

319 S. James' Court S.W.^a
31 Dec. 1915

Dear Hornby, Very many thanks for speeding[?] those books to Howard & please find herewith P.O.^b for the postage. And very many thanks, too, for that delightful picture of the Bishop & J. Valjean—oddly enough I had just been re-reading that touching introductory chapter of[?] *Les Misérables*.^c My wife & I wish to you & your wife a new year which shall make the whole world happier than the old year leaves it. The “world” no doubt deserves what it gets. I hope there is something even in the dying year that may give us for fruit something better in the new. In this hope farewell to the old and welcome the new!

affly[?] yours
T. J. Cobden-Sanderson.

^a Cobden-Sanderson occupied rooms away from the Press in St. James's Court from November 1910 to March 1917.

^b Postal order.

^c In *Journals* entry for 8 October 1915 Cobden-Sanderson mentions that he was re-reading Hugo's *Les Misérables*.

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The Doves Press. 20 Dec. 1916

My dear Hornby,

Very many thanks for your letter. The last sheet was printed today^a & on Monday Albert begins a month's trial as motor-bus driver.^b He dreams of long excursions in the country with the coming of spring & I think it will be a very wholesome employment for him after the confinement of the Press. But if it is not a success I will remember your kind suggestion of work in your book department.^c

You have always been a good friend of the Press & I appreciate your regret at its closure. It has been a pride[?] &[?] joy to me, but as I am now nearer 80 than 70^d I am glad to have the rest which the release will give me, & time to do nothing! But the Bindery will still go on as I have still a number of old commissions in hand as well as my own D.P.^e Books to bind.

We have given up our flat at S. James' Ct. and are going to live at the Press: and to keep on the name “The Doves Press”: and I hope you will come & see us there. We are making a few changes &