

FROM

Lady Josiah Clement Wedgwood

FLAXMAN 6976.

MRS. WEDGWOOD, 12, BEAUFORT HOUSE, CHELSEA, S.W. 3.

29 May 1930

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Sincerest Congratulations on your
Golden Wedding!

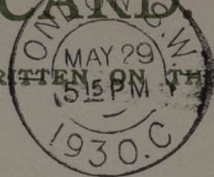
May you live many more years together
& continue your work for mankind.

Horance L. Wedgwood

(or "Jos" if he hasn't already seen you)

POST CARD

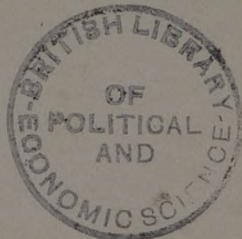
THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



George + Jessie Lansbury W.W.W.

39 Bow Rd.

E.



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BOW CENTRAL HALL MISSION
BRUCE ROAD, E.3.

DEACONESS:

SISTER LILIAN,

124, CAMPBELL ROAD,

BOW, E.3.

SUPERINTENDENT:

REV. HARRY WILLIAMS,

41, ADDINGTON ROAD,

BOW, E.3.

May 29th, 1930. 19

Dear Mr and Mrs Lansbury,

The whole of our crowded Women's Own asked me yesterday to send to you both, their love and congratulations on the Golden Anniversary of your wedding.

The desire on the part of the women, was affectionate and sincere. You mean so very much to us all. If you could have seen the faces of all these women as they passed their resolution of congratulation and love, I am sure you would have forgotten for the moment the storm and struggle, and would have felt that it was all very much worth while.

May you have the happiest of days to-day, and may you both be spared to us for many years, and may you both experience, in a very real way, the Peace and Blessing of God.

With much affection, and thankfulness, for yourselves and your work,
On behalf of the Women's Own,-

Harry & Lilian Williams

Yorkshire Evening News
50 YEARS OF WEDDED BLISS.

29 May 1930

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Mr. George Lansbury, First Commissioner of Works, with his wife and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Lansbury celebrated their golden wedding to-day.

Annie

Mr. Lansbury's Golden Wedding

In their little house in Bow-road, London, Mr. and Mrs. George Lansbury to-day celebrated their golden wedding. During the morning Mr. Lansbury's official duties as First Commissioner of Works kept him busy, and his wife remained at home with their eldest daughter. In the afternoon Mr. Lansbury hoped to get off early, and he would then take Mrs. Lansbury for a drive into the country. They will return in time for the real celebration, which will be a party at their home at which all their married sons and daughters with their wives and husbands will be present.

Early Struggles.

Mr. and Mrs. Lansbury are both very well. The couple were married at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, Mr. Lansbury then being 21 and his wife a little younger. He has described his marriage as "The most blessed thing that ever happened to me." He met the future Mrs. Lansbury at school, and they walked out together from the time he was 16 and she was 14. Mrs. Lansbury shared all his early struggles. At one time he had to keep his wife and six children in a four-roomed house in Bow

Joseph Bentley

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6 Grantham Terrace, Horton,
Bradford, 30th May, 1930.

Dear George Lansbury:

Now that the "informal family party" is over and out of the way I send you this letter, which does not call for any reply. My purpose in writing is just to assure you and your good wife that I and my wife have a sincere desire to be associated with all others, your troops of friends and admirers, in offering hearty congratulations to you (both of you) upon the attainment of the Golden Anniversary of your Wedded Union. 70 odd years of a variegated life, and 50 of conjugal felicity (AND STRUGGLE!); what kaleidoscopic reflections are called up in the face of these two human facts. Glad we are to share

with all your well-wishers the hope that there still lies before you years of continued health, happiness and well-doing. To which aspiration by way of "Amen," I will only add (quoting the famous American, Artemus Ward) - "So mote it be."

George, thine heartily,
Joseph Bentley.

Rev. Mary G. Collins

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North Bow Congregational Church.

Nearest Stations
Coborn Road.
and Bow Road.

The Church is opposite
the Public Baths.

ROMAN ROAD, NORTH BOW.
LONDON, E. 3.

Minister
The Rev. Mary G. Collins.

522 Old Ford Road E. 3

30 : May : 1930

By 'bus Nos. 8 & 60
alight Hewlett Road; by
'bus No. 108A Roman Road
The Church is near
the Public Library.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Our quarterly Church
meeting was held last night
and in view of it being your
golden wedding day, I was
asked to write and convey
to you and Mrs. Lansbury our
congratulations together with cordial
good wishes for your happiness
in the future.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mary G. Collins

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THE KING CONGRATULATES MR. LANSBURY ON HIS GOLDEN WEDDING

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Mr. George Lansbury with his wife and daughter in their charming garden at Bow. Mr. Lansbury and his wife celebrated their golden wedding yesterday by taking a car ride through Surrey. Inset: Reading a congratulatory telegram from the King.
—(Daily Sketch photograph.)



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Sir Benjamin Drage

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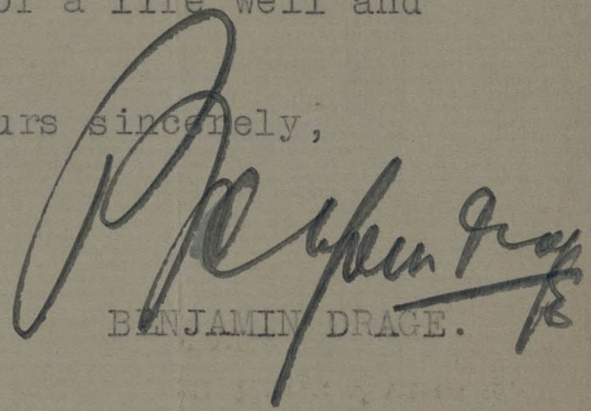
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My dear Friend,

I am sure you will permit me the privilege of addressing you in that way, my sincere congratulations upon the celebration of your golden wedding - congratulations I trust you will convey as only a sweetheart can convey to Mrs. Lansbury.

You have been married fifty years. May you be spared for many years yet to enjoy the happiness of a life well and worthily spent.

Yours sincerely,



BENJAMIN DRAGE.

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

Knights St Lawrence
Isle of Wight

[P. Rev] W.F. ?y.

POST CARD

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ISLE OF WIGHT

The Old Church of St. Lawrence was in existence as early as the reign of Richard I. (1099-1199). It is the smallest complete Parish Church in England. Up to 1842 when the chancel (10 feet long) was added the dimensions of the building were 30 feet long by 11 feet broad by 6 feet to the eaves.

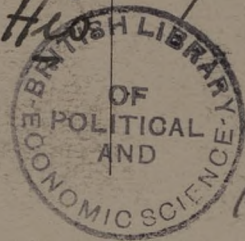
ISLE OF WIGHT

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MAY 30

Congratulations
And may God spare
you many years yet
to go on with His
work
W.F.?

Mr. Lansbury, M.P.
Office of Works
c/o House of Commons
London



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THE OLD CHURCH, ST. LAWRENCE I. W.

Horace Aldrich

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(of London Goods Clearing
House)

11, Stanford Avenue,
Preston Park,
Brighton.

31st May 1930

Dear Mr Lansbury

Permit me the pleasure
of sending you my heartiest
felicitations on this week's
happy event. I hope to live
long enough, to send you
congratulations on your
"Diamond Celebrations"

I notice you are being
asked to find a space in
London for a "plane landing
stage" or "station"; may I point
out, we arranged for that
many years ago, on the flat
roof of the London Goods

Clearing House" - fifteen acres -
for the development of the
Commercial plane this is ideal!

Factor Scheme

I fear according to Mosley's
description that ten Civil service
officials, deal with suggestions
for betterment, we shall get no
further than we did twenty years
ago, under the old regime,
although as you know it was
backed by the best brains in the
"Transport world" & still is
"holding the field" as the best
solution for cheapening Transport
& solving the ^{problem of the} "intolerable chaos
of the London street problem."

After my interview with Noel Beaton,
I was obliged to come to the same
conclusion, the official element
rules. I remember when John Burns
went to the Local Government Dept
the officials said "we are not going
to let him do anything" I wish
the Cabinet was composed of a dozen
"George Lansburys"! With all best wishes

Ever very truly Yours
Horace Aldrich

Wm. James Downer
(1851-1939)

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DUNLOP,

PORT HILL,

SHIREWABURY,

TELEPHONE

2859.

May
31st March 1930

Dear Mr Lansbury

Although a day or two
"behind the fact" may I be
allowed to offer you my
heartly congratulations on
the occasion of your Golden
Wedding and to express the
hope that Mr Lansbury
& yourself may live to

celebrate many more
anniversaries of your wedding
day.

I cannot associate
this note with any such
felicitous reminiscence
as my friend Mr Kitto
was fortunately able to
recall, but it may be
of interest to you to

know that if Mr Downer
and I manage to keep
our end up so long
we shall celebrate (I
don't like the word) our
Golden Wedding in
July - Believe me,
with all good wishes,
Yours faithfully &
Sincerely
W. J. Downer

EASTERN ECHOES.

GEORGE'S LOVE STORY.

ALTHOUGH he has been one of the most criticised of public men, no one has ever uttered a word of criticism about Mr. George Lansbury's private life. I am therefore not at all surprised to hear that on the occasion of his Golden Wedding on Thursday he and his wife received congratulations from people of all creeds and all political parties. Never was there a more devoted couple than the Lansburys. Their married life has had many trials and numerous hardships, and it is one of the finest tributes a man could pay to the partner of his joys and sorrows that he says "My marriage was the most blessed thing that ever happened to me." I feel sure that Mrs. Lansbury's sentiments are the same. The life of a wife of a busy political leader is not all honey, by any manner of means, and Mrs. Lansbury must have given over sitting up for George years ago! Moreover, with a large and hungry family to provide for she must often have wondered how she was going to make two ends meet. Mr. Lansbury told me the story of his life some years ago, and his marriage was a love match if ever there was one. They both attended St. Mary's School, Whitechapel. She was a modest maid of blushing fifteen, and George was a strapping lad, rising sixteen. Five years later they were married. The young husband earned a precarious living in Whitechapel, he being in partnership with his brother in unloading coals. There was not enough in it for two, and so Mr. and Mrs. George Lansbury decided to emigrate after a year or two. They took their young family with them to Australia, where it was a couple of months before he got work. His job was stone-breaking, and it was also heart-breaking, bringing in only a shilling a day. There followed a situation in a slaughter house, which he lost by refusing to work on Sundays, and another with a farmer who paid so little that by the time George had drawn upon him for food and necessaries, instead of having wages to come he was in debt to the farmer. Eventually the Lansburys came back to England, and he started work at 30/- a week in his father-in-law's saw-mill. Looking back now, he does not regret those early hardships. He has had many sorrows, but he has also had many blessings. Mostly an optimist, ever an idealist, he has dreamed dreams, and has lived to see some of them come true. On their Golden Wedding anniversary we must all cordially wish Mr. and Mrs. Lansbury many Happy Returns.

MR LANSBURY'S GOLDEN WEDDING

THE KING'S MESSAGE.

How He Spent The Day.

"The King and Queen offer you their congratulations on the occasion of your golden wedding."

Stamfordham.

This was the wording on the telegram from their Majesties which the Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P., received yesterday, when he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding. Hundreds of other messages from friends far and near were received during the day.

Characteristically Mr. Lansbury crammed the day with busy hours.

"We started the day about half-past six," he told a representative of the "East London Advertiser," "with the arrival of telegrams, and when we had finished reading these the telephone commenced ringing. This lasted until I left home at 9 o'clock to go to a special meeting of the T.U.C. and the Labour party Executive. I was there until a little after eleven, when I came home to find a score of pressmen and photographers. I managed to get away from them after some time and went motoring through Kent to Sevenoaks, where we had lunch, and we compared the growth of London with the size of the metropolis when we were married 50 years ago.

Call On A Bridesmaid.

There we called on one of the bridesmaids at our wedding, Miss Annie Bryan. We went on to see the twins at Maida Vale, and then to see the Postgate children, and later the Thurtle children at Hampstead, and then proceeded to Wanstead to see the little children of my eldest son, Mr. Willie Lansbury. We went round to see the children as we felt it would be better to do that than to invite them here and keep them up late.

After a little meal with the grown-ups this evening I shall return to the House of Commons at ten o'clock to record my vote."

Understanding Children.

Asked about his postbag, Mr. Lansbury said he had received hundreds of telephone messages and telegrams and letters. He said he knew he had lots of friends, but he never realised how kind the very poorest people could be, and how understanding even the children could be about a golden wedding.

Amongst those present at the little party which took place in the evening were Mr and Mrs Thurtle (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. Edgar Lansbury and Mrs. Moyna Lansbury, Miss Jessie Lansbury, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Parish, Mr. Willie Lansbury and Mr. Eric Lansbury.

Amongst the senders of telegrams were the Prime Minister, many of his colleagues, Mr. J. U. Kitto, whose father was Rector of Whitechapel and performed the marriage service at Whitechapel Church, and a loving telegram from Mr. W. C. Sewell, a common councillor of the City of London, and who was Mr. Lansbury's Best man.

PLYWOOD PARAGRAPHS.

Timber & Plywood Paper

1930

[Say : 31 May]

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Thursday last was a "great day" for Mr. George Lansbury, First Commissioner of Works, and father of Mr. Edgar Lansbury, governing director of the Stratford Veneer Mills, Ltd., 48, Warton-road, Stratford, E.15.

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It was the fiftieth anniversary of the right hon. gentleman's wedding. Married on May 29th, 1880, and looking fit and fine half-a-century later, the genial Cabinet Minister, who at an earlier stage of his life was actively engaged in the timber trade, exemplifies to the full the truth of the adage that "Marriages are made in Heaven."

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The auspicious occasion was rendered the more notable by the receipt of a telegram from the King and Queen congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Lansbury on the completion of their fifty years of matrimony. This telegram is regarded by the recipients as the most treasured of the hundreds of seasonable greetings which arrived throughout the day by post, telegraph and wireless.

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The telegram from Their Majesties reads as follows: "The King and Queen offer you and Mrs. Lansbury their congratulations on the occasion of your golden wedding.—(Signed) Stamfordham."

AND POLITICAL SCIENCE.
HOUGHTON ST., ALDWYCH,
LONDON, W.C.2.

THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

Robert Hunt Stapylton Newman
(1st Baron Marnhead); 1871-1945

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MAMHEAD PARK,

EXETER.

Nov 3rd 1930.

Dear Ladybury,

Like many Dr. P's on all
sides of the House many
I write and offer you and
Mrs Ladybury my sincere
congratulations on your
Golden Wedding - may a Diamond
one at least be in store for you
Ltr.

You must not dream of

MANHEAD PARK

EXETER

summing this - you will be
"snowed under" by

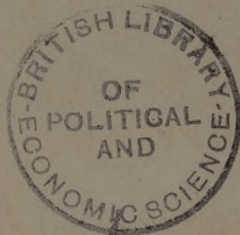
letters - but I meant to

add my "flake"

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely

Walter B. Lawrence



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? June or July 1930

TRIBUTE TO HIS LIDO

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The sea



Mr. Lansbury receiving a bouquet from a little girl in bathing costume—in compliment to his Hyde Park Lido—and surrounded by stall holders and bathing wraps at a bazaar he opened on.

Rev. W. T. H. Bradley

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The Vicarage,
Ashby de la Launde,
Digby,
Lincolnshire.

1. June 30

My dear Mr Lausbury

Re' Golden Wedding.

My wife & I join in very
heartly congratulations to
you & Mrs Lausbury &
hope you may live to enjoy
many more years of
married life. Kind wishes.

You have been a good
friend & I am very grateful
Yours, r. sincerely
W. T. H. Bradley

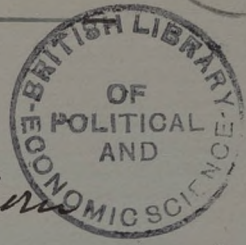
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S. James Keane

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[say 1 June 1930]

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here is
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29 years!



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My dear Mr. Dawson,

I did not know of your

great anniversary till I saw it in

the papers, so please forgive my

delay in writing - I should say the

family join in the very heartiest

congratulations & much love to you

& Mrs. Dawson - & I hope you may

long be spared to enjoy many

future celebrations of your wedding day.

- I am so very very grateful to you

for all your kind help in my

husband's affairs - I am very pleased

about Geneva - I love the country, &
I believe it will be a very happy
time for us all, & we can do
some grand & good things;
institutions etc the great questions
as to how on earth the money was
to be found! The relief from
money anxiety will be a very great
one to us, & we owe you a debt
of gratitude for that alone -
Miss Parker? I was much more pleased
about Geneva than if I had been
sent to some more prominent place - I have
no aspirations after Wm life!! He like
the Wm, but I think he is fallen down!
Very much love to you both - J. W. Gilbert.

Harry S. Hunter

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111 Studdrudge Street
Fulham
S.W.6

1/6/1930

Dear Mr Launcey

May I also heartily
congratulate you on your wedding anniversary
with every good wish

I was a youth in your Bible Class (&
assisted in the formation of the C.S.U.) Sunday
afternoons in Bow 27 years ago. I Stuttered
then & I remember you always forgave me
reading my verse!

I had the pleasure of shaking hands with
you a few weeks ago at a school in Fulham
just as you were going out after speaking
for Banfield, the third time since I left
Bow 26 years ago

I have often thought, & told others, that if
ever a man has served for the
betterment of our class, you have.

1 June 1830

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Although in the ordinary nature of things you (now I) will not see the complete fulfilment of what you have worked for, yet I am sure it must be a great joy to you to see what I think is the dawn of a happier & yet more glorious day; a more humane system of Society. May you be spared many years to see it advance.

How for the Pill! I have never heard any debates. If at any time you should happen to have 2 tickets of admittance to spare would you kindly think of me? With every good wish Sir for continued health.

I am

Very Faithfully yours

Harry J. Hunter.

The Rt Hon: G. Hanbury M.P.



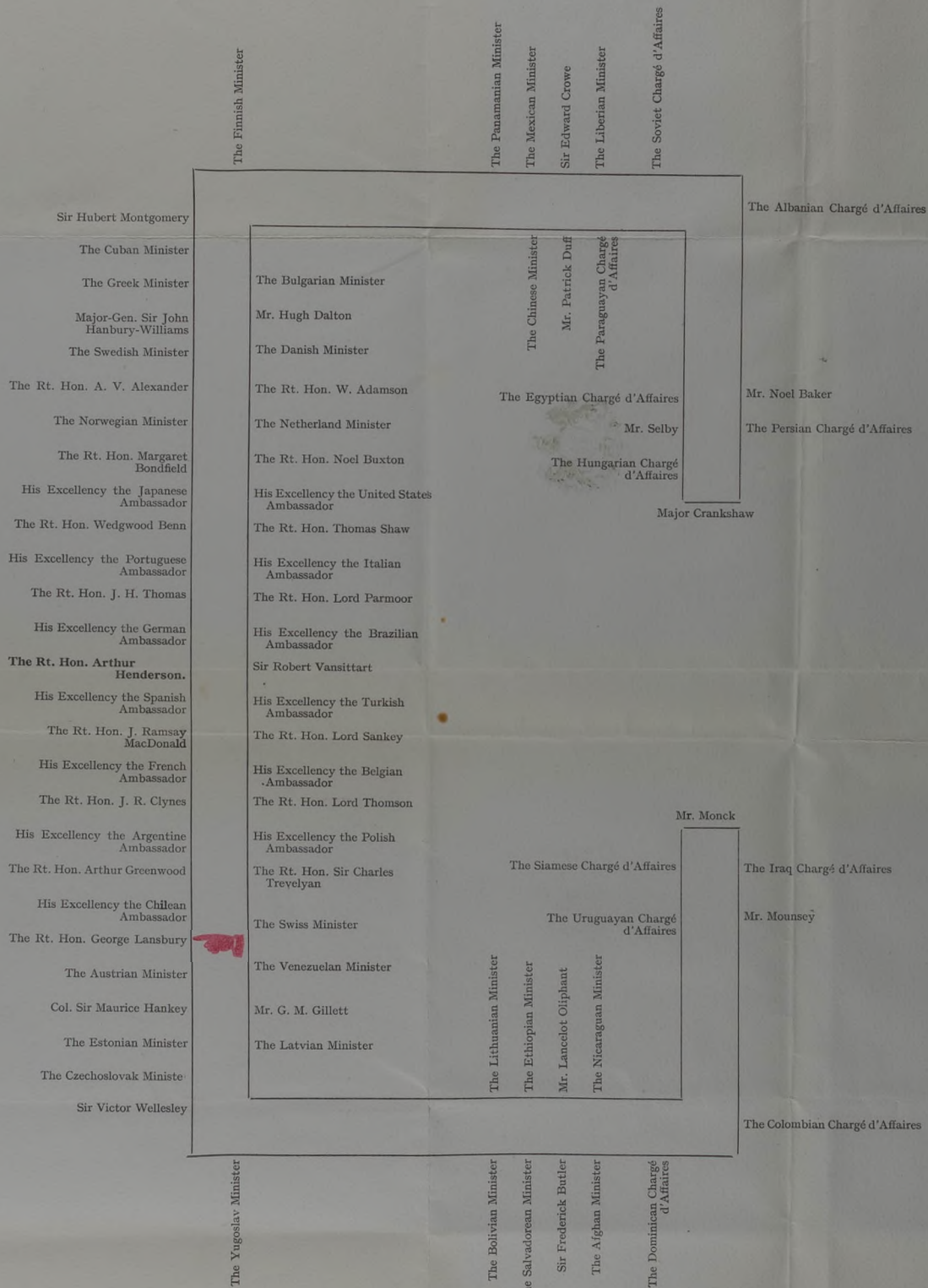
FOREIGN OFFICE.

June 3rd, 1930.

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The Rt. Hon.
George Lansbury

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ENTRANCE.

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Old Ford and North Bow Hebrew and Religion Classes,
Sabbath School and Talmud Torah.

(Affiliated to the UNION OF HEBREW & RELIGION CLASSES)

HELD AT
THE COUNCIL SCHOOLS, MALMESBURY ROAD, BOW, E.3.

Hon. and Past President: S. H. Valentine, Esq.
President: I. Nunes-Vaz, Esq. Vice-President: S. Rosefield, Esq.
Treasurer: D. Robinson, Esq.

All communications to be addressed to
the Hon. Sec.:
R. ROSEFIELD, L.D.S., R.C.S.,
121, Claremont Road, E.7.

London, June 9th 1930

Re. Mr. George Lambourgh Esq. R.P.
Bos Res. Es.

Dear Sir,

My Committee desire
to convey to you and Mrs. Lambourgh
their sincere congratulations
and best wishes on the occasion
of your Golden Wedding that
you have just celebrated.
They pray that you may be
shared to your family for
many more years and that
you will live to enjoy your

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Hammond wedding.

The Committee also desire
to thank you for your attendance
on Sunday May 25th at
the Annual Prize Distribution.

Your interest in these classes
is greatly appreciated
and we all look forward
to the occasions when you
honor us with your
presence.

With very good wish for
your welfare

Yours very faithfully
R. S. J. [Signature]
Mrs. [Signature]

Edwy Godwin Clayton

(analytical consultant
chemist; see E. Sylvia Pankhurst,
Suffragette movement, (1931))

The White Cottage,
Bracknell, Berks.

~~VETERANS CLUB,
2, HAND COURT,
HOLBORN W. C. 1.~~

5th June, 1930.

Dear Mr. Lausbury,

Only yesterday I observed that Mrs Lausbury and you had recently celebrated the Golden Anniversary of your Wedding Day. Even if my congratulations are a little belated, they are none the less cordial and sincere, as are also my good wishes. I have never forgotten your kindness at the period when, possibly, I was a little too zealous - anyway from the point of view of prudence - in association with a certain movement, and hence found myself in an awfully tight place.

However, I can't truthfully state that I regret my share in the Suffrage agitation; and eventually triumph was ours.

What changes! You are now in one of the "seats of the mighty"; and I venture to congratulate you also upon that fact, very heartily - no matter what my somewhat nondescript brand of politics may be! With all good wishes to Mrs Lausbury and yourself, I am, Dear Mr Lausbury,

Yours very sincerely,

Edwy Godwin Clayton

The Right Hon.
George Lausbury, P.C., M.P.
House of Commons.

P.S. I wish to cutting from notes I lately wrote - on the chance of their answering you. E.G.C.

~~Labour Party~~
and James Ramsay MacDonald

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5 June 1930 10, Downing Street,
Whitehall.

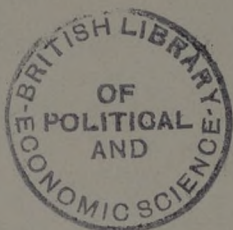
My Dear Lansbury
The Party at its last
meeting asked me to convey
to you & your wife its most
affectionate regards on the
occasion of the fiftieth
anniversary of your wedding.
We should like both of you to
know how pleased we are that
you have lived to celebrate this
happy day, & how much
gladness we felt when we heard

of its approach. When we
think of how much our great
cause owes to you we have
both of you in our minds, &
we hope we may have the
delight of seeing you happy &
working together for many a
long year yet.

I am

yours always sincerely

Wm. M. Macdonald



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Telephone: Holborn 7087.
Telegrams: "Pethlawro—Holb. London."

FROM MRS. PETHICK-LAWRENCE.

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11 Old Square,
Lincoln's Inn, W.C.2.

1st. July. 1930.

My dear Mr. Lansbury,

How very kind of you to write me that little note. I cannot think how you find room in your thoughts for little acts of kindness like this when you must have so much going on in your mind.

I think the little meeting last night fulfilled its purpose. At anyrate I was very happy and interested and that usually means that one is getting on with one's subject.

Let me take this opportunity of congratulating you upon the most delightful conception that you have so successfully worked out in Hyde Park. When I was in South Africa, I caused very great amusement to my audiences by telling them of the one or two arrests of women that had been made because of their attempting to bathe in the Serpentine which was only permitted to men. I am delighted to be able to send some of my friends pictures of the present state of things. You live so much in other peoples pleasure and happiness, that I

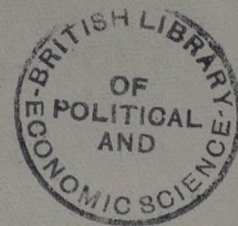
am sure you must be very happy about it.

Warmest greetings to you and Mrs. Lansbury,

Ever yours,

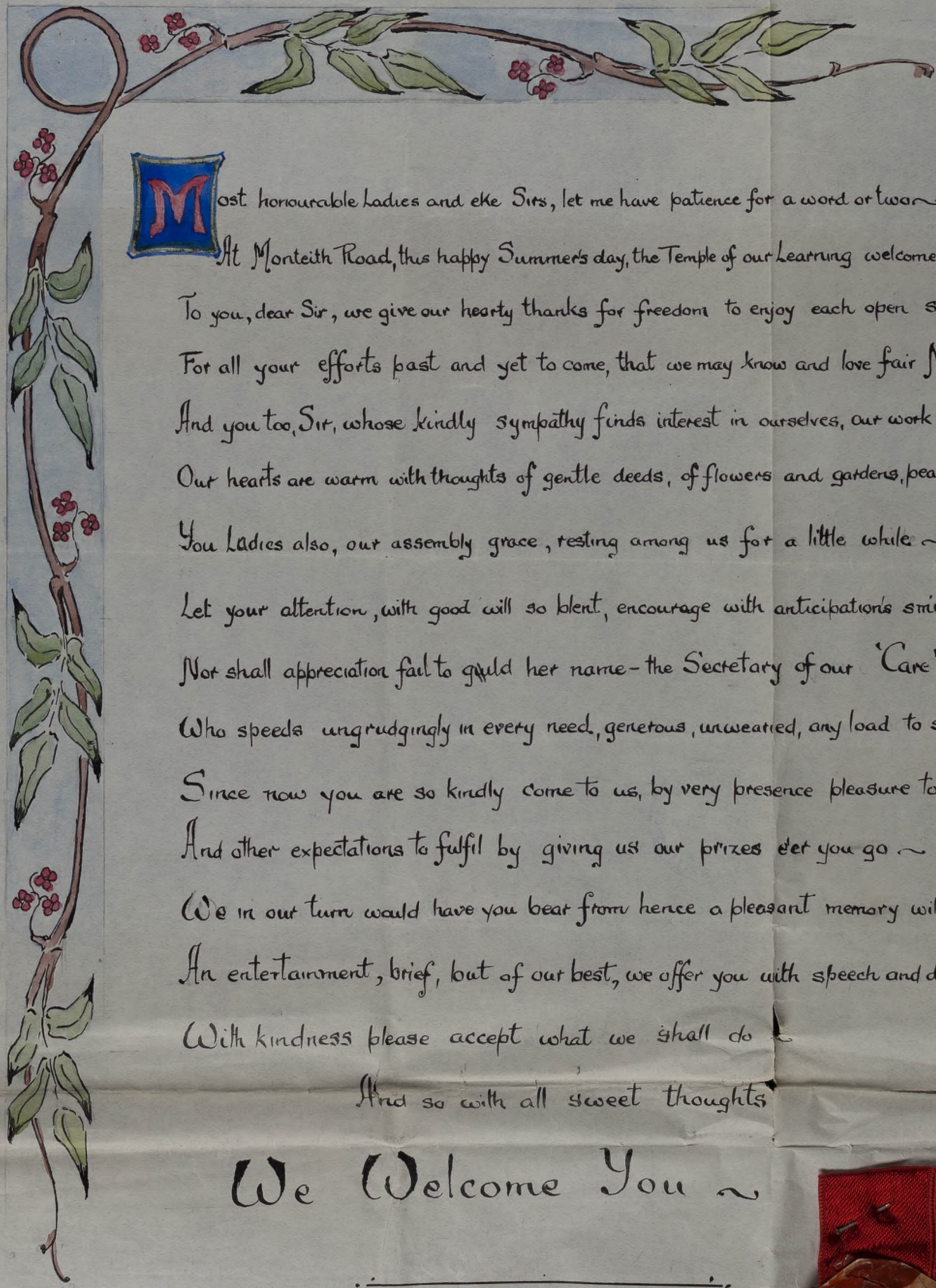
Emmett Pettick - Lawrence

The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P.,
39, Bow Road,
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[? 1930]



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ost honourable ladies and eke Sirs, let me have patience for a word or two ~

At Monteith Road, this happy Summer's day, the Temple of our Learning welcomes you ~

To you, dear Sir, we give our hearty thanks for freedom to enjoy each open space ~

For all your efforts past and yet to come, that we may know and love fair Nature's face ~

And you too, Sir, whose kindly sympathy finds interest in ourselves, our work, our ways ~

Our hearts are warm with thoughts of gentle deeds, of flowers and gardens, peace of olden days ~

You Ladies also, our assembly grace, resting among us for a little while ~

Let your attention, with good will so blent, encourage with anticipation's smile ~

Not shall appreciation fail to guild her name - the Secretary of our 'Care' ~

Who speeds ungrudgingly in every need, generous, unwearied, any load to share ~

Since now you are so kindly come to us, by very presence pleasure to bestow ~

And other expectations to fulfil by giving us our prizes let you go ~

We in our turn would have you bear from hence a pleasant memory with you away ~

An entertainment, brief, but of our best, we offer you with speech and dance and lay ~

With kindness please accept what we shall do

And so with all sweet thoughts

We Welcome You ~



J O Y L A N D

Dedicated to
The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury.

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[? 1930]

You'd never dream how beautiful the Park can be in London
All thro' the Spring and Summertime from sunrise unto sundown,
When little girls and little boys who have no other playground
Troop there in gleeful companies to play the whole long day round!
How eagerly 'neath flying feet each grassy glade rejoices,
How greedily the birds and squirrels listen for their voices,
Whilst Serpentine is gleaming with their lithe and lissome bodies
And The Round Pond's just a seething mass of "Budges" and of "Toddies!"
And some are asking you the time and some their boats are sailing,
And some are flying aeroplanes and some alas, are wailing,
Whilst others like wee perky birds upon the railings sitting
Are making all the "Grown-Ups" laugh with quaint remarks unwitting!
And some are gay with bat and ball and some are Tiddler fishing
And some who have no nets at all for nets are wistfully wishing,
And everywhere the world is full of lovely childish graces
Of merry eyes and gleeful cries and little laughing faces!
You'd never dream how beautiful the Park can be in London
Unless you be yourself a child from sunrise unto sundown!

Alastair Davis.

"Jeffrey Swithin"

Gillian Dearmer

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9 EMBANKMENT GARDENS

CHELSEA S. W. 3

Telephone: Flaxman 4310

July 9th

[1930]

Dear Mr Lansbury,

I want to thank you
for the lovely afternoon

I spent on your paddle-
pool in Regents park, I
went in a motor boat &
in a paddle-boat.

There was a mother duck
& five little ones and
they dodged the boats
so cleverly! the mother
used to get on to the
island when the boats
came near her but the
little ones couldn't and
they were so frightened!

Mummy says she is going
to take us there again
quite soon, and were looking
forward to it so much.

Good bye & I hope you'll
make alot more lovely
things in London.

I am your
loving
Gillian Dearmer

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AMALGAMATED UNION OF BUILDING TRADE WORKERS

MENU
&
PROGRAMME
of
DINNER
&
CONCERT
to the

V C's of Trade Unionism

at the
Holborn Restaurant
Friday Aug. 15th
1930

A.U.B.T.W.

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LOYALTY

YOU BUILT BETTER THAN YOU KNEW

A FREEMAN OF THE UNION

IT was the Operative Bricklayers' Society which inaugurated the giving of Free Cards to members who had a continuous membership of fifty years. The first Free Card was given to Bro. James Garland (Lambeth Branch) on the Jubilee Day of the O.B.S. on the 9th July, 1898, at the Crystal Palace, at the Celebration held in commemoration of that event. The O.B.S. was born in 1848. When the O.B.S. amalgamated in 1921 with the Manchester Unity Order of Bricklayers and the Operative Stonemasons' Society to form the A.U.B.T.W., the custom of granting Free Cards was continued. And it will continue as an accepted practice of the Union. The Free Card entitles the recipient to all the benefits of the Union, while releasing him from all financial contributions. But it means much more than that. The Free Card member is held to have won to a position of high honour in the Union, having the respect and esteem of the entire membership, and entitled to their profoundest comradeship and affection. The A.U.B.T.W. has now 500 Free Card members. Since the custom of granting Free Cards was initiated, we are pleased to note that other Trade Unions have sought this means of paying a tribute to their old loyal and devoted members.

AMALGAMATED UNION OF
BUILDING TRADE WORKERS
OF GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND

**PROGRAMME OF
DINNER**

TO THE
"V.C.S" OF
TRADE UNIONISM

Chairman:
Bro. GEORGE WADDELL

HOLBORN RESTAURANT FRIDAY
AUGUST 15, 1930

A.S.H.

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SPECIAL SIDE DISHES

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*JELLY OF CHICKEN IN CUP
CREAM OF TOMATO*

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*BOILED TURBOT
HOLLANDAISE SAUCE*

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*LAMB CUTLET AND NEW PEAS
RISSOLÉE POTATOES*

* *

ROMAN PUNCH

* *

*COLD YORKSHIRE CHICKEN PARMENTIER
SALADE IN SEASON*

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BOMB PLOMBIÈRE

WAFERS

* *

COFFEE

T O A S T S

"U.C.S of Trade Unionism"

Proposed by BRO. GEORGE HICKS

Supported by BRO. BEN TILLET, M.P.

THE RT. HON. J. R. CLYNES, M.P.

THE RT. HON. GEORGE LANSBURY, M.P.

"The Trade Union, Labour and
Co-operative Movements"

Proposed by A FREEMAN OF THE A.U.B.T.W.

Response by—

THE RT. HON. ARTHUR HENDERSON, M.P.

BRO. R. COPPOCK

(Secretary, National Federation of Building Trades Operatives)
THE RT. HON. G. N. BARNES

"The A.U.B.T.W."

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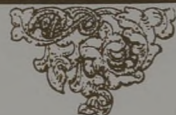
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Response by BRO. GEORGE WADDELL

(President, A.U.B.T.W.)

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ARTISTES



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 MR. GEORGE ELLIS
 MR. LOUIS HERTEL
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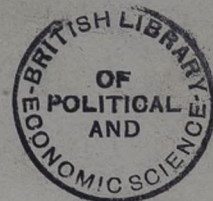
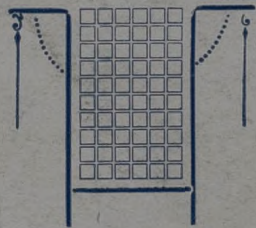
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SUITE	- - -	"Lover in Damascus"	Woodford-Finden	
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SELECTION	- - -	"A Country Girl"	- - -	Monckton
WALTZ	- - -	"Wayfarer"	- - -	Phillips
ENTRACTE	- - -	"Monastery Garden"	- - -	Ketelby
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Anonymous

S: Wolfgang - (333)

Sept 2.

near Salzburg

Austria.

[? 1930]

Dear M^r: [re drink problem]
Kansburg.

I hope you will

pardon the impertinence of a
complete stranger writing to
you. I do want to

Express to you how much I
appreciate the efforts you have
made towards freeing England
from the ridiculous restrictions
we suffer from.

I am prompted to do this, as

I am sitting in a "Bierstube"
in an inn at this delightful little village.

The villagers & their wives &
families are sitting at different

tables, quietly and comfortably
drinking beer; At a table
near by about $\frac{1}{2}$ doz men
and a girl or two are singing
folke songs in harmony, to
the accompaniment of a
zither. Every one seems
happy, contented, quiet & peaceable.

It would have been "past
closing time" in England,
and the singers would have
long since been evicted as
being rowdy, or else because
the place was not "licensed for
music". The children would
have been forced to be hanging
about outside the door, and
all would have been crowded

& shouting and a turmoil.
I should n't, for instance, be
able to write this letter in
comfort, with no one pressing
me to have another glass of
beer or go!

Such a scene as I am
happily in the midst of has
prompted me to write this
letter as a humble tribute of
congratulation to you as one
of the few human legislators
that our country has had
recently, in the way that
you have understood what
is known as the "drunk
problem".
And they ask why people

334 So abroad for their holidays!

Of course I do not
wish any acknowledgement
to this - it is itself an
acknowledgement to your
own valiant attempts to make
England free - !

So I merely remain
Yours, sincerely

J. A. C.

P.S. I may add that I am
an Officer in the Army and a
staunch conservative by tradition
& extraction, if not by conviction!



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Sydney George Holland ^{27 July}
(2nd Viscount Knutsford; 1855-1931)

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44, BRYANSTON SQUARE,

W.

9 Sept., [1936 or earlier]

Dear Mr. Laurbury

Gladly would I help you.
It is simply suicide for a girl to begin
^{nursing} nursing at 19. Our age is between 24 &
25. Believe me as to this. I write

with much experience. All girls at 19

think they can stand anything, but I
have seen them when the bloom is

off. Remember that of the 24 hours

in a hospital is less than 10 hours

actually spent in the wards. So

send her to an infirmary simply means

BRANSTON SQUARE

that she will receive a good
training with inferior women. There
again you will not believe me, but I
know where we recommend all the
nurses to go who are not good
enough for us at the London.

I appreciate what you say about visiting
your daughters to stand or fall on her own
merits, but all the same it would give
me personal pleasure to be of any service

Yours

of Sir

Yr. v. l.
Sydney Howard



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Arthur Hayday
(1869—)



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AH/NT.

September 30th, 1930.

My Dear George,

Thank you very much for yours of the 24th instant conveying hearty congratulations and good wishes upon my election as Chairman of the British Trade Union Congress.

Your letter brings back memories of our early years and struggles on behalf of our class.— Work that would have broken the hearts of people less strong in the faith than many of our old comrades and yourself displayed. We shall win through I am certain.

The wife and family join with me in conveying our heartfelt best wishes to yourself, wife, and family.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Hayday

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

Sir Benjamin Drage

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PRIMROSE 0212.

28, ETON AVENUE,
N.W.3.

December 1, 1930

Dear Mr Lausbury.

I have just left the Mayor of Poplar.
He is a charming fellow & I was glad
to find a staunch friend of yours.
You will recall, that at your
invitation I arranged for the
reconstruction of the Orchard Street
Playground - In its new dress this
small open space looks most attractive.
There's an old saying - "He that pays
the piper calls the tune" now I
propose calling a tune that I trust

Sir Benjamin Drake

(338)

1 Dec. 1930

PRIMROSE 0212.

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28, ETON AVENUE,
N.W.3.

will not prove inharmonious to your
ear.

Poppen has no greater friend than you
have been to it, and it would be an
infinite pleasure to me, if you will
agree that the title of this Mayflower
should be altered to the

Elizabeth Lausbury Mayflower
on any variation you would care to suggest.
The name Elizabeth is one that expresses
dignity, character & those fine old
virtues that we all love so much.

Mr MacRetyer readily agreed to the
change & feels confident that his
General purposes committee will also agree.

Sir Benjamin Drape

1 Dec 1930

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PRIMROSE 0212.

28, ETON AVENUE,
N.W.3.

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I propose having a bronze plaque
made & fixed and inscribed as follows:

The Elizabeth Lauskury Playground

a token of affection & respect

This playground was opened by

the Rt Hon^r George Lauskury M.P.

H. M. First Commissioner of Works

December 1930

Your life long affection for Daphne
Your desire of your success in bringing
to the people a little more of the joy
& the sunshine of life, is deeply
engraved in the hearts and minds

Sir Benjamin Drage

(340)

1 Dec 1930

PRIMROSE 02.12.

28, ETON AVENUE,
N.W.3.

Y

of thousands of men, women & children
but memory is fleeting, gratitude and
appreciation sometimes disappear like
a ground mist before the morning
sun.

In the way I have
indicated your name will be
identified when the memories &
affections of today have long since
passed away. Can you obtain

Mrs Lansbury's consent?

Yours sincerely

The enclosed cheque is
to the Mayor's Fund

Benjamin Drage

The Rt Honk George Lansbury, M.P.

Sir Benjamin Drage
The Old Works

(347)

PRIMROSE 0212.

George Laurburg, Esq

28, ETON AVENUE,
N.W.3.

Dear Mr Laurburg

December 6/30

Of course I am deeply
disappointed. Had the joy in
the reconstruction of the Orchard &
Playground was in the anticipation
of such a happy ending to the
no. I had the privilege of
suggesting — but there Mrs.
Laurburg & yourself have been —
with all good wishes Benjamin
Drage.

Sir Benjamin

Drage

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PRIMROSE 0212.

28, ETON AVENUE,
N.W.3.

December 9/30

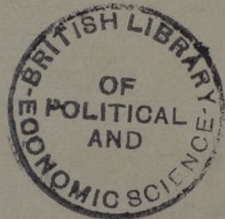
Dear Mr Lausberg,

I know and understand -
I should have loved to have seen
those two wonderful faces together,
wanting to say yes and yet because
of petty & ugly animosities &
jealousies having to say no -
oh - but I am not going to
forget, I shall have to find
another way of doing
something I want to do.

My respectful attention is referred to
Mrs Lausbury

Yours sincerely

Benjamin Orage



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The Rt. Honr.

Geny Lausbury, M.P.

1930, 1931 Personal letters

Joseph Bentley

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6, Grantham Terrace,
Horton,
Bradford.

December 21st. 1930.

Dear George Lansbury,

Christmas advances apace and once again I send you greeting. I had a fear that this time it would have to be little more than a greeting but more of that anon.

The year just about to close has been like so many of its predecessors — chequered. We have seen in it a little achievement, a considerable dash of disappointment and a steadily growing mass of unemployment, this latter in spite of all efforts to stem the onrush. Excuse my reference to your age, but you are old enough to remember that the same kind of trouble was flooding the land in the 1840's. when the Reformers of that day were striving, like we are today, to leave the world better than they found it.

Joseph Bentley

21 Dec. 1930

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Russell, the writer of the songs for strikers -
left us a ditty -

"There's a good time coming, boys,
wait a little longer!"

I think he also wrote a companion ditty -

"Cheer, boys, cheer!"

Anyhow, while he bade the strikers wait,
he wrote songs and bade them keep on
cheering and singing while waiting. This,
numbers of them did through all the
disappointments of their time, and no better
advice than his can be given to the
strikers of today. There is a good time
coming, wait a little longer, but while
waiting, keep on singing - and striving.

Dear friend, I hope that the advent of
Christmas finds you with bodily health
fully maintained, and that your good wife
is also looking forward to the Christmas
feast, with a full measure, not only of
anticipation, but of ability to "sit up and
take nourishment." I hope that the few days'
respite (if only partial respite) from

Joseph Bentley

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Dec. 21, 1930

Ministerial cares will enable you to devote a little of your thought to the amplification of those interesting domesticities that lie at the heart and root of all the Christmas well-being and well-doing. Not only so, but I trust that an hour or two may be spared out of the family time-allotment to enable some hundreds of the kiddies of Bow, at some time and place, to look up into the cheery face of "Uncle George" and to listen to his inspiring voice.

Mulletide takes a lot of filling, but very quickly passes. While it is here, let me say that I hope you + your family will enjoy it to the full, and that you, yourself, with the rejuvenation derived from the season's "go-easy", may return to that mysterious domain, seen by few, but known to so many as the Ministry of Works, with renewed strength, redoubled energy and determination to carry on the work to which you, so long ago, set your hand, till, at long last, this desert of

Joseph Bentley

(346)

21 Dec 1930

disorder is converted into a garden of human friendship and individual content.

Not a word in my letter is meant as a criticism of anybody. I hope it will give you an assurance that there are in the country hundreds like myself, who are watching you daily with patience and with understanding and that we (or I, at all events) shall enter with you on the coming New Year with patience undiminished, determination not ^aweakened and with hopes strengthened, that Blatchford's old slogan - "We shall arrive" and that Blake's vision of "A new Jerusalem, built in this Green and Pleasant Land" will both be realised. To the attainment of this end may God give you and all the other strivers, all needed strength and wisdom.

It only remains to add that I am indebted to one of my Grand-daughters for the writing of the foregoing lines, because, now, without the aid of a strong hand-glass, besides my spectacles, I cannot write legibly, or even read newspaper print.

My amanuensis is Miss Winnie Fortune, whom you have seen at Wibsey and Bradford, and who treasures your entry in her Autograph Book!

P.T.O.

Joseph Bentley

(347)

21 Dec 1930

To all of you -
A Merry Christmas, and
A Bright & Happy New Year.

Yours heartily,

Joseph Bentley

Rt. Hon. George Lansbury,
39 Bow Road, E.
London,

Fredrick Wm.
Alexander
(1859-1937)

"Bankside" 348
Ferry Road
Teddington
22. 12. 30

D. Alexander wishes
Mr + Mrs. Lansbury a very
happy Xmas + a prosperous
New Year.

FROM

REV. JAMES WHITTLE,
PEACEHAVEN.

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December 22/30

My dear Mr. Lansbury

I have usually written a line
wishing you a Happy Christmas - now
you are the Hon. is no reason
why I should not still remember
you. I do remember you &
trust you and yours will enjoy a
very Happy Christmastide.

Yours sincerely
James Whittle

Edward Cause

123 Usher Road
Bow E. 3.
23-12-1930

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J. Lansbury Esq. M.P.

Dear Comrade
Your very kind letter to hand
and you can rest assured the same is
fully appreciated.

It has been a time of great anxiety and
I have kept away from all until all
was clear.

Other people have quite enough trouble of
their own and I did not want them to
be burdened with our troubles.

The Family are quite alright but we will
not have our Son home for Christmas.

Your letter has given us both good cheer
and contains more sympathy than we
have received during the three weeks

that this trouble has been on. The whole
trouble arose out of the Eton Manor Club,
Hackney Wick and there are I believe six
other Boys away with my son.

Yes, Comrade it has been a pleasure for
me to be in the fight with you all these
years and trust it will remain so for
years to come.

Believe me I would have phoned you
and told you of the trouble, but then I
thought of the burden of your office and
further desired to keep it away from all,
but this was impossible

We thank you sincerely for your kindness
and can only say in return, that we wish
both you, Mrs Lansbury and the Family
the best of good health, with

Sincere regards
Yours Always
E. Cruise

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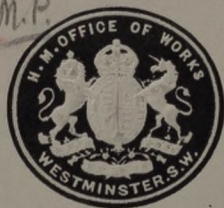
8, Chesterfield Gardens,
Mayfair, W.1,

The 23rd December 1930.

Sir Bhupendra Nath Mitra begs
to thank Right Hon'ble George and
Mrs. Lansbury for their Christmas
message which he fully reciprocates.

(1875 — 1937)

Frank Smith M.P.
(1854-1940)



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Dec: 23rd. 30

My Dear Grace

Here's our united love
to you & Bessie. You
cannot tell how happy I
am to be able to be
with, & near you, even
in the smallest capacity.

It makes life, with
all its disturbing influences
the more bearable.

I will certainly buy
The Mimus a special
gift from you both.

So, my dears, here's
wishing



you both all the
best, all the time.
May 1936 bring you
all the joy and
satisfaction you
can wish for.

Ever yours

Frank



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James Francis Horrabin (1884 -

[say Dec. 1930]

On Thursday, Dec. 25th., the House
(Heaven be praised!) will Not meet.

The 11 o'clock rule will be suspended

without a division. You should be

in your place (at home) and enjoy

yourself.

Xmas Greetings. Frank Horrabin

Sir Chittaravoori Jayneswara
Chintamani
(1880 - 1941)

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Artillery Mansions,
Victoria Street,
London, S.W.1.

24th December 1930.

Mr. C.Y. Chintamani thanks Mr.
and Mrs. Lansbury for their kind
good wishes for Christmas and the
New Year and cordially reciprocates
the same.

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



Sir Kailas Narain Haksar (1878 —)

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The Mr. Son of Mr. Harbury
39 Bow Road London E.C.
May this Christmas and the
coming year bring all happiness
to you and yours
Haksar.

Dan W. Hubbard

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Date 24th. December, 19 30.

The Right Honourable
George Lansbury, M.P.,
Bow Road,
Bow,
London, E.3.

Dear George,

"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh".
I have read with very keen interest your article in the Daily
Herald to-day, under the title "If I were Father Christmas". I
can just picture you giving vent to your feelings on this
subject - one which is very near to your heart, and sincerely
hope that the message you have sent through the Press will
inspire many for the future, and that good results will be
accomplished thereby.

I therefore desire to wish yourself and Mrs.
Lansbury a jolly time at Christmas and a very successful year.

Yours fraternally,

D. W. Hubbard

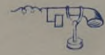
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Sir Phiroze Sethna
(1866 - 1938)

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LONDON"



REGENT 5000.

THE ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB,
LONDON, S. W. 1.

14 Pall Mall S. W. 1

24th Dec^r 1930

Sir Phiroze Sethna tenders his
best thanks to the Rt Hon. George Lansbury
and Mrs Lansbury for their felicitations
for this festive season. He heartily re-
ciprocates them and trusts that the
new year will bring them greater hap-
-piness & prosperity.

Rt. Rev. Arthur Foley Winnington Ingram

(1858 -

post. 1938

FULHAM PALACE, S.W. 6.

25 Dec. 1930

1930-

Dear Ladies.

Thank you. My wife very much for

the two presents which I heartily

return

Yours very truly

A. F. Ingram



TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
CARLTON HOTEL, LONDON.
TELEPHONE: GERRARD 7826.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru
(d. 1949)

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Carlton Hotel,
London, S.W. 1.
26. 12. 30.

Dear Mr Lansbury.
May I heartily reciprocate
your good wishes for Christmas
and the new year.
It is a very encouraging hope
of yours that the new year
may bring peace, concord
and co-operation between
India, Britain and all
mankind, and prosperity
happiness and contentment
in England.

I heartily join you in this (365)
prayer, and trust that our
cherished hopes may be
realised.

Your sincerely

Tej Bahadur Sapru

Sir Krishnachandra Deo
(Raja of Parlakimidi)
1892 -

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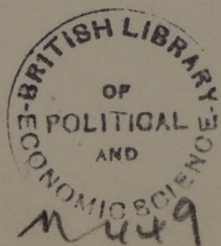
Parlakimidi,
Ganjam Dt.

20, Coleridge Street,

S. W. I.

28/12/30.

The Raja of Parlakimidi
thanks the Rt Hon'
George Lansbury for
his very kind wishes
for Christmas, and
fully reciprocates
the feelings expressed
therein.



Sir Benjamin Drage

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PRIMROSE 0212.

28, ETON AVENUE,
N.W.3.

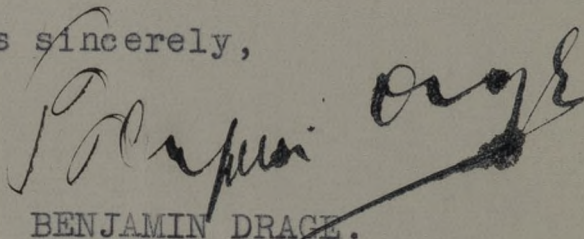
29th December 1930

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Just because my message to Manchester expresses, I believe, the sentiments you hold most dear, I am sending you the enclosed newspaper cutting.

I hope you had a merry Christmas, and that the New Year will bring you not only happiness but fortitude and the strength to carry on the great and good work you are doing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Benjamin Drage', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name 'BENJAMIN DRAGE.' and is connected to it by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

BENJAMIN DRAGE.

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

Sir Benjamin Inge

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PRIMROSE 0212.

28, ETON AVENUE,
N.W.3.

[with 29 Dec. 1930]

Thanks for your most
generous reference to me
in Daily Herald article

Sir Benjamin Drage

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PRIMROSE 0212.

28, ETON AVENUE,
N.W.3.

December 29/30

Dear Mr Lansbury

I thank my wife & you are my
only confidants.

Here is another newspaper cutting -
the Christmas dinners numbered
27,500 -

We were deluged with telegrams &
am sending a few for you to read
don't trouble to send them back

I have for a great stock of them.

I am enjoying life these days -

At Work

Yours sincerely
Benjamin Drage

Sir William (Alfred) Waterlow

Telephone

Mayfair 4238.

(1871-1931)

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5, Balfour Place,

Park Lane, W. 1.

29th Dec. 1930.

Dear Mr. Laurbury,
My wife & I
send you our heartfelt
thanks for your letter
of understanding & sympathy
sent at this time of
great trial. It is an
almost overwhelming blow
and without the help
that one receives from

such sympathy as yours
it would be difficult to
carry on.

Please present my
respectful compliments
& good wishes to Mr
Lausbury and

Believe me to be with
great appreciation

Yours most sincerely
M. A. Waters



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SAVOY HOTEL,
LONDON, W.C.2.

30th December, 1930.

Sir Kameshwara Singh
(Maharajadhiraja of Darbhanga);
1907 —

The Maharajadhiraja of Darbhanga most cordially reciprocates the good wishes which Mr. & Mrs. George Lansbury have so kindly sent, and begs to offer his very best thanks for same.

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98, Princes Road. W.II.

31st. Dec. 1930.

Rt. Hon. Geo. Lansbury, Esq., M.P. J.P.
39, Bow Road. E.3.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I have to convey to you, on behalf of our President W.J. Steveson Esq., the sincere good wishes of the whole body of Serpentine Swans (and they are many) for the year 1931. Our one hope is that you will continue in office and go on doing that work which has so far, been to the good of masses of people living in London and elsewhere. We feel very, very grateful for the Serpentine, it has proven³ to be the "destre of the people" despite those who oppose it!

I feel that I cannot do better than enclose a letter which speaks for itself. It is one of many such we received during the summer. THIS GIRLS SISTER IS BLIND AND SWAM DAILY!

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You may have noticed her photo in the newspapers.

A wonderful girl, and she is but one of many who are enjoying the freedom of the Serpentine.

May 1931. be a better year still !

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

HECTOR DINNIE

Organiser.

Hector Dinnie

[with "Serpentine Swans" letter
31 Dec. 1930]

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter
& the particulars of the "Serpentine
Swans" Ladies Swimming Club.
I enclose a postal order for 4/-
to cover the subscriptions of my
sister Miss Hazel Winter &
myself. We shall be eager
competitors at the Aquatic Gala
& would be very grateful if you
if you would send us particulars
of the events as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully
Myrtle Winter

P. S. May a Swan bathe all the year
round in the Serpentine & what
time may she do so.
Thanks to Mr Lansbury London

is at last worth living in.
Is Mr Lansbury a Swan himself
& if so when does he swim?



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Rev. Canon's

Theodore Wood

author of
Dwellers in the Garden - 1908
Second Adam - 1912

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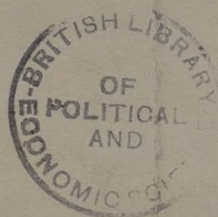
Dear Comrade,

I must really write to thank you for the present you sent me for Xmas. It was very much appreciated by the inmates here. Sister was just longing for a sum like that to spend on flowers & vases for the wards. And so it made ever so many of us very happy. The ward looked very beautiful decorated as it was. I am sorry not to be able to write myself because I am still in a recumbent position - I hope to be able to sit up shortly as I am getting a great deal better today & yesterday. But I dare say I shall be another three weeks before I am liberated from this house of detention.

I hope you enjoyed reading my book as much as I enjoyed writing it. It bungs back many

memories happy or otherwise in our
long fight for the workers' cause of peace
& good will.

With best wishes for a happy
New Year from
Theodore Wood.



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