

James Larkin

Reg. No. 369T Dublin

# Workers' Union of Ireland

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TELEPHONE  
DUBLIN 45071

Head Office:  
Unity Hall, 31 Marlboro' St.

Dublin, ..March..28th, 1933....19

Dear George:-

May I express my regret at the passing of your comrade, whose keynote in life was tolerance and service? In your case parting must bring sweet sorrow inasmuch that her life brought so much sweetness and savour into the lives of all those who had the happiness of knowing her.

Words are all too inadequate, I know, to express any measure of your loss. You will be comforted in knowing that all who came into contact with her in life were blest by her presence and who will join in the measure of your loss.

My Colleagues of the Executive Committee join with me in sending this line of commemoration and the few words of greeting.

Yours in the fellowship

*Jim Larkin*

General Secretary.

Mr. George Lansbury. M.P.  
House of Commons  
Westminster. London.



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Wm. Edward David Allen  
(1901—)

Bräu Hof.

Lofer.

im Land Salzburg.

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Dear Mr Lansburg,

I was very sorry to see, the other day in a paper which I received here, a reference to your tragic loss. Although I never had the privilege of meeting Mrs Lansburg, I had often heard of her wonderful character, and of the very great romance which your life together was. I should like to write to express my very deep sympathy - it is not difficult to understand something of what the loss must be to you, as I was with my mother when she lost my father after their devoted life together. I am living out here now studying German, and am not much in England. But I retain such pleasant memories of your kindness to me during my brief time in the House, that I felt I had to write now.

Yours sincerely

(W. E. D.) Allen



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SANATORIUM  
DR. FÜRTH  
WIEN  
VIII/1, SCHMIDGASSE 14  
TELEPHON A-29-5-35 SERIE

Subhas Chandra Bose

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Vienna

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Dear Mr Lansbury,

Yesterday I happened to come across an old copy of a London paper and learnt therefrom about the very sad bereavement that has overtaken you and your relatives. It grieves us to think of the termination of what was generally regarded as an ideal domestic life. Yesterday I sent you a message of condolence by telegraph on behalf of your Indian friends, which must have reached your hands by now. It may give you some solace to know that ~~you have~~ you have friends not only in Britain or in Europe — but also in the East — particularly in India. And they all share in your grief.

I am now undergoing a course of treatment in the above Sanatorium.

With regards  
Yours sincerely  
Subhas C. Bose

F. Lansbury Esq.

Gideon Clark

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My dear G.P.

Will you allow me to congratulate you on, & most sincerely thank you for, the noble example you have set to us all during the last few days? Your fortitude & steady courage will always be something to remember - & to try to emulate.

I will not offer you my condolences; they would be superfluous.

Sincerely & admiringly Yours  
Gideon Clark

J. A. Barbour-James

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CABLES:  
RECITAL, LONDON.

THE ROYAL EMPIRE SOCIETY,

(FORMERLY THE ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE)

INLAND TELEGRAMS:  
RECITAL, RAND, LONDON.

NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE,

TELEPHONE:  
WHITEHALL 2081 (5 LINES)  
PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE.

LONDON, W. C. 2.

29<sup>th</sup> March,  
1933.

Dear Sir,

Please permit me, on behalf of my family, myself and my kinsmen in Africa, the West Indies and British Guiana elsewhere, to express to you and your family, feelings of sincere and deepest sympathy with you in your sad and irreparable loss by the passing of your dear and devoted partner - Mrs Lambury.

When in the latter month of the old year you, at the House of Commons, honoured me by so graciously receiving myself and

J.A. Barbour

James

29 March 1883

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and Mr S. C. Collins, President of  
the British Guiana Producers'  
Association, Ltd, and issued  
a letter of introduction to the C. W. S.,  
in Manchester, we immediately  
discovered in you, a personality of  
whose genuine good qualities we  
had learnt by information to expect,  
and must now assure you, Sir,  
that we are convinced that so  
fine a disposition could only  
have been inspired by the  
happy home life which you have  
enjoyed with the lady whose  
death we all so greatly  
deplore. That Almighty God will  
will

afford you that measure of  
sustenance which is requisite  
for you being able to bear  
your loss, and to continue  
in fitness to <sup>(carry)</sup> carry on your  
good work for the benefit  
of humanity is the prayer  
of yours sincerely,

J. H. Barbour-James,

The Light House:

George Lambury P.O., N.S.



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Murund R. Jayakar

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"ASHRAM"

WINTER ROAD,  
MALABAR HILL,  
BOMBAY, G.

29th March 1933.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Permit me to offer you my deepest condolences in your sad bereavement, news about which the Bombay papers published yesterday. At your age this bereavement must be a cruel blow, but I am sure you will derive consolation from the fact that many of your friends and admirers share your sorrow.

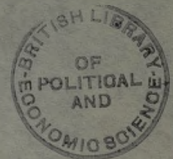
We are watching with great interest your fight against the reactionary proposals contained in the White Paper. If I visit England again, I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you and other friends in your group.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

M. R. Jayakar

George Lansbury, Esq., M.P.,  
Leader of the Opposition,  
House of Commons,  
London, S.W.1.



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Friedrich Adler

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SOZIALISTISCHE ARBEITER-INTERNATIONALE  
LABOUR AND SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL  
INTERNATIONALE OUVRIÈRE SOCIALISTE

ZÜRICH, March 30th 1933.

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Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P.  
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London, E. 3.

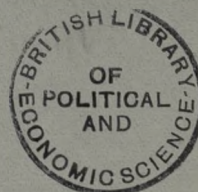
My dear Lansbury,

On my return to the office after an absence of several days I hasten to assure you how sorry I was to hear of your great loss. The courage with which you have borne the heaviest of blows is an example to all.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

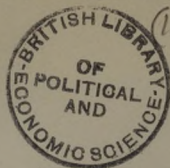
F. Adler



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Harold Harington Balfour  
(1st Baron Balfour  
of Inchgarra)

March 30



1897

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Dear Mr Sandberg

May I please as one of  
Your Parliamentary colleagues be  
allowed to express to you my deep  
and sincere sympathy in your  
irreparable loss.

Although on another  
side to you, although only a humble  
back bencher and you leader of  
H. M. Opposition, at such times

views and positions are nothing  
- at some time we have all  
suffered, and will again, and it  
is as one who feels that a word  
of real sympathy is compact in such  
hours that I write this note.  
Please do not answer it.

Herbert Balfour

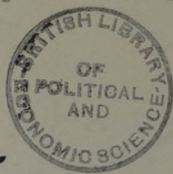
Alfred Charles Bosson

(1881 - post 1950)



wednesday  
30 March 1923

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Dear Lady

I did not intend  
 writing you for of all people  
 I was certain you were  
 aware of my deepest feelings  
 in your behalf now  
 but after witnessing you  
 most have attitude I  
 could not resist.

I do know what you  
 are going through and  
 truly by least bleed for  
 you.. but you are doing



C. T. Campion (211)  
43, MANOR PARK,  
BRISTOL. 6

C. T. Campion  
(author of My uncommon place book, 1928) Thurs. 30 March 1933

Dear Mr. Laubary.

I began a letter to you on Tuesday, wishing to send you an assurance of my sympathy with you and in your great loss, but postponing the letter till the flood of others that you were sure to get should have abated.

I wanted to suggest to you Spiritualism as the surest way to minimize your feeling of loss, because of the enormous benefit, spiritual, mental, and physical that I have derived from it since Jan. 1931.

I felt shy about it; however, and the column by Mr. Swaffer in today's "Psychic News" made me tear of that letter and

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BRISTOL.

begin this fresh one,

Although it cheered my heart to read about your faith, and the bright atmosphere of certain hope that prevailed at the funeral, I could not but infer that you do not accept spiritualism, and therefore cannot have the certainly which we spiritualists have about our own future life and that of those whom we lose.

So I venture to ask your acceptance of a copy of "Beyond Life's Sunsets", and if you have it, or do not care to read it, pass it on to one of your family or to a sympathetic friend. I always keep a copy at hand, ready to send away as a means of spreading the truth.

I agree thoroughly with Swaffer's declaration on p. 3. col 2 in the same paper that

Campion

Spiritualist

30 March 1933

49, MANOR PARK

BRISTOL

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'Spiritualism and Socialism together will  
one day be the salvation of the world'.

With best wishes for blessing out of  
your sorrow, and thanks for all you  
have done for the cause of Labour and  
true civilisation

I am yours fraternally and  
sincerely

C. T. Champion

PS We met on Thursday during the war  
at dinner at the Webbs' in Grosvenor  
Rd, and afterwards walked up to the  
Fabian lecture in Cornhill Garden, but  
of course I do not expect you to  
remember it!



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# TOWER HAMLETS MISSION.

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Great Assembly Hall,

## HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIFTH

graciously gave the first feed to 700 poor men and women in 1909, when Prince of Wales. This has been repeated each Christmas.

### BUCKINGHAM PALACE,

5th September, 1914.

DEAR SIR,  
The question raised in your telegram to the King of the 1st September has received the careful consideration and respect which is due to anyone speaking with your great experience and authority.

I remain, your very faithfully,  
F. N. CHARRINGTON, Esq. STAMFORDHAM.

### THE LORD MAYOR AND SHERIFFS

of the City of London, assisted by City Companies, have since the year 1887 given annually in the Great Assembly Hall their great feast to TWO to THREE THOUSAND of the poor of the East End on the 9th of November.

### THE LATE EARL OF SHAFTESBURY, K.G.

said: "This is a great and mighty work, and constitutes the strongest appeal I could well imagine to the wealthy and the powerful."

THE BISHOP OF LONDON said: "The Charity and love shown in this Hall for fifty years has been a credit to Christianity, and so I come down as an old friend, and old neighbour, and as Bishop of London, to commend this work to the kind consideration of all Church people."

THE LATE SIR W. ROBERTSON NICOLL, Editor of the "British Weekly," said: "The Great Assembly Hall is to-day the chief centre of Christian work in the whole of East London."

THE LATE C. H. SPURGEON wrote: "With the utmost pleasure I commend the grand work of Mr. F. N. Charrington to the generous consideration of the Christian public."

MR. W. G. BRADSHAW, Chairman of the London City Mission, wrote: "For a long time I have thought, and I have frequently said, that the work which Mr. Charrington has done, has not been sufficiently appreciated."

REV. W. PERCY HICKS, Editor of "The Christian Herald," said: "No man on this side of eternity could estimate the influence Mr. Charrington had exerted, the good done, the people uplifted, and the hearts cheered, and the work that had been done there during the past 50 years."

REV. C. ENSOR WALTERS, at the Men's Tea, said: "Mr. Charrington was one of the great heroes of my youth, and when I remember that he has held the Fort for over 50 years, I am filled with wonder, love and praise."

THE LATE MR. THOMAS RICHARDSON in his last public utterance said: "The Free Teas for the Hungry Poor given on Sundays, met a deep necessity, and it would be a public calamity if they ever ceased."

REV. J. G. BEAUCHAMP, at the Women's Tea, said: "I could not resist the conviction that it was a most Christ-like work to take these poor people and give them that one bright hour on the Sabbath Day where human hunger was satisfied and the Gospel message proclaimed."

MR. JOHN WOOD, the late Hon. Sec. Evangelization Society, said: "That of all the Halls in London where Evangelistic Work was carried on, the Great Assembly Hall was far ahead of any other."

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH said: "Every Sunday afternoon no less than 350 men and the same number of women are fed, and but for what they obtain on these occasions many would be entirely without food on the Sabbath day."

£20 pays for one Tea, £10 for men or women, but any donation thankfully received by F. N. CHARRINGTON.

Mile End Road, London, E.1 MARCH 30th. 1933.

*Frederick Nicholas Charrington*  
(1850 - 1936)

Dear Mr Lansbury:-

I was grieved to see in the papers what a sad loss you have sustained in the passing of your dear wife.

May the God of all Comfort, comfort you in your affliction.

Yours, in deep sympathy.

*F. N. Charrington*

The Rt Hon George Lansbury.  
39 Bow Road.  
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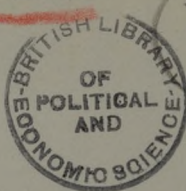


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Sir Cuthbert Morley Headlam

(Bat.) 1876—

post 1950



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Dear Mr. Lansbury

Please forgive me for writing to you  
at such a moment — but I feel that  
I must just let you know how very  
sincerely I sympathize with you in  
your great bereavement. Please do not  
dream of answering this letter.

Sincerely yours

Cuthbert Headlam



Lyceum Club,  
138, Piccadilly,  
London, W. 1,  
England.

Dorothy Jinarājadāsa

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Adyar,  
Madras,  
India.

March 30<sup>th</sup>  
1933

Dear Mr. Lonsbury,

I have just seen in  
the newspaper the report that  
your wife has passed away  
and I want to send you  
my truest sympathy &  
remembrances.

Yours very sincerely

Dorothy Jinarājadāsa

Emile Besant is now very feeble &  
very little "here".

TELEPHONE: 7087 HOLBORN.  
TELEGRAMS: "PETHLAWRO-HOLB,LONDON."  
F.W. Petrick-Lawrence  
Pat Baron Petrick-Lawrence

11, OLD SQUARE,

LINCOLN'S INN, W.C.2.

Pat Baron Petrick-Lawrence  
March 30

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of your suffering.

50 I can understand something

can if my own dear wife

close to her always in the

I was sure very

if you had been.

morning from Spain I have

but cannot tell the

My own handwriting.

See  
Lawrence  
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Life makes on us all  
tremendous demands for courage  
& on none more than on you  
good friend. May you  
have strength adequate to  
meet it all! & Perhaps it  
may be some help in this  
to know ~~that~~ <sup>how</sup> some of us  
are thinking and feeling for you.

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I know how grieved  
my wife will be when she  
hears the news.

Ever yours  
Fred Schubert Lawrence.

7. Lombard House (218)  
Oulu. 8 W.

30.3.33 EMM

Dear Mr. Lambury, I forgive  
me, a stranger to you, writing you  
a few lines of deep sympathy  
in your great sorrow. But as  
one who first considered Socialism  
from hearing you few years  
ago I feel I must just tell you  
how I in common with thousands  
of others do feel deeply for you  
& understand your loss & sense  
of loneliness - It may be a tiny  
consolation is that how very many  
of your fellow socialists are truly suffering  
with you - your sincere & true sympathy

E. A. M.

Leonora Maclean

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TELEPHONE: HOP 4477-4478.

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H.M. THE KING.

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## The Royal Eye Hospital

OR

ROYAL SOUTH LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL  
(INCORPORATED),

ST. GEORGE'S CIRCUS,

SOUTHWARK, S.E. 1.

30. 3. 33,

Dear Sir

When I sent you one of our  
Appeal letters the other day, I  
had no idea of the sad  
bereavement you had just  
sustained. Please forgive me  
for intruding at such a time.  
May I now offer you my  
sincere sympathy in your  
great loss. I venture to  
enclose some lines that  
were sent me by a friend  
who has lost nearly all  
her loved ones, I have copied

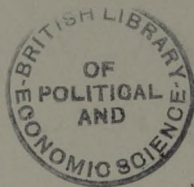
them out for several of  
my dear Patients, who  
have lately lost relatives  
& they seem to find them  
comforting, so I hope they  
may help you in the  
same way.

I always feel our loved ones  
are forming links in the  
chain drawing us all nearer  
to the Land where partings  
are no more.

With sincere sympathy

Yours truly

Leonora Maclean  
(Appeal Clerk)



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National Union of General and Municipal Workers.

Leeds District.

*An Approved Society for National Health Insurance.*

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TELEPHONE 20608 LEEDS (TWO LINES).

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W. SHILLETTO.

HEAD OFFICE:  
28 TAVISTOCK SQUARE, LONDON,  
W.C. 1.

DISTRICT SECRETARY:  
COUNCILLOR J. D. S. HIGHMAN.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE  
ADDRESSED TO THE  
DISTRICT SECRETARY.

PLEASE QUOTE: H/MS.

79 GREAT GEORGE STREET,  
LEEDS. 1.

30th March 1933.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

My District Council this week passed a resolution of sincere and deep sympathy with you in your very sad bereavement, and they have requested me to write to you personally, and express to you as the Council representing the West Riding of Yorkshire, that comradely and Brother-like feeling of deep sympathy which they feel for you.

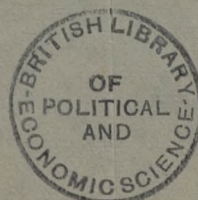
I may add that so far as my personal Staff and myself are concerned, we join with that expression of sympathy to you.

At a time like this when you have suffered this very great and severe loss, it is difficult for me to express in mere words what we actually feel ourselves, and knowing you as I do, to be a man of such broad intellect and fine mind, I am sure that without adding further to my letter to you, you will understand that words do not convey one iota of the deep sympathy we feel for you, and the respect and affection in which we all hold you in this part of Yorkshire.

Yours very sincerely,

*J. D. S. Highman*  
DISTRICT SECRETARY.

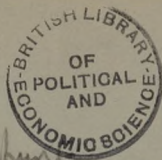
The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P.,  
LONDON.



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PHONE:  
BUCKHURST  
2463

(Estelle) Sylvia Pankhurst



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3. CHARTERIS ROAD,  
WOODFORD GREEN,  
ESSEX.

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30<sup>th</sup> March 1933.

Dear Mr. Lambury, I feel I want to write  
a word of sympathy on your bereavement  
- the loss of a life's partner. These things  
cut deep and are insurmountable. Words seem  
very poor, and yet I can't leave a word  
unwritten - helpless though one is to aid  
all. one can only write "I am sorry" and  
how little that is!

I am feeling very sad too about  
the world as we see it - the reaction in  
Germany - how terrible - What a crushing  
blow to our hopes! And one has no  
ground for believing it will be speedily  
vanquished, for the same thing has  
endured in Italy eleven years and



more!

I wish everyone here could be roused to this hideous menace. It draws nearer to us here - It affects us even if it does not fully fasten its chains upon us.

I do feel this that the Jews have taught us socialists a lesson by their prompt solidarity. We Socialists did not show that understanding solidarity in word - much less in deed - when Fascism arose in Italy and in Spain. There was little said, or thought here, apparently, when Spain ~~threw~~ <sup>threw</sup> off the dictatorship. Even now the terror is in Germany we are not awake to it as the Jews are - yet for us Socialists it is truly a greater menace, for the ~~terror~~ <sup>terror</sup> against the Jews, awful though it is for them to bear, is largely camouflage to mask the <sup>reactionary</sup> class dictatorship against the Socialists and ultimately against the workers.

I do not belong to any party now - neither I.L.P., Labour Party or Communist Party - I try to help them all.

PHONE:  
BUCKHURST  
2463.

Pankhurst



3. CHARTERIS ROAD,  
WOODFORD GREEN,  
ESSEX.

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30 March 1933

I can't fully agree with any of them. But I can work with them along our common path, for I know that the point where I diverge from them is ever so far ahead. That is one reason why I am sad to see all the fierce antagonisms between these parties. The Tories have got the Whip Brand of them all.

This sad, this terrible business of Fascism! Dr Dora Fabian - we were corresponding the other day - and now she is in prison - and it is not as we have known it here - a simple affair of three or six months over there - it will be for most of them imprisonment for years and the risk of violence and even murder beside.

I always think of poor Senati - who edited the Avanti. I met him many times in London, lunched with him in Milan, stayed in his house, met his wife and little boy - beaten in the

We must let people know the  
think that however much we dislike  
dictatorship there is a fundamental difference  
between Russian and Communist which cuts  
deeper even than dictatorship versus pure & flora Bank bank

30 March 1933

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streets till he died of it!

If it were here you - I, my  
Cittle Richard even - none of us  
would be safe!

I don't think that evil  
can be answered by merely washing  
our hands and saying: we don't  
believe in dictatorship - Russia &  
Fascist Italy & Germany all have  
men dictatorships - we don't want  
dictatorships of the right or left.

I don't believe that we will carry us  
far. I don't believe we are right to assist  
any confusion of the Soviet and the Fascist  
Corporate State - Bernard Shaw has  
written me he approves of both! What a  
thing for a Socialist to say, alas! But it  
reveals the confusion of thought.  
I am sure it is imperative for us  
to make known, as far as in us lies, that  
Fascism is reaction - against the workers,  
against progress in every form; it is militant  
brutal reaction. We can't afford to give  
points to the reaction by confusing the  
question of Fascism with that of Russia.  
I am not in the Communist Party and?

for Russia  
suspect that it  
inspiration  
of people of  
all sorts - they  
believe it has done  
great things  
I should be against the  
formalism  
has really captured me  
I can't afford to let  
Fascism falsely

B. Shiva Rao

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Hindusthan Buildings,  
Armenian Street,  
Madras.

30th March 1933.

*Cond*

Dear G.L.,

I have read with deep regret  
of the terrible loss you have sustained.  
My heart felt sympathies go to you  
in your bereavement.

With affectionate regards,

Yours ever,

*B. Shiva Rao.*



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for

Wait Chester Sewell

20 KINGS ROAD,

LEYTONSTONE, E. 11.

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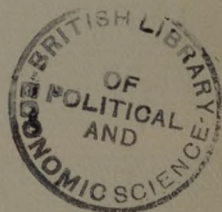
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Dear George

I have found the  
enclosed helpful in  
times of stress  
with love

Yours sincerely  
Wait

no reply needed.



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Come to me O my Saviour

when hopes are dead & cold

when heart is sore & weary

and doubts the mind enfold

Come in the hour of

grieving

O'er plans & prospects - lost

and when on shores of

perdition

my Soul is tempest-tost

Wm. J. Smith

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352 Oxford St.,  
London, Ont.,  
March 30, 1933

Dear Mr. Lansbury:-

I read in this evening's London Free Press a report of the death of Mrs. Lansbury, which I very much regret.

No doubt you are wondering just who I am. Well, to jog your memory, my name is William Smith and years ago I lived on Wrights Rd. That was when you worked for Grimwood & Sons, Cricket Bat Makers of St. Stephen's Rd.

You were my Sunday school Superintendent at a little school off Roman Rd., opposite Ford St., I think. By way of further remembrance, my father was a carpenter.

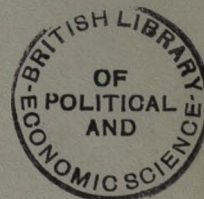
I can picture you now, as I knew you then, open minded and a Happy word for all. I have often read of your activities in Parliament in our newspaper.

Wishing you the best of luck, I remain,

Yours truly,

WJS/SS

W. J. Smith



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Annie Martin / Spiritualists

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Esperanza  
Springfield Ave  
Jesuit

30/3/33

Dear Mr Lansbury I am so  
sorry you have lost your  
Wife. I hope you will soon  
have evidence that she  
is continuing her earth-  
work with you, although  
it will now be as a  
spirit. I think you know  
they are just the same  
having only lost the old  
"shell". You may be able  
to impress others with  
the "Great Truth".  
It is necessary for other  
people to know.  
The earth's condition



Annie  
Martin

Spiritualists  
30 March  
1933

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Time.

at the present is very  
much in need of such  
workers as you & your  
wife. I wish I was a  
millionaire & could help  
you. ~~It~~ Those who have  
had to suffer really  
know what it is like.  
I am a medium who  
can hear voices. I should  
like to hear from you.  
I am sure you will be  
anxious to get in touch  
with her. You know  
I am an Swaffer.  
He is a great fighter  
for our cause.

With best-wishes  
Sincerely Yours  
Annie Martin

Gertrude Mary Tuckwell

(d. 1951)

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(see Lansbury 1935, p. 52)

13, CHESTER TERRACE,

30 March S.W.1.  
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Dear W. Lansbury

Even at the risk of intruding  
I must as the days pass write to  
tell you, how much I have  
thought of you in your loss.

You will be true as always  
for in the words a friend wrote me  
when my dear uncle passed

"Courage alone is the only  
thing that conquers death"

Yrs very truly

Gertrude M. Tuckwell



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Edward Webster

(230)

Mildmay Hospital  
Shoreditch

Thursday Night

E 2

30th March  
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Dear Friend -

Tonight in this  
Hospital Ward for the opening  
Term of our Evening Service, we sang  
the hymn you know so well, - which  
your life & that of the dear One you  
before so beautifully exemplified -  
and which I first heard sung when I took  
your boys' Sunday class at home in  
the "old layby" time.

Fight the good fight  
Lay hold on life  
Christ is thy strength  
And Christ thy right  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
thy joy and crown eternally  
And my mind & heart came out to you  
in this day of your loneliness & as we

of

Edward Webster 30 March 1833

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prayed for the divine and  
sustaining presence to be with our  
beloved I lifted my heart specially  
for you that you might find the  
closing verse of what I have always  
regarded as your human time  
in your experience, in this dark  
the some occurs little day of your  
impossible (earthly) loss

Faint not, nor fear, His arms are near  
He changes not, and THOU art dear;

Only believe, and thou shalt see

That Christ is all we need for thee

I trust that in obeying this  
impulse to write you, I may  
not have hurt you in any way  
- but that I am now as ever

Your ever loving & grateful  
Friend

Edward Webster

George Austbury

John Bromley  
(1876-1945)

9, ARKWRIGHT ROAD,  
HAMPSTEAD, N.W.3.

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STRICTLY PERSONAL.

31st March, 1933.

Rt. Hon George Lansbury, M.P.,  
House of Commons,  
WESTMINSTER. S.W.1.

Dear George Lansbury,

Recently you will have received many hundreds of letters, full of affectionate and kindly expressions of sympathy in your recent terrible loss, but I am sufficiently an egoist to desire that my word to you may not be one of a mass, but may stand out as I desire it to do. Please forgive me.

Now George dear, I have known you long, longer even than very many of your present political friends, for it goes back to your first political contest in Bow and Bromley, when I was a humble Driver on the G.W.R. at Southall, and it is long enough and varied enough to excuse, or so I hope, what may appear to be somewhat sentimental in this letter.

I want you, my dear and valiant Comrade, to accept from me my real and deep heartfelt sympathy and condolence in the great bereavement you have sustained. I fear I can only partly realise what a terrible blow it must be to you, but I know it will test your fortitude and courage to the utmost, and I want you to feel, as no doubt you do, that there are many, many thousands of us whose hearts ached with yours and who wish you every possible strength to carry on like the brave noble old soldier that you are, and may the knowledge that so many grieve for you and with you and love you in the real and the better sense help to sustain you through many years to come.

George, I have criticised often, but the light of my personal affection for yourself has never been dimmed, and will not be until the end. May Time, the great healer, help your brave old heart to sustain what must be the greatest shock you have ever received.

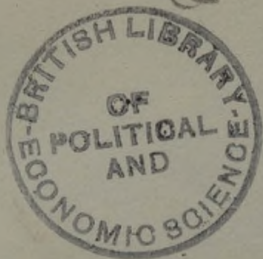
With affection and sincerity.

Yours fraternally as ever,

*Forgive type. My thanks  
are still unremittable.*

*J. Bromley.*

Alexander Crawford Browne  
(d. 1942)



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31 March 1933

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Dear Mr. Lausbury

As an Ulster Member sitting opposite you, I want to express my sincere sympathy with you at this time of your great sorrow and loss.

Circumstances like these draw us together no matter where we sit.

Yours Sincerely  
A. Crawford Browne

Rt Hon. Geo Lausbury  
House of Commons

18, Avenue Galliéni

MONT-SI-AIGNAN, (S-Inf.)

31/5/33

J. Decroix  
(of the French Theosophical Society)

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Dear Mr Lansbury

Will you allow a French sister, F.T.S., who corresponded with you during the war, as a fellow-painist, and who owing to the kindness of an English friend is able to read the D.H. now and then, - to send you her most heartfelt sympathy in your great bereavement.?

Of course we know that the grave is not the goal of life; still when one's beloved companion is taken away, the blow is none the less severe, and the empty place at the fireside makes one's heart ache. Still the respect and affection of so many friends and admirers will I am sure be some comfort in these sad hours, as also the love of your children and grandchildren who will do their best to help you to bear the great and irreplaceable loss.

ROUEN  
Lover

The members of your small Theosophical Lodge  
to whom I often read about your splendid  
activities, showing them what the life of a  
true Theosophist should be will also rejoice  
high when they hear the sad news. So in  
their name as well as in my own I send  
you a very loving and brotherly message,  
as well as thoughts of courage for the work  
you still have to do.

Believe me

Yours most fraternally

J. Decroix

Pres. Rouen T.-S. Lodge



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43, DEVONSHIRE STREET,  
PORTLAND PLACE, W. I.

Somerville Hastings  
(1878—

31st March 1933.

My dear Lansbury,

I knew you would be overwhelmed with letters and therefore did not feel I could intrude another upon you immediately, but I do want you to feel how very much your colleagues in the Movement are sympathising with you at the present time. I know very well the void in your life that has been made. May God support you in this time of trial.

I write this letter because I feel I want to. If you take the trouble to reply to it I shall wish I had not written.

Yours very sincerely,

Somerville Hastings 43

Benjamin Guy Horniman  
(1873-1948)

THE BOMBAY CHRONICLE,  
BOMBAY.

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31st March, 1933.

My dear Lansbury,

It was with very sincere regret that  
I heard the news of your dear wife's death.

I can well imagine what a terrible blow  
this separation must be to you. But it has been a  
wonderful blessing that you have had her support and  
companionship for all these years of married life.

Please accept my very sincere sympathies.

Yours affectionately,

*B. G. Horniman.*

George Lansbury, M.P.,  
House of Commons,  
L O N D O N.



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KENSINGTON 3515.

32, RUTLAND GATE,

S.W.7.

Lady Herbert Lawrence

(n. Isabel Mills, d. of 1st Lord Hillingdon)

Dear Mr. Lausbury

at the Prize giving  
at Hutton Residential

School yesterday, a vote

of real & deep sympathy  
for you in your great  
sorrow, has passed by the

managers, staff, children &

visitors to you in your  
deep sorrow.

Yours sincerely  
Isabel Lawrence  
Chairman Hutton School

[Say 1 Ap. 4/33]  
(Home L. d. 23 March) 4

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The world situation continues to give grave cause for anxiety . The Hitlerites in Germany have celebrated their rise to power by a campaign of slander and violence against the Jewish race . As far as one can rely upon the accuracy of Newspaper reports many Jews have been treated with disgusting brutality . This is indeed a bitter comment upon the much vaunted German " Culture " ! We often congratulate ourselves upon the advances we have made since the times of religious persecution . Frankly we do not think the people of this generation have much to boast about in that respect . During the war the English persecuted the Conscientious Objectors ( whom incidentally they began by promising to protect ) ; Christians have been viciously persecuted in Russia and in Mexico - in each case by governments claiming to set the world an example of political enlightenment ; and now Jews are being harried in Germany , which is always boasting of its superior culture .

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More and more it becomes clear that the only hope the world has is in Jesus Christ . Unless it turns to Him its fate is merely a matter of time . At the end of the road along which civilisation is treading there lies the bottomless pit . It is the vivid consciousness of this we believe , which has induced His Holiness the Pope to call upon all Christians to turn to the Crucified Jesus with more fervent devotion , so that by the attractiveness of their own Christlike lives they may bear witness to His Saving Power . We hope that all our readers will hear that Fatherly invitation .

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It is no exaggeration to say that the whole of Poplar and Bow heard with a real sense of personal loss of the death of Mrs Lansbury . For a life time she had been the devoted helper of her beloved husband, and a convinced believer for the Cause to which he has devoted his life . We have never yet met anyone who really knew George Lansbury who did not love him . Some years ago we had a well known Conservative M.P. dining with us . After attacking with great good humour our revolutionary outlook , this man said " Well I'm bound to say that there is no man who can appeal to the conscience of the House of Commons as George Lansbury does ; and I tell you frankly that whenever I have heard him speak he has made me feel an utter worm " . That we think is a fine tribute from an honest man . The secret of George Lansbury's power is just that he is a good man . We look round sometimes and wonder where his successors are coming from : the Labour Movement has always been essentially a Religious movement . Its leaders believed , most of them, in God . They saw in the teaching of the sermon on the Mount the Gospel which would save the people ; and we believe that this was the secret of the devotion and the fervour which were characteristic of the old time Labour meetings . We have been to a good few in our time and from no other political platform have we ever heard such Christian speeches . We younger men will never be able to say what we owe to George Lansbury for the example he has set to us all , of a consistent self-sacrificing life , of a constant and fearless witness to Jesus Christ , and that is why we feel so sincerely with him in this great loss . May the Good God grant her rest and peace , and to him the courage to go on alone for awhile longer in his fight for justice and Mercy .

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Sent card to Mrs St Michaels Church Boro Poplar 2/14

Walter J. Jenkins  
CENTRAL BRANCH  
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
1441 DRUMMOND STREET  
MONTREAL

CORRESPONDENCE  
ROOM

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The Right Hon George Lansbury, M.P.  
House of Commons  
Westminster  
London W.C.

[say 1 Nov. 1933]

Dear Comrade

Having learned through the  
medium of the Press news of your great loss,

I beg to offer you, + family + relatives, my  
Deepest Sympathy in your sad bereavement.

Yours Sincerely  
Walter J. Jenkins.



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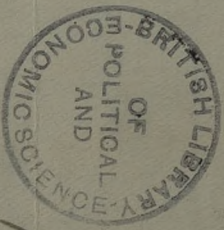
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 PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES IN LOSS OF YOUR  
 WIFE WHICH MUST BE A GREAT BLOW TO YOU AT YOUR  
 PRESENT AGE I HAVE MANY HAPPY RECOLLECTIONS OF OUR MEETING  
 AND I WISH IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO COME ENGLAND  
 THIS YEAR BUT SO MANY DARK CLOUDS HAVE PASSED OVER ME  
 HERE THAT I FEEL I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO LEAVE INDIA  
 ON HOLIDAY WHICH IS OVER DUE THIS YEAR

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Mr. George Lansbury M.P.  
39 Bow Street.  
London E 3

[Say 1 Apr. 1933]

Dear Mr. Lansbury !

Will you allow a person who is quite unknown to you to express his sympathy with you on the occasion of your wives death. I have read the memoirs of her in the "Times" and being myself happily married I quite understand the very heavy blow that has hit you.

I should not have dared to write to you if it was not for the fact that I am an eager student of you - especially since you became the leader of the opposition in the house of commons. Being a conservative myself I am inconsequent enough to feel a bigger sympathy with your party and your sake - as I have always sympathised with the little nations, the little minorities and the suppressed ones in the world. To be sure you have a hard job in the house at the time being and sometimes I think you must be despairing. I follow the minutes of the house every day through the "Times" and I heard you speak myself when I was in London last December - and it is my opinion that you are not treated too well by the overwhelming majority. They are not always behaving quite sportsmanlike - I think.

With a mutual friend of you and me, Mr. Gerfalk, whom you may remember, I am often speaking of you and what you are doing and saying and it is not more than a month ago that he supplied my knowledge of your person with a very valuable feature:

You had just returned from a visit to Russia, and in british political circles your return as a dangerous bolshevist was foreshadowed. You were received by Mr. Gerfalk who invited you to go home with him, but you insisted on getting informed first of all about the exact time of the divine service the next day which was a sunday. "But you can get that at the hotel", said Mr. Gerfalk. "No", said you, "Hotel-porters know everything about entertainments, but nothing about churches". Whereupon you and Mr. Gerfalk walked on the dark evening out to the little english church, where you lit a match to read the information at the door. "This was the dangerous bolshevist~~x~~ returning from Russia", Mr. Gerfalk ended his story.



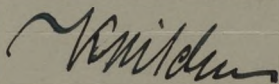


It is remarkable that your wifes death should be the occasion that put a long cherished wish in me of writing to you in motion. But now I feel I had to. A sympathy can grow ~~in~~ so much that it has to be expressed one day. This is why I have written this letter.

Next time I come to London I hope to get an opportunity of shaking hands with you personally.

Unto then I remain

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kai Schou', written in a cursive style.

Kai Schou  
foreign editor  
of the "Ekstrabladet"

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94 Trinity Rd.  
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S.W. 17.

Dear Mr. Lansbury

[Say 18p. 1933]

May I, on behalf of the  
members of my association, offer you  
our deepest sympathy in your great  
bereavement. I cannot fully convey  
in this letter, how much our members  
and myself feel for you and your  
family. Although this expression of  
sympathy is rather belated, we were  
represented last Monday.

The many kindnesses shown to us  
by you, during your period as first  
commissioner of H.M.O.W., has left  
indelible marks in our memories, and  
we look forward to your return.

Please convey to your family our  
deepest sympathy. I am Sir

Walter. E. Heath



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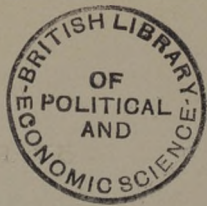
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Mrs. Harry Finnis Johnson

Dear Friend

Harry + I were much touched by your most kind + sympathetic letter, + especially by the fact that you had written it in the midst of your own overwhelming sorrow. We are rather inarticulate people, but we do very highly appreciate your feeling for us in Roland's untimely passing.

As for your Bessie,



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I'm sure she would have  
wished to go before you, &  
it must comfort you to feel  
that you were able to care  
for her to the end.

We both felt proud  
to see the gathering of people  
to pay her the last respects  
& to realize that your lifelong  
work for the people has met  
with a measure of love &  
regard.

May you be comforted  
our love & sympathy.

H. Annie Johnson.

Please don't reply, but we felt  
we must thank you.

*Pulin Seal*

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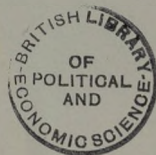
On returning from Vienna day before  
yesterday, I heard of the sad loss which had befallen  
you in the death of your life-long companion.  
Allow me to offer my condolences.

Yours very sincerely

Pulin Seal

*Pulin Seal*

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



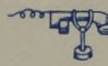
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To the Right Hon -  
George Lansbury M.P. April 2nd, 1933.

My dear George

God love you for a dear,  
brave soul. How forelorn  
you would be but for the  
thought of a glorious Paldup  
live in spiritual & living  
Comradeship - the sharing  
of hopes & the help, when  
hopes went west.

I couldn't write you in  
the stress of your agony.



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My life long mate, you bear  
courage in the torture of living  
when life is false.

God give you courage &  
strength for your noble work  
for the "Bottom Dog."

Anyway the life gone to shadow-  
land, is over the spiritual & the  
angelic, the sure breath of  
Heaven. My dear pal, I  
love you for the heart &  
soul of you - it might be in  
faith & valour. Yours ever  
Ben Tillett.

Purcell Weaver

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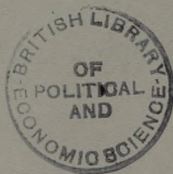
Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Though I have only known you for a very short time, the few hours I have spent with you have meant so much to me that I should like just to say that I have been trying to think of and feel with you during this last week as I believe that one is helped in sorrow and pain by the knowledge that others are sharing in it however little they may



be able to understand what it must mean  
after so many years of comradeship.

Believe me yours most sincerely  
Percell Weaver



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Lady F.W. Petrick-Lawrence  
(n. Emmeline Petrick) ~~Four days~~.

Brimsall. Surrey.

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April 3. 1933.

My dear Mr. Lansbury. I'm refused to let the shadow of gloom fall upon the Memorial Service. That was just You, and I felt by my knowledge of you & your dear wife that you would feel that the joy in her beauty & strength & character, and in the wonderful love that has never failed between you, would be felt in your heart, & leaving no room for personal overwhelping grief. I have had the best that human life has to offer. The perfect comradeship for a lifetime of your sweetheart - and you have the knowledge that love is life both in this world & every other. I know that even in this moment of farewell - always a sorrow - your heart is ringing a song of joy & thanksgiving. Like a very beloved friend of mine who lived a long life. you can "praise God for all that."

is past, & trust Him for all that's to come.  
There are thousands of hearts all over the world  
in loving fellowship with you, at this present time  
with thanks for all that you two have been  
& all that you have done, & in sympathy &  
affection yours.

Emeline Pettick Lawson



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3rd April, 1933.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I have not hitherto written any formal letter on behalf of my managers to express our heartfelt sympathy with you in your great bereavement. May I now take this opportunity of expressing, on behalf of us all, the very deepest regret in the death of Mrs. Lansbury and of conveying to you our most profound sympathy in your sorrow.

We all realise how great an interest Mrs. Lansbury took in the schools of our group and how much their welfare and progress meant to you both. We feel that the schools have suffered a real loss which it will be difficult to repair.

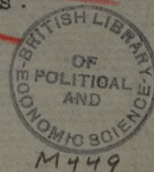
That you have my own deep sympathy I am sure you know.

Yours very sincerely,

*Alfred Partidge*

Chairman of Managers,  
Bow and Bromley No. 2 Group  
of Schools.

The Rt. Hon. G. Lansbury, P.C., J.P., M.P.,  
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Showman's Guild

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Fair Ground  
Wrexham

April 3/33

N. Wales

Dear Mr. Lansbury.

I have recently learned (through the columns of The World's Fair) of your sad bereavement, and as one of the lesser lights of the Showman's Guild I desire to express to you my heartfelt sympathy in your deep trouble. I have had the pleasure of hearing you at the Annual Meeting of Showmen held in London. I have always looked upon you as a staunch friend of ours, ever ready to help us out of our difficulties, and it is in an endeavour to prove that we do not all forget, that I pen these few lines to you in your great distress.

Respectfully yours

James R. Styles

(Member of the Showman's Guild)

