

Ansd. D.P.

(Ernest) George
Hicks (1879—)



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THE BUILDERS,
CRESCENT GROVE, SOUTH SIDE,
BLAPHAM COMMON, S. W. 8.

22nd December, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P.,
Manor House Hospital,
North End Road,
GOLDERS GREEN, N.W. 11.

My dear George,

I have the enclosed letter from Comrade Petroff. I had a chat with Clem Attlee in regard to its contents, and he thought I might with advantage just mention it to you to see whether you thought we ought to ask people to give Petroff any extension. I know you are acquainted with him very well. He is a dear old comrade and if anything can be done to assist him, we shall all be very pleased.

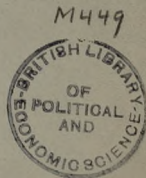
I thought I might exploit your present indisposition, together with your persona grata with the Home Office in this matter. I shall, however, be entirely guided by what you do.

Now that I have seen you once and heard more about you, I will come to see you more often.

God love you and all the best for now and ever more,

Yours,

George Hicks



TELEPHONE
CENTRAL 0308



Personal.

From Commissioner David C. Lamb.

101, Queen Victoria Street,
London, E.C.4.

22nd December, 1933.

My dear Friend,

God moves in a mysterious way. Even if the Devil had something to do with your being "knocked out" a loving Father can overrule all for His Glory, and the good of His child. You know it as well as I do, but it is good sometimes to state the obvious.

What an experience for you to have, and what joy and peace we feel you must enjoy because of desiring above all to be in His will., - His Will is our Peace.

We have been thinking about you, praying for you, talking about you, and praising God for all that you have stood for.

My wife and our children join in wishing you a restful Christmas - and that the New Year will bring better times for everybody. Why not?

God bless and keep you,

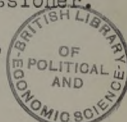
With kind thoughts,

I am, as ever,
Yours sincerely,

David C. Lamb

Commissioner.

The Right Honourable George Lansbury, M.P., J.P.,
Manor House Hospital,
London.



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Joseph Alexander Leckie
(1866-1938)

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TUDOR HOUSE,
WALSALL.

22nd December 1933.

THE RIGHT HON. GEORGE LANSBURY M.P.,
Manor Park, *Hospital*
North London,
LONDON.

My dear Mr Lansbury,

Will you please accept the assurance of our warm sympathy with you in the terrible accident which has put you on one side for a while. I quite thought that my Wife had sent you a telegram as soon as we read of the accident in the papers, but I find that through some misunderstanding she did not do so.

Be assured how heartily we wish you to make a speedy and complete recovery. We greatly miss you in the House of Commons where your geniality and forthrightness are so valuable an asset.

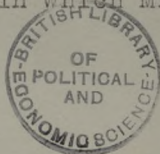
I am confident that the fact that you have lived such a healthy life and are an abstainer will help you through your troubles.

Wishing you all the best for Christmas and the New Year, in which Mrs Leckie joins,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Joseph Leckie



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TELEPHONE: HAMPSTEAD 2346.

STATION:
BELSIZE PARK
(HAMPSTEAD TUBE)

FROM BISHOP PERRIN,

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

Rev. Wm. Willcox Perrin
(Bp. ; 1848-1934)

Dec. 22. 1933

My dear Mr. Lasbury,

I am allowed to

conduct a service in one of the
wards of the Hospital on Sunday

evenings at 5 — and I hope

to pay you a visit (if I may)

after the service on Sunday —

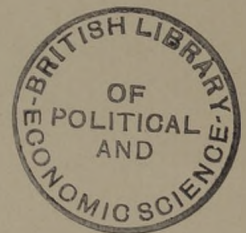
with all your clerical friends in

the East End — it is quite likely

that (if you are well enough) one

of them may have suggested your

Christmas Caravan —



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Some one has said that "Disappointments
are God's appointments" - for I do not know
how trying it must be to you to be
away from your Parliamentary duties -
Something is certain you are in the
midst of hospitals - The spirit
of brotherhood is quite wonderful -
May you have the Peace of God
which permits all understanding.

Yours

W. H. Perrin (P.M.)

Rev. Paul Stacy

ST. PETER'S VICARAGE,

COVENTRY,

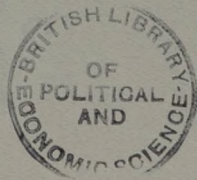
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George Lausbury M.D.
Manor Park Hospital

Dear George Lausbury
Every hearty wish for
your speedy recovery.

You will see from one of the
passages in the enclosed Prayer
that some of us believe in
the speedy coming of Christ's



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Kingdom of Plenty.

I believe that you will
live to see it.

Ever

Paul Stacy

Mrs. John Syme

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29. Stockwell Road.

London.

S.W. 9.

22. 12. 33.

Dear Mr. Lausbury.

Please

excuse pencil, but I am like
yourself an invalid just now.
& ink is not within my reach.

We are glad & thankful
that so far you are making
progress & pray you may so
continue.

We did not write before
because we felt that you
would have plenty of

letters, but you were
continually in my thoughts
& papers were eagerly scanned
for good news.

Ronald, John & I unite
in good wishes for a
very speedy recovery & as
happy a Christmas as
present circumstances will
allow.

I have two burst ankles
so am depending on a
young friend to come &
cook our Decas fare for
us. Lucky to have it

to cook.

Believe me to be

yours
in all sincerity
Kellie Syme

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Wilfrid Whiteley
1882

West Birmingham Divisional Labour Party.

O. G. WILLEY.

AGENT:
WILFRID WHITELEY.

TELEPHONE:
NORTHERN 2726.



265, ICKNIELD STREET,
HOCKLEY,
BIRMINGHAM. 18.

December 22nd. 1933.

Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., *"Our Prospective Candidate."*
Manor House Hospital,
Golders Green,
London, N.

My Dear George,

On my own behalf and on behalf of all our members, I want to express our regret that circumstances have put you where you are and we sincerely trust that you are making the longest strides possible towards a complete recovery of Health and Strength.

In the meantime, may the Fellowship and Affection of your many thousands of Comrades be a special joy and comfort to you.

All the best of Good Wishes for Christmas,
New Year and Always.

Very sincerely yours,

Wilfrid Whiteley.



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John Bromley
(1876-1945)

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

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23rd December, 1933.

My dear Lansbury,

The wife and I have decided to write you with our sincere and hearty good wishes for Christmas and the coming Year, and indeed, for many years to come.

On the day of your accident at Gainsborough I wired to you because you were far away, but I knew after that it would miss you because you were on your way to London, I called at the Hospital the following day and left my card, but I knew quite well that it would not be to your benefit to see anyone, and we have refrained for the last few days from doing more than enquiring as to your progress. We cannot however, allow Christmas to pass without saying something, although I know, from my own experience in Manor House in February last, that the visits of kind friends and the letters of well meaning people can be a source of unrest to someone who is ill, and instead of being solace and comfort, may easily become a damned nuisance.

However, George dear, heres to you with the sincere affection of us both. May your Christmas not be an unhappy one in spite of your grievous trouble, and may you compel your friends to allow it to be a restful one.

If only you can get the Hospital Authorities to get the Staff to leave you alone a bit, to keep out all but your relatives and close personal friends, and to let you rest, then you may even ultimately gain some benefit in one way, in spite of your suffering in another, and that is our sincere wish.

We fear that we know how you will feel, but George dear, the Movement will go on, although millions of our people will miss you, and we appeal to you to make as much rest of your trouble as you can and come back to us rested and ready for anything.

May happiness be yours.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

J. Bromley

Ann Bromley

Please don't reply to this as we understand



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J. S. Elias

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To

THE RT HON GEORGE LANSBURY MANOR HSE HOSPITAL NW 11

MAY I OFFER YOU MY GOOD WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

AND A SINCERE WISH FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY = ELIAS



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ELM BRIDGE 1221.

Edward E. Hancock

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"Auckland,"

148, Hook Rise,

Tolworth, Surrey.

December 23 1933

Rt. Hon. G. Lansbury, M.P.

Dear George,--When I write how very much I regret your accident and being laid aside, it looks so inadequate to express my real feelings towards you, 'one of God's gentlemen.' But what the English language fails to do, you may rest assured the spirit of sympathy in sincerely felt as well as sent.

It seems strange for newspaper men to be short of words to describe their meaning, but no adjectives seem to quite fit the circumstances in which one finds themselves--a full heart and inexpressible feeling of thankfulness for your services to humanity, and a sense of pity that you should meet with mishap especially at this time of year.

In my forty years nearly in the Labour Movement there has ~~ever~~ scarcely been a time in public or private debate when words ^{ever} ~~seem~~ ^{HAVE} to fail me, but the best I can now to describe on reflection would be Herbert's words:

VER
FAILED

Only a sweet and virtuous soul,
Like seasoned timber never gives:
But though the whole world turn to coal,
Then chiefly lives.



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In season and out of season You have championed the cause of the poor and weak, carrying out the teaching of the Lowly Nazarene; may you soon be backed up with a majority of like-minded men to issue in a Christian Commonwealth and something nearer what our puny minds conceive to be God's kingdom on earth, a State wherein "None shall lack, where distribution will be made to every one according to their need."

With not only Seasonable Greetings but with HEARTY wishes for your very speedy recovery.--Yours, &c.,

Edward E. Hancock
L.S.C. + B.L.P.

John Henry Hayes
(1889-1941)

57 Clapton Common (161)
E. 5.

23rd Dec. 1933.

My dear George.

Everybody wants to see
you, but we cannot all do
so if you are to get better. but
we enquire. God bless you & send
you back to us. You have been
wonderful. Cheery love from Jack Hayes

Dennis Henry Herbert
(1st Baron Hemmingford; 1869-1947)

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WATFORD 3206.

CLARENDON LODGE,

WATFORD.

23rd Dec. 1933.

Dear Mr. Lonsbury,

If on this occasion I send you a brief letter of Christmas greeting, please believe I do not wish it to be answered.

It has been in my mind to write you a line of sympathy ever since your accident; but I have been so occupied that I have more than usual left undone things which I ought to have done.

Your political opponents in the House - especially those who know you well - regret your misfortune no less than your supporters; but my job, which has many disadvantages, has the advantage that I can regard you not as an opponent but as a colleague!

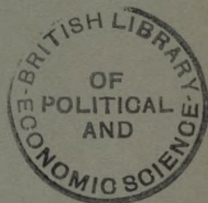
You have been fortunate so far in the way in which you have progressed, & I most sincerely hope you will make a quick & complete recovery & be none the worse, but rather better for an enforced comparative rest. But I expect you are a troublesome patient, trying to do more than you ought to do!

Take care of yourself & get fit to come back to your place. Meanwhile

CLARENDON LODGE,
WATFORD.

my best wishes to you for as happy
a Christmas as possible, & for restored
health, & happiness in the New Year.

Yrs sincerely
Archie H. H. H.



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Rufus Daniel Isaacs
(1st Marquess of Reading; 1860-1935)

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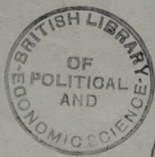
32 CURZON STREET, MAYFAIR, W.

Dec. 23/33

My dear Lansbury,

I have hitherto
refrained from writing to you as
I saw you were receiving masses
of letters but my thoughts have
been much with you and I have
followed with deep interest the
daily reports. I am so sorry
you had this unfortunate accident
and do most sincerely hope you
will soon have recovered. I must
be very trying to have to rest
so long especially to me if you
enjoy activity. I often think
of the many years we have
known each other and of the
many changes that have

happened. It must be some
comfort to you to realize as you
assuredly do how strong a hold
you have upon the public regard
of party differences never was
it more markedly shown than
since your accident. You have
the satisfaction of having
shown that a truly good and
humane heart Congress all
prejudices and begets true
affection. I felt I must write
to you to wish you a happy
Christmas and New Year
and a rapid and complete
recovery. I leave you abroad for a few
weeks tomorrow. No answer from
anybody please. I will not add to your labors
Yours very sincerely
Reading



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John Thomas

Rev. J. C. Mawhinney

(of Canada)

Shediac Cape
New Brunswick, Canada

December 23rd.

1933

Dear Mr. Lansbury.

As a boy it was one of my greatest joys to see and hear you in the "House"; to read of your splendid work in Hyde Park in the last of your time in office was another treat, and it was endorsed without any doubt by the whole of England. I have just read of your sad accident and I earnestly hope that you will soon be restored to good health and again in harness, toiling for the people.

I hope it will help you to learn that in this small part of the Empire, you will be specially remembered at the Christmas Mass.

May God bless you and keep you.

Yours affectionately.

J. C. Mawhinney

*Late of Durham and a supporter of
Webb and McDonalds*



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Rev. W. Arthur Peacock ~~Post~~ Club

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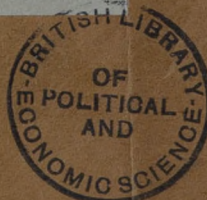
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GEORGE LANSBURY MANOR HSE HOSPITAL HAMPSTEAD

EVERY GOOD WISH FOR SPEEDY RECOVERY AND YULETIDE

GREETINGS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL TRADE UNION

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My dear George:

All those who love the cause, love you & there is anxiety in the Land about you and your great soul as well as personality.

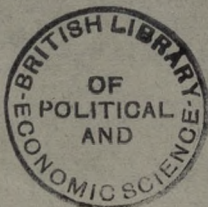
Do get well, we wish you all the best for Xmas, for the New Year, and may the New Year, bring in a new and better era for the Workers of the World with an unity of great Comradeship as well as understanding of the greater meaning of the movement and the principles upon which it is based.

But love to you and hope and courage for the stoic demand upon your dear, brave body and brains.

God love you always, is the prayer of all of us and we want you well and restored to us and the the Manhood, the Womanhood of the World.

Good luck and love,

*Get home you for love
Ben Tillett*



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Reginald H. Pott

23 Dec 1933

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Just to amuse the patient

Christmas 1933

"Where's George?"

Most unusual: "In bed"

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A Mess of Pottage

or a Potted Message

If Hell gives a prize for a Broth,
This will come first, I guess:-

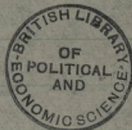
"Poverty add to ill-health,
stew it in loneliness"

~~~~~

For you, friend, my Brew is Health  
And blessings a long time proved:-  
Service of fair return,  
Loving & being loved.

Reginald Pott  
11 Leasdale Villas  
W8.

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Rev. Arthur Stanhope  
Rushleigh

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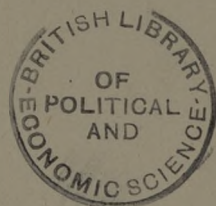
Dear Mr Lansbury,

Our thoughts have been with you in your detention in hospital since the accident. And now my wife and I send you our best wishes for a happy Christmas, though it cannot be spent in the home circle. We can only hope that before long you will be able to take up again your work in Parliament where you are so much needed. We always feel that you in your words

and actions proclaim the true  
solution of the difficulties and  
troubles of the world, namely, the  
spirit of Christian love. When  
you next come to Cornwall  
you must come to see us. We  
are on the direct bus line  
between Truro and Falmouth.  
With renewed wishes for your  
complete recovery,

Yours sincerely,

Arthur S. Rashleigh.



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PHONE:  
STREATHAM 9670

Frank Smith

67, LONGLEY ROAD,  
LONDON, S.W.17

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Friday  
yes

Dec: 23<sup>rd</sup>

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Dear old Comrade George

With all my heart -  
Even in Manor Home! -

A merry Xmas, and  
one of the best years  
to you, for 1934.

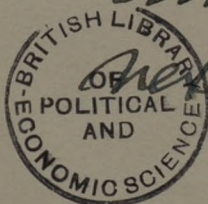
Elizabeth & I join  
in loving greetings to  
you at this time -

What a jolly brave  
old Comrade you are,

You fill our hearts  
with joy & gratitude  
we know how full  
your heart is for  
the Kiddies, and  
here's our contribution  
to your Kiddies Fund.

May they, as we know  
they will, thanks to your  
loving thought & care,  
have a good time.

All well, I will come  
and see you on Friday  
at the Meeting of Comment.  
Ever yours  
Frank.



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Will Thorne  
(1857-1946)

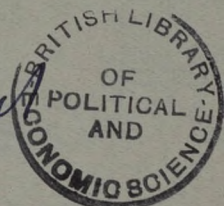
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ROYAL HOTEL,  
COLLEGE GREEN,  
BRISTOL.

my dear old  
friend

Saturday  
December 30  
1933

I had much pleasure  
in reading your very  
kind and cheerful greeting in  
today's Herald. I hope to  
reply that you are  
making good progress  
& that it will  
be very much



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longer - before you will  
be fit & able to  
Return to your own  
Home with all  
the good wishes that  
I cannot say in this  
Letter So be cheerful

Sincerely  
yours

Wm Thorne

Lady Josiah Wedgwood  
(Mrs. Florence E. Willett) (171)

Dec 23<sup>d</sup>  
1903

12, Beaufort House,  
Chelsea,  
S.W. 3.

Dear Mr. Lansbury

We are ~~so~~ sorry about  
your accident, & follow your  
progress daily thro' the  
columns of the Herald.

It is a blessing you are  
going on so well & we add  
our wishes to the thousands  
of others, that you will soon  
be 'as good as new' again!

affectionate wishes for  
a happy Xmas, in spite of  
physical disablement - which  
perhaps gives you even more  
mental & moral ablement!!

Cous Florence E. Wedgwood, Josh

Rev. Canon Percy E. T. Widdrington

(Hon. Canon of Chelmsford) (Crookford, 1947)

THE LEAGUE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

GREAT EASTON RECTORY,  
DUNMOW.

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December 23rd

My dear Lansbury ,

We send you a Christmas Greeting with our love and affection ,and trust that you are making rapid strides towards recovery . You are constantly in our thoughts as I know you are in the thoughts of the thousands who love you and admire all you have suffered and done for Christ's Poor.

God bless you  
and make you well again is the prayer  
of

P. E. T. and Helen Widdrington.



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Mrs. (Edward) Frank Wise  
(n. Dorothy L. Owen)

Hazeldene

17<sup>3</sup>

Wendover

M449 Bucks



Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1933

Dear Mr. Lansbury.

I have been thinking so much of you since your accident I do hope that you are not now in much pain.

I know that anyhow, for you, as for me, this will be a Christmas of memories. I know they will be happy - you have many more years

of happy comrades help to  
remember that I have -  
but through the happiness  
there is bound to be  
some pain - even though  
for us both there is the  
certainty that Love is at  
the centre of everything - &  
therefore those we care for  
are all right. Being  
human, we still want  
them here -

Perhaps, in spite of  
physical pain & weariness

Mrs. (Edward) Frank White

23 Dec. 1933

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You are glad to have  
a time of peaceful quiet,  
to think & be by yourself.

Even when you are alone,  
you know how many of your  
comrades of all sorts &  
conditions of men are  
thinking of you & caring  
about you. (X) [He d. 5 Nov. 1933]

Since Frank's death, (X)  
I have known how much  
that sympathy has  
helped me - I can only



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hope that - as you have  
so much firmer a hold  
on the Eternal Realities  
than I - ~~that~~ it comforts  
you even more

Forgive me if all this  
seems impertinent intrusion  
But I don't think you  
will, because I think  
you know I only want  
to say may you have a  
really happy Christmas  
with the Peace that passeth

Mrs. (Edward) Frank Wise  
23 Dec. 1933

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all understanding in  
your heart.

Your most sincerely  
Dorothy Wise

This does not need  
an acknowledgment please.



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Sir (Wm.) Gurney Benham

(1859-1944)

Mayor's Parlour,  
Town Hall,  
Colchester.



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Thank him

Dec 24. 1933

Very much indeed

Dear Mr. Lansbury

I am just five days older than you! Seven years ago I had an accident like yours, breaking my thigh through a fall in my own bath-room. After a short period of bath-chair, crutches, two sticks & then one stick, I was able to continue all my usual vocations public & private & have not been handicapped in any way by the slight lameness resulting from shortening of one leg. I hope & feel sure that you will make an even better recovery. There is no doctor better than Cheerfulness.

I shall hope to see you next October at my Oyster Feast here

Sincerely yours

W. Gurney Benham

Mayor & High Steward of Colchester

Mrs.  
Norman Bentwich  
(n. Helen C. Franklin)

HOLLYCOT,  
VALE OF HEALTH,  
HAMPSTEAD.

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Dec. 24. 1933

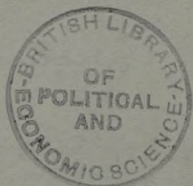
Dear Mr. Lansbury,

My husband & I would like to join our voices to those many hundreds, all over England, who are thinking of you at this Christmas - tide, & are hoping so earnestly for your very speedy recovery.

May we ask you to share with us some of the fruit we have just received from Palestine - straight from the Gaffa orchards?

REPORT  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
HAMBURG  
1900

With every possible good  
wish for the New Year,  
Yours very sincerely  
Helen Bentwich



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Brockbank, Rev. J.W.K.  
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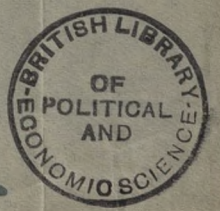
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Dear Mr. Lansbury,

We have had a larger crowd than usual this morning for the free breakfast we give on Sundays to needy men (Christmas extra appeal!), and in my address I referred to your seasonable message which expressed the wish that the spirit of the time would last all the year. Quite spontaneously one of the men suggested sending you a word of greeting and good will. It was endorsed most heartily. It is an equal pleasure for me to convey it to you. We trust you will have a quick recovery and for many years be spared to carry on your ministry of good will.

I am, faithfully yours,

J.W.K. Brockbank



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Citrine, 1st Baroness  
(n. Doris Slade),

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to all asq.  
Christie.

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to Dear Mr Landberg.

God Bless you &  
Christ, you & may he  
restore you to your own  
normal health again  
very soon. These are  
my wishes and the  
same of many of  
tens thousands of  
lovers all over the  
world.

So please forgive  
me for not coming

Citrine (at Baroness)

24 Dec. 1933

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To see you. I know  
you have such a lot  
of your own family  
and immediate  
acquaintances to visit  
you.

The most important  
thing is your health.

Do not worry over  
current events dear  
Ch<sup>r</sup> Landsburg, +  
when you are free  
you all pain may  
you enjoy a much  
needed rest.

I was terribly upset  
when I read about  
you + thought what  
a simple thing can

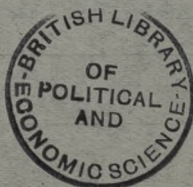
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24 Dec. 1933

cause such a lot  
of trouble + pain.  
However your cheerful  
spirit is keeping you  
up. May you enjoy  
good health + happiness  
for many more years  
to come.

I am  
Yours very Sincerely  
Doris Pittine



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(W.) Tom Colyer 6, Wicklemarsh Road,  
Blackheath, S.E.3.

24 December 1933.

Dear Comrade Lansbury:

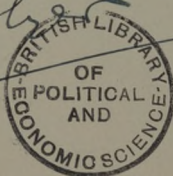
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As the champion of the children always and everywhere you may be interested in this photo of our Jill, about whom we get more and more enthusiastic as the months go by.

I met Ray Postgate in the street the other day and was glad to hear that you are now out of pain and doing well.

Love from us both,

Tom Colyer



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Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Huggles etc.

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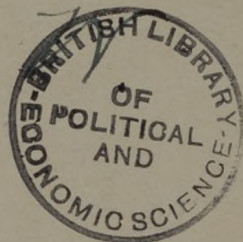
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Dear Sir. I am glad  
to see you are getting better.  
and thinking if you  
can teach and get the  
people who believe in  
you to reform their  
habits of life and spend  
the money they earn  
on necessary things,  
i.e. clothes and food,  
and not waste it on  
unnecessary things,  
i.e. drink & tobacco.  
We should have a very  
different world.  
It speaks volumes  
when we see high  
fortunes are made out  
of these things and the  
wages of the working class.  
The idealism you preach  
may bring God's curse and  
hell to you, but won't save

THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS  
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HOUGHTON ST., ALDWYCH,  
LONDON, W.C 2

Geo Lansbury Esq  
Mansion House Hospital  
Golders Green  
London N.



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Thomas Coward } 64 Bolton-st 194 (184)  
Stanley Wakefield

Dear Comrade. [say 24 Dec. 1933]

Just a kindly Xmas greeting, to say how I am sorry that you happened your accident. But Comrade, you happened it when you were at a meeting in full harness, then you have gone to a J. H. Hospital which is like your loyalty to the Lab + J. H. Movement. If only every one in the Movement had been as faithful and loyal as you have been, what a different Country we should have had today. You have never turned from the Movement and have always been in the front Rank as a fighter for the masses. I can remember you in the days gone by when I was a boy going with my Dad when you was an organiser at Wigan in the Old S.O.F.



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division. Well comrade your message  
through the Daily Herald about  
keeping on with the fight has  
been an inspiration to all  
in the movement. I am sure  
it is your great spirit that  
keeps you going and from  
which we all can learn  
a great lesson.

I have just read your splendid  
Christmas message in  
Bull, but I have been reading  
these messages from your  
pen for years in the columns  
of the Herald, in the old days  
when G. Gould was Sub Editor,  
and I have some of the articles  
save in a book file. But  
Comrade it is a great article,

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1885  
says. I can remember you starting  
the Medical of Fleet St, also  
giving up your seat in Parliament  
for Bow, to fight for Women  
suffrage, going to Prison for  
Popularisation, and have always  
known you to be in the thick  
of the fight.

It does seem strange Comrade that  
my wife (who is a Lab Councillor) and  
I had only been saying on the  
Sunday morning we wished we had  
fifty Geo Lansburys in the house  
and behold, as soon as we got the  
Sunday morning paper, we read of  
your unfortunate accident and  
we were shocked, as I intended  
going to hear you at Mornington  
along with Tom Smith which  
is a few miles from here, I  
might say we live in Wellie Leunis,

1855  
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And I wish it could be Broadcast  
or read from every Pulpit on  
Xmas Day.

Well I shall have to close now  
Comrade, do not answer this  
letter personally I know  
you will get a great many  
letters to many for you to acknow-  
ledge singly, but I felt I should  
not be doing my duty to you if I  
did not write a few lines wishing  
you a speedy recovery and a  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New  
Year. Perhaps the letters you get  
whilst in Hospital will be a  
source of joy to you and will  
help you to pass on the hours I  
will now conclude, hoping  
to remain Ove of your

Affectionate Comrade's

Thomas Howard



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Hilda S. Lidgett

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19 Casendish Grove  
Southampton

Christmas 1933

[say 24 Dec.]

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Christmas again, &

for so many years you and  
Mrs. Lansbury remembered  
me, and now you are alone  
and in hospital.

But multitudes of us turn  
to you, our old and our new  
friend - you won't be allowed  
to be alone more than we can  
help, any of us.

I've known the enclosed lines

four years - since back  
in the old Poplar School  
days - I'm sure you will  
like them.

I do hope you are well on  
the way to recovery. If this  
illness teaches you one thing  
more than another it is how  
conscious we are that our  
Country still wants you.

Yours always sincerely & gratefully  
Hilda S. Lidgett



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Cecil L'estrange Malone

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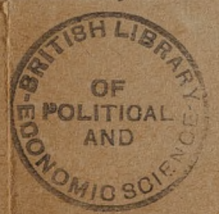
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*Samuel March*  
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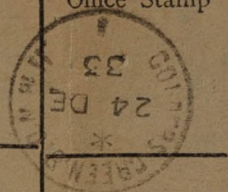
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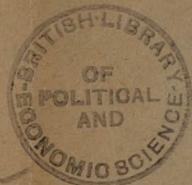
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THE INFORMATION OVERLEAF WILL INTEREST YOU.

*Hon George Lansbury*  
*Manor House Hospital*  
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*Best wishes for a Happy Christmas*  
*Sam and Jenny March*

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[say 24 Dec. 1933]

Dearest George

This is to give you my love — my lasting  
love and gratitude & admiration.

Are visitors welcome? I should very  
much like to come in one day soon  
after Christmas.

Yours  
Francis



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G. L.

[Say 24 Dec. 1833]

Tell him the book is  
a gem which I am  
enjoying yes come whenever  
it is possible for him to  
come Dad

[C. F. Smith]

89, Ross Road  
Hereford.  
24/12/33

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Dear Mr. Lansbury.

I have read with great pleasure your article in the currant issue of "John Bull"

As it is written from a religious standpoint, I may remark that I am a (Roman) Catholic as well as a Socialist.

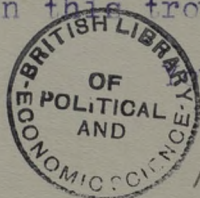
It is a great pity that so many of my fellow Catholics and my fellow Socialists think their respective principles are opposed. Such writings as yours should help considerably to dispel such a regrettable illusion.

I am almost a nonentity in religion, in politics, and generally, but occasionally I do dare to express opinions which my friends have not the courage to utter, and I somehow feel you will not get many other letters like this on the same subject, so for those reasons I presume to send you my congratulations.

You have inspired me with a new doxology, "Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus sicut Georgius Lansbury". Peace to you and your family, and may you have a satisfactory recovery from your accident, and many more years of active service, serving British democracy, which looks to you alone for sane guidance and leadership in this troubled time!

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Smith.



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Anonymous

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Christmas Eve. 24 Dec.  
Good Old. Algate 1933.

Dear Very dear. dear Mr. Hansbury

We Catholics cannot see Christmas pass  
without sending you word of greeting & to  
say how we all miss you & especially the  
poor dear old folks in the Institutions we  
know say workhouse because it reminds  
them so much of where they are.

What Miss you that word is not big  
enough to express for you many thousands  
will miss you & have done so. Good Old  
Maddy Hansbury well now I am only  
a hard working woman but I wish  
you all the greatest blessings our dear  
Lord can bestow upon you & al. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Now tonight I am going to say a few lines  
of prayer & that is this

O Scream Heart of Jesus.

Make Mr. Hansbury better & strong  
to come to us. Again

& then you see how soon our dear Lord

will answer our prayers. & he is <sup>so</sup> good  
& faithful to us if we put all our  
trust in his most-merciful heart.

God Bless you dear. Wishing  
you all the happiness  
God send you speedily home  
from all the Catholic women



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WILLIAM H. SEED  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW

*(formerly of Daily Herald)*  
CHICAGO

5427 Blackstone avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

December 25, 1933.

My dear Lansbury:

It was with the very greatest regret that I recently read in the newspapers about your accident, and I hope by the time this reaches you you are much better. I shall watch the papers for news of you.

I had been intending to make this illness of yours the occasion for writing you a little letter, but did not get around to it until today, which is Christmas Day. Small snowflakes are falling, the day is very cold; and notwithstanding President Roosevelt's ameliorative measures conditions here are so ill so bad that thousands of families are still eating at the garbage dumps. I imagine that is a phenomenon which does not occur in England where you have the Unemployment Insurance. Only a few days ago I was passing by the big municipal garbage dump on the outskirts of the city at Summit, and there were hundreds of people obtaining their week's supplies on a Saturday afternoon by rooting among the nasty mess.

In this State of Illinois one may obtain a small amount of very unsatisfactory relief in the form of boxes of food and still smaller amounts of cash for rent, etc., in some instances, by applying to the County relief authorities. It takes weeks to obtain it, however, and the relief is so terrific, and the relief itself when obtained is so deficient in quality and quantity that one can well understand the scenes one sees at every place where food refuse is dumped.

The people on relief are drawn from all classes of society, including doctors and other professional people, and business men who three or four years ago were rich. Myself I have been struggling very hard to avoid having to apply for relief, but at last have been driven to do so. I had to wait more than six hours at a Relief Station to obtain a preliminary interview of a few minutes with a social worker, and although that is more than two weeks ago we have obtained nothing yet, nor do we know when we shall.

Yet things are improving a little. A few people are getting jobs as a result of the Federal Administration's N.R.A., A.A.A., and C.W.A., etc. (I do not know how closely you have followed developments in the U.S.A., and therefore I do not know how much these letters convey to you, but I can assure you that the

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various agencies through which the Federal Government is trying to relieve the situation are so complicated that very few people here can sort them out from one another.) I am hoping against hope that I may get something to do myself before the relief authorities get around to me. My law practice is worth nothing. All my clients are insolvent, many of them bankrupt. They owe me many hundreds of dollars, and cannot pay me.

Well, I am afraid this will not make very cheerful reading for you, and frankly I would have written you before if I had had something more cheerful to tell you. I am, however, hoping much from Roosevelt. Most of the Socialists here are strongly opposed to him, taking the same attitude we used to in England against the Liberal Party. Of course the Communist Party paints him as a fiend incarnate, and in that respect its attitude is just the same as that of the frank reactionaries who voted for Hoover, and laissez faire. However, I think the situation here is different from anything that has ever existed before either here or anywhere else. Notwithstanding the official attitude of the Socialist Party, Roosevelt was elected with the help of those people who might have been expected to vote socialist. The combined Socialist and Communist vote was rather less than Eugene Debs alone used to poll before the World War. There is now a quarrel going on within the Democratic Party. The party machine and many of the state administrations, including that of Illinois, are quarreling with the Central Administration. I believe an open split is inevitable. Roosevelt and the Progressive Democrats will divide off from the Wall street crowd which has always controlled both the Republican and Democratic parties. The Republican Progressives will also join Roosevelt. I think it probable the Socialists, Farmer-Laborites, etc., with the exception of the irreconcilables, will probably do the same. Certainly the American Federation of Labor is already Rooseveltian. If this development fails to take place then Roosevelt will turn into some kind of a Fascist. He will reach the parting of the ways before the next election.

Meanwhile what are you doing in England? I had been thinking of you as the probable next Prime Minister. My friend S. K. Ratcliffe however, whom you probably know, is now lecturing over here, and he told me the other day that probably Arthur Henderson would be chosen. I had been afraid that this might be the case. Of course I would greatly have preferred you. These are no days for slow moving semi-reactionism, even if it has a socialistic objective in the far future. The world needs Socialism and needs it now. The choice is not between Socialism and Capitalism, but between Socialism and dictatorship, and owing to Communist Party ineptitude it would not be likely even to be Communist dictatorship. We do not want to repeat the German catastrophe which has caused me almost as much sorrow as the Russian revolution caused me joy. I understand Sir Stafford Cripps represents a middle course, with enough positive aggressiveness to make quick and decisive action possible without going the length of complete dictatorship. Could you not manage to steer him into the leadership? I am afraid the country will not be satisfied with Henderson and the other old boys, most of whom I used to know. Surely the fate of Macdonald should have taught you all something.

This is a long letter, and I have rambled on just thinking that while you are laid up you may possibly have time to read it. I wish you a speedy recovery, and a long, useful and happy career in

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1934, and a good many more years to come.

25 Dec 1933

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Very sincerely yours,

William A Seed



Jack West

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"Dennisor"  
Farm Road  
Rainham  
Essex

Christmas Day. 1933

Dear Lonsbury

Mrs West and I, send our  
Greetings and Best wishes for  
the New Year. We are delighted  
at your progress. I should be very  
pleased if I could come one Sunday  
and see you.

Kindest regards from us both

Yours sincerely  
Emma & Jack West



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Frederick Wm. Alexander  
phone (1859-1937)  
Kingston 2424

"Bankside".  
Ferry Road.  
Teddington.  
26.12.33

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Dear W. Lansbury,

We watch the news & are delighted to learn you are going on all right but we want to see you up & about again. I know you are in good hands & broken bones must not be hurried. I sympathise with you being confined to your bed, I have been confined to my bedroom for the past five weeks. I am getting better & have been able to complete some electrical diagrams I have had in my mind for many years I always wanted to make diagrams to teach & show the working of a dynamo & a motor in other words the difference between windings & current. I have had my implements & the mangle for printing

P.T.O.

brought up to my bed-room & in between  
my paroxysms of pain have managed  
to do the enclosed sometimes whilst in  
bed & sometimes out of bed. Now I am  
better I do the work in pyjamas & a  
dressing gown. I was anxious that  
the ideas I had in my mind should  
not be lost if anything happened to me.  
It was a Godsend having something to  
do, it killed time, I am sure you have  
plenty to do & I trust you are not dull.  
I submitted the enclosed to Paley-Gorke  
the principal of the I.C. School of Engineering  
etc High Street Poplar, he says the diagrams  
are O.K. & congratulates me. Paley-Gorke  
is a good chap & has put me right on  
several occasions. When you see your  
daughter tell her I have not forgotten her  
puzzles & <sup>will</sup> see about them as soon as  
I am up. I have a pile of applications

Frederick Wm. Alexander

26 Dec. 1933

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from Blind people it looks as if I have forgotten them, so I shall be busy soon  
I hope. This embossing work etc for the  
blind is very exacting especially as my  
left eye is now of very little use a  
cataract is forming. It was sitting still  
for hours I took cold, I let the fire  
out, having become enthralled in my  
work, swearing at my cold feet & body &  
not making up the fire until some  
of my folk came in & said "Look  
what you have done King Alfred."  
However to do anything one must be  
an enthusiast, either do it well or  
let it alone. We all wish you well soon  
be restored to health & that you & all your  
folk will have a very happy & prosperous  
New Year

yours sincerely

Fred<sup>W</sup> - Alex<sup>ander</sup>

To The R<sup>ts</sup> Honble G. Lambourne  
Mansel House  
Golders Green

Edward Noel-Buxton  
(1st Baron Noel-Buxton)  
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Dear George

Thank you very much,  
from us both, for your  
Xmas card. It is sad  
that it should be from  
your bed, but we trust  
you will soon be as  
active as ever.

With New Year wishes  
Yours very sincerely  
Noel Buxton

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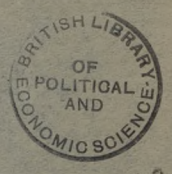
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The Rt. Hon' George Lansbury, M. P.

Dear Comrade Lansbury,

Though we have never met, I have long entertained a great admiration for you as Parliamentary Leader of the Labour Party. I had the great pleasure of hearing you speak at the Prince of Wales Baths, Kentish Town, on October 20th, and was very greatly impressed with your address on that occasion: indeed, it was then I became aware for the first time, that our Ideals, your's and mine, are identical; inasmuch as like you, I base my Socialism on the teachings of Christ. I should very much like to meet you in person; and shall hope to have that pleasure in the not too distant future. I was truly grieved to hear of your unfortunate accident; from which, I sincerely trust, you will make a speedy and complete recovery. At your age the Pain engendered by such an Accident must have been as unwelcome, as hard to bear: but the fortitude with which you have borne it must have won the unstinted admiration of Friends and Foes alike. I sincerely trust you spent as pleasant a Christmas as possible; and that 1934 will be a much brighter year for you than the present; and may it bring us a Labour Majority Government, say we all. You may have seen, or heard, that I have been adopted as Prospective Labour Candidate for Dover, which has received the endorsement of the Party Executive: so, although it is undoubtedly a stiff Seat to win, I am very hopeful of soon having the privilege of serving under your Leadership in the House of

G. A. Custance

26 Dec. 1933

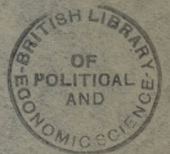
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Commons: oh, yes, I know I'm an Optimist, always was. I am totally Blind; a Piano Tuner by profession; a Member of the National League of the Blind, the L. C. S., and the North Tottenham Labour Party, whom I represented on the Middlesex County Council from 1928-31: there, now I've introduced myself; wo we may take it we now know each other. You have doubtless received quite a galaxy of Correspondence, so it's not up to me to worry you with a lot more: but I felt I must just send you a few lines, to convey to you my very best wishes for your speedy recovery, and your future welfare: God bless you, true Knight of Socialism. These wishes are entirely corroborated by my Wife; also my Mother, who is spending Xmas with us: a very happy one, may I add.

With every good wish,

Yours in complete Unity,

G. A. Custance.



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