

Alice J. Stewart Ker (M.D.)

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AT HOME FOR CONSULTATION  
UNTIL 11 A.M.  
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FROM 2 TO 3 P.M.

SKENE HOUSE,

JAMES STREET,

BIRKENHEAD.

TELEPHONE 730 BIRKENHEAD.

June 26. 1912.

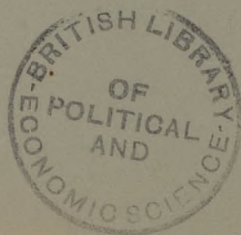
George Lambury, Esq. M.P.

Dear Sir, I cannot help writing to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your splendid burst of righteous indignation in the House yesterday. We women feel towards you men who are espousing our cause, with a warmth of gratitude and admiration which we feel for no one else. I am one of the recent Holloway prisoners, sentenced to 3 months, but released sooner, after 9 weeks. I have been trying today to get

my medical colleagues to sign a  
letter to Mr. Kenna of protest  
against forcible feeding, but  
could not get one.

Yours most sincerely,

Alice J. Stewart Ker.  
R.D.



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Frances Kerr

(252)

TEL. 794.

**CLAREMONT,  
FLORENCE ROAD,  
BOSCOMBE.**

My dear Sir.

I have just read  
my morning paper &  
feel I must write you  
a line to thank you for  
the splendid example  
of manhood you showed  
to the House of Commons

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Yesterday - one which I  
shall set before my son  
that he may understand  
what the word "Gentleman"  
means.

Y<sup>r</sup>. faithfully  
Frances Kerr.

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1912.

Mrs. Charles  
King Newlands

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26.6.12.

Wortam. Surrey

Sir

I feel I must write + thank  
you for so pluckily standing up for  
my poor down trodden sex. I believe  
in fighting the devil either of injustice or  
immorality + if only men and women would  
allow their spiritual monitor to speak  
to the same extent that they do their

fleshy one, we should then get  
Moral laws of justice And equity.

It is this ignorance of both sexes in  
not being told that our reproductive  
powers are only given ~~us~~ <sup>us</sup> for that purpose  
+ not for lust that is the cause of  
one-sided laws + "White Slave Traffic".

Again thanking you + God speed

Yours truly  
Alice R. King (Mrs Charles King)

52 Cotham Hill (255)

Bessie T. Knight.

Bristol

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1912

Dear Mr. Lambing

Well done;  
Last week I was speaking to  
some friends of yours on the —  
"Who never turned his back, but  
marched head forward  
never doubled cloud, never head,  
never thought thro' fight ever wished  
strong would triumph,  
held in face to rise, as baffled to  
fight - better.

All lovers of truth & justice  
will rejoice that you found strength  
& courage, to give what many men  
& women are thinking, & that in  
upholding the Prime Minister &  
members of the House of Commons  
you dared to tell the truth.

I am a stranger to you, but I  
have heard you speak on various  
occasions in Bristol, & have  
followed your speeches in the  
Home with interest.

Thank you for your splendid  
chivalry & magnificent fight for  
women, & all who are oppressed.

When I realize what it must  
have meant to you, to make your  
speech in such an atmosphere  
of low materialism, & unrealism.

I feel I must stretch out  
the hand of a comrade, & greet  
you to the good cheer -

Your sincere effort is heard, & you  
have stirred the hearts of  
thousands, & proclaimed to  
the world that we have  
at least one true man.

Amongst a few hundred (257)  
machine like creatures.

The next time you come  
this way, I hope to have  
the privilege of shaking  
hands with you.

With deep best wishes to  
you & Jones.

Believe me  
Very Sincerely Yours,  
Billie J. Knight

(Wife)

Knyvett

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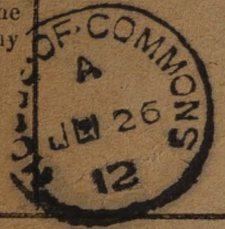
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TO

George Lansbury Esq MP  
House of Commons

Lady Knyvett sends her heartfelt  
thanks to Mr Lansbury for  
his chivalrous defence of the  
Suffragettes in Prison



Lena Nütz, M.D.

Unionist House

Edgbaston Park Rd

Birmingham.

26.6.12.

Dear Mr. Lausbury.

Please accept my  
warmest thanks & sincere  
expressions of gratitude for  
your noble action in the  
Home of Commons. We are  
filled with admiration at  
your magnificent courage &  
rejoice to think that we have  
at least one defender in  
the Home who dares protest

against the inhuman  
atrocities perpetrated against  
oppressed & defenceless  
womanhood.

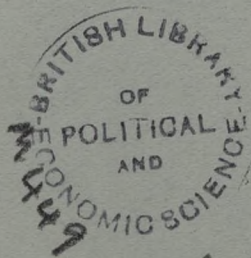
Believe me

Yours gratefully

Laura Keary M.D.

Lance

(260)



Widdington, Essex.

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1912.

Dear Sir,

At last we have found a  
Phinsock!

We thank and honour you for  
the noble stand you made yesterday,  
for the Suffragist prisoners.

You will go down to posterity  
as the chivalrous gentleman who  
had the courage to face derision  
& contempt & to stand alone for  
the cause of righteousness, on

the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 1912.

Yours faithfully,

Katherine A. Danzell

Mary Maryweather.

W. Lance.  
E. Birt  
A. P. Ridley



Lady Lethick  
Lawrence

(262)  
THE MASCOT,  
HOLMWOOD, SURREY.

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1912

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Dear Mr Lansbury,

I am not allowed to write  
a letter with my own hands but  
my heart is full of admiration  
and deep, deep gratitude to you  
for your magnificent action  
yesterday. Your name will  
be revered by thousands of  
women today & by generations  
to come & your protest will  
never, never be forgotten.

You are honoured today &.

you will be honoured as  
long as this movement lasts.  
I cannot say any more but you  
will know what we all feel.

I am at present under the  
care of two doctors who are  
watching me day & night,  
And all this care which is  
being lavished upon me makes  
me feel all the more how  
different is the position of  
many of the women that I have

left behind in Holladay, many  
of them without money, some  
of them without friends, the  
majority of them dependant  
upon their own exertions for  
a livelihood. Oh! how I wish  
that I had been the last to go  
instead of the first. All this  
you will understand makes  
me feel passionately grateful  
to you who are championing  
them who need help so very  
much more than I did.

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God bless you! my warm greetings  
to you & your wife.

Yours sincerely.

E. Pettich Lawrence  
hr.

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TO {

Lansbury Hse of Commons Ldn

Filled with unbounded admiration and  
gratitude for your splendid chivalry.  
Bravo Lansbury

Leicester



Mrs. Mary Leigh  
2<sup>A</sup> Brandonbury Road

(265)

Kilburn N.W.

26/6/12:

Dear Mr Lausbury.

Thank you from the bottom  
of my heart for your action.  
Although the carping critics  
will try to bring about some sort  
of muddle & try to force it on you  
but the knowledge that the silent  
sufferers are turned to you in  
their eager hope. will give you  
that strength (if that be needed  
to go on, in your noble & glorious work.

Mary Leigh 26 June 1912

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I have just returned from  
Bow St Police Court. been waiting  
there over 6 hrs with the brave  
Lassie. who took her opportunity  
in the Lobby yesterday She has  
been sentenced to 2 M<sup>ths</sup> H. Labr.  
& to see that will follow. for  
the fight that has been forced  
upon us, will be fought out now.  
without the gloves. to the finish  
You are indeed our Comrade &  
Brother so give us the hand.

Yours Sincerely  
Mary Leigh

Lilian Lenton  
see  
Parliament  
Suffrage  
modern



267 Rd,  
Fishponds  
Bristol.

June 26<sup>th</sup>

Mr Lansbury.

1912



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Dear Sir,  
Permit

me to adopt this  
method of offering  
you my sincere thanks,  
& I am sure, the  
gratitude of all just  
men & women, for the  
spirited action you  
took in the House  
on behalf of the  
Suffragettes now in  
prison. It is very  
good to know that

# POST CARD

BRISTOL



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ONLY THE ADDRESS TO BE  
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~~there is~~ at least  
27 JUN 12

one man in that  
assembly worthy  
of the name.

With admiration for  
your courage & gratitude  
for your aid,

I remain

Yours Sincerely,

L. J. Denton (Ex-Deffage prisoner)

Mr. G. Lansbury  
M.P.

House of Commons

London.

8 New Cavendish St

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London

M. MacCallum Jr.

June 26<sup>th</sup> 12.

To George Lansbury Esq.

Dear Sir.

May I congratulate you  
on having redeemed the honour  
of the House of Commons  
by your brave action yesterday.  
Perhaps in the days to come,  
when people remember your  
courage, they may overlook  
the cowardice of the many  
Honourable gentlemen, who  
laugh & cheer, when mention

269 made in the House  
of the forcible feeding of  
Political  
Women Prisoners. Of one thing  
I am sure, Women will forget  
neither action.

Yours with many thanks

Maudie Mac Callum.

P.S

I speak as a Hospital Nurse  
who has some idea of what  
forcible feeding means.

M. Mac. C.

Ada McLaren, M.B.

(270)

2 Hagley Grove

Sogboston

Birmingham

26<sup>th</sup> June 1912

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I heard you speak  
in Birmingham & I have  
just read your splendid  
denunciation of the methods  
of Govt when women  
are concerned -

I must thank you sincerely  
& earnestly & ask you  
Mr. Snowden & Mr. Hardey  
to give us your help  
for though women must  
win through for themselves  
help such as you gave us  
yesterday is invaluable.

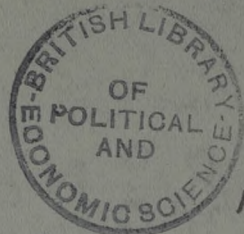
Yours truly  
Ada McLaren M.B.

Robert Mains

(271)

57 Hanover Road  
Willesden N.W.

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1912.



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Dear Sir

Please excuse

me, a stranger, writing  
to you. I feel impelled,

<sup>to do so</sup> since reading in the "Express"  
this morning, how proudly  
you protested against the  
humbug of the Premier's  
words in reference to the  
imprisonment and  
treatment of the Suffragettes

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I am only a working  
man, and I am strongly  
opposed to Socialism,  
as a system, believing  
as I do that it would  
fail to work out any  
real good to humanity in  
the mass, or the  
individual as a unit.  
But that does not  
prevent me admiring an  
honest and an earnest  
man like yourself.

I am sure it must  
require great strength



of purpose, to keep  
faithful to your principles  
amid so much opportunism.

The world will condemn  
but I am sure you  
have the assurance of  
a good conscience, and  
the moral support of  
all right thinking  
people, and I am quite  
sure you will agree that

This is better than the  
apathy which seems  
to become a chronic  
disease with some  
good men when they  
have been a short  
time in Parliament.

May God aid your  
Efforts for the Right  
and strengthen you in  
your resistance against

Wrong  
I am Sir  
Yours faithfully

C. Lansbury Esq. M.P.

Robert Mains

(273) 249 Ladbroke Grove  
A. J. Marriott Notting Hill

Dear Sir June 26 1912

As an anti socialist  
I am grateful to you for the  
services you have rendered to  
that cause that makes me  
the more regret your inju-  
dicious action yesterday  
whereby you have imperiled  
your chance of being useful  
generally in the future

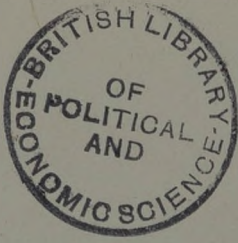
The Suffragist movement  
is now pulled (gold wire  
pulled) by anti democratic  
forces. and deserves no  
sympathy from you there  
is all the difference in the  
world between the violence

of 1832 and 1867 and the  
violence of the suffragists the  
rebels of those days had  
the majority in their favor  
the women have the major-  
-ity even of their own sex  
against them You had  
the possibilities of rendering  
immense service to the  
peoples cause I trust you  
have not lost them I am  
sure you have the good  
will

Respectfully

to J. M. Carroll

P.T.O.



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## Intellect and Creed.

By A. J. MARRIOTT.

SLOWLY the light of reason spreads,  
And creed and dogmas fade,  
And Intellect, supremest gift,  
Shall sweep things that degrade  
From out the mind. Oh, glorious day,  
When reason, love, and right,  
And Justice, with resplendent ray,  
Shall banish darkest night !

Fell superstition long has held  
Imperious sway o'er man ;  
Yet mighty, and still full of power,  
Malignant, and a ban  
And curse ; strong efforts must be made,  
And many a valiant deed  
Is yet required ere Intellect  
Shall triumph over Creed.

The shrieks of tortured women ring,  
Condemned to fire's embrace,  
For witchcraft, throughout Christendom  
In every market-place.  
And noblest men and women bled ;  
And many a fiendish deed  
Was done when Intellect was dumb ;  
The world then ruled by Creed.

There's but one faith can lift mankind—  
That's faith in efforts made  
By man to lift his brother-man ;  
There is no other aid.  
Then let us strive to worthy be,  
And strive by word and deed,  
And help to win the victory  
Of Intellect o'er Creed.

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Mrs. Mason,  
MILLINER AND RETAILER  
OF ALL  
MILLINERY GOODS.

156 Stapleton Road,  
Bristol.

26/6/12

Dear Sir

I am writing to thank you  
for your noble action in speaking  
so fearlessly for the women, yes-  
terday in the house.  
I do trust it will not be the means  
of causing you any inconvenience.

Yrns very gratefully

W. Mason

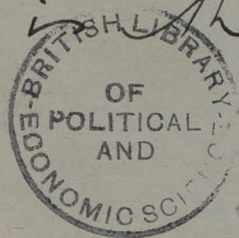
See vol. 28. a, fo. 72 for a cutting from the  
Manchester Daily Dispatch, dated 26 June 1912

Men's Fed. for Women's Suffrage 16 Grove Road, Boston Sp  
My dear Comrade 26 6 12 276

Dear thousand thanks for your magnificent and heroic protest last night in the Home. By it we <sup>(M. F. W. S.)</sup> were doubly encouraged at Boston last evening in our protest against the continued imprisonment & brutal treatment of Lawrence and the others. As a Socialist <sup>(S. L. P.)</sup> I am gratified that it should have fallen to the lot of one of our most honored Comrades to make such a brave & courageous effort to make the unimaginative Commons realize in what direction they are allowing this sort to drag the honors of our Country.

They have forgotten Mazzini's fine words:  
"When ever thou seest Corruption by thy side  
and dost not strive against it, thou betrayest  
thy duty". You have done you do  
manfully. That you may have  
many more years to continue  
your noble and self sacrificing  
work for women and for humanity  
is the earnest wish of

Yours very Sincerely  
E. W. Futwoye



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A. M. Milligan

11, HAYES CRESCENT,  
GOLDER'S GREEN, N.W.

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26. 6. 12

Dear Mr Lausbury,

I don't know what will happen to you. I don't suppose you care much what people will think, but I should like to thank you for taking our part so manfully, & for daring to speak out as you did last night in the House. The 'Standard' says you, <sup>quite unintentionally</sup> the highest compliment, it says your speech was not caused "by any provocative remark, or studied



result. — That would have  
 been a personal thing, you  
 could have been excused, but  
 that you should risk your reputation,  
 break the rules of the House, &  
 shock the feelings of its members,  
 by too strong partisanship of  
 the Militant Suffragettes is  
 unpardonable! I speak  
 feelingly, having been in  
 Holloway, & through a hunger  
 strike, not forcibly fed, but  
 ending up in the Infernary.  
 Yours, with thanks & admiration  
 A. M. Milligan.

Milton  
Hosilands R<sup>d</sup>, Camberley,

(279)

26<sup>th</sup> June, 1912.

Bravo Lansbury. You have voiced  
the thoughts of hundreds of thousands of  
workers who will make their X tell on the  
right side at the next general election.

Willingly would I, an old-age pensioner,  
take my hat off to you.

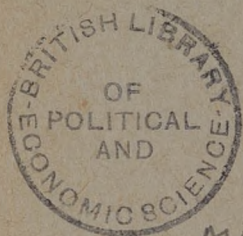
Gratefully Yours  
T. B. Milton

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Mr Lansbury, M.P.,  
House of Commons,  
Westminster,  
London.



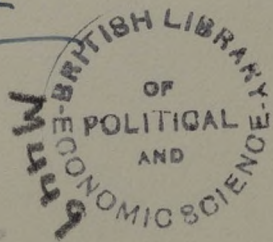
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Amy Montague

(280)

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1912

PENTON,  
CREDITON,  
N. DEVON.



Dear Sir,

You are no doubt overwhelmed with letters, but I cannot refrain from giving expression to my admiration and gratitude for your noble outburst of righteous indignation in the House yesterday.

Liberty, choked by Party considerations, and gagged by the Press, has found a voice in you, and the words you addressed to the Prime Minister will

ring from end to end of the civilized  
world and show that even in the  
House of Commons there is at least one  
Englishman who has the courage to  
fight, with the gloves off, for justice  
and humanity.

From my heart I thank you.

Yours very sincerely and gratefully

Amy Montague

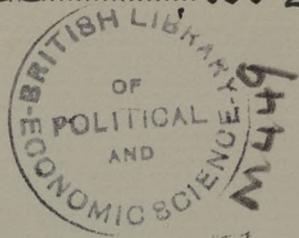
Moody, Victor

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Manchester College

Oxford June 26, 1912

Dear Lausbury.



Go on! You are  
inspiring thousands of us!

We will follow & fight!

Yours,

Victor Moody.

EDITH Mary Moore  
(of Women Workers'  
League)

June 26/12

GLAN ABER,

FOXLEY LANE,

PURLEY, SURREY.

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Dear Mr. Lausbury—

Will you accept  
the thanks of my heart  
for your brave denunciation  
in the House last night of  
those men who have made  
Queen women like myself—  
possessors of happy homes  
& children—Experience

such bitterness towards men  
as is indeed bound, if such  
injustice & cruelty continue,  
to undermine the very founda-  
tions of human life.

The Standard in a leading  
article says: "Our only  
emerge is to protest against  
the degradation of public  
life by incidents of this  
kind." - If men knew  
how thinking women have  
at last awaked to the  
degradation of their sex  
implied in the cynical

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treatment of their demands  
by politicians they would -  
in the light of that knowledge  
exceede honour to that man  
who helped to restore to  
women some of their lost  
faith in the justice & civility  
of men -

Yrs. very Gratefully  
Edith Mary More  
(of the Women's Writers' League)

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John Wm. Moorhouse

Mr Lainsbury.

Marsden (284)

Mr. Buddersfield

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1912.

Dear Comrade.

Well done. Many thanks for rebuking the nations gods in their temple. These brutes in high places are murdering the very best women in the land.

This brave deed of yours will rank with that of Grayson in my memory as long as I live.

Yours  
John William Moorhouse

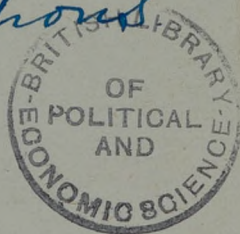
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Mr George Lansbury M.P.  
(Bow & Bromley).  
House of Commons  
Westminster.



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16 Kingsmead St. Bath.

Morgan 26<sup>th</sup> June 1912.

Dear Sir.

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Congratulations to you on your outburst & yesterday in the House & sympathy in your feelings. I'm sure many will misunderstand your position, or may say so, or that why I for one, write this card, to shew some appreciate. I am one who whenever a true Cause holds a meeting to protest against some form of injustice, look for the name of Mr. G. Lansbury, as being present, marvelling at his staying power & endurance, but knowing he will always be in the forefront of the fight. God bless you, Sir.

Yours, also a Socialist.

H. J. Morgan.

(The young man who asked you after the meeting held here had closed, about Lloyd George).

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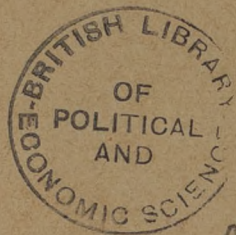
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M. George Lansbury. M.P.  
103 S. Stephen's Road.

Bow.

London. E.



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Honnor Morten

[see 1913 who's who]

OAKDENE,

(286)

ROTHERFIELD,

SUSSEX.

God bless you! That-  
was fine! Every woman  
thanks you.

Honnor Morten.

June 26 - 12.

Antonia Moser

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(see Pankhurst,  
Suffragette movement,  
p. 558)

SOUTHAMPTON HOUSE,  
317, HIGH HOLBORN, W.C.

26<sup>th</sup> June 12

George Lansbury Esq - M.P.

Sir -

You are a man !!

all honour to you -

It is a disgrace to the  
Nation that men who

Support West End

debauchery should be

able to inflict torture

upon those women who

are seeking to help their

unfortunate sisters -

Yours truly

Antonia Moser -

Mrs. Charles Wm. Mansell - Moulton  
(n. EDITH R. Thomas)

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TELEPHONE  
1835 PADDINGTON

69, WIMPOLE STREET, W.

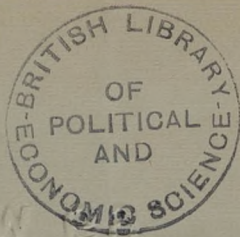
June 26-12.

Dear Mr. Lansbury

From the bottom of my heart  
I thank you for your magnificent  
protection yesterday.

"The dignity of the House - forsooth,  
Anything that can shake that  
better assembly is for the good  
of everyone - & I feel deeply  
grateful to you -"

When we get heart-breaking  
messages brought out by <sup>released</sup> prisoners  
of the condition of our friend  
Mrs E. W. Davison, & how she is  
beseeching for my husband to  
go to attend to her injuries, &  
nothing that we can do, can  
make the Home Office allow



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WIMPOLE STREET, W. 1857  
TELEPHONE  
LONDON

him to see her - I feel just  
desperate. They want to send  
her to Colney Hatch as they sent  
William Ball, & they are trying  
to drive her mad.

Her head & spine are injured,  
so we hear, & her teeth knocked  
out, & yet they continue to feed  
her by force -

I know you won't mind what  
the papers are saying of you -

I silenced a whole dinner party  
last night who were beginning  
to discuss your action -

I said "W. D. Aubury is a man  
& if there is anyone here as brave  
& noble as he is - let him cast  
the first stone" - Not another  
word was said - In very sincere

Edith R. Mansell-Monllin



Mina Moulton

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35 Leslie Road.

E. Finchley. N.

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1912.

To the Hon. George Lansbury.  
M.P.

Dear Sir -

Please accept my  
humble thanks &  
praise for your brave  
championship of our  
noble & suffering women.

Being only a poor  
working man's wife,  
it is difficult to express  
in words what I feel;  
last night, feeling  
miserable, worried &  
ill. when my husband

came home & gave me  
the paper to read of what  
had taken place in  
the House. I could have  
cried with joy. every-  
thing else was forgotten  
for the time being.

I hope & pray for your  
health always. The  
success you deserve,  
& I trust I may be  
spared to see you, one  
day filling the place  
of the one, whom you  
denounced last night,  
with the contempt-  
which he merited.

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I have written to him  
also but I could not  
express to him what  
I feel either. But  
when the day comes,  
as I hope it will, &  
you have changed  
places with him,  
what a different-  
England it will be.  
If it is ever in your  
power - poverty &  
suffering will not be  
what it is now.

I thank God for Mr.  
Lansbury & the woman  
who gave him birth.

Yours gratefully  
Mina Moulton  
Member. W. S. P. U.

Alice Margaret MUIRHEAD.

NATIONAL TELEPHONE, SA.

WINONA,  
BRIDGE OF WEIR,  
RENFREWSHIRE.

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26. June. 12.

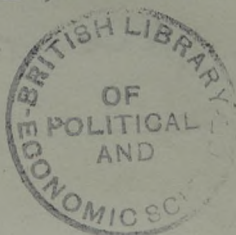
Dear Mr. Lansbury - Kindly spare a few minutes for this page from Scotland, called forth by your manly, fair-minded attitude on the woman-suffrage question. I quite agreed with what you said in Parliament about the disgraceful position of the Government in the matter. Many people (like myself) believe in the principle the militants are fighting for, but we are too selfish or indolent or ? to sacrifice much for it. It is difficult to understand how good-decent men can tolerate their position. Why are they not ashamed any longer, to feel they are denying women the just & reasonable rights & responsibilities of adult human beings!

Still I think it cannot be right - certainly not expedient - to wilfully damage the property of neutral persons. Force in one corner is apt to lead to force somewhere else. Discussion & passive resistance are useful - but the Golden Rule has not been bettered, don't you think?

This evening I've been discussing with a decent, fairminded man (a suffragist, of course) some of Mr Asquith's actions. This man believes Mr Asquith honestly acts up to his lights, for he has consistently claimed to be an anti-suffragist. And as long as the majority of voters support him, how can he personally be blamed for his opinions? Is it not so, that the women prisoners who have been forcibly fed are there because they maliciously destroyed property while the political offenders were put in Div. I? Still I said it was not right to impose laws upon intelligent women, & yet refuse them any say in their construction.

At the conference on "Labor & The Church" in Glasgow, I had the privilege of listening to your frank words to your fellowmen, upon the moral codes of our country male v female. Since that evening I know you to be one of the world's wholesome men. May you long enjoy health & strength of body & spirit & believe me  
Yours sincerely -  
Alice Margaret Nichol.

P.S. May I remind you of the old saw "Prudence is the better part of valour" - but I have my doubts about the soundness of that legend.



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Norbury, Eleanor G. (292)  
(matron, R. Hospital, Chelsea)

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1912. SHERRIDGE,  
MALVERN.

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Dear Sir.

You have earned the  
thanks of thousands of women  
by your brave protest against  
the cruel treatment that our  
lunatics are receiving at the  
hands of the Government.

Do not be discouraged by the  
abuse of the newspapers: the  
day cannot be far off when  
they will discover that the  
Women's Movement is a force  
in this country which they

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CHERRIDGE  
MANCHESTER

Cannot resist; in the mean-  
time the Suffrage party can  
only fix public attention  
on their cause by acts which  
though distasteful to them-  
selves are the only means  
left open to them; hence  
"militant methods".

With gratitude for your  
devotion to the cause

Yrs faithfully  
Stanley. Dobson

(Contribution - Royal Hospital Chelsea)

Helenia Florence Norgantou  
2 Willesden Park House

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Willesden Green N.W.

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1912

Dear Mr. Lansbury.

Although I am an entire stranger to you, I cannot refrain from sending a few lines to tell you how deeply and <sup>thoroughly</sup> ~~entirely~~ grateful I am for your courageous and manly conduct in the House.

I am soon no judge of Parliamentary etiquette

but I have often felt sad to see how completely the men of the labour party seem to be entangled in its meshes.

I thank Heaven for one man who is untrammelled by it. Would there were more like you!

In a general way, an orderly method of conducting business is invaluable, but it can, under exceptional

circumstances, be purchased at too high a price.

I do hope you will not apologise to Mr. Asquith. Don't be led into doing that - unless you are actuated by considering that an ordinary member of the public like myself cannot gauge. You are in the right & Asquith is the wrong as far as all the deep & real aspects of the thing goes.



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Apologise to him no more than  
Jell did to Gessler, or Coligny to  
the men of the St Bartholomew.

It is as you said, "beneath contempt"  
& therefore beneath being apologised  
to.

Once more, as sincerely as I  
can possibly say it - I thank  
you!

Yours faithfully & gratefully  
Helena Normantow.



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Charles H. Oldham  
(d. 1926)

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26 June  
1912

5, VICTORIA TERRACE,  
TERENURE ROAD,  
DUBLIN.

Dear Sir

I wish to convey to you my  
my thanks and gratitude  
for your protest in the House  
against the torturing of  
the Women.

would it not have been easy  
for the defenders of Ladysmith  
to escape the privations of  
the siege by capitulating &  
walking out, - as Mr. Agnew  
suggests the women can do!

Yours sincerely

C. H. Oldham

Professor in the Nat. Univ. of Ireland

Donald ... Rotherham

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22 Broom Grove

Rotherham

26 June 1912

Dear Mr Lansbury

A thousand thanks for your splendid outburst in the Commons. And your explanation in the Herald today was sublime. You are a lovable person Mr Lansbury. God grant that you may never grow old. May your voice long be heard inside & outside the House. May you see the harvest gathered of the grain that you have sown.

Every earnest soul must have thrilled with pleasure on reading this morning of your noble protest, must have uttered a prayer of thanks that there is one man in Parliament, a man with heart to feel and courage to speak out.

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And all you who believe sincerely in the equality of the sexes, who see in the Women's Movement a great moral force for the betterment of Mankind, who believe that every other political movement is relatively unimportant, will "thank God for Lansbury".

You have given us Courage Mr Lansbury.

And if those vilehearted, weak headed miscreants McKenna, Asquith & the rest of the smug, respectable' fraternity who engineer the parliamentary machine have left <sup>to them</sup> one spark of the merest intelligence you will have awakened them to the fact that they are opposing a living movement capable of stirring truehearted men and women as no other movement, political or religious can ~~stir them~~.

Well done, Mr Lansbury, Well done!  
Again Well done!

Thanks for your noble example

Yours Very Admiringly

Donald H. Oldham.

49 Portland Road <sup>(299)</sup>  
O'Regan Notting Hill, W.

[sent 26 June 1912]  
Mr. G. Lansbury.

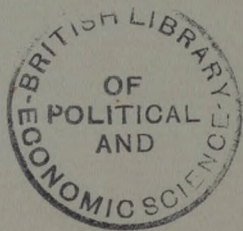
Sir

Please permit me  
(a working man) to  
thank you most  
Sincerely for your  
gallant championing  
of the cause of these  
brave women.

Wish to God there  
were more like  
you to follow your

example in publicly  
denouncing these  
two tyrants in  
the House.

The "Liberal" and  
Conservative Press,  
respectively, say  
you shook with passion.  
It was the excitement  
born of a sense of  
justice, twin-brother  
of bravery



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They did not mention  
how the tyrant  
— the guilty tyrant —  
shook with fear  
— twin-brother of  
cowardice — when  
you threw back  
his words — "They  
can walk out, &c.

I do not belong  
to your party, but  
I — like thousands  
of others who have  
fought & bled.

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For this nation—  
shall always admire  
you—the only  
practical champion  
in that vast crowd  
who stood & spoke  
for Justice

May good health  
and good Luck  
be your constant  
Companions.

Yours most sincerely  
J. F. O'Regan