

Rev. Ven. Frederic Lewis Donaldson

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3 LITTLE CLOISTERS,
WESTMINSTER ABBEY,
S.W.1.

November, 1929.

Dear Brother,

A group of friends have asked me to write to you, to ascertain whether you would be sympathetic with our idea of forming an "Association of Clergy" of the Church of England for the promotion of World-Peace.

It has long been a reproach against us that, as a body, we have not been in the forefront of the Movement for the abolition of war, and we know that, though many of the clergy have individually deep convictions about the shame, horror and evil of war, we have hitherto lacked that association together which alone can make those convictions a potent factor in the actual crusade for Peace.

It is such an Association which we are now proposing to form and for which we ask your sympathy and support.

The hour is opportune and the psychological atmosphere is favourable. The cause of Peace is clamant among the people. Nevertheless, the fact stares us in the face that the nations are more heavily armed than before the war, and that the war estimates of the civilised world for this year are towards eight hundred millions of pounds, and that a great British statesman has emphasised the fact that "armaments do not prevent war; they bring it about."

This being so, it remains that, notwithstanding all the propaganda of Peace, and all the pacts, protocols and treaties to that end, the general situation throughout the world is critical and even perilous.

These considerations seem to us to put a grave responsibility upon the clergy in particular, as the moral and spiritual leaders in the nation. Because of this sense of responsibility

Venerable F. L. Donaldson

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and because we believe that we shall find our strength and be better able to make our witness through some form of association, we venture upon this invitation and press it earnestly upon you.

The names of all who reply favourably will be noted and, in case our idea proves to be practicable and acceptable to a sufficient number, we shall hope to call a meeting, to be held in London, as soon as possible. Invitations will be sent only to those who have replied favourably to this letter; and in accordance with our particular purpose the proposed Association would be limited to clergy of the Church of England—without disparagement to ministers of other religious bodies, some of whom already have associations of their own.

I earnestly hope you may find yourself able to respond favourably.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

F. Lewis Donaldson.

Canon and Steward of Westminster.

Arthur Syme

Mrs. John Syme 29 Stockwell Road

Stockwell

S.W. 9.

13. 11. 29.

Dear Mrs Lausbury

I am deeply touched by your very kind gift which reached me today, and I hardly know how to express my gratitude to you and Mr Lausbury, but I do thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I only wish Mr Lausbury had been at the "Home Office, that is a very selfish wish, whereas, only my family would benefit, his work at the Office of Works is for the benefit of untold numbers.

Please do not worry about us, God has been good to us all through these 20 years of trouble, & raised for us many many friends, the cross has been sorted from the gold.

Although I have suffered much, if I had these past years back again, I would not have John keep his position

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Mrs. John Syme

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in the force at the expense of the men, as the judges said, so we still say, "it was his bounden duty to stand by them."

I fully expect he would have risen to be a superintendent, all his old chums, some of whom he coached in arithmetic have risen to that rank, & I have kicked against things sometimes when I think, ^{that} but for the lie told against him, he might have been the same,

We trust your health is improving & that God in his mercy will long spare you to one another

Please believe me to be yours

Very gratefully
Mellie Syme.

John Syme

29 Stockwell Road

S.W.9

Dec. 20th 1929

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Dear George,

Mr Syme and I are both very grateful for your further kindness.

We wish you and all your family the utmost happiness and we hope you will long be spared to carry on the good work you are now doing. After all the years you have asked others to do things, it must be pleasant to be able to do them on your own responsibility.

If only Mr Clynes had a modicum of courage and sense of justice he would have settled my affair long ago. I will try to be patient but it wants a lot of doing when there are risks such as last night's vote.

Yours gratefully
Jno. Syme

Edmund T. MacMichael

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Camp Farm

Winblow Conn

Sw. 19.

23. Dec. 1929.

My Dear Friends,

I have just received
your card, and am so charmed
with it that I must write and
thank you.

Your Xmas cards are
unlike anyone else's, except ^{those of} one
or two other big people it is
my happiness to know

I expect you are both very
busy, but should you happen
to be in the West. western
you might care to look in
at our "Shop" at 22 Church
Street Kensington (opposite
Barkers) and sign the petition
against Performing Animals.

We are having such a fight,
quite like what you must have
gone through in your active
rebel days.

You are not to worry about answering this,
and I hope you will enjoy the Xmas respite.

With love to you all, in which my wife &
family would join were I not a grass widower. They
are in the alps.

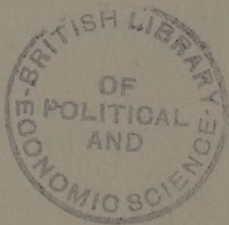
Yours always sincerely

Richard Michael.

If you see Brill again and if you can remember, I should
be grateful if you would tell him that I have lost his address and

shall be v. glad if he will drop in
and see me at 22 Church Street,
Kensington

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Edward Webster

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THE DOBBS WEIR RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION (ROYDON PARISH)

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1 letter enclosed

23 Dec 29

Dear 'old' (ever young) friend of the Year,

I do not write because you are a "Right Honorable" or "First Baron of Works" - and in the seats of the mighty - except for one special reason, I'm glad you are where you are and what you are. The enclosed letter - from a skilled working-man's carpenter I have known for some years will reveal that special reason. He like many others at this "festive" season finds himself "out of work" - Only one of the vast army of the unemployed who no man needs to hire just now.

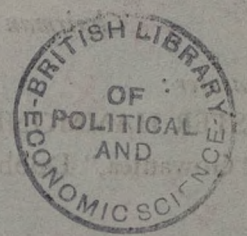
Fortunately he has not been unemployed long - 2 or 3 weeks only his very little bit of work will go anywhere to obtain it.

He has been with Lyons on staff pretty regularly for a couple of years lately as a charge hand in their depots. Has taken all night work again to earn rather than be "out" - He is married and

HART

The Start's address is 31 Dalmeny Rd
Ferrygate E7 - I hope you find it
all well. Don't mind it - I dreamed
wildly that I was talking to "Mac" about you, last night.
"David" does I am very sorry you? - How
are always remember -
one from London 7 years -
He'll be away this June -
than 70 -
as the 1st of November -
like yourself you
cheers - I wish you
good luck in the new
of the land (Schindler)
Believe me - As
Your pen and friend
Edward Clayton

fortunately for them has only one child
- a girl 12 years old yesterday, who
won a Scholarship last year at
East Ham's new attending a
Special School. You can guess - no
you know - the struggle it must be -
- Clothes, uniform etc to buy - the money
to be found first. If the mother had
not been the fine blucky little woman
she is going out to a job to help
raise the money, the child could not
have taken up the Scholarship -
You'll see Start has had
experience in the "Office of Works" on the
"Maintenance Staff" & I when gave
every satisfaction. I shall be so glad
if you can do anything to get him a
start then again - sorry to bother you
at such length - but wanted you to
know all the facts & circumstances.



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Sir Benjamin Drage (210)

28, ETON AVENUE,
N.W.3.

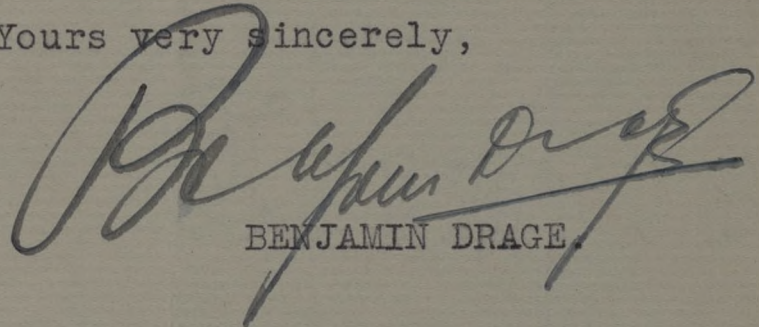
24th December 1929

My dear Mr. & Mrs. George Lansbury,

How very charming of you to send me such beautiful Christmas and New Year wishes.

It would be difficult for me to tell you how deeply I am touched, and with what sincerity from my heart I wish you in return every happiness this Christmas and all good fortune in the coming year.

Yours very sincerely,



BENJAMIN DRAGE.

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

Theodore John Valentine
(1863 -)

Feilden

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Administration Offices of
The Empire Mail

~~THEO FEILDEN~~
~~Editor-in-Chief~~

212, High Holborn,
London, W.C.1.

[Say 24 Dec.]

Xmas 1929.

What is there new that one can say in the way of greetings at this time? What is in my heart is what was there last year, and the message I transmitted then I repeat, because I can find nothing better. So here it is good friend, and I give it you with added emphasis:

The best wish I can send you for the New Year is the greatest of God's blessings, good Health, and I couple with this the sincere hope that all prosperity will attend you.

With your staunch Imperialism you will, I know, join with me in the fervent desire that the coming year will knit still more closely the ties that bind our great Empire together, and that in a spirit of mutual endeavour, especially for inter-Empire trade, we shall Think, Speak and Act Imperially.

Theo Feilden

Rt. Hon. George Lansbury,
39, Bow Road,
E. 3.

No man or company of men
ever did any great work
solely for its cash profit.

Postmark 24 Dec. 1929 27 East Duane
S. W.

Rev. Charles Gore

many thanks to you & Mr.

Laubsch for remembering ~~for~~ me.

I am not likely just now to

pass you. May all your

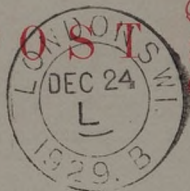
humanizing work be abundantly

blessed! A happy New Year!

Charles Gae

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The Rt Hon. George Lansbury
M.P.

39 Bow Road,

London. E.



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Sir Lionel Earle
(1866-1948)

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Xmas day. 1939

14, Sloane Gardens,
S.W.1.

Dear Mr & Mrs Laneberry.

How kind of you
to send me the story of
your life & all your
good wishes. I have
been rivetted for the
last two hours to the
book & find it of
amazing interest
& so delightfully written

if I may say so.

It interests me so enormously
so it deals with the
period of my life + 7
years only, but in a
different world somewhat
to where my footsteps
trod. But my mother
who was an angel
& so intelligent, although
coming from a swell
stock the Villiers family
(Lord Charendon) was

very advanced in views
for her day. She subscribed
to Bright's ~~newspaper~~
at the age of 6. & was
stick with "Gladstone
Hornis" &
other enlightened people
of that day. I also
knew H. Baillie & knew
well from early
childhood. I must tell
you about him some day.
Why then I can assure
you that it has come

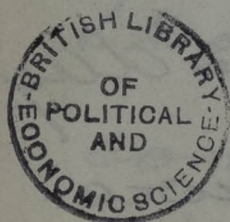
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as a fresh pure breath
from Heaven to me
at this solemn time

& I shall have finished
reading every word
of it before we meet

It was good of you

& I do appreciate it



Yours very sincerely

Lionel Lodge

With very good wish to you &
yours from us both

Roland Auriol Barker
(1892 - 1954)

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·DORE·

·ENGLEFIELD·GREEN·

·SURREY·

Dec? 27th 1929.

Dear Mr. Zensberg

It was extremely
kind of you to think of giving
me such a charming &
welcome Christmas gift.

I have been reading it dur-
ing the past two or three
days, when my family have
allowed me a respite!

I hope that during this week you
will have managed to get a
little rest. I, unfortunately
caught a chill & have been in bed
part of the time.

With kind regards

I remain

yours sincerely

Charles Wesley



(Wm.) Wedgwood Benn
(12th Viscount Stansted) Dec. 1929
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27 Dec 1929

Mr. and Mrs. Wedgwood Benn are
very grateful for Mr. and Mrs. George Lansbury's
good wishes, which they heartily reciprocate.

India Office,

27th December 1929.

Rt. Rev. Arthur Foley Winnington Ingram
(Bishop of London; 1858-1946)

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FULHAM PALACE, S.W. 6.

28th Dec: 1929

Dear Lansbury,

Thank you and your wife very much for your Christmas greeting. You have got a very congenial job in looking after the children now, among other things, and I am glad to see how well you are doing it.

Yours very sincerely,

A. F. Ingram

Oliver S. Locker-Lampson
(1881-

4, NORTH STREET,
WESTMINSTER.

TEL. VICTORIA 2355.

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28th December, 1929.

My dear George Lansbury,

Please forgive a typewritten letter, but I am not able, as you know, to write with my hand, and this must be my excuse. I cannot tell you how I appreciate your letter. I have always felt and realised your sincerity and admired your stand very often for the town-trodden. Your letter comes to me now at a time of such trial that every crumb of comfort is an encouragement. I do want you to know how much I appreciate this and how I value in particular the verse you quote from Tennyson. I shall never forget this letter and I hope some day I may be of some service to you and yours in return for your christian charity to me.

Yours sincerely,



The Right Hon. George Lansbury.

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Joseph Bentley

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6 Grantham Terrace, Horton,
Bradford, 30th Decr. 1929.

Dear Geo. Lansbury (AND Bessie):

Very many thanks for your kindness
in keeping my name upon your
Christmas Greeting Despatch List.

Your welcome Card was re-posted
to me from the Town Hall, whence I
retired on Superannuation, 31 March, 1925.

The border on the front of your Card
serves as a reminder of the Art Illumin-
ation work of W^m. Morris, while Lucy
Larcom's beautiful words within offer
renewed evidence of the uncanny skill
with which you (? or Bessie) select
the choice verses which add to the
poetic treasures of your friends every
Yule-tide.

J. Bentley

(221)

30 Dec. 1929

It is clear that your chosen Christmas verselets find an echo in your own heart, and that ^{you} feel that they will awake (or evoke) similar echoes in the hearts of your friends. They do! God spare you yet for years, to make and send your Christmas choices.

While I am writing this I am hoping that, on receipt, it will find you both in good health; and facing the New Year with faith, hope, and determination. Yes, I know that the Apostle linked "charity" (= love) with faith and hope; but, I also remember that he laid it down that faith without works is dead, - and I remember, further, that THOU art First Commissioner of Works. Therefore do I pray that All strength may be given thee for the requisite doings. When

J. Bentley

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30 Dec. 1929

I see thee on the Movies, and hear thee on the Talkies, kicking off at a new football pitch, or opening a new welfare centre, I say to myself, "my friend George is getting on with his job," and I am glad. The late C. H. Spurgeon used to belaud the three virtues of Grace, Grit and Humption, and I do not hesitate to flatter myself that my friend G. L. has a satisfactory quantum of all the three. For the exercise of these qualities during 1930 may you have ever-unfolding opportunities; and in the domestic relations of your home and neighbourhood, may you have a full measure of health and happiness, and of a continued outflowing of the esteem and confidence of the people amongst whom you dwell.

My wife, who knows a little less of you than
I do

J. Bentley

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30 Dec. 1929

I do myself, and my grown-ups (all, save one, members of the Labour Party) join me in wishing for all who are loved at, and from, 39 Bow Road, E., a very Happy, Bright and Prosperous New Year.

Yours heartily,
Joseph Bentley.

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

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44, RYLETT CRESCENT,
LONDON, W.12

Re-union Committee

George Lansbury, Esq., M.P.,
39, Bow Road,
E. 3.

30th December 1929.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

The twenty-fourth annual London Clarion
Re-union will be held at the Royal Horticultural Hall,
Vincent Square, Westminster, on Saturday, 18th January,
1930, from 6.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

I am desired by the Committee to express
the hope that we may be favored with your company during
the evening.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs) Eva Sait

Hon. Secretary

Francis L. P. ~~Sturge~~
Woodbrooke Settlement.

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TELEGRAMS: WOODBROOKE, SELLY OAK
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SELLY OAK,

BIRMINGHAM.

WOLFFORD COTTAGE,
STATTONDALE,
CLOUGHTON,
SCARBOROUGH.

Dec: xii: 29.

Dear Mr & Mrs Lausbury,

It is so kind of you
still to remember us &
to send us Christmas & New
Year greetings; we greatly appreciate these
I just want on behalf of my
wife & myself to express to you
both our warmest good wishes
for the coming year. So many

Worcester
Stainton Dale
Glouceston
Scarborough

You will be full I with
interest & sympathy for
Lansbury's work in the
Government

Believe me

Sincerely yours

Samuel H. P. Sturgis



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William Graham
(1887-1932)



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105 Sunny Gardens,
Hendon, London, N.W.4.
31st December, 1929.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lansbury,

Mrs. Graham and I greatly appreciate
your kind message for Christmas.

May I thank you also for your unfailing
friendship in the Government since we took office in
June. In your own task you have always the promise of
my support; let us hope that 1930 will see definite
progress in reducing the numbers of unemployed.

Again all good wishes for the coming year,
and our kindest regards.

Yours v. sincerely,

William Graham

Mr. and Mrs. George Lansbury.

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BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR

MAX RABINOFF

of U.S.A.

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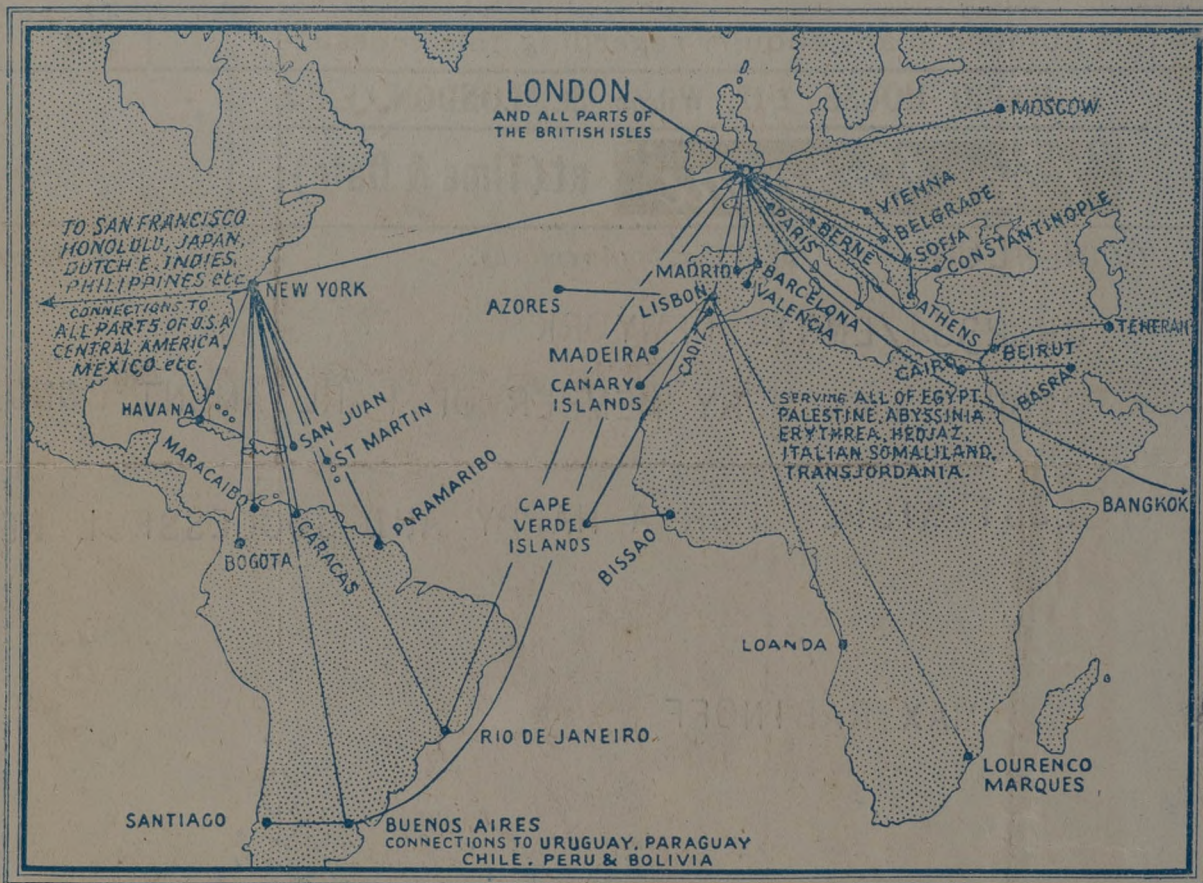
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BLIND GIRL TYPIST.—Mr. George Lansbury dictating to Miss Violet Harper, a blind girl, at the Office of Works, where she has just been appointed shorthand typist. Miss Harper is using a Braille shorthand machine presented to her by the National Institute for the Blind.

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