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1933

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Leopold Stennett Amery
(1873 →)

112, EATON SQUARE,
S.W.1.

December 13th 1933

My dear Lansbury,

All of us in the House were greatly distressed to hear of your accident and much relieved to know that the operation has gone off well, and that you are getting on as well as can be expected. I am afraid it means some weeks of tiresome enforced rest from the House of Commons, but we all hope to see you back in good form in February.

This of course expects no reply.

Yours sincerely

St Amery

Nancy, Viscountess Astor
(n. LangRome)

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13 Dec. 1933

My Dear Mr. Lausberg

As Mrs. Grew says
much - & are hoping you
are in less pain & will
soon be coming back.

I have wanted to write knowing
how many hundreds of letters
you must be getting
Let me know if I can
do anything for you here in
the Grews' construction - for that
seems to me - the best way
to help you rest greatly
not worry - My husband is on the
Sea & he would join me &
wishing you a speedy recovery
Yours truly
E. de la Roche

Rev. James Barr
(1862-1949)

75-Clonson St.
Rt Honourable,
Stops Lausbury Glasgow W.V.

13th Dec., 1933.

Dear Comrade & Friend,

I am greatly
distressed about your
accident, & I hope
you are suffering less
pain & gathering strength.

I will cherish as
long as I live the fine
letter you wrote to me

after you had read the
story of my fight at
Kilwamock as told in
"Forward." It was so
kind & so heartening.

Now it is my turn
to send you my message
of admiration, good
cheer, & best wishes.

I am sure you will
be sustained by the highest
consolations, & I pray God
for your speedy recovery.

I append a ^{verse of a} hymn that
I like very much: -

"Shadows deep have crossed our pathway,
We have tumbled in the storm;
Clouds have gathered round so darkly
That we could not see Thy form;
Yet Thy love hath never left us
In our grief alone to be;
And the help each gave the other
Was the strength that came from Thee."

With highest regard,

I am,
Yours very sincerely,
James Barr

Rev. Albert David Belden
(1883 -

December 13th, 1933.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

We, the undersigned workers for Peace assembled in Friends House,
send you our warmest greetings and wish you a speedy and full
recovery.

Yours very sincerely,

Albert Belden

Beatrice C. M. Brown

W. A. Selby

Edith Ratcliffe

Frances Baird

Carl Heath

W. J. Jefferson

Alexander C. Wilson

Catherine E. Marshall

Tom. A. Brown.

Isabel Hunt.

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Mrs. Hunter

Nathleen P. Moore.

Anna Stone

Arthur A. Field.

Humphrey S. Moore

Edward G. Smith

To the Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P.



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Acknowledged

Edward Noel-Buxton
(*1st Baron Noel-Buxton, 1869-1948*)
18 COWLEY STREET
WESTMINSTER.

(6)

13th December, 1933.

My dear George,

Your letter about the Xmas Fund came at the same time as the awfully sad news of your accident. I need not say how keenly we feel this distressing news, both my wife and I, and you know how much we hope for your rapid recovery.

Certainly we want to help the Fund as much as we can, and I enclose a cheque. I would not trouble you with it, but do not know where else to send it.

With all best wishes

*Yours & family
Noel Buxton*

Sir Winston Churchill

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Rt Hon. G. Lansbury London
most grieved at your accident
and I greatly hope you will
make a good recovery
Winston Churchill



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Edwy Godwin Clayton

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"
THE WHITE COTTAGE,
London Road, BRACKNELL,
Lily Hill,
BERKS.

13 Dec. 1933.

Dear Mr Lansbury,

I have been unwell, and only able to read to-day of your accident. I feel that I must tell you how grieved we all are - my wife, my son, and myself - at the intelligence. But it is something by way of relief to gather that the progress your Surgeon reports you to be making is satisfactory.

With the sincerest good wishes for your speedy recovery, and kind regards to your family,

Believe me

Your sympathizing old friend,
Edwy Godwin Clayton,

The Right Hon.ble

J. Lansbury,
P.C., M.P.

Mansel House Hospital,
Hampton, N.W. 3.



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13/12/33.

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Sir Lionel Fane
(1866-1948)

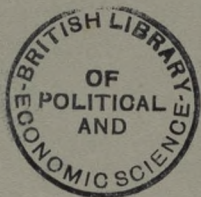
14, Sloane Gardens,
S.W.1.

My dear Mr Lanesbury,

We have been and are
so distressed at your
accident & I do hope that
you are not suffering
terribly. I have been in
trouble too, as Betty was
in Paris undergoing a
treatment, when she had
to be suddenly operated
on for appendicitis.

She left the clinic yesterday
& is doing well but
she was full of sympathy
in her letters about you.
I do hope you will have
a speedy recovery & that
the fracture will leave
no reminders. No answer
of course
Yours ever sincerely,

Lionel Edwards



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(1888—

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PETER FREEMAN
3, RECTORY ROAD
PENARTH, WALES

13. 12. 33.

My dear George/

What rough luck! But I hope
you will now get over the worst & will
have a nice comfortable rest in bed
& quiet for several months which you
well deserve & I hope will thoroughly
enjoy - Ever cordially & fraternally -
Peter -

PERNARTH

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Rt. Hon S. Roebuck M.P.
Manor House Hospital
Golders Green
N.W.



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Thomas Johnston

1882-



From Glasgow (11)

Wednesday night

13 Dec. 1933

Dear George Lansbury

balled here
tonight. Everybody - without
exception - wishes you
the speediest return to
good health. It is to have

earned this place in
good fellowship, must be
your great solace these
days.

Great Good will
and best wishes M449

from

Tom Hudson



Liberal National (12)
Whip's Office

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Sir John Henry Morris - Jones
(1884 -

Dear Mr Zausbury.

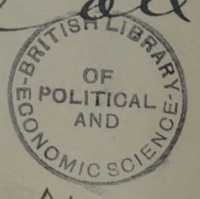
As a great
admirer of your character,
please allow me to
sympathize very much
with you in your
unfortunate accident,
and to express the
hope that you will
in the circumstances
make ~~for~~ ~~slow~~ ~~and~~ but
sure recovery.

Yours truly a



medical man, one
 cannot but express
 the view that your
 abstemious habits
 combined with your
 wonderful constitution,
 will be the most
 potent aid to your
 Surgeon and nurses.
 odd to treat your
 wonderful cheery
 spirit. It will all
 help.

Yours sincerely
 J. Henry Knowles Jones



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William MacColin Kirkpatrick
(1878-

(13)



ANGLO SOUTH AMERICAN BANK BUILDING.

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SANTIAGO, CHILE.

13th December, 1933.

Private & Personal.

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My dear Mr. Sansbury.

I hope you will remember me! I sit - physically - on your side of the House on the Back Bench on top of the gangway, where I have ample room for my legs.

I hope when you get this you will be well on the way to complete recovery. I was so sorry to read in a local paper (in Spanish) this morning a cable reporting your distressing accident and hasten to offer you my sincerest sympathies and trust that you will be back again in your old place long before I return.

I came out on behalf of some of those important interests, - which you are so anxious to nationalise! - to endeavour to restore economic relations which we have had for the last 50 years with Chile and whose particular industry - nitrates - has suffered in common with apparently every other commodity in the world. My job is one which would have been necessary even if you had already carried out your programme, so perhaps you also would have had to send me out on the work I am now on!

I find everything absorbingly interesting and the people of all classes friendly, definitely so towards England, in spite of the fact that considerably more money has been invested in Chile by the U.S.A. The Government, as you know, is to all intents and purposes like ours, a real National Government! members of all Parties are

W M Kirkpatrick

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The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P.

13 Dec 1933

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represented in the Cabinet.

On my first visit to the Lower House here I was interested to notice the only decoration consisted of a large-sized wonderful seascape by Summerscales, an English artist, who spent nearly all his life in Chile. It represents the victorious Chilean Armada returning to Valparaiso after having defeated the Spaniards in 1830 circa. In the van is the flag-ship of Lord Cochrane, R.N. (British), a Scotsman, who I think at one time (I am not quite sure of this) was a member of the House of Commons. Anyhow, his activities went a long way towards procuring the Independence of Chile, the first President being one - General O'Higgins, - Chilean born son of an Irish Labourer, who ^{became} ~~was~~ a Colonel in the Spanish Royalist Army,

who knows no English

The present Finance Minister here is one Señor Gustavo Ross. I find many parallels here with India. If invited, I will tell you all about it when I get home.

I trust you will forgive my writing at all this length; my main object is to wish you the best of luck and a speedy return to complete health and strength.

yours sincerely

W M Kirkpatrick

(W.M.Kirkpatrick.
M.P. for Preston)

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

P.S. On the Argentine Border, between Chile and Argentina, on one of the highest points of the Andes is an impressive piece of sculptor, a figure of the Christ erected jointly by the two peoples in 1906 as a sign of ^{symbol} peace and on it is inscribed:

W M Kirkpatrick

13 Dec 1883

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The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P.

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"Sooner shall these mountains crumble into dust than the
"people of Argentina and Chile break the peace which at
"the feet of Christ, the Redeemer, they have sworn to
"maintain."

The dispute was one of Boundaries which after a long and bitter con-
troversy was referred to the arbitration of Queen Victoria.

W. M. Kirkpatrick

Hilda Lansbury

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C/o Mr James
Little Aston Park
Sutton Coldfield
in Birmingham

Dec 13th 33.

Dear Mr Lansbury,

I am very sorry indeed to hear of your unfortunate accident, I hope you are in no great pain & that you will soon be your own dear self again.

You know I admire you very much although you do not know of me.

I ought to introduce myself first.

I am the granddaughter of the late Thomas Lansbury your cousin, and I am very proud to bear your name.

I am sure everyone loves you.

I am taking this opportunity of making myself known to you, and when you are well enough, if you will only answer my letter



13 Dec. 1933

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It will be my greatest possession
that I shall always treasure.

My Best Wishes for your speedy
recovery and a Happy Christmas
to you & your family,

Yrs most Sincerely
Hilda Lambrey.



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'Phone: AMHerst 3019.

Robert George
REV. R. G. LEGGE.

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ST. MARK'S VICARAGE,
VICTORIA PARK,
LONDON, E.9.

13th December, 1933.

My dear Mr. Lansbury,

We are all deeply sorry to learn of your serious accident and we send our affectionate sympathies and trust that the operation and other treatment which you may receive will be thoroughly effective and that in due course you will be about your good work with the same old health and vim.

With all kind remembrances from us all

yours sincerely,

Rev. R.G. Legge

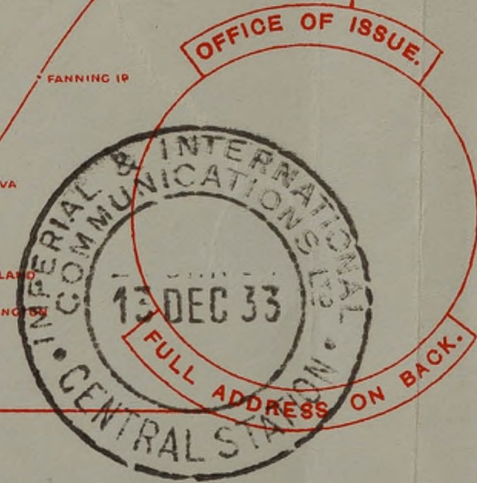
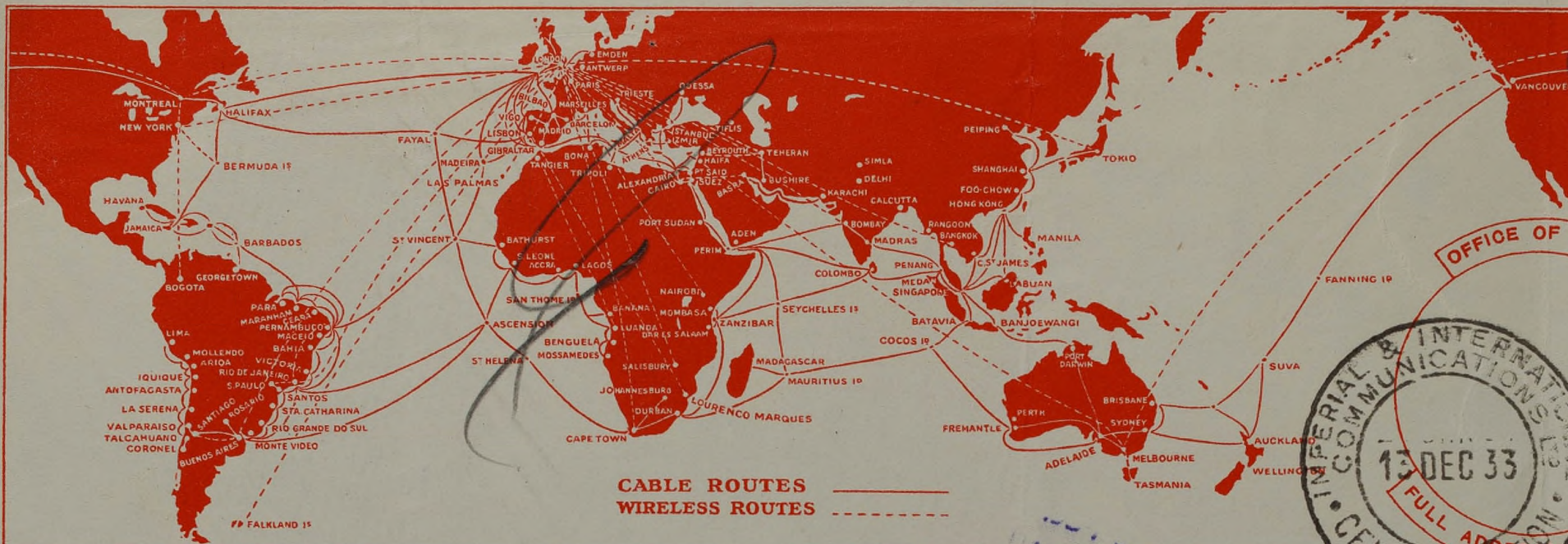


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Minister in Charge:

REV. J. R. PEACOCK.

Phone: Hayes 600.

The Manse,

Station Road,

Hayes, Middx.

13th December, 1933.

Dear Mr Lansbury,

This is just a short note of sympathy and to tell you how sorry all your friends at Hayes are to hear of your accident. We all wish you a speedy and complete recovery.

" England hath need of thee. "

Yours sincerely,

J. R. Peacock



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Cecil Frederick Pike
(1898—)




Dec. 15th 1933.

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Dear George Lansbury

I have read with delight that you are making good progress, and sincerely trust that you will continue without complications your march to vigorous health.

On the same day, almost about the same time I myself narrowly missed death. Travelling home with a friend we ran into a bad skid on a rather steep incline outside Sheffield, I managed to pull the car into a site recently cleared of slum property, but could not avoid some trees on the journey. The car caught fire but we managed to escape with minor bruises etc. Had the demolitions be delayed I may have been responsible for the introduction of a novel slum clearance scheme but the result would have been



costly. However George, the "devil" looks
after his own "they say" and there have
been no complications. The House will
greatly miss you, and will look
forward very sincerely to your recovery
and return.

With sincere good wishes.

Yours etc.

Cecile Pike.

Rt Hon. Geo. Lansbury, M.P.
Mans House Hospital
Hampstead



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[J.H. Pitts]

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3 Grove Park Cottages
Liskeard
Cornwall.

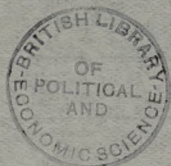
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Dear Comrade.

On behalf of the
Liskeard Borough Labour Party, I
hasten to extend our sympathy
with you in your great misfortune.
We hope that our love and
faith in you, will help on
your speedy recovery.

Your courage and faith is our
constant inspiration, may this
knowledge help you to bear the
pain. Oh! that we might share
it with you, as you would
have us share the pleasures of
life, that Capitalism denies us.
Yours sincerely,
J.H. Pitts.

Chairman Liskeard Labour Party.

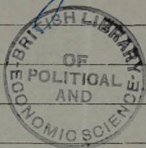


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[J.H. Potts] 13 Dec. 1938

George Lansbury's little joke (23)

I'm seventy-five or nigh
In bed with a broken thigh.
Life played a rotten card.
Those blooming steps were hard.
But I can lead those rebels yet,
and make those gawdy Dachs's sict.
Yes these old bones are dry
But Socialism is still the cry.
And soon a walking I shall be
at the head of the throng to Victory.



J.H. Potts.

Sir Isidore Salmon
(1876-1941)

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51, MOUNT STREET, W. I.

GROSVENOR 2240.

13th December 1933.

My dear Lansbury

Just a line to express my deepest sympathy with you in your very nasty accident. I sincerely hope that it will not be too long before we see you back in Parliament again.

With best wishes for your speedy recovery,

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Isidore Salmon

Rt. Hon. G. Lansbury, MP.
39 Bow Rd.
E. 3.

(25)

Charles Wm. South 31 Guildford Road
Green Lane

Seven Kings

13th Dec 1933

Dear Mr Lanbury

I assure you it was with very real regret, that I heard, through the medium of the "Wireless" of the accident which befel you whilst you were at Saunstrom.

I am writing to ask you to accept my heartfelt sympathy with you in all you must have suffered, and the members of your family in consequence.

I most sincerely hope that by this time you are free from pain & that you will make a quick recovery to complete health & strength & thus be able once again to take up your duties in Parliament.

I dare say by this time you are beginning to wonder who I am. No doubt you remember "Rosebank Messia Sunday School, St Stephens Road, Bow when

Tommy Donald, played the Harmonium.
Harry Culmer, Georgie Watson, myself
others were Teachers under you as
Superintendent.

Everytime I have either heard
your name or seen it in print my thoughts
have gone back to "Rosebank".

Owing to the Raid in 1917
I had to go to Hertfordshire in going
to go I came in contact with both
Harry Culmer & Georgie Watson, both of
whom when I hear last were living
at Harpenden. Herb.

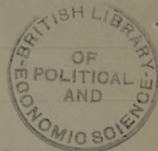
If I have taken too great a
liberty in writing you I trust you will
forgive me, but as my old Sunday School
Superintendent I felt impelled to do so.

With my kindest regards
& renewed wishes & my prayers for your
complete restoration to health & strength

Believe me to be

Yours truly

Chas Wm South



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Sir Frederick
Charles Thomson
(Bart.; 1875-1935)

13 Dec., 1933.



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Dear Lansbury,

We were
all very sorry to hear
of your accident, and
are glad indeed to
hear that you are
going on very well.

Wishing you a speedy
recovery, I am,

Yours sincerely,

F. C. Thomson.

Alan Livesey Stuart Todd
1900-

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Dec 13/33

Dear Mr: Lansbury

You may remember
that you stayed with
me - for Charter day at
Rushy Regis this autumn
& that we had a great
time together.

May I say how sorry
I am to hear of your
accident & I do hope you
will make a speedy &
complete recovery. Your accident



has caused great sadness
in the House & throughout
the country. Those of us
who disagree profoundly
with your views know you
as a kindly & good man
who has a fine influence
in politics in the House
& who is greatly loved
outside.

Best wishes get well quickly



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Alan Stuart Lloyd

Sir Ralph Verney
(Bart.) 1879—

13th Dec. (28)
1922.



Dear Mr. Lansbury
I should like to be
allowed to send my
personal sympathy to
you on your unfortunate
accident, and to say how
much I hope that you
will, as speedily as is
possible, recover completely,
and be able to return



to the House of Commons.

This needs no reply at all, but, like everybody else here, I shall wish to see you restored to your usual robust health at the earliest possible moment.

Yours sincerely

Ralph Verney.



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T. J. Blacketer

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36 Meadew Way
Upminster Essex

14. 12. 03

Mr J. Farnbury

Dear George

We are all more than sorry you have had such a misfortune, we know how hard it will be for you to lay so long especially as you always want to be doing something for others. It is impossible to understand why these things happen, but we must believe them to be for the best. We trust that your leg will get well & strong again & the rest your body gets may add a few more years to your life. You will always be wanted by every one but I expect you will have to go more careful in the future. We feel sure under the circumstances that your presence in the hospital will help to make it bright & very pleasant for Christmas & we trust that you will have the very best news from your Doctor that all is going well.

Yrs sincerely
T J Blacketer



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Jimmy Brine

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HENDON 1981.

BRINSDALE,

TENTERDEN GROVE,

HENDON, N.W.4.

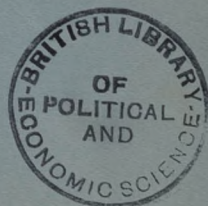
Dec 14th 33 -

My Dear George.

We are so glad
to know that you are
progressing favourably,
and send our love,
wishing you a speedy
and happy convalescence

With every Good W^hL -

Jimmy Brine —



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Charles R. Enever

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BROAD STREET HOUSE,
OLD BROAD STREET,
LONDON, E. C. 2.

14th December 1933.

My dear Lansbury,

Very many thanks for yours of the 7th inst., which I found awaiting me on my return from Scotland this morning. In the meantime, I was exceedingly sorry to learn of your accident, but I am glad to note from this morning's paper that you are making steady progress. I trust you will continue to do so and that you will soon be out and about again.

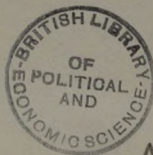
With kindest regards and all good wishes,

Believe me,

Ever yours sincerely,

Charles Enever

The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P.,
39 Bow Road,
E. 3.



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Sir George Henry Gater
(1886—)

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THE COUNTY HALL,
LONDON, S.E. 1.

14th December, 1933.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I was indeed sorry to learn of your most unfortunate accident, and that you are in hospital. But the later news that you are on the way to recovery is welcome, and you have my very best wishes that it may be both thorough and speedy.

I do not want to add to your doubtless already heavy correspondence at this time, so please do not trouble to reply.

Yours very sincerely,

H. Gater

The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P.



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HOTEL BRISTOL

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BRISTOL CAFÉ RESTAURANT

TELEFOON 26584.
HOTEL WISSEMANN
WINSCHOTEN.
TELEFOON 28.
B. DOMMERING & ZONEN.

ARNHEM,

December 14

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Rev. Theodore C. Gobat

My Dear Friend,

I have just heard of your accident, and do trust that you are recovering. My wife is with me on my lecturing tour in Holland. We have been moving every day from one town to another, and have seen no English papers till last night, when I saw the News-Chronicle and read about your accident. We return to England tomorrow night, and expect to reach Godney on Saturday morning. Lecturing to Dutch people in English has been a very interesting experience, though the intense cold which we have had all the time has been rather trying. If, as I trust, you are well enough to deal with correspondence, wish some one to send us a card to say how you are.

My wife sends her love, and bids me to give you a message of sympathy.

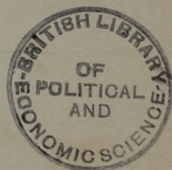
We are both most anxious to hear further news of you.

When you are convalescent, and you think a quick time at Godney would do you good, please write and suggest a visit at any time.

With every good wish from us both, and very sincere sympathy

Ever yours affectionately

Theodore C. Gobat



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Sir Herbert Holdsworth
(1890-1949)



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Dear Mr. Lansbury/ May I express
to you my sincere sympathy.
We shall all miss your
cheerful presence but shall all
pray for your speedy
recovery

Yours sincerely,
H. Holdsworth



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Sir Archibald Wm. Henry James
(1893 -)

Dear Mr: Lausbury

My Mother in law,
Mr: Murray Guthrie
and I wish to
tell you how
distressed we are
at your accident
and how sincerely we
hope for your
speedy recovery.

W
A. W. H. James

LANGHAM 2712.

29, PORTLAND PLACE,
W. 1.

Sir (William) Arbuthnot Lane
(Bart.; 1856-1943)

14 December 1933

Dear Mr Lausbury

I am writing

to express our deep sympathy
with you & your family
in the accident you have
sustained. Fortunately it
is one which I trust will
cause you little disability
subsequently.

Your progress to recovery
will be watched with
great interest by an im-
plicit number of friends

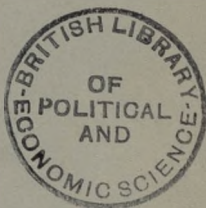
admire you who owe so much to
you for your active service
to the public.

With best wishes

I am

Yours truly

L. J. [unclear] *Wendell H. Lane*

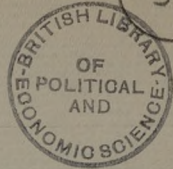


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Brian V. Lansbury

[say 14 Dec. 1933]

11. Lee Park
Blackheath
London



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Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I was ever so sorry when mother told me about your accident. I call it a shame to be laid up for Christmas, although it is very nice in hospital at Christmas time. I have been in hospital when I was a little boy six years old, and I had an operation. The nurses were very good to me, and when I left to come home the matron kissed me and I wrote my name in a book for her. I am used to visiting the hospital all this summer, because my sister Eileen was ill there.

I wonder if you would let me come and see you, I would like to very much.

Mother says when you leave hospital you may have to be wheeled about till you are stronger, if you do can I come and wheel you about on Saturdays. I am afraid my holidays will be over before you

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leave hospital. My school exams are over I
am glad to say, I would bring my violin
to cheer you up but I expect the
nurses would not let me do that as I
know they are very strict about any noise.
I hope you will soon be well again
and be your self.

Yours lovingly,
Brian V. Lansbury.



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S. D. MORGENSTERN

Rabbi of Beth David Synagogue,
London.

שלמה דוד מארגענשטערן

בהרה"ג הר"מ שליט"א מקאצק אב"ק ווענגרייך
רב דבהמ"ד בית דוד בלאנדאן

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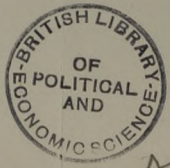
37. BUXTON STREET, LONDON, E.1.

יום..... פרשת..... Dec..... ימים בחודש..... 33..... שנת תרצ"ג לפ"ק לאנדאן, יע"א. 14

My dear Mr Lansbury
I the undersigned Rabbi offered a special service on the day of your operation. psalms were Chanted, & as I read in the Press. that you are towards a Recovery. with Gods help. I sincerely wish you will soon be well enough to continue the good work, & Champion the cause for Humanity & my People.

Yours Very Sincerely

(for) Rabbi S.D. Morgenstern
m.w. Sec.



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ALEXANDER OZERSKY.

Bush House,
Aldwych,
W. C. 2.

14th December, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury M.P.
Manor House Hospital,
North End Road,
N. W. 11.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I was exceedingly sorry to hear of your unfortunate accident, and I sincerely hope that you will make a speedy recovery and soon be restored to your usual good health.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A. Ozersky



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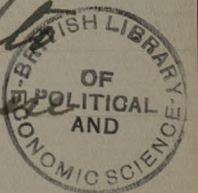
Mrs. J. Parnell

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Mrs. J. Parnell
Station Road
Gt. Wilbraham
W. Lams

[say 14 Dec. 1933]

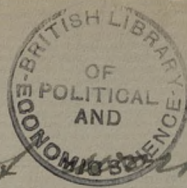
Dear Mr Lansbury

please forgive me taking
this liberty in writing you. Sorry to
hear of you very unfortunate accident
sincerely hoping everything will soon be
allright again, and you will be able
to carry on again yourself, with your
wonderful Policy, for the poor, and
the unemployed. Mr Lansbury a few
years ago, I were home from New
Zealand fully expecting maintenance
from my husband, which never came
for a whole year, and at this time
I were in very destitute circumstances
no friends, no money, no nothing, depending
on strangers for a shelter. I came to
Bow Rd, and saw Mrs Minnie Lansbury
now deceased, and she, introduced you
to me and told you my troubles, you
promised to do what you could for
me, to try and get my return to
New Zealand, as my husband were



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Mrs. J. Parnell ² [say 14 Dec. 1833]



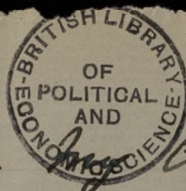
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there, but had fallen out of
so therefore could not help me, to get
back, or even help me any way.
it were about this time of the year
I came to you for help, and I were
not turned away. I received immediate
help and, never dreamed of any thing
more, only trusting to your promise
to do what you could, on my behalf
with the High Commissioner for New
Zealand. It were very near Christmas
and I were beginning to think and
wander, where, and what, I should
do, nearly crazy, wondering, wondering
not knowing anyone, to go to, but
the person who gave me a shelter, not
a penny, no friends, all I had to look
too for help was my husband, and he in
New Zealand, out of work, what a terrible
plight, to be in, I were standing at the
door, on Christmas eve, wondering if the
people I were staying with, would ask me
to dinner on Christmas day, or if I would have

Mrs. J. Parrell 3

[Say 14 Dec. 1883]



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to take a walk, for Christmas dinner when a postman came to the house in Armagh road, handed a letter, for me. I said, for me. And when I opened it, there were, two, one Pound notes, Oh God, if you could just have seen me, Mr Lansbury, your timely help, for it were your help, and influence, with the High Commissioner, that I received that sum and, one or two Pound notes after that at intervals to help me. And if I may say so, Mr Lansbury you were my Santa Claus. And if I live, to be 100 years, I shall never forget you, and will always be full of gratitude to you for same.

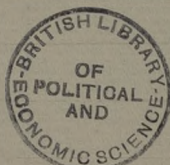
Now I live in Cambridge been back from abroad, a few months, hoping to settle in England now. I am a Londoner born in Monticeth Rd Old Ford by Bow. And if I will be able to do anything this way, with your probaganda for Labour I am at your service. I am a member of the

Mrs. J. Parnell [say 14 Dec. 1933]

Cooperative Guild, so if at any time I can be of assistance to your cause as I have already stated, I am at your service, in Gratitude, for a helping hand. only for your timely assistance I do not know what would have become. of me, wishing you a speedy recovery Mr Lansbury and a happy Christmas. under the circumstances and the best of Luck

I remain sincerely Grateful
for help rendered years ago
Mr J. Parnell

P.S Please Excuse Paper & Blots

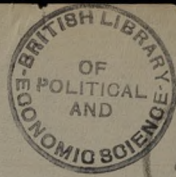


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Mr Lansbury

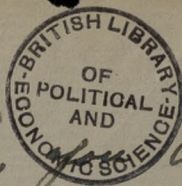
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there are also plenty of
slums here, in this County. And
here in Great Wilbraham, people
live in Houses. 300 Years old.
waiting patiently for a so called
Modern, working Mans home, a
(Council House,) which they are
building, when they do build. Then
with no proper conveniences, they
still put tins in Lavatory, no
septic tank, or any bathroom
some have water laid on, others
have to go and fetch it in Pails
(Conditions,) of the Age, in which
the 300, and two hundred years
old Houses were, ^{built} and still are, chimneys
like, Barns, the washing Copper, that
were an addition, I guess Hundred years
ago, is fixed in the Chimney piece. one
side, little Cupboard the other side, thatched
roofs which smells terrible. when it has
been raining, which comes through when Raining
also down the chimney. And puts fire out

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Brick floors. ceilings so low, can hardly stand straight. if one is tall if ever there are any (Rat Holes) in England, these dumps are, I read the other evening, the answer to the Bishop of London's urging clearance of Slums, "was" A Rat in a Hole is better than a Rat out of a Hole. well I am just a, Agriculture, labourer's wife but I myself would prefer, God's open air, out of a Rat hole, if the (Rats ^{and holes}) are like they are here, as large as young Rabbits, and holes one could get their head in, no use stopping them up, as one closes one place, they begin dear by, 4/- a week for these places, Council Houses 7/- a week here in a Country Village. No House is really private, one has to see most of the Neighbours nuisance, one gate for two Houses, about two yards wide of Boarding is all at Back of House no separation fence. I hope Sir I am not Boring you, but I know you personally and I know you like to know these things. am Grateful J. Parnell

STATION—ASHWELL

MARKET OVERTON,

(47)

Arthur Row

OAKHAM,

RUTLAND.

Dear Sir

14. 12. 33

Will you pardon a private individual expressing the greatest sympathy with you in your recent unfortunate accident, & expressing the hope that you will soon be restored to health & a continuance of your great unselfish labours.

During the war I sent you the draft of a Peace poem - "The Curse of Sycorax", which has recently been published in "Poetry of Today".

I am sending you a copy in case it would interest you to read it when you are convalescent & are feeling better.

My poem; which has had the good word of Professor Gilbert Murray, is the last in the book.

STATION-ASHWELL

MARKET OVERTON,

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OAKHAM,

14 Dec. 1933

RUTLAND.

If you would care to read it perhaps you would find in it a view not unsympathetic with your own on war + peace.

May I hope that you will make as speedy a recovery as is possible, & that your great Christian life will be spared to us for many a year.

Yours Truly

Arthur Row.

(Member of The Poetry Society.)

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
RUMFORDIC, PICCY, LONDON.

TELEPHONES:
REGENT { 0669.
5716.

as from (49)
13 Greville Place
N.W.6.

THE ROYAL INSTITUTION,
21, ALBEMARLE STREET,
LONDON, W.1.

Dec. 14. 1933

Caleb Williams Saleeby

(1878-1940)

Dear Mr. Lawbury

I write on behalf
of the Sunlight League &
myself to express our
deep sympathy with you
in your time of trial.

Of course you have
the most expert attention:
if not, I should be
tempted to remind you
that the things we said to you
about sunlight & cricket's

When you received the deputation
in July 1929 which led
to the "Hansbury Rido"
apply to bone formation
after fracture as well as
to children. You cannot
get real sunlight now,
but I hope you are getting
artificial sunlight
or else one or another
of those preparations
(e.g. ostelein) which
contain Vitamin D,
the sunlight-made vitamin,
which fixes the lime
& phosphorus in growing
or mending bone.

Forgive this reminder & believe me
most sincerely sympathetically
C. W. Calceby