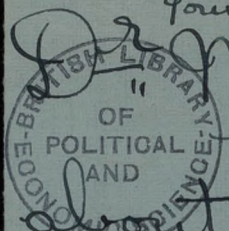


Best Wishes to all your good people  
may you only know true happiness  
Yours for the Revolution  
106 Cadogan Terrace  
Victoria Park  
N. 8  
Nov 24<sup>th</sup>

Minnie O'Brien  
Lansbury



Being worried  
about you all day  
~~you~~ I feel I would  
like to write you  
I shall never for-  
get the Polling Night  
the longest day of  
live, we could not  
believe it when we  
heard the result  
all you could hear  
was great God & then  
one burst of tears  
from the biggest  
man to the



smallest person you  
saw a lot of it, a  
oh what shall we  
do poor George.

N<sup>o</sup> 7 Lansbury I tell  
you this because  
we want you in  
Bow & Bromley &  
nobody is going  
to have you,  
oh to think of it  
don't you feel  
proud to think  
that you are  
the only man  
in the Commons  
you are known as  
Honest George  
nobody honest gets on

What do you<sup>262</sup> think  
of the small poll  
it was, what about  
those men who  
didn't trouble to  
vote. Speaking of  
the Man's Suffrage  
if I had my  
way I should  
make every man  
go through an  
examination to  
see whether they  
are fit to vote  
They speak of no  
Vote for Women  
why if half the  
men were like



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Women of today there  
would have won the  
Dock Strike. He must not  
waste any time as in  
the Commons you got to go  
Once more we are  
going to look to you  
to try & educate the  
Blairites I propose with  
others that you have  
Sunday evening  
meetings, & music any  
comrade would either  
play or sing. Why I  
mention this is be-  
cause people have  
called at our house  
lately to know if meetings  
have started & will music  
be there. I think you will  
do a lot of good this way &  
the Blairites with the Socialists  
will bless you in the days that are  
to come.

Miss A. Palpeman (263)

1 Fairfield Rd

[Sept 27 Nov. 12] Bow

To one of my Best Friends

I cannot express my  
sorrow at the results of your  
not being returned as you  
should have been as our  
Member but thank God  
if we have lost a seat  
we have not lost the



Man But never mind we  
live to fight again & in  
the meantime we hope (264)  
to have your help to learn  
to educate the people their  
true worth in this world  
I can assure you that  
all in our home are ashamed  
of the people for putting  
a stranger were the

father of the children should  
be never mind Good By &  
God Bless you & keep you with  
us may you live to be a

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We remain your

Faithful servants

The palmermans



E. J. Parsons

Stratford, Ct.

27 Nov<sup>r</sup> 12

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Dear Mr. Lansbury,

You have fought  
and won and lost many  
fights, you have lost this  
one, but you do know now  
that you have the absolute  
trust of 3360 men of  
Bow Brounley, to say  
nothing of the many thousand  
men and women all over  
the country - but what  
you have lost at the poll,  
you have gained in  
public opinion, you  
have made an indelible  
mark which will go down  
to posterity - you have  
begun the creation of a

new order of things - you<sup>266</sup>  
are brave and good - you  
will win in the end -  
The people and God will  
bless you.

with kindest regards and  
best wishes now & always.

E. J. Parsons.

G. Lansbury, Esq?



Rev. Wm. Corbett Roberts  
(1873-1953)

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Crick Rectory,  
Rugby.

27. 11. '12.

My dear Lausbury

We are most awfully sorry.  
I must just write & say that much.  
And I'm afraid it must be worse for  
Mr. Lausbury than for you. All the  
same, there won't be any faint heartedness  
as long as you're about.

I do hope that, in spite of any  
temptations to the contrary, you won't  
decide to give Parliament a wide berth.  
I think it's very important that you  
should be there and get back there as  
soon as possible.

Yours always  
W. C. Roberts.



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Margot Forbes-Robertson  
[? sister of Johnston Forbes-Robertson.  
see Parkhurst 431, p. 498]

27 Nov. 1912

Dear Mr. Lansbury

Although I am a stranger  
to you I feel to sending you a few  
words of sympathy upon your loss.

It was a dreadful blow to me  
when early this morning the little  
messenger called to me through the bed-  
room door the sad news. After all  
your strenuous work & from Mr. Parkhurst,  
has & all the other sufferers to have  
been beaten it seems too — — hard.

Well well!!! we must be up  
like brave warriors & hope for  
a happier Day. With heart-felt sorrow  
Yours truly

Margot Forbes-Robertson

9 Museum Chambers  
Bury Street  
Nov 27  
1912

George Lansbury Esq



Salmon

PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY  
(RIVER DEPARTMENT).

PORT OF LONDON WHARF,

ISLE OF DOGS, E.

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27<sup>th</sup> Nov 1912

My dear Constance

polling yesterday at Bow  
 & disgrace to the cause of Justice  
 am deeply sorry you have lost  
 your seat Women deserve vote god  
 Bless you for your sacrifice

Yours in the fight

Salmon

(Salvationist)



90<sup>a</sup> Fulding Road (270)  
Mabel Sennett  
Beaford Park

W.

27 Nov. 12

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Dear Mr. Lansbury.

Though the fortunes  
of War have lost you your  
seat in the House of  
Commons, this election  
has but strengthened the  
sure position you hold  
in our esteem & love.  
You have, - as I think  
no other man in England  
has, - the trust of the  
Women: we are proud



To have been able to  
help you in this fight.

I presume you will stand  
again, when the general  
election takes place,  
-and it cannot now  
be long delayed.

Will you count me  
among your supporters  
on that occasion, so  
that I can put aside  
(as far as possible) all  
other engagements, and

lend a helping hand  
your fight for Freedom.

With warmest greetings

Yours fraternally

Mabel Sennett

bsh  
wslu  
blw's

Same Here.

Catherine Burns.

(W.S.P.U.)

I'll come too, "Socialism's  
the only hope"

Harriette Martindale

W.S.P.U., b.L.W.S., b.S.L.



272 Wait Chester 26 Kings Rd  
Sewell by machine  
N E  
Nov 27-12

Dear George

We are sorry to hear  
the decision of the election.  
Sorry for the people of  
Bow + for the Progressive  
Cause in the country.

It is a good thing  
however for people to  
be made realize as they

are doing just now that it  
is possible for a man to  
give up a position of  
honor + profit for the  
sake of his conscience.

I remember Kitto preaching  
on the apparent waste of  
Gordon's life by his premature  
death, saying that he did  
more moral good by his  
death than by his life  
good as it was.

Yours sincerely  
Wait

See vol. 28.a, fo. 87 for a letter of  
Tom Mann, dated 27 November 1912



Pinehurst, Buckhurst Hill. XI/12

WM. PENN STRINGER.

39, ALDERMANBURY, E.C.

Mr. George Lansbury

"Bravo, George Lansbury,  
Lansbury - he's a Man!"

(Election Song, altered)

Need we say more? Except that we  
take heart of grace because such a  
man is around - May God preserve  
you in health and quick for a term,  
so you may lead and champion the good  
cause of poor man and woman and the  
little children! "Reverser" "no votes  
for Women" say the passers by as they view  
my tri color flag - why, it is all splendid,  
the best ad. the Cause has had yet!  
Are we downhearted? No!!!

We have a large meeting this evening  
in Buckhurst Hill Hall of all the societies  
Chairman: Rev. F. M. Green - speaker: Mr.  
Pethick Lawrence & others at 8.30 pm -  
Will you come as my guest, if so  
need not express how heartily we should  
welcome you, and thank you up after your  
'defeat' (?) - Kindly send me a line  
'yes' & time of train arrival, and I'll escort  
you



you in a cab to Hall - Do come,  
it would do you good, and the cause  
also - Then sleep at my house, and  
go up to Brick Lane Vapour Bath  
next day and sit in the steam, rest  
and recuperate wonderfully - the best  
remedy for overdone nerves I know of  
Pardon me for troubling a very  
busy man! Come! "a busy man can  
always find time" -

With high respect and  
regard, Yours fraternally,

Wm. Penn Stringer

P.S. How very nice of her it wd.  
be if Mrs. Lousbury accompanied  
you!



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Harron on the Hill.

27. XI. 12

Barbara Tchaykovsky  
[see Pankhurst, 1931, p. 366]

Dear Mrs. Lansbury

I must just send you a line,  
if only to relieve myself. So Bow Bromley are  
content to remain unrepresented in the "House of Pretence".  
But I would say to you "forgive them, Father, for they  
know not what they do". They still go on  
crucifying themselves & they know it not.

But of this I feel sure, that this temporary set-  
back will only buck up everyone of your  
supporters & workers to go one better next time.  
And in the interval, the suffrage campaign  
will go on, strengthening our cause.

The number of poor women in your crowded audiences  
& the pertinacity of their remarks makes victory  
certain in the near future. Yr affectionately  
B. Tchaykovsky.



See vol. 28.a, fos. 88-89 for letters from Will T  
and Ben Tillett, dated 27 November 19

Mrs. Thomas Fisher Unwin  
(n. Jane Cobden)

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3, ADELPHI TERRACE,

STRAND.

Nov<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1912.

Dear Mr. Lambury.

I am very, very, very,  
sorry, it is sad to think  
a boy is in for our dear  
Bour & Bromley.

I send £5. Towards the  
election expenses which  
must have been heavy.  
And with kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,  
Jane Cobden Unwin.



Edmonton Union.

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<sup>th</sup>  
27 Nov 1912

Dear Brother man,

I know you need  
- nor will accept -

Condolences on your  
"defeat" - but you  
will accept a brotherly  
salute, & the grip of  
a brother's hand

You need no cheer  
but if you did I would  
say to you you will not  
come into your own - or  
better still your own will

come to you - and neither  
time nor tide nor sea nor  
fate shall keep you  
run away from thee

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The stars come nightly to the sky,  
The tidal wave unto the sea;  
NOT time, nor space, nor deep  
nor high  
can keep you run away from thee.  
So that's alright - cheer  
thee then brave heart

I send you enclosed  
"The Battle Song of Falmer"  
- I know that will find you  
& I know you know me beloved  
Lowell too well to need  
reminding  
Then to side with death is noble  
When we stand her watched coast  
In her cause buy fame & spirit  
and the honor of to be just.  
Then it is the brave man  
chooses to  
well you have chosen -  
So keep you & guide you  
Always sincerely & faithfully  
Edwd Webster.



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Wednesdays

18, WESTMINSTER MANSIONS,

GREAT SMITH STREET,

WESTMINSTER.

Mrs. Josiah Clement Wedgwood  
(n. Ethel, d. of Charles, Lord Bower)

My dear Mr Lansburg,

You do not want  
Condolences; for you have  
had a splendid fight  
and on straight issues;  
and personally no  
doubt you are glad  
to be rid of the



parliamentary atmosphere  
for a little while.

The person I am  
grieving for is Josiah  
who will miss you  
terribly; and find  
the work more  
up-hill than ever  
now you are away.

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Can you not look in  
some day and spend  
a few hours with  
us and have a  
quiet talk with him?

I will not press  
you — knowing how  
tired & busy you must  
be; but please remember  
that it would give us  
pleasure when you can do it.

Yours ever sincerely  
Ethel Wedgwood



TELEPHONE,  
1353 VICTORIA.

Mary Willock  
[Lady Henry Willock] 281

16, WARWICK SQUARE,

S.W.

Nov: 27<sup>th</sup> 1912

Dear Mr. Tombsbury

It was with

a sense of real

personal loss

that I learned

the result of the

Bow & Bronby



election last  
night. St. Stephen's  
is poorer by one  
wally parson  
& honest member  
& we women have

lost — as far  
as Parliaments  
is concerned —  
can't be proud.  
You must get  
back somehow  
to help the Country





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I soon . Meanwhile

by many thanks

to you & Mr

Lawson for

your splendid

advocacy of honor

& truth.

Yours sincerely

May Wilson



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Jan 27. 12

Dear Mr. Harebury

You asked us not to  
give you sympathy in case of defeat.  
I wish therefore to assure you that  
in consequence of it we shall only  
work harder for that goal which is  
your & ours, equal opportunity between  
the sexes & better conditions for both.

Yours in the cause  
Rose Lamartine Yates



Thursday Evening

Bath Church Socialist League

8 Elm Place

[28 Nov. 1912]

Bath

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Dear Mr. Lawsbury.

At the meeting of the Bath Church Socialist League this evening I was asked to write heartily congratulating you on the splendid fight which you have just made at Bow & Bromley for one of the most vital principles of Socialism.

We are proud that it is the Chairman of our League who has taken such a definite stand for the enfranchisement of women —

As a branch of the C. S. L. we should also like, if we may, to congratulate you on



Bath Church Socialist League

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the stand which you have made for the independence of the Socialist party in the House of Commons.

We are very strongly of the opinion that the true strength of the Labour & Socialist forces in the House lie in their entire independence of either political party.

Whilst deeply regretting your temporary absence from the House of Commons we feel sure that your useful work for humanity will profit & not lose by this fight.

Please accept our very good wishes for your work. — Trust which we are trusting will very shortly bring you to Bath again. I am.

Yrs. very sincerely

Gertrude Francis

Hon. Sec. Bath C. S. L.



C. L. Collier

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19 KING HENRY'S ROAD

SOUTH HAMPSTEAD

28<sup>th</sup> Nov. '12

Dear Mr. Lansbury

I must write a few lines to thank you for the splendid fight you have put up for women. I can assure you that your disinterestedness is fully appreciated by thousands of suffragists, & that it will not be forgotten by any of them - now. I must tell you something I heard yesterday from a friend of mine, which

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you will like to hear - A unionist Mr. P. of distinguished rank, told my friend that he had been asked to go down to Bow & speak for Mr. Blair. His answer was - "No, I won't do anything to hinder Lansbury's election - he is a thoroughly honest man." Higher praise - in my opinion - can be given to no man - with grateful thanks, & deep admiration -

Yours very truly  
C. L. Collier



3 Tamworth Villas  
Mitcham

From  
ROWLAND KENNEY.

(of Daily Herald)

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~~Mitcham~~  
~~Mitcham~~  
Surrey.

Nov. 28, 1912.

Dear Lonsbury.

Sorry for defeat. I'm also sorry that I could not come down to "help" - tho' what help would have given, except to address envelopes, I do not know. But I have been having a run of private worries lately, which have kept me busy and on Monday & Tues. evenings I had work to do which could not be done at any other time. And, after all, you seem to have had as many helpers as were good for you.

Your rebly to labourists is fine, it is a pity that it will not get the same publicity as their manifests did. It will be interesting to see what the labour leader - that greasy traitor - and the I.L.P. makes of it. I am also curious to know what your next line will be. The I.L.P. N.A.C. you leave - thank God! The

I.L.P. is moribund. The Fabians are still revolving in the orbit of the eternal nought. The B.S.P. needs an intellectual surge. - where are we? you are now in the thick of W.S.P.U. issue, which I am taking some trouble to prove is spiritually & intellectually dead.

God give us all understanding. Life is short and strangely strange. Your defeat - and the manner of the fight - and general conditions make one desperate. I was talking to Bonar Law's private secretary the other day - a one time fiery socialist - now she is so convinced of the impregnable position - politically and industrially - of the other side, that she does not intend to take any more active part in socialist movement until it embraces insurrection and the doctrine of arms. I sometimes think guns must be



the new propaganda cry.

Whata world.

The Herald League seems to be going ahead. I wonder if it will be sufficient to save the position. Dysons "Cross & Crescent" cartoon yesterday was the most striking thing I have seen for a long time.

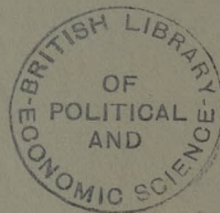
Well, good luck. I'll see you shortly I hope.

As Ever

Row. K.

P.S.

We've just had a natopom dolly. She seems chirpy, but apparently thinks New York not up to London standard.



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Leicester have a meeting on  
your 4<sup>th</sup> day - could you come  
to go there if they can arrange?

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34 Westminster Mansions.  
London S.W.

C. Stuart Smith 28 Nov. 1912

Dear Hansbury.

I suppose we all have mixed  
feelings; we are sorry that the splendid work you were  
doing in the House should be interrupted and  
that it should be possible for you not to be elected  
for Bow & Bromley. But we rejoice that you  
are free and that you have let us know  
definitely where we are as to Labour Party Policy.

For myself I have said for a long time now that  
so long as you were in the Labour Party I should  
support them - and no longer.

It shows how much they have lost the spirit of  
Socialism when they and their paper can  
be neutral between you and Blair. So

we must have now an independent Socialist  
Party, and it must be on broader lines than the  
B.S.P. But for the present perhaps it will have  
to be a Movement rather than a party, centring round  
the "Daily Herald".

Now as to C. S. & meetings. I expect you have  
your week-ends fixed up, so probably the best will  
be for you to let me know on which Sundays you



are near the following places. — I could then  
arrange through the branches for meetings on the

Monday or Tuesday.

Glasgow  
Barrow-in-Furness, Preston, Bradford & Leeds;  
Liverpool & Manchester, <sup>Stockport</sup> Coventry & Birmingham,  
Portsmouth, Bristol & Bath, Woolwich

Some of these you may not be going near, so  
that if you could let me have some <sup>other</sup> dates too  
I will try & fix them up.

Of course I don't know whether they will all  
be able to arrange meetings but I will find  
out as soon as I hear from you. The best plan  
will be to arrange them as far as possible in  
pairs & threes.

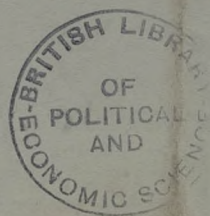
I am sorry I could not come and canvass on  
Monday & Tuesday, but at present I am only  
just able to crawl, having got rheumatism or something  
of the kind and being just about done up generally.  
I am just holding on till Christmas when I shall  
have a rest.

Good luck to you and — God bless you for  
being straight in a crooked world

Fraternally yours

© Stuart Smith.

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H. R. Stockman

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My dear Lansbury,

I do not know whether to condole with you or congratulate you on a result that has at any rate broken the bonds that bound you to the party system. For some reasons I think the latter course would be the proper one, but on Tuesday evening when I thought of the hundreds of down-trodden men and women who look to you as the pioneer of a party that is to win their freedom I felt almost heart-broken when the figures were handed to me. I imagined that the Liberals would never forgive you for your outspokenness and feared you might go under, but up to the last I was hoping for some miracle that would send you back to Westminster. However, that was not to be, and I suppose the only consolation left to us is the knowledge that the defeats of today are merely the stepping stones to the victories of tomorrow. Anyhow, you have made a magnificent fight and I am sure all your best friends will feel prouder of Lansbury defeated in a straight, clean, fight than if you had doubled your majority by the methods to which some of your colleagues in the Labour Party have stooped.

I circulated your statement in reply to the scandalous attack made on you by the Labour Party and it was published pretty fully in papers like the Morning Post, and the Manchester Guardian, while the Daily Chronicle, Times, and other journals gave prominence to extracts from it. I sent a copy to the "Citizen" and was half afraid they would suppress it under orders from the caucus, but evidently there is some shame left in them for they published part of it, though certain passages were omitted. Their leading article today is bad enough but anything more contemptible than their cartoon it would be difficult to imagine. I know something of the way in which attempts are made to transform the Labour members into voting and talking machines that would only act when Mr. Ramsay MacDonald pressed the particular button that suited him at the moment and I can at any rate congratulate you on having ceased to be a member of the Labour Party.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

H. R. Stockman



S. E. Turquand

73, Tremaine Road,  
Anerley, S. E.

28<sup>th</sup> Nov 1912.

To General Lansbury Esq

Dear Sir

You are no doubt overwhelmed with letters of Thanks from us women. Please accept mine too. It was a terrible blow to me on Tuesday night to hear of your want of success. As my friend said "How dare the moon" which was then very bright "go on shining?" But even the loss of your position in Parliament & of £400 a year enhances the value of your noble deed, which is surely a great gift to the world. And the women all over the world especially those poor sisters of ours in Bow & Bromley, have the joy & comfort of a friend so true to them, that for them he risked & lost. Yours truly  
S. E. Turquand





Ernest 502 E 74th St.  
Thurtle New York

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29/11/12.

Dear Mr. Lambury,

We were very pleased to get your cheerful cable yesterday, although it was not the first news of the result. We saw the figures in the newspaper here the morning after the poll. You will have had our letter-cable by now.

It was a distinct disappointment to find that you had lost as, so far as we can judge at this distance, your victory would have meant so much to the women's cause & to emergent labour. So far as you were concerned personally Dolly



and there is hope that they may be spared our  
experiences of politics - high hopes & bitter  
disappointments. There is, however, another  
section, consisting of the conservative trade  
unions & the orthodox socialists who  
are hankering after political action & are  
endeavouring to promote an American  
Labour Party. This section is the stronger  
numerically & at present it controls  
most of the labour union machinery, but the  
direct actionists are growing & will, I  
think, win in the end.

But that reminds me of something Dolly  
told me not to forget. And that is that  
you must now come over here & find out  
all about American labour for yourself.  
We were all talking about it with Mr. & Mrs.  
Fels the other evening & there was much  
enthusiasm aroused. Dolly talks of the  
great good you & ~~her~~ mother would derive

Dolly has told you that we have become  
syndicalists. (She, by the way, would be writing  
also tonight only she is a little unwell. She  
will be all right tomorrow & will write  
then.) You can imagine how pleased we  
were to hear that you too, had become  
one, though Dolly had told me you had  
strong leanings toward direct action. I  
hope you will succeed in making the  
workers in England realise that it is in  
that direction their real powers lie. We  
shall be very glad to be back to do  
what little we can <sup>to</sup> help when the time  
arrives.

Over here just now it seems doubtful  
as to whether the workers will try  
political action or not. The I. W. W. & now  
the syndicalists, are catching the  
unions young, as it were, before they  
have actually joined in the political game,



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you were in your attitude you could not,  
while you were still with them in the House,  
escape altogether the odium they were  
incurring through their time-serving  
desire of principles & pledges. I had  
cherished a hope that your fight would be  
a public washing of the hands of them  
& the revolting opportunism they have  
come to represent. I hope it was in  
some measure.

I don't suppose you care to be hard  
on the Labour Party members yourself. You  
probably realise, as we don't, what a  
pernicious effect the H. of C. has on a  
man's principles & are consequently more  
lenient. But even if we of the rank &  
file did realise these things we could  
hardly afford to make allowances. Life  
is too short. And at least we have a



Mrs. Patricia Waddel

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7 MURRAYFIELD AVENUE,  
EDINBURGH.

Nov 29<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mr. Lawsbury -

Just a word to tell  
you how great an admir-  
-ation we all feel for your  
splendid & self-less action!  
I suppose it is inevitable  
that the Devil should win  
tricks in the game now &  
again - pretty often indeed -  
but we know that the  
game will not be his



ultimately - Such a strain  
as yours should touch  
the consciences of many of  
those who remain in  
the Valley of dry bones.  
It will surely bear its own  
fruit in due season -  
I trust we may have the  
great pleasure of seeing  
you in Edinburgh again  
some day. & of carrying

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further the friendship  
so pleasantly begun during  
your last visit -  
My husband & family join  
in warm greetings to you  
& Mrs. Lawbury -

Yours very sincerely  
Patricia Waddell.

P.S. Don't trouble acknow-  
-ledging this - I know you  
are a busy man.



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# Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association

PRESIDENT: THE COUNTESS OF FINGALL.

DUBLIN.

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER:  
MISS E. C. PERRY.

OFFICE HOURS:  
11-30 TO 1-30.

SECRETARY:  
MISS K. PATTON,  
51C DAWSON STREET, DUBLIN.

Nov 29<sup>th</sup>  
1912

Dear Sir

I am directed by our committee  
to express to you our most grateful thanks  
for the kindness, and self sacrifice which  
your candidature at Brouley showed -  
& to say how deeply we regret that your  
battle has been fought in vain - all  
women will up here in grateful acknow-  
ledgement of your generous kindness -

Yours faithfully

K Patton

Secretary



George E. D. Dumford  
Lewisham Liberty League

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Oakleigh  
97 Rushey Green  
Catford. S. E.  
29<sup>th</sup> Nov 1912.

My dear Lansbury.

I notice that the ignorant majority of the Bromley and Bow electors do not desire you to represent the Principles you advocate, which would be, if they were capable of understanding them, greatly to their advantage.

However, it is of no use your casting your socialistic pearls before such swine, so let them live to regret losing your services, as the advantage of moral strength and right is on your side, and must eventually be supreme, to their loss.

But as the Cause of Socialism and the Enfranchisement of women must progress, I consider that such is rather strengthened than weakened by your absence from the House of Commons, as you will be more free to do better work, when absolved from your oath, and its consequent yoke, than if you remained



George E B Durnford  
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a servant of "the law".

You know that the m.p.'s who are supposed to make the laws that subsequent generations are supposed to obey, are not legislators nor yet do they understand the fundamental principles of jurisprudence, which is based on Justice and Equity, and not on the selfish interests of capital, and of their class.

Although the laws are supposed to represent the will of the people, (who have to obey them) it is very evident that they do not do so, for when "bills" become Acts, they are only consented to, and is therefore binding upon one-third of the voters, and become a "curse" to the other two thirds.

The British people are now divided into three well defined parts, or camps, viz. - Radicals (or the root), - Unionists, (or capital) and (!!!) Labour, Suffragists, and Home Rulers, - each of whom are entitled to be governed by the laws their members make, which they consent to obey, - as Mr. Redmond has clearly demonstrated.

Mr. Churchill has declared that Scotland and England, should each have a Home Rule Parliament, which shall represent the will of



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the people in Social Government, - and there is therefore a wide door open for your abilities to work on the lines of Mr. Redmond, - and organise a Commonwealth Parliament, - which shall sit at the East End of London, - and be composed of Labour and Socialist members, - to entirely represent their interests, - without opposition

Such Parliament (of which I hope you will be the first Prime Minister) shall follow the procedure of the west. end parliament, - and its Acts would be binding upon its constituents, - who elect to be subject to its Authority, - and the taxes it imposes, -

If you consider the question, - you will see that there is no reason why a Social Parliament should not exist, as much as the London County Council, - or any other body of taxpayers, - to control their own affairs, - which would settle the disputes of Labour, and the claims of the Suffragists, and relieve the Imperial Parliament, of a good deal of domestic legislation

To bring such Parliament into being, - I would suggest that you obtain a numerously signed Petition to the King, - to grant <sup>them</sup> you a Magna Charta, - with Power to nominate the



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first members. and to Decree that all Acts  
passed by them are valid, and binding upon  
their successors.

I have been Directed to write these  
Words to you, and to Empower you to do  
this, as without a Moral Government, the  
British Empire cannot hope to further continue

And that The Blessing of God may  
Direct and Prosper your Actions, is the  
Prayer of His Servant.

George E. D. Durnford.

Founder.

The Lewisham Liberty League



Sir Frederick Young  
(1817-1913)

Weng,  
Cobham,  
Surrey.

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2<sup>nd</sup> November 1912.

Dear Sir

Although our political  
views, and opinions are very different,  
I cannot refrain from expressing  
my sympathy with the reasons, you  
have given for the course, you have  
adopted, in connection with the  
Leaders of the Labour Party, in  
Parliament, of whom you were  
one of its recognized Representatives!

Born in Limehouse; The  
son of Mr. George Frederick Young,  
the first Member of Parliament for  
the New Borough of Tyne-mouth,  
under the Reform Act of 1832, my  
Father, during that decade, originated



The Party in Parliament, called  
"The Independent Party", which  
numbered amongst its Members  
Lord Stanley, subsequently styled,  
(as Lord Derby) The Support of Debate.  
Its Motto was "Measures not  
Men"; and the Party went under  
the designation of "The Derby Dilly".  
While it lasted, it had no  
inconsiderable influence, in  
the measures, passed by Parliament  
at the time.  
Embrued with these sentiments of  
independence, I write you this  
letter, remaining

Yours faithfully  
Frederick Young

Sergeant Canbury Esq

STAFFORD HOUSE AND VICTORIA PARK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MORNING POST.

SIR,—My attention has been called to a most interesting article in your journal on the sale to Sir W. H. Lever of Stafford House. As I had personally an active connection with the proceeds of the sale of this celebrated mansion by the Crown in 1842 to the grandfather of the present Duke of Sutherland, which were devoted to the purchase of land in the East End of London, and became the site of the present Victoria Park, I trust you will allow me to express the pleasure I felt in reading the article to which I have referred.

The facts are shortly these. The late Mr. Joseph Hume, M.P. for Montrose, knowing my father, Mr. George Frederick Young, M.P. for Tynemouth, was greatly interested in the welfare of the people of the East End of London, consulted him on the subject of moving the Government to appropriate the proceeds of the sale of the then York House to the purchase of land "as a playground for East London." My father in consequence called a meeting at his own house at Limehouse of gentlemen interested in the neighbourhood, and he drew up a memorial to her Majesty Queen Victoria inviting her sympathy and approval. At this meeting I was requested to act as honorary secretary for the purpose of carrying the scheme into effect. To this memorial I obtained no less than 30,000 signatures from the inhabitants of the Tower Hamlets, and the Government of the day being sympathetic an Act of Parliament was passed appropriating the sum of £102,000, the sum realised by the sale in question. I do not trouble you with the history of all the personal and epistolary negotiations I had with the Government officials before the Victoria Park was eventually completed and subsequently opened to the public by Queen Victoria herself. It is sufficient for me to say that it owed its origin to my father and to Mr. Joseph Hume.—Yours, &c.,

FREDERICK YOUNG.

Leny, Cobham, Surrey, Nov. 14.

Sir Frederick Young.

Leny,  
Cobham.

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Walter Coates

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Southernwood,  
East Hendred,  
Steventon, Berks.

30th November 1912.

George Lansbury Esqre.,  
103, St. Stephen's Road,  
OLD FORD,  
London, E.

My dear George,

I got your wire in Bremen and, while I must admit that I was surprised at the result of the poll, I cannot bring myself to feel really sorry over the result, and I know that you won't feel sorry either except in so far as your defeat will affect your co-workers of the last 20 years down there. We must feel disappointed in their behalf because it is just possible they may be looking at things from a narrower point of view than you and I look at them and may consider this little setback as a serious blow. I don't, indeed, I am certain that your action and your defeat will have a purifying effect on politics in general, particularly if you devote the time that you would otherwise have spent in the House of Commons in going around the country lecturing (with a smiling and cheerful face) refusing to admit defeat.

I won't say more now except to send Eleanor's and my love.

I have had a pretty strenuous time since I left London on Monday night but you will be glad to learn that I think what I went to do is likely to come off.

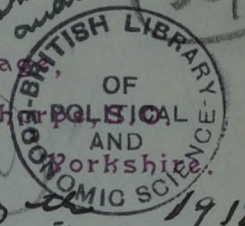
Yours always,

Walter



P.S. We are looking forward to your visit here. The magic that the longer letters can decrease our audience. But we may be used to small audiences.

Red Cottage  
Mrs. Nunthorpe  
F. Hansen  
Nov. 30 1912  
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My dear Lansbury

Very curious to relate I have just come in from a meeting of delegates of the Cleveland Federation of S. L. P. Branches (when you were the topic under discussion) - to find your letter waiting for me.

The rank and file are not quite 'sheep'. We are calling a district conference to take place within two weeks of your visit here, to discuss and settle what we wish the annual conference to do with reference to the Labour Party. I was delighted to find delegate after delegate amongst the Cleveland miners

expressing great dissatisfaction with the Labour Party.

You quite fail to understand me I think. I do most sincerely appreciate your faithfulness to our principles. I have had absolute faith in you.

What I wanted you to do would have been ever so much harder to do than what you have done. I wanted you to fight the grim hard discouraging fight within.

What you say about the Labour Party, you know I endorse - every word of it and more. I never have been pleased with the S. L. P.'s affiliation with the Trade Unionists. Years ago I opposed it - I have always opposed it. When you came in straight and strong and stood your ground after 1906 I had great hopes.

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I have great hopes still. But  
you must stay within, and you  
must accept a position on the  
N.A.C. if you can get on.  
You must go to the conferences.

It may prove a long weary  
fight but we are bound to  
win. I sat talking with old  
friend Cole about you, an  
hour or so ago. I said "Don't  
you agree, Cole, that we ought  
not to allow all our years and  
years of work to go for nothing.  
The Independent Labour position  
belongs to us. That a group of  
men have bartered our property  
without our consent must be  
fought about."

And old Cole who has fought  
many a fight with me, and  
protected me many a time  
grew enthusiastic over the  
idea of a fight within.

We both agreed, you were  
the one man who could help  
us best.

Of course no one cares much  
about the women. I've known

that for years and years. The  
caring only came to you quite  
recently - the real vital  
caring I mean. If it is hard  
for you to bear - try to realise  
how much harder it is for  
women like me. But don't  
forget ~~it~~ either that women  
themselves are not blameless.

Women in the Labour Party  
have much to blame themselves  
for. Men's wives and daughters  
are not active enough. Even  
when the opportunity is before  
them - they cast it aside.

You have not attended as many  
S.L.P. Conferences as I have.

The women there present have  
time and time again given their  
case away. We've never had a  
woman leader of the women in  
the S.L.P. When I remember  
that, I try again to be patient  
even while protesting loudly.

I don't want to tease and  
worry you. But I do want you  
to bear the burden of it all  
within. - I would like you to let  
it be well known that



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and my daughter alone can get  
 the vote" — now my friend  
 can people like ourselves pin  
 our faith in her? Did not  
 Napoleon say "I will conquer  
 the world". And Napoleon  
 caused a Republic to flourish  
 - or rather the mighty egotism  
 of it all made the French  
 reject all autocrats.



Blunder - blunder -  
 we are bound to do that, but  
 I do say to my women friends  
 "I would rather us be delayed  
 by blunders and know that  
 they have been realised, than  
 be faced with success after  
 success with an unthinking  
 crowd gapping behind."

One last thing. You say you  
 don't understand my frame of  
 mind on the personal side of  
 this business.

To me there is not anything  
 personal about it. I did not  
 regard anything you've done



See vol. 28.c, fos. 90-96 for a circular of G. L.  
and a letter of Beatrice Webb of the end of  
November or beginning of December 1912

From a personal point of view  
As a public man you represent  
in the H. of C. more than Bow &  
Bromley. You represented the  
minority here in Cleveland and  
all over! You were strong to  
protest on fitting occasions  
and you did protest. You had  
nothing to be ashamed of, but  
you continued to sit there.

Somehow it is impossible for  
me to look at it from any  
personal point of view. You  
were not a person, but a  
representative of certain principles  
held all over the country.

Please be a representative  
of us all still in the S. L. P.  
For you can voice us better  
than we can ourselves. That  
you have resigned the H. of C.  
naturally grieves me. But  
we shall nominate you again  
from Milbro anyhow.

You understand I see that  
all I write, is written because  
I respect you even though I  
disagree. Some of us should  
always be great friends whatever happens  
Marion Coates Hanson



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Mrs. Helen Tyson

"UVEDALE";

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1912

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37, DREWSTEAD ROAD,

STREATHAM, S. W.

Dear Mr. Lawbury -

As a Militant  
Member of the U. S. P. U.  
I feel that I too, amongst so  
many others, must express  
my unbounded admiration  
and gratitude for the cour-  
age you have shown in  
this great fight for liberty  
of conscience - but in the



wretched resolve of the  
Labour Party to wreak  
vengeance on you! how have  
they punished themselves!!!  
actually voted for a candid  
date in opposition to the  
Government!! The position  
is truly Gilbertian! Well,  
when the election comes  
we will fight them  
again - we shall see them  
who will represent Boer  
& Browley! - The pity of it

all is to my mind, the utter  
corruption of Party Politics  
administered at the pre-  
sent time in the House  
of Commons - and how debased  
I believe this country is  
in the eyes of other Nations!  
So long must the country  
be steeped in ignorance,  
arrogance, & hypocrisy -  
and indeed, death is the  
disease - It will take a  
long time to cure - and



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until women are called  
in & allowed to help to right  
the wrongs things will, may  
must, go from bad to worse.  
I thank you with all my  
heart & am

Yours very sincerely

(W<sup>m</sup>) Helen Lyson



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Sir James O'Grady  
(1866-1834)

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My dear George

I haven't written  
you before, first because  
I thought you might  
not like being pestered  
about the result of the  
election; second, because I  
was terribly cut up at  
the figures. Cowrade & Brooker  
I know you do not mind



Sir James O'Grady

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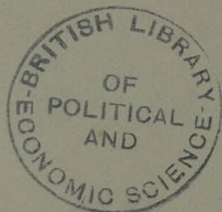
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for your own sake, but I know you must feel it for the sake of those you toil for.

I don't want to say more, because as I write the thought of what Tuesday night is on me again

Heaps of Good Luck & Good Wishes for the future

Yours very Sincerely  
Jim O'Grady



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# INDEPENDENT LABOUR PARTY.

CLAPHAM BRANCH: MORRIS HALL, 11a NORTH STREET.

General Secretary:

~~W. ATKINS,~~  
56, Braybarn Avenue.

Financial Secretary:

A. BERRY,  
3 Horsford Road, Brixton.

Lecture Secretary:

H. GRAY,  
16 Andalus Road, Stockwell.

Literature Secretary:

H. BROWN,  
11a North Street.

Entertainment Secretary:

T. HALL,  
19 Ivey Road.



149 Tavbridge Road  
Clapham Common  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 1912 Sec.

Dear Comrade

I have much pleasure in carrying out the instructions of the above Branch in forwarding to you the following resolution which was passed at our last meeting :-

'The Clapham Branch of the I.L.P. sends fraternal greetings to George Lansbury and deplores the result of his recent candidature; it feels that the Cause of freedom and public life generally has suffered a grievous loss in the defeat of the man of the People who has so nobly and courageously represented the oppressed workers in the Legislature of the nation, and further it looks forward with hope and with confidence to his speedy return to the House of Commons where his inspiring presence is so sorely needed.'

Yours fraternally  
William H. Brothers  
Hon. Sec.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1912.

## LANSBURY AND THE PARTY.

heard him talk with bated breath of things he  
and knowledge." I have

See vol. 28. a, fos. 97-98 for a letter  
of Mrs F. W. Pethick Lawrence dated  
2 December 1912

I came out because to have stayed in would  
have been martyrdom; to have stayed in  
with a set of men who think they have done  
well by the Democracy during the past  
seven years, during which railwaymen, colliers,  
dockers, and navvies, and workers of every kind  
have been exploited and beaten to their knees  
by the capitalist class with the acquiescence of  
almost complete silence on the part of these  
champions of the Labour movement. Let no  
one talk of martyrdom. The Labour Party may  
save its breath, and Mr. MacDonald his temper,  
by remembering that whatever others may have  
said, I myself have not complained. The facts  
are as I have stated. For the first time in a  
party meeting I was told what I ought to do if  
I disagreed with the party, and I did it.

### The Greatest Hindrance.

That the I.L.P. found some money for my  
elections is used as an argument why I should  
not have acted in a certain way. In any case,  
whatever the I.L.P. paid towards my elections  
has been more than repaid by years of unpaid  
work in the way of lecturing and speaking that  
I have put in for the I.L.P., and I think to at-  
tempt to make capital out of this point was the  
least worthy part of the whole business.

I am out of Parliament by my own action. I  
shall remain out until Bow and Bromley or some  
other place cares to send me back unfettered and  
unbound to any party. I am quite certain that  
the party system in this country (which the  
Labour Party is bent on imitating) is the greatest  
hindrance to democratic progress. My concep-  
tion of Parliament is a place where every kind of  
opinion is fairly represented by men and women  
with freedom to speak and freedom to vote.

### Kill It in Time!

We are in great danger of giving way to the  
superstition that the elected person can do no  
wrong. This superstition is all the more dan-  
gerous because elected persons now depend for  
their living upon the maintenance of this theory.  
This idea must be scotched before it goes too far.

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BOROUGH OF POPLAR TRADES COUNCIL & L.R.C.

HEADQUARTERS: 6, Campbell Road,

BROMLEY-by-BOW,

LONDON. E.

December 5th., 1912.

To the Branch Secretary.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Executive of the above have had under consideration the situation arising as the result of the Bye Election in Bow and Bromley and desire to have an expression of opinion from the affiliated branches. Our Comrade Lansbury attended a special meeting of the Executive Council and it was decided to ask the Branches for nominations of Parliamentary Candidates for Bow and Bromley and Poplar the same to be selected at a special conference.

Mr. Lansbury offers himself for nomination, but cannot stand as a National Labour Party's candidate, but is willing, if approved by the special conference, to stand as the L.R.C.'s candidate and be responsible only to the L.R.C.

With reference to the Constituency of Poplar, it is desired that instructions be given to delegates to decide whether Poplar shall be contested with an L.R.C. Candidate or not at the next Parliamentary Election.

L.C.C. Candidates in BOW AND BROMLEY AND POPLAR.

Nominations of candidates are invited for these constituencies, also that instructions be given to delegates to the special conference as to whether BOW AND BROMLEY AND POPLAR shall be contested with one or more Candidates by the L.R.C.

The whole of these questions are to be decided at a special conference of delegates to be held at the

BROMLEY PUBLIC HALL, BOW ROAD, E.  
on MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD., at 9 p.m.

The basis of representation at the conference to be the same as to the L.R.C. viz; one delegate for each 100 members or major portion thereof and no organisation to send more than 5 delegates.

I have therefore to invite your Branch to give these questions their special attention and to appoint delegates to attend the conference with instructions.

The enclosed agenda will be submitted for consideration.

I enclose credential forms, which must be signed by your Branch chairman and yourself.

I am,

Yours fraternally,

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See vol. 28.a, fos. 99-101 for a letter from  
Christabel Pankhurst, dated 8 December 1912



Mrs. Walter Coates

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Southernwood,

East Hendred,

Steventon, Berks.

Dec 16 <sup>th</sup> 1912

Dear Bessie -

This was the week that we originally expected you and George to spend several days with us.

Then he wrote Walter he would have to postpone our pleasure - and would come during the Christmas holidays - This is only to tell you that - we



want you whenever you  
can come. but hope it  
will be around Christmas  
time. May we expect you  
for the week-end just  
after Christmas Day?

If George must speak  
somewhere on that Sunday  
couldn't he go from here  
learning you in our so-  
licitous care and come  
back here Monday?

Sarah Young will be  
our only other guest and

I know you like her -  
I wonder if you have  
heard from Dolly recently  
and how she is coming on.  
My Mother and Aunt were  
so pleased with Mr. Thurtle  
and they heard several  
times from Dolly after she  
first started house-keeping.

I mustn't weary you  
any longer but hope to  
hear you are really  
coming to us soon.

I'm sorry George did  
not win the election but -



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I say Bravo for George! all  
the same. We both think  
him the finest man in the  
world - affectionately.  
Eleanor



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47 Upper Clapton R?

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London N.E.

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Dear Mr. Lansbury

We, The Men's Federation for Women's Suffrage,  
consisting of men of all political opinions, desire to  
express to you our very real appreciation of the  
great service you have rendered the Cause of  
Women's Suffrage, in making it the occasion of  
an appeal to the People.

The hearty response of so large a number of electors,  
in face of the opposition of all parties, shews  
how great the value of your action, in giving  
the People an opportunity of pronouncing in  
favour of Women's Suffrage.



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Our experiences in working for that Cause in your constituency have shown us, how largely this ~~from~~ pronouncement was due to your broad and human advocacy of this question.

We would, further, express our very sincere admiration of the loyalty to conviction of your action. No less do we value the political insight into the conditions of political life which led you to free yourself from its restrictions.

Permit us to say that we hold such uncompromising loyalty to principle to be the means of raising the tone of public life, of bringing Parliament into touch with the People, and of laying a basis for a truly democratic institution.



Men's Federation for Women's Suffrage

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We confidently believe, that your appeal, prompted by your clear outlook, strengthened by your vigorous & trenchant replies to all criticism, have already accomplished much even in the political world.

We trust that your health & strength may bear the great strain you have been and we putting upon it.

I am, Sir, on behalf of the Federation

Mark Wilks

Geo. Lansbury Esq

Bow - London.



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# National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies.

PRESIDENT: MRS. HENRY FAWCETT, LL.D.

## Sunderland Society for Women's Suffrage.

Hon. Secretary:

MRS. ARTHUR JOHNSON,  
2 Gray Road,  
Sunderland.

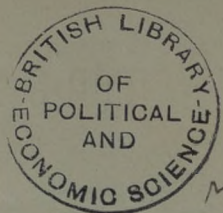
16<sup>th</sup> December 1912.

Dear Mr. Lansbury

I must thank you for  
your splendid speech last-  
night - it went straight to  
the heart - & must surely do  
our cause great good -

But what a task you  
have set yourself - to  
raise the ideals of a whole  
Order! it is glorious - and  
without the help that sub-  
mission to a party gives -  
One is so often told - you





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must stoop to serve "I will  
 not let him mean - "you must  
 lower your ideals" - But you  
 have shown the better way  
 and I am compelled to  
 thank you for myself and  
 all the others - who perhaps  
 do not yet understand -  
 Even my own nearest, repeated  
 me when I say, "moral should  
 be the same for men or women  
 I declare that. I mean "moral  
 should be the same for women  
 as for men" which does not  
 convey the same idea - So

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# National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies.

PRESIDENT: MRS. HENRY FAWCETT, LL.D.

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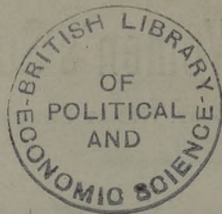
## Sunderland Society for Women's Suffrage.

Hon. Secretary:

MRS. ARTHUR JOHNSON,  
2 Gray Road,  
Sunderland

It is that Suffragists are  
 declared to stand for morality  
 for women - But you know  
 all these things better than I.  
 Your quotations were delicious.  
 "Lived more abundantly"  
 our pages these sayings, we  
 women are generally supposed  
 to confine ourselves to gentle  
 resolute - by our  
 chosen mottoes "Blessed  
 are the peacemakers" although  
 I don't think my people would





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ever given it - in our so besty  
our pulse -

You said this is I had often  
read - but not heard spoken.  
The spoken word is more potent.

Though if I had not read  
"Across the Bridges" I could  
not have understood. Your  
words so well -

Go on to paper - we have  
heard a prophet -

Yours sincerely  
Amy John Seton



Ada ~~Cripps~~  
to Mrs. G. L.

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Arzana,  
Shelley Road,  
Worthing.

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1912.

My dear Mr. Lonsbury.

I have been waiting  
to write to you, so  
that the tons of letters  
which - no doubt - you  
have received, have  
been desposed of!

I simply glory  
in your dear, brave  
husband! He is

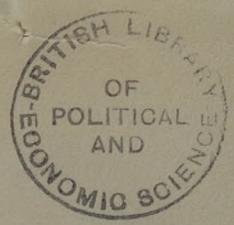


a pattern for the  
whole house of Parliament.  
If there were only  
12 men exactly  
like dear Mr. Lambury  
they might rule  
England - easily!!  
Our hearts have been  
with him, although  
we were silent.  
When you both

can spare a week's  
rest, we shall all  
be more than happy  
if you will come  
to us, & we will give  
you a good time.  
The S. L. P. cannot  
get on without your  
husband! ~~we~~ They  
all are longing to  
shake hand with



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him again. M449

I was so glad to read about the R. strike; I hope it will spread all over the land & sea, & prevent War!!

Please give our love to your dear, Trustful Brave husband, & self.

Believe me always  
Yours very sincerely  
Ada Cripps



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George Nicoll Barnes  
(1859 - 1940)

2 Alderbrook Rd

Balham SW

21.12.1912

Dear George. Just a  
line to wish you all  
a good time at Christmas  
and throughout the  
coming year. I hope  
to see you again this  
side of Jordan and  
to find you still as  
young and optimistic.

Wherever you are and  
so what you do you  
will always have the  
good will of one of

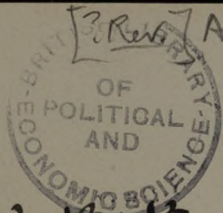
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your erstwhile colleagues.  
And I expect you  
will do a lot of things  
which many will think  
wild. And among  
the many will probably  
be

Yours Fraternally  
Geo H Barnes

George Lansbury





[3 Rev] Arthur E. Power,  
"Barons"

(328)

Abney Road

Waltham.

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23. 12. 12

My dear Comrade,

May God give you every  
grace and blessing, you and yours,  
at the great feast of Xmas. May  
you all have a very happy time  
and may the new year bring  
to you many innovations and



great encouragement to continue  
in the holy war. We look to you  
as a special champion for God  
in these awful days of sin,  
misery, degradation and ugliness.  
May you be guided to lead us in  
the right direction. Help us to keep  
our ranks united; without unity we  
can do little or nothing. God bless  
you and yours. Yours in the Fellowship  
Arthur Powell



Mrs. H. J. Kitcat

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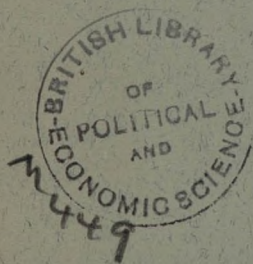
My dear Mr. Lansing  
Just a line to wish  
you all every Christmas  
blessing - We do not  
often meet, I wish we  
did, but you are often  
in my thoughts - I didn't  
write to you after the  
election because I felt  
so sick about it  
that I didn't feel any



I could write - Please  
give my love to your  
husband & thank him  
very much for remembering  
his Godson, he will  
be delighted - With  
united love to you  
all I remain

Yr. very sincere  
E. S. Kelcey

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D. to Tom Donald  
Say 24 Dec. 1912

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**CONISTON,  
HORNCHURCH,  
ESSEX.**

WITH EVERY GOOD WISH  
FOR  
CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR.

T. D.

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If, on looking back, your whole life should seem rugged as a palm tree stem; still, never mind, so long as it has been growing; and has its grand green shade of leaves, and weight of honied fruit at top.

*The Ethics of the Dust.*

*Christmas, 1912.*



It is only by labour that thought can be made healthy, and only by thought that labour can be made happy, and the two cannot be separated with impunity.

*The Stones of Venice.*

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The noble person, looking the facts of the whole world full in the face, and fathoming them with deep faculty, then deals with them in unalarmed intelligence and unhurried strength, and becomes, with his human intellect and will, no unconscious nor insignificant agent in consummating their good, and restraining their evil.

*The Two Paths.*

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All one's life is a music, if one touches the notes rightly, and in time. But there must be no hurry.

*The Ethics of the Dust.*



Rev. George Lowther Davery

[say 26 Dec. 1912]

My dear Lansbury I thank you & Mrs Lansbury  
 Sincerely for yr. Xmas greeting. The 'text' is  
 a new joy to me. I always think me of the  
 weakest things in Parliamentary debate. (which does not  
 now exist) is the quoting of a man's speeches, as if  
 progress in thought was a cardinal sin - I was  
 sincerely sorry about Bow. I don't judge. But I  
 suppose you felt obliged to take such a step. I do  
 hope you might star in the House, without  
 being a slave to party wire-pullers. It seems to me  
 independence of thought & action is becoming quite  
 impossible. & I deplore it. I can't say I agree with  
 some of yr theories of arson and prison hysteria  
 which has made me less & not more of a suffragist  
 but I do admire sincerity - How glad we  
 could you come on Feb 21. & open a discussion  
 (as before in the Parish Hall) on Poor Law Iniquities  
 & needed reforms. Not taking away absolute text, but



Opening my eyes. I should be so glad if you did:  
ams. I am constantly asked "when is Dawsbury  
coming again" - & if you will bring Mrs Dawsbury  
& stay over the week end. Who knows but that I  
may end by burning a letter box & pressing for  
women ordination candidates, which I imagine  
logically you desire!!! When does militancy  
cease to be a virtue & become a sin with you?

I always viewed you as a disciple of Mr Coi, but I  
now picture you with a hammer & torch -  
Come please & convert me.

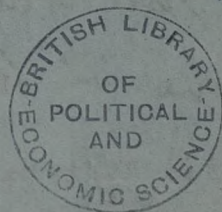
Yrs always sincerely,

George L. Dawsey.

Bristol Rectory,

D. Swift

'To be great is to be mis. understood' - I have so often been  
misunderstood that I like that much



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Joseph Fels  
(1854 - 22 Feb. 1914)  
Mrs. Joseph Fels

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[S?] April  
or later,  
1913, but  
place at  
end of  
1912

CUNARD R.M.S. "MAURETANIA."

Near Lunenburg  
Monday pm.

My Dear George Lansbury-

Here we are again -  
Right side up with Core and  
hope you are all well  
and happy - as surely  
you deserve to be -

We've had an exception-  
ally fine voyage - it



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bit rough as to weather  
but the Mrs has not had  
a moments discomfort  
and I stand all kinds  
of weather -

We are just a little un-  
certain as to just how  
well fit into the new  
line of the young peo-  
ple but a few hours  
more will solve that  
problem too. We do  
hope it will be to the  
happiness of all  
concerned -

Hope Hardie got  
home o.k and is well



Things in the U.S.A  
are about as usual -  
We have nothing re  
business to complain  
of - In that direction  
very prosperous -

I should get to  
Wilson at some  
time tomorrow  
pm - Will likely  
go right out to  
Elmwood on reach-  
ing London -

Love to you and  
the family from  
us both - I take it

you're still fighting  
Jno Burns, damn  
in -

Your friend  
Joseph Pels

my dear friend,  
I do not endorse  
everything in this letter,  
but the friendship and  
love and desire to see  
you and Mrs. Sansbury  
and all, I do feel in  
all my heart.

Yours as ever  
Mary Pels.

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Bertha Kung Baker  
(of U.S.A.)

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My dear Mr. Sunbury -

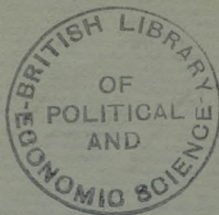
For weeks I have had it -  
in mind to write you and Mrs. Sunbury -  
to say how well and happy  
your daughter and Mr. Thistle  
have appeared every time I have  
seen them - They have been with  
us in my home - several times -  
and I have been, with Mrs. Fels -  
to see them in theirs -

They are full of enthusiasm  
in their work as syndicalists -  
and their face glow with the real joy of living.  
We are all looking forward to your  
visit to us - in America - next fall -  
Membrane - I send heartiest greetings and  
all good wishes to all the family -  
Faithfully Yours Bertha Kung Baker



The National  
Arts Club  
New York

Mrs. Joseph Fels



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Gramercy Park  
Manhattan

Dec. 30, 1912.

Dear Both-of-you: -

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I have a letter from each of you. Bessie's has some beautiful enclosures. Thank you, dear Bessie, for these: for the charm they have and the uplift they give. And I am so glad to have both letters and to hear that you will come to America with us next year. I am not sorry you cannot come this year because we shall not be here much longer. We plan to return to England about the middle of Feb. Joe will leave for Paraguay shortly after our return. He finds it is much better to go from England. I shall not go with him, you know.

Please let us know, as soon as you can, whether you can as well come over here after Oct. About how much speaking would you wish to do and on what subject or subjects would



you prefer to speak? This question,  
is put to George, of course; unless  
Bessie will lecture also. She could  
tell American audiences some things  
good for them to know.  
I am alone here now. Joe has gone  
south, a-lecturing, for two weeks and more.  
Next week I shall pay a long-promised  
visit to the Huebsch family and then I  
shall go to Philadelphia in time to meet  
Joe there. We shall probably remain  
in Phila. for the rest of the time; so send  
letters, as heretofore, to 3640 Chestnut Street.  
Lincoln Steffens came. We had a  
good talk and he went away. He is  
busy these days, — but that had better  
wait until one can speak it; best not  
write it. He told me in confidence,  
anyway. There was the impulse to tell  
you because you are you, and are not  
besides, on the scene.  
I hope to see Dolly and her husband  
again to-morrow night. I have written



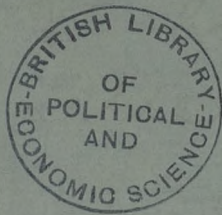
~~Dear Mrs. Fels~~  
Bob Coates to come also. It will  
make you two and Walter seem near. How  
I wish you were actually present! I was  
wishing for you last night, on an oc-  
casion that would have interested you  
deeply. I came back from Phila. for it.  
It was a tremendous meeting of Jewish  
socialists. One got a sense of unbounded  
possibilities, and it thrilled me deeply.

The other day, George, I wrote you a  
long letter and then tore it up. It  
was not that one had said things  
one could not write, but rather what  
one would not send but wish to say  
in person. Will you remind me some-  
time of this letter, and then we'll  
take up its theme and discuss it  
in person. There, that is the second  
time in this one letter that I have  
raised something and then relegated



to silence and mystery; I am sorry  
I shall retire from this writing.  
With love and loving wishes for the new  
year and all the years,  
Your devoted friend  
Mary.

Give my loving wishes also to Annie  
and tell her to write to me.



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