

20th Oct 1933 H. Parker

25 Watley Avenue
New Farnley
Leeds.

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Mr Geo Lansbury

Dear Sir

I listened to your talk last night on the Wireless, & I felt I loved you for all the good things you said. You are right. No War. — Peace & disarmament. Yes. But. Can you blame France for being armed to the teeth against Germany. when Germany has tried twice to wipe her out. — yes & would do it again tomorrow if she could. She lost the War in any case & the world alas is paying. Ay & kindly

If you were going to Rob a House. & a friend come along & said look out. there are some hefty young men in there. & they are armed. — you'd clear out. — & it may be, "preparedness" tends to being let alone. —

However. what I wish to say is this — when you were speaking of Military matters, — disarmament, & the poor of England. — I wish to know. why did you say something about Russia. — that awful country who exports & is exporting wheat by the ton of

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thousands of tons & shiploads. & her butter
by the thousand of tons too. — Letting her own
folks die for want of food. — Between
12. & 13 millions are dying of starvation there
what about it? It is not lies. — I can
simply take the word of the Pope. I am not a
Catholic. — but I am sure he is truthful.
— Well what have you ^{to} say about Russia?
that black spot in God's universe: that
your party upholds for all they're worth.

The Government of which has executed
hundreds of thousands of innocents, because
they didn't agree with their angle of thought.
— a land where freedom is non-existent.
— no freedom of Post there. you can't go
away when you want to. & no Freedom
of speech. — These privileges have
long since been filched. — Now Mr
Lansbury. I have read every book on Russia
that I can lay my hands on. — & the worst of the
Labour Party is, they won't read. & if you tell
them about Russia — lies lies lies. Before
I close, I want to tell you about one book

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that I want you to read. I think it is the truth about Russia. I don't think anything of books written by people that have been to see & come here & write a book. I take as truth books of those that have lived their lives there & know the inner workings of a Cruel Land.

My Book which I tender to you now in all good faith. (for I am a tailor & have toiled hard all my life) is "Under Gao & Soviet" by John Wynne Wynne Reid published by Hurst & Blackett London. This writer lived there 30 years. — & was able to get out. Now dear friend. I feel you are a friend. — will you write to me one day & tell me what you think of this book.

Kindest Regards. — I am old like yourself & one day soon, will be privileged to begin that long & lovely journey leading to God.

Believe me to be

Yours very Faithfully
H Parker

Pendrigh

51 Marlborough Rd
Bealey Heath
Kent
20.10.33

Dear Comrade Lunsbury.

As one of the 'old guard' who for many years carried the banner of Socialism as a Ward Secretary of the Ld. in one of the most difficult constituencies in the country i.e. Ealing, but who had to give up activities thro' ill health & remove here, I cannot refrain from writing & congratulating you on your wonderful broadcast of which there was a splendid report in the Herald today. To me, it was a joy to again hear your voice exounding the Gospel of Socialism and Humanitarianism.

Your call to the youth of the nation to join us in our war against poverty & misery was an inspiring one, and should have good results. The pathos in your voice as you depicted the people living in such wretched and such deplorable conditions directly caused by the Capitalistic system was

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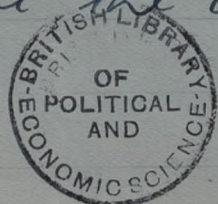
enough to convert people in their thousands
to our great movement

In a tour recently around
Manchester I was appalled at the deadness
of such industrial towns as Birkenhead
& the plume of Liverpool nearly drove me to cross
against such a system of society which allowed
my comrades less fortunate than myself to live
under such awful conditions

You are best

of comrades and your life has been devoted
to ^{the} cause of the worker and I trust that you will
live for many years so that I may yet see the
beginning of the Socialist Commonwealth
when there shall be no more war, poverty
and that love, order & progress will be
the order of things and the abundance which
nature & man have created will be equitably
shared so that none may go empty away.
My wife & comrades joins me in trusting
that your health will be maintained so that
we can again join you in a victory
meeting at the Albert Hall.

Yours for Socialism
R. Penderigh



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W. C. SEWELL.
Went Chester

36, KING'S ROAD,
LEYTONSTONE,
E.11.

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Dear George

Your broadcast was splendid

Every sentence came out clear without
hesitation.

Of course a lot of listeners have made
up their minds before listening but I
think there must have been many open-
minded people whom you talk will
influence

The people who think you want a
bloody revolution & spoliation

The people who think that Socialism
is selfish materialism

The people who despise idealism
as impracticable.

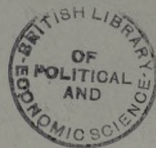
I do hope & believe it will enlighten
many people who stand aloof from
politics either from disgust or sloth or
perplexity

have to you call it home
from issue &

Yours sincerely,

~~H. C. Sewell~~
H. C.

Don't trouble to reply



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TELEPHONE 213.

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WOODBANK,
LARGS,
AYRSHIRE.

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Dear Mr. Lausburg,

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I read in the
Glasgow Bulletin this
mornig part of your speech
against war.. I thank you
for it.. I know the
horrors of the last war,
having lost all in England
by + through the war.
Well I remember reading
the lists of killed +
wounded every mornig,

55) & then that day when a
wire came - your brother
died in - hospital from
wounds :) And for why
was all this?

The great majority of
people here are against
war, and all for disarmament.
Could not a big campaign
be launched NOW, while
feeling runs high against
arms? I feel very confident
that it only wants organizing
& a start made to spread
throughout the country.
Let the slogan be "Disarm
Disarm". War is a
fool's game, & only the

promoters gain anything.

If you can use me
in any way, I would
only be too glad to
help.

I have two sons, 23 &
26 years, both are against
war, They are not cowards
I am President of a
young womens club here
which I started last
year, with a membership
of 40, also a member
of ward committee, &
our family is one of
the best known in

Largo + district

We have been Conservatives
for years, but cannot
support their warlike
policy,

Hunter Weston is our
member,

Yours faithfully,
Florence M. Simpson



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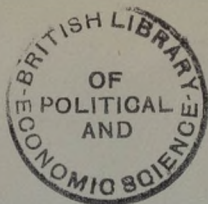
October 20th 1933
The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury M.P.
39 Bow Road, E1

Sir, I listened to your broadcasting last evening with pleasure and wish to thank you for your inspiring and interesting talk.

I do not envy those who have the tackling of today's world problems and it is up to each one of us to do our bit however small, in helping to right wrongs.

I wish you the best of good fortune as St George is attacking the dragons

May I mention that in my youthful days I was one of the original members and Secretary & Treasurer of the Buxton Branch of the A. D. F. and well remember you in The Hall of the Federation in Maiden Lane



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Standing up to Pearson on the question of the
Chairman's ruling concerning the meeting.
In the room at the time were Comrades
Hyndman, Irving, H. Wheeler, J. Kent and
a host of others who stood up for
Social Democracy when it was not so
popular or so respectable as it is now
and our halls were at the street corners.
Many of the things we then fought for, are
now the law of the land, but the work
is not done yet, but I doubt if the rank
and file of today are as game as those
who stood round you in your young days.
You got some knocks then, given without
gloves on, you have survived to carry on
the good work and I hope you may long
be spared
Yours faithfully
O. A. Dismel.

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GRANVILLE HOUSE,
ARUNDEL STREET,
STRAND, LONDON,
W. C. 2.

20th October, 1933.

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

Dear sir,

You will not recall a conversation I had with you in the House of Commons, many years ago, about the future of the Daily Herald (on the introduction of our late friend W.H. Shansfield).

I listened to you last night - as I always listen to you - on the wireless, with a growing conviction that you have got the root of the matter in you.

I can use the word "root" because, as a Liberal, I have always preferred the word Radical, and I am strongly of opinion that the Liberal Party has become moribund and effete solely because we have lost almost every vestige of the Radical qualities which made the Party not only a great National but a great International force.

When Bright and Cobden blazed the trail for Free Trade they were Radical not Liberal. When Gladstone said "Damn the Sultan" he thundered for righteousness. When men like myself (humbly) declared for Home Rule for Ireland we went to the root of the matter in defiance of every excuse to the contrary.

I was a mere boy at the time (in 1892) living in the midst of Toryism (a farming community; good sturdy Toryism) and a very natural and ingrained anti-papism. A man had to be a Radical in those days to be in favour of Home Rule for Ireland.

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I had to tell a young Socialist (sorry!) not so very long ago that I was pleading the Trade-Union cause (not being eligible as a trade unionist myself) when it was a Radical cause and not a mere political pose.

At the very early age of 25 I was denounced from the Parish pulpit as a pro-Boer (which I wasn't! Or was, if it meant anti-jingo.)

And those were Radicals (in their day and generation) who fought to and through the 1909 and 1910 elections, and passed that great Charter of Compassion Act, the National Insurance scheme.

But since the War - what? When Radicalism should have become a new evangel it has been no more than a tinkling symbol so far as the Liberal Party is concerned.

I plead - for my Radicalism - some serious misgivings with regard to your nationalisation in many of its aspects.

We see a scheme of public works costing £2,000,000 and giving employment to less than 2000 men. We see Whitehall bulging with Civil Servants digging themselves in, and the country infested with officials, bossing instead of serving. I would rather do business with another business man (whatever his motive) than be confronted with the scoulless machinery of a Government office. We are told that Geneva is swarming with an army of highly paid officials. In France to-day the Government is grappling with the deep-rooted, vested interests of a powerful official class. There is no talk of war to-day outside of those who can make a business of expensive peace, or, alternately, more expensive war. The individual tyrant has but one life; the official tyrant is an octopus, every sucker breeding other suckers.

These reflections on nationalisation!
qua nationalisation! You will observe I have only

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spoken of "misgivings". Unfortunately they go to the very root of the problem of life.

I wrote to the News-Chronicle some weeks ago about the fatuous Liberal Summer School - which they praised. My letter was not for publication, not even for any reply or acknowledgment; there was no reply or acknowledgment.

"Worth thinking about", I quoted (from a leading article in the paper, referring to the subjects discussed) and I asked, "In God's name how long do you want us to think?" I am afraid I also spoke of the Summer school discussions as "twaddle and dialectic oratory". And then some-- such as "the smug, aloof, disdainful, soul-destroying, "cool and wise" supineness of the sleek, self-satisfied, patronising rump that is the "voice" of Liberalism to-day."

I don't think the News-Chronicle liked me for saying this. Perhaps its non-conformist conscience liked me less when I suggested what would happen "if we taught anew the religion of Liberalism".

You were teaching it last night in your magnificent appeal and one Liberal (representing, I am sure, hundreds of thousands of like-minded Radicals) thanks you for it.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Somerville

Thom or Thorn

255 Hale End Road
Woodford Green
Essex

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Dear Sir

Undoubtedly you will receive many letters touching on your Second Broadcast talk last evening, & I want to be amongst those who will say 'Thank You' for such a talk, it will long be remembered, & an inspiration to one who has for many years laboured for the Christ in a little Church in Walthamston.

I would to God that more of our leaders of public thought would be bold enough to state some of the things you stated last evening.

My belief is that in the individual, collective national, & international spheres, Jesus Christ is the only way out.

How to do service for this, beyond bending ones energies towards making a success of the Church in which one labours, as a small contribution towards the Kingdom of God, is probably the limit of ones capabilities, therefore it is refreshing to hear such a talk over the ether.

I feel there must be more such as I, often in a dilemma as to how to use their power as a citizen at election times. If all who put up representing Labour ~~was~~ were to a degree such as you, many would have no option, but when it is difficult to reconcile the continuance of such things as the breaking up of the Lords Day

& the apparent disregard of those institutions that makes for a more noble living, its very difficult to vote for anyone whose policy cuts across those institutions for which one has laboured. Whatever Party he stands for.

I must not enter into the controversy of Sunday Cinemas or sports, that was not the purpose of this letter, but I believe that the Party who did as you stated last evening, put just things first, upheld the Church, preached those things you believed in in your talk, made it a big plank in their platform, they would win many waverers to their banner, many a one whom I feel sees at present, things from a different point of view;

Please forgive me for writing you in this strain, but I really must say thank you once more, & I trust you will treat this in confidence from one who has endeavoured to labour in the Church towards a better & more abundant life for all.

Inasmuch as you do it unto one of these the least of my brethren you do it to Me, is as true today as when spoken.

Wishing you the Best of Health

I remain

Very Sincerely yours

Ernest Thorn

The Rt Hon. George Lansbury M.P.

39 Bow B

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FISHPONDS, BRISTOL,
ENGLAND.

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Greetings, Mr Lansbury,

Your call is answered.

The "UNISONANT" must now be advanced for the elevation of humanity. We need all sincere thinkers to rally under the Black & Golden Banner of the White Cross, genuine people of all parties and creeds, who know the Kingdom of God to be within them and desires to see It's reflection through the whole nation and the universe.

Where the omnipotence of God is admitted, is happiness and joy. See if you can discern it on the government benches when next time you visit the "House", and if not, WHY?

Once the nation realises, this truth, we must build immediately the sure and concrete foundation of the new era, materially.

It will be created and sealed, by minimum and maximum.

All adult officers, i.e. men and women workers, to produce their value to the State at a minimum salary of £3/64 per week in maximum daily hours of 6½. The unenlightened, ignorant or selfish, who would say such could not be done, particularly with such as miners agriculture officers etc, should be quite content to go without coal, food etc. Overseas commercial, financial, and general transactions to be operated with those

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countries who will recognise the wisdom, harmony and justice of ushering unto the nations, the New Era, and this is where the Universal Legion of World Sincerity, should be of value.

Unemployment would disappear for ever.

The poor are generous spenders, Miners, agriculture officers sailors, iron & steel producers in fact all officers would spend and circulate money for the material welfare of all, and this is declared from experience.

Should the time not yet be for other countries or colonies to admit the New Era, let the "British Unisonant" now lead the way, sixty million people can do a tremendous amount of good among each other with the knowledge of God in their midst, and God means GOOD.

Yours in Sincerity.

And. Will you advance the "UNISONANT" through Press, and Speech?

Rev. John E. Williams

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Rev. JOHN E. WILLIAMS.

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Great Moor
Stockport

Secretary, Mr. A. WARBURTON,

46, Ladysmith Street,
STOCKPORT.

October 20th 1933.

Dear Mr. Lambury,

It is with considerable diffidence that I write this letter, but I am sure of the vast multitude of people who will desire to thank you for the prophetic message which you gave the Nation last night. I am sorry to notice that the "Herald" has not seen fit to reproduce it verbatim.

I am not a member of any political party. I am just a very young Nonconformist minister, but I feel that I speak for all young ministers, and all those in training for the ministry, when I say that we are strengthened and encouraged to find one who has risen to such a high place in the affairs of the Nation bringing before the world the great need for the application of those principles which are so dear to our hearts and for which we stand. May God bless you and keep you! May you long be spared to arouse the conscience of our people to the great need of universal brotherhood and love.

Believe me to be,

Very sincerely yours,

John E. Williams.

Mr. George Lambury M.P.,
House of Commons, S.W.1.

[Anonymous]

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Dear Sir,

No doubt congratulations are pouring
in upon you. Really millions must have
been touched by your truly marvellous
appeal last night for love & good will.
The evangelistic mission may attract
thousands but your voice was a clarion
call (as I have already said) to millions.
Your courage must impress everyone
for your labour & commitment friends
must have been amazed at your new
Gospel of peace - your wonderful
repudiation of all type of class war

or even blood shed. for Sir S. Cripps told
a very different tale ^{lately} it is simply
splendid of you to let him & others see
that you stand for very different methods.
Few men could have preached such
a stirring Gospel Sermon - may God
long spare & bless you. & make you
a blessing to your Country & Empire -
surely the exhortation of "love one
another" has an added force when
advocated by one of your well
known & victorious opinions.

A grateful listener ^{to} of the
doctrines of Christ as spoken by you



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ANONYMOUS

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The Rookeny
Tarpouley
Choo:

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I am a Choo: Dairy Farmer coming up in the train to London.

Last evening I heard your speeches from the P. B. C.

May I thank you, & more testily than I have not heard & I felt at the conclusion unbounded &

thankful that there is a Mr. Lansbury & that there is a P. B. C. (The train is rocking tumultuously)

May I direct your attention to a point I claim is really a Matter of the Moment = MILK. It surprises me that the British Public tolerate the unfair interference of the whole class in the Govt

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a Sup Macaulay on Cheese
Sa. says, "Unked Davies
enormous profits"

For October's milk we
farmers get 10 1/4 out of
the 2/4 the London housewife
pays. You are told that
we get 1/4. But this is for
milk delivered Exonon, and
it is subject to all sorts
of deductions. Milk should
be 6d per quart in London
and the farmer should have
as his Farmall market half
that even namely 1/- per
fall net on the farm. The
new milk Board is about
the limit of the prudent and the
base-faced description of
all the Principles of pure
Farmers Disunited

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I live in the most productive
 milk bearing area in the
 Kingdom. Balodley a little
 roadside Sta here sends
 40,000 pails daily to
 London. Enough about
 that. 3 years ago I cut
 away and sent my
 son to Manchester with
 my daily yield. If anyone
 is going to have it cheap
 says I let it be the folk
 who drink it.

We started with 40 pails
 got to 400 daily in no
 time. And up to 600
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Dear Sir

I expect you will think very little of a communication from anyone in the world of business + capital: but in spite of that I feel I must thank you for your B.B.C speech. After so many cold platitudes & careful balancing, it was fine to hear a man putting things on such a high plane. Once more, please allow me to

thank you.

Yours faithfully
J. W. Feaver

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21st. October, 1933.

The Right Hon. George Lansbury, P.C.
39, Bow Road,
London, E.3.

Dear Sir,

May I congratulate you on your magnificent Broadcast Address as Leader of the Opposition?

It was a joy to hear someone get out of the party ruts, political addresses making claims of the wonders, or "solid work", performed by their party.

Presumably you felt it necessary to introduce party politics, but I feel that your address could have avoided that, and yet have been equally condemnatory.

Fancy calling themselves a "National Government !"

But there is one criticism of a serious nature which I must make.

You left out "the FIRST and Great Commandment."

Reference merely to the second is humanism. Compliance with the second is impossible without compliance with the first. Works are impossible without faith.

I believe that it would be possible to rally the nation round God's Standard, and, if your atheistical friends do not like it they can drop out. "What hath Christ to do with Belial?" "Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" For though they, in their humanism, may have been influenced unconsciously by the Christian atmosphere around them, or what they learnt in their youth, yet - it is written - "He that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God." (Luke XII.9).

I believe in true co-operation, and not in faction; for the latter is to "take to the sword", so shall those who do so "must be killed with the sword." Hence every party is now riven by dissension; outwardly whitewashed speulchres, inside are "dead men's bones, which even now are becoming visible to every eye as the walls crack and gape.

You spoke as with the fire of the ancient prophets - Yet - there is one thing needful - "Go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor." Sell "party" and party politics. Then -Live again. Lose your life and gain it.

The enclosed will show where my sympathies are.

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May I warn you ?

Do you realise that we shall fulfil Rev. ~~XXXX~~ VIII.1 on the 11th. November next. * 15 x 2' silence "in heaven" ?

Do you realise that there are 153 days from 12th. June, when the world Economic Conference opened, to the 11th. November ?

12th. June is 6 plus 6 of the sixth month - 666; and there were 66 nations invited. Rev.XIII.18.

153 is the "number" of the elect, the called, the miraculous draft of John.XXI.6-11.

Do you realise that the "Sodom and Egypt" of Rev.XI.8, and the Babylon of Rev. XVIII, and the golden city of Isaiah XIV.4 are the same ? Have you ever read the description of the Capitalist System before ? Rev. XVIII.9-19.

Do you realise her doom is pronounced ?

Was not our Lord crucified in her streets because he interfered with the profiteering of the Chief Priests and Rulers ("the Romans shall come and take away both our place and our nation."), who had made His Holy Temple " a DEN OF THIEVES?"

So now, Rev. XVIII.4 should be carried out by 28th. December for there are two hundred days (cubits - John XXI.8) from 12th. June, when the net was cast.

I wrote this to the Arch-bishop of York in July, and others about the same time.

Does not the German plebiscite ^{for 12th Nov-} confirm the danger sign ?

The Nation MUST be called to its knees on 11th. November and called out of Babylon ?

WHO DARES ?

Party Politics MUST be dropped by every Christian. Dare any hold anything they love from Him who gave His only Son for us ?

I have the greatest faith in our people, when they are told.

What do you think of Kingship ? Is THE King a constitutional Monarch ? Then what about John III.12 ?* What about the prayer "So rule the heart of THY CHOSEN SERVANT George.....that he (KNOWING WHOSE MINISTER HE IS).....we and all his subjects (DULY CONSIDERING WHOSE AUTHORITY HE HATH).....IN THEE, AND FOR THEE..." Or do we all pray with our tongues in our cheeks ?

Another madman writing to you???

Think again, and PRAY.

With the prayers of

Yours faithfully,

* P.S. He who is faithful in little is faithful also in much.

George Lansbury

with letter 21 Oct. 1933 from H. Jarrett-Kerr above

First Principles
OF
"THE WAY OF ESCAPE"
FROM
The Present Economic Depression.

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In these days it may safely be assumed that Public Opinion recognises the right of every man, woman, and child, not to speak of animal, to a just share in the "wealth" of the nation, in the shape of food, clothing, housing, services and amenities.

But it does not appear to be admitted by all that everyone should contribute equally towards the production of that *wealth* by *equal distribution of work*, though the evils of enforced idleness may be recognised. "Work" is not necessarily Manual Labour (I Sam. XXX 22-25).

The following ideas seem to be prevalent, or are forcing themselves on the Public Conscience :—

1. That *speculation* is one of the causes, if not the primary cause, of booms, slumps, and their accentuation; apart from placing greater financial burdens on industry.

We are told—"The love of money is the root of all evil." *Money* is therefore an article of *the market places* only so long as people desire or worship it.

We are also told "Little children, keep yourselves from idols."

"If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

"What but Thy Grace can foil the Tempter's power?"

2. That no practical method has yet been found of reconciling *limited* consumption with *unlimited* production. But why "*limited*" or "*unlimited*"? Are they not the effect of "*the love of money*"?
3. That the rapid advance of invention and technique very rapidly renders machinery obsolete; (a) often putting further debt on the shoulders of industry—*top-heaviness of the market*; (b) throwing more men out of work, which reduces purchasing power; (c) forcing the discard of weak producers and distributors by bankruptcies and liquidations, thereby still further increasing unemployment—*waste*.

True that no practical solution of any one of these problems has been found, because they are interdependent.

We are told that "*experts disagree*" on these subjects, as they generally do in others. Is this not because each takes up the whole question in a frame of mind filled with preconceived ideas, those he has painfully acquired, or which are the result of environment? The Expert seems to examine each *grain* or "*corn in the ear*," separately, and writes of them as they are, forgetting that—"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." In other words a vital change in attitude of mind and heart must be followed by an equally vital change in structure and appearance of each single one of these "*corns of wheat*," before we can hope for "*much fruit*."

This change of heart and mind can only be brought about by claiming the benefits of the Self-sacrifice of Him who, being God, became man, and suffered that we might Live in Him, and He in us.

So far, every suggestion for change, reform, has been made on the lines of *patchwork*, and without that basis of self-surrender, forgetting the proverb about patching old garments with new cloth, or putting new wine into old skins, and the warning that the heavens and the earth would be changed as an old vesture (*Ps. CII. 26. Heb. XII. 26*). Every suggestion which retains the *old garment* of the *Profit* system must be discarded.

What then are we aiming at in all our discussions of the "Economic Depression?"

Is it not a fair division of the *wealth* of the nation? President Roosevelt's book "Looking Forward," seems to recognise that, if the brief telegraphic summary be correct.

Then, to attain our object the following steps must be taken as a preliminary:—

1. All speculation must cease.
2. Production must be controlled or *planned*, as it was in the last "Great War" on the physical plane; for this is a *war* in the spiritual plane—an "Economic War" it has been called by Experts.
3. A new form (basis) of *money* must be brought into use, based on a fair *ration* of *wealth* for each individual. Perhaps our present form of internal currency is so based, consciously or unconsciously.

There must be also sufficient to provide *rations* for animals and machines.

A well-known banker has said that his circle now recognises the danger, or impossibility, of issuing loans for longer periods than ten years, owing to the afore-mentioned rapid increase of technical knowledge, and he was even better satisfied with the limit imposed by Leviticus XXV. This would entail amortisation within that period (seven years), or *writing off* (down) at the beginning of the "Sabbatical Year"—a general *clean up*.

How much preferable to the waste and misery of bankruptcies, etc.

4. A method of getting all men to work, *Equal Distribution of work* must be found. Something is being tried in the Coal Fields (Blaenavon?). There is another method of making a start in that direction even under present conditions.

Now the Consumer's Co-operative Movement, as expressed in the Retail Societies, The Co-operative Wholesale Societies, and the various dependent Producing Societies, and the Building Societies, meets the requirements of items 1 and 2, above. For in this Movement:—

- (a) Shares are always issued at par.
- (b) Production and purchases are only undertaken to supply a genuine need, and a genuine demand expressed democratically by the Consumers (members) themselves; it is undertaken in the genuine spirit of service, and not on a demand artificially created and stimulated by skilful advertising, which is not always strictly truthful. Hence there is no excess of Demand or Consumption over Production.
- (c) Co-operative Societies alone trade without the "profit" motive; "Surplus" being returned to purchasing members as discount in cash or benefits.

Closely examined it will be found that this Movement renders the remaining items easier of attainment, even if it does not actually meet their requirements.

This may entail the surrender of a certain amount of so-called individual freedom, but the recompense is to be found in the fulfilment of duty to our neighbour, as part of the social body, thereby fulfilling the Law of Love.

"Insomuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

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The Communist is amongst those of whom it was said—"The Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." *But*, let them note the commencement of that quotation "And from the days of John the Baptist until *now*." It is not possible *now*, though attempts may cause untold misery ; for "Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory for ever and Ever, *Amen!*"

The Consumer's Co-operative Movement could not have grown as it has without the display of the Spiritual virtues of Self-sacrifice, Loyalty and Neighbourliness, which is Love.

EACH FOR ALL AND ALL FOR EACH ;
EACH AND ALL FOR GOD !

Published by The Rural Reconstruction League of India, 17, Montpellier Terrace, Cheltenham.



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G. Hooper, Printer, Suffolk Parade, Cheltenham.

Leigh ~~x~~

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The Rt Hon George Lansbury MP
21/10/33.

Sir I take the opportunity
of writing you after listening
to your broadcast last
Thursday night which I
need not comment on in this
my letter, because every
word conveyed to the people
of this country & the world,
that to obtain the desired
wish of peace & prosperity
the people must come more
together & unite in the common
effort of peace.

It here appears the two
sides of the Government &
that of the people, granted
the people put the Government
there for duty to the country

Leigh

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but they do not ask the People
afterwards regarding any
vital issue, & the People
have the right to say to the
Government, or the Cabinet
& those in authority, if you
make war you must be
prepared to go & fight it
without calling on the People.

I should like to submit
that the Labour Party or
Socialists should come
before the Country at the
next Election as the People's
Party & put People's Party
candidates in the field,
the Conservative Party
transformed their Party to
the Nationalist Conservative
Party, & if the Labour Party
was to adopt a new regime

~~3~~ Leigh

21 Oct. 1833

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They should sweep the country like the National Party did, the Peoples Party would bring every class of People into that category irrespective of class or creed.

I predicted days before the last General Election that the National Party would sweep the country, if that press insertion could be produced it would throw light on the statement I made, I also predicted it at many of the Public Meetings I addressed every night before the election.

If you care to answer this my letter I would only be pleased to take the project up with you for recommendation.

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to the Central Committee's
consideration for the cause
of peace for the People &
prosperity of the People.

Yours faithfully
A. Leigh

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MANCHESTER 14
SEC Peoples Party.

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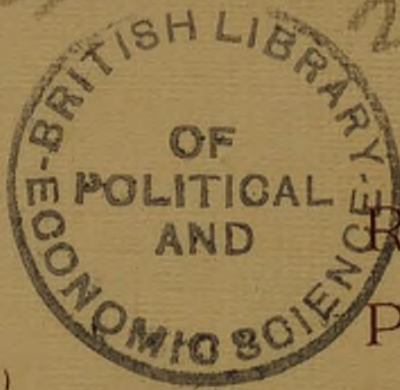
I have addressed
communications to the following
Mr. the Hon Lloyd George M.P.,
he is not the time & money for
the Peoples Party
Sir Simon Foreign Secretary
Dr James Bishop of Birmingham
& several other eminent people



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REGENT PALACE HOTEL,
PICCADILLY CIRCUS,
LONDON, W.1.

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The need for economy,
and, as you and the
"Daily Herald" have
bitterly complained they
have themselves withheld
co-operation in many
necessary public works
at home, or the same
grounds, - to countenance,
by the presence of
Ministers at Geneva,
the depredations of
foreign sharks, looks

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very like what English
men and women in
the Bow Road would
call the Confidence
Trick to hide bloody
robbery.

with Compliments and
best wishes.

Yours faithfully
J. Sandpear Lucas

The Mount,

Northwood,

Middlesex

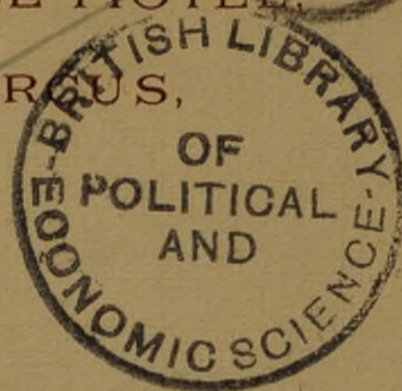
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Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I was delighted to
notice, when you broad-
-cast on Thursday evening
that the strength and
timbre of your voice
denotes that you are
in good health. We
are both fairly old
men now, but I trust
you have many more
years yet to serve
your country.

As

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↳ This disarmament talk, surely seeing is believing. If you will drop in, any day, to the Record Office, in Chancery Lane, you can inspect the actual Treaty, signed by Germany, for the protection and freedom of Belgium, which she deliberately broke in August, 1914. What earthly reason is there for thinking that, on what she judges adequate opportunity, she would

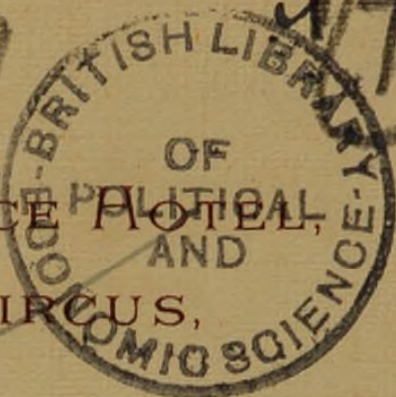


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not do the same thing
again?
With regard to the League
of Nations, you perhaps
haven't noticed a rather
ugly, but, alas, intensely
human aspect of this
body. Some weeks ago,
Sir Arthur Samuel, M.P.,
Secretary to the Treasury
in Mr. Baldwin's Govt., -
an ex Lord-Mayor of
Norwich, - and a man
who knows what he is

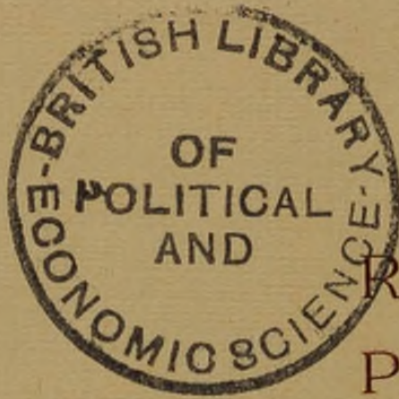
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talking about, - declared
in a public speech, that
of the 66 millions sterling
of Foreign Loans sponsored
by the League of Nations,
already 62 millions
of this (money largely
subscribed by widows
and elderly ladies to
whom the League always
takes jolly good care
to pay up) - is today
in default. - so the
old ladies have lost
their money.

On this, I addressed an

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enquiry to the Secretary
of the League of Nations
at Geneva, asking to be
supplied with the names
of those delegates who
had personally benefited
by these loans, - or, if
this disclosure was
inconvenient, then,
either roughly, or
accurately, as the
Secretary preferred, -
the number of these

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fortunate gentlemen who
had succeeded in feathering
their own nests.

Needless to say, I have
had no response to my
prepaid enquiry, although
the silence of the
secretary lends strength
to the surmise that the
secretary has a shrewd
idea of the number and
personalities of such
individuals.

At a time when our
Government has been
urging on all of us

Titchmark

69 Highfield Grove

Rock Ferry

B'head 21-10-33

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The Right Hon George Lansbury M.P.

Dear Sir,

Allow me to take this privilege in writing to you to send my sincere thanks to you for your very able, practical, talk. (Thurs the 19th Oct)

I have been listening very nearly from the inception of wireless & have heard quite a number of speakers, a number I may say would not be very pleased if they heard my remarks upon their talk or speech. Well we will leave the passed to itself. I wish, in & through this letter to get you to realize that I did appreciate you last Thursday it is the first time I have heard your voice & at the end of your talk

I was convinced that your words came from the heart & they were your life & vitality. Too many speakers & especially political ones. are only actors & the definition for actor is one who pretends or an impostor

Well sir I'm with you to the last word
I believe that the world will never be
right till all men are brothers
& we can wash out all national anthems
& sing Bless be the tie ~~that~~ that
binds our hearts in mutual love.

It's a big job men won't have it because
it cost something yet I believe men
are beginning to get the vision.

May God bless you & give you many
years to the cause which you are
so interested in. Again thank you

I am

Yours sincerely
J. Gitchman

Rev. M. R. Watkin

Brooklyn (84)
Langollen.

Oct. 21/33

Wesleyan Langsbury.

As one of the vast audience
who listened in to the B.B.C.

Broadcast the other night
Allow me to thank you for your admirable
address

Especially for introducing
a note into your speech which has
been woeefully lacking in messages
from high quarters

Your address afforded
many of us great consolation and
strengthened our faith in the Christian
message of Hope

Your advocacy of Christian
Principles and presenting Jesus Christ
as the hope of to-day's situation was
most courageous of you and helpful
to us.

Having charge of a church and
as a Sunday School teacher

I felt that you gave an admirable
answer to a query which is
often asked.

"What is the relation of Jesus Christ
to present day affairs"

Trusting this address will
be the beginning of a new era and
that others may follow your lead.

I remain
fraternally yours.

W. G. Hansbury M.P.

M. R. Watkin

West Norwood Methodist
Men's Fireside Fellowship

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THE BOOK,

28, ACACIA GROVE,

DULWICH. S. E. 21

21st Oct. 1933

Dear Sir,

With reference to your
Thursday's "broadcast" on the
Disarmament situation, I am
writing on behalf of the members
of the West Norwood Methodist
Men's Fireside Fellowship, of
which I am the President, to
say "thank you!" indeed,

"Very many thanks", for your
courageous and Christian speech
which they believe will immeasurably
help to foster a sane and
pacific public opinion. They regard
your address as having been
most admirable and timely
in its spirit and content,
and trust that you may be
spared for many years to
continue your "good work";

1897
both as a member of Parliament
and as a leader on the path of
righteousness.

With every good wish.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours Sincerely,

Albert Emmett:

George Lansbury Esq: M.P.
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Rev. Thomas Wood

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PARSONAGE HALL,
BURES ST. MARY,
ESSEX.

21st. October 1933.

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

Dear Sir,

I can offer no introduction except the fact that I, like you, began my education at an elementary day school, and that my parents were poor. If you will accept this introduction, may I go on to say that I am one of that younger generation to whom you appaeled on October 19th.; that, like you, I want to do what I can for the bottom dog; that I am writing in that friendly spirit which ought to characterise mens' relations, whether their views coincide or not; and that I feel that respect for you to which your seniority entitles you?

This letter needs no answer; we are both busy men. But, as it contains facts which may be new to you, may I ask you to read it?

You denounced, on the 19th., the greed and robbery which the capitalist system gives rise to. Good. 'Who's Who' tells me that you were in Australia in 1884-1885. Were you, as I was, in New South Wales in 1931-1932? At that time, the very political system you advocate was put into practice. Were you impressed, as I was, by the greed and robbery which this system did give rise to? And were you impressed by the incalculable misery it brought to the very man its advocates said it would help - the bottom dog?

Or did you prefer to judge from a distance?

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You went on to say that a prelude to disarmament was peace within the British Dominions, and that this peace could be secured only when we were willing to treat all people under our flag as equals, in spirit and in letter. Good again.

Have you talked on the spot, as I have, with Cinghalese, Tamils, Malays, Chinese, Arabs and Australian aborigines about this question of complete equality, and got their views on it? Have you studied on the spot, as I have, the ideas of equality these races practise among themselves? Have you heard their views, as I have, on the only two institutions they have ever met where equality is actually practised - the British court of Justice and the British Hospital?

Or do you prefer to judge from a distance?

The Labour Party is at pains to explain that it differs from all other parties in its respect for truth. In this country, alone of the twenty-two countries I know, any man can say at any time, and in public, what he thinks truth to be. But I regret intensely that the Leader of the Labour Party should prefer platitudes to facts. Here, I may be wrong. But if I am, and if the questions I have asked you to ask yourself can be answered only in the negative, is it statesmanlike to assert before verifying? If they can be answered in the affirmative, is it Christian to mislead?

I am, Sir,
Yours very truly,

Thomas Wood.

(M.A., D.Mus., Oxon:)

11 Baron Alford Ponsonby 22. x. 33

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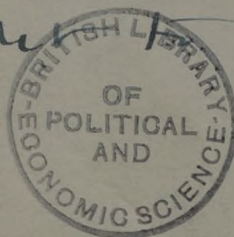
SHULBREDE PRIORY,
LYNCHMERE,
HASLEMERE.

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My dear George

Will you let me know
in good time if you intend
to raise Foreign affairs ~~in~~
immediately when Parliament
meets or wait till the
Kings speech and the new
Session. Heilsham has
sent me our time table in
the Lords showing we shall
be occupied with the Road
and Rail traffic Bill all the
time. He says the prorogation
is to be on the 17th and New
Session on the 21st.

You will probably decide
on raising the German question
at once. If so in what form?
We certainly ought to do it



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Wednesday Nov 8
or Thursday Nov 9
would suit us.

simultaneously more or less.
So I should like to know your
decision before I answer him.

Will the Executive meet
before Nov 7?.

I am sending you by next
post some jottings I have made
on the confused state of opinion
in the party on the foreign
situation.

Yours ever
A

My sister writes that she almost
cried over your broadcast. She is
entirely of your way of thinking. I
wish I had as much faith & hope
in Christianity as you have!

Address Wednesday afternoon, Thursday &
Friday. 17 Kensington Square. W-8

Baron

Arthur

Ponsonby

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I am rather concerned ^[with letter 22 Oct. 1937] ~~at~~ the confused

attitude of the Labour Party on international affairs which has been very large just now.

Some are pro-League and would favour more or less the Henderson attitude. Others are strongly anti-League and after Japan's move and Germany's move regard it as hopelessly futile.

All condemn Hitlerism but some would carry this so far as to pay no attention to Germany now. Many would refuse to allow Germany to rearm although they could not say how they would prevent her. Some say if we do not disarm Germany must be allowed to arm up to our level.

Some want to repudiate Locarno now so that we may not be involved in a Franco-German conflict. Others regard Locarno as a means of moderating any possible outbreaks of excitement in France. The party as a whole supported Locarno in 1925 but many have changed their minds since.

The principle of Anti-war in all circumstances has grown very strongly even to the extent of Disarmament ^{by} Example. But



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Barn Arthur Ponsbury
[with letter 22 Oct. 1933]

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the Party as a whole does not accept this, and some would even agree to a League war.

The resolutions at Hastings, good in some respects, were not logically water tight and many deplored the introduction of the idea of an International Police Force.

There is no agreement at the moment as to whether (1) the Disarmament Conference should go on.

(2) The four power pact should be used.

(3) Any of Germany's demands for disarmament should be conceded & if not how prevented.

Although our duty is to criticize the Government for their want of leadership, in doing so we cannot avoid suggesting alternatives.

I personally am more convinced than ever that complete Disarmament is the only solution. To begin with I should take Russia and Germany out their word and renounce the war weapon under any circumstances. But I fully realize that

(1) the Party would not accept this policy.

Baron Arthur Ponsonby
[with letter 22 Oct. 1933]

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- (2) The vested interests of the Soviets and the armament firms could raise sufficient opposition to prevent it
- (3) That it might be difficult to make Japan ^{abide by} any international agreement

But I could find replies to all these objections if I thought ~~them~~ as I do that a large body of opinion would support the policy.

I am optimistic enough to ~~believe~~ ^{think} that there is no prospect of international war for the time being. But I should have liked the Labour Party to take this very good opportunity to make some inspiring declaration to the country whose people I am convinced are waiting for a bold forward lead.

Ponsonby

22.X.33

The best and simplest stand for us to make is to go out for disarmament down to the level imposed on Germany by the Treaty of Versailles while condemning Hitlerism within Germany.

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PATERSON, N. J.

261 Brown Ave.

Paterson, N. J.

Oct. 23, 1933.

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Rt. Hon. George Lansbury,
British Broadcasting Co.
London England.

Dear Mr. Lansbury:-

I want to thank you most sincerely for the splendid address which you delivered to us on the radio last Friday. I wish we had many more men of your caliber in high places. Then the world would not be in such a sorry muddle as it is today. Please keep up your work and may you live to convert thousands of others to your own sane outlook. War is the curse of the world, and war and capitalism go hand in hand.

I am glad I heard your talk. It made me feel better to know you are fighting our fight, that you are dedicating your life to the common people.

Sincerely yours.

Mrs. Marie Haenichen

TELEPHONE VENTNOR 110.

Lane

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UPPER WARD,

BONCHURCH, I. W.

23rd Oct. 1933.

Dear Sir

I listened to your broadcast of the 19: Oct. I am a Conservative but agree with a good deal of what you spoke about.

Re disarmament I think it would have been fairer if you had mentioned that Russia has the largest army in the world & is still increasing her armament. Japan & the U.S. of America too are increasing armaments.

Great Britain is the only nation who has curtailed her armaments & has set an example that all the 'Great Powers' might copy.

Yours faithfully,

H. POWYS. Lane

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From

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PHONE 67.

WILLIAM STREET,
LURGAN,
IRELAND.

Rt Pentland. 23 10 33

To Rt Hon George Lansbury MP
House Commons, London

Dear Mr Lansbury

Permit me to thank you most sincerely
for your wonderful inspiring
message delivered to the world by
wireless last Thursday Eng 19th
inst. both re disarmament-Crisis
and your magnificent reply to Mr
Baldwin. stating the Labour & Socialist
position in world & national affairs
When you finished I said out loud Thank
God Hallelulagh. this with all ^{the} reverence
I am capable of. this message ^{would be} a treat for
the times & should be printed verbatim & etc

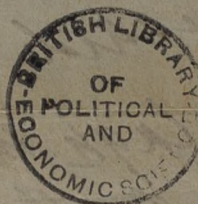
by say the Christian Socialist-
League of which I am a member -

I would gladly take 1000 for distribution
locally. I do hope this address of
yours will be printed & circulated
for surely "Applied Christianity" is
the world's greatest need today

Again I thank you

Yours sincerely

R. H. Pittland



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REV. H. H. WHITING.

WELBECK HOUSE,

AVENUE ROAD,

HUNSTANTON.

Dear Sir

Ever since listening to you on the
wireless last week it has been on my
heart to let you know how it gladden-
ed me to hear what you said, not only
for what you said, but the earnest
pleading tone you used. Absolute
honesty & courage arising from deep
conviction always impresses, & this
is the kind of spirit we have come
to associate with you. And may I say
not only your words & tone gladdened
us but I am quite sure the heart of

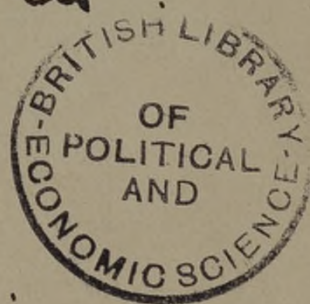
the Calvary Christ was saddened
also, this is what matters most,
& the "record" of our words is on
High as you will one day

find. His great word to us all
is "Be faithful to the highest &
best you know," & we all know
this is your one great desire.

I gladly promise you special
interest in my prayers

Yours very sincerely

H. H. Whitney



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