

Proomhill, Missus Langham
Woolwich

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L. Jenkins Jones March. 7th. 1907.

My dear Langham

Glad to hear from you
I prefer things as they are
I really do not think I
should like to be returned
with Squire.

We did our best, and I
never had during the
fight any other desire than
both in or both out.

What I said at the Bill
Hall I meant. I mean it
now.

I do not believe either
of us had any other desire

than to fight for the cause.
we were comrades in arms.
No two ~~but~~ men could
have done better. Thus I
say candidly. So we
have nothing to be ashamed
of.

I wish we were both in,
but I accept trustfully
the result.

We shall always be
glad to see you at Wool-
wich, and, if I have to
fight ^{side by side} with any man
again, I hope I will
be yourself.

My wife joins in kindest regards
to you all

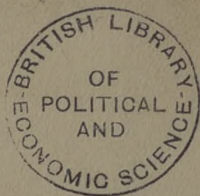
I am yours,

L. Jenkins Jones

[Labour candidate for Woolwich Labour
Repar. Assoc. with G.L., March 1907;
both were defeated]

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[L. J. Jones: Labour candidate for
Woolwich Labour Representation
Assoc. with G. L., Mar. 1907.
Both were defeated.]



Rev. A. B. Ritchie

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3, AVENUE ROAD,
BOW, E.



March 9th 07

Dear Mr. Lansbury

I want please if I

may be make a small donation to the
'War Chest' of your labour people in view
of your coming fight over the Guardians.

Enclosed with this is a cheque made
out to you, & you can hand it on to the
proper person who ever he may be.

If you will, please enter it under the
title "Anarchism". Also there will
be no need & I shall not want any
receipt or acknowledgment to myself.

I have crossed the cheque so it can't
go astray & that's enough.

All good wishes for your people
especially for yourself.

Ever yrs

A. K. Ritchie

The Confirmation is next Wednesday
You will remember, Ted Edd, Tom Payne
& Tom Williams.

MANUFACTURERS OF SOAPS.



Office of Fels & Co.

73rd Street & Woodland Avenue

Philadelphia 3/13/1907

Walter Coates

Mr George Lansbury,
103 St. Stephens Road,
Old Ford,
London, E., England.

Dear George:-

I got your cable and I need not say how sorry I am that you were again knocked out, but "Are we down-hearted!" "No". When I got your cable I almost felt like getting right on the boat and coming back to cuss you out, in case you feel bad about the defeat. I hope you didn't feel bad, because there is no reason for it, and we shall all come up smiling again for another fight by and by, I hope.

You Will be glad to learn that our business, on both sides, is booming. Immediately on reaching this side, Joe, Maurice, another chap and myself went down to Fairhope, and I have now got almost as enthusiastic over the experiment down there as Joe has been right along. My mission in life, when I return to London, will be to convert you. I wish you could see the experiment; it is one of the finest and most convincing things in the reform movement that I have come across during my life.

On our way back from Fairhope we stopped off at Tuskegee for a day to see Booker T. Washington's industrial school for colored people. This too was an eye opener, and gives lots of ideas and food for thought. I shall have quite a time when I come back telling you all about what I have seen.

I have not yet started to dig up tips on land cultivation methods, but expect to have a solid two weeks of it commencing next week, so don't expect to hear from me as I shall be too busy.

With love to you,

Yours sincerely,

Walter



MEMORANDUM.

From

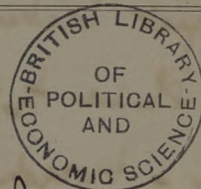
The Mayland Small Holders'
Co-operative Society.

Secretary, JOHN LINDSAY,
Mayland, Althorne, Essex.

21st March

1907

To You See we are moving



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Dear Mr. Lambury
I expect you are in the thick of Guardian Election
& I hope a successful one for you all - at the same time I hope you
will be pleased to hear how we are all getting along - in health we
are all very well - though we have had an oil explosion in the
house - which we got over fairly well - then one of my jips litened
during a snow frosty night & stuck the whole time through the
cold - just recovering from this - when through the late fall one
of my frame lights blew right off - breaking two dash bars
& all the glass - will you would perhaps imagine we are

downhearted - but not a bit - it's just the fortunes of War -
at the same time my other pig started + we have even abright-
ness about the holding - we have 16 taken up + this place is
a perfect beehive of industry - every one busy getting their seed
in - I have $\frac{1}{2}$ cent. of shallots - 2 lbs. of onion seed - carrots - parsnips
spinach - broad - bunches of sprouts - lettuce & other seeds all in -
& last but not least - tomato plants coming splendidly under
my frame - all under Mr. Smith's guidance - work in galore -
daylight to dark + just fall into the house dead tired -
Mr. Smith has taken one of my boys into his nursery - the older
one here I share with me she is a great help + after all
I would not change positions - well with Edward himself -
do with the best of good wishes to help towards in your
fight -
I am yours faithfully
Joshindray

Wm. B. Swan; Paper Trade

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ROMAN-ROAD
MAY 26 1896
E. 1076

TO

Rushway, Stepney, London Bow.

Bravo heartiest Congratulations

from all here Dean



BYRE & SPOTTISWOODE, London.

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Heartly Congratulations from

Woodwich Labour Party



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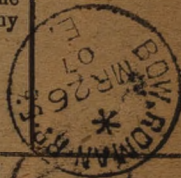
Miss May Tennant
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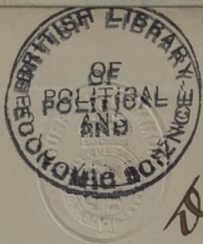
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TO { Kershaw 103. St Stephens Rd Dow

Howard and many thanks for
telegram Tennant



Frank Smith

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10. Cliffts Inn (59)
March 28th

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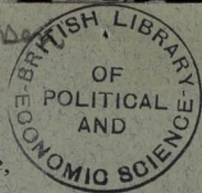
Dear Hansbury

Ever since I read the
announcement of your victory
on Tuesday I've been going
to write you, Howard - The
victory is more than a local
one

in view of the L.Y.B. attack
the fact that you carried
some extra seats in face of the
opposition is splendid - If a
by election for h.c.c. sh^d come along
for heavens sake go for it. If I hear
anything in that line rely on my letting
you know for a more likeless broken
minded jelly fish crew "latoumen"
on the Council I never met not one I can
reely rely on - If you were there we could
nowing end - I hope the opportunity will come
ever yours Frank Smith

P. S. (60)
Mrs Landbury
comes in October
or November. I am
as you would like
her come in
June.

Marion Coates Hanson
North Gate
Roman Road,
Sinthorpe,
Middlesbrough. M449



May 9th 1907

Dear Mr Landbury.

I quite think you
have planned that
little trip to the Hebrides
on purpose. It is so
like a man not to
know his own mind
two minutes together!!!

What does the poet say
about "fickleness"?

Fancy - after I had
got up my syllabus
so nicely! The word of

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it is that I am
instructed to ask F.
Bramley in your place!
Heaven defend us! See
what you have done!
F. Bramley of all creatures
in this world! I am
in despair.

You certainly must
make up for it in
autumn. Please let
me look you for
October or early November.
Say which!

In the meantime
whenever Sunday comes

round remember that
you have doomed me
to do penance in
the shape of having
to listen to Fred
Bramley!

Could not you take
him to the Hebrides
with you and drop
him accidentally over
a cliff?

It would be a
national benefit.

Give my very best
and nicest greetings
and love to your wife.

Tell her that Nell Kenney
is here and that we
are working away
amongst the women.

Tell her that Parson Burn
compelled his aster-miles
to vote for me at the
Guardian election, and that
she told Nell Kenney this
week that she "blushed
for shame" at having been
persuaded to do such a
sinful thing as vote.
"No womanly woman should
vote" - declares she.

My ^{dear} Lancelotti must take
care now. She must not
dream of ever having
a vote.

It is nearly midnight and
I am on the sick list so
good night to all. ^{Your} ^{affectionate} ^{friend} ^{John} ^{Harvey}

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VOTES for WOMEN. Women's Social & Political Union.

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..... May 23rd. 1907

*Lady Frederick Wm. Pethick Lawrence
(n. Emmeline Pethick)*

Dear Mrs Lansbury,

I cannot send you this official receipt without a personal word expressing our very warm thanks to you and your husband, for your support and sympathy with the work of our Union. We appreciate it very deeply and feel it to be a great strength. I want specially to thank Councillor Lansbury for his splendid speech in the Memorial Hall last week. It was so entirely to the point and so refreshing; one gets so very tired of the humbug of most political speeches.

With very many thanks and cordial regards.

Yours sincerely,

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence

[place at 26 May 1907]

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TO MEET THE DELEGATES TO THE

RUSSIAN SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS. [1907]

^{Thomas}
MR. & MRS. FISHER UNWIN
AT HOME

SUNDAY NEXT, JUNE THE 2ND. 7 TO 10.

AT THE INNS OF COURT HOTEL.

LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS ENTRANCE.

Please present this Card.

Morning Dress.

Rt. Rev. Arthur Foley Winnington Ingram
(1858 - 1946)

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The Bishop of London
requests the pleasure of the Company
of Mr Geo. Lamburn and family
at a Garden Party on
Saturday, June 15th & Tuesday, July 9th
Fulham Palace. [1907] 4 to 7.

Rev. Wm. Henry Griffith Thomas
(1861-1924) **WYCLIFFE LODGE,**
OXFORD.

(65)

June 21.1907.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I have pleasure in enclosing cheque which I hope will cover all your travelling expenses yesterday. Let me say again how truly grateful I am for your coming, for what you said, and, if possible, still more for the way in which you dealt with the criticisms and opposition. Your coming, and I think I may also add my choice of the subject, were thoroughly justified, as I believe you also will think. There is a great deal still to be done to bring Evangelical Churchmen to the point of facing these social problems and attempting some solution, whatever that may be.

With renewed thanks and hoping we may meet again one of these days,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

W. H. Griffith Thomas

P.S. Kindly sign the enclosed receipt and return.

Joseph Fels to Lord George Hamilton

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(COPY)

3rd July 1907

The Rt Hon Lord George Hamilton
Scotland House
Westminster Embankment SW

My Lord

I am informed that, in company with the Hon. Charles Booth and perhaps other members of the Royal Commission, you visited the Hollesley Bay Farm Training Colony, and, as you may know of my great interest in pushing forward this class of relief for the unemployed, I venture to hope that your Commission will visit the small holdings at Mayland, nr Althorne, Essex, which I started in the hope that the enterprise would be a public object lesson. What induced me to inaugurate this enterprise was the fact that the authorities rather sat on the idea of training men for the land, their failure to grasp the situation being due, in my opinion, more or less to ignorance. At Mayland, the farm which, some eighteen months ago, was practically abandoned land, has been converted into a fair model and up-to-date farm for dairy products, sheep, cattle, pigs and poultry, and market gardening. We have also established a 13-acre nursery for growing trees, bush fruits and plants, a large line of hothouses, and a French market garden for intensive cultivation on exactly the same lines of French cultivators around Paris, this latter being in charge of two experienced gardeners brought over for the purpose from Paris.

The remainder of the land is occupied by 21 small holdings of 5 acres each, the tenants of these having been men of various trades and businesses, less than 25 per cent of them having had any commercial experience in the land.

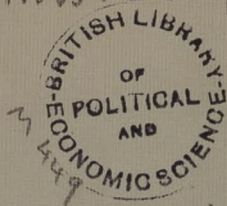
I go into these details, as the subject is very near to me, and I am most anxious that your Commission should see on the spot what is actually being done.

Yours very truly

(sgd) Joseph Fels

Mrs. Joseph Fels

(67)



Elmwood,
Bickley, Kent.

July 3, 1907.

Dear Friend,

Your letter
proves irresistible, so
I am writing to
say I will do as
you wish with respect
to the prizes.

I am glad Mrs. Fanshury
will be there. I shall
feel her presence a
support. I never did
this sort of thing before
and felt shy accordingly.
Mrs. Fanshury must

prove that she enjoyed
the week-end with us
by coming for the
longer stay. And I,
for my part, will do
better than I know now,
beyond forgetting about
the early morning
tea.

When will you bring
the children, young and
older? Love to them
and to all of you.
Yours sincerely
Mary Telli

Mrs. Thomas Fisher Unwin
(n. Jane Cobden)

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3, ADELPHI TERRACE,
STRAND.

July 14th 1903
[? 1907]

Dear Mr. Lambury.

Two Russians
were arrested this
afternoon, and we
have been at the
Cannon Street
Police Court until
9.0' clock trying

to bail them out, but
the police will not
let us do this -
One of the men gives
~~the~~ his address as
follows -

Caro Howell.
87. Exmouth Street
Commercial Road.
Will you come to

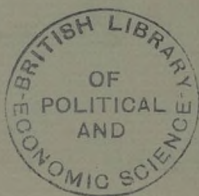
~~Exmouth Street~~
Bow Street by
9.30. Tomorrow, &
help us to get them
off? We are getting
them a lawyer -
The police behaved
disgracefully today,
but for them every
thing would have

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Yours quite peacefully

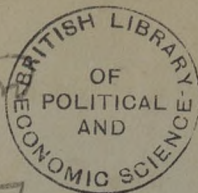
Yours sincerely,

Jane Carter Keenan



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Rev. George Lowther Darcey
(Rector of Binsted 1907-1920. See Crockett
1947)



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Binsted Rectory.

[say end July 1907] M449

My dear Lausbury I was delighted to get

your letter. You are a bit late for J. Dwight
strages. August is the month in his part of the world.

But do you think the school master's house here
would suit you. It is a nice house 3 bedrooms
2 sitting rooms & a big scullery with gas stove -
very airy. on high ground. & large garden of $\frac{3}{4}$ acre.

I saw him & his wife (they have 2 children) & asked
them if they would care for a tenant. During August
& they are quite willing. On the other hand, bathing
his side of the Island is not good. the beach is
bad. quite safe. but shingle & you have to catch
the tide. people bathe of course. from Ryde you are
 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs walk. from Binsted shore 10 mins. My
own garden would welcome you all just as you
felt inclined. The house of the school master
stands by itself. I will try & get a post card of it.

As I felt time was short, I didn't know
how best to find another. You might like that
house for a week or so. I look for another, for the last
halt. But I think you would be comfortable. & there
might be no difficulty in getting a woman to come in.
The master would offer the house & vegetables in the
garden 290 a week. Unless you thought that too
much. But he isn't a millimane & as rent's 90 here
I think it very fair. His name is Springer.

& you might like to write direct (F. W. Springer
Sch. Ho. Birsted). They did offer a double bed &
2 single. so you or they would need to hire a 3rd single
bed but the rooms are a nice size & full of fresh air.
My cousin's aunt would be at yr. disposal -
Now do as you like in the matter. I have tried to
put the thing quite dispassionately.

² I don't agree with much of yr. creed & modesty of
propaganda but red. hot enthusiasm is far better
than the miserable expediency that has possessed the
Labour Party recently. So I am not disgraced, merely
hopeful that the Carra will pour down the right channel soon.
Yrs Sincerely
F. W. D. Dawsey -

LONDON "SETTLEMENTS"

Remain True to Their Early Ideals and

ARE BEACONS IN SLUMS

Cincinnati, O. TIMES STAR, Aug. 12th, 1907.
Toynbee Hall and Similar Institutions Promoting Advancement of the People—Unique Celebration of Fourth of July in the Great Metropolis.

BY ALFRED HENDERSON.

"The idea creates the organization, and the organization kills the idea."

Too often, indeed, has this dictum been the short yet complete history of institutions founded for an ideal. Political parties organized to free mankind have become the despotic masters of men. Churches started to aid the lowly have developed into the parade ground of the rich and powerful. Gaining wealth, winning the patronage of influence, becoming "eminently respectable" and taking on a desire to make a show, these things have turned a high purpose into a sordid ambition. I had read of Toynbee Hall, of St. Jude, of Canon Barnett and of the work that for nearly a quarter of a century they had done. I knew the spirit that had inspired the founding of the "Settlement" in the East End of London, and yet having in mind the sad history of so many institutions I was fearful that my opinion would be altered on beholding and personally visiting Toynbee Hall.

I had been through Whitechapel and Stepney and though the poverty of the people was not so awful as I had seen in the foul-smelling slums of Cork and even in some of the Irish villages, yet there was poverty, there was misery, there was vice. Not all the squalor of London is in the East End, but there is more of it there than perhaps in any place where the English tongue is spoken. The London County Council, as well as the borough councils, has done much to "clean up" the East End, yet the fearful tide of distress rolls on a sea of deepening misery. I saw in the papers where there was to be a "Country in Town Exhibition" at the Whitechapel art gallery and that at the opening exercises the wife of Canon Barnett was to occupy the chair. I thought this would be a good opportunity to get a "line on" Toynbee. I went but my heart was depressed because I saw on the programme that the principal speaker would be "The Right Hon. Earl Carrington, G. C. M. G., P. C."

"Just like all Englishmen, they 'dearly love a lord,'" I said to myself. At the moment I did not think much of Toynbee Hall. Mrs. Barnett opened the meeting with a most excellent speech. She told of the object of the exhibition and the work of which it was the evidence, of how it was trying to bring some of the beauties of the country into the city, to establish play and recreation grounds in the heart of the crowded centers. Then she said she was sorry to announce that Lord Carrington could not be present, but that his place would be taken by one who would well represent him. Then she named a distinguished member of parliament, Thomas Lough. I expected to hear the usual palaver of a well-fed aristocrat when talking to the poor and hungry. His first words were a positive shock: "The best way to have more of the country in the town, is to get more of the country in the country." He said that he knew from personal observation that perhaps some of the most forbidding places in the nation were country districts. He said if these could be made more attractive, not so many people would crowd into the cities. He declared that the hardness and ugliness of the country and of country villages was as sad as the slums of the city. To use an American expression, this was "going some," but it did not prepare me for what was to immediately follow. The next speaker was Joseph Fels, a

wealthy manufacturer. "People do not live in slums because they want to, but because they have to," he said. "Flowers grow on land, and if there are no flowers, it is because the people have no land. Give them the land and there will be flowers, in the country as well as in the city. The trouble with us is that the people have no land, and can not get it. To get the people land is the best way to get flowers and gardens. But I like this kind of thing. This work makes the people love flowers, and the more intense that love becomes the more they will want the thing needed to get flowers." His speech was greeted with the British: "Hear, hear." Other speeches were made, and then all went through the rooms looking at the flowers that had been grown in window boxes and back yards. There were also models of actual playgrounds, out-of-doors rest stations, playgrounds and other things that Toynbee Hall had promoted.

The next day I visited Toynbee Hall, and, with my letter of introduction, gained admission to every department. I saw it in operation. It has not "gotten away from" the poor, it is still true to its idea in spite of the thorough organization. To even briefly recite the many activities it is engaged in for the uplifting of the people around would fill a large volume. It is not satisfied with the accomplishments of the past. It does not stop to review what has been done, let alone to admire. It is constantly attending to present work, and planning for the future. It has seen many of the things that it started taken up by the authorities.

So well pleased was I with the work of Toynbee that I determined to visit the Browning settlement in South London. I saw where they were to celebrate the Fourth of July. I thought this would be unique and so it proved. The head worker or resident of Browning settlement is F. Herbert Stead, brother of the famous editor, and he presided at the Fourth of July meeting in Browning Hall. The place was crowded but only a comparative few were Americans or former Americans. The hall was decorated with the flags of every nation and I soon learned the cause of this. Mr. Stead began with none of the empty phrases about Anglo-American unity. Instead, he said: "The American principle of federated democracies can make the world one commonwealth. To-night we celebrate not alone the anniversary of American independence, but the centennial anniversary of that patriot Italian, Garibaldi, and the assembling of the parliament of man at The Hague."

He then proceeded to deliver a speech on the fundamental rights of men, saying that "we people here in Walworth have a habit of speaking our minds." It was about as plain spoken a talk as I ever heard. Another speech was by Mr. Dangerfield, of the British Institute of Social Service, and then the national anthems of all countries were in turn sung.

Not only at these institutions, but others, like work is being done in London, and surely, if slowly, they have created sentiment along with relieving the immediate wants of the people. They, with other agencies, have instilled a desire on the part of the masses for a fuller and freer life, and though the struggle against tradition and privilege will be bitter, yet with education it is certain that they will obtain in the end.

10. Cliftons Inn S.C.
County Hall,

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13.8.07

Spring Gardens, London. S. W.

Frank ~~Smith~~

Dear Lausby

I have yours - re Bow
Wronley candidature "my approval"! I think the proposal is just splendid & hope to be able to have a "cut in" when it comes off - Of course I sh^d like you to be there, you see I know you, no of course I know Jones also & I'll

you are of the opinion that we
would find the bill on the fighting
line that's enough for ~~me~~.
But we will let it stand at
that - I'll try & run over one
more next week.

All good wishes

Sincerely yours
Frank Smith



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FROM

Rev. C. H. GRINLING,
17, RECTORY PLACE,
WOOLWICH.

Station: Woolwich Dockyard, S.E.Ry.

To George Lansbury,
103, S. Stephen's Rd.,
Bow, E.

15th. August. 1907

Private.

Dear Lansbury,

1. Coates sends word that he would like to pay for Pioneers to all M.P's, and they go out tomorrow morning.
2. I only wish that I had known beforehand that Barefoot was arranging to write up your Hollesley Bay visit and that Meg was coming. I thought for the moment you were referring to our Discharges campaign, and yet I could not remember that I had told you about it.
3. I at once arranged with Barefoot that I should see the Article and make sure that it was as good as possible. But unfortunately we have had big breakdowns with our casters this week, and I only got a proof late last night. It is fairly good, but we might have made it a lot better. Slater is just adding a word or two here and there to stiffen it up and give it point, but we cannot do much as the whole day will be a fight against time at 3, New Road.
4. I am just arranging with Barefoot to have a special red ink notice about it on the copies that go to M.P's., so that it will not be lost under the four or five columns of the Trades Council Manifesto on Discharges.
5. Since Haldane's ultimatum I have been working quietly but steadily night and day towards a strong Policy. I felt that the next step must be taken on entirely non-Party lines, and that we must work steadfastly for solidarity. I suggested:-
 - (a) The history of the Discharges to be sent all over the country.
 - (b) A stirring Manifesto to be sent out to sow seed.
 - (c) Leaflets to follow up the History.

I think the Manifesto should be very brief, very outspoken, much on the lines of Mazzini's best Manifestos, and I think that no-one should know from where they come. They must depend upon what they say. I am not sure if I shall get these through. But Karl Walter has given me some very fine drafts for them. Please regard this as most strictly confidential.

6. The Trades Council have come finely to the front to take up the History of the Discharges. They seem to me the best Body available.

FROM

Rev. C. H. GRINLING,
17, RECTORY PLACE,
WOOLWICH.

Station: Woolwich Dockyard, S.E.Ry.

To.....

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15 Aug. 1907

Slater has drafted a rattling good history. It is sent to all our local papers this week.

Tomorrow morning we despatch :-

- (a) Copies ^{of Pioneer} to every newspaper in the Kingdom.
- (b) To all the chief Organisations.

Now you and Coates have enabled us to send to all M.P's as well.

We ask in a special letter :-

- (a) M.P's. to act.
- (b) Editors to give the facts.
- (c) Organisations to arouse their members.
- (d) Everyone to buy copies of the reprint to be issued immediately for further circulation.

7. Please look out for the thing and let me know what you think about it all and give me further advice.
8. At last I believe the reorganisation of the Pioneer for which I have worked all this time is possible. Coates is willing to join the Directors and the Directors begin to see that a Pioneer on the lines of a glorified Plumstead News is a hopeless thing; whereas the Labour paper we set ourselves out to create is a possible thing. The first step is to give an entirely new character to our news. We must have a sub Editor who knows how to use the blue pencil, and who would insist that all reports shall be frank, honest and impartial and who will so arrange the news that everyone can find just what he wants to find straight away. In this way we can give I am certain nearly double the news we give now, and yet save nearly half the space allotted to it, which will be available for all the things at present crowded out. Coates and I and Karl Walter have been going over all this together.
9. I feel, for instance, that such things as the three Land Bills before Parliament ought to have been analysed by us, and we ought to have shown the whole Labour world just what they mean. Under our

FROM

C. H. GRINLING,
17, RECTORY PLACE,
WOOLWICH.

Station: Woolwich Dockyard, S.E.Ry.

To

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15 Aug. 1907

present Policy all that is possible for me is to get a Shorter this week !. But better days are dawning, I believe !.

If you have time you might jot down the points that are most important to you on the English Land Bill. Of course I have in my mind all such points as the importance of opening the land to men trained at Hollesley Bay.

10. I am delighted to have you for our S. Mary's Ward course. I have booked you for the eighth lecture on "Municipal Socialism".
11. It is splendid that you think you can give us a Tuesday a month.
12. I had a jolly letter from Edgar yesterday. I am keen that he shall be getting the best possible experience all the way round, so that he may be a real right hand to you. I fancied he was finding it difficult to find just the right things to be at. So I suggested that he should come over here and give us a helping hand in his spare time for a spell and get in close touch with the best of our work.

He tells me and others tell me that there is a chance of your standing for Bow and Bromley.

I feel that the day has gone for you to be fighting Elections without having behind you a very clear and definite purpose of where you are going. You are now in the very prime and vigour of your powers and we have to see that not a scrap of you is wasted. I am very keen to have some good square talks with you before anything is settled.

13. Tell Edgar that we shall love to have him to see us. Let him suggest a time. You might show him this letter, as I know he will treat it in strict confidence.

Yours Always,

Mrs. Walter Coates

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Elmwood,
Bickley, Kent.

August. 19th 1907

Dear Mr Lansbury-

I want to tell
you how much pleasure
your beautiful gift gives
Walter and me.

It is such a splendid
subject and will be a
joy and delight to us
always. not only for its
own worth but because
you gave it to us and
you helped to join our

lives together and make
us two of the happy ones
in this world.

I thank you from my
heart for the beautiful
picture and for your
goodness and sympathy.

Very sincerely

Eleanor Coates.

Mrs. Joseph Fets

to Mrs. G.H.

DAMPFER

„KRONPRINZESSIN CECILIE“

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD
BREMEN.

Aug. 24, 1907.

Dear Mrs. Lansbury,
I am writing
now, so as to send
it on to you imme-
diately on our arrival
in England. Two days
hence we shall be there.
And we shall at once
be looking for you
and hoping for your
early coming. When
will you and Mr. Lansbury
come? It seems such
a long time since

we last saw you
with love, and desire
to see you.

yours sincerely
Mary Fells.

Me too

Joseph Fells



Septimus Dawson

The Anchorage, West Heath Road
Belvedere 9/9/07

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Dear Mr. Lansbury

Our folks here attend Belvedere Baptist Chapel, and the preaching of the Pastor, Mr. Fromow is generally very acceptable to me, but, - on one occasion when he said, that modern Socialism meant tearing everything down, and not building up, I felt that he had obtained his politics, like many others worthy people from some contaminated source. And on another occasion when we were having a quiet cup of tea together, and were discussing the strike at Eritz, he remarked that he thought the working classes were too much pampered recently. I don't want to trouble you with a long epistle about our political conversation, but as I had assured him of the splendid work that the Rev Jenkins Jones, Mr. Grindling, and you, were doing and had done for years, he expressed a desire to know more of modern Socialism. During a splendid discourse that he gave us last night he gave splendid illustrations of the Brotherhood of Man, the wide World over, and so on to the Brotherhood of Nations etc, etc, so I reckon he is learning something about Socialism, don't you? and when I shook hands with him, on our way out, he confirmed this idea, by asking me for your address, as he would like to write and ask you to preside at a meeting. That is all I know about it, and I don't want to compromise his application to you in any way, on the contrary, for I should be just delighted if you could possibly accept, for Mr. Fromow is a splendid fellow, and if he could get the

advantage of a chat with Mr. Grinting or Yourself, I feel practically certain that he would soon be a very welcome addition to the noble band of Workers that have done, and are doing, such splendid work here at Hodwich, and elsewhere for the welfare of all concerned. If you will reflect on the past, you will remember, that you promised to come over, and see us, at the "Anchorage" again in the summer; if it would be convenient to you to make our place a resting place on your way to, ^{and from} Mr. Fromow's meeting, all hands here will be delighted.

Mr. Fromow, began life as a Blacksmith, but as the result of an accident, he had to give it up, he then qualified as a Tea Taster[‡], and after a college training was Pastor at Silvertown, before accepting the call to Belvedere.

He recently volunteered as a Missionary to the Congo, but Belvedere also had need of him, especially if you can manage to project his Politics in the right direction. He is I believe of Welsh origin, has a capital voice, that he can use to great advantage, when he is on the right tack, so I should indeed be glad if you could let him have some of the right kind of Political ballast, for until recently when on the subject of Socialism he seemed to me to make considerable leeway.

With respectful regard to Mrs. Lambury
and sincere wishes for the welfare of
Yourself and Yours
I remain Yours Faithfully
Septimus Dawson



‡ He learned Tea Tasting as a profession, but not as my letter may suggest as a prelude to becoming a Pastor. I did not mean that.

G.L.

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103 St. Stephen's Road,

Bow, E.

12th September 1907.

Dear Smith,

I have decided not to allow myself to be nominated for the vacant Aldermancy; this for many reasons, but chiefly because I have decided to stand for Bow and Bromley as the Socialist candidate at the next election. I am sure that this will not meet with your approval because you want me to stand where there is a safe seat. But the Movement here is certainly worth an effort on my part and supposing it is a failure at the next election it will be an absolute cert either for me if I am alive or for someone else next time. So in any case it will not be thrown away. I am sorry to disappoint you but want you to do your level best to get an equally good man in, namely Jenkins Jones who stood with me at Woolwich. He is a brick, and one of the salt, and would make a real good fighter with you on the Council. I have written Crooks and hope that between you the thing will be managed.

I could see you here any morning if you wanted to see me; but believe me this is final so far as the Aldermancy and Bow and Bromley are concerned, only the latter business is private for the time being.

With best wishes, yours sincerely,

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Richard H. Green London. 4th Oct '07
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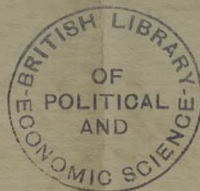
Dear Mr. Lansbury

I must send you a line to say how much I deplore the line adopted last night by some of my friends towards yourself. I have never for one moment held that you were anything but an honourable man fighting for your ideal, however much I may disagree with the ideal & the means adopted to attain the same, & I trust that anything I have ever said either behind your back or before your face could never be taken as the least hinting that you were "in the market". On the principles of Socialism as preached by the majority of the body I shall always oppose you with all my might but on the principles of good fellow citizenship I will stand shoulder to shoulder with you at any time in Public or in Private. I enclose a verse of a poem written by a Public School boy that I am sure you will appreciate. It embodies the whole glorious teaching & tradition of our big

Schools & has been from time immemorial drilled into those privileged to attend a Public School, by the stern application of men's & school fellows & as to that part of men's anatomy as wisely provided by nature for that purpose. Would that we could adopt the same methods in later life, but I fear it would not do! At a big school, "Crown's son, Duke's son or son of the better sort" all have to see the line & bow to the will of the most democratic of all organisations (the internal economy of a Public School).

I have this morning inspected the proposed office for Robert Exchange in E. 7. St. St. West to Trinity Chapel & think it is a good one.

Yrs. sincerely
Richard Stapan



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Blackwall Yard.

with Richard H. Green's London.
letter 4 Oct. 1907.

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"This is the word that year by year
When in her place the school is set,
Everyone of her sons must hear
and none who hear it dare forget.
This they all with a joyful mind
Bear through life like a torch in flame
and falling, fling to the hosts behind,
Play up, Play up, and Play the game."

Henry Newbolt.

Henry Lockwood

Inspector, then a
chief inspector,
1880 - 1907



17/10 [1907]

Dear Mr Mansbury

I am very glad to be able
to tell you I think is pretty
certain that the increase
in Mans Salary will be
passed (I am not so sure)



about Min (government)
but it is not finally
settled yet, & better not
say any thing about it at present.
In any case ~~thanks~~ ^{thanks}
will be due rather to the
young man who will have
to carry the matter through

than to myself, tho' I am
trying to get recognised
the fact, in regard to
that of all affairs under
the Crown there is none
that carries out a
greater responsibility
or greater possibilities
for for
teaching

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good, than that of
Lupton or the Master
of our M^d schools &
than the endowments
of the proportionate

sign

A. Beckwith



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October 30th 1907

TELEPHONE:
"POST OFFICE CENTRAL, No. 2962."

TELEGRAPH:
"ELCHUND, LONDON."

Dear Mr Lawsbury.
Thank you for so kindly answering
my telegrams. My colleague had
been chasing you all the afternoon,
so I thought a telegram was
safe to find you.

This meeting is one of our
annual Member meetings but the
Rural Deacons of Hoxney are
making it a very big thing, so
that it will assume rather larger

proportions than many of our meetings.
A great point is being made of
inviting the members of the C.E.M.S.
The meeting is to be held on
Thursday evening, November 14th at
8.30. in the Hackney Baths: and
the Bishop of Stepney especially
commissioned me to ask you to
come.

I will send you further particulars
hereafter to the day.

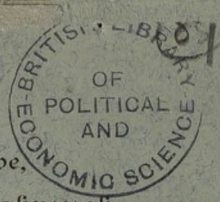
Yours very truly,
H.A.E. Standfast.



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Tell Dorothy I've been telling the men that a future Prime Minister is coming to help us on Friday

North Gate
Roman Road,
Linthorpe,
Middlesbrough. M44 9



Oct. 30th 1904

Marion Coates Hansen

Dear Mr. Lansbury

I wanted to tell you on Sunday night what I thought about your speech but I felt it so deeply that I could not find words to express myself. Besides the chat became too casual round the supper table to introduce deep impressions. Then I determined to write your wife about it all. Now your letter

gives me an opportunity to write you both.

On Sunday night you made one of the first real efforts it has been my fate to notice, during the whole course of my connection with the movement over many years. Public men as a rule speak in such a manner that women of my temperament simply leave the hall appreciating the general cry for reform, for effort - but with a passionate hopeless feeling that women about count - that the 'Kingdom of effort' is not for them.

At 22 years old I used
to get bewildered, then
angry. At 37 years old
I feel more pity, but
a certain amount of
contempt; and I seem
to see - to use figurative
language the "sword
of destruction" approaching
nearer and nearer the
head of man, as he
continues calmly to
ignore the glory, right
and dignity of the mothers
of the race.

Imagine an enthusiastic
boy - yourself for
example - in your early
years - going into a
movement in the hope

of becoming of use - and
then finding that you did
not count - that another
set only had power etc.
You've got to feel it to
know what it means.

So on Sunday night I
felt you touched a real
note of appeal to women
and men. Since then I've
learnt that you did. Some
seed was sown. It is
idle to talk from the
point of view that no
special time no special
appeal need be made to,
and for the women. Why
even this very morning
Miss Short has been
telling me, how brutally
some men whom she
meets, denigrate her any

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Roman Road,

Linthorpe,

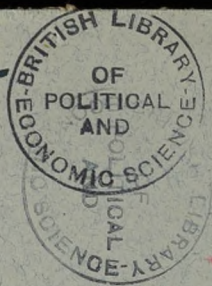
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right or ability to use
the vote properly - or
any right to interfere. These
men are poor and voted
for Wilson at the general
election. Our opponents
in the Vulcan Work has
written curtly to Miss
Jacobs the sec. of the W.S.S.U.
"that woman's place is at
home." Miss Jacobs is an
enthusiastic little woman
some 22 years old. She
came to me in great
indignation last night.

I don't all you men
see where these things

will lead us unless we ⁹⁰
strike at the roots.

You have daughters -
more than sons. It is
probably intended that you
shall feel their dire
need. Had I a daughter
I would fight as did
those of old to free her
and right her. If I could
not fight I should
think I deserved to be
cursed for having brought
her into the world.

We had hoped to have
a daughter - but I dare
not lay the curse of my
physique upon her -
and Friedrich does not
grip. He is content as it
is.

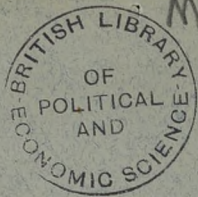
I don't feel it necessary

To thank you for the words you uttered on Sunday. If the Cause has not entered your soul - the mere words would not matter much. If the Cause has entered ^{your soul} - your own daughter's improved future will be your thanks.

If men of your stamp open their hearts and souls then women will soon learn to ~~escape~~ glory in their womanhood.

There is nothing so like unto a man as a woman. Working together free and equal, mother and father, brother and sister - son & daughter one can see a future clean, pure and bright. Working as we do now - all is black darkness. The babies born of inferior mothers today - tumble down tomorrow the little progress that is made - or seem to be made.

No! don't pay for the bed. Let Baby Eric have it from us. We have not a baby to buy a bed for. It is well to buy things for babies. Besides, Baby Eric is going to stand up for girls. My love to all yours ever sincerely
Marion Coates Clancher



Marion Coates Hansen

North Gate

Roman Road,

Linthorpe,

Middlesbrough.

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Nov. 18th 1907

Dear Mr. Lambury

Don't think me mad
but I'm writing to thank
you again for making
your life to come to speak
for us three weeks ago.

If you had failed us
under the present
circumstances, we should
have been covered with
shame. Just imagine -
I wrote Grayson early
last week asking him
when he would come
here for the meeting

to night. No reply at all -
So on Saturday morning (92)
I telegraphed. About
one o'clock I received
his reply that he was
just setting out for
the continent, had
cancelled all his engagements.

And yet the man had
not troubled to let me
know! We are billed
all over the town -
expenses £5 or £6.
Tickets sold!!

Just imagine ~~how~~ our
feelings if this had
been the second time
and you had failed us
three weeks ago.

Was it not providential

that you determined
to come dead or alive!

My gratitude extends
in warm currents to
your wife for packing
you off.

Positively we dare not
have killed Macdonald
next month if both
of you had failed us.
I going to ask Macdonald
for a certificate from
his doctor before we
placard his name all
over.

When I am in London
next month I shall
stay all the time at
Horrocks Hotel. It takes

up too much time to
go out to Bickley. Maybe
you and your wife can
spare me an evening
and dine with me. We
will arrange that later
however.

Have just managed to
capture Summerbell & P
to take the meeting after
having wired to six
different M.P.s.

Life is a howling
wilderness of trouble.

Kindest greetings
to you all. (I am so
glad you are appealing
to women and for women.
Let me know how you
get on.) Ever so sincerely
Marion Coates Hansen

30th November 1907
G. Lansbury, L.C.C.,
in Paisley. (93)

Sunday last was the largest attended meeting yet held under I.L.P. auspices in the Hippodrome. Mr George Lansbury, whose trenchant fight for the alleviating of the evils of unemployment, by the establishment of labour colonies, has spread far and wide, was the attraction, and the people of Paisley gave him a royal welcome. The new I.L.P. orchestra made its first appearance, supplying music while the audience were assembling. Miss Fulton and Mr Herbert Priestley's singing and elocution were well received. Parish Councillor Murray (Barrhead) presided, and in a few words explained the necessity of dealing with the subject to be submitted, namely, Labour Colonies and the unemployed, and demonstrated the reason of high rates.

Mr Lansbury at the outset referred to the work being conducted at the Labour Colonies now in existence, at Cambridge, at Letchworth, and at Hollesley Bay. But though great efforts were being made to make this work a success, it was not to be imagined that Socialists considered such palliation would solve the present system of society. The real purpose was to train men who had lost their occupation in the various duties connected with farming, and make it possible to earn a livelihood from the land. On the Continent Labour Colonies have been established for years, but have been so crudely carried out that they are merely glorified workhouses.

A large sum of money has been spent on this work in England, and we shall be told that permanent work cannot always be given, the experiment has been a failure; but the business, so far as it has been conducted, has clearly demonstrated that the unemployed worker is willing to give a good return for his labour, and that the opportunity to toil is

from the same source as it does at present—the same source as it does at present—from the labour of the men and women who now make it; instead of two-thirds being handed to the employer as it now is, it will be retained, and the whole of the people will benefit. How do we propose to do it? By taking it away as the chance occurs; if it is good enough for a community to make roads, it will be good to build houses; if it is good enough to make clothes, it is good to produce and make food.

What connection have the shareholders of any large industry with the working of it? The organisation is managed by a handful of men, who can be employed by the whole people as easily as by a number of shareholders. At present we are only permitted to work when profit can be made, but we want to usher in the day when work will be done for use instead of for profit. The whole of society is improperly arranged; the idea of the Socialist is not pulling down, but building up; we want men and women all over the world to join hands together until we have built a new society, a new order, which will bring the best means for a new life. (Loud and prolonged applause.)

habits.

Mr Lansbury then showed a large number of pictures on the bioscope, illustrating the conditions and methods of work, the housing, the feeding, and the gardening pursuits carried on by the men; his apt references to the views exhibited being much appreciated by the large audience.

The lecturer then proceeded—That the establishment of such colonies all over the country could not solve the problem of unemployment; two or three reasons could be given for such a state of affairs. We are constantly being told that drunkenness and other faults are mainly responsible, but given tolerable conditions—getting rid of the monotonous drudgery—the craving for stimulants would be greatly lessened. A good illustration can be given of the 500 shoemakers who marched from Leicester to London, the reason of their being out of work being the advent of new machinery supplanting hand labour, making it possible for women and children to be engaged at a greatly reduced wage. The powers of production were increased, but a great number of people were going without boots. The employers do not in any way consider the needs of the people, their main object being the making of profit; and until the machinery is controlled by the people, the question will remain unsolved. Machinery will undoubtedly cheapen production by lessening labour power, but until it is utilised in the interests of the workers, providing a shorter working day and giving ampler scope to engage in the other pursuits of life, it can in no way be considered labour saving.

Another point engaging the attention of the workers is Old Age Pensions, but the niggardly sum suggested is of little benefit, and no rest should be taken until adequate wholesome living to the aged is granted. How can workers live on 5s a week, when men like Lord Cromer, receiving a large salary during his tenure of office require a grant of £50,000 on retiring? Then the feeding of our school children is being thought necessary; education is an important factor in the shaping of a child's life, but without proper nourishment it is of little use. We should not only educate them, but from childhood to manhood it should be our duty to see that



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Mrs. Joseph Fels

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Elmwood,
Bickley, Kent.

Dec. 6, 1907.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,
I made a
mess of things after
all, in speaking this
morning; for what I
thought to make better
I made worse, through
careless, unguarded
utterance. I wish we
had never spoken of
this matter to you. It
would have been more
loyal to Walter and
kinder to them both.
One does not say all

and so one gives wrong impressions; and even if one said all, one would still give wrong impressions. You, especially, should get no wrong bad impressions because Walter loves you and would wish you best love and truest regard for him and his.

That they married as they did was senseless and brutal. You and I measure the brutality by our own suffering through

it, and so we probably see it out of all proportion to itself. We cannot understand how he could do it save through something not himself; and so, in our bitterness, we blame the woman and we think all of the bond between them. So you see how what we say may be traced back to bitterness on our part. You will remember this, now you and thereby put out of your mind what we

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I have said. And we
will say no more about
it to one another, and
I shall try to learn
to say nothing about
it to myself. The
warrant for Walter is
in my heart - in the
depth and unflinching
of my love for him.
It is in my mind as
well - in the memory
of all he proved himself
these twelve years past.
For the rest - that lies
with the future.

We want to see much
of you both, ^{you and Mrs. Sanborn} because you
feed our faith and trust
and high regard.
Affectionately, Mary Feb.

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ROBERT POLLOK.
BUILDER
AND
PROPERTY AGENT.

Springfield Works,
BISHOPBRIGGS,

Near

Glasgow, 12/12/1927

Dear Mr Lansbury

I want your help
& advice regarding
one of our Glasgow
Constituencies where
is a certain betony
for the Labour
Socialist Candidate
who is adopted.

Do you think Mr

was not in constant
since then this has
been created & there ~~is~~
~~only~~ a seat was ~~only~~
cost by two hundred ^{or three}
votes & the astonishment
of the present members
Mr Cross a Conservative
who never expected
to win in fact the
election was badly
conducted. Now the
Municipal election is
over we have polled
already on pure Labour
& Socialist tickets

as many votes in one
ward & third of the division
as well almost won
the seat & the organization
is in good order with
victory certain if you
could find out for
us if Mr Fels would
contest Camlachie & help
us in this matter we
will feel deeply indebted
to you. You will probably
remember me I was in the
Cham at the meeting you spoke
for the Glasgow University Fabian
Society. Mr Johnston of
the Forward suggested to
me I might ask your
help in regard to Mr Fels
for a candidate. Thank
you very much for this help from
Robert Gallor

(97) The would accept an
invitation to contest
Camelston Division of
Glasgow in about
the Surest victory on
Great Britain. all
the Spade work has
been done in this
constituent by Messrs
Cunningham, Graham
& Mr. Flett. The
seat should easily
have been won with
careful organization at
last election but this



M449

Joseph Fels

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CUNARD R.M.S. "MAURETANIA."

14 Dec 07

Dear Man-

I thank Mr Pallow
for me but I still
an American and
cant do the M.P
trick.

Am tired as a sleepy
baby & as useless -

Mrs Fels already
asleep - We have
had a hard day
getting off -

Love to you all

Ever truly

Joseph Fels

C/o Fels + Co

Philadelphia

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