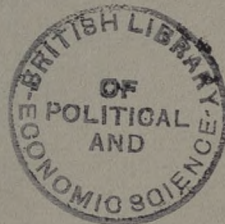
It is good to have lived to see the present trend of events. It is somewhat late in the day to see your lifes work appreciated, however I trust you will accept my heartiest congratulations & best wishes, & may God grant you health & strength to perform the duties of your high office with satisfaction to yourself & advantage to the people.

With love

Ever yours fraternally

AH Darby

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# THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE

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*Doris Lester*

11th June 1929.



Dear "G.L."

Our thoughts have been very much with you these last days, and I am feeling very ashamed that we have not written before. We meant to write on "The Day".

It is all lovely, isn't it, and one feels some hope for the world !

I expect <sup>to see you</sup> ~~everybody~~ will be too busy to come to either of our Children's House Days, the local one this Saturday or the general one the following week, but I send a bill just in case. Perhaps you would be so kind as to have it stuck out as you generally do. Please tell Mrs. Lansbury no-one would be more welcome if she felt like dropping in. I realise it is much too much to hope to see you!

I know my father would be one who would rejoice with us to feel that you are a Member of the Cabinet.

With the best of wishes from us all,

*Doris Lester*

*of 60 C 7  
V 7017 1016*



Alfred Hurley

(163)

THE SALISBURY CLUB,

SALISBURY.

PHONE 119.

June 11<sup>th</sup> 29

Dear Sir Hansbury

One of your friends of the Old Bow + Bromley days '88 '89 '90 on, feels he must write a line of congratulation on the belated recognition of your lifes great work in the democratic cause.

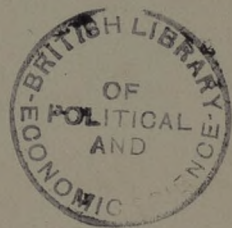
It was not so fashionable in those far off days to be a laborious man but undaunted you carried on and glad I am to know you have been spared to take your place in the great work now before you.

As I was then ('59) Secretary of the  
Irish National League & I am  
now and as member of the  
Cooperation here mine is the  
only voice in a benighted and  
reactionary wilderness.

I feel sure you will under-  
stand why I write.

Success to you all  
along the line.

Sincerely



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The Right Hon Geo Lansbury. Alfred Husby



Hamed Mahmud

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59, Castleton Mansions,  
Barnes, S.W.13.  
11<sup>th</sup> June, 1929.

Dear Mr Lansbury,

Please accept my heartiest  
congratulations. Candidly, I should  
say that the Country is to be congratulated  
for having acquired the services of the  
man, George Lansbury.

My congratulations, though late,  
are, nevertheless, sincere. I had  
hesitated between writing to you & calling  
on you to congratulate you in person; but  
finally decided on the latter course  
knowing how busy you must be.

May Almighty God grant you  
health & strength to carry through with  
your heavy task.

Yours sincerely  
Hamed Mahmud

TEL. WESTERN 6450.

T. Tchitchorsky

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3, QUEENSBERRY PLACE,  
SOUTH KENSINGTON, S.W.7.

Author of  
Socialist movement in  
Bulgaria, 1931

11th June 1929

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

No appointment in Macdonald's second Cabinet gives me greater pleasure than yours. You could imagine the hopes that the advent of the Labour Government is arousing in Bulgaria, my country. The Social-Democrats are particularly gratified and expect to strengthen their hold on the country as a repercussion of the Labour victory in this country.

Yours sincerely

T. Tchitchorsky

From  
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Vicar of S. Mark's

Telephone : Central 59106.

Rev. Albert Linwood Wright  
(1874-

as from

S. MARK'S VICARAGE,  
CRANBOURNE STREET,  
BELGRAVE ROAD,  
LEICESTER.

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11/6/29

My dear Mr Lansbury,  
My wife & I send you our heartiest  
congratulations & blessings on your appointment  
as a Cobnet Minister. It is all too  
wonderful, & I believe that you & your colleagues  
are going to make splendid history.  
We shall pray for you in your splendid  
work. May God give you health & strength  
Yours sincerely  
A. Linwood Wright

Ada C. G. Wright

(168)

20 Talbot House, [see Panthurst 1931]

S<sup>r</sup> Martin's Lane.

June 12. 1929.

W. C. 2.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Though I am  
afraid I am late in  
sending my congratulations  
to you I must send  
them all the same.

I did not vote  
for your party, I

voted for Mr. Baldwin,  
but when I heard that  
you had been  
returned, & were in  
the Cabinet, I felt  
with satisfaction  
how well you deserved  
it. & what a  
true & faithful  
friend we had there.  
Women who were

in the Suffrage cam-  
paign will never  
forget how you stood  
by us. A Conservative  
friend said to me  
the other day,  
"Dear Lansbury has  
got 'em!" We shall  
follow all you  
do with affection.



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Please do not let  
them bring in any  
bills to restrict  
women in the labour  
market apart from  
men. Women, as such,  
do not want any  
restrictions or  
"protective" (falsely  
called) legislation  
now. They want

Wright  
12 June 1929

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an absolutely free  
road, + conditions  
will find their level.

You were so  
understanding in  
the old days that  
I hope you will  
understand this.  
With many, many  
good wishes for

a happy + success-  
ful time,

Yours sincerely +  
gratefully ✓

Ada C. F. Knight.

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J. Lansbury Esq. M.P.  
House of Commons.

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TELEPHONE: HOP 5398.

Henry George Abel

(1875-1945)

ST. OLAVE'S,  
TOWER BRIDGE,  
S.E.1.

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13. VI.

1929

My dear Mr. Lawsons,

My heartiest congrat-  
lations to you upon your inclusion,  
and may the opportunity come  
to you to do the great good  
you have at heart. I am still  
in the minority, but our opinions  
are wide enough to send you  
a blessing.

Yours very sincerely,  
H. G. Abel

I fear Harry will not want to  
set our message from me, but  
give him my best wishes. if  
he cares to have them. is he  
doing anything worth doing? And  
I dreamed of his going to Cam-  
bridge, or Oxford and becoming  
a Labour member - or rather  
a Radical member, as I  
prefer to call them: my heart  
is with the Radicals.



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G. as  
H. G.

Take care of yourself - I get some rest now & again. My love to Daisy.  
- I was wd to see her initials again. L

7 Camden Studios

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Lydia -

Camden Street

NW,

13-6-29

Dear Ly. L.,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter. I will write Mr Lindsey as you suggest.

I was truly glad when I read of your post-  
of course - I think you ought to have the one Thomas  
has. but I expect you'll really do it all as it is.

I'm afraid I haven't the orthodox "left wing"  
view in this matter. I agreed absolutely with  
what you said last Saturday night. It isn't  
a socialist government, but, heavens, what a chance  
for preparing the way. That's why I'm so  
thankful you are where you are.

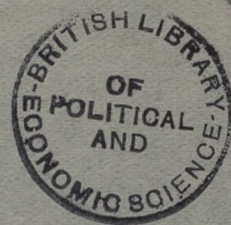
Anyway, if you want this Government to do nothing  
& so disgust the people that they won't trust "Labour"  
any more, why go to Parliament at all? But if  
we do fail the people this time, I'm afraid it  
won't be to revolution that they'll turn, but back  
to Toryism. Whereas if they see that voting  
Labour really does make a difference, they'll  
be willing to go a step further. And unless you  
& a few others keep in the Cabinet, there doesn't  
seem to me to be much chance of the really  
practical things being done. Love from Lydia.

See also vol. 28.a, fol. 154

for newspaper article entitled

"Mr. Lansbury's silk hat" by A. G. Gardiner

64 to Harold A. Hill



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14. vi. 29.

My dear Captain Hill:

Thank you very much indeed for your kind letter. It is not often that one gets that kind of letter from an opponent against whom one has fought as vigorously as we two did in Bow & Bromley. I can only say that I appreciate your kindness very much indeed and thank you for your good wishes and congratulations.

I hope we may be able to do something, however small, to stem the tide of poverty which engulfs the East End, and which you did your best to try to understand. Perhaps you will not mind me saying that I think you mistake about Socialism: my view all the time is that we are living in a semi-Socialist state now; that every improvement is brought about by social effort and so on. What I would beg you, who are much younger than I am, to try to consider is that whatever ultimate system is brought about, it will not be done by a sudden change or break. Somehow in Britain we are slowly but surely gliding along, as it were, from one system to another. I could give you a thousand instances of this in my own lifetime.

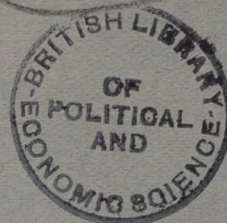
Why not come and join us and help us do the day's work to-day? That is what I am having to do, out and out Socialist as I am. Every day I shall have to compromise with my ultimate principle, but that is how life is, and you will find that even if you remain with the Conservative Party your ultimate ideal of life is the abolition of a system which compels people to compete and fight for bread. You want to substitute for this co-operation in one form or another.

But I must not go on because it would be impossible for me to enter into a long discussion. My only wish is that you should not rule out the possibility of joining the Labour Party and helping us do our job, and that you will, in coming to a conclusion, not worry so much



GL to  
Harold A. Hill

14 June 1929



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Continuation 1.

in  
about what will happen, ten, fifteen or twenty years'  
time, but help to do the work of to-day: and that  
work, I am sure, which we of the Labour Party will  
try to do is such that you would be able to support  
it.

With best wishes, and again many thanks,

Yours very truly,

Capt. H.A. Hill,  
3, Essex Court,  
Temple, E.C...4.

Speedwell Massingham

(175)  
22, Westmoreland Road,  
Barnes, S.W.13.

14th. June, 1929.

The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P.,  
House of Commons,  
S.W.1.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I know you must be having many letters of congratulation, but I feel I must write to say how delighted I am at your Ministerial appointment.

I enjoyed my fight in a backward area during the General Election, and although I was defeated, the Labour victory all over England is a wonderful joy.

You have always been so kind, and so helpful to me when I have been brought into contact with you at the House of Commons, either in connection with my work on behalf of the R.S.P.C.A., or with my constituency, that I want my good wishes added to the many others you must have received.

May your appointment bring you much happiness, and may the burdens of office not be too arduous.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Speedwell Massingham

Jan 15 1879

Thanked  
Gosset

Rev. Conrad Noel  
(1869-1942)

My dear George,

Mum and I and the Puttills send  
greetings and kindest congratulations.

We were very delighted and you  
will be able to do a good deal -

although an awfully difficult situation.

You must take care of your health  
and not overwork yourself too much!

Mum has gone to Italy with Clara  
Annie as her first, and I am

going to France for 12 days or so -  
fatigued, and she will meet me  
there for a day or so.

Best of luck  
God bless you -

Rev. Conrad Noel.

Ven. F. Lewis Donaldson

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3, LITTLE CLOISTERS,  
WESTMINSTER ABBEY, S.W. 1

16. 6. '29

My dear Lansbury,  
I have been trying for  
days to get to this  
letter to congratulate  
you upon your Office  
in the new Govt. —  
For I felt that life  
would be minus some-  
thing (for me) until  
I wrote to send you  
my earnest good  
wishes. As for  
you — you now know

or will soon learn what  
this to be a deputy.

This is a queer lesson -

(1) to have an honour thrust

upon you (2) to find it

in itself an empty thing

but (3) to find later on

that it is not empty

after all, because it gives

one an opportunity i.e.

adds to the opportunities

one had before. Since

"factis virtutibus virtus is dead"

(St. James' Epistle) and in

such governments there is

very little of either! I suppose some  
genius in the post created  
your Office for the spiritual  
salvation of the then Post!!

"I'm sure the P.M. could  
not have found a better colleague  
~~colleague~~ than you, for

this particular job. You

can truly say to any covillers

"Read the Ep. of St. James :-

ii - 14 to 19." I wonder

if the late Post 1<sup>st</sup> Commissioner  
of Works was need it! Look

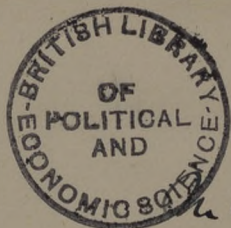
it up & you will see what I

mean. // At any rate

I & many others rejoice

to have living so long been the thing

You was also told the Office.



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M449 May all grace & good  
attend you therein & may  
you have health & strength  
to do all you hope to do.

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We ought now to see that  
leads the beginnings of the  
transformation of our social  
system into a braver  
more & better thing - &  
the language of Britain perceptibly  
reverts to the idea of that  
kingdom of Christ for  
which we all pray - that  
it may come.

==  
Ever yours affectionately  
Canon J. Lewis Duncton

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**The Hollesley Bay Labour Colony,**  
**HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.**

SUPERINTENDENT: H. BARTON.

16th June, 1929

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

We are asking our friend Albert Easteal to convey this little token of our appreciation and hearty congratulations on your well deserved honour. May we also take the opportunity of wishing you every success in your new endeavour to tackle the problem of unemployment. We shall, at all times, be willing and anxious to gladly give you any help or service we can render in making your task successful.

Again wishing you long life and God-speed in your efforts,

We beg to remain,  
Yours faithfully,

*A. Barton*

The Right Hon. George Lansbury. P.C.M.P.

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Association Egyptienne, Lyons 00017

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15 June 1929

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By .....

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Mrs. Leslé Haden Guest (181)  
(n. Carmel Goldsmid) 45 Gordon Sq

W. C.

19 June 29

Dear Mr. Lausbury,

I cannot resist sending  
you a line of congratulations  
& wishing you every success.  
I am sure none of the appointments  
made by this government  
will have given the people of  
this country greater satisfaction  
than yours -

With best regards & wishing you  
every blessing on your work.

Yours sincerely  
Muriel Carmel Haden Guest

Muriel Lester

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Kempsey Hall,  
[say 25 June 1929]

Dear Comrade

I have been meaning to write to you  
for the last week or two - to say 'God bless you'  
in your new work. I know He does bless  
you because you are happy & healthy  
& everyone loves you -

We are all proud of you

Yours ever

Muriel Lester

Telephone No.: VICTORIA 1234.

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Any reply to this letter should be addressed to—

THE SECRETARY,

TREASURY,

WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W. 1,

and the following number quoted:

E.4584.



TREASURY CHAMBERS.

25 June, 1929.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to transmit to you herewith the Royal Warrant dated the 21st June, 1929, under His Majesty's Sign Manual, countersigned by two of Their Lordships, appointing you to be First Commissioner of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*R. B. Scott*

The Rt. Hon. G. Lansbury,  
H.M. Office of Works.

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[with 25 June 1929 above]

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H.M. King George V.



*George R. J.*

E.4584.

WHEREAS We are graciously pleased to give and grant during Our Pleasure unto Our Right trusty and well beloved Counsellor George Lansbury, the Office of First Commissioner of Works and Public Buildings constituted and appointed under and by virtue of the Authority of the Act passed in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth years of Her late Majesty's Reign intituled "An Act to make better provision for the management of the Woods Forests and Land Revenue of the Crown and for the direction of Public Works and Buildings".

We do by these Presents hereby constitute and appoint him the said George Lansbury to be First Commissioner of Our Works and Public Buildings during Our Royal Pleasure with all the interest powers titles authorities privileges and duties appertaining to and vested in the said Office.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham  
Palace this <sup>twenty-</sup>first day of June  
One thousand nine hundred and  
twenty nine in the twentieth year  
of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Commands.

John Allen Parkinson  
1870—  
Alfred Barnes  
1887—

*John Parkinson*  
*Alfred Barnes*

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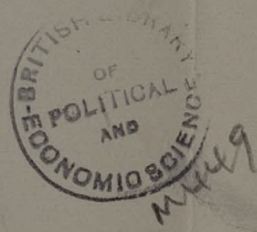
Reginald Brill  
[? author of Modern Painting, 1946]

THE BRITISH SCHOOL AT ROME  
VALLE GIULIA  
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[say 30 June] 1929  
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Naly  
June  
1929

Congratulations on the Election Result  
from  
Reginald Brill.



33 BRVTON STREET, W.1

May Tennant

July 3. 1929

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Dear Mr Lansbury,

It is a far

cry from the old days

of the Central Unemployed

Body, but I remember

them well and all their

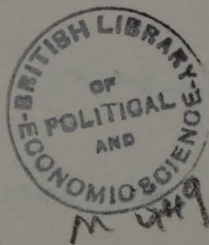
hopes and dashed hopes.

And I rejoice in the  
difference - and wish

You God Speed.

Yr. ever sincerely

Henry Tennant



30 July 1929

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De ondergeteekende, Harer Majesteits Buitengewoon  
Gezant en Gevolmachtigd Minister bij het Britsche Hof,  
heeft de eer den Heeren Ambtenaren der Invoerrechten  
en Accijnzen te verzoeken **the Right Honourable George  
Lansbury, M.P., First Commissioner of Works**, die zich  
naar Nederland begeeft, zoowel op de heen- als op de  
terugreis

bij het overschrijden der grenzen van het Koninkrijk  
wel te willen behandelen met alle voorkomendheid, welke  
is overeen te brengen met de bestaande voorschriften.



De Gezant voornoemd,  
Voor den Gezant,  
De Directeur der Kanselarij,

*H. N. Brouwer*

Londen, den 30sten Juli 1929.



Agnes M. Williams

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WATERLOO,  
SARLETON,  
MON.

To the  
Rt Hon G. Lausbury M.P. 29

Dear Sir: It occurred to me that as Chief  
Commissioner of Works you may be interested  
in these photographs & it affords me the greatest  
pleasure to send them on the off chance.  
They are five views & the diagram of the Roman  
& excavations carried on by the Office of Works  
in the field known as King Arthur's Round Table &  
purchased by the "Daily Mail" for the Nation.  
(A fact they have not allowed us to forget)  
It is a large field quite close to my home & for  
hundreds of years I suppose was just a  
beautiful field with a very large dingle  
in the centre & the beautiful river Uok flowing  
at the lower end. Locally it was always  
understood that the dingle was the site  
of an earthquake. All down one side  
of the field is a Roman Wall & Archway.  
It is this dingle is the site of these excavations  
all of which they have found many many  
feet below the surface. Some as much  
as twenty feet deep. Your men are still  
busy at work there & this is I believe  
the third summer for them to work there.  
This summer the diggers are at work  
on two other sites in the immediate  
neighbourhood where they have  
had wonderful finds of smaller  
articles.

Williams  
20 Aug. 1929

WATERLOO,  
CARLETON,  
MON.

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About one mile on the Carleton Works Rd  
They have found the site of a cemetery  
& a number of urns &c. There is a small  
Museum here full of wonderful relics,  
& a beautiful Church hundreds of  
years old but richly endowed (not  
the living but the building itself, which  
of course enables the authorities to keep  
it in excellent repair. When taking a  
large old garden into the churchyard, in  
digging & clearing they came across  
an old Roman prison - large rooms &  
cells all complete. I should think  
Carleton must be completely undermined  
with Roman buildings, because when  
~~draining~~ draining the town in my  
childhood days they found several  
very handsome pieces of mosaic floors.  
I understand the Society has been hampered  
for want of money for the work. Of course  
all this is very wonderful & very  
interesting, but I'm afraid to my  
perhaps uneducated & practical mind  
I feel that the thousands spent on this  
while giving some employment the  
ultimate return is not enough - when  
I consider the dreadful starvation  
suffering, & distress in our Wommonthiers

P. J. O

WATERLOO  
GARELTON  
MON.

Valley - those valley & people that  
are a part of our very life.  
The old Hambury seems another bit  
of the Centuries past - practically  
adjoining the Round table field  
the house where Alfred (Dord Leunyon)  
stayed when he wrote his "Idyll of  
the King";

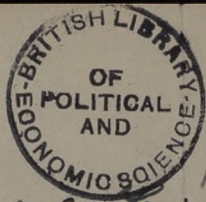
Now dear Sir I will cease to weary  
you & please don't bother to answer  
this, as I know you have far too  
much to attend to. But it is  
just a pleasure I am giving  
myself & as I said times  
before - if the journey of life  
ever makes it possible for you  
to visit us - how proud I shall  
be to show you around

Yours very faithfully  
Alfred M Williams



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Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1929



206 Valence Circus<sup>190</sup>  
Chadwell Heath  
Essex.

George Phillips  
Dear Comrade & Friend,

Whilst in the Middle Watch (ie) 2 to 10 Shift, waiting for the call, if necessary to set the pumps in motion, to safe-guard London and its inhabitants, I saw and read your reply to C. H. Norman in the New Leader, which by the way should put him right in regard to Poplarism and all that it has meant.

This however, Comrade is not the reason for my writing to you, but rather if you will allow me to say, to express in terms of deep sincerity, all I owe to you, as one Individual amongst thousands, for the Education you have given me, for the lesson of Personal Integrity, quiet Determinism, and above all that glorious example of Good Citizen-ship, embodied, in Social Industrial and Spiritual work for the general welfare of the people.

Rest assured Comrade your forty years has done some good work, some seen and some un-seen.

It is true I'm only one, but forgive the personal touch Comrade, when I say the banner and Spirit of Poplarism has been carried into the Council Chamber, of the new Urban District of Dagenham.

Three years ago I left Poplar (Cubitt Town) and all that it meant for and to me

to live on the new Becontree Estate,  
since when I have been honoured  
in becoming one of its elected  
representatives.

May I just say or rather write one  
more line, to say how much, each and  
every-one of us owe, to your Dear Wife,  
Bessie, as my Wife and I once heard  
you affectionately refer to her, for her  
unselfishness in releasing you from  
Home-ties, and the comfort of your  
Comrade-ship, so that chaps like me  
could be taught to think clear, and  
steer a course, which makes entry to  
Council Chambers, and Guardians  
Board Room.

So in conclusion let me quote the  
words, the final words you give to  
us. for all time, on that beautiful  
Record, which to me as a man in  
the younger generation, will spur me  
on, in spite of difficulties or adverse  
criticism, "Go Fight on and Faint not."  
I'm quite sure my Wife will join with  
me, in sending Good Wishes, and that  
thus the even-side of your Life, may  
see and enjoy the pleasure in the  
fulfillment of those things for which  
you have both so nobly striven.

Yours Sincerely  
Geo. Phillips

P.S. you may perhaps recall me

if you associate me with the late Com. Jimmy Puggles.  
I was on the old L.R.C. in the J. Banks &  
Sam Hubbard periods.

10, 1929.



## LANSBURY GOES BY BUS



Mr. George Lansbury, First Commissioner of Works, invariably travels from his home to the Office of Works by bus. He is here seen stepping briskly off on arrival in Whitehall.



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The Times, 17 Sept. 1929  
**BATHING IN THE  
PARKS**

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### MR. LANSBURY'S PLANS

Mr. Lansbury, the First Commissioner of Works, who was accompanied by Sir Lionel Earle, the Permanent Secretary, and other officials of the Department, yesterday visited Greenwich Park, Hyde Park, and Regent's Park. The chief object of the visit was to consider the possibility of providing more facilities for bathing, both for children and adults, though other matters, such as the extension of playing facilities for the children, also came under review. Mr. Lansbury is particularly interested in the possibilities of sun-bathing, and provisional sites, where a beginning might be made with sun-bathing for children only, were inspected in Greenwich Park and Regent's Park.

Mr. Lansbury spent the morning at Greenwich, and, as the result of his visit, said that he was impressed with the possibilities for improvements in the parks and open spaces. He would like to see a promenade alongside the river at Greenwich, where children could play and adults enjoy the delights of the river. For a background the promenade would have the buildings of the Royal Naval College and the Seamen's Hospital. Facilities could also be provided for bathing, and he had found a suitable spot where a beginning could be made with sun-bathing for children. He hoped to extend the playing facilities for children in the park.

At Hyde Park Mr. Lansbury examined in detail the site on the west bank of the Serpentine, where it has been suggested that accommodation might be provided for mixed bathing. There were, he said, many preliminaries to be gone through before work could actually be begun. It was proposed to erect a building to give the necessary accommodation, but the first thing to do would be to test the depth of the water, and to ensure that bathing would be ideal, both for adults and children. Mr. Lansbury referred to the gift of £5,000, promised by an anonymous donor, for the provision of facilities for children and also for enabling persons of both sexes to bathe in the Serpentine and for sun-bathing. The offer is conditional on the provision of a similar sum by the Government, and Mr. Lansbury said he did not anticipate any great difficulty in getting the necessary Estimate through the House of Commons. He was extremely grateful to Sir Arthur du Cros and Mrs. Van den Bergh for their generous cheques of £500 each. If the plans met with no opposition it was hoped that part of them, at any rate, would be carried out next spring. He would like to see a shingle beach in the Serpentine for bathing, and a special part of the water reserved for children. The water there would be very shallow, with shingle on the bottom, and it would thus be like the seaside.

### A SUN-BATHING SITE

The site selected for sun-bathing in Regent's Park is close to the North Gate, near Macclesfield Bridge, at the bottom of Avenue-road. Here, near the Zoological Gardens, there is an open space of about seven acres, alongside the Regent's Canal. Though many fine old elm trees shade the grass over a large portion of this area, there is one spot, entirely devoid of trees, which is said to be particularly suitable for sun-bathing. There is ample room for hundreds of children. Mr. Lansbury said he recognized that in starting any scheme like sun-bathing everything depended on carrying the public and Parliament with them. He would only propose to begin at first with children. He suggested that such a beginning might be made in Greenwich Park and Regent's Park, and he proposed to have another interview with representatives of the Sunlight League and those who composed the deputation who recently urged on him the need for sun-bathing facilities. Matters could then be thoroughly discussed, because it was obvious that the Office of Works could not undertake either to bring the children to the parks or to take care of them. He might also have to consult ultimately with representatives of the London County Council, as the "children's authority," and with the public health authorities in the neighbourhood—the Greenwich Borough Council and the St. Pancras Borough Council.

Probably a beginning would be made with children up to the age of 15 or 16 only. They would be able to start at any time when the sun shone, provided that they could get together the necessary organization. There would, of course, have to be adequate supervision of the children. It might be necessary to erect a tent, but such questions as supervision and accommodation must be discussed with representatives of the Sunlight League. He hoped the scheme would go through, and, if it did, its success would be largely due to the untiring efforts and helpful advice of Sir Lionel Earle and other officials of his department.

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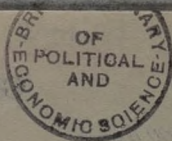
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Saturday 19th October [1929]

Dear Mr Laurberg, It was  
quite a lucky chance  
that my sister and I had  
the pleasure of a  
personal introduction  
thru the medium of one  
of our most valued  
friends in Belfast, Jim  
Scott of S. Bright,  
Mr Pollock!  
As promised: I fine



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myself the pleasure of  
wishing your acceptance  
of this emblem of  
Ireland: a free land  
of courage: it will serve  
its purpose if it brings  
you the "good luck" of all  
good causes abroad -  
for the greater good of  
the greater nation!

We hope your visit to our  
City to-day, will add to  
your store of memories  
and other - one of "God-will"  
With our devoted regards,  
Yours sincerely,  
Margaret M. Pivins

See also vol. 28, a, fols. 185-6

for letters of James Ramsey Macdonald  
of September 1929

*G.L.*

? 19 Oct. 1929

[see letter from H.B. Armstrong 31 Oct. 1929]



Your Grace, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

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As First Commissioner of Works of His Majesty's Government, I desire to express the pleasure which it has given me to preside on this historic occasion, and to acknowledge my deep appreciation of the expressions of thanks to His Majesty's Government which have been delivered by the Lord Chief Justice, the Attorney General and the President of the Incorporated Law Society of Northern Ireland. I am very glad to know that the labours of my officers in the preparation of the design for the building, the foundation stone of which Your Grace has set in place today, will in due course result in the completion of a building fully adequate to its purpose, and a worthy and dignified setting for the Administration of Justice in Northern Ireland.

I gather from a remark made by the Lord Chief Justice that there may be an uneasy feeling that Biblical history may repeat itself, but I hasten to assure him that whilst the period of time spent on the settlement of the many and varied requirements which have now been embodied in the final design for the Law Courts, may not have been entirely without advantage to the future occupants of the building, he may rest assured that the scheme should now proceed smoothly and expeditiously towards completion. I may say that the main superstructure contract is about to commence and that the building should be completed by the Autumn of 1932. These buildings when finished will, I hope and believe, be the place where the people of Northern Ireland will, as the Lord Chief Justice told us, find the principles of the Common Law of England and the rules of Equity firmly and impartially administered, and may I also add that I hope and feel sure that the poorest citizen will find redress as readily and as easily as the most wealthy.

In

G.L.  
[3 19 Oct. 1929]

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In conclusion, I desire to express, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, to Your Grace, their sincere thanks for undertaking the duty of laying the Foundation Stone of the Courts of Law for Northern Ireland.



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Hugh McDowell Pollock  
(L. 437)

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TELEPHONE  
BELFAST 566.



COLLEGE GARDENS,  
BELFAST.

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23.10.29.

My Dear Mr. Lansbury.

I am very glad to see from your letter written on the day of your arrival home, that you reached your destination <sup>safely</sup> and not, as I hope, over fatigued by your strenuous day with us

apart, altogether, from our pride at having you with us as an important British Minister, may I be allowed to say how much I enjoyed your company personally, and how greatly I felt the inspiration of your high ideals. I am told by some of those who listened to

you on Saturday at the luncheon  
how much the Company was  
impressed by the elevation of  
thought, and beauty of diction  
which characterised your  
remarks.

I sincerely pray that your  
term of office, may be sufficiently  
prolonged to enable you to give  
full play ~~to~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ to your aspirations  
for the welfare of your fellow men.

Believe me

Very gratefully yours.

H. M. Pollock

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Right Hon. George Jansbury M.P.

Henry Bruce Armstrong  
(1844-1943)

ARMAGH CLUB

ARMAGH.

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Oct 31 - 29

Dear Mr. Caumbury

I notice that you are reported to  
have said at West Ham that  
your favorable reception in  
Belfast the singing of the song  
"Willy and the fellow" was due to  
you being a "Right Honourable"  
You are mistaken if I may

H B Armstrong

31 Oct. 1929

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presume to say so are doing  
yourself an injustice -  
The reception was due to their  
belief that whatever your opinion  
was you held them from conviction  
true in truth - to use the words  
of one of our members, a very  
good sort indeed -  
Secondly they caused your





H. B. Armstrong

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many of us are meet on  
friendly terms & with real  
personal regard, men of  
all sorts of opinions & are  
not so narrow minded  
as we are accused of  
being. I write only as  
a man in the street  
who were privileged to

H. B. Armstrong  
31 Oct. 1929

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ARMAGH CLUB,

ARMAGH.

Thank you + I wish to tell you  
that since you left Belfast  
I have heard nothing  
from any one but words  
of approval, respect, & if  
I may say so without seeming  
to exaggerate - Admiration  
Faithfully  
H. B. Armstrong