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[C. E. Maurice] (350)
Charles Edmund Maurice;
1843—?; author of Bohemia,
Cirene Cottage, 1923, etc.
Gainsborough Gardens,
Hampstead, N.W.

June 18th / 17
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Dear Mr Lansbury,

I should like to take

the opportunity of sending you
the enclosed letter, to congratulate
you on your recovered ~~health~~
health. I did not like to
worry you with inquiries, during
your illness; but we have thought

much about you & regretted your
loss, for a time, to good causes.

But may I remonstrate against
a tone of apparent tolerance in
your present number of the Herald
towards those careless rascals of
the Seamen's Union? I agree, of course,
as to the matter to the Seamen;
and I don't say you are right
as to the means of compensation.
But is it not a pity to mix

up that question with your
otherwise just rebuke to this
most mischievous & lawless
proceeding. There are two
points, which seem to me
to add to the iniquity of the
proceeding. One is the charge
of "Captain" Tupper, as
revealed by himself in the

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Law - Court; another is the
money by which the market
is being backed up, + which
means to come from the other
and much more for contin-
uing the war at all costs than
for the sufferings of the Seaman
Gone by the

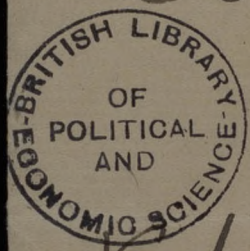
C. L. Danice

Mrs. Herbert
n. Eliza Mary (Quinton) Herbert

36 CUMBERLAND MANSIONS,
BRYANSTON SQUARE, W.

~~June 1877~~
~~1907~~

How ever much we
suffer on details, I
all who have "spelt
see that the
my friends
then they know
out of your
I saw Mr
Beat (whom I love!)
on Fri. afternoon
& he told me that
you (whom I love too?)
may!) were ill.?
was so really
distressed & so grieved



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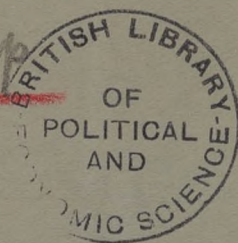
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to think I hadn't
known, so hadn't
been able to join
with the many, ^{many}
others who I know
have been praying
for your deliverance &
healing. But since
I did know I have
thought often of you &
felt glad to know that
the Everlasting Arms
never slacken or

care to encircle - I sent you a
little pot of white lilies today, I hope
you love flowers, somehow I feel that
no one with your sense of real
values could help doing so - I do do
hope you're getting on well - is there
anything I can do to lessen the
weariness of being bedridden?

Have you ever read "The New Word"
& Allen Upward? If not, shall I send
it you? It's a wonderful book, very amusing
written, yet with so much thought &
real philosophy about it - I have been
appointed "secretary" to the L. W. P. C. - so
shortly become one of those awful
"paid officials"!! Hope Poplar won't
eschew me - I had to take that or lose
my hold on the work - In' course I shall
be SACKED without a character! Well
I'll bless you, & give my back to us all, because

Evelyn Sharp



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Telephone
Holborn 5724

16 John Street
Bedford Row W.C. 1

June 21 : 1917:

Dear Mr Lansbury,

Thank you so much for your kind and encouraging letter. It was good of you to write. I am very glad you are well enough to go away, + hope you will get quite strong and fit before you come back. Mr Newson went yesterday to the lawrences at Holmwood. How lovely it will be when you are both back again; we cannot spare two such splendid rebels.

My own affairs have got to a very difficult place. The Crown has

will have a splendid holiday + come back well and strong
yours ever, Evelyn Sharp

placed me in an intolerable position by taking these proceedings against me just at a moment when it is impossible to put up a fight against it. Yet it is no more right to pay 6 years' arrears of income tax now than it was before - I can't see my way for the moment but trust it will all come clear. The more important thing is that we seem on the point of gaining a real victory, and the rest doesn't matter, does it? Please tell any whom it may concern that my letters are still opened + generally kept, so it is only safe to write to me under cover to Mrs Gould at 27 Chancery Lane - Hoping you

H. Lockwood
(formerly Chief Inspector, Ministry of Health)

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88 Regents Park Road W1
June 22/17

Dear Mr Lansbury

I am vain enough to think you
may not have entirely forgotten the owner
of the signature at the end of this letter
& possibly interested to know that he
is still alive - Tho' now five years on
the wrong side of the 80th Psalmist's limit
of man's life, and therefore approaching
"four score years", existence is not
any "laid labour & sorrow" to me, and
I have not lost my interest in matters
connected with my old job, tho' I have
been right on ten years "on the sheep"
(the proper place for "Antiques") and
it thus comes about that I continue
to take in the East London Observer.
In last Saturday's issue is a para
"the many friends & acquaintances of
"Dr Geo Lansbury wish to hear
"that he is making good progress and
"recovering after a serious operation".
As one of these, let me, perhaps it

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may be worth, express my pleasure at the
good news - You and I were out, or perhaps
we would be on the same side in politics
(a poor sort of game at best) but we have
in times past worked together in good
fellowship, and we may without undue
vanity believe, with good results,

I have an innate sympathy with the
man who has the courage of his opinions
(tho' they may differ from my own), and
that you possess this courage, you have
shown many a time & oft - So here's
to your speedy & complete recovery!

I shd have sent you my good wishes
sooner, but that, by bad luck, working
in my back garden last Sunday
(Sabbath breaking!) I got upset by the
sun & heat, & had to lie up for three
or four days, I am however, my
weight of years not withstanding, pretty
well all right again - Another cause
of delay was uncertainty about your
address, which I got today from the
Office in Upper North Street

Sincerely
A Lockwood

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FROM Mrs. PETHICK LAWRENCE.

87, Clement's Inn, W.C.

Entrance 3 & 4, Clement's Inn.
Telephone: 1314 Holborn.
Telegrams: Pethlawro—Estrand London"

22nd. June, 1917.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I am so glad to know that you are getting better. You have been very much in our thoughts and the only reason I have not written before is that I know you have so many friends and was afraid you might be overwhelmed with letters.

I must write and say how immensely pleased I am with the middle pages of the "Herald" this week. I have read very carefully every sentence. Read it over several times and weighed every word and though I recognise that the proposals are audacious there is nothing in them with which I am not in complete agreement. I rejoice to see the idealism that underlies all Religion and all Art translated now into terms of political, social and economic lines. I should very much like to know the personnel of those who drew up this comprehensive Scheme. Who ever they are I congratulate them heartily.

I have written to the Editor enclosing £10. as a small contribution to the expenses of the Campaign.

Of course you won't trouble to answer this letter only get well quickly and do come and see us as soon as you can. Mr. Nevinson was motored down from a Nursing Home to Mascot on Wednesday and he is there now with the Nurse making recovery slowly but steadily.

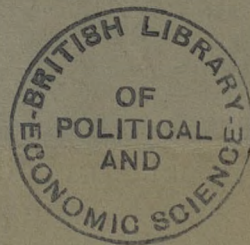
As soon as you could come we should be delighted to see you. We shall be at the Mascot during the whole month of August. Delighted to have you and take care of you and to have your dear wife if she can come.

Yours affectionately,

E. Petrick Lawrence

Dictated but not read.

Geo. Lansbury Esq.,
39, Bow Road,
Bow, E.



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Lieut. - Commander Joseph Montague Kenworthy
(10th Baron Strabdgiz, 1886 -)

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H.M.S. COMMONWEALTH.
C/o G.P.O.

24/6/1917

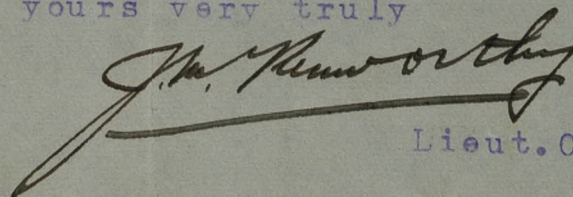
Dear Mr Lansbury,

Please allow me to congratulate you and your friends on the "Herald" for June 23rd. I have only subscribed to the paper this year, I regret to say, but I read it with great interest and sympathy. I find it expresses just what I have thought and said for years. And plenty of my friends think the same. The program for a People's Party in particular is most refreshing. In my own opinion some of the proposals dont go far enough. But one quite understands the difficulty of meeting all views.

Will you let me know if I can help you in any way? I at present only belong to the Fabians and Fabian Research Society. ^{And} ~~But~~ I am very much tied here, as you will understand. Also it is not easy for anyone in my position to get into touch with the right people. You can help me there, if you care to, by telling me of any of your friends in the Chatham-Sheerness district who would care to see me. I would much like to meet any such persons.

Also I would much like to call on you in London if I may when next I am there.

yours very truly



Lieut. Commander R.N

G.H.

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THE HERALD

The National Labour Weekly

21 Tudor Street

London E.C.

Every Saturday
One Penny

Telephone
Central 5991

June 28, 1917.

Dear Comrade,

Will you put the enclosed leaflet into the hands of your members at the earliest possible moment?

At Leeds we celebrated the triumphant Russian Revolution and solemnly pledged ourselves anew to work for the social salvation of our own people. The New Charter for the Workers is the translation into plain facts and policies of the enthusiasm of that Convention. We are not dogmatists. We are not necessarily bound to every word and phrase in this programme. But we do believe that if Labour works broadly on these lines it will come into its own - and quickly. I appeal to you to join in this great effort to revolutionise the conditions of life in this country.

Best of good wishes,

Yours always,

George Lansbury.

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Rt. Rev. Charles Gore (Bp. of Oxford)
1853 - 1932

Cuddesdon,
Wheatley,
Oxon.

July 25th, 1917.

TELEGRAMS: BISHOP, CUDDESDON.
WHEATLEY STATION, G.W.R.

My dear Lansbury,

S. M. M. M.

I hope you are better. I have appointed
the Rector of Witney to East Hendred. I hope he will do
well. But he will not be able to move there till October.

Thank you for writing. Country villages just now
posed a difficult problem.

Yr. very
Oxon.

2.8.17.

Aubrey J. Flanagan
Winifred Southey

51, St Ann's Rd (361)
5th Tottenham
L. 15

Dear Mr Lambury

2 Aug. 1917

We have not the pleasure of knowing you personally, but you have no secret admirers nor followers than I and my fiancé. It was the "Herald" and your writings that first convinced us of the truth of the Gospel of International Socialism — We are quite recent converts. We see in you such a power for good, such an example of practical Christianity, that we feel we owe to you a deep debt of gratitude for lighting us on our way. It is men like you, Mr Lambury, that are doing more for humanity than all the Generals and Admirals, in the face that call itself Christendom.

Your writings and your speeches stand out as beacon lights to the seeker after

God's kingdom on Earth. It is refreshing to turn from the shallow mockeries of present day politics to the pure humanitarianism of George Lansbury.

And the work which you have done is to be eclipsed by what you are doing for the men and women and children (how little our politicians think of the young men) on the Workmen and Soldier Council, or what it is easy to see the shadow of yourself above all others.

Consequently to our admiration for you, it came as a blow to us to hear of your recent illness, with all that it meant to the cause, and the pain it meant for you and your family. May we therefore tender our deepest sympathy to you and express our sincerest hopes for your speedy recovery. May God restore you to perfect health for your own and your family's sake and also for humanity at large.

With best wishes, we beg to remain
yours very faithfully,

Rubry J. Flanagan
Winifred Southey B.A.

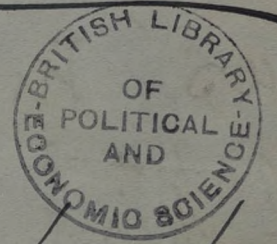
Frances, Countess of
Easton, Warwick (1861-1938)
Dunmow, Essex

I am here till Sept: 5th
White Cliff. Beer S.D. (363)
S. Devon



August 22nd 1917.

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My dear W. Gausbury - I have long been
meaning to write to you - first of all
to hope & trust you are quite over your
illness, then to thank you for the help
you are giving to us in the pages of
the Herald. I have had such a lot of
hard work in connection with 32 Hospitals
in our county that I seem never
to have got away from the atmosphere of
sick & mutilated bodies - and minds - for
years! All last year I took in officers at Buxton

nerve shell-shock cases - too tragic
to live with see the wrecks this awful war
has made of brave young lives: Through
all this time I have only been able to keep
in touch with the Labour Socialist movement
through Herald, Labour Leader, Forward, &
all the little papers. & alas. for the "S.D.P."
of old, backing & supporting the most
corrupt reactionary policy in government
that England has ever known! Old
Socialist-comrades must be mad
to think that World-freedom can come
that way! But the time has come for
a real stand to be made by thoughtful men
& women, if you can make use of me, will you?

France, Countess of Warwick

22 Aug. 1917

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I am here for a month's holiday
my first for 3 years, I am just
living in the sea. By the shore.

I reading & thinking - The excuse I made
for writing to you is to send sympathy
& to hope you are fit again for the fight?

How one deplores the ignorance of the Labour
movement - that they are duped over & over
again? If you could hear, as I do, the horror
& hatred of the "Russian Revolution" (from
King George's ^{throughout} court, aristocracy, &
finally the business-government,) you
would know how little sympathy or
understanding exists with the real aims
of the Proletariat - fear exists, but hatred too.

The lawyers devise from dawn to dark
fresh plans to shackle the people render
them inarticulate. The ordinary every day
talk of my relations, & those in the Court,
would amaze you. although I know you
feel it is there, yet the blatant talk
is incredible - although the Press is instructed
to write of "Freedom"!! The brightest idea
I see is the idea of a League of Nations,
including the Enemy Countries - The Paris
Convention - a financial ramp to exclude
Germany is madness, & will lead to fresh
Wars. How can the people see the truth
if even Socialists are being roped in by
the Government? Is the enclosed little article any use to the

Frances, Countess of Warwick

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22 Aug. 1917

Herald

I would gladly



write a weekly article if
useful? of course, unpaid -

or you might indicate things that
might be useful? I shall be back
at Easton in September, so glad if you

Mr. Lausbury will come for a few days

change, & a chat with Conrad Noel & others.

any time? I can always meet

you with motor at Bishop's Stortford whether

trains run nearly hourly -

Excuse bad
writing & scrawl
written out of
doors!

In sincere friendship
Frances Warwick

BLACKWALL BARRACKS,
EAST INDIA DOCKS, E.

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4-9-17

Richard H. Green

My dear Anthony

I was very sorry to miss Council
the other night, but I have rather cracked legs
I suppose feeling the strain at last, any way I was
in bed over a week & crawling for a week after &
still below fighting form.

I am awfully rushed just at present as I
am being shifted from my present job to
the Shipping Controller's Department at the
Admiralty (National Shipyard branch)
& then I shall be quite cut off from all
Paper work I fear.

I won't interfere in the Mayoralty this
year so please apply to Thorpe or Bayle
as I shall be quite out of it.

As you know I had looked forward to
seeing March in the chair, but if you
think the moment has not yet come
I wish it were had better go on. He
has done wonderfully well, & I
think he is beginning to show signs of

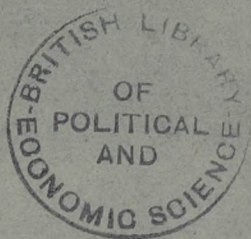
war, a bit frayed about the edges!

I am so glad you are better. There is so much I should like to have a good talk to you about.

Yes my dear fellow - we are all fully & as
Hain. If the war had not been all I feel the
need of talking to the finish was to be
able to lend a hand in what must be
the great reconstruction after the War.
God helps guide us all to use such a chance
wisely. It will be a tremendous time for
strength & confidence in each other &
patience.

The Government have taken over all our
Chapman schemes & we are very much afraid
they may "quar the pitch". That is why I
am allowing myself to go into a government
job, to try & keep it on something like our
lines. We had a very good know hope hope
to do something really good, in social
Industrial work, with food houses, etc.

Yours
Richard A. Jones



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Richard H. Green Elmendale

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Blackheath, Va.
S. I.

7-9-14

My dear Lamont

I quite forgot in writing you the other day to answer your kind enquiry about our boy.

He is at home this week on 10 days leave, the first since he went out over 8 months ago.

I need not say what it means to us to get the lad home even for a glimpse.

We had a very anxious time at the end of July - as we knew he was going to be in the big

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I wish that was coming off at
that time & we had to sit &
listen to the treatment which
was continuous for a fortnight
before they "went over".

I wish a tragic time but for
in his mercy brought the
day through the battle on 31st
July & so listen to his
description of it all makes
one wonder how anyone
comes out of it alive.

I fear that it will be harder
for his Mother to let him
go this time even though
before & yet she like all the
women is so brave about it
& yet one knows how it is
taking into her heart.

Oh, what a number of those
boys cast straight from

school into that hell, looking it as
in no delusion as to the pomp &
panoply of war, but just going out &
doing their job like heroes.

I would like to see you the welcome
place tomorrow but I cannot see it
whilst the Power that had lorded
this horror on the South remains
victorious.

I thought I must just let you
know that the bag was all right
as you kindly asked after them.

Yours
Richard St John

Edgar Isaac Lansbury

Name of Local Tribunal.....Poplar.....

Number of Case

R.-44.

13 Sept. 1917

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

(DUPLICATE).

TO BE FILLED UP BY APPELLANT.

1. Man in respect of whom appeal made.

(a) Name (in full). Edgar Isaac Lansbury.

(b) Address (in full), 25 Mornington Road, Bow, E.,

(c) Occupation, profession or business.

Timber Merchant & Three Ply Manufacturer.

(d) Whether he is attested or not attested.

Not attested.

2. Grounds on which appeal made. (These should be fully stated).

That the Local Tribunal did not give due consideration to the grounds upon which I based my appeal, but devoted itself to a consideration of irrelevant matter. I attach copy of my statement. I also attach further statements by George Lansbury and Robert Williams, which were not produced at the Poplar Tribunal. I am a member of the Poplar Borough Council and an active worker in the Socialist and Political Labour Movement of Poplar and East London. This brings me into conflict with my colleagues on the Borough Council. The Tribunal was composed of a majority of my opponents whom I consider to be not the best qualified people to consider my application. Without the Chairman's vote, the motion ^{resting on the}

~~in favour~~ of work of national importance was 4 to 4.

3. Signature of appellant. Edgar I. Lansbury, 13/9/17.

I thought you would like to see a copy of this. I have sent it in today. You will notice that I have sent in Jones & R.W.'s letters. etc.

Alex Mackenzie 400. Highland Ave (37)
(of U.S.A.) Wollaston. Mass. Sep 13. 1917

Dear Mr. Fels. As I understand Lonsbury's book was sent to me by your instructions, I am submitting my review for your censorship and will ask you to hand it to W Bowmar if you approve.

I only know W Lonsbury as one of his audiences, and felt strongly the magnetic attraction of him, but in addition to that I heard much of him from my friends, W Paul and Busby, and had thus formed a very exalted opinion of him - If however you think I have erred on the side of fulsome flattery, dont hesitate to send the review back and I shall modify it.

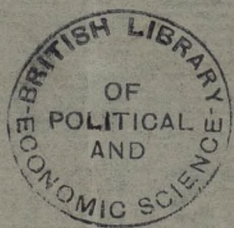
- I am an incurable hero-worshipper and W Lonsbury is just the kind of

man that always captivates me.
I suppose I am right in assuming that
he belonged to what is called "the
working classes" ? On this point too
please correct me if I am in error.

- With kind regards.

Yours very truly.

Alex MacKendrick



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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,

Royal Hospital,

Chelsea, S.W.3.

13th September, 1917

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I have seen your daughter this afternoon, (I unfortunately had to trouble her to come back a second time as I was engaged in the morning), and have handed her name to the Labour Exchange, 60, Great Marlborough Street, who will no doubt arrange for an appointment. We have made it a rule to take all our temporary people through the Civil Service Commission.

The enclosed letter should be handed in by your daughter at 60, Great Marlborough Street. *Trusting she will be successful*

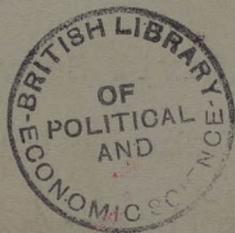
Yours truly,

Siddons

George Lansbury Esq,
39, Bow Road,
E.3.

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Dorothy Jewson
(1884—
COPY LETTER.

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October 29th, 1917.

My dear friend, Mr. Lansbury,

Will you accept the enclosed cheque towards "The Herald" funds in memory of my of my brother?

As you know he was a keen supporter of the paper when it was in its youth, and I feel sure that had he lived through the disclosures of the last few months of the war, he would be with us now on the side of peace and freedom.

I have been concerned by the reports that have reached me as to the state of your health, and I hope that you will soon be feeling quite strong again.

We all need the help of your courageous spirit to help us to carry on in these difficult times.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Dorothy Jewson.

Please note that the gift is anonymous and I want no thanks, being proud to give it.

Miss Dorothy Jewson,
18 Bank Chambers,
24 Grainger St. West,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

TELEPHONE 3178

Jessie (Mrs. Wm. Ingram, 9.14.1)
(2. Jessie McLardy; Red. 1943) (373)

22 GREAT KING STREET
EDINBURGH

30. Oct. 1917

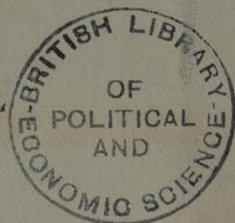
Dear Mr. Landsbury

Your nice present
of Book and letter quite
took my breath away, as I can
assure you, we enjoyed your
company that weekend very
much, and I hope of ever
you return to our City. You
will understand there is always
a welcome for you in our home
and tell Mr. Landsbury I
hope sometime to make her

a acquaintance. I am so
proud to get your own Book
which will be among my
treasures. W. Ingram was in
London the last Raid in
Trafalga Square when the Bomb
came down in the Circus
not at all pleasant. It is a
trying time for everyone, I do
hope you have got your family
settled in some quiet spot.

W. Ingram joins with me in kindest
regards and again thanking
you. Yours sincerely

Jessie Ingram



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Robert Craigmyle Morrison des Street,

1st Barron St 1881 -
Dear Mr Lansbury

Walmouth, S.E.

Mr Mrs. Tom Glossop
Mrs Glossop

30.10.17

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desires me to thank Mr Lansbury
on yourself for your very kind
letter of sympathy & to say that
amongst all the letters of condolence
she has received; because of
past memories there is none she
values higher than yours.

Mingled with sorrow at his
loss there is a feeling of
pride that almost to the last
Tom gave of his best to the
good cause of the Common People.
She will always be pleased to see
Mr Lansbury or yourself.

The children join in sending
you good wishes

Yours sincerely
R. C. Morrison

Memorial Card enclosed.

Harold Begbie
(1871 - 1929)
COPY LETTER.

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November 4th.

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PRIVATE.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I have been intending for more than a week to write and express to you both my gratitude and admiration for your courage in publishing my U.O. compositions. I hope you have not thought that I took this act of kindness on your part as a matter of course. Far from that, I assure you. Indeed my admiration for your courage, as my knowledge of the timidity of British editors widened, has increased every day. It is rather a fine thing for you to reflect upon, that, apparently, this in sober truth, you are the one chivalric editor in these Islands, the one man who does not stand cap in hand to the strong, but has that hand stretched out to help the weak and the despised. I do not know that I agree with all your views, but I do know that I have a deep and grateful admiration for your disinterested devotion and your most gallant courage. I should like you to remember this, in case at any time I can be of the smallest service to you. Gladly and proudly will such service be rendered.

Believe me to be,

Very sincerely Yours,

Harold Begbie.

Mr. Harold Begbie,
Spyways,
Hartfield,
Nr. Tunbridge Wells.

TEL. 4502 WESTERN.

Mrs. Geraldine Cammell

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30, REDCLIFFE GARDENS,
S.W.10.

Nov. 30th 1917.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I am a reader of
"The Herald" & enclose £1.
towards its expenses this
month. May God bless this
Special Xmas number.
& may the words of your
beautiful message, be
pondered over by thousands.

30. REDCLIFFE GARDENS
S.W.10

I too am a humble follower
of the Prince of Peace
* Oh! how heartbreaking
are the present conditions,
* The almost universal blind-
ness that seems to have
fallen over our beloved Country
as to the only Hope .. The
only true way out of these

disasters. May our blessed
Master bless yr. brave en-
deavours - * all who think
like you. I am only an
old Gentlewoman, - have
no influence, - no importance.
but my prayers follow you
day by day -

Believe me

Yrs sincerely

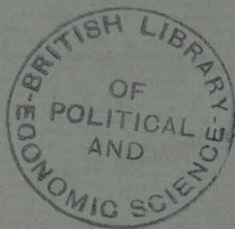
M^{rs}

Geraldine Jamwell.

P.S. I am a cousin of

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Miss Wintour's, whom I
think you know, at
"St. Mildred's House"
Isle of Dogs.



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Thursday 20th Dec. /17

Andrew MacLaren
(M.P.; 1883—)

11 Tothill St
Westminster

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20 Dec. 1917

My dear Lansbury

I want to congratulate you upon the last two numbers of the Herald. The articles have something more in them than mere negative criticism. I think a special word of credit is due to Brailsford for his writings on the Russian Revolution. I do sincerely hope you will be able to continue the present temper of the paper; it comes as a God sent tonic in these days of apologetic subterfuge.

I am doing my best to have the two last numbers of Herald placed in the hands of as many thinking people as I am acquainted with

Wishing you and your men at the office every success

I am yours sincerely

Andrew MacLaren

36 Chester Road

J. E. Grant

Hulme

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Manchester

Dec 21st 1917

Editor of Herald

Dear Sir

I have just returned from the front after being out there away from my wife and seven children for 12 months and I am delighted that your paper is pressing the cause of peace & the downfall of Lloyd George I can assure you we men who have been gulled and forced to take up arms and are now the slaves are looking to the labour party to insist on a peace conference the one thing men want out there is peace we never intended to be soldiers and our lives have become a dudge we say openly we dont care who wins and Lloyd George is more hated than the Kaiser I have done my best to preach the herald doctrine and have met with applause by the troops every one sees through the whole business how in the

heat of our patriotism, we attested on
the gallery of the crafty men in power
and who have broke all their pie crust
promises. We had to submit to the
most brutal bullying by inferior men
the scabs of the gutter as drill sergeants
and then we talk of Prussianism. The
one thing you hear out there is the
decision to be a socialist and on
behalf of humanity we from the
front wish you every success in
your effort for a speedy peace
and may the time soon come
when men shall brother, be
and form one family the wide
world over. I hope the Labour party
will not give way any more
to the most conceited autocrat
who ever disgraced the British
Premier's chair. I might add that
owing to health accounts I have
now been given a staff job in
the Flying Corps and the men out
of the firing line are always asking
is there any peace terms on

our side - to let you know
you have every support behind you
from those who have been galled
by the self styled apostle of democracy
If you succeed in your efforts for
an early peace they are the only
men to suffer - could you send
me the Herald to France when I go
back I shall be pleased to receive
subscription rate, also particulars of
the Herald League. This letter is not
for publication but to encourage
you in your efforts.

Yours sincerely
J E Grant

Swann
"On earth peace among men of good-will."³³

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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"God is King, be the people never so impatient.
He sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth
never so unquiet."

To Mr. & Mrs. George Lansbury, with the season's
greetings,

Xmas.

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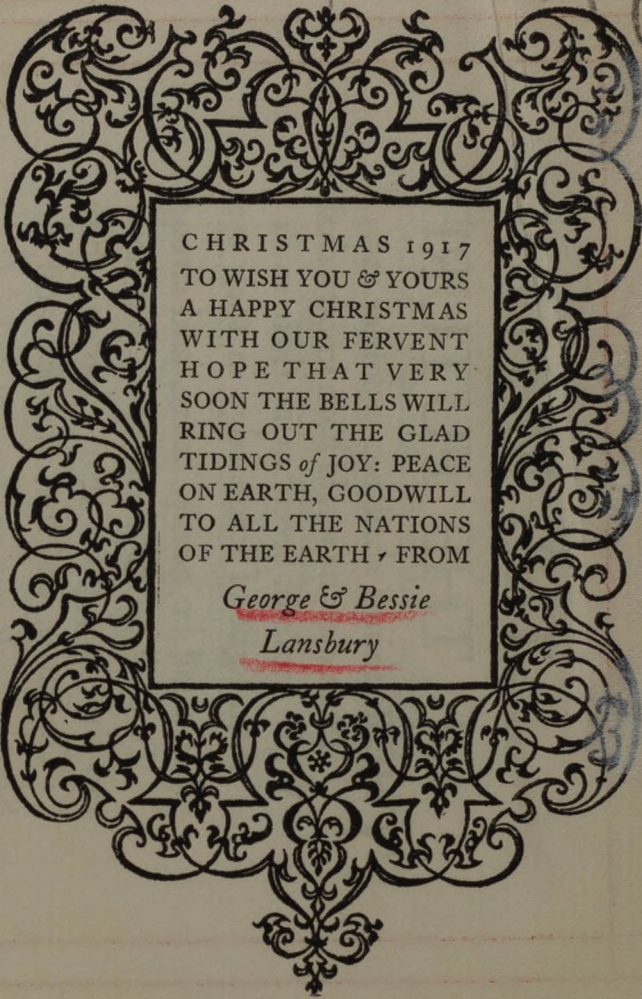


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say 24 Dec 1917

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CHRISTMAS 1917
TO WISH YOU & YOURS
A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
WITH OUR FERVENT
HOPE THAT VERY
SOON THE BELLS WILL
RING OUT THE GLAD
TIDINGS of JOY: PEACE
ON EARTH, GOODWILL
TO ALL THE NATIONS
OF THE EARTH / FROM

George & Bessie
Lansbury

THE MEN OF THE FUTURE

THESE things shall be: a loftier race,
Than e'er the world hath known shall rise,
With flame of freedom in their souls
And light of knowledge in their eyes.

They shall be gentle, brave, and strong
To spill no drop of blood, but dare
All that may plant man's lordship firm
On earth, and fire, and sea, and air.

U / Nation with nation, land with land
Armed shall live as comrades free;
In every heart and brain shall throb
The pulse of one fraternity.

Man shall love man with heart as pure
And fervent as the young-eyed throng
Who chant their heavenly psalms before
God's face with undiscordant song.

New arts shall bloom of loftier mould,
And mightier music thrill the skies,
And every life shall be a song
When all the earth is paradise.

There shall be no more sin, nor shame,
Though pain and passion may not die;
For man shall be at one with God
In bonds of firm necessity.

J. A. SYMONDS

Thomas Fisher Unwin

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With
Mr. & Mrs. Fisher Unwin's
Warmest Wishes for
Peace in the
New Year



December 1917

Oatscroft, Heyshott
Midhurst, Sussex

RICHARD COBDEN

PURE-HEARTED Hero of a bloodless fight!
Clean-handed Captain in a painless war!
Soar, spirit, to the realms of Truth and Light,
Where the Just are!

If one poor cup of water given shall have
Due recognition in the Day of Dread,
Angels may welcome this one, for he gave
A nation bread!

His bays are sullied by no crimson stain!
His battles cost no life, no land distressed;
The victory that closed the long campaign,
The vanquished bless'd.

No narrow patriot bounded by the strand
Of his own Isle—he led a new advance,
And opened, with the olive branch in hand,
The ports of France,

Charming base hate of centuries to cease,
And laying upon humble piles of Trade
Foundation for that teeming reign of Peace
For which he prayed.

This the sole blot on which detraction darts,
Willing to make his rounded fame decrease;
That in his inmost soul and heart of hearts,
He worshipp'd Peace.

But One bless'd Peacemakers long years ago;
And since, in common clay, or stately vault,
Seldom has Hero rested, stained by so
Superb a fault.

1865.



War Victims' Relief Committee
OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

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25. XII. 1917.

Dear Friend,

I have felt constrained to write and tell you how glad my brother, sisters and self are at the stand The Herald is taking on the question of peace by negotiation instead of aiming at a military victory, and how we hope that Labour will indeed see its way to support or initiate efforts to stop the war, and to institute the methods of conciliation and common sense so that ^{my} lives need no longer be slaughtered, but a lasting peace be entered upon.

To me it seems a most terrible thing that we should be asked to risk starving our people for the sake of feeding the Italians so that the Italians may be induced to fight. It is beyond words to express what one feels when one contemplates the starving of women and children in one country to feed those of another that their men may be induced to go and fight, which with our modern methods is scarcely more than to go and be slaughtered. I hope therefore that at the Conference a strong resolution will be passed

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which will induce the Government to enter into negotiations,
or an armistice allowing of the free discussion of terms of peace.
Peace we cannot have too soon, but we will need time to get the
terms of settlement clear, but surely there is not need for one
more to be slaughtered as we are not out for dictating peace terms,
especially when distation can never make a true and lasting
settlement.

Again thanking you for your bold a fearless articles,

Yours truly,

Edsel M. Cishely.

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20 Green Street -

Sir Walter Peacock
Leicester Square
W.C.
(1871) - 29 Dec: 1917

Dear Lansbury

Thank you for your
card at Christmas.

Please accept - for
yourself and Mrs. Lansbury
our sincerest wishes
for your welfare.

I fell into a great fear
when you were ill,
and rejoiced at your
recovery, - as so
many must have
done.

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The Herald is excellent.
Its circulation must
surely now be very
considerable, and is,
I hope, steadily growing.
Even the paper, I wonder,
has its way yet.

Of late years I have
been much occupied,
& have failed to keep
myself free for good
work of any kind; -
there have been many
unavoidable distractions.
It would give me the

Greatest pleasure to meet you
and have a talk, and I shall
come into Tudor Street now
in the hope that I may find
you with a few moments to
spare, or that we may be
able to make an appointment
to meet at another time.

So accept, my dear Lonsbury,
my heartfelt congratulations
on the success of your work.

Yours sincerely

Walter Peacock



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Edgar I. Lansburg

to Mrs. G. L.

Morfa Bychan,

Sunday

[? between 1917 and
Nov. 1918]

Dear Mum,

Thanks for your letter. We are very glad that you like the Hall-seat. It took my eye as soon as I saw it in the shop, but we hadn't a big enough hall for it really. It will look much better in yours. We were very thankful to be out of the raid; it must have been a very trying time for you all, especially the horrible climax. I like the way the Clergy discriminated in the Burial Service by calling the attention of the Almighty to "these men" instead of "Our Brethren". No doubt ~~He~~ will make a note of this, but whether ~~this~~^{it} will be to the advantage of the Clergy is surely open to question.

We are now having good weather

E. I. Lansbury

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and every thing looks splendid. This is the real place for a quiet holiday. Unless we walk at least 2 miles we can't spend a halppenny, & with the best will in the world to spend pounds we can't work up the will to walk the distance. Minnie says that this inability to spend money is my one worry. So it is!

Yalley is going to spend a few days with us next week, from Wednesday. I think he needs a rest as much as anybody — & he will get it here.

This is a great place for Mushrooms & blackberries. You can gather stacks of Mushrooms a couple of fields from here & when I remember that we pay $1\frac{5}{9}$ per lb. in London

E. H. Landburg

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I feel very small. However they are not always so plentiful.

We hope the moving is completely over & that you are settling down to the new house. I think it a good thing that the Raid came on Saturday and not on Monday, because it gives you the impression of leaving Raids behind you when you move instead of moving right into them. I am sure you would feel that it was something to do with the ^{new} house if it had occurred on Monday, whereas you can with safety reckon it was all due to St. Stephen's Road now that you have moved!

I notice that Dick hasn't paid you a visit yet. I don't

E. I. Lansbury 4

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Suppose he knows you're there
yet. When he does he will be
nuisance enough as usual.

We both send our love

Minnie & Edget

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