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HON. SEC.: MRS. A. C. DUCKWORTH.

TEL. 18 BROMBOROUGH

WOODLANDS,

BROMBOROUGH,

N^o BIRKENHEAD.

1 Jan. 1917

Greetings from Christiana Duckworth

Let them that have spoken keep silence; and
they shall understand the secret by which I
govern dark places. Saith the Lord.

To see the end from afar is to enter in, even
now. Though ye remain in the desert with
me, yet shall ye taste of the milk and the
honey of my Promise.

New Year's Day
1917—

G. Lansburg to Banygraw St
 7/1/17 Portlyfield

Dear Sir. I am compelled to write these few lines to you first of all to thank you for the many edifying article in the Herald of Dec 30/16 & also in time past

I have always from 1907 had interest in all reasonable litord. one such as C. C. Labour & Pioneer Worker & Herald because I always got the truth therefrom & have always been in sympathy with them at all times. I wish that the gift of writing in some of these papers was a gift I possessed. I should have contributed many times.

there is one very earnest desire I have that the Herald would publish & it is extracts out of St Paul Enterprise. Why do nations War & How will Militarism be forever destroyed. This is an eye-opener to all I can

D. J. Thomas

17 Jan 1916

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assure you. its truth & facts
which are stubborn things
should you desire or think
it worthy of your interest
& examination previous to
be sent for press. if you
write & let me know I
can send or you can for
a copy of same I her give
you full particulars

Supplement to St. Paul Enterprise
Vol 6 Number 40 St Paul, Ramsey County ^{Minne}
Tuesday April 25/1916) Name & address W. J. Abbott
St Paul Enterprise Globe Building
St Paul Minnesota
shall be pleased ^{to} send you any
further particulars.

I Remain

Your Obedient Servant

P.S.

D. J. Thomas
Should like to have the pleasure
of hearing you whenever you come
near Pontypriod or District 27
D. J. T.

Andrew McFarlane
35 Florence Street
S. S. Glasgow.

2/1/17.

Dear Editor.

I do not think I could better introduce myself to you, than by wishing you a bright, prosperous, and happy New Year. My purpose in writing you, is to inform you that your journal the "Herald," has been the means of bringing at least one working man to his senses. I submit ~~I never~~ I never was reactionary in politics, but your able articles have aroused me from a Rip Van Winkle, slumber. I am henceforth out for Peace, and Socialism. I find more of Christ and his teachings in your pages, than is found in papers devoted entirely to religious matter. Clean journalism, in this country is as scarce as clean Diplomacy in Europe. The great plague of militarism now infesting our land is without doubt, the greatest disaster that has ever befall civilised man, and it will be everlasting disgrace to our rulers if they fail an attempt to stay its disastrous effects on our people. However, I am with you in believing the day is not far distant, when we shall be liberated from the bondage of militarism, which is degrading our manhood, breaking the hearts of our womanhood, and blasting the hopes of our childhood.

Believe me to be
Yours in the movement
Andrew McFarlane.

George Sydney Arundale
(1878 — 1945)

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SEVASHRAMA,
ADYAR,
MADRAS, S.

January 31st. 1917.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Many thanks to yourself and to your wife for the charming little card of greeting. It is indeed necessary in these times of disturbance to lay stress on hope.

I am fortunate to receive regularly the "Herald," for it is the only paper which gives us any true insight into the condition of things in England. I am very glad that you are laying stress on the pension scandal, and also that you are showing up the treatment meted out to the conscientious objectors. As was to be expected, the military spirit, which we are supposed to be crushing out elsewhere, is finding its way in its usual objectionable way into India. The people of this country are eager to offer their services voluntarily. They are eager to be responsible for the peace and safety of the land if the trained troops in the country are urgently needed elsewhere, but a deaf ear is being turned to their offers of service, and instead the very dangerous policy of arming every European is being contemplated. In other words, they want to introduce compulsory military service for Europeans in India, and I can imagine no more obvious expression of a want of trust in the people which would, however, never be officially admitted. I have often written in our newspaper of the eagerness of the Indian youth to have the opportunity of serving the Empire as the youth of every other Nation has; there is most ^{admirable}

Arundale

31 Jan. 1917

SEVASHRAMA,
ADYAR,
MADRAS, S.

material available, but want of trust ever stands in the way. If you have the opportunity, you should press the claims of the youth of India to have their voluntary share in the defence of the Empire, and you should draw prominent attention to the very dangerous policy of compulsorily arming Europeans in the country and thus showing openly a want of trust which is at the root of India's discontent. This is all part of the fact that there are large number of Europeans in this country who have not the slightest voice in the decision to which the Viceroy comes. We often hear the cry "No taxation without representation. A more insistent cry at the present moment is "No compulsion without representation." It is at least to be said for the Military Service Acts in England that the vast majority of those conscripted were represented in Parliament. This cannot be said of Europeans in India.

I often think of you and of all the magnificent work you are doing, and my loving wishes are ever with you.

Ever affectionately yours,

Genl. Arundale

Wait Chester
Sewell

36, KINGS ROAD,

LEYTONSTONE, N.E.

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My dear George

I was very pleased to
get your kind recollection
of my birthday & your good
wishes & those of Bessie.

The longer I live, the more
I realize that love &
comradeship are amongst
the very few things that
really matter in life.
and looking back from
the latest milestone

I cannot help feeling
that my Ideals in this as
in ~~so~~ many other things
are mainly owing to ~~the~~
your unwavering friendships.

This is one of the things
which helps me to believe
in the goodness of God
in these terrible times.

I hope that you will
have many happy birthdays
& live to see the fulfillment
of many of the Dreams

you have been working to
realize. & that you will have
strength to keep on in
your fight & also that you
& Jessie will have many
years of happiness together
& in these wishes Alice
joins with me

With love & all the

good wishes

Yours sincerely
Walt.

TELEPHONE:
EAST 3247.

39, BOW ROAD,
BOW, LONDON, E.

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My dear Wait

I have sent tickets. Thanks about
Bessie but the family are stewards & Bessie
will go on platform with me get up early there
will be a crush & drink. Will try & see
you can't see me indeed sorry I
haven't 2 know. but they are all gone.

Lots of love

PL

Ernest Burge
(of the Herald)

4 Roman B^d
Cheltenham

March 1st 1917

Dear Comrade Lausbury

For some time passed I have felt I must write to you, and I now take this opportunity to just thank you in a small & humble way for your work on behalf of the workers.

I do this to remind you that George Lausbury is well known by name and the work you have done even in this fashionable town of Cheltenham, and we were hoping to see your dear old self some year or two ago, when we heard you were to speak on behalf of the women here, but you did not come, and Comrade Frank Smith came in your stead, but one day we shall I hope see you here, after this terrible war is over, which we hope will be soon.

Now Comrade, I have just read "Your Part in Poverty" if it is very fine, I lent my copy to a Parson friend

1 Mar. 1847

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and I am pleased to say he is so delighted with it, that he has ordered ^{for two} one dozen of them and will spread them round.

I have never missed our "Herald" yet, and was most pleased to see that you intend to bring it out as a "Daisy" once more.

May I suggest Comrade that you make up a combination with the "Labour Leader" and J. K. P. etc, there is nothing between the Herald & J. K. P. what I mean to say but very little divides us, and if it was possible to combine with them, it would I believe be successful etc.

Well whatever you do Comrade make every effort to bring the "Daisy Herald" out as early as possible, and to conclude the best of thanks to yourself and "Herald" staff

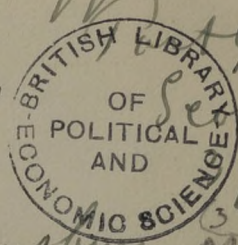
Please me to remain
Yours fraternally
Ernest Burge

This is a
man I have
known for 55 years
he is an aptitude
or thinks he is.

W. Dingwall

7 Argyle St - Glasgow
Scotland

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13/17.
3 March
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Dear Mr Lansbury

Having read your book
I cannot restrain myself from
writing you a line or two.

I just think that I have had
another peep into your great big
heart. 'Tis true. I have been peeping
into it for so long that I think
I know all about it. as the
Doctors say my diagnosis is that
there is not another heart like it.

I am proud also that you have
evolved another step in your
manly progress through life by
becoming an Editor & now an Author.

I do hope sincerely that your
Book will be widely read as
I have no doubt it will, your

name & part-work for the
disinterested is sure to tell,
while I say this I think it is
futile of you to try to capture the
church & the churchy in behalf of
the workers. yet: it will do them
no harm by giving them another
chance. All of us will agree that
you state the case in your
first four chapters we all know
it now when it is so plainly
written & in book form it will
I am sure be a great aid to our
young propagandists. Of the last
chapter 'your remedies' I think
yours are moderation itself & can't
see how even 'Winton' could object.
Still let me say that if they were
achieved or made possible of
achievement the people of these
Isles would be much better
informed than they are now
ignorance & apathy after all our

efforts is still rampant.
You who peripatetic all over
the land addressing in most
cases enthusiastic meetings
may feel that the revolution
is near at hand. but I am sorry
to say it seems as far off as it
did 25 years ago. The fact is that
the workers never have realised
the possibility of a change from
any quarter & to talk politics to
them is a vast task. Having been
sold at the political auction
room so often they don't want
any. & now the action of the
Labour party has further given
them the goods. A lot of things
may be changed after this cruel
war is over. we are promised
that from many quarters when
our Boys come home victorious
they will want to know what
they have been fighting for.

April. I hope that will be true,
may we live to see its consummation.

I did not trouble you much at the
Maclachlan sale of work which I am
very glad was a success mainly
due to your presence & influence.

I had a letter today from Mrs Elliott
saying she paid Mrs Maclachlan a visit
& found them all well but wishing
& urging for John. I think it a shame
to keep him in any longer but it seems
Munro is murderless. Mc Dougal is
progressing says he had a bad time.

When I read some of the accounts
of the East end explosion I thought
of you it seemed to me knowing
the district that it was too near
you. but I do hope nothing
happened to you or Mrs Zansbury
& that this will find you all
well & in good spirits for the
future. We have Tom Mann
here on Sunday.

Best wishes to all.
all well here

yours fraternally
W Dingwall

Maurice Fels

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4305 Spruce St

Philadelphia April 8 1917

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I wish to thank
you for sending me a copy
of your book, "Your Parts
in Poverty." I have
read it with a great deal
of interest and wish it
God-speed in its mission
to help realize its ideals

in life. The book is now
in the hands of a friend
to whom I read a part.
He and his wife desired
to read it through. They
were much impressed.

I often think of you and
Mrs. Lansbury, and always
with affection, and with
deep sympathy in you

efforts to remove the handi-
caps the mass of the
people are under. We all
of course look forward to
the ending of this dreadful
war and hope the social
life will develop more in
accord with justice to all.

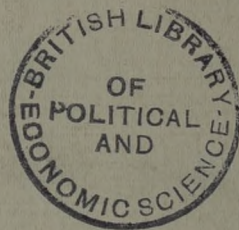
Mollie's new quarters in New
York keep her there most of the
time, and we do not see her
as much as before. She is
very busy and absorbed in her work.

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The activities of the center she
has established there have
been constantly growing. She
keeps up physically very well.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours most sincerely,
Lawrence J. Lee



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P. B. and L. A. Williams

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118 Brynmaris Rd

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12.4.17

Mr Geo. Lansbury

Dear Comrade

Kindly allow my wife & myself to

thank you from the bottom of our hearts,
for the great service you are rendering to the
C. O. at Wormwood Scrubs & elsewhere.

We read with joy & delight in the Herald & the
few other papers that are voicing our Great
Cause, of how you go to cheer the hearts of those
Boys who are imprisoned for refusing to commit
a crime, by going to sing outside the Scrubs,
I have also met a good few of the C. O.
& who have taken work under the H. O. Scheme
& they all testify to the good work you have
& are doing on behalf of those Dear Boys.

We have got a little boy there ourselves
He was sentenced on Feb 27th to Twelve months
& went to the Scrubs on March 7th.

He is only just past his eighteenth birthday
but his convictions are deeply rooted, he has
been cradled in internationalism, & whatever
they may do to him, they will never make a

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Soldier of him. In all his letters home, whilst he was allowed to write, he said he was determined not to work even whilst in Prison.

Whilst agreeing with him, that that is the only logical way of opposing Conscription, yet we feel that owing to his Youth, & not a very strong boy as well, that it would be better for him to choose the road of least resistance, of course we agree with him that he should remain in prison & not take work under the A.C. scheme. But we have been told by those who have been through prison that if he refuse to work in prison that his punishment will be severe, & you can understand our anxiety about him, we get replies from the Governor regarding his health in the usual brief way, but nothing more than that, & we were wondering if we would be asking too much of you, knowing as we do of how hard you are working at present, if you could make enquiries at the prison if all's well with him. His No & Name is as follows

3267 H.W. Williams

Thanking you once more for what you have done for Humanity & trusting you will see your way clear to enquire about our darling Boy & oblige
Your life long Admirers

P.B. & L.A. Williams

Anonymous ("A Soldier and a Democrat")

London, E.

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May 8th 1917.

Sir,

On March 31st, at the great Albert Hall meeting, Mr Bellamy and Mr Anderson, in fiery speeches that fully expressed the feelings of those who were present, reminded us that the Russian Revolution was not going to stop at the Russian frontier. They claimed that its political and social effects, most of all its effect on the war, were going to find an echo in the hearts of the ^{German, French, and} British proletariat; and Mr Bellamy, as you yourself, Sir, in the following issue of "THE HERALD", declared that that colossal demonstration was the beginning of the Revolution in this country. A declaration that had its counterpart in every one of the scores of meetings that were held throughout these islands to welcome the victory of the Russian workingclass.

On May 5th, "THE HERALD" reported ^{that} the Scottish Trade Union Congress had, by a decisive majority, voted a demand for peace by negotiations; and an article entitled "Long live the International" called for a Congress to express the rank-and-file sympathy with the watchwords of "No Annexation; No Indemnities; Plebiscites of Subject Nationalities" that the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies have adopted.

Finally, on May 6th - yesterday, Sir: perhaps that explains my enthusiasm - I was one of ~~a demonstration~~ ^{many thousands} who felt an irresistible wave of enthusiasm sweep through us at the sight of the first proletarian May-Day for three years, with the Red Flag waving above our heads as of old. You know, everyone who was there, knows, what was the uppermost thought in all our minds for the

Anonymous

8 May 1917

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moment. You stated it, as did many other orators, in your speeches; it found its ~~watchword~~ motto in the "blood red banner" that we all saw, inscribed with the International device "Workers of All Countries, Unite!"; it found the approval of the people in the cheers for Russia, for Liebknecht, for the German Social Democratic Minority, for Peace.

These are three illustrations of what Labour thinks at the present moment: others would not be wanting, if it were necessary to bring them. But, Sir, it is unnecessary: we all know. What we do not know is how Labour is going to act; and I venture to say that I am expressing the ^{sentiments} ~~sentiments~~ of more than one individual when I confess that that more than anything - and there are many things nowadays to harass our peace of mind - is unsettling my conscious and unconscious life. Let me remind your readers that Germany and France are not limiting their expressions of sympathy to words: the German ^{proletariat} ~~proletariat~~ is showing its temper by strikes, and the French Internationalists are at last gathering themselves together to resist the deadweight of a so-called majority party, knowing that their opponents' majority lies only in Parliamentary and other Central Committees, not in that rank-and-file of the proletariat which, according to today's news from France, they were consulting on the same day as we were demonstrating in Finsbury Park.

I do not for a moment suggest, Sir, that I am making any very original ~~my~~ remark when I say it is time for the leaders of British Labour to tell us how to act: I am only asking for

Anonymous 8 May 1917

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information. I know that in "THE HERALD" of April 21st you yourself proposed that the Industrial Triple Alliance might organise a congress to vote for Peace on the basis of the Russian proclamation and that in the next week's issue Robert Williams definitely promised us a conference to support the Russian peace offer and to exchange delegations with the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies. Are these ideas being put into practice? That is what I am sure all your readers would be glad to know. May I suggest, too, that the conference would have to be prepared to support its demands by something stronger than appeals to the Government. The bourgeois ruling classes in this country, ever since the thirties of last century, have not been used to see in the ^{British} proletariat ~~of this country~~ ^{a revolutionary} class, ready, say, to go out in a General Strike (the murder is out!) in defence of what it holds dear, as ~~those~~, at any rate, of the foreign working classes have done. Are the workingmen and working women of Great Britain prepared to undeceive them? With a common resolve, the first step would bring all into line. The other thing I wish to suggest is that this time at last the working class Members of Parliament should vote against the War Credits, as our heroic comrades on the Continent have done. They should consider in doing this, not that they are making themselves appear inconsistent and ridiculous, but simply that ^{the} circumstances under which they would not go as far as to vote against them hitherto have now been radically altered, and new conditions demand new tactics.

Anonymous 8 May 1917

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And conditions are new; once again the Russian people have by the threat of the strong right hand - not by meetings - declared their unalterable decision to annex ~~no~~ territories and humiliate no nation; their Parliament, the Labour Council, is demanding that the other Allies should concur in that decision; France is moving; an International Socialist Congress is called at Stockholm for the 15th of this month, (and let democrats remember that unless they act, and act soon, they will not even be allowed to have representation there, let alone 'report progress' by cable); and the Peace Memorial, with its hundreds of thousands of signatures, is about to be presented to the Prime Minister. Let him see that there is more behind it than pen, ink and paper.

There is need, Sir: John Maclean is in prison, and I dare not sign ^{my name} on account of military law. Let me call myself
A Soldier and a Democrat.

G. H. Lough
Clerk to Poplar
Bo. of Guardians

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45 Upper North Street, Poplar, E. 14

29. May 1917

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I was sincerely
grieved to hear this morning
of Mr. Lansbury's sudden illness
and the operation which he had
undergone. Please accept my
sincere sympathy in what I
am sure you must find a
very anxious time. When you
have an opportunity, I should be
glad if you would kindly convey

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my sympathy to Mr. Lansbury and
earnest wishes for his early
recovery, in which I am sure
every member of our staff
would join with me.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely
G. H. Lough.



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W. Herbert Harford

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and **THE HERALD**

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21 Tudor Street
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May 30/17

Dear Mrs. Lambury

We are all relieved to know that
George is getting along well and it is with a
rather lighter heart that we wish to
convey our sympathy with you &
your family. You will realise better
than anyone the affection in which
he is held at the office. Words
are very poor things to use
in these sort of circumstances
but all our thoughts now are
by his side & yours. As soon
as he is able to be talked, tell
him we send our love & best
wishes for a speedy recovery.

Yours sincerely on
behalf of the staff
W. H. Harford

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"Herald" Office
May 3rd 1914

Bessie (3 Mrs. John) Ward

Dear Mr. Laushury

We have
all felt very anxious
about you. A friend
of mine who had
attended the S. P.
Convention told me
the almost-unbelievable
news on Sunday
I am more glad

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and I am sure that
they do - you are
missed indeed.

We can't spare
"G.L." so hurry up
and get well.

Yours Sincerely
Bessie Hand

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then I can say to
hear this morning
that you have come
through so well.
May your recovery
be as rapid as
your illness was
sudden.

We shall be
looking anxiously
to see your face
once more at
the office. If
we are missed
your genial presence
as much as I do,

Mrs. Wm. G. F. Cavendish-Bentinck
(21, Rutland St. Mans)

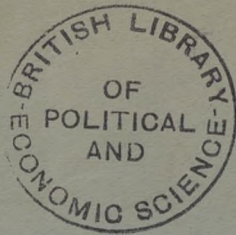
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TELEPHONE
2626 MAYFAIR.

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May
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78, HARLEY STREET,
W.

Dear Mr. Lambury
I cannot say how sorry I
am to see you are so ill.
I had no idea of this till I
opened my Herald. This is a most
ill chosen time to be ill. I
do not mean politically, I mean
on account of the beautiful
summer coming, and I trust
you may soon pull round
enough



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to go and enjoy yourself right
away somewhere amongst them and
flourish, when I trust your family
will keep all papers and letters
from you till you develop
good wholesome bumps of selfishness
and achieve the feat of considering
only your own pleasure till
next time. This is sound advice
from a real friend - take it.
Inasmuch as I am greatly concerned
about you. Your Faith Beutnick

Sir Francis Meynell
(1891)

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67 ROMNEY STREET

SMITH SQUARE

S.W.

Victoria

4637

31 May 1897

Dear Mrs. Lausbury

Now that your most pressing
anxiety is so happily over,
you can perhaps bear to
have letters telling of his
friends' grief at your
husband's illness. It has
been a great blow to us
all; and we shall not
feel ourselves again — ?

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I am sure I speak for everyone
at the Herald, as well as
for myself and my wife —
until he is back at his
pand work again, with
his wonderful inspiration
to us all.

It must be hard ^{in many ways} to be the
wife of a man living his
life not for himself or his
family but for the world;
but at least it means
that you have the sympathy
and the prayers of thousands
of people at a time like
this.

I had to say so much less than I
felt in the Note in this week's Herald
that I cannot help sending you
this line to say ~~over~~ that we love
him, and long for his presence again.

Yours

Francis Mervell

Mar 31 1917

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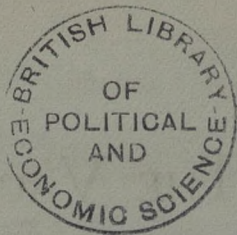
STRAND, LONDON, W.C.

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May 31. 17

Dear Aed Boy

This is only to emphasise
what I am sure you already feel.
How much we are all in heart-
Sympathy with you and yours over
this trying time you are having.

Your enforced absence from
the fighting line is only making
us all feel what a tower of strength
you have been, and are, to the only
cause that really matters. It
will just make everyone buckle up
to try & make up for the loss of
your presence.



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and will increase their love
and devotion when, in "Our
Father's" good time you come
back to us the better for your
enforced rest.

Be sure we are ever
thinking of, & praying for you,
all the time.

Don't worry about
anything all will be
well.

Ever yours
Frank

W. Geo. Ransbury

Cards apparently sent to G.L. after his operation towards end May 1917

(n. Brassay) (323)
Would you like me
to come today or
MURIEL
COUNTESS DE LA WARR.
tomorrow. Just
say yes or no - In A.
SAND HILL,
WINSLOW,
BUCKS.

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John Scurr.

1, Robert Street,
Adelphi, W.C.
Tel. 777 Regent.

153, Bow Road,
Bow, E.
Tel. 4033 East.

So glad you are going on well -
We do so hope you will soon be
much better
Barbara & Gerald
Mrs. Ayrton Gould.

54, St. Mary's Mansions,
Paddington, W. (323)

With best wishes for your speedy
recovery. (323)

Miss Evelyn Sharp.

~~16, John Street,
Bedford Row, W.C.~~

27 Chancery
Lane
W.C.2

Regent 779 (323)

Major D. Graham Cole.

12th (Service) Battⁿ
Northumberland Fusiliers. Royal Societies Club.


(323)

Frank Smith.

10, Cliffords Inn,
London, E.C.

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With love from
Barbara Kilbiers



E. Sylvia Panthurst

[? June] 1917

Dear Mr. Landrum,

I was glad to get your letter and
to hear you are getting on well. I was away
when your letter came. I hope you will soon be
about again. ^{Yes Leeds was splendid!} I hear you liked the Super buying
Expedition. Mrs. Ireland Taylor in Chester wrote
us that she wanted to get up a counter-
only week - demonstration as a set off to the
patriotic one. Mrs. Drake is going down
there and we have got these bills printed
there to her own words.

~~We~~ We thought of doing
something of the kind in our part of the
world but I am afraid ~~that~~ it will
cost something for their fares and
teas and we have been taking ourselves
seriously to task for spending more than



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we ought of our financial secretary's
money. So unless a special donation
should come for it I am afraid
we can't do it though the women are
rather keen about it. I was wondering
whether you know anyone who would
help to get the women ~~up~~ back and pay
for their teas. I think thought you might.
We thought we could take the same
route as the patriotic procession and perhaps
either call on the House of Commons or
Lord Rhondda ~~if~~ as well. We might
have something a little more pointed than
Mrs Crossland Taylor's Bills. If you don't
want to be bothered with propaganda
—never mind. I expect you ought not
to think of anything serious at all.

Get well soon anyway.

Best wishes

Sincerely

Elvia Paulhurst.

S. Gertrude Ford ^{leather cottage,}
Bengal Rd., 325
Winton,
Bournemouth.

June 2nd, /17.

Dear Mrs. Lansbury,

although a stranger to you and Mr. Lansbury personally, I feel I must write just a few words to tell you what a household word his name is in our home, and how deeply we sympathise with you and him in his illness, and in your grief and anxiety about it. No one I know, among public men or women, follows more closely in the footsteps of the Master. He is to us here just what my dear friend Mr. Stead used to be: a living picture of Jesus Christ. No man has been so true a friend to the woman's cause; and none has been so ready to help anybody and everybody, from broken-down soldiers to hard-working journalists.

God bless him, and you with
and in him, and in all ^{your}
work for Christ's Kingdom
on earth!

My sister and I have
both taken him in prayer
to the good Physician and
Almighty Healer; who, as we
know by personal experience
works His healing miracles still.
Be of good courage! The
love and prayers of many
surround you both continually
and "the prayer of faith;
shall save the sick."

Please do not trouble to
acknowledge this; I know how
hard it is to write to anybody,
let alone to everybody, at
such a time. And everybody
who knows you and your
husband will be writing, or
calling, to say what I am
saying — how we need him, and
prize him, and pray for him and you
Yrs. in all sympathy, S. Gertrude Ford.



Sir John Hope Simpson
(1868-)

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR,
MONTAGU HOUSE,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON, S.W.

2nd June 1917.

Telephone No.:

VICTORIA 8660-5 (6 LINES).

Dear Miss Lansbury,

Thank you for your letter of 31st May informing me of the illness of Mr. George Lansbury. Please accept and convey to him my sympathy. I trust that he will have a rapid recovery and will before long be able to resume his seat on the National Mission Sub Committee.

Yours faithfully,

John Hope Simpson

Miss W. Lansbury,
Secretary,
The Herald,
21, Tudor Street,
London,
E.C.

Mrs. F. T. Swanwick
(n. Helena Maria Sickerk; 2-6-1917
1864 - 1939)

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Dear Mr. Lonsbury

We missed you
yesterday at the Adult Suffrage Council
& we shall miss you horribly to-morrow
at Leeds. We are unlucky to have
you laid up. You will know what
affectionate concern we feel for you
& how we shall all hope soon
to have you with us again -

Very truly yours

H. M. Swanwick

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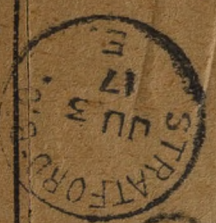
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of friends at Russia Revolu-
-tion convention Leeds send
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wishes for speedy recovery
to full health Smilie Chairman

Charles Edwin Sumner
(1867? - 1925)

Leeds Station

Sunday Afternoon

2/6/17

Dear George

We have just left the conference. it was a great success. all the resolutions were carried practically unanimously. the conference was one of the greatest we have ever attended. Your letter was read & received with great enthusiasm. I did not turn up but did not stay. he left the opposition to Captain Tupper & Devan we adjourned over lunch with the second resolution still under discussion. after lunch Tom Mann simply tore them to pieces.

We thought we would take this opportunity of perhaps being the first to let you how things went. we know what a great disappointment it has been to you to be away. but still the movement will not stop. we are deeply concerned about you & hope & trust that you will make a speedy recovery. don't let anything worry you. take things quiet.

Best wishes from

C. E. Sumner

R. Palmer

S. March

J. Banks

C. E. Sumner

R. Palmer

Samuel March

Joe Banks

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June 4th 1917.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

The members of the Council were very sorry indeed to hear at our meeting last Friday of your illness. They felt what a great loss it was not to have you at the meeting and that your help and advice would be greatly missed at the present critical time. I was instructed to express to you their regret at your illness, and their sincere wish for your speedy recovery.

Yours sincerely,

Honorary Secretary.

Mr. G. Lansbury.

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**144 HIGH HOLBORN,
LONDON, W.C.**

4th June, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Lansbury,

At the meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Women's Freedom League last Saturday a resolution was passed unanimously expressing the Committee's deepest sympathy with Mr. Lansbury in his serious illness, and the most earnest wish of every one of us for his speedy recovery to health and strength. When Mr. Lansbury is well enough, will you very kindly give him this message? The Committee also asked me to send you their warmest sympathy in the grave anxiety you are experiencing through Mr. Lansbury's illness. He is such a friend to us all that we have been most deeply concerned at the seriousness of his condition, and we wholeheartedly hope that the later news of the good progress he has been making will be continued, so that we shall have the pleasure of seeing and hearing him again before very long.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Florence A. Underwood.

Evelyn Sharp
27 Chancery Lane

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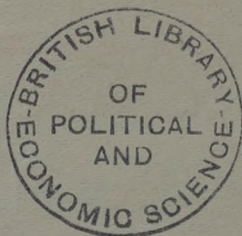
16 John Street
Bedford Row W.C.

June 5 : 1917.

Dear Mr Dansbury,

I saw Mr Newison

this afternoon, + although still
very ill + still in constant
pain, he is much more himself
and they say he will get
better now though it will
be a long business I am
afraid. He asked after you
+ was pleased at your
thinking of him. It is



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dearful for us all, but - much
worse for you + him, to be
laid by at - such a moment.
But - what a time to look
forward to when you are
both well again + the Revo-
- lution has got - on by so
many weeks, + we are so
many weeks nearer Peace!

Very best - wishes from

Yours ever

Evelyn Sharp

Rev. Henry J. Kilcat

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The Rectory,

Box, E.

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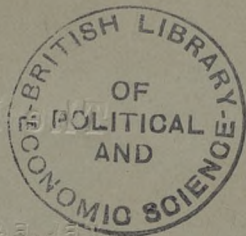
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My Dear Laurelbury

The War Pensioning
Committee have asked
me as chairman to
express their deep sympathy
with you in your illness
& their best wishes for
your speedy convalescence.

To that I join my
own private sympathy
& good wishes, I wd.
have come up myself
to see you, but have



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thought it kinder
to keep away until you
are stronger. I am
so thankful to have
good news of your
progress from the
Laurburg.

God bless you
Yours always
Henry J. Kitcat.

Seamus is fearfully excited,
as this afternoon for 2
hours he saw a French armoured
plane under repair on the
flats, + then saw it go off.

FROM F. W. PETHICK LAWRENCE.

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87, Clement's Inn, W.C. 2.

6th June, 1917.

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

Dear Lansbury,

I am awfully sorry to hear that you are laid up and will not be well for some little time.

I rang up the "Herald" office and told them I would like to come and see you, but they said you were so overwhelmed with visitors at present that I had better leave it for a little while. I shall make another enquiry later on in the month.

Both my wife and I were at Leeds and enjoyed the Convention enormously. It was splendid to see such unanimity and enthusiasm. I am sending a little subscription along for it to the "Herald" office.

Please do not think of answering this letter.

I remain,

Yours ever,

F. W. Pethick Lawrence.

Geo. Lansbury Esq.,
Nursing Home,
Fitzroy House,
Fitzroy Square,
W. 1.

Gordon Crosse

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28 Margaret St, W i

June 7/17

My dear Lansbury,

I need not tell you I was delighted to see you on Monday, and especially to find you ^{looking} so well & strong considering what you have been through - I have not been again because I thought perhaps it was better not to bother you with visits till you are really stronger - and I am glad to see by today's Herald that you are making good progress.

If you ^{are} able to receive visitors before you leave Fitzroy Square - I mean when you are pretty strong again, so that we can have a bit of a chat - I shall be delighted to come - that is to say if you care to see me for a bit ^{and} when you

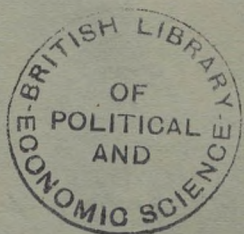
feel up to it - no controversy of course
Controversy seemed a very petty ~~thing~~ thing
when I first read the news of your illness.
In spite of differences I should like you to
realise the love & gratitude I feel & shall
always feel for the privilege of a friendship
that is no more than ten years old.

Well, if you care to see me, neat well
or any time, I am still at Fitzroy Square.
I will ~~can~~ try to come at any ~~other~~ time
that suits you if you will get someone
to send a note round here, ^{or} ring up
Central 13820,

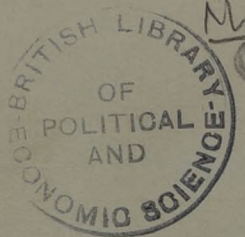
All good wishes

Yrs affectionately

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Mrs Charlotte

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Despard Ten Acres Wood
Hartfield (337)
Sussex
7th June 1917

My dear friend & colleague,

after the rush and the wonder of Leeds, I am taking a few days rest with my friend Mr Harvey in the heart of the country and my thoughts are going to you with great affection, and a most earnest desire that you may presently come back to us in the fulness of health and strength. I shall be at the above address until the end of next week and if any one about you can find time to send me a line as to how you are, it will be a great relief and comfort to me.

I need not tell you, our stalwart friend, that you are wanted very badly indeed.

Others, no doubt, will have told you about the Leeds Conference. So I need not trouble you with any account of it. I will merely give you, in a word or two, the impression it made upon myself. I had before felt the

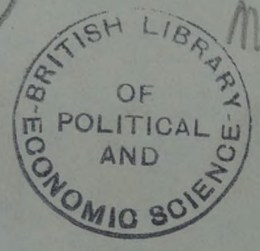
strong pull of an undercurrent that is making for
peace and open and righteous dealing now. At Leeds
I felt it even more strongly than before - with the
almost pitiful cry of the workers for action, and
that has impressed me with a sense of responsibility.

Before those who desire the new world, there lies a
tremendous responsibility, for if this opportunity is
lost it may be very long before any sort of action
will be possible. At the same time I am full
of hope for I believe a road to action is opening
and before us.

I do hope we may meet again soon. I hope also,
and earnestly entreat that you will give your
own body (we have to consider these garments
of ours) plenty of time to recruit after the trial
to which it has been subjected, before you take
with the love and greetings of an old comrade

Truman
Yours fraternally & affectionately
C. Despard

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Marion Coates Hansen
(Mrs. Friedrich Hansen)
Red Cottage,

Hunthorpe, S.O.
Yorkshire.

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June 10th 1917

Dear Bessie

We are ever so pleased to hear that George is getting on as well as possible. A hospital is a dreary place for actively inclined persons. The days are long and the nights are simply centuries!

Life seems to have stopped and yet it goes rolling on and one becomes ~~conscious~~ conscious of every little bit of a thing one has neglected to do. But the

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tedious waiting for a return of something like one's normal strength comes to an end.

Then the earth never seemed so bright and wonderful as during the early days of one's return to it, when one can once more potter along the lanes and fields and broad highways.

Tell your impatient husband to be patient. And give him the enclosed cheque from us to divide up as he thinks best for the various bits of work he wants to forward - such as ~~paying~~ paying subscription towards the Leeds Convention and what not! We

merely stipulate that
on no account must our
name be mentioned as
the giver of this sum
of money. He can
announce to the critical
public that ~~two~~ good
friends have given him
power "to wave the
fairy wand of gifts
bestowing" to the extent
of £25.

And it may make the
time pass more quickly
as he lies on his back
stinking of all the reckless

methods of expenditure
the receiver of the
subscription will indulge
in - for I've never
known any reformers
(except perhaps myself!!)
who could realise that
a subscription of more
than about 5/- had
an end. They always
blossom forth with wild
schemes for the immediate
fixing up of the millennium
if they see even a golden
sovereign in a collection
box.

Let us know again
how George is.
With loving greetings
lover. Marion

I do wish you could see my garden now! It's just lovely!

William Patrick Ryan
(1. 1942)

The Herald

(The National Labour Weekly)

EVERY SATURDAY.

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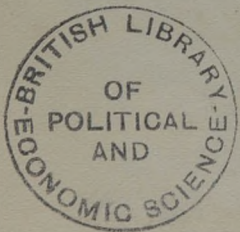
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Dear Lansbury,

I need hardly say that I am delighted to hear of your good progress, and trust that very quickly you will be quite yourself again. The news just a fortnight ago was staggering - not often in my life have I felt so upset and anxious, though I had every hope that with your constitution and fine spirit you would come bravely and speedily through the whole ordeal. I did not write in the earlier days, as I thought you ought not to be worried by letters, and anyway it were hard to express all that was in my mind. I am asked about you everywhere - Bradford is one of several who send kindest wishes and greetings. Wilfred Wellock, this morning, is

another. at home they were intensely con-
cerned, and then relieved and joyful over
the news of steady progress. In the
office here, with all the responsibility,
things go smoothly and happily; such is
the fine co-operative spirit of all
concerned. It simply could not be better.
Some features subscribed last week through
the Leeds claims - which of course
were paramount in our Scottish notes
came rather late. We had carefully
mapped out things, and considered the
make-up from every side, but our
friends out in the space for Leeds
by a page or so, and there had to
be a re-arrangement. It could not
be helped. We kept over a short
note, desired by Robert Williams, about
Labour men and office, as we thought
you did not know about it. There was
no urgency about it. Things are easier
this week.

With all good wishes and kindest
regards,
Sincerely yours,
W. P. Ryan.



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The Plunder of the Poor.

The proposal made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and tentatively endorsed by Arthur Henderson, to tax wages, has created a good deal of discussion. Apparently this will come up for settlement whenever a Chancellor of the Exchequer, Liberal or Tory, deems the time ripe.

We are told that it is necessary for every person in society to bear his share of responsibility for the maintenance of society. This is all very well, but another condition takes precedence of this, and that is that society should be bound together by the bonds of mutual interest and that all these ~~should~~ be in such directions as would secure equity and justice ^{to} ~~as~~ the inheritance and right of every member. At present the masses are not merely denied the elementary right of a full existence, but even the meagre subsistence they are able to secure, is relatively more heavily taxed than the luxuries of the rich.

A family, the head of which is able to pay the super-tax, is in a more comfortable position than the sweated seamstress, who, buying her tea at 1/2 a pound, pays 8d of this as tax to the state, or the bricklayer's labourer who is compelled to pay the German Insurance tax of 6d a week, and 50% more for his beer, whose wife is obliged also to pay 8d a pound ^{to} ~~on~~ the luxury of drinking tea.

If the question of taxation is to be settled equitably some discretion must be used as to the sort of things to be taxed. The notion ~~that~~ ^{of taxing} ~~taxing~~ incomes because they are large is absurd.

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Either a person has a right to his income or he has not. If he has no right to it, the sane way of dealing with him is to prevent him from obtaining it. This can only be accomplished by the determination of the people that industry shall be organised in a different fashion from at present.

In the meantime however, taxes have to be raised. We suggest to the workers that instead of submitting, without a protest to the ~~existing~~ sort of taxation at present being placed upon their shoulders, they should demand that the whole natural resources of the country should be used for the payment of the cost of the war, and in fact, for the payment of all necessary revenue.

Some day, whatever form of government, or whatever organisation of industry there may be, we shall all realise much clearer than at present, that the higher value of one piece of land over another, especially in the way of minerals, must be put into the common stock, to be used for the benefit of the whole nation. At this time when our men are fighting for England, it would be as well to emphasize the fact by taking, for the benefit of all, all the natural resources ^{of} the country.

For the present the workers will pay the whole of the tax, that is quite certain. They will continue doing so, until they understand that this can be much more easily paid by using all those things provided by nature for the use of all, instead of leaving these things as now, in the hands and under the control of a few.

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The disaster which occurred in Sheerness Harbour a week ago, in which nearly 1000 lives were lost, is but an incident in the terrible warfare now being waged in Europe. The public mind was shocked and dismayed for an instant ~~when it first heard the news~~ ^{at the beginning of the war,} but now those of us who remain at home, are going about our daily tasks in the usual way, as though nothing untoward were happening every day.

Sir John French, in another of his splendid Despatches, ~~deals~~ ^{tells} at length of the heroism and devotion to duty of the Army under his command, lavishing praise in a generous and unstinted fashion upon officers and privates, territorial regiments and regulars alike.

Those of us pursue our ordinary course of life have time, in a small way to realise what it all means. ~~But~~ ^{the} the ominous sentences in which Sir John French tells us that our casualties were of course very heavy, conveys in a slight degree, the truth that the slaughter going on is of a terrible character, and that the 900 men lost in the Bulwark, is but a drop in the ocean, compared with the tens of thousands who will come no more either from the fields of Flanders or the snow clad hills and valleys of Poland.

This is war! ^{on despatches.} a grim tragedy, to measure which is almost beyond the wit of man. So far I have only written of the actual loss of life. But another terrible factor is entering in. One of the members of the Army Medical Corps, writing to the Times the other day, tells us that typhoid and typhus have appeared, and that very effective measures must be undertaken at once if these terrible diseases are to be arrested in their progress, not only through the

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Army but throughout the civil population of Belgium. To understand what this means it is necessary to be on the spot, dealing with it at close quarters.

In addition to these evils of actual warfare, there remains the burden of weariness, and the heartsick hope deferred of the women, the relations and friends ^{at home} of the men in the firing line ~~at home~~. Suffering is not to be deplored in itself, for it is well known that without the discipline occasioned by sorrow, humanity would be but a poor thing indeed. At the same time however, this overwhelming mass of suffering which comes to but a part of the community is something which calls to all of us for sympathy and comfort.

We can admire, as indeed we all do, the splendid spirit which animates the men both in the North Sea and on the Continent. We can admire the stoical fortitude of the tens of thousands of women at home, and in a small way we can all share in that. The best way in which we can do this is by giving to the soldier's wife, to his parents and his children, that friendly sympathy which only comes when people ~~really~~ suffer together. We can share their sorrows and their hopes, by taking advantage of every opportunity to be with them and to say the right thing and perform the right deed, in the best possible spirit.

The silly talk concern^{ing} the supposed drunkenness of the wives of soldiers can best be dissipated by our taking good care that so far as it is humanly possible, no dependent of a soldier or sailor shall be left without a friend.

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On the material side of things, Parliament has ~~na~~ adjourned, ~~le~~ leaving unsettled, and in confusion, the question of pay and pensions for the Army and Navy. In a leisurely way Mr Lloyd George and his Committee are proceeding to investigate the subject, which needs no investigation, the settlement of which is being left to a Committee of people, ~~many~~ among whom is no single one actually conversant with the conditions to be dealt with.

It is to be supposed that the nation would desire to do the best possible for the dependents of those of whom Sir John French speaks in such glowing terms. The men who are preventing this feeling from being put into practical effect are those cheeseparing economists who manage our affairs. These men claim and receive each year salaries ranging from £400 to £5,000. They talk glibly of the sacrifices of patriotism, bid the toilers join the colours, impose upon others the burden of taxation, but for themselves are content to draw their salaries and at the same time haggle as to whether the wives of soldiers shall receive 7/6 a week for her maintenance or 10/-. It is to the eternal shame and disgrace of the British Parliament that in this time of crisis, when the very existence of the nation is at stake, it should have closed its doors, gone on holiday, and left this question unsettled.

Surely the great Labour Movement which has held its Conferences, its great demonstrations, ^{and} passed its resolutions, will not weary in well doing, but will continue to send its imperative demand ^{that} for every dependent of a man who loses his life during the present war, shall be provided ^{for} at a standard of comfort not less than £1 a week for adults and 5/- for children. Coupled with

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this must be the further demand that "dependents" shall include
. fathers and mothers, widows and orphans, and unmarried mothers.
This demand is small enough in all conscience. In addition
a contract must be given by those in authority that those men who
return disabled shall be provided for, and ^{also} those who return able-
bodied for whom the labour market has no room.

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Wait Chester Sewell

14th, June

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Mr. George Lansbury,
16, Fitzroy Square,
W.C.

Dear George,

I am afraid I gave you the wrong Regiment yesterday
of Bert's yesterday, His correct ^{destination} ~~destination~~ is as follows:-

Lee/Cpl. H. W. Sewell,
39244. B. Co.,
25th, Middlesex Regiment,
HONG KONG.

I hope you were not disturbed by the awful Raid yesterday. I am thankful to say that as far as I can gather none of our friends suffered.

With all Good Wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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15 June 17

My dear George

I am real glad you're going on all right. I refrained from writing, as the trip was for you to have absolute quiet, & I knew your family & others would be able to tell for all I may have to say. And the great thing was that you were to get well - properly well - & as speedily as possible, wasn't it?

Thanks very much for giving me the opportunity of going to Leeds. It was great. There was a fine feeling about the whole show, & I felt all on the tingle all day. And then we talked about it all the way home. If it enthused an old crook like me, who is by temperament inclined to look on some of these gatherings with a rather cool & detached air, you may agree it was good. The measure of its success is seen in the way it is being attacked & belittled, & the opposition it is meeting with.

The great thing is for us to get to work, & I hear the Prov. Com. is up & doing. Locally I think we must "get on with it" - I was not at last E.C. of L.R.C., but shall

reckon to be at the Deleg. meeting, & shall see how we shape for action.

I am not going to "cod" myself the people are with us - yet, but it is possible to do things we could not before. The B.S.P. meetings are going fine. I myself spoke over at East St., Walworth, last Sunday & had a fine meeting - 7/6 collection & they had taken an extra 2 doz. "Cards" (6 doz.) & sold out. This is not, perhaps, very much, but it couldn't have been done a little while ago. Indeed when I was there last, there was a big recruiting meeting on the spot, & we had to efface ourselves. Highbury Corner, too, had a rare do last Sunday, over £2 collection!

It's all a beans about Ramsay Mac. & J. J. not being allowed to go to Russia. I think R. Williams deals finely with it in this week's "Herald." Certain things had happened in connection with their visit (of which I will tell you when I see you) which made one or two of us smile grimly when we heard they were stopped, although it meant, perhaps, our man Fairchild being stopped also from going.

Do you of the "Herald" know that Joe Burg, Sec. of Bow Herald League, has gone under? One of my daughters told me. Well, too-ra-loo, shall be jolly glad to see you, & as that will mean you're well.

as for all, Wats