

Constance L. W. O'Sullivan

41 Danbury Rd

(301)

Oxford -

June 26 -

1912

Dear Sir.

May I thank you profoundly
for your courage in speaking
the truth so bravely in the
house - I have never joined in
the active militancy of
my society - But it is not
pure cowardice but that I
have a near claim in my
young orphan boy and
cannot give relations any
reason to separate us -
It is partly for his sake that

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I have so deep a conviction of the
necessity of giving women the
legal & social status that only
the franchise can give - I
have been much at home -
and still more abroad in
the Far East - as the wife of
a civilian of the residence
consequences of the double
standard - And at home
no thinking person needs to
be reminded that it - rather
than the faults of human
nature in either men or women
is at the bottom of much
of the misery Anti-Suffragists

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try to alleviate my patronizing
social work - I see it here where
employment is irregular and
whole families are left to get
on as best they can on the
earnings of married women -
While the special conditions of
Oxford which entail the ignoring
of certain existing evils as
existing at all appeal to
thoughtful women as a dreadful
humiliation to the whole
Ire. - I am an Irish woman by
birth and ^{was} a Tory - But my
eight years life in England
since life became somewhat
of a struggle for me too

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has - apart from the sheer urgency
importance to me as a citizen -
driven me to see that the only
cure for social unrest - is to
allow the classes who suffer
at the hands of a privileged
minority to have free speech
to voice their needs - That
applies merely to us too - I
want - adult - suffrage even
if until opinion among us was
educated age limitations
were imposed - The mothers
of the working classes have
no much time for politics -
But their being so is
a qualification in itself

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because daily life brings them

- face to face with the questions most pressing in domestic politics. And it is unfair to women as to men to treat property as the one thing that gives a claim to consideration - that means in plain English that those who have must be allowed means to keep it inviolable?
- I write - but I voice many women here when I express my gratitude to you for publishing means enough to tell your leader that his efforts to frighten us into passivity in this matter is cowardly and wasteful of time

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Inquisition in the middle ages rather than to be accepted as the answer which gives - of a Democratic State to the women citizens - who do their fair share in the nation's peaceful work - The State is not an abstract - It is men and women who dispute authority to a body of representatives for the common good - not to enable this faction or that to profit by place and power - with my deep appreciation of your persistence and chivalrous courage - yr obedient servant -

W S P M.

Estimate L W Sullivan.

Private

Wrescham (307)

Albany Paddon June 20 1912

Dear Sir.

I wish to thank
you for what you
said and did in
Parliament, yesterday,
respecting the treatment
of the Suffragettes =

I regard their treatment
as not only absolutely
un-English & un-Christian,
but brutal in the extreme

and a lasting disgrace
to the manhood and
womanhood of our Race.
Had the Cabinet their
desert, they would not
only be hounded out
of all respectable Society,
but treated with absolute
contempt =

My blood boils when I
think of women of our
Race, being treated as
these women are, through

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the callousness of about as
base a set of office seekers
& office stickers, as ever
disgraced a civilized
community.

I again thank you for
what you did, & for the
stand you took to preserve
these women of our Race
from the brutalities which
hitherto they have been
compelled to endure.

I am Dear Sir

Yours faithfully
Albany Padon

—Lausbury Esq M.P.

If you have any Sheffield agent who would care
to see the I am one of the first ladies of the
city - of the best
old family
here.

L. St. Barbours (Mrs.)
5 Terrace
Sheffield
June 2nd 1912
Let me congratulate
you on your 'Moral Courage'
in the House. Let my mother
name of Key - the
Preston Barret is
my cousin

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Do not feel humiliated,
that you are suspended
by such a useless set
puppets & hunches!
Who are as you say a
disgrace to the Country &
ought to be ashamed of
their inhumanity.

What can you expect
from a Prince's Minister
who comes into office
with the "Dancer of
Salome" & meets the
King! (Maud Allen)
at ~~Dorset Street~~
"Such Infamy -"

I am lady who has
visited at the houses
of some great former
men of office - where
I have met Smart sets
& Deeds of Infamy -
Flaring Adultery - &
the ruin of innocent
girls for sport!

Gambling & vice of many
kinds, & all they think of
is "Having a good time"

They have done their
worst & now England
is "out of gear" &
touch - into all that is
good & noble -!

I am a Mother of sons,
whom I brought up to be
loyal subjects, but we
have suffered such
cruel injustices from
the bad Government,
that my honest sons
stand aghast & say,
"Death would be better

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than this! the honest principles
you taught us are useless.

England is going down &
down - & I feel nothing
can save this God-sent
Country.

I enclose you a speech
which is founded on fact,
& which you can place
before the Parliament.
And you will become



"The Man of the day" M449
Esteemed by all -

Believe me yours faithfully
J. J. Parkyn, a direct descendant
& adopted the Great

Mrs. D. J. Parbury
26 June 1912

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My daughter led the
procession of 60,000
women - as Queen
Bodicia. Last year,
+ is a charming & beautiful
personality. + a
talented author -

[Daughter is Florence Parbury, author
of The Emerald set with pearls]

Speech to the Parliament

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by a Direct descendant of Alfred the Great
who holds authentic records from 800

To
Mr George Lansbury M.P. for Bow & Bromley
(with letter L. J. Parbury of 26 June 1912)

I wish to draw the attention of this
Parliament to the living fact that
defenceless women in this country
are at the present time done down
in the business world even before
they begin - & they have no redress
or tribunal.

I have in my mind a lady who
has appealed to me - with her family
& establish in life. & she reports how
she has been plundered & defrauded
by an unscrupulous accountant,
aided by an unscrupulous lawyer,
and though she has reported her
sad case - both to the Chartered
Accountants Society - & to the Master

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of the Rules. Both these Dignities say
They cannot investigate this fraud
which has ruined her honourable
family, as they have a Law to
Protect their Members; & that she
must try to obtain justice by a Law
suit. Now as her money is plundered
& lost by these scoundrels, it is
impossible for her to begin a Law suit
& being an honourable lady.
She is no match for either the perjury
or disrespect for women of the Law
Courts.

So that this "Edged in" legal
fraudage is now the order of the
day, & the Jews may well say
"our laws are so bad that scoundrels
can do anything."
Professional Stigmata is merely
honour amongst thieves —

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& hundreds of defenceless women
the widow & fatherless are being
plundered, & they have no tribunal.
It is for the final up lifting of the
Manhood of this Country that these
poor women fight.

This lady has reported her case
to the Home Secretary, only to
receive an evasive reply.

There must be some Hall of Audience,
& Royal Commission - to protect
defenceless women - as in ancient
India. The widow & fatherless were
the Special Care of the King!

In Austria to day there is a Hall of
Audience to check legal frauds
& unscrupulous accountancy.
& it is attended by the Emperor himself.

Palmyra 26 June 1812

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In Greece today, a Man who
defaunds a woman. his punishment
is doubled!

We all know how proverbially manly
& Considerate the Punishment is
for defenceless women. & of his
Admiration for the Sere - including
(Salome) dancers -

But England has not been built by
Salome dancers. It is for the
Mothers of men I now plead. the
women whose ancestors have
been the back bone of this Empire.
We owe them respect & consideration,
I ask that defenceless women shall
be protected from the legal bondage
of a Corrupt Civilization -
and that by Law & Accountability of
which His Majesty is Patron. Women

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for the sake of the future generations
shall have protection.

I warn England today of the old
Judean proverb.

{ That house or nation where women
are driven to curse - will
perish as if by magic!

This country will become unbalanced
without the unity of the women,
and their cause is just, for they
have no tribunal! but to be plundered
& insulted by Man Made Law,

I know of criminal intimidations upon
 defenceless women - because the

Law of this country is that,
Frith's libel, Labouchere spent 40,000
in trying to speak the truth. &

W. J. Stead went to prison for speaking
the truth. for the Woman's Cause

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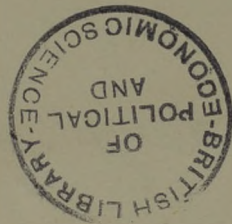
Revelation's 12th Chapter prophesies
the persecution of the woman & her
seed - who keep the Commandment
of God. & the Power of the Great
Dragon is upon men to persecute
the woman & her seed.

I ask you all to read Revelation's
12th Chapter. & you will then
realize the power of Satan
upon Earth.

Kindly read when you have time!

"See her notes"

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FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE, MAY, 1911.

In Hoc Signo Vincas!

DEDICATED TO MRS. L. J. PARBURY.

a descendant of

[with letter of 26 June 1912]

Alfred the Great

Hushed is the noise of battle, silent the voice of strife,
For the songs of Peace are swelling high o'er the tumult of human life;
And we pause in our restless clamour, and we listen, and hope, and long
For that stately distant music—a people's triumph song.

See how they gather homewards! They gather from far and near
To the wind-swept northern Island—the land that is ever dear—
Bringing their tale of triumph, marching in pride and power,
But laying their hearts at their mother's feet for one happy golden hour!

Mother of mighty children, held fast by the links of love,
Broad Seas may roll between us, but blue skies smile above!
Mother of mighty Empires! mother of kings to be!
You shall rule them all by the word of love from the wind-swept northern sea!

Sons of a stately mother, knowing no fear nor shame,
Proud in the strength of your manhood and the crown of an honoured name!
Pause on your road of glory, and listen with hope and fear,
To the words of the mother who bore you—the mother who holds you dear!

"I have ruled by right and justice, and, wherever my flag may fly,
It speaks of truth and freedom as it spreads to the sheltering sky!
I have fought for right and justice, I have banished fear and dread!
And I call on my sons to witness—by the roll of the mighty dead!

Glorious and vast, before you spreads the Future, broad and fair,
And wherever my eyes may wander, I see my children there!
So I give you for token and watchword in the years that shall come and go—
Hold fast to the Truth I taught you, to the Justice that ye know!

And, dim in the far-off distance, majestic visions rise
Of a glory great and boundless, too bright for my wondering eyes;
For the days of strife are over, and the cries and the tumult cease,
And the honour of my sons is crowned with the triple crown of Peace!

Peace over all the Empires! peace in a people's heart,
Peace that no storms can sever, no strife, or stir can part!
The broadening path of glory sweeps onward bright and free—
As sweeps the path of the setting sun across my Western Sea!

Back to the way of Honour! back to the work of Life!
Back to the road of Glory! back to the toil and strife!
Back to the front of the battle! the stormy seas my part,
But your place is kept for ever in the home of your Mother's heart!

M. L. NOTT.

1191 CAM ... ^{his son}
The dying words of Alfred the Great were
"Ever defend the widow & fatherless
& the defenceless & the oppressed".



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John Henry Patterson
Telegrams.
Mameluke, London.
(1867-1944)

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CAVALRY CLUB,

127, PICCADILLY, W.

26th June 1912

George Lansbury Esq M.P.

Dear Sir,

just a line to
say "Well done" for
the splendid stand
you made in the
"House" yesterday.

The Press of
both parties are

making a cowardly
attack on you for
the noble ~~part~~ ^{protest} you
have made against
the abominable
tortures now being
inflicted on innocent
women by a 20

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called Secret Govt.
I feel certain
that you have the
approbation and
sincere admiration
of millions of your
countrymen for the
honourable stand
you have made
against tyranny.
Believe me
Yours very truly
J. Patterson

W. H. Perry

321 20
Pendennis Castle Barracks
Falmouth

June 26/12

My dear Comrade.

I am pleased. Very pleased indeed to congratulate you on your magnificent outspoken and fearless speech in the house on Tuesday. Please do not think that I am one of those Red rag socialists who - in Season and out of Season advocate on the floor of the House a militant blacking attitude. But there are times when every respecting man boils over with indignation at the way Asquith & his crowd deal with matters vitally affecting the welfare of the people. We have not forgotten Teatherstone, and later Lancelz, and the sooner we can awaken the people to the dastardly methods of government, and the methods of redress that lays in their own hands - so soon will their social salvation be achieved.

The whole system as you know is rotting away the very lifeblood of the people. Here in the Army you are bound up with so much red Tape that you dare not call your own body your own. In fact it is not your own. & they feed able bodied men on less than 9 pence per day. You can imagine what the food & conditions of life are.

Again Dear Comrade, my hand is yours. You are a man, & have done a man's work & justified your existence.

Yours for the Revolution
W. H. Perry

Gertrude von Petzold

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FAIRFIELD,
FLINT GREEN ROAD,
ACOCKS GREEN.

B'ham

June 26^y/₁₂

Dear Sir

Let me thank you
as a professional man
for every word you addressed
to the Prime Minister with
me yesterday. If only there

FAIRFIELD,
FLINT GREEN ROAD,
ACOCK'S GREEN.

Were a few more true men
in that hour the outrage
of forcible feeding would
be stopped this minute.

But your protest will
long be remembered by all
women who care for justice
and mercy - of that you
may rest assured.

Believe me

Yours very truly
Gertrude von Tezold,

(324)
12, Red Lion Street, Holborn,

London, W.C. June 26 1912

M^r Lansbury

Dr. to C. T. PRICE,
NEWSPAPER AGENT & STATIONER .

DISCOUNT BOOKSELLER. ESTABLISHED 1848.

I thank God for Lansbury
Every word you uttered
was true about those
brave and noble women
we want a few more
Lansburys in the
House of Commons
to let them know the truth
Yours Faithfully
C. Price

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S. K. Ratcliffe, 7, Willifield Green, Hendon, N.W.

Tel.: 724 P.O. Finchley.

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26 June 1912.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I can be only one of the
many women who must be
grateful to you for your plain
speech in the House yesterday.

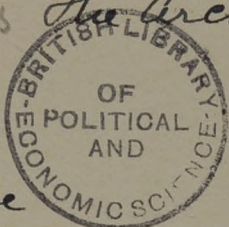
I thank you most heartily.

Katherine. Ratcliffe

Annie G. Reeves

The Archway

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H. Stephens
Norwich.

June 26th

Dear Comrade

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1912.

Many many thanks for your protest - last night in the commons, it is true the truth was told to Mr. Asquith. He is I feel sure the stumbling block in the Cabinet and though he may be priding himself on his strength of will it is mere mulish obstinacy. He is at least 2 generations behind the times; and absolutely ignorant

of the new forces at work in
the world. The Managers and want to
cruelly spit all. Each successive
Home Secretary seems unable
to understand and the
injustice goes on. I feel almost
brokenhearted over the whole thing
and if our own men do not
stand by us, many more of us
will feel it our duty to leave
and work solely for the cause
of women's enfranchisement.

With good wishes yours sincerely
Annie Beves.

J. Rickard

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56 Olive Road,
Cricklewood,
N. W.

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Dear Sir,

I am a Unionist and
Conservative, but I feel compelled
to write to you & thank you
for the manly & courageous
way in which you made
known to the Prime Minister

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& the House of Commons the
feelings of grief & indignation
which are now stirring
the hearts of ^{so many of} your countrymen
when they realize the unworthy
treatment which men in
power are wreaking upon
earnest & devoted women in
the name of the law - a law
which ^{more men} they are always ready
to set aside whenever the

exigencies of party politics
press them.

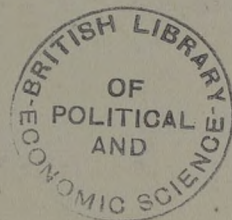
Such a protest as yours
was natural to a generous
soul. It may have shocked
the conventions of Parliamentary
usage, but there are times
when usage becomes merely
the instrument to wrongdoing &
he who commits a breach of
it is the instrument, the only

effectual instrument, of
reform. Had I been a Radical
I would have written to you just as surely.
I am

Yours in full sympathy.

J. Richard

Geo. Haubury Esq. M.P.



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High Wych,
SAWBRIDGEWORTH.
Herts.
June 26th, 1912.

A. Crombie Rodgers.,

Geo. Lansbury Esq., M.P.
House of Commons,
WESTMINSTER.
S.W.

Honorable Sir, "People Who Live in Glass Houses----"!

I am much inclined to believe that Mr Asquith will be forced out of public life, but I very much doubt if it will be by any action of your's. The beams in your own eyes will interfere I fancy with your chances in that direction.

You denounce the Asquith crowd for the "murdering" of women, but what were you doing and what were your crowd doing when the "Minotaur of Modern Babylon's" memorial was being collected for and going up? What did your crowd, Suffragists included, get to keep shut mouths over that bit of business?

In April of last year I asked you to interest yourself in the Bread Question which the "Daily Mail" that "Champion exploiter of Men and things" - I did not go behind its back to call it - ^{was dealing with} and informed you that the question was my question and that all the main facts the "D. Mail" was going upon had been filched from papers of my own which had been prepared for Mr Joseph Fels, and in reply to absurdities in the "Englishman". To my request I received a reply that you were quite unable to take up any fresh question!!!

Was that reply dictated by the interest you had in Mr Joseph Fels, whom doubtless you were not ill informed had been show-himself to me as being of the order of the cad, and had made use of matter supplied to him by myself to oblige his friends at my expense?

Have you any idea how many women and children you have assisted to murder by your action towards me, dictated by your own self-interest? They are not to be counted by one's or two's but by thousands and the day is near at hand when the public shall have an opportunity of seeing you and your friends, James Keir Hardie included, in a broader light than they have yet had an opportunity of seeing you, in.

I fear me much that with the Asquith crowd there will be an exodus from public life that will not add to your comfort or that of your friends Fels, Hardie & Co., and those of No 4, 5 & 6 Clements Inn. I send a copy of this to Mr Asquith.

Yours etc., *A. Crombie Rodgers*

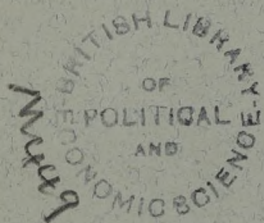
T. H. Roe

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59, VICTORIA ROAD,

GIPSY HILL,

S.E.



June 26th 1912

Sir

Congratulate you.

Your name will be
remembered with Samuel
Huisoli -

Yours obedtly.

T. H. Roe

George Lambury Esq M.P.

Rozier, E. & H. June 26th
122, Gower St W.C. 1912

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Dear Mr Lansbury.

My sister & I
have just read the account
of your splendid protest
& your passionate appeal
in the House of Commons
for "Daily Herald".

Will you accept our
deepest thanks.

We both honour you -
& at the same time
congratulate you on your
noble fight for our
Cause.

We are proud to tell
you, that we are both
working women suffragets
& have been to prison.

again thanking
you.

We are yours

Sincerely

E. Royer

H. Royer (House keeper)



Rudwick

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ROYAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE,
LONDON, S.W.

26. 6. XII

9 Hansbury Esq.
House of Commons.

Dear Sir,

Please accept my warmest
congratulations on your sincere and spirited
attack upon the attitude of the Government
towards the female suffrage prisoners
There is one consolation however to be gleaned
from the affair. A better method of strengthening
and furthering their cause could hardly have
been devised. I beg to remain

Yours admirably
Joseph Spencer Rudwick A.R.C.S.

Frank V. P. Rutter
(1876-1937)

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Chairman:
ALD. A. W. WILLEY.
Curator:
FRANK RUTTER, B.A.

CITY ART GALLERY,
LEEDS.

June 26th. 1912.

My dear Mr Lansbury

I have read with the deepest sympathy & most intense admiration of the splendid protest you made last night in the House. There was not one word which you addressed to Argentin which was not wholly true and absolutely justified & thousands of men (I hope) as well as women will bless you for daring to speak the truth about the Government's abominable treatment of women. You will no doubt receive dozens of letters of thanks for your noble action, but I could not refrain from sending you my small tribute of gratitude. We cannot lose all respect for the Commons which it contains a man like you: I only wish there were more of you like inside to help you in the great good fight you are championing.

Very sincerely yours

Frank Rutter

Miss Wm. Stephen Sanders
(n. Beatrice H. Martin, D. 1932) (335)
18 Brynmaer Rd

Battersea
4 Clements Inn

Wed. 26 June 1912

Dear Mr Lausbury

Words seem
most inadequate to
express thanks for your
Championship of our
heroic women but I
feel I must tell you
how we honour you.

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for your act of
Yesterday.

Yours very sincerely
Beatrice Sanders

If only my husband
had been there to support you

BT

? Sawers

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15, PEMBRIDGE MANSIONS,
BAYSWATER, W.

June 26.
1912

Dear Sir

As one of the general public
interested in the subject of
woman suffrage, I should like
to thank you for your endeavor
to make the House of
Commons understand
what you and many
others are feeling about
this Government's treatment
of women who are fighting

in the way they think to be
most effective, for liberty—

I detest party government
& firmly believe that this
despised hostility towards
the political representation
of women exists because
the ordinary M.P. and
Government official know in
their hearts that women,

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when no longer political cyphers,
will be sure to form a
strong non party association
which will demand far
more from the world—
be politician in the
shape of breadth of
view, reality of principle,
cleanliness of life, insight
into, and knowledge of

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Social conditions (with
determination to reform
them) than can be
found among party
politicians today —

I am, with thanks,
Yr. faithfully
S. Sawers



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W. George Lambury M.P.

PORTRAIT
ARTIST AND
PHOTO-
GRAPHER

Kate Simmons

ENLARGEMENTS FROM ANY PHOTO IN OILS, PASTELS,
: : : WATER COLOURS AND CRAYONS : : :
3 CLIFF TERRACE, CLIFTONVILLE,
: : MARGATE. : :

MINIATURE
PAINTER
ON IVORY,
OPAL, ETC.

June 26th 1912.

George Lansbury Esq.

Dear Sir

Will you permit me to record my deep admiration for your splendid protest on behalf of women — it must be inspiring to many to feel such earnestness and vigor on their behalf.

I remain

Very yours

Kate Simmons

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GOODS:- BASFORD, NOTTS.

*Phoenix Works,
Vernon Road, Basford,
Nottingham.* 26 June 1912

GEORGE LANSBURY M.P. Esq.

Sir,

Although a stranger to you and strongly opposed to your political views, I desire respectfully to express my admiration of your devotion to liberty and humanity which you have shown in so steadfastly helping the "Votes for Women" movement and, particularly, of your courage in bearding the Premier last night. You will be as much abused, and presently as much justified, as Samuel Plimsoll was years ago. Trusting that you will pardon this intrusion, I am, Yours truly,

Richard Simon

12, Portland Road, ¹³⁴¹

Violet O. Slater

Oxford

June 26th 1912

Dear Mr. Landsbury

It is difficult
to express the admiration
& affection I feel for you
for so nobly disregarding
all conventionalities &

letting your heart get

the better of your head
in the House of Commons

yesterday. I hope you
will regret nothing

We thank God for our
Saint George! We want
Knights in these days
too. For I feel that
it is men like you
& dear old Ken Hardy
who will break the
last links of the
chain that will
set both women
& men free to walk
hand in hand to

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to fight, not against
each other, but against
all the sin & evil
misery & indifference
we have at the Christian Center grows
that; the chain of
women to take a part
if a God gives strength
& these men who
thwart & try to strangle
is "knows not what
they do". Christ lost His

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head (according to some
by slanders, no doubt) when
he drove the money chapters
from the Temple Court.

I must not take up more
of your time. Please do
not answer my letter. I
hope many women will
write too.

Yours very sincerely
Violet O. Slater



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Andrew Sloan

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THE ATHENÆUM,
GLASGOW.

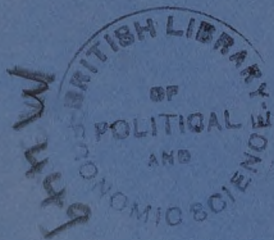
Dear Mrs Lushbury 26 June 1912

I posted your letter last night addressed to the House of Commons on the subject of treatment of your suspension from the House for so nobly standing up for the women. I did not know your business address at the time to address the letter to. I hope it reaches you all right and this short note is merely to advise you of it.

Yours truly

Andrew Sloan

Geo Lushbury Esq M.P.



Dear Mr. Lansbury, As an East End working woman I thank you from my heart for your brace & splendid conduct on behalf of women, in the House of Commons yesterday. I feel all women are indebted to you, & I only wish there were more men like you. When one reads of the idiotic & contemptible behaviour of some of the "persons in male attire" who are in the House, one cannot help feeling that some of our men have not used their votes very wisely. And I can easily understand that mean & dishonest people would be very glad to keep such noble, capable, & self-sacrificing women as the beloved leaders of the W. S. N. out of public life. Again thanking you & wishing all success in your noble work.

1 Bedford Cottages
Baker St

June 26th Stepney
1912

I am yours faithfully

Ellen Spencer

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House of Commons

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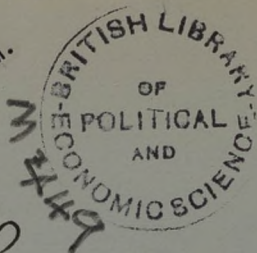


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TELEPHONE
3. WOLDINGHAM.



Snowdon,
Woldingham,
Surrey.

J Lausberg Esq M.P.
Dear Sir

Men + Women of all
classes will honour you
for your brave chivalrous
words in Parliament-yesterday
Many thanks

(Mrs) J & Snow

ex - Vice President - Oxted

[Women's Liberal Assoc.]

W. L. A.
resigned

Rev. Paul Stacy The Rectory (346)
(see Crookford 29/47)
Collard
26 June 1912

My dear Comrade

God's blessing on you for your protest in the House on Tuesday. It must have been a painful thing for you to do, but it is only in this sort of way that we can help to bear the pains of others.

It is at least a joy to you to know that by the brave

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way in which you have
many times
stood for justice in the House,
often alone, you have ~~been~~
helped to bring Democracy
a little nearer its fulfilment,
and have borne most splendid
testimony to the Catholic Faith.

Assuring you of my prayers
at the Altar

Yours in our Blessed Lord

Paul Stacy

H. G. Stevens

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THE YELD,
CHURCH STRETTON.

26 June 1902

Dear Sir,

I have read in the Standard today an account of your action in the House yesterday and I feel urged to express

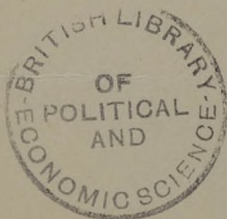
THE YIELD
CHURCH STREET
to you my approval
and admiration at
what you & send and
at the attitude you
took up.

I think with
you that the
treatment of prisoners
— and those political

prisoners — whether ³⁵⁰ male
or female, to the
process of forcible
feeding is monstrous
and am sure that
the next generation
will hardly credit
that such methods
were possible in these
days. Forgive my
troubing you with this

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letter but please
take it as a letter
of appreciation and
thanks for the effort
you made yesterday



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Yours truly
H. G. Stearns

Mr George Lambton M.P.
The House of Commons
London

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Strangways

The Manor

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SHAPWICK,

SOMERSET.

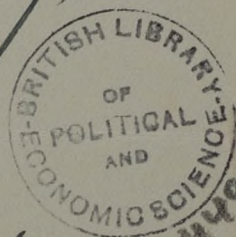
June 26

Sir

I congratulate you on
your courageous action
in the brave yet bold in
defense of the Sufferers
prisoners. I wish I had
to make you such a name
before he could say laws

pared in the defence of
the sailors.

Yours
W. M. Thompson
(Sigs)



If the Labour party
are true to the Suffragettes
they will win over many
of our poor the Conservative
Party

" Non-militant suffragist "

[say 26 June 1912

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Dear Sir

I am a non militant
suffragist but I wish to
offer you respectfully my sincere
thanks for your courageous and
outspoken attack upon the cowardly
Government which can torture the
bare women who are imprisoned for
their principles and suffering for them.

Though I do not like militant
action, I cannot refrain from my
gratitude to you for the courage
that led you to tell Mr. Asquith a
few plain truths.

I feel it is a disgrace to

the House of Commons that you should have had so little support on Monday night also.

Never mind if the papers rave and jeer. You have acted honestly and bravely. If Mr McKenna had a tithe of your honesty & courage, it would be well for him.

I feel sure you have voiced the feelings of many who will thank you from their hearts.

The honourable gentlemen who jeer at the sufferings of the women are less "honourable" than they think themselves.

Very earnestly I thank you.

A non-militant suffragist who can also admire the militants for their devotion, though without approval of their methods

"Sutton Ladies, Two"

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[say 26 June 1912]

Clifton House

Victoria Road

Sutton Coldfield

Two ladies living in
Sutton wish to congratulate
you on your splendid
defence of those poor
suffering ladies in prison,
though our views do not
coincide with theirs, we
feel as thousands of

others do, the punishment
meted out to them is
inhuman and abominable.
We think you a brave &
a true man to speak out
as you have on behalf of
the helpless women.
Surely for women such
as these imprisonment
alone is sufficient —

We hope Sir you will

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rather withdrawn from
words or apology.

Mr. Asquith is indeed
beneath contempt -

Yours with much
appreciation & sympathy

Two Sutton Ladies

SWAN, D. Cameron -

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VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement.

13, BUCKINGHAM STREET, STRAND, W.C.

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26th June, 1912.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Allow me to add my tribute to that expressed on the bills of the "Herald", this morning, in their "Bravo! Lansbury!"

That you should dare to be the only man nobly protesting as you did against the sneers & savage persecution (for which the opinion of the "House" & the Cabinet is responsible) aimed at the courageous women engaged in their self-sacrificing fight, fills me with joy & thankfulness for your sacrifice, & with unspeakable contempt for the rest who did not dare to identify themselves with you!

When will "gentlemen" of the House of Commons realise that Honour is as dear to them as it is supposed to be to men?

May God bless you abundantly in your championship of our Sisters, is the prayer of — Your sincere friend in the Cause,

D. Cameron-Swan.

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Saudford Leno

Mrs. John Swiney Chittenden
(n. Rosa F. Briggs; he: June 26th /12
1832 (Lg 18)
Dear Sir,

From my heart I thank
you for the grand stand
for justice you made
featurday in an assembly
calm up with corruption
and hypocrisy. You had
the courage to speak the
truth that even in this
horse a few men think
not are afraid to utter
and you were wice e-
-ough, among those of
vowance, to place the blame

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on the chief ingredients
of the evil which makes
the formerment a
mark of derision and
abhorrence to every right
minded person here
at home and abroad
all women should be
thankful that at least
one man here stood
for principle and dared
to renounce the in-
-morality and sophistry
which England is
now governed.

I enclose a pamphlet

that published which may
interest you. and remain

Yours very truly

R. James Swiney

A Christian's Society

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FROM . . .

T. SMITHIES TAYLOR.

Copy for

G. Lansbury M.P.

26. Copy sent to

To/ The Editor,
The Standard,
102-105 Shoe Lane,
London. E.C.

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Mr. Lansbury in the House of Commons.

Sir,

As an appreciative reader of your paper, may I strongly protest against the tone of your leading article today ? When I saw in the paper last night a report of the scene, I at once wrote to thank Mr. Lansbury ! The House of Commons seems to many of us, not a deliberative assembly, but a mere voting machine, controlled by an Autocratic Cabinet which acts unconstitutionally ! The House of Commons has long ago lost its dignity, for this reason, and because it has allowed the Cabinet to usurp its supreme authority. Not as you suggest, because of the election of Nationalist or Socialist members. However mistaken, they represent a growing section of the taxpayers, (but excluding women !) who are waking up.

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Continuation Sheet No. 1.

From T. SMITHIES TAYLOR,
LEICESTER & LONDON,

To The Editor. "The Standard."

26. 6. 1912.

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To me, as an outsider, it seems that some of the Nationalist and Socialist members are the only MEN with enough spirit and insight to actively protest against the lying, blind, and incapable spirit, under which we, a so called "Free People", at present suffer at the hands of our paid Servants.

Yours faithfully.

T. Smithies Taylor

Capt. A.S.C.
T.

Elizabeth Thompson

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HEATHFIELD,
ILKLEY.

26th June 1912

Dear Mr. Lausbury,

Thank you again &
again for your fall-out conduct
in the House yesterday. It
is finer to see men to blame
the absolute naivety, born
of a sense of true righteousness
that you displayed.

I am a stranger to you, but have
known a dear & delicate sister
who is being preciously fed
and in her name & in that

I all of us - we are Sep
Sisters - we thank you
from our hearts. We are
suffering cruelly as she must
be - being tortured.

Some of the wretched Papers
say that you were in a minority
of one. That of course is absurd
when you have such men as
Thos Hardie & Philip Snowden
with you. But thousands &
thousands of women are applauding
you & thanking you in their hearts &

also!

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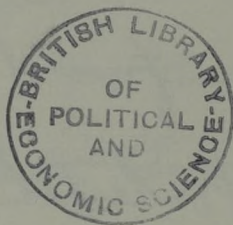
Do not forget the crucial
moments - when all prostrated
for the greatest Reformer -
isolation at times is the
part of the greatest. We are
proud of the things that a
little band of women kept
of their - & I say again
that thousands of women are
bleeding for their hearts

Yours gratefully

Elizabeth Thompson

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I cannot tell for how long
name & that of Ken Hardie
are known in this house



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Murcel Thompson

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TÉLÉPHONE
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Adr. Télégrap.
HÔTEL-CALAIS - PARIS

UNION HOTELLIÈRE PARISIENNE, SIÈGE SOCIAL, 1, PLACE VENDÔME, PARIS, SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME AU CAPITAL DE 2.000.000 DE F^{CS}

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RESTAURANT
TABLE D'HÔTE
SALON DE LECTURE
FUMOIR



5 Rue des Capucines

Paris, le June 26. 1912.

George Lansbury Esq. M.P.

Sir,

I want to write a few lines to thank you for the magnificent way you stood up for the women in the House of Commons yesterday. It is so splendid to feel that a man has really told the Prime Minister so publicly & clearly what he so richly deserves. Those of us who have friends suffering from the torture of forcible feeding feel specially grateful to you. Two other English women staying in this hotel wish to join their thanks to mine, & we sincerely hope that your courageous

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action will not injure you in any way - The Speaker, I believe, said something to the effect that "all respect for the House would be lost if - etc" - some of us feel ^{on the contrary} ~~your~~ ^{that} your action is the only thing that has happened for a long time at Westminster to make us feel the smallest abridgment of respect for anyone connected with the House of Commons -

With sincere thanks

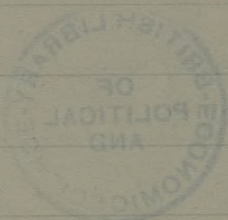
Believe me

Yr Truly

(Miss)

Ernest Thompson

W.S.P.U.



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132 Broomspring Lane

Trades + Labour
Council

Sheffield - 26th June 1912

Dear Comrade

My wife + I are anxious to let you know how much we admire your brave protest yesterday in the House of Commons. It was grand! You said + did just the right thing, and we believe the woman's cause will greatly benefit by it.

So long as the brutal torture goes on we hope you will continue to protest in the same forceful terms.

Next time we hope to hear that 40 of you have marched down the floor of the House.

Oh, can you do something

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to stir up your colleagues!

All our Trades + Labour Council here last night we passed a resolution congratulating you and asking if you would address a joint Demonstration of the local Suffrage Societies + our Labour Party, if such could be fixed up, on the subject of the "Reform" Bill. Much will of course depend on your reply to our Secretary, who will write you.

We all hope you will be able to come + that we shall have the pleasure of again giving you hospitality.

Can Mrs Lausbury come this time?

With our united best wishes
Yours very sincerely
Dora + J. Rothnie

Mrs. M.A. Tucker

20, PLEASANT PLACE

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CANONBURY VILLAS,
LONDON, W.

Dear Mr Lansbury

June 26⁽²⁶⁾ 1912

Please accept my thanks and appreciation for fighting the women's battle with courage that puts all other members to shame hence the hostility one reads in this morning's papers nothing stars up abuse from ones opponents like telling them the truth being a fighter myself your attitude on woman's suffrage is identical with mine and I am sure god will bless you and every woman ought to. I have been pegging away this last six years doing what I could not half as much as I should liked to have done being a working mans wife handicapped in many ways yet I know every little helps of course W.S.P.U members are of all parties yet of none at present - my private opinion is Unionist - but I am a great believer in living and let live. I have know what it is when we have eaten one meal did not know where the next was coming from and my experience of life has made me a militant suffragette. I know you will excuse my poor letter writing but I felt I must personally thank you with all good wishes yours truly
Mrs M A Tucker.

BEN TURNER, 73, Talbot Street, Batley.

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TELEPHONE—221, BATLEY.

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Mr George
Mrs & friend Mrs Turner
& myself congratulate
you on your defence
of women in the
House of Commons
Ben Turner



G Lansbury Esq
St Stephens Rd

May 49

Bow
London



Maitland House, Newnham, Cambridge,

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June 26th, 1912.

Edward Vulliamy
(1876—)

Dear Sir,

Though we are strangers to you, my wife and I are woman's suffragists and we cannot refrain from sending you our heartiest congratulations for speaking your mind as you did yesterday to Mr. Asquith. I am sure you have won the gratitude of thousands who are glad to see his cynical conduct exposed in the House of Commons.

Believe me Sir

Sincerely yours well wisher

Edward Vulliamy.

George Lansbury, Esq., M.P.

Mrs. Waddel, Patricia

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7 MURRAYFIELD AVENUE,
EDINBURGH.

June 26th

George Lansbury M.P.

Dear Sir,

Allow me to express
my deep personal gratitude
for your noble & generous
protest in the House of
Commons yesterday on
behalf of the imprisoned
suffragists. Surely you
have won the respect the
honour of all true men

EDINBURGH
7, MURRAYFIELD AVENUE

• women in the country,
tonight at a musical gather-
ing, your name was toasted
by the men present, as
that of the manliest man
in the House -

Yours truly
Patricia Waddel

L.B. Warden

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62, London Road,

Southampton.

WARDEN'S
FRUIT & FLOWER
STORES.

26 June 1912

Dear Lansbury. Having just read the "Daily News's" account of your "scum" in the Commons yesterday, I hasten to congratulate you on the pluck & independence you showed.

I think you & one or two other earnest men are saving the face of the Labour Party.

I only wish you had pulled old Asquith's nose - he is a bugger.

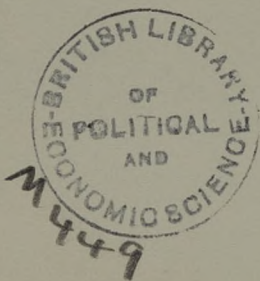
That's the only term I know that describes him.

It all reminds me of the old pro-Boer days, only, why didn't you fight

2 to stay in. It must be
a treat to feel your knuckles
up against the masks of these
cynical selfish bestial members
of the professional political class,
& I seem to have some recollection
of old George Lansbury "holding
the fort" at some big pro-Boer
meeting at which the jingo mob
tried to force an entrance. The
Labour Party gives me a bad
attack of the blues - they are
after remote jobs.

My young brother was the juryman
who recommended that mercy, &
who wrote to McKenna etc -

I am yours very truly
L. B. Warden



Mrs. Alexander Josiah Webbe
(n. Peroline Maud Cutler)

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35, EATON SQUARE,

26 June 1912 S.W.

Dear Mr. Lansbury

Will you let
me thank you very
very much for speaking
as you did last
night & trying to
make our point of
view clear. I trust
many women love

been wondering if no
 man would come for-
 ward, I am glad
 that it is γ that
 has
 done it.

Is it impossible
 to make other Labour
 members do the same?

J — Sum
 Peckham Inst. Wether
 (Mrs A. J. Wether)
 Phn dent Wether

"Well wishes"

[say 26 June 1912]

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Dear Mr Sandburn

Have you ever voted for laws? If so, you have voted for prisons and forcible feeding! If you imprison people, you must feed them or let them starve in their cells and the latter is obviously impossible. Why do you not leave that wretched lethal chamber, and come outside where you can consistently & effectively protest. There is plenty of ~~good~~ ^{better} work to be done.

A. Wellwishes

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Mrs. K. S. West Vicarage Walk,
East Crinthead,

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June 26th 1912

Sussex

G. Causbury, Esq., M.P.

House of Commons, S. W.

Dear Sir,

I am only one of the rank and file of the great and ever-growing Suffragette Army but I am anxious to add my congratulations and thanks to thousands of others for your splendid heroic and chivalrous conduct in the House yesterday afternoon. I was thrilled from head to foot when I read the different accounts in the papers this morning and at last after weary years of waiting felt that here was one, a man, who felt and understood what these wonderful women are doing for their sex, for liberty, for mankind at large. Thank you, thank you, dear

noble six, and may your name, which it
will, go down honoured through the centuries
and in history as the champion of a cause
which is to-day sowing the seeds of a mighty
revolution in the relation of the sexes towards
one another. For after this great movement has
conquered the object for which it has been put in
motion can one sex exercise tyranny and the other
suffer subjection ever again. There will be a glorious
equality towards the realisation of which you will
have done your splendid share.

Believe me to subscribe myself one of
your warm and loyal admirers,

Katherine S. West

(Mrs K. S. West)

TELEGRAMS,
WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.

Wharry, R. (M.D.) (376)

WHITSTONE HEAD,
HOLSWORTHY,
N. DEVON.

June 26. 1912

Bravo! Lausbury -
The manhood of England
honors you for defending
women from the
brutality of Asquith
and his Jackals.

T P Wharry
M.D.

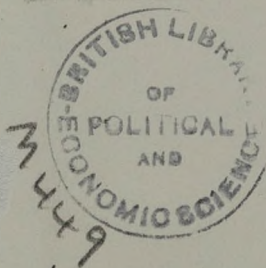
Very Rev. Arthur Ernest White

The Rectory.

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Elland.

26 June 1912



Dear Mr. Lansbury.

Well done, well done,

hell done. May our Lord bless you

in your work.

Yrs.

Arthur E. White.

P.S. There is no need to answer this
but I wanted you to feel that some one
wh. worth gives thanks for last night's
work.

Elizabeth Wilson

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23 Berners St.
June 26. W.

1912

Dear Mr. Lausbury,

As a fellow Fabian man
I say to you what hundreds of
women are saying in their hearts
today "Thank God for George
Lausbury" It makes me believe
that after all the days of cheery
are not dead & that the dry bones
of the Fabians may still have
life.

Yours very sincerely

Elizabeth Wilson

W. J. Yerbury

26 June 1912

85 Showell Green Lane
Sparkhill (380)
Birmingham

Dear Sir

I feel bound to write
& thank you for the manly
courage you showed in speaking
as you did in the house
last night; you put the
blame on the right man
& did not speak at all too strongly

I am a Liberal & my
Father & Grandfather before
me but I did not vote for this
Government at either of the last
two elections & shall never
support them again so long as
they dare to refuse to give the
vote to Women on the same terms
as to men; there is no Liberalism
in the present Monarchical Government

I am a ~~very~~ ^{strong} supporter
& will remember Mr. Jacob
Bright bringing in the first Woman
Suffrage bill & every year
my belief in ^{the} justice & righteousness
of giving the vote to woman grows.
I feel sure that nothing but
good can come of doing so.

I am sure every right-minded
man must feel as I do & feel
deeply indebted ^{to} you for the noble
stand you have made; it
seems preposterous to give the vote
to every raw youth in the Country
& deny it to all intelligent
Woman.

Believe me yours sincerely
W. J. Yerbury

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