

Henry George Abel

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CROSTHWAITE 238

HEATH COTTAGE.

(1875-1945)

CROSTHWAITE

KENDAL

May 5th 1940

My dear Mr. Lausbury,

I read in my newspaper that you were laid aside in a nursing home for rest and observation, and I sincerely hope you will get the rest and be able to indulge in the quiet observation of a not very pretty world without violent disturbance of mind: some disturbance you will be sure to have. I give myself the pleasure of writing to you, talking to you on paper, not expecting an answer, or even an acknowledgment: if I get either, I shall not write again. I want, if I can, to comfort you:

HEATH COTTAGE
GROBTHWAITE
KENT

I expect you know the word means 'to strengthen' not really to dandle, a Cosset, or stroke down: so we talk of the 'comfortable words' in the Holy Communion. Forgive my priggishness: let me hope it will make you giggle. 'As if I didn't know that!' Well, I write to comfort you. We have seldom met, but I have been strangely attracted to you, and I don't like to think of your being disappointed and disheartened. Perhaps you are not, and only my weakness credits you with my reactions. I do not expect you lose faith: you are nearer to the source of all faith. I came across a phrase the other day which gave me great pleasure: 'the

unfathomable mystery of election is stamped upon all human nature? That's it, I think: so long as it's not mixed up with predestination and Calvinistic differentiation. We are elected, selected (I should prefer): if I select my monitors, why should I be surprised if God elects his? You are a monitor in the great School of God, and you have done your job very well, are doing it still, for it is work which goes on and seeds itself. I see now how little I have allowed for that seeding of itself, the natural growth of the Spirit: the educationalist falls into that error, and profession arises what should be amateur: he becomes,

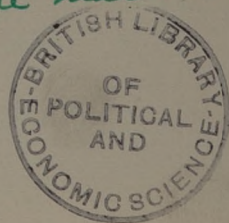
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may I say, a market-gardener,
and produces for export, instead of
for the beauty of producing: then
come hybrids, and Competitions, and
prizes and the glorification of intellectual
vigenuity. What we need is Cabbages for
everybody: what we get is asparagus
for the few. But I'm ranting! And
the market-gardener's art is really God's
art, of which the gardener would bag
the credit.

This is an art
which does need nature, chance it rather,
but
the art itself is nature.

That, I take it, is why we are
so often astonished by the success in
after life of the neglected dullard at
school. God has beaten the market-
gardener.

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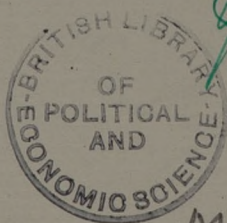
I am in very beautiful country and have much time for contemplation and I see how necessary the reflective life is: I have learnt a lot through just letting the mind work. I have always been a reading man, not very useful except when I had others to hand it on to, and now that I have none I have to think things over again and let it all settle. God has selected me for a doubting Thomas: I can see no further than my nose. But I am beginning to see, I think: beginning! I was a poor boy, who went through school and college with scholarships and made a fair use of them: a fair use, for I see how much better I might have been in myself. 'Education' ^{as} often as not sends one off after wrong values as right ones: I used to think the educated man was always the best man.

But it is like wealth: any kind of possession gives privileges, and therefore accompanying temptations. Now I am trying to empty myself of a lot of mental & intellectual lumber, and have a kind of spiritual tidying up.

And the more I do that the clearer I see, though I am still in a fog, but it lifts, it lifts at times. And you wouldn't believe how the thought of men like you helps. This isn't humbug. So may the peace of God (which you have, but I not yet, for I have not earned it) keep you always. Mine is 'comfort'. Inquire my preacher, preacher, won't you.

Yours affectionately,

H. J. Abel



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STATION, MORETON IN MARSH, G.W.RY.

TELEPHONE, MORETON IN MARSH 22.

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Mrs. Arthur Dugdale
(m. Ethel Innes) SEZINCOTE

MORETON IN MARSH

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

May 5th 1946

My dear Daisy - I am so distressed
to see today's Observer that your
father is by sending me - Will you
write him & tell him how much
I hope that he will be better soon & come
& sit in the garden with us?

I know of course that at his age
you must be very anxious - & he must
too feel so terribly sad & helpless
about all the nursing & home in
the world - & all the sweat & effort of
his hopes & beliefs - I will send him
some love from tomorrow - do not
attempt to answer this I know how busy
you must be. Very love
Arthur sends you
Father his very sincere
love wishes too
Ethel Dugdale

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Emmerts, — Pearly Prince of
(Pearly Prince of 113 Latchmere Grove
Battersea)
Battersea
S. W. 11.

5. 5. 1940

Sir

I am very sorry to
hear of your illness but
please accept my sincere
wishes also those from my
mother and dad the people
King and Queen for a
speedy recovery. You may
remember me when dad &
paid you a visit at

Manor House Hospital so
once again hoping you
will soon recover & Remain

Yours very sincerely

Pearty Prince of

Battersea

James Griffiths
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Benny Post-
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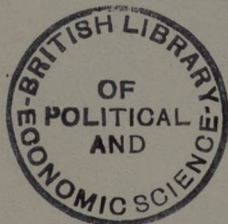
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Dear G. L. Mrs Griffiths and
I send an warmest Greetings
to you - and an fervent
hope for your recovery.

We have been
thinking about you - and
we do want to send our
heartfelt wishes for
your return to health and
strength.

With warmest regards.

Yours fraternally
Jim & Annie Griffiths.



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Maurice Lotherington Rowntree

to
Mrs. Raymond Postgate

1, ENDSLEIGH STREET,

W.C.1.

TELEPHONE: EUSTON 4969.

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May 5/40

Dear Mrs. Postgate,

I was very sorry to hear your father had taken a turn for the worse. James Hudson & I had had it in mind to visit him, and our local PPO group (St. Pancras Holborn) wanted to send him a message of good wishes. Perhaps it is not right to bother him with any of these things: we should only have been very glad to give him these messages if he were able to receive them. Anyhow, all good wishes to you all, and may our dear G.L. have much peace, and if it may be, recovery.

Yours sincerely

Maurice L. Rowntree.

No acknowledgment
needed.

Lady Josiah Wedgwood

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903, HOWARD HOUSE,
DOLPHIN SQUARE,
S. W. 1.

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5 May
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Dear Mr. Lansbury

I am so sorry you are ill. I read in the paper today that you are again in the Manor Rd. Hospital. I do hope you are not in pain & that you will soon be about again. To me, you are England's Gandhi, & the need of you is very great in these times. I hope you have at least another ten years' active service before you have health to enjoy it of

903, HOWARD HOUSE,
DOLFIN SQUARE,
S.W. 1.

Course, I shall watch the papers for good news of you & I do not expect ^{or want} any acknowledgement - of this note: no doubt you are receiving hundreds from your many "lovers," of whom count me one!

Best of wishes from
a Comrade -

Florence P. Wedgwood.



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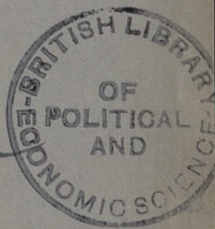
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My Dear Mr Lonsbury.

In your severe illness, I want you to know that there are thousands of people who are thinking & praying about you just now - never before.

Our heart of so send them loving wishes, & my wife & I join in thanking God for your great work for Christian Peace during so many years. We shall never forget your visit to our home 2 years ago. God Bless you.

Our heart would love
live from your Secretary.
With our constant



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thoughts & prayers for
you & yours.

Yours sincerely

Hugh Goodrich

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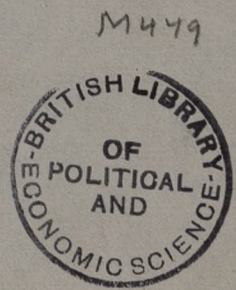
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To G.L.

love from us all, and every blessing.

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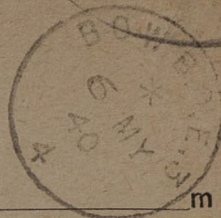
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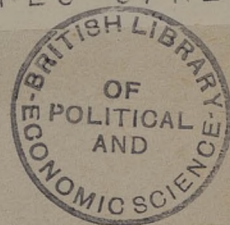
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GEORGE LANSBURY 39 BOW RD E =

DEEPEST WISHES YOUR RECOVERY FOR EVERYONES SAKE AT

THIS TIME = NEGLEY FARSON +



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Harrow Group, London Union

FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION

Joint Hon. Secretaries: ANNIE C. HOSKER, 44 Rosslyn Crescent, Wealdstone.
DORIS M. SCRIVEN, 46 Springfield Road, Harrow.

MEMBERS of the Fellowship believe that Love is the only Power which can overcome Evil, and they are willing to accept that principle, at no matter what risk to themselves, in order to bring nearer the day when Christ shall Reign Supreme in Personal, Social, National and International Relationships.

6th May 1940.

Dear George Lousbury,

You must receive continually more letters expressing gratitude and respect and admiration by those to whom your life and work have been an example.

This letter is but another of this kind.

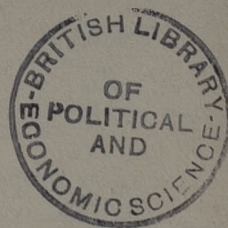
We of the Harrow Group of the Fellowship of Reconciliation have individually been deeply moved and inspired by the acts you have lived, the words you have spoken, the thoughts you have thought. We have not met you as friend to friend, but we know you as ~~your~~ ^{and brother} friend, and those things that are dearest to you, are as dear to us, largely because we learn them through you.

We just send you a "thank you" for
all that you are, and will be. We hope
we shall see you carrying on for several
more years yet, but when the time does
come for you to pass on, you will
know that we whom you have inspired,
will not fail to carry on all you have
skilled and lived for.

Please accept the love and
inexpressible gratitude, of this small
circle of your unknown friends.

Wm Fred Graddon.

Chairman.



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Mrs. Mathewson
(n. Diana Laski) 8 Pittou Flawious,
Queens Club Gardens.

London. W. 14.

May 6. 1940

My dear Godfather,

Here is one of your
numerous, though less well-known,
godchildren writing to say how
very, very sorry she is to hear
of your illness. I expect by now
you have almost forgotten who I
am, but I shall never forget when,
a year ago, I found your cable
on the doorstep, on my wedding
day! It was the loveliest present
I had, I think. And then, when
my father, Harold Laski (there!
have you guessed?) told me where
you were, I hastened to write
this wee note, and to tell you to

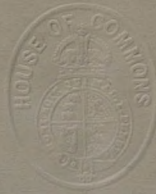
hurry up, please, and get well
very quickly. The Labour Party,
and oh! so many others who
love you as a real person, can't
do without you for long.

Affectionately,

Diana Matthews.
(LASKI).



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5, STORKS ROAD,
BERMONDSEY.

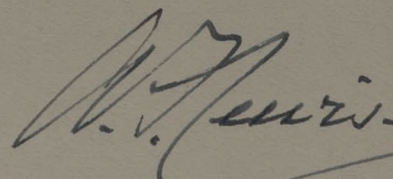
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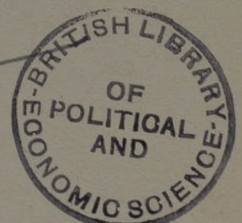
Dear Mr Lansbury

Dr Alfred Salter has asked me to convey to you his loving sympathy with you in your present illness. Unfortunately he himself is confined to bed, but you are ever in his thoughts, and he is with you in prayerful and devoted comradeship. I am sure that he would wish you to know that in your hour of need is at your elbow supporting your arms and giving you spiritual communion during the present days.

I am,

Yours faithfully


Private Secretary.



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TELEPHONE - WREXHAM 2416

T. GEOFFREY GOBAT
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

SECRETARY : NORTH WESTERN AREA
UNITED BUS OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
[BUS & HAULAGE SECTIONS]

(Son of Rev. Theodore
Crombie Gobat

10 Temple Row,

Wrexham,

May 12/10

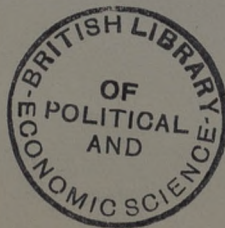
Dear Mr. Hasbany.

I am so very sorry to hear of your illness
(I have only just so heard) & hasten to write to you. All my family
have a special regard for you, as being such an old friend of my
late father, & I hope most earnestly that you will soon recover.

My wife joins with me in sending you this
message from both of us - we shall remember you in our prayers.

Yours sincerely,

Geoffrey Gobat



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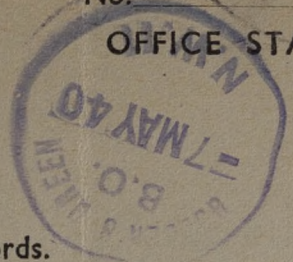
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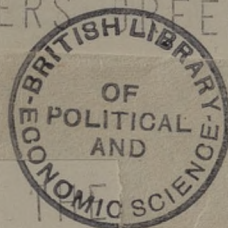
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GEORGE LANSBURY MP MANOR HOUSE HOSPITAL GOLDERS GREEN

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= PATEL BECKENHAM 4438 +

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STOP-THE-WAR CTEE.

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112 Morley Street,
BRADFORD.

7th May, 1940.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

The 300 people present at our Stop-the-War Meeting on Sunday evening, wished me to send to you their very best wishes for your speedy recovery to health.

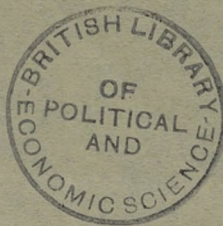
We think of the many occasions on which you have strengthened our movement in Bradford, and would like you to know that our love and sympathy are with you at this time.

With very kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen McDonough

On behalf of the Stop-the-War Committee.



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material complete
His Section I*

to precede fol. 267

Vol. 17

Undated material in
alphabetical order
of name

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Leon Kendall

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Phrenological Report
on G. L.

[n. d.]

Yours is a strange nature, endowed with great possibilities and unusual powers, but you do not always take advantage of the opportunities that present themselves. At times you are not sufficiently self-reliant, are erratic, fearful, hopeful, and doubt your own capabilities. Then you will seek the advice of others, but never pay the slightest attention to it, carrying out your own ideas in the end.

You are active, industrious, and appreciate the importance of strict application in all business transactions. You are ambitious for worldly success, but your kindness of heart, which would never allow you to see a fellow creature in distress, would often impede this.

You have excellent judgment and discrimination and are not easily deceived, being a good judge of the why and wherefore and motive for such and such an object. You are affable, yet dignified, and know how to resent insult or encroachment on your rights, but prefer peace and quietude and do not seek quarrels.

You are keen, shrewd and have much penetration. You have the happy faculty of learning things without study, as you absorb and extract information from every source, and would be apt at any profession, study and calling you might take up.

Literary ability and scientific capacity are indicated.

You would be popular with both sexes, and have many friends during life. Three most important points are: never mind what people think or say about your actions,

discretion in your affairs, and confidence in yourself.

Don't allow yourself to get melancholy and despondent. The nervous system is soon affected, and cheerful companions, plenty of sleep and outdoor exercise are essential for your well-being.

Changes are likely to occur in the months of February and November.

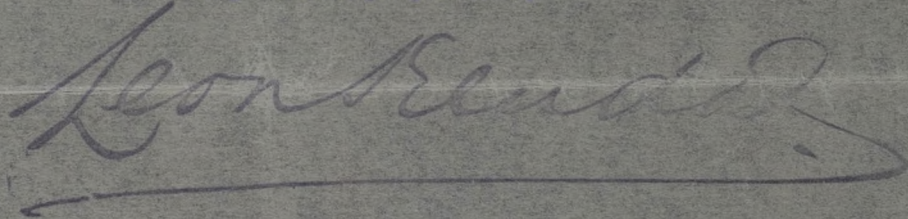
In this short chart I am unable to go fully into detail.

Your Astral Colours are Blue, Pink and Nile-Green.

Should you desire to consult me further, I beg to assure you of my best attention, and

Wishing you every success and happiness, believe me,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leon Benda". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

"Henrietta Leslie", pseud.
(Mrs. Harrie Schütze;
n. Gladys Henrietta Raphael;
(1884-1946))

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STOCKENDEN,
STAFFHURST WOOD,
EDENBRIDGE,
KENT.

May 10th

[M.d.]

Dear Mr Lonsbury.

I think you know how grateful to you I
am. What you stand for - has brought a faith into my
life where before there was NONE. There is so little I
can do in return.

Thank you again

Yours

Henrietta Leslie.

Lonsbury

London Co-operative Society

G.L.
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Mrs. Mamley Power
to Mr. Roberts

Vol. 432.

Good Friday

Franklin

Elmfield,
London Road,
Worcester.

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[29 March 1923]

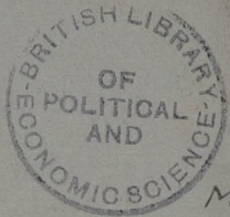
Dear Mr Roberts

Thank you for your kind letter -
You saw Mauley last summer & know
what state he was in then - He
gradually got more & more helpless
during the year - after August gave
up all his Diocesan work. Infirm
Committee - did practically nothing
& found the time very long - On
Jan 13th his heart got suddenly
worse - he had bad breathless attacks.
He had felt breathless sometimes
all last year - On Jan 26th he had
a heart specialist from Birmingham
& he said his heart was partly
enlarged & very very weak & that he
could not live more than 3 or 4 weeks -
but to our D's surprise he picked
up & now he seems to keep in
about the same state & I suppose
may go on like this some time
but I do not suppose he will ever

be any better than he is now - His
heart is enormous - pressing on his
lung so he gets these breathless
attacks - We still have to have 2
nurses as it takes 2 people to
move him in bed & sometimes he
gets restless & has to be constantly
turned - he cant move himself
at all - He is lifted in to a chair
for about an hour daily - he can
not stand on his legs - He finds
the time of day as he can not
concentrate his mind to read
much - does not care to be read to

Mr Howell has been in Dorchester for
nearly 9 weeks now so is a great help
& Miss Power is with her for Sister
Our house is full with the nurses so
we can not put her up in it -
so they are in lodgings - I told Maude
I had heard from you & gave
him your love - kindest regards
to you both

Yours sincerely
Frances M Power



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Tel. 432.

Mrs. Manley Power

(Constance M. Power)

Elmfield,

London Road,
Worcester. next
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[He appears last
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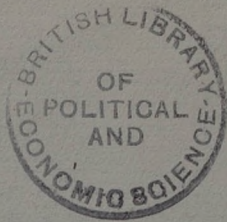
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[1923]

April 15th

Dear W^m Laubing

Thank you so much
for your kind letter —
I showed it to my husband
& he asked me to thank you
too. It is hard to see him
as he is now after what
he used to be — Ever since
he had the seizure in
Jan. last year he has been
getting gradually worse — He
stuck to his work as long
as ever he could, long
after he was fit for it —



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This Jan: he was so ill. The Drs
never thought he would live
more than a few weeks but to their
surprise he picked up -
has been improving - He can
not yet use his legs, I do not
know if he ever will be able to
again - We have to lift him
on to a chair. He sits up
about 1 1/2 hrs daily & then is glad
to go back to bed - The time is
glory & wonderful & thin
as he can read a little -

Please give my love to your
wife & family & thank
them for their kind message

Yours sincerely
Constance M. Power

Mrs. Manley Power

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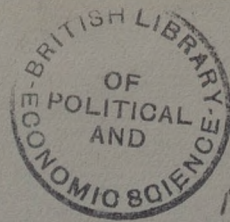
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June 13⁴⁻

[1923]

My dear W Lausbury -

Thank you so much for
all your sympathy & kind
message - Much as many
with miss my husband I
do not think any of them
could wish him I longer
on - I am so thankful that
all his weakness & sufferings
are over - I was so afraid he
would go on getting worse &
worse. I knew he could
never be better - it has



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been hard & see him here
last months so helpless & dependent
& so unlike what he used to be
when you knew him & find
the hours so long & not able to read
or do anything — I am going to stay
on here as I have so many
friends here now & plenty to do
Everyone has been more than
kind & the many letters I
have read & the kind things
said in them about my
husband are a help —

Thank you very much for yours

Ever yours truly

Constance M. Power

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Mrs. Christina Smith

formerly Mrs.

11th September

[n.d.]

Thomas Lansbury (son of
John Lansbury)

Ferndale
Moonee Vale
West Brunswick
Melbourne
Australia

To

Mr. Lansbury

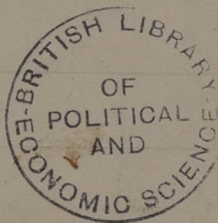
Dear Sir I am writing
this letter to you as I am
anxious to know if you are
related to me by marriage I
married a Thomas Lansbury
30 years ago at Worcester in
England & three years after
he died suddenly I left

me with a boy 15 Months old &
a baby girl was born 4 Months
after his death his father
name was John Lansbury
& his Mother Rebecca

I only saw them twice
I knew nothing of his
friends but Mrs Lansbury
told me that when anything
happen to her the children
should come in for the
money she had left 18
years ago I married again
a man named Smith &
came to Australia
he is dead & as my son

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would like to know if he
has got any one belonging
to him on his father side
or Mrs Lansbury ~~or~~ Mrs Lansbury
used to write to me till 10
or 12 years ago she told me
she was getting very feeble
& she would go & live with
friends at a place called
Desbrough but she lived
a many years at Wellinbagen
in Northamptonshire I know
she paid visits to London
or the suburbs to some of
her relatives I wrote to her
years back & never could get a
letter

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I am sure she must be dead.
My husband was the only child
they had. I saw your name
in an English paper & thought
if you could be so kind as
to try & give or get any
information my son & myself
would feel greatly indebted
to you for your kindness
or trouble a answer would
oblige yours respectfully
Christina Smith



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[n.d.]

Fredrik Ström
(author of "Om Z. Höglund", in
Festskrift tillägnad Zeth Höglund, 1944)

Comrade George Lausbury,

I thank you heartily for your friendly good wishes
for the new year and I wish you too and your family
and your brave Party, the glorious Labour all fortune.

With socialist regards

Fredrik Ström

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letter of Ethel Snowden

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Emile E. Watson
Consulting Engineer
Columbus, Ohio.

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Dear Mr. Lansbury:

Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a genuinely Happy New Year.

Most sincerely,

Emile E. Watson

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SECTION I