

Caleb Chambers

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Norcliffe,
105, Wake Green Road,
Moseley,
Birmingham.

Jan 7. 1924.

Rev. Hon. George Lansbury M.P.
of House of Commons
Westminster.

Dear Bro Lansbury, Pardon such
a familiar greeting from one who
who has never seen you. From my
remembrance of the love of your
recent woeless words & from
the very frank criticism & deserved
tributes to the worth & spirit of your
work for the good of others, I felt
that I may call you a brother in
Christ. "He wants a new Social Order
based on Christian cooperation, fellowship

"to love" "he still has the heart of a
child" "as long as he lives he will be an
inspiration to his political comrades &
he will fight until his last breath
for the causes in which he believes"
These are deserved tributes from the
pen of A. J. Cummings in Saturday's
"Chronicle".

"He is an old man & he has been gravely
injured"; this further quotation is a
reason for my writing to assure
you of our dear ones of my sincere
sympathy & prayers for a speedy
recovery. I am an older man, half
way through my 81st year, & five weeks
ago I was violently flung on the
floor of a motor bus, & struck my
hip on a step. The driver was compelled
to apply his emergency brake, owing to a



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Reserve horse, I was in no way to blame. By what seems a miracle I was saved from a fractured hip by a key-pad in my hip pocket. I am devoutly grateful. But for the knowledge that you will have ample time for reading, I should think it would be unkind to inflict on you the trouble of deciphering "Caleb Chambers' Curious Cryptography".

Be assured of my deepest sympathy & prayers for an early resumption of your public services.

I am not a Socialist, but just an old Bham Liberal.

As you may find writing in bed a difficulty, do not trouble to reply - but believe me to be

Yours in Christian sympathy & hope
Caleb Chambers.

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Woodford Labour Party & Trades Council.

President: Mr. JAMES RANGER.

Hon. Secretary:

F. SMITH,
46 CRESCENT ROAD,
SOUTH WOODFORD.

56, Grove Hill, S.Woodford, E.18
7th January 1934.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Your message to the Woodford Labour Party's New Year's Social last evening was greeted with tremendous applause. Our people are one with you in the call you make for hard work in such areas as the Epping Constituency; we are going to respond to your call with even greater activity. Every member who was present last night was asked to regard your request for increased propaganda in a practical and serious manner; by passing on the "Herald" to neighbours; by "talking up" the movement; by canvassing for members etc it was pointed out that our local party would forge ahead. We also spoke of the fact that- although a small body in the Epping Division as compared with industrial centres - we are all part of a gigantic organisation, and that that alone ought to inspire us.

May I assure you of the affection of our people here? I doubt - even after the many expressions of loyalty and love which you have received during recent weeks - you can realise what you, as a person, mean to Socialism and the Socialist movement. God grant that you may have a complete recovery and that you may be spared to us for many many years. Your ability in leading the Opposition in the House of Commons and the way in which you take advantage of every opportunity you can discover or create to put the Socialist case before the House - these things have won our admiration; we are extremely proud of Labour's Leader, but most of all we value your determination to exalt the ethical and spiritual side on every and any occasion; by your speeches you are shewing us how much more important than "the making of a living" is "the making of a LIFE".

All we hope for now is that you may quickly get well.

On behalf of all the comrades in the Woodford Labour Party,

I remain

Yours fraternally

George Lansbury

Hon. Secretary

The Rt.Hon.George Lansbury M.P.



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Matthew Coles

9 Belmont St.

St. Andrews Park
Bristol.

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8th Jan. 1844

My dear Cousin,

I have just been reading Swaffer
in this morning's Herald, & after
reading your message to your poor
friends, I felt I must write
you. I have not written before because
I knew that under your thumbs
would be writing George Lambton,
so I just prayed for your recovery.
But, somehow, Swaffer's article this
morning, roused old memories.
It was during the Waterloo election
I met you first. When you old

Matthew
Giles & Jan. 434

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Harry Munn, Jim Coakton, & myself used
to turn up to Melworth from keptford, &
canvass each evening after work.

Those years were worth while.

We were all "givers as well as
takers" I wonder sometimes if
there is so much giving now.

There must be I suppose. We have
givers so & the givers never make
a few things by themselves.

Well George, I am overjoyed at
the news this mornning. You must
have been tired & you are
having a compulsory rest.

My love, & best wishes

Munn. C. K.

[John Ginty]

129 Jodmorden Rd
Bacup
Lancs

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To Mr J Lansbury
Manor House Hospital
London.

8 Jan. 1934

Dear

Sir just a few lines to you hoping that you are progressing favourably after your recent unfortunate accident, I would have written before but I thought that I would wait until after the rush was over, so as to keep the ball rolling as it were, I have never had the pleasure of hearing you speak Sir but it is very little I miss of your speeches in the House as reported by the Herald, and I see to it also that my friends and also my enemies (politically) don't miss any of them too, I cannot find words to express my admiration of your work which has been so unceasingly given by you for so many many years, I read the account of your very dear

John Ginty

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comrades advice and sympathy after the debacle of the last general election, I am referring to that dear esteemed lady the late Mrs Lansbury, I have only one regret that she was not spared a little longer to see what is certain to be and that is the re-establishment of the labour party to its proper position now that it has been purged of the greatest traitors since the days of Judas Iscariot, I live in a little township on the borders of Lancs and Yorks my constituency has just had a great honour conferred ~~on~~ on it namely, the hon member for the division was the mover of His Majesty the King's Speech my son wants to know where the honour comes in and I am sure I cant tell him, the elder people of this town are real old die-hards, but I make it my business of enlightening the younger members the advantages to be gained by voting labour

John Girty

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and I might say with great success, I was lucky to win a minor prize some years ago in a competition run by the Manor House Hospital, namely the order of popularity of the Labour party, I think you was placed fourth Sir, I know where you would be placed to day if there was another, I remember reading some time ago about a meeting of a very select golf club who had to decide whether they would admit to membership a very worthy man in every respect whose only crime was he was an Artisan, one distinguished member asked what is an Artisan the reply was, a man who takes his coat off to work needless to say he was turned down, well I hope you will excuse any errors there may be in my little effort to pay tribute to a great man as I am very much Artisan namely a labourer in a brick works, but still its honest

John Ginty #

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as honest as the policy of the Party
of which Sir you are leader and
which I hope you will continue to
be for many many years to come, for
we cant afford to lose you yet with the
help of God, so heres wishing you Sir
and ^{every} patient in that Hospital with you
a complete and speedy recovery, and
may God Bless you all

Good Night and
Good Luck

Yours Fraternaly
Mr John Ginty

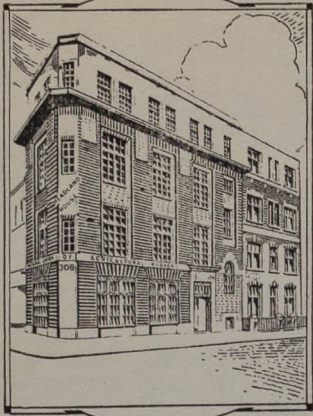
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Edwin George Gooch
(1889-)

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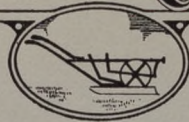
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**RYDAL MOUNT,
WYMONDHAM,
NORFOLK.**

(To whom all replies should be sent)

Jan. 8th. 1934.

The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P.,
Manor House Hospital.

Dear Mr. Lansbury.

I want to thank you very much for the
fine message you sent to be read at the Memorial
Service to the late George Edwards. (X)

The Service on Sunday was an inspiration.
I am enclosing a copy of the order of service.
Crowds of landworkers came from all parts of Norfolk
and the service was a worthy tribute to our old
colleague.

I was asked by the friends present to convey
to you their thanks and their hope that you will
speedily be fully restored to health and strength
again.

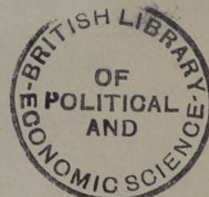
I hope you are continuing to make progress.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(X) Sir George Edwards
- (1850-6 Dec. 1933)
see letter from G. of
2 Jan. 1934 above

E. G. Gooch.



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8th January 1934.

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Rt.Hon. Geo. Lansbury, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Westminster, LONDON. S.W. 1.

[See fol. 37 above]

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

In reply to your letter of 5th inst., with regard to the letter from the Glasgow University Socialist Club, these people approached Mr. Henderson some weeks ago, and he wrote asking my advice; and at that time I consulted Tom Johnston and one of the University Socialist councillors, and they were of opinion that Mr. Henderson should stand.

My own opinion was that there is very little Labour enthusiasm in the Universities here and they are not able to make too good a job of a fight like this, and I left it entirely to Mr. Henderson to decide.

In the same way I have no desire to say to you not to stand, and they think it would help them if you did. However, the position is made a little more difficult for you since Mr. Henderson has already declined, in addition to which he consulted the National Executive, who agreed with him.

I am not sure, under these circumstances, whether you would desire to accept. Should you decide not to stand, I think you might refer them to Sir Stafford Cripps, which would provide him at the moment with an opportunity of testing out on the Scottish Universities the response to his remarks which enthuse the undergrads. of the English Universities. The Universities here are definitely decidedly reactionary, but it would be interesting to have someone test their vote at the present time, and it would be especially interesting to test the vote of Glasgow University, where they cannot scrape enough people together to form a decent-sized University Labour Group.

I am very glad to hear that you are making progress and I have a great faith in your disposition and /

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and youthful outlook as the best guarantee that your physical side will rise to the emergency.

Please believe that we all look forward to seeing you back into the fight at an early date.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

John H. Davidson
Scottish Secretary.



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Charles

MRS. C. J. MATHEW,

RELIANCE 1433.

24, SANCROFT STREET, S.E. 11.

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Anna Mathew

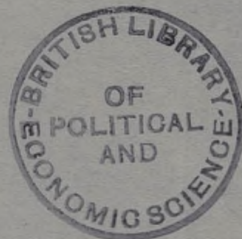
(mother of Sir Theobald Mathew,
1898-)

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Dear C. J.

I am sending you
my bedside book - to tell
you about your close relations
- the saints - with all the
best wishes.

Yours faithfully
Anna Mathew



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Jan'y 8
1934

[Parish]

16 Westwood Rd

Seven Kings

Essex

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Dear Mr. G. Lansbury, as I am a firm
believer in Brotherhood and I know you
are I take the liberty of calling you Brother
I am very sorry for your unfortunate accident
although I read in the P.H. that the best
you are taking is adding 5 years to your
life so misfortune may prove a blessing
to our cause no doubt you will wonder
who I am, no doubt you remember about
50 years ago on the Spitalfields Coal archer
the old coal skunter, Old Brassay with I
was his mate and well remember your
little did I think you would rise to the
position you now hold I watch your fighting
spirit in the House of Commons with great
interest and it gives me great cheer, and
I pray God to spare you many years yet
and grant you a speedy recovery and to
see a big victory for the cause you so
nobly hold and are fighting for I often think
think of the little that was given to W. E.
Gladstone (The Grand Old Man) I think that
should now be handed down to you God
Bless you God help you and cheer you up
yours very fraternally
D. Parish

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STREATHAM 9670

Frank Smith

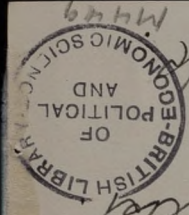
67 LONGLEY ROAD
TOOTING GRAVENEY
LONDON, S.W.17

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January 8th 1933

My Dear George

Loving greetings. I
 am so glad to see the
 publication of continued
 progress from day to day -
 And, glad too, to read in
 To-day's "Herald" Swaffger's
 opinion that this compulsory
 rest will give additional
 years to you for the good work
 you love - This was my
 feeling too when I came to
 see you.



Geoffrey. Mr

Thank

Ever yours

I'm sure you will find it interesting and to the point before long, but don't want to hope to come and see you
All good with you

Friend.

Good: Set it - all

(fields) work together - for

that "all things" (even

and) there is this connection

for the battle front:

you say there longings

of what you feel as

I have some slight idea

R. P. Ashe. M.A.

65, BIRDMURST RISE,
SOUTH CROYDON.

9th January 1934

Rev. Robert Pickering Ashe
The Right Honourable George Lansbury

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Dear Sir

I read with deep interest your Challenge - in 'The Times' & other papers to Churches & Ministers to denounce war as a crime against God. Several Clergymen wrote to 'The Times' condemning your position. As a very humble minister in the Church of England I venture to address you & to say how heartily I endorse what you wrote & how thankful I am that ^{one who had lately been} a Minister of the Crown was found with courage to put forth such a splendid vindication of peace.

I am sorry to think that so many Christian ministers seem to be under the impression that the Lord Jesus founded a fighting Community - The great Soldier & profound Politician Constantine in the 4th Century won over the Christian Brothers to his interests; since then Churches have ever been under the dictation of military interests. What some boast as the Churches triumph was her profoundest loss & deepest fall. I venture to inscribe to you (if I may) a few lines setting forth the dreadful chasm which yawns between what Jesus our Lord did & what His disciples do.

I am Dear Sir

Yours obediently & respectfully

Robert Pickering Ashe.
formerly C.M.S. Missionary in
Uganda.

Rev. Robert Pickering Ashe
To the Right Honourable George Lansbury.

WHAT CHRIST DID, AND WHAT PRESENT-DAY DISCIPLES DO!

Thou gavest unto blind men beautiful light;
But many thousands we deprive of sight.
To hearing lost Thou didst restore sweet tones;
Our crashing guns make men as deaf as stones.
Thou Blessed One where'er Thy footsteps came,
Poor cripples walked; We make ^{ten} thousands lame.
Thou didst bring back minds wandering and sad;
We drive with shell-shock many hundreds mad.
Thou didst Thy scanty store with others share;
We seek to starve whole nations to despair.
Thy gracious hand did feed a multitude;
We seize or sink our foes most needful food.
Thy healing Hand was on the leper laid;
Foul eating sores our poison-gas has made.
Thou didst raise up the dead with Heavenly skill;
While we in war nine million men do kill.
Many of whom in agony must lie
Until released at last they thankful die.
Thou didst good tidings preach, and help the poor;
We burn their homes and drive them from their door;
Old folk and sick, women and children, send
To wander forth with Death their kindest friend.
And worst of all, our deep damnation's plea,
That all this work of ill, we do approved by THEE.

R.P.A.



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Telephone, 64 Sawbridgeworth.

Sir Charles Bright
(1863 - 1937)

Little Brewers'
Hatfield Heath,
Bishop's Stortford.

9th January, 1934.

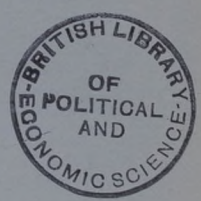
The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P.,
39, Bow Road,
London, E.3.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I want to express the pleasure with which
I - like everybody else - recently read of your
recovery.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Bright



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The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, P.C., M.P.,
The Manor House Hospital,
Hampstead.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

At a meeting of the London Post of the American Legion last night, I was instructed to convey to you the sincere sympathy of the Post in your present incapacity, and to express our earnest hope that you will have a speedy and complete recovery.

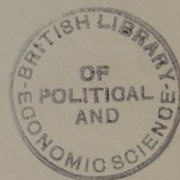
We all hope soon to learn of your return to your normal activity.

With our combined kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Gilbert H. Carr

Gilbert H. Carr.
Commander.

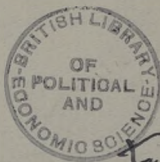


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Viscountess Pirrie



1 CARLOS PLACE,
LONDON, W. 1.



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Tuesday of the same day 1934.

Dear Mr Lansbury - my many
thanks for your kind card of
good wishes for the Christmas
the new year which my sister
& I gladly receive.

I devoutly hope you will soon be
well enough to return home -
"as Earl - West-Home is best.

And you read in the Paper that
my Grand brother broke his
thigh Bone - poor dear man
he has been unfortunate lately -
& I feel my very sorry for him in
every way.

in any way.

What do you think of Lord Hugh Cecil - & his down pouring on a Unitarian & Englishman being allowed to preach - in the English Cathedral at Liverpool.

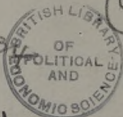
There are ~~far more~~ far more Unitarians in the World than we have any notion of - as they do not like to know that they are Unitarians.

We by our Parents were brought up Unitarians & Liberals - for that reason the late marchioness of Londonderry went to down & out us in Belfast - & prejudiced the minds of People against us - but the heads of dear old Quakerism -

Viscountess Pirrie



9 Jan. 1937



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LONDON, W. 1.

were not to be turned down in Belfast because of their wealth in means & liberally by the late machinations of London & her hollows.

Why H. & W. do helped to make Belfast the City it is.

Now the City Hall in Belfast

(which may truly do not refer to the 1st Marquis of Dufferin & Ava - Sir Edward Harland

practically the founder of H. & W. - the two outstanding men

of honour & integrity
no statement - of my late husband
now of my brother Alexander
but I am sure for many

years I believe by those who loved
(worked with) & under him - the
best shipyard manager in
any shipyard in Great Britain -
Belfast - (I roughly so has suffered
since my Husband's death 7th
June 1924 - I till now no
sun has shone on it - but
thank God now in Queens Island
I in our former shipyard we
have work

2 Main - Sault Steamer

2 sets of Diesel Engines

a luxury yacht with Diesel engines
the Ager President (my self always
too the great interest during my
Husband's life time in secondary
all he did - we for branched
a great deal - visited -

Wasserman's friend



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Jan 1934

all our
excuses & (all) news -

feeling of a catastrophe - I hear

my husband never I feel any

any words have been under -

but I am thankful - it is at

rest - I don't hope I pray

later when that event the

But I do not know if the

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know to meet - after the (straw)

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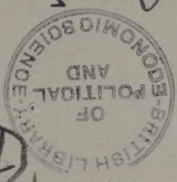
the pressure of calls on you

a few good days -

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admission (about) (your) (about) (your)



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the late

Reverend. Henry Montgomery -
was our great uncle our Mother's
uncle - you may remember
having read of the allocations he
& the Reverend Cook - had together
but - at the funeral of Dr Montgomery
1000 of Belfast & County gentlemen
attended his funeral -

Dr Cook is said to have said
"Oh Henry Montgomery why did
we fight - & over that the cry
came too late. I wrote such a
lengthy letter - but I felt it
would help to amuse & interest
you while you were still in
Hospital.

I remain your gratefully
Margaret Montgomery Jones
Tuesday 9th Jan 1934

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The Hon. George Lansbury,
C/O. The Manor House Hospital,
North End Road,
Hampstead, N.W.11.

Dear Sir,

It is with much pleasure I read from time to time that you are making favourable progress after your most unfortunate accident.

We are manufacturers of an appliance that we consider will give you a little comfort when you are once more at home, and would ask you to kindly accept with our very best wishes one of our Camco Leg-Rest Stools.

We propose sending this to your private address, but if you prefer we will forward same along to you now at your present address. Perhaps you would be good enough to advise us of your wishes.

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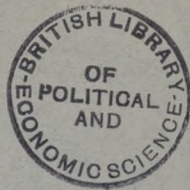
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ALVESCOT G.W.R.

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Jan: 10 '34

My dear George.

We have thoughts of you
with a large "part" each day &
with many kind friends sending you
flowers & such like things, & tho'
scarcely even $\frac{1}{2}$ a day passes without
all of us talking of you, apart
from my own personal thoughts
I have not bothered you with
letters. I do, do, hope you
are feeling better & in less
discomfort tho'. I know you
can not get be free from a
great deal & that it must all

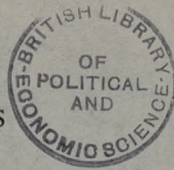
be very occaisome. Peg loved
your letter. it was dear of you
to write to her. & she is writing to
you. Stafford has left the
house is half put up & I leave
tomorrow. so we shall all be in
London again & I hope I shall
see you soon.

What a storm - I suppose it
is unfortunate, but that is one
to do. The press come now
over Stafford you will believe
like outbursts, not caring for
the substance of
any thing he says but waiting
for any word that is spoken &
can be misused, to fall into
their mouths. I think
what one of the boys wrote

Lady Saffron

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GOODFELLOWS
LECHLADE
GLOS.

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STATION
ALVESCOT G.W.R.

To Diana, sums up the last
affair

"Your father made an admirable
speech, it does seem fantastic
that a remark made aside (in
answer to a question) to 50 students
in a wooden hut on the

outskirts of a provincial town.
Should turn the Shore of Fleet
Street into a bear garden &
make the loyal citizens of this
realm unable to sleep at nights.

What a fuss people can make
about things if they really try.
If you have time, I should

be grateful for a word from you
sent to 27 Essex Gardens.
London, W2.

Our own Party are probably
pretty roused over it ?? It
seems to me that anyone else
can say anything they like &
no one pays any attention.

Well. I suppose that one is
left enough one must go on
one way undaunted, & nothing
should matter, but truth &
integrity.

Bless you! so much love.

Love,

I do thank you
John Bull article was wonderful.

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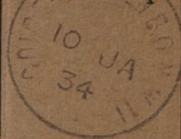
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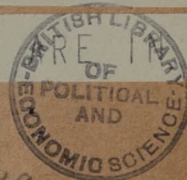
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Jan 10th 1934

The Rt Hon. George Lansbury M.P.

My dear George;

No you dont know me. So dont ask questions; its just because you dont know me, that Im writing to you, just to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you ^{have} meant + done for me, with your great big hearted, inspiring conduct & expression of your life.

Its just like you to have to go + get hurt, + not half hurt at that, before you would let them, make you have a rest, & even in your rest, you cant keep quiet, you keep sending out, sunbeams of inspiration, to urge us all on, to economic righteous, needs, founded, on Truth, Equity, Justice, love

McNerny

10 Jan. 1934

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Faith & Peace, and all the other great Principles, which you have done so much to try, to Cleave in-to position, in the hearts, minds & Consciences, of the Peoples of your day & Generation. That we all might build our New Jerusalem. & therein evaporate preventable sorrow, distress, & Suffering, when we might so enrich life, that Poverty would be a forgotten Crime & even the Birds of the Air, would have their share, of Gods wonderfull bounty of life & Love.

No George. Rausbury. you don't know me, & I know you, but by your witness & Advocacy, I realize the sense of brotherhood, in no uncertain manner. & Peraph not the least service you have done, in your lifes work, has been your great manifestation of the Brotherhood, of man in Christ Jesus our Lord. to such a degree that men ordinary Human. Souls can feel, understand, & appreciate it as a reality,

McInerney

10 Jan. 1934

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Please accept my heartiest good wishes
for your comfort & happiness in your
rest, & renewed joy of life in the
coming Spring. & Summer. Which I also
hope will be a very long one in the
even tide of life.

Yours Faithfully,

One of the Inarticulate
Millions. who a

Faithfull watch. is keeping.

P.S. Please forgive me for my Scumble
I'm no man with the pen.
Chimes

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Lita Ricardo

TELEPHONE,
PRIMROSE 5764.ELY HOUSE,
7, PRIMROSE HILL ROAD,
REGENT'S PARK,
N.W. 3.

Jan 10. 1934.

Dear Dr Lanchester.

What a darling you are
to send me that photograph... Thank you very
much. And you God wishes too
they are indeed welcome & may bear
fruit & I heartily reciprocate them for
your welfare & hope that you may soon be
restored to health, be used men of
strong purpose for the betterment of this
struggling world. Do you ever attend any
of Toyler Lanchester's Lectures? They are held once
a week. if so. I may have the
pleasure of meeting you. As I would

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much like to have a chat with you on day.
Meanwhile your photo shall have an
honoured place on my writing desk.

Over the earth is a mat of green
Over the green the dew
Over the dew is the flowering trees
Over the trees the blue.
Over the blue is the scudding clouds
Over the clouds the sun.
Over the sun is the God of Love
Blessing us every one

So God bless you & again

Very truly
your sincere

Lita Ricardo

see photo
of R. R. in
Section IV
below



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Charles Cheers ~~Wakefield~~
(2^d Viscount Wakefield);



1859 - 1941

Wakefield House,

Cheapside,

London, E.C. 2.

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10 January 1934.

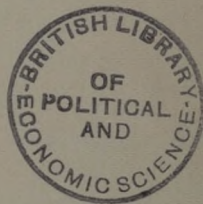
Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I have
been pleased to see from
the Press that you are
continuing to make good
progress. I have no
doubt that you are very
anxious to resume your
many social and political
activities, but I dare say
that the enforced rest is

actually to the benefit of
your general health.

My wife joins me in
wishing you as speedy
a recovery as possible.

Yours very sincerely
Wakely



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The Rt Hon. George Lansbury M.P.

WELSH CONGREGATIONAL
Church
TELEPHONE 131.

SUNNY LAWN,

ST. NICHOLAS ROAD,

BARRY.

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Dear Mr Lansbury,

At a meeting of the Tabernacle
(Barry Dock) ~~Welsh~~ Welsh Congregational young
People's Literary Society it was proposed
and carried unanimously that we
should as a Christian society, wish
you a very rapid recovery.

Although many of
us would find ourselves in a
different camp from you Politically
yet we forget, that, in sincere
admiration for the way in which
you openly and joyfully take your

side with Jesus Christ in an
assembly of men who seem all to
be fearful of proclaiming their allegiance
to Him. We trust you will have
the strength to serve Him for many
years to come.

Wishing you a very happy New Year

Yours, Very sincerely

Alwyn Evans
Hon. Sec.



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Jan. 14th., 1933.

**Mr. G. Lansbury,
Manor House Hospital.**

Dear Comrade,

At the meeting of our E.C. held yesterday I was instructed to write to you and express good wishes for your speedy recovery from your accident. The Labour folks in this area were shocked when they heard of your misfortune and I am sure you know that the good wishes I am now sending you are very real and sincere. They are another indication of the wonderful respect in which you are held by all Socialists and I am sure must be a great source of comfort to you at this time.

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We were all delighted to receive the message for the New Year which you gave to us through Norman Smith and I have enclosed a copy of our monthly paper which contains your message.

Again wishing you a speedy recovery to good health,

Yours Very Sincerely,

R. J. Davie



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Read "FORWARD" and "DAILY HERALD"
Youth Movement. 15th Jan. 1934.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

The Scottish Socialist Party Youth Movement are organising a Peace Demonstration in Glasgow on Wednesday evening, and would like a message from you to read at the meeting.

Would it be possible for you to send a short message to reach us before Wednesday evening.

On behalf of the Youth Movement, I send our sincere wishes for your speedy recovery and return to the political forefront.

Yours fraternally,

Isabelle T. McEnnis.

Peace Demonstration Convener.

Manor House Hospital,
LONDON.

[See G.L.'s message in
reply: below, under date
16 Jan. 1934 (fol. 86-7)]



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Doris Lester

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Telephone—ADVance 1200.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE,
EAGLING ROAD,
BOW, E. 3.

16th January, 1934

Dear G.L.,

This is to bring you again all our good wishes and love from the Children's House, which we sent by telegram as soon as we heard of your accident.

Though we don't often see you yet it is nice to know you are always there, just up the road, and there is a feeling of miss while you are away from us.

We are having great fun arranging a matinee that is being given for the Children's House and Kingsley Hall on April 17th. I have just been writing to Moyna about it. Sybil will be there.

But this is not a business letter, just a sort of handshake across the distance.

With love,

Yours,

Doris.



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TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 0192.
TELEGRAMS: 55 TEMPLE.

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4, PAPER BUILDINGS,
TEMPLE, E.C.4.

Hector Hughes

(1887—

16th Jan 1934

Dear Mr Mansbury

Please permit me to
offer you my best wishes
for your speedy recovery—

When I was speaking
in South Wales last weekend
the people there inquired
anxiously about you and

We are all looking
forward to your return
to vigorous & active
leadership.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely
Isaac Hughes



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G.L. to Scottish Socialist Party
Youth Movement. [say 16 Jan. 1934]

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Good luck Best wishes for
successful Conference. Without
some certain Peace all our
labour is in vain. Force never has
never will settle anything. only
National + International Cooperation
can save the world. It is the
principle + duty of youth to turn away
from the cursed competitive money
hunting chaos + confusion of
modern Capitalism + organise

G.L. to Scottish Socialist Party
Youth Movement. [say 16 Jan. 1934]

for the day when distress
abundant good gifts shall be
shown by all

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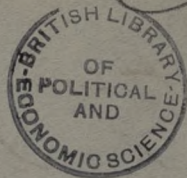
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Wilfrid Meynell
(1852 - 1948)

47, Palace Court
London W2
Telephone: Bayswater 2847



16 Jan
1937

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I can hardly
hope that you remember
me. But you are never
forgotten; & often & often
have I had to restrain
an impulse to write to
tell you how grateful
I am for acts & speeches
of yours. You, almost
alone, have brought the
name of Christ into ~~the~~

politics. And without
Him not even the best
of all social reforms
will bring ^{the} happiness
& man that we desire.

Now that you are
withdrawn from
public activities, I take
courage to send you
my gratitude & my
greetings - begging you
on no account to feel
any obligation to reply.
I remain, & ever increasing
- by your devoted
Wilfrid Meynell

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Dear Daisy.

Here is the £1 Mr Johnson
wants given to one of his
funds in Bow.

Will you tell him + send
myself an acknowledgment?

Yours.

D.S.



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Hingham St.

London St. 90

[Anonymous]

Jan 16th 1934

Dear

We are all pleased to know you are better. & hope you will soon be able to be about again.

Well, I'm just writing to ask if something cannot be done about pensions at 60 years of age. Spinsters especially, who have paid into Insurance from the commencement.

There are only people. I wanted
not more than 33. It is
most heart-breaking
to find people, seeking
work over that age. I
have an agency & see so
many of them also Hotel-
Employees: having to pay
the 1st weeks wages (on
getting a job) to the
agents. This system should
be stopped by Parliament.
I think you would be the

right Gentlemen. To see (9)
into matters like this
good days. Wishing you
the best of luck & health
Yrs
A sincere Worker

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Frank Leonard Stevens
(1898)

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17th Jan. 1934.

No remind
you

Mr. George Lansbury, M.P.,
39 Bow Road, E. 3.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I expect you will have heard about the great changes that are soon to transform our cheerful street urchin into a roaring Socialist swell. Before the transformation takes place, will you give us a message for our front page?

All of us here thank you for your generous support, and if you possibly can let us have another good front page we shall be more than grateful.

I hope this will not be a severe strain upon your health and strength: if it is, postpone it for another week or two, for we have five weeks to the Rubicon.

With all good wishes and hearty thanks,

Yours sincerely,

F. L. Stevens



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Sir Benjamin Drake

(93)

PRIMROSE 0212.

28, ETON AVENUE,
N.W.3.

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

17 Jan. 1934

My dear Mr. Lansbury,

I am delighted to learn from your letter that you are making progress. In your case the old saying that those "the gods love die young" has been refuted. You are very fortunate indeed that after so grave an accident at your age progress has been sustained.

I do not know what the Labour party is doing to combat and to meet the threat of Fascism in England. Neither do I know what the Labour party is doing to give expression to a policy that will redeem the people from suffering and want, and what is worse than all, uncertainty.

The growth of socialism on the main-land of Europe, and even in this little island, has brought about retribution in the shape of capitalistic activity, because I can only look upon fascism as a capitalistic, political force, set up by the concern of capitalistic interests for their property rights. It seems to me that the more outspoken and thrustful is the development of socialism, the more fiercely will the established system fight, and that fighting, as we have seen in Germany and in Italy, will not confine itself to mere exchange of words.

On the other hand it might be agreed that by the setting up of public utility companies such as those that control the London docks, the London transport, Metropolitan Water Board, and the Electricity Board, a relief from suffering and want will be brought about.

I consider that these public utility boards should cover the whole of Great Britain, and gradually, other public utility companies should be organised to include public wants and requirements, such as housing, a prime necessity, and banking.

Secondary and higher education, at the present day the doors of the great schools are shut to the children of the poor, and only a poor child possessed of exceptional intellectual quality can obtain admittance, should also be included, and then, last and perhaps the biggest of all, the press, that false friend that, to the destruction of many a well born thought and effort, sways the people in the direction of the banking account of its wealthy proprietors.

I am ~~now~~ suggesting the active development of the public utility company, because I do not think, remembering events as and from the general

Sir Benjamin Drage

17 Jan. 1934

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strike that the public ownership of wealth will be accepted in England for a long time yet.

I believe that such a system should be reached by an intermediate stage, and that stage is the public utility company.

As I understand it, the public utility company does not make any profit other than that necessary to pay its overhead and establishment charges. The public, therefore, benefits in precisely the same way as it benefits as a result of the operations of the post office, telephone and telegraph systems.

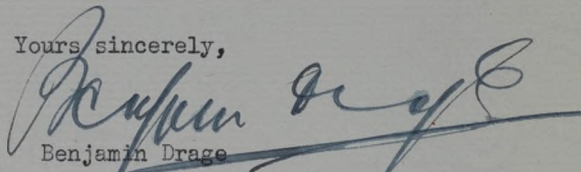
The public utility company idea could be extended so as to include housing, a matter of outstanding and fundamental importance, banking, education, from the elementary schools to the university. In its slow, ordered, development, the public utility company can take over the feeding and clothing of the nation, and last, but not least, the public press.

I am sure of this, that if the labour party continues to press along a path of pure socialism, it will be met with such overwhelming obstacles as will in the end destroy it, as it has destroyed socialism in Germany and in Italy.

It is just because I would welcome socialism that I would deplore the possibility of its overwhelming defeat, and would advocate a gaining of its objective through the intermediate stage of the public utility company.

As soon as you are well enough, I should welcome an opportunity of meeting Sir Stafford Cripps, and I should also like to have a chat with you one day.

Yours sincerely,



Benjamin Drage

17.i.34

Sir Charles Edwards
(1867-



(95)
5 Gille Crescent
Riverside Mon
17th Jan 1934

Dear Mr Lonsbury / I hope you are
improving and will soon be back
with us again. Be as patient as you
can, this will help a speedy recovery.
We shall soon be back to work again,
starting on the unemployment Bill under a
Time table. We shall do the best we can
to keep up the reputation of the party, so that
when you come back you will find us just
as we were when you left. I had a meeting
last night with Mr Linnell and a very

excellent meeting it was. My reference
to you is always well received, as is
also the work of our small party.

Well Cheer up, a couple of months will
soon go by and then you will be with
us again. With kindest regards these wishes

Stay to remain,
Yrs Truly

Charles Edwards



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Private

Sir Ralph Olyn
(1885)

17.1.34

as from
Aranigton

Wantage
Berks.

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My dear Mr. Lansbury - [if I were
brave & honest - I should say
"Much thanks"; for as much do we
all think of you - but that
is private & not known & I
don't want to give you any
unexpected shocks!]

I am so delighted to
see from the paper that you
are making such a good
recovery. To one so active
as yourself - it must be a
high trial, but with the devoted
skill of nurses & doctors you
will soon be striding about
amongst us all again &
making us feel at home.



That Front Bench of yours
looks almost ridiculously empty
without you - & there is nobody to
take your place!

I know that you like giving
everything away - but I have
ventured to send you a brace
of pheasants for your own use! I
telephoned to your house & heard
that you are on normal diet so
I hope they may prove a change
to you. I had some boys
on holiday down & as that there
on Friday & Saturday so they are
fit to eat anything. As Heddell
is not available you will have to
run the risk & come & stay with
us here when the weather improves
& I will take you up to our lovely
Down you know so well. A Happy
New Year - Yours truly, Ralph Glynn.

Jan. 18. 34.

John James Lawson
Beamesh - Derham.
(1st Baron Lawson; 1881 -)

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Dear George.

Glad to see in the Press reports of steady recovery. And I am not surprised at the statement that in the long run your misfortune may turn out to be good fortune in that it makes you rest a little. You always were one to turn evil to good, and the thing which would have killed a hardy footman like myself will in the long run give your tireless self a great new lease of life. Though you never lacked in that. In the House and in the country you made me feel a more worckling with your inexhaustible energy, and giant strength.

And just go on quietly getting better.

Thanks to your mighty faith

and Leadership. During the past two years the tide is now running swiftly our way.

Yetta & I took a Conference on the Unemployment Insurance Bill on Saturday in Newcastle.

It was a great affair and I have known anything so satisfying for years.

"MacDonald" had a rough time at Seaham last night. I don't think he'll come back in a hurry.

And you can rely on us giving a hundred per cent in the Committee stage fight of the Insurance Bill.

And don't you come out too soon.

We need you so much - not least in the great battle for Democracy, which involves those most who give most & get least.

With kindest regards.

Jack Lawson

And don't
answer this
now.

[say: Jan. 1934]

M^r and M^{rs} Emmens

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PEARLY KING and -

QUEEN, OF BATTERSEA

113. LATCHMERE GROVE

SW. 11.



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(A.) Susan Lawrence
(1871-1947)

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ON BOARD THE
CUNARD
R.M.S. "AQUITANIA"

Dear G.L.

[say Jan. 1934]

I was glad to get a note
from Stafford Cripps just before I sailed
to say that you were going on well. But
it is a horrid business for you - & we are
all very sorry.

I wish you could have been in U.S.A.
for things are extraordinarily interesting
just now. I think that the workers are
- very confidently - waking up. They are
of course - I speak of the masses - at an
extremely elementary stage. But
the unemployed do seem to have got
the idea of a right to a job finally

fixed in their minds. I managed to
see a good deal of the rank & file -
& this new idea of a fight (with all
Americans agree that it is a new
idea) seems to me most significant.

In the rest, steel & one or two other
big businesses - have come out
against the right to organize & are
openly defying the Government. I think
that N. R. A. is at a kind of crisis -
& that if the President does not
make good on this pretty soon

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all his labor schemes & his present
amazing popularity with the workers
may go. So I feel that I
have left just at the moment
when things are really interesting.

You never saw anything like Roosevelt's
popularity & power. I couldn't have
believed it - & this though the press
is quite critical.

All my very best wishes. I hope perhaps
I may see you again later?

Internally yours
G. Susan Lawrence