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Rev.

Edward A. Davies

(1)

14. Campbell Rd.

Bow. E. 3.

G. Lawbury Esq.

Dear Sir,

Could you oblige by coming
and giving a short address (20 minutes)
at my first anniversary April 7th
(Monday (8pm 7.30) I am inviting one
other other gentleman. I can assure
you sir of a hearty welcome
from my people.

May I wish you a year of
much blessing. It will certainly
prove one of great social opportunity
& spiritual privilege.
God is giving us encouragement
in our work for Him.

I remain
Yours faithfully
Edward A. Davies

I have enclosed 5 pounds
in your name to
our friend Messrs
you, it was kindly
appreciated.



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Magdalen Ponsbury (d. of Sir Henry Ponsbury and
sister of Arthur, 1st Baron Ponsbury of Chelbrea Park Gardens
of Shillbroke; the 3rd d. 1934) S.W. 3

Dear Mr. Lanbury.

3 Jan. [1918]

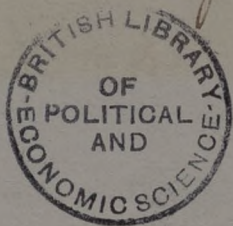
Mr. Sheppard has asked me to organise
some lectures or addresses to be given for
St. Martin's Guild of Fellowship on Thursdays
in Feb at 6 o'clock in the St. Martin's Rooms.
The fellowship consists of about 4 or 500
people belonging to the congregation of
of St. Martin in the Fields - Every kind
& sort of person belongs to it, Soldiers,
Americans, Servants, Waiters, Eastenders,
Government officials, clerks & coachmen etc
& I think that Mr. Sheppard's idea is
that it would be a great thing for
us if we all had the opportunity
of hearing some leading people on
some of the pressing subjects of the day

The sort of subjects he thought of was
The living wage, The Demobilisation Problem
League of Nations etc.

Mr. Sheppard wondered if you would be
very kind & give an address one
Thursday in February, I am acting
Hon Secretary to this scheme so perhaps
you would send a p.c. answer - If
you are kind ^{enough} to grant this request
would you tell me the date that would
suit you, & the Subject. I think you
know my brother Arthur Ponsbury, I
used to know your daughter when I worked
in Mr. Sydney Webb's office - Do you
think we could ask her to give one
lecture?

Yours truly

Magdalen Ponsbury



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GL to WCSwell [?] 10 Jan. 1918

Edgar has 3 weeks with
leave to appeal again (3)
on business grounds.

I am very glad as it would
have been serious otherwise.

We all send our love

always

Peze

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LONDON, W.C. 2



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Edgar T. Lansbury BOW, E.3

26th January 1918.

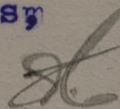
George Lansbury, Esq.,
The Firs,
Farnham Common,
Bucks.

Dear Dad,

I hope you had a good time in Nottingham. The press reports seem to show that everyone there had a lively time. I am wondering what you think of Hertling's speech. I think it much better than appears on the surface seeing that between him and Czernin, they seem to cover practically the whole ground of Wilson's 14 points. On Alsace Lorraine I think they are absolutely right and with regard to Belgium and Northern France, I think in this also they are right, from their point of view, not to offer to give them up unconditionally while the Allies continually refer to the annexations which they prefer to make at the expense of Austria-Hungary. For this reason, I hope the "Herald" will not join in the chorus of denunciation which will be in full swing on Monday. We must remember that just as Lloyd George said some very extreme things at their expense, he exhibited a change of tone; so also Hertling besides saying some firm things has also adopted a changed tone. You know better than I do that it is always worth while to wait a couple of days before praising or blaming a Statesman unduly. I think the whole of the press except our section fell into Lloyd George's trap when they dealt with his last speech. In the case of Hertling's speech they will fall into a similar trap, only it will have been set by themselves. I think both the speeches make for moderation and negotiation.

With best wishes and love to the family,

Yours,



The
both send
our love
of good wishes
to you all and
must no way
be disturbed
or your
peace

The Lins
Broadway

Farnham Common

29/1/18
Much
Love
Diana

Mrs. G. L. to Mrs. W. C. Sewell

My Dear Alice

I am so sorry to hear the sad
news of Mrs Sewell's daughter. It brings
our own trial back so vividly, is there
anything we could do to help in any way.
I would like to write but haven't her address
will you please tell her, when you see
her.

I am glad you are better and have had
better news of Bert, Annie is home again
from Matlock, and finds to her cost she
ought to have stayed longer, she has in
fact been worse since home and I am
expecting a letter every day, for George to
arrange for her to go back, she is in bed
& has had to have Dr Home again. But
he cannot do anything. Mother says
she will go mad if there isn't a change
Mother although so helpless is really
a martyr, but the worry of Annie is
upsetting them very much at home

really it's difficult to write all one wants
to, it would be nice if you could get near
or if we could manage to put you up. But the
difficulty is the family altho' every most of
want get home if they can for week ends.
But we'd see if anything can be done, about
rooms. George has been away at Nottingham
& Daisy Wait has read of the conference, has
come home with bad cold, having gone up this
morn with very bad head, have been on sick
list again myself last week, and still have horrid
influenza cold hanging around, which is very
depressing, keep sneezing as I write (I am afraid I
am really growing old) I seem so susceptible
to colds, but they keep on my chest too. It's a lovely
day today if we have a few weeks, I guess some
of us would soon pull up again. Poor Edgar
is appearing again today at Guildhall, I am
anxious how he is getting on. I shall hear
perhaps tonight. Have not seen him since
we came here. He came in at home nearly
every night with Mummy I hope he may come
this week end but he doesn't mind bumping his
swag on the floor if necessary (that Australian)
Ammie is still at 39 Bow Road, doing as she pleases
I got her to put clean curtains up and have Emily
to clean up. No things won't quite go to ruin

The
family
are arriving
near their
footstep

Mrs. C. L. L. G.
~~Mrs. W. C. Sewell~~

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The Lov
Broadway
Farnham Com

26/2/18

My Dear Alice

Please excuse me for
not answering your & Wai's
very kind letter. I am very
glad you are going to have
a holiday at Easter and do
hope you will have good
weather. Not these terrible
winds, but we must be
thankful even for them, if
they kept the roads away.
The latest news here is

that we are spies in the pay
of the Germans, spread about
by a servant girl, and who is
telling the boys around, to
avoid Eric, Of course it dont
worry us, but not nice for
Eric when he has made friend
here. We go up 1. Today
Dolly is being introduced to
the Queen and the Prince of
Wales (being Secretary
under Cannon Barnetts
wife.) who are going over
the garden city to look at
the cottages and flats. I
think they ought to see our
Peter too, he is so well behaved
and speaks so manly

Mrs. G. L. to Mrs. W. C. Sewell

26 Feb. 1918

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For his age, he goes to a
Dresser — School.
at Folders Green and is
learning to dance too. His
Dad is going on well and
Dolly hopes to spend two
weeks holiday with him
but she makes herself
so valuable she is afraid
she can only have 10 days.
Dad has been away this
week and speaking at the
Biggest Church in Birmingham
taking my sister Annie up
to Matlock on the Saturday.
I am so glad she has gone

She worried Mother so, although
you would be surprised how
well Mother is keeping. but
my poor Cousin must be nearly
worn out. I hope you are
feeling better and have lost
your headache, the winds are
very trying to me, I catch cold
at my chest so quickly, my
throat is quite raw now. and
Eric is home with a stiff neck
we expect to leave here in April
so shall be looking for another
abode as Dad insists on not
going home until after war.

(my poor old home) However

I suppose, all well that ends
well. So theres all our Love
& Best of Good Wishes

Yours Ever Affectionately

Bessie

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all

NEW-YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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Chief Office for Great Britain & Ireland: Trafalgar Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W. C.



RECEIVED £ 18. 8. 7 net amount payable 21st March 1918, on

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		Net amount.	£ _____

Countersigned by

Ed Droney

Cashier London Branch Office.

Walker Buckner

Second Vice-President.

Evelyn Sharp

(9)

TELEPHONE,
HOLBORN 5724.

16, JOHN STREET,
BEDFORD ROW, W.C.1.

Easter, 1918.

[say Easter Sunday 31 March]

Dear "Comrade ~~Sin~~ in the Long Fight",

It is not easy to find words in which to thank you for your contribution to the presentation that was made to me in the Caxton Hall on March 16th. I feel very humble, and a little ashamed, at being singled out for this distinction when so many hundreds of others have done and suffered incomparably more for our Cause. But your tribute, undeserved though it is, has made me very happy - with the happiness that is only known, I think, to those who have worked together in the same movement and have lived to see it brought to victory - and I shall value the beautiful book in which your name, with many more, is inscribed, as long as I live.

You do not perhaps know how short my achievement falls of my endeavour; but the fact that you do not know this offers a further proof of your generosity and makes a further claim upon my gratitude. The only way in which I can show that gratitude is to continue to hold myself pledged to the cause of human justice and equality which first brought us together, and I promise you that I will try to consider myself so pledged always.

Yours faithfully in the Cause,

Evelyn Sharp

To and Mrs George Lambury

From MAJOR D. GRAHAM POLE, 2 ROBERT STREET, ADELPHI, W.C. 2

Telephone No.: Regent ~~779~~ ^{2940.} Telegrams: "Dagrampol, Phone, London"

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9th April 1918.

My dear Mrs Lausbury,

I have meant to write you ever so often to thank you on behalf of my wife and myself for the beautiful & useful gift you & your family gave us. I really put off until I could say it was going. The pendulum was most difficult to fix & I left it for the clock-maker to do. It was only yesterday that the man came up, fixed the pendulum & made the clock go. It is a real joy to us with its beautiful chimes at the quarter hours & it is ten times more of a joy because of the kindly feeling that accompanied the gift from all of you. We both hope that you will soon be able to come up & have tea with us in the flat. We want our home really to be a home & place of rest for all our friends & I think you will feel that it is restful. Of course we are not nearly in order yet - but then we are not likely to be for long enough. We are enjoying getting things bit by bit.

With renewed thanks & warmest regards & hoping to see you at tea soon

Believe me, ever,
Yours sincerely,
D. Graham Pole

At cost.
uses fine
paper

Mrs. G. L.
to Mrs.
W. P. Sewell

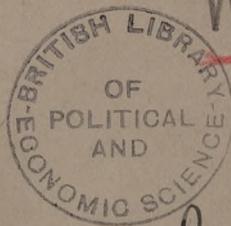
"Holmesdale" (11)
St. Johns Avenue
Leatherhead S
18/4/18

Dear Alice

This is just to say we are
comfortably settled in our new
abode and like it very much.
The only drawback, too much work.
The Country is lovely but latterly
cold we had quite a heavy fall
of snow during the night on
Tuesday, it has been very heavy
since, but at 6 o'clock tonight
the sun peeped out for a little
while. Just to remind us the
better weather is coming, it is
lovely to hear the birds in the
morn'g early, Geese & fowls.
making their usual noise.
There is a field of sheep opposite

Today we had a fine procession
of Mother Sheep with their lambs
some had more than one, they were
the smallest I have seen, there were
quite a 100 mothers (so much more
to watch passing than soldiers), they
were being taken to another field.

But the bleating of mothers & lambs
because some had lost their lambs
was quite pathetic. They generally
look so calm, but were frantic at
seeing each other. I am afraid you
will think this a very childish record
but please excuse it, I was carried away
by the lambs. We all send our love
and hope you are quite well
and enjoyed a very happy
Easter. I think I told you our
Maud had gone, she has joined
the W.A.A.P. which will I hope do
her some good for the needs
discipline. With love from us both
As ever Affectionately Yours



~~W. Dingwall~~
~~7 Argyle St. Part Glasgow~~
Scotland

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29-4-18.

Dear Mr. Tansbury

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How time does fly! almost a whole month has passed since I had the pleasure of seeing you once again in the flesh.

I was proud & happy to see you looking so well, getting older of course like myself. piling on the years, still, with all your troubles ups & downs. your writing for the "Herald" - now a part of my life. and your peregrinations all over the 'Tight little Island' you do stand it well. I am not using any butter, it's too dear, but as I told you I do look upon you as one of the men who have yet a great part to play in the future because of your sterling honesty & perseverance.

Let me call to mind also your own efforts about that time as Political Sec & organizer for the S. D. F. followed by John Leslie & Joe Chatterton. then it was very hard work indeed as you very well know I suppose. I thought so for in this district after returning from America I could not find a single individual who was in sympathy with our cause. not until I got you to send me Jack Williams whom you was at the Edinburgh Conference did I make a start at all. That meeting with Jack brought me two men (both dead now) who stuck to me all through. We have had many ups & downs since then but now here & everywhere I know of is going along alright; I may say that now I am not doing the work of former days. there are plenty of willing workers now & I as an old one have lent upon the privilege of taking a back seat - saving myself for great

occasions such as a general election thus I shall be painted all over Red. I am glad to notice that the Boys in Bow & Bromley have wakened up let us hope they will be as successful as we were in 1892 when we sent old Colomb off home to Tipperary.

I do want to see you in P for B & B your presence in that august house has good effects on most other men there - one honest man must have - old Asquith might not like it. but what of him? or T. G. either. When I see you Labourers first home here I shall die in peace. If you were now John Maclean would soon be out.

I would have been better pleased if I had met Mrs Tansbury on March 30th. But now we all join in sending her our very best wishes.

& to yourself as B. L.

W Dingwall

P S excuse this scribble,

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I just want to tell you that I was very pleased to see the great crowds flocking to St Andrews Hall that evening. I contrast it with an occasion about 20 years ago when 10 of us met old H M Hyndman in Glasgow in order to find some way to resuscitate the movement. at that time it had three various causes gone down terribly indeed there was hardly an organisation in Glasgow & the West. Well we had made known our purpose as best we could for a large meeting of Delegates in College Hall in the evening. but to our dismay only about 60 turned up & some of those had been buttonholed outside the Hall to make a show. Anyhow it seems from that day things took a turn for the better & have gone on very nicely up till the outbreak of the war which has given our movement a greater lift forward than 20 years of hard work on our part. We have gained possession of the pass. let us hold it tenaciously till the guns see us forward must be the word.

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Any communication on the subject of this letter should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
HOME OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W. 1,

re
David Greenwood

HOME OFFICE,

WHITEHALL.

and the following number quoted:—

29th May, 1918.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 20th instant forwarding a communication from Mr. J. G. M. Greenwood on behalf of his son, David Greenwood, who was recently convicted of murder and sentenced to death, I am directed by the Secretary of State to acquaint you that he has felt warranted under all the circumstances in advising His Majesty to respite the capital sentence with a view to its commutation to penal servitude for life.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. Blackwell

George Lansbury, Esq.,

39, Bow Road,

E.3.

We got this man off

tell our friend whom name

one life - they got 12000 ripe shares in

2 days from our appeal thousands more

I wrote twice to his people came & Baruch had

under Rec



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Very Rev. Richard Roberts
(1874-1945)

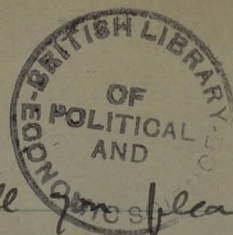
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62 Pierrepont St. Brooklyn N.Y. June 2. [1918]

My dear Lansbury:

Philip Burt of Hoadley Bros. tells me that they have asked you to write a word of introduction to my little book, "The Red Cap on the Cross". And I write this to say how heartily I agree with the request. I had at one time thought of dedicating the book to you for I felt as I wrote it that no man of our time has exemplified as you have the actual practice of making the Red Cap to the Cross. I wanted in some way to associate your name with it, but I felt that I couldn't ask you + possibly put you in the difficulty of having to refuse. But since others have made the request, what can I do but back it up with all my heart? The book and its ~~author~~ author would be greatly honoured to be in any way publicly associated with your name. And this is not soft sawder but heartfelt conviction.

Has the embargo been lifted off the Herald yet? I saw a copy of Common Sense the other day + I inferred that as it came to the person who gave it me regularly, it was now allowed out of the country. Does



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Shave this good fortune? If so, will you please put my name down at once on your subscribers' list & I will send you the subscription forthwith.

I suppose you have been much engaged with the performances of the American Labour Delegation. Liberal folk out here are under no illusion as to its personnel & know what to expect. But I very much hope that the Inter-allied Labour Delegation will be able to get across. There is a great work of education to be done here, especially as I think that so far as the great mass of people are concerned there is not much intelligent enthusiasm for the President's war policies or rather his peace policies. I should be glad of any information you might think wise to send to me as I am in touch here with the Nation, the New Republic, the Dial and the Public.

The political atmosphere here is still rather stuffy and there is a close time on for many of the normal liberties of men. The tension is I think somewhat relaxed in these last weeks & presently we shall be more normal again. The public mind is exceptionally sensitive to sedition — & the presence of a large German population makes the problem difficult, especially as many individual Germans have been practising their characteristic 'real politik' here.

I have just returned from a journey out West and have been much encouraged by the interest in the British Labour Party. I spoke on several occasions about it

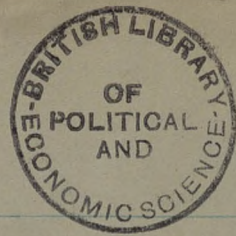
Very Rev. Richard Roberts
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2 June 1918

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and every where had the keenest possible bearing. But it is significant that they are keenest in the colleges. Harry Harder, the secretary of the Inter-Collegiate Socialist Society, told me that he was lately in a dozen colleges in the West - and every where he found that the one subject they wanted talked about was the B.L.P. My own feeling is that the new day here will dawn first among the educated young bourgeoisie rather than among Labour. Labour politics are still rather primitive here - Except for the I.W.W. and the I.W.W. is in no sense constructive yet & it suffers as Lane Adams told me the other day from the actual presence in it of real scoundrels. Mr. Gompers is - what you know; and the good man himself does not know it. I sometimes fear that America may yet become the conservative factor in the new world that is coming. On the other hand it is true that some of the "big business" people are beginning to see some sort of daylight. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey has started some kind of democratic control in its works; & I heard the other day that young John D. Rockefeller had been greatly impressed by the B.L.P. memorandum on Reconstruction & that Norman Angell was - by the agency of a mutual friend - going to introduce it to him.

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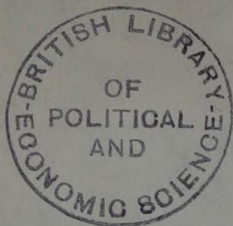
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I suppose this Irish business plus the Western Front imbroglio is the end of our little friend L. G. We don't get much news here - that is the kind of news which enable us to form conclusions as to what is happening. But I should imagine that not even George's blarney can cover up this mess. It'll be a great game cleaning up the political stables when the war is over; & I pray that I may be there to lend a hand.

I am glad to say that mine & my wife are all well - & in a fortnight go up to a lakeside lodge in Connecticut for ten weeks. There I am hoping to write a good deal.

With warm regards
Ever yours
Richard Roberts

(7) Marion Coates Hansen



Red Cottage,
Nunthorpe, S.O.
Yorkshire.

M449 June 25th 1918

Dear Bessie

So much has happened since I received your last kind letter.

You will know from Walth that my beloved old mother passed away to the great mysterious Beyond.

There are times when it seems as if my very heart will break.

She relied so very much on Friedrich and me. For quite six or eight weeks before

her death I was filled with anxiety. During the last week she broke up rapidly. And then the ~~end~~ end came. And she looked so wonderfully beautiful in her last sleep.

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I couldn't bear that all her dear belongings should pass into the hands of strangers, so for two weeks now I have been compelled to arrange and re-arrange things so that all her children should have them amongst them.

Yesterday we finally locked up her little house. And now

I've got to take up
the threads of my own
life again; though the
blank she leaves just
often over-whelms me.

She used those slippers
you sent her to the last

Sometime when you
pay me that long
promised but equally
long delayed visit, if
you would love me to,
I will tell you about
her. I know how
sincerely you cared for
her, and she was so
very fond of you and
George. I often wished

you would have taken
time off to come up and
see her more frequently.

This is not much of a
letter. But it is so
difficult to write.

These past two or three
months have pressed
heavily upon me.

I am sure you
will understand.

Loving greetings to
you both.

Marion.

COPY

George Lansbury

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39 Bow Road
London
E.3

TELEPHONE
East 3247

To the Staff of the
Board of Guardians
of the Parish of Poplar.

August, 1918.

Friends,

We have to-day received your very kind letter and album, together with the present of cutlery, you have all been so good as to send me as a memento of the 25 years' service in the work of administering the Poor Law in Poplar.

If we have, in ever so small a degree done a little to deserve any sort of commendation, we both feel that the goodwill of our friends and especially of yourselves has more than repaid us for our work.

Our work in Poplar has been a labour of love. We did it because we could do no other, and we trust that in the days to come our children and their children will, with the men and women of their day enjoy a happier and a fuller life because of the work our friends and ourselves have tried to do. We are all partners one with another, and if we are to be happy in our day and generation, we must share our joys as well as our sorrows.

Again, thanks, best wishes, and love to you all,

Always yours,

[Rev.] Charles Taylor 19 Queens Avenue
Squires Lane

C. E. Frickley N

9/8/18

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Dear Sir,

Referring to your article
in the Herald, 10/8/18. Christ's call
for peace; whilst thanking you
for truths contained therein, I
cannot but take exception to
the statement that the salvation
of the world lies in an organized
labour movement.

The truths of the Lord Jesus Christ
did not end with the sermon on
the mount, hence it came about
that He who came as the light

Hope & Peace of the world
organized by His Spirit the
first Christian Church,
giving to Her the Power to
testify to the praise of His Name.
Now that trust has failed
in the main is due to the fact
that the many have disobeyed
whilst the few have obeyed
the commands of the Lord
in respect to His Church, & so
with an ever widening influence
no nations have been caught

in the same net of disobedience
which was also presented to
our first parents in the query
hath God said: hence
having sown to the wind
we are nationally &
internationally reaping the
whirlwind.

Certainly Christ calls for peace,
& though we stop our ears, the
Spirit of the Lord Christ will
still call until the set
time when God shall judge
the nations by the Lord Jesus Christ.
I remain your sincere
Chas. Taylor

Rev. John Goldsbrough

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The Terrace,
South Milford,
Dorset.

Dear Sir

10/8/18

It has been in my mind for some time to thank you for the message of "The Herald" in these troublous times. May I congratulate you on the noble stand which you take, & thank you for your words of hope & inspiration in these dark days.

I have not very long been introduced to your paper; I am one of the numerous Radicals who have become disgusted with their party,

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I was therefore delighted to find
in your paper the viewpoint
I had altered to.

I presume "The Herald" is
not the official organ of the
Labour Party, otherwise there
are many Labour men in
this district disloyal to the
Party's policy. There is a
large Ry. goods junction
near here, & in conversation
with the men, I find the war
spirit, & the idea of fighting
until victory is achieved,
very strong. This is
rather disappointing.

You will have all the little
time to deal with letters

of this character, but I should
be interested to know in
what relation you stand to
the D. L. P., if you are a
part of it or not, as I
should like to join the party
which you represent.

Wishing the highest success
to your courageous message,

Believe me,

Yours very truly
Geo. Goldsbrough
Wesleyan Minister.

Private

30. Redclife Gardens. S. W.

Mrs. Geraldine Cammell

Aug. 11th 1918.

Dear Mr. Larsson,

(25)

It is with much hesitation I am writing this, knowing well that in your busy life unnecessary letters are no kindness. But this needs no answer, & comes only to try & convey to you my heartfelt sympathy, & earnest appreciation of yr. brave and beautiful teaching. The words of Christ you courageously proclaim, the Ministry of Reconciliation you have taken up, & the Divine seeds of Love & Peace you try to sow must be blessed. Someday they will come up & bear fruit, & help to stem the torrent of Hate wh. now seems all prevailing. Yr. Light does indeed shine before men - & you must be helping many more than you know. May God bless, & strengthen & sustain you, in all the perplexities & disappointments & difficulties you may encounter. Life is short, & it has been truly said "we never have too much time

for encouraging & gladdening the hearts
of those who are travelling the dark
journey with us" this is my apology
for writing.

"Helping together by Prayer"
seems all I can do - but I do
not forget -

Yrs Sincerely

Geraldine Samuel.



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127679 Spr J. A. Dadswell R. E.

C. Section

Newport Pagnell Bucks

August 11th '18

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Dear Mr. Lansbury

I could not pass by your article in the Herald on "Christ's call for peace" without writing to you expressing my appreciation of and thanks for the same. Embodying as it does my convictions and hopes both in regard to the war and also peace, it has been an encouragement and inspiration. The evils of militarism are so plainly exemplified in the soldiers life, that at times they overwhelm him and cause him to retaliate. A few weeks ago at Bedford the annoying attentions of the military police created such a feeling, that soldiers and civilians alike joined in what can only be described as a riot. Of course the cure applied by the military authorities took the form of increasing the severity of the so called discipline. I firmly believe, that even from the militarist point of view, the only way to obtain the necessary enthusiasm from those soldiers, who believe in war as an efficient remedy for war, is to relax discipline (so called) to the lowest point possible, having regard to efficient service and cease the government by fear which characterises our Army today.

Yours sincerely

John Dadswell

Coles Lane
Sutton Coldfield
Aug 11/18

To the Editor The Herald,

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Sir, I was very pleased indeed to see the article in this week's issue "Christ's Call for Peace". I am a regular ^{reader} of one or two frequent readers of other religious weeklies but alas fail to find in any of them anything to approach your article.

I note the letter in the Daily News from Rev J B Meyer in which he states he could not meet Enemy Christians till they show signs of repentance. Christ was upbraided for mixing with publicans & sinners ~~and~~ in due time died for his enemies.

How can we pretend to be
Christians (Christ's followers)
& refuse to follow in His steps.

It seems to me what we
need is to realize that Christ
came to found a Kingdom
(spiritual)

He told us to go into all
the world & preach the gospel
to every creature, & therefore
His Kingdom is International
& we ought to recognize &
fraternize with His subjects
in any nation.

If we will set Christ
our Heavenly King first,
as he taught us to do

pray for His help + guidance be ready
to follow Him wherever He directs us,
we shall find the way to a true
honourable peace,

were all who profess + call
themselves Christians to do this
militarism (Prussian + all other varieties)
would be for ever conquered

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God + His
Righteousness + all these things shall

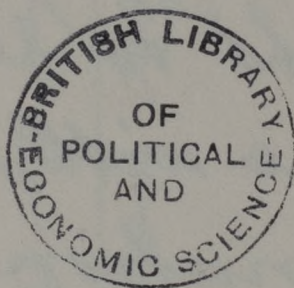
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be added unto you

Fraternally yours

"One of the Workers"

(Chas. G. Hemmings)
(for reference only)



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15, Keys St.

Cloughfold,

N.R. Manc.

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Aug. 11, 1918.

Dear Landbury,

I feel I must write you
to express my thanks for all your
utterances in the "Herald."
You seem to speak just the words I feel
in my own heart, & which, were the gift of
speech mine, I should be constrained to
speak forth & publish all the earth abroad.
Often do I find material for a Sunday
school lesson in your articles, for it is
the thing we shall have to teach,

if war is to be abolished.

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I'm sorry to find, & you will be well
aware, that current Sunday school &
Church publications have ceased to contain
anything approximating to the Christian ideal,
as taught by Christ.

Again Thanking You.

Yours Sincerely,

H. Hargreaves.

31) K. G. Hobday

141. East J. Dock Road
Poplar E 14

12th August 18

Dear Mr. Lansbury

I was so glad to get your note. "Yes" I really did feel somewhat despondent - first, because certain people are not treating you fair, and second - because the Mayor has evidently got into hot water with your friends. I know he is very fond of you, but his job is a difficult one

Whatever you say, or whatever you do, I am your friend, and always + I shall never forget your kindness to me in days gone by - I want to see you

back in the House, and I believe you can get there. - You will remember the letter that you sent around - well it was the talk of the Borough + everyone said it was real good - May I suggest you make this a special feature now - Print on thin Cardboard in bold type, and let every one in Bow + Bromley get a copy at the earliest opportunity - ask those who desire to get the workers to hang up where the elder children can read + learn. - If you cannot get a hearing at meetings, see that your good name is in the household.

Many thanks for kind wishes + here's love to you + Mr. Lansbury + family
Yours ever
K. G. Hobday

A. L. Pennell

Croydon

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13 Aug 1918

Dear Mr. Langtry.

Although with arrogance, perhaps, I cannot refrain from writing to tell you that it is a matter for heartfelt thankfulness that there are still in the world men who have the courage, in spite of the present day beliefs, to write as you did on "Christ's Call for Peace." One thanks God that the world is not yet lost while any man holds ^{to} the teaching of the Saviour. And yet, we despair to think that, far from convincing men of the true Christianity, your words will fall on stony ground, and be scoffed at by the world. But - we pray that some at least may hear the glorious message of love which the world, taught by corrupt Churches, has rejected and reversed. Therefore - may God bless your words is the prayer of the most unworthy of his children.

Don't stop now - keep on driving the message into the ears of people through your paper. Your reward will be - what? Derision, scoffing's, cutting words, maybe physical suffering, but go on - don't despair. Keep ever in your mind the day which will soon be when Christ will return to his people, to sweep away all the existing tyrannies, mockeries and blasphemies, and establish this reign of love and peace on earth.

A. L. Pennell.

Philip Burtt

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, % ENELSEZ, VIC, LONDON.

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3700 VICTORIA
4 LINES.

NATIONAL LIBERAL CLUB.

VICTORIA STREET, S.W.1.

72 Oxford St.
London W.1.
Augst 14. 1918

My dear Mr Lausbury,

In sending you a complete copy of our friend R. Roberts' Red Cap on the Cross for your acceptance, I should like to take the opportunity of saying how very greatly I appreciated your article in the Herald of last week - "Christ's Call for Peace". I do wish that a larger number of our public men would take their stand on the

[see letter from Rev. Richard Roberts of 2 June 1918 above]

same foundation - or at least that they would try to study the meaning and implication of Christ's teaching: for I am one who has long cherished the conviction - a conviction growing deeper as the years go by - that Christianity (or at least the Gospel of Christ) holds the key to the as yet unsolved problems of our social industrial & political life. Light is given us as we look for guidance, but how few look in the right-

direction or with a sincere desire to learn the truth, wherever it may lead.

I wish many more would speak out as fearlessly as you are doing.

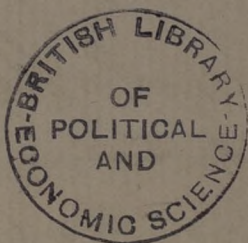
Yours very sincerely

Philip Bowth.

I wish Headleys could get out something ^{for} you - Labour & the Christian Message - or something of this kind. But this was not what I took up my pen for; and I fear I

(35) am trespassing, and you
are a busy man. But your
writing in the Herald is
refreshing.

M.S.



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DANIEL KIEFER
WILMINGTON, (ARDEN) DELAWARE

(1856-1923)

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August 16, 1918.

Mr. George Lansbury,
39 Bow Road,
London, E.3.

My dear Lansbury:-

I am immensely gratified with your letter of the 26th ulto. and confident that I do not read into the fore part of it any other meaning than you intended it to convey. I do wish I might have opportunities for heart to hearts with Walter Coates and yourself. As you know, I have never tolerated the thought of crossing the ocean. Now, with Henry there, I am filled with a desire to cross, and who can tell what the future may have in store for us in that direction?

After a silence of six weeks, we had six letters from Henry; then another silence of two weeks, and to-day two more letters. In the last he tells of being within three miles of the cataclysm itself. He is in the Engineers, and doing some of the work of a camoufleur and in various lines of construction. Whether that means that he will not be on the firing line we cannot know, nor what may have happened him since his letter was written. I have just written to him, conveyed your message to him and told him to take note of your address and to write you. I think you will hear from him.

Daniel, at Detroit, a yeoman in the Navy there, will be proud of your message to him. I will convey it to him. We shall go to Detroit about the middle of next month to be near him until he is sent away.

I am prompted by your example to be equally careful in what I write; therefore I shall have to leave unsaid the many things I would like to say to you.

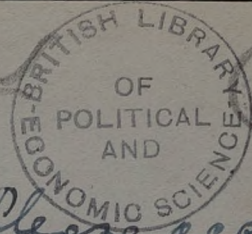
With love to Mrs. Lansbury and yourself from Mrs. Kiefer and myself,
I am Yours truly,

"That we should do unto others as we would have them do unto us—that we should respect the rights of others as scrupulously as we would have our rights respected—is not a mere counsel of perfection to individuals—but it is the law to which we must conform social institutions and national policy—if we would secure the blessings of abundance and peace".—HENRY GEORGE.

16. 8. 18

"A Tommy"

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Dear Mr Leachman.

Please accept

The sincere thanks of at least one
nervous soldier for the fight you
are putting up against the in-
tervention of Jingoism so much in
vogue at present. I arrived
from France in time for the
very much ^{1th} ~~1st~~ ^{2nd} ~~2nd~~ ^{3rd} ~~3rd~~ ^{4th} ~~4th~~ ^{5th} ~~5th~~. Surely God will require
boundless mercy to forgive
the trickery of the "kick-out
resolution". To get people to vote
for such a resolution under
the pretence "the war won't last
long now" is hideous mockery.
Your religious people swallowed
the pill with hymn + prayer,
the "picture goes with pictures

of marching Tammie; the music
hall took it with musical hon-
our. Personally I attended a
music hall where the subject
was brought forward by the
manager — nearly 40 — he
was followed by the Mayor
— about the same age. Both
of these persons said they were
convinced the end was near
& that we were in a pivot
clear position. To us who have
stood too long in the Helgote
such lies cannot be forgotten or
forgiven. Thousands of lad-lookers
to their people at home to see light
but once again they must turn
to their heart-breaking task. Thank
God Honour & Freedom do not depend
on man or upon any one people.
Sincerely yours. a Johnny

Cable

(38)

2 Grosvenor Terrace
Epping
Essex

Dear Comrade Lambury

A very short time

ago my Boy sent you a contribution to the funds. You may perhaps remember the occasion, he wrote me that he had had a very kindly letter from you. And now I have to send you what breaks my heart to write. On Saturday last we had the appalling news that our dear Dad had been killed. You can imagine the heart-breaking misery his mother and I are suffering. There was never a more thoughtful kindly son and this brother he was more than a daughter almost, in thought, deed, and word. I would not have troubled to inflict my misery upon you only having so recently been in communication with the had felt that you would be some what interested in a Comrade. What can we do Comrade, to bring this awful ghastly world's suicide to an end. The poor parents of the world are suffering diabolical cruelty for, who, and what!

Kindest greeting to you

Good love.

Yours fraternally
A. Cable

Mary Hughes

Ho Blackwall Blays

19 Sept 1918

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Dear Big = brother,

[See Lansbury, 1928, p. 21]

I heard that Mother-in-law the East Sister Scurr say, - even you were silent from buoying all around you up!
small wonder!

But dear Big leader the mouse can tell the lion that if he only knew! how "poor S.L. & GOD" are keeping a flood of ~~in~~ ^{believers} lies from drowning many a hidden truth!

S.L. would rejoice, & go on with that childlike expectancy & using GOD, even amid this madness of trust in short cuts & uncontrolled "Punching out" &

instead of the agonising restraint of thinking, & suffering to save.

"The Herald" too seems "just to give us an argument to stand steady, when 7 days living by faith has wellnigh taken our breath away. So, how many this is a fact, - How many pray "GOD bless & give S.L. ^{continued} vision".

MIND (unless you ever feel such as I useless)

THE CAUSE is mine, as much as yours,

& SEND me a line if your election cash is in a fix. M. Hughes is worse than nothing. But M.H. knows "someone" who would very likely send S.L. the cash. Perfectly M. Hughes

MIND & do this - sure a penny for "family gone" no more. If you gettable we are none the worse! etc.

Rev. Wm. Marshall Teape

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28 Sept.

SOUTH HYLTON VICARAGE

Railway } Hylton.

Station }

(Vicarage: 7 min. walk from Station)

S. Michael & all angels' Eve, 1918

Dear Mr Lansbury,

Perhaps I may bring
myself to your recollection ^{by saying} that I sent
you some time ago the enclosed to which
you have not yet replied!

I forgive you. I too ~~am~~ a busy man!
& I too know the difficulties that beset
all who are working out the peace question
or trying to do so!

My object in writing now is to express
my happiness that you should be coming

(3)

Now, might we meet?

I am due at Newcastle at 3.15 on Friday afternoon, 4. Oct., at the Church Institute, Wood Street, for a Committee Meeting of the Renewing of Catholicism Movement (Sec. Rev. A.J.S. ~~Rev.~~ Burton, Newbrough, Fourstones-on-Type) which I have hailed with much confidence & do what I can to forward. The meeting should be over about 5. I am free then till my evening train for this place. Where & when - tea at 5? - might we meet?

Oz would you come here? I am a bachelor. My good housekeeper would make you comfortable. Would you come & spend the ^{6. Oct.} Sunday here? Or come on Monday ^{7. Oct.} to a meal? Only say when.

Oz I might catch you up somewhere. Very happily I am free the early days of ~~that~~ that week after the Sunday.

I should be glad of an early reply.

I am
Yours in our good
cause,
Wm. Teape [Vicar of South
Hylton]

(2)

To these northern parts. I take much interest - especially since last spring twelvemonth - in The Labour Party: & Mr Alderman R. Richardson already known to me as officially taking part as I do in the ~~management~~ management of the County School of this Parish, who is prospective candidate for the Party in this Houghton-le-Spring division happened in conversation when he came to see me here last Thursday to mention that you were coming to address a meeting in Newcastle next Saturday ^{5. Oct.}. He kindly promised to get me a ticket: but the announcement had come this morning of an important meeting of the Diocesan Conference at Durham that morning & afternoon, so I am unable to come & thus, as I had hoped, to possibly meet you.

XXVIII/IX/XXVIII

32^a Winchester Road

~~23~~ Hampstead

N.W. 3

Eric Verney

28 Sept. 1918

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Dear Comrade

I feel it my duty to write and thank you for your moral and spiritual support, in my fight for what I am convinced is the right ideal. Although the fact that my appeal was dismissed by the tribunal

proceedings, I am confident ~~is~~ that by seeing things through to "the bitter end", I am doing my 'little bit' in the Great Fight.

I cannot over emphasize my gratitude for the support which you and Gerald Gould gave me, thanks to Mr Robinson-Smith's introduction.

Again, my thanks and gratitude

Eric Verney

Gerald Gould
(1885-1936) **THE HERALD**

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The National Labour Weekly

~~21 Tudor Street~~

2 Gough Square

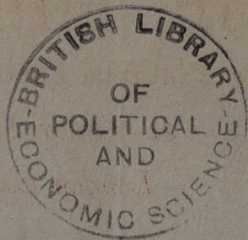
Every Saturday
One Penny

London E.C.4

Telephone
Central 5991

October 10. 1918

Dear George
Just a line to wish you a
good holiday and good weather.
The paper is well ahead,
and everything is going
smoothly. I hope the Editor
will be pleased when he sees
the result! — I remembered after
you left that you had given
two different sets of instructions
about the industrial position
— you wanted a leader on it,
and also notes: but the leader
page is so congested anyway
that I am making the industrial
thing — J. H. Thomas etc. — a long
first note like last week. That
line is quite a much prominence
as a leader — and the leader



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had to be on (a) the peace
 position (b) the Liberal Party and the
 new Northcliffe Election campaign
 — Debt will have to be modified:
 otherwise everything is simple. — Don't
 whatever you do, worry about
 my particular trouble. I had to
 tell you about it, because it wouldn't
 have been fair to leave you
 in the dark — but I am long
 poor the stage as which
 used to be into a "dither"
 about these things. I don't worry
 in the least myself, I
 do hope you won't. I should like
 to think of you forgetting all
 worries and just enjoying a rest.
 Love
 Oswald

Mrs. G. L. to

(44)

Mrs. W. C. Sewall Melville (parent)

11/10/18

Montrose

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My Dear Alice

Just to let you know
I am really in Scotland
and enjoying a very good
time with George at his
meeting. we had a very
good one in Montrose,
another in Brechin. Another
in Arbroath, and tomorrow
I go to another in ^{Perth} Perth.
From there we go to Glasgow
after to Edinburgh and on
to Winsthorpe (for about
ten days rest) in Yorkshire
with our friends who

were so good to George, when
he was taken ill in Middlesex
during the election when I was
was 10 months old. No doubt
you will remember the time.

I feel we have both earned
the rest we hope to have during
the next week, I was so glad
to hear from Mout: you have
been away, it does one good
to get right away from
work for awhile, it helps
so much during the long
months, I was saying to
today, how fine it would be
if we could everyone enjoy a
real good peaceful Xmas
I mean Soldeer too, the end
of was at that time.

Mrs. G. L. to Mrs. W. C. Sewell

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1 Oct. 1918

If the Men at the Top would
only realize what it would
mean to millions of people.
No doubt, Aunt has told you
Eric is away at school in
Yorkshire he seems to like
it, we have letters almost
every day, in which he asks
for everyone to write to him
I think he is a little home-
sick, he is very anxious that
we go to see him soon, but
we are so afraid of unsettling
him, as he has only been there
three weeks, but his Dad
has promised him in November
we will not be far from him
when at Nunthorpe, but feel
it's too soon, so must be
ever quiet about our visit

There, his first holiday will
be at home. I saw Mother just
before I came away, she looks very
well, and seemed fairly cheerful.
Annie is 'Home and Back at School
Much thinner, but much better.
Enclosed is a piece of real Scotch
kneather with our love, hoping
you and Wain are still quite
well, and not working too hard.
Please give my love to Susie
and friends. I shall be glad to
hear from you, I think Eric
would be pleased to have a letter
from Wain if he is not too busy.
Annie is at home while I am.
Of course Eric being away has
made it easier for me to get away.
With much love and
best of good wishes to you
both as ever your
Sincere Friend Bessie

with letter 16. 10. 1918
to Mrs. W. C. Sewell
from Mrs. G. L.

If you write our address will
be after Thursday

C/- Mrs Coates Hanson

Red Cottage

Nunthorpe

Yorkshire

after we
left then
I went to Newcastle
on the Saturday
without me

for a night

Crawford Thomson



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5, Bridge St.,
Montrose, N.B.

12/10/18

Dear Comrade,

I very much regret that I did not have the opportunity of saying 'good bye' to you and Mr Lansbury when you left Montrose. I hope that you are none the worse, but rather, have much benefited, despite the strenuous time you put in, by your stay among us. I feel that we cannot express our thanks to you adequately in mere words for the uplift you have given us, and "the cause," in the North, but believe me, ~~that~~ we shall always remember you with gratitude and affection, and George Lansbury will be to us, in the future, very much more than a mere name.

To come down to more mundane but very necessary affairs. I enclose herewith the sum of £6/6 to cover your travelling expenses. I shall be glad

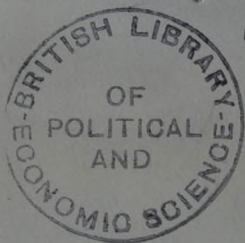
if you will let me know if this sum is sufficient for the purpose, or, if you had any other expenditure which we ought to meet in connection with your visit.

I am writing Mr Harford in connection with certain matters affecting 'the Herald'. It is going to be a power for good in this district I'm sure.

You would have enjoyed a game at the "gowff" today, it has been lovely sunshine and fine bracing atmosphere. Just let, on that you can smell it in London.

There is a great feeling of joy today among the people at the thought of peace being near, they feel elated, I think not so much at the collapse of Germany, but just simply that it means ^{peace and} ~~an~~ end of the horror and suffering - and, that we'll get the 'boys' home again.

Kindest Regards to Mrs Lansbury and yourself. Yours very sincerely
Crawford Thomson



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Marion Coates Hansen (48)

Red Cottage,
Nunthorpe, S.O.
Yorkshire.Oct 31st 1918

Dear George & Mervie

We are ever so delighted to receive the two books from you and send you sincerest thanks. It is good of you to remember us.

We didn't manage to have a word with either of you again in London.

The Caxton Hall crowd "frightened" me on ^{the} Tuesday evening - every body looked so "jammed up" on the floor of the hall - and as we had secured standing room near a door in the gallery where a breath of

God's fresh air blew ⁱⁿ (49) upon us from time to time, I dare not lose my "point of view vantage". However your big boy Edgar kept us company with his charming wife, and your pretty daughter Nellie. So your family did support us - even if you were not by our side.

Atmosphere excepted - we did enjoy the concert.

Why on earth all reformers persist in surrounding themselves with the vilest smokiest atmosphere possible - while at the same time they demand that their opponents should "clear the air" beats me to understand.

We went to the "Women's Wages" discussion at the

Falmer Society Hall and
were nearly poisoned there
again whilst reformers
stalked about the room
polluting an already dank
frightful air, and speakers
were propounding the sins
of employers who made
such conditions that health
amongst employees was
next to impossible!

How wise was Bobbie
Burns with his "Wad
that God some giftie
gie us - to see ourselves etc."

Shall we all stop
reforming and just begin
to live clean nice sweet and
simple lives! Dont you both
get tired of the superiority
of superior people - labour
as well as capitalists!

We have not yet heard from
your young 'mine sweeper'
friend in Shields - as we
presume that he has had
no hours off, long enough
to justify a run up to
Crumthorpe. We have not
yet found time to run up
to York. When we do go
we shall not forget to see
Eric. Tell him to write me
a letter some time and let
me know about all the
things he is studying.

This week end Mr & Mrs
Robertson are to stay with
us. They will come tomorrow
and remain until Tuesday
I expect. Mr Robertson is
having a horrible time. His
article on "Unconditional Surrender"
appears to have horrified some
of the directors. Yet it was as sane
as possible - a very clear

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Marion Coates Hanson

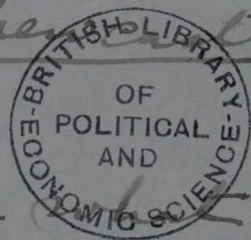
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Capable and just balancing
up of sides." He could not do
less and remain honest to
his convictions - and to do
more would have been ~~using~~
using his position for private
expressions as to speak.

I am very sorry for them.

Did you notice that Sir
Thomas Hugh Bell has been
speaking for the new the
S.L.P.!!

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Dear - dear -
company we are all beginning
to keep! The Lion will
certainly shortly be cooing
with the Dove, and we
shall be compelled to reverse
the little child's poem about
"Dogs delighting to bark and
bite." Perhaps our North

Country is samer than your
South Country. We dont
get snared into London
pitfalls and keep our
critical faculties well to
the front. Anyhow our
Northern Press can count
a few decent scores against
such as the Daily Mail.

One dare not discuss 'Peace'
yet. One scarcely dare breathe
I had a horrible dream a
couple of weeks ago. To put it
shortly it was this: - I saw
after much disturbance an
aeroplane floating slowly
in the sky and suddenly down
from it was suspended a long
black flag. I cried to Friedrich
"What is that - oh what is that!"
and I heard him reply "Heavens!"
It is the Allies reply to Germany."
I felt full of horror and after further
confused disturbances not necessary to
relate I awoke. The wretched dream has
so perturbed me that ~~the~~ I leave all problems
alone and wait until facts are before us. Some greetings

TELEPHONE
East 3247

39 Bow Road
London
E.3

Mrs. G. Lansbury
to Mrs. W.C. Sewell

I feel I want to see you now

at court I don't want to go without my glasses and I don't want to see them

(51)

[?c. Nov. 1918]

My Dear Alice

I am so sorry I was out when you called. You will be sorry to hear my sister Annie is in Bed with Neuritis on the Sciatic nerve. She has been in bed a month, and Dr says she must not sit up but lie until it's gone, and he thinks it will be some time. Mother is more cheerful, but helpless although she can use her hands better. You will think we are a queer bunch, for I am as lame as I possibly can be without going

up, and to crown it yesterday
upset a saucerful of boiling water
over my wrist and ankle, I managed
to hold on like gum deers, or it
would have been much worse, I
intended popping in on you for an hour
or two, but will have to wait a little
longer. I hope you are quite well
and not killing yourself with work
like I'm told I am. I have written to
try and get a maid, but it seems
to me they all like Mamma's work-
best. I was going to ask you to come
tomorrow, but I remember this will
be a bad week, every one seems to be
expecting things when the moon arrives:
is that the reason you said you would
come the week after with much love

To you all
Yours as ever Bessie

Mrs. G. Lansbury

(52)

to Mrs. W. C.
Sewell

39 Bow Road

Eng. 14/11/18

My Dear Alice

Since seeing you we
have had a sick House
Viola, and Edgar having
the flu, having to call
Doctor in to both, and
before Viola was quite
through although he said
she could go into garden
for a little, I collapsed
being in Bed when
Armistice was signed
The Maroon gave
me a fright because

I had not heard them before
my heart thumped like a
steam engine thinking it
was a final air-raid.
I was too ill to care much
I am feeling better today
but shaky, not like
doing much work.

I do hope you are all
quite well and your
friend next door is quite
well again. In looking
over last years letter
that we had gathered
while we were away from
home I came across
enclosed. I am so sorry
we omitted to send it back

Mrs. G. Lansbury #

14 Nov. 1918

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I did not of course go to see Eric after all, but Dad brings back a very good report of him, and he likes his school very much. He has gained 9 lb in weight during Sep. and November, chest measurement when he arrived at school 26 in. Now he is $31\frac{1}{2}$ height 5 ft $2\frac{1}{2}$, so he is getting on in that direction he is rapidly influencing boys toward the Herald and they ask him for it, they, some of them he says, thought it was a very different paper. The Master too, read it

I think he is feeling quite proud
of himself. Daisy and Ray
are still here and waiting
for settlement of a flat
before they can get fixed
up, which will be very
~~soon~~ now, I am afraid
I will not be able to get
over to you next-week
but will all be well.

Tuesday of the next -
There is to be another big
meeting at Albert Hall
tonight. I am disappointed
I cannot go. But we
are to have another, I
think the following week.
when I hope to attend

Mrs. G. Lansbury

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14 Nov. 1918

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any one would think the fighting had not ceased, the manner in which I have been rambling on, not even mentioning it.

How glad you will be to have Bert back again and his wife too. The rejoicing there will be for thousands of homes but Oh, the poor ~~things~~ women who have lost them all, it is terrible to think of. The people around here have been very excited and noisy singing and shouting, many expect their husbands & friends home at once.

I am afraid they will be
disappointed, it will
take some time to get
things straightened out
again however we must
go on hoping and trusting
for the best. George is
not very well but everything
is so strenuous now.

We both send you our
Love and Best of good
wishes to you all.

Trusting you will keep
quite well and fit.

As ever yours
Very sincerely
Bessie.

"British wife" of
internee

5/1/18.

(55)

Dear Mr Lansbury.

I have just read your article in this week's Herald "Let the Captives Free", & thank the Almighty, we have a man for justice. Why don't they let the civilian prisoners free? what harm have they done except being unfortunate enough to be born in an enemy country, most have given their country of adoption, their sons to fight for Britain. I only hope & pray

You succeed in getting
these men free.

Again thanking you
for being a man &
speaking up for right.

Your great admirer,
A British wife of an
interned prisoner.



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Wait Chester Sewell

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26th November 1918

36 Kings Road
LEYTONSTONE. E.11. S

Dear George

I have just had an echo of your famous coup on Saturday at the Albert Hall. A traveller of mine is in the Air Service somewhere near Rochester building ships for Americans so I understand and he says "We have also not been allowed out here as we have been under orders to proceed to London at a moment's notice because of the strike at the Albert Hall; they were going to send us to make Electricity if they put the place in darkness as stated, but I think it is alright now".

It looks a tremendous climb down for the Authorities to have the men ready to counter your move and then to think better of it.

Do not bother to reply to this. I shall see anything you have to say in the Herald.

With best wishes for the Paper your Candidature and yourself

Yours sincerely

[? end Nov. 1918]

My dear Wait

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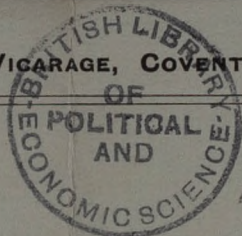
Here are 2 tickets

for Mulling you know
the way don't look out
for you hope you will enjoy
it. I shall write back as
soon as I get a minute it is
a great story. Love to you
both
Gore.

G. L. G.
W. C. Sewell

undelivered
Return to
DAILY HERALD
21, Tudor St.,
E.C.

Dec 23rd 18



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My dear Gasby.

Every good night to you & yours this

and tide—

I have meaning to write to you ever since the last Dec.

I was hardly & upwards of 75 years. In my opinion, perhaps

ordering it myself in manifesto — & I spoke unadvisedly

with my lips. I never thought or it had actually gone at

of my head that you had written it. I could have better

my tongue when I noticed that my impulses & ideas were
had not yet. You will believe me that nothing was further
from my thoughts than to ~~suggest~~ ^{say things} that would give you
pain — So now that's off my mind —

Our Bishop is overjoyed — He has now asked me to come
to his next Diocesan Conference & more to appointment of a
Study Committee to work on report on Industrial Questions —

He has also told me to push it ahead. In some of days —
if it can be done here. It has started in heats of the day —
The way to meet: before the sun is in the sky order!
— — — — — T.C.D. Widdington.

Mrs G. Lamsbury of Bow Bel 9

Dear Alice

[Mrs. W. C. Sewell]

5/12/18

(61)

Arms' Violet

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Came down today for first
time are getting better slowly.
I am very easy myself and
have been all the time, I say
I ought to be in Bed, my
cough is so troublesome apart
from feeling generally ill in
so unfortunate just now
in two weeks Eve and
children will be here, I
do hope we shall be all
clear before they arrive.
Dad is lying worked to death
without our worries. I do
hope you are feeling
better. Don't come

I should not like you to
take leave, this is Violet's
2nd attack Annie had Bro
F, will tell all news
when I see you.

Hope your Nephew
is quite well! Now
our Doctor is run
off his legs for
influenza cases.

Not a very cheery scrawl
but still hope for better
days, My Love to all
in which George will join
affectionately yours
Bessie

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE

POST CARD

R. Gane

29.12.18 (63)

20 Wyke Rd

Bow London

E. 3

Dear Lansbury

I thank you for your great fight on behalf of the cause of Humanity: in Bow and Bromley: you were beaten by Lies of the most foul kind, and the apathy of the very people you done your best to get the vote for

I looked for the support of the women at the Election: what is the trouble with them why did they not help you if you had half the support from them at this Election, that you had at the last Bye Election, we should have been able to counteract the lies of the enemy and have put you at the

top of the Poll (R. Game) 29 Dec. 1918 (64)
What I said would happen has happened.
Lloyd George has snatched a Victory
Election: without giving The fighters a
chance of Voting for or against his
policy: personally I am not sorry, for
you can do more good outside the den
of Thieves than inside: I see that ^{the} your
Labour party have not been destroyed,
as Lloyd George and his party wished,
instead of 38. They go back 75 strong.
Well good luck to the 7.248 people
who voted for not Mr Lansbury but the
Ideals he wishes to bring into being
hoping you will fight for us again in
Bow and Bromley: I remain yours

fraternally

A Happy New Year to R Game
Mr Lansbury and yourself and may
you live long to fight for the
good of Humanity

H. J. Gillespie

3 Coburg Mansions (65)
Bromwich Sydney.

29. 12. 18.

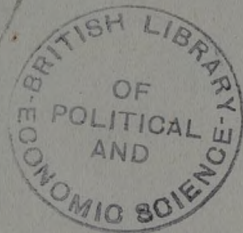
Dear Lansbury

May I express to you my
very deep regret that you were
not returned to Parliament yesterday.
The whole result of the election
is a terrible commentary upon
our political intelligence as a
nation and upon the power of hate,
ignorance and prejudice in the
country but that Bow & Bromley
should not have elected you is
perhaps the worst example of the
power of the "Dark Forces".

Fortunately the future of the country
does not lie altogether at the mercy
of the men who sit at Westminster
and at least your work can
never be wasted.

Yours

~~W. D. Easton~~



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Charles George Ammon
(1st Baron Ammon)

121 Abbot Road (66)
Barnonsey, P.E. 1
Dec. 30. 1918

Dear George,

Sorry you did not get elected.
more than I can for myself.

I write now, however, to thank you
for so generously putting me in the
way of clearing off the debt on my election
exp. Words fail but you understand.

Best wishes for the New Year. We're
a goodly company to carry on the
necessary propaganda in the
country.

Yours sincerely
Chas. G. Ammon

Norman Parker

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Tulip Place,

NEW CHURCH ST., S.E.16.

30th. December 1918.

George Lansbury Esq.

39, Bow Road,

London, E. 3.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Although unknown to you, I send to you my greetings over your splendid fight for LABOUR and Liberty. However, I know you will not be discouraged by the result of this "Muzzled" Election and I trust that you will inspire your followers to work still harder; to battle more fiercely; to shout still louder and with re-newed vigour, give to us all the leadership and inspiration to CARRY ON !

Knowing that you will "Get in" at the real General Election, and in the meantime - rather, for all time - assuring you of my true support for the truth columns of the "Herald" and for LABOUR,

I am,

Very faithfully yours,

Norman Parker

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12, WETHERBY PLACE,
S.W.7.

WESTERN 1441.

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Dear Mr. Leasbury

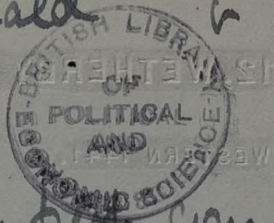
I hope you will forgive me, an entire
stranger to you, ~~from~~ writing; but I
felt I must convey in some way
my grateful thanks for your most
encouraging & helpful words in
St. George's Church yesterday afternoon.
I saw in "The Challenge" that you
were giving an address there; & I
went - because of the help & inspiration
I had already received from some

of your recent writings in "The Weekly
Herald" & I am thankful I did

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PLACE

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go, for your address

gave me just what I want & a fresh desire
to go on trying, in spite of all difficulties,
to do my most-small & insignificant part
towards helping on the day when "The Kingdom
of this world shall become the Kingdom of our
God & of His Christ" —

If only it were possible for all classes to
get really to know one another personally,
it would be so much easier!

Misunderstandings would be fewer,
one seldom dislikes people once one
really knows them: it is what we
think we know about them that leads

to all the hatred I believe. -

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Anyway if a few
more people would

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12, WETHERBY PLACE,

S.W.7.

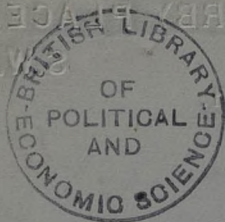
WESTERN 1441.

Speak as you spoke yesterday, & the rest
would allow the love of God to
radiate out from them to all
their fellow men, I suppose we
should no longer have to pray

"Thy Kingdom come on Earth"

I am no longer a young woman,
& there is little I can do; but it
does give one heart to hear
such words as we heard yesterday
from you. May I just add

as I am writing, how very sorry
I am that you were beaten at
the election -



I need hardly say that this letter needs
no acknowledgment - I should not
have troubled so busy a man
as you are, but I felt I must
just say how helpful your
address had been to me —

Yr truly
Elizabeth (Mrs?)

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LONDON, E. 14, 31st December 1918

Rev. G. F. DEMPSTER,

Missionary Superintendent
(Port of London)

Sec.:

'International Sailors' Brotherhood.'

Geo. Lansbury Esq.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

It is usual to congratulate the victor, but I want to congratulate you because of the things for which you stand and for the excellent result achieved. Under all the circumstances to have come within 900 is a real achievement, and I warmly congratulate you and send you my personal greetings.

With kindest regards,

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Geo. F. Dempster