

# **Edith How-Martyn correspondence with Margaret Sanger, and related papers: 1915**

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Letters from Margaret Sanger  
to Edith How-Martyn

1915. (is another un-dated letter  
with note by E.H.M. stating  
"probably 1915.")

67 Larrington Sq  
June twenty-eight  
1915.  
Martyn:

The cards  
- Saturday, and  
very well done & nicely  
made up. I think.

Thank you for the  
invitation to tea, & I  
shall be pleased to  
come on Sunday evening  
following (next week) at  
any time you suggest.  
My stay in London is  
now so uncertain that  
I scarcely expect to be  
here later than July fifteenth.



67 Larrington Sq  
June twenty-eight  
1915.

My dear Mrs Martin:

The cards  
arrived Saturday, and  
look very well done & nicely  
made up. I think.

Thank you for the  
invitation to tea, & I  
shall be pleased to  
come on Sunday evening  
following (next week) at  
any time you suggest.

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now so uncertain that  
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here later than July fifteenth.



I should like to talk  
over Spain with you. Mr  
Drapdale said you &  
Mr Martini had toured  
the country & found  
it so delightful.

Success to you in  
your new work, and  
much thanks to you  
for your kind interest.

Sincerely  
Margaret Sanger.

(Miss B. L. Watson)



June 28. 1915.

LONDON WC

JUN 28 1915

10.30 AM



Mrs E. Harv Martin  
38 Hogarth Hill  
Hampstead Gdn Subur  
N.W.



17 July 1915 67 Lorrington Sq.

Dear Mr. Har Martin.

At dinner with  
de Stoper a few  
nights<sup>ago</sup> Mr Elmer Maud  
suggested to draft  
a sort of protest  
letter addressed  
to President Wilson  
and signed by  
prominent scientific  
people here on  
my case. They were



2.  
both highly interested  
and offer to do all  
they can to make  
things known.

I have written Min  
sloty & trust I may  
hear from her  
later.

I have been feeling  
so down & depressed  
I have decided to  
get out of London



3.  
Very soon I go North for  
a quite ten days or two  
where where I can draft  
out my trial before I leave  
for W.S.A.

I just dread going back  
& placing myself in their  
merciless hands. Yet each  
mail brings letters that  
it is the only thing to



4.  
do to save The  
propaganda &  
to push on The  
Cause, which has  
rested down again.  
I feel like one  
feels when you  
first dive from  
a high board  
into The Ocean.  
About The little  
gathering you  
suggested, of friends



Who might wish  
to say good-bye.

As my sailing &  
The date of it, is  
still so uncertain  
I wonder if it will  
be advisable to

do it. America is  
still so uncertain  
and all friends  
agree that I should  
remain here if there



6.

in War, and yet  
I want to get  
away where I can  
get in good trim  
before I sail.

It would be so  
splendid & such  
a victory if only  
I were able to  
prove to a jury  
that I had



7.  
helped to form & conduct  
a clinic in England  
and the people were still as  
virtuous & not more immoral  
(perhaps less) than in U.S.A.  
Hays & Webb drag on and  
we could be really doing  
something in the meantime  
But at any rate I feel



I had best get  
away from London  
(not to visit) & rest &  
get air fighting train  
for two weeks &  
see what that time  
may bring.

If U.S.A. goes to war,  
I'll return & talk  
Clinics.

What do you think,

With regards to  
you - all

Margaret Sanger



17 JUL 1915



17 July 1915.

Mrs E. Horv Martin  
38 Hogarth Hill  
Hendon, N.H.



Mrs B. L. Watson  
69 Park Sq.

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Mrs E. Horr. Martin  
# 218 Hogarth Hill  
Hendon,



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LONDON, S.W.

July 25, 1915.

My dear Mr. Hu Martin -

I have been shipping about saying goodbye to some friends in Shepherd Bush & am just off to Brighton for a week end. I was sorry to miss your call at Torrington but perhaps on my way back if I let you know in time you will have tea with me in afternoon.

I am asking Mr. Syddall to forward you a letter



written to me by Floy Allen  
Acting Editor of The Masses  
Magazine in New York  
~~you see~~ rather I told  
Mr. Drysdale to send  
it to Miss Thompson  
but I meant it for you  
both to read please.

you are quite right  
I am sure in what  
you say of useless  
sacrifice, and it is  
just that which made  
me come to London.

I too wish we had met  
earlier, and oh Miss  
Thompson how could  
you be so cruel.



Not to know I needed you little  
so much. I'm lovely diary mater.  
But I'm glad the spirit more anyway  
& we met at last. If Germany gets  
"Sassy" I'll remain. I decided not  
to think of the whole thing for  
several days - just to get away  
& rest & see what happens &  
then decide - In the meantime  
anything sent to B & L Paton  
Am 24 Co will reach me & I'll



let you know of my  
return to London.

Thank you for  
your kind letters  
hth of you will  
write Mr Thompson  
later.

Sincerely

Margaret H Sanger



? July 1915.

My dear Mr. Hor. Martin -

Last evening was  
such a pleasant  
one, that I clear  
forgot that it  
was so late and  
was surprised to  
find it was  
nearly nine o'clock.  
I hope you will  
forgive me.  
Thank you so  
much for the



postal of yourself &  
"Granny" - A good  
Motto truly "Le do  
What's right etc.  
I shall write him  
shortly at once.

I do so appreciate  
your & Miss Thompson's  
interest - You  
are mighty big  
lots of you truly.



Am sending The  
Reel - my some  
extra copies I have been  
with me - you are  
welcome to them.

I shall let you know  
as soon as I decide  
on the hat, in the  
meantime accept my



Thank &  
appreciation for  
your help & interest

Sincerely  
Margaret Sanger



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PARIS,

Sept 6 1915

Dear Mrs Har-Martin -

Your of Sept 5th  
just came to me.

I have been intending  
each day since my  
arrival to write you  
but you know how  
a day passes & how  
difficult it is to do  
what we desire most.  
I tried to get a few  
days in London after  
the main part of my  
work was done. To remain



I see many who had  
been so kind to me,  
but I slept so badly  
at night & ached so  
by day that in desperat-  
ion I fled to Paris  
even before I had  
completed my work  
in London.

Two friends a doctor  
& lawyer are both  
helping me get an  
return of my trial.  
They are both most  
advanced women  
& expect to be in  
New York later in



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The winter.

I am being annoyed  
in U.S.A. for lectures  
etc. even now so at  
present I am doing  
more to building up  
my shattered nerves.  
than any thing else  
in preparation for  
the ordeal which  
no doubt is mine.

I am doubtful about  
returning to England  
If you knew what  
torture it is to enter  
a leave that little



I sh. you need not  
wonder.

I plan to sail from  
Bordeaux about the  
17th. just unless some  
thing occurs to make  
me change my plans.

It would be a very great  
help had I known  
more definitely of my  
going - so a little  
gathering could have  
been planned. Nevertheless  
I am glad to have  
had that meeting.  
I have had several  
requests for lectures  
from various people who



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PARIS,

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attended the Meeting  
that day. Of course I  
could not promise  
as I intended to leave.  
They were all requests  
to address either  
Committee or Societies  
in Sept. Nov. Dec & Jan.  
& all suggesting dates.  
It shows how many  
must be interested  
in the subject and  
how necessary it  
is to get it to them.



I am feeling so  
much better since  
I came here even  
this short time.

Someone said you  
were not in the  
country & had not  
been well.

Mrs Dupdale gave  
me a jar of "New Food"  
which really helped  
me so quickly that  
I'm almost ashamed  
to tell any one. I look  
like "Christian Science"  
but if you sleep  
badly & are shaky.



try it. do

I trust you are going  
to be well & not let  
munitions make you  
too hard.

All that you said  
in your last nice  
letter was true every  
word - & yet so many  
women, girls, & men  
are being arrested each  
day throughout N.S.

In my pamphlet.

That it seems I simply  
must return & fight  
it out. The famours



Anarchist woman  
Emma Goldman &  
her manager were  
both arrested in  
San Francisco for  
giving out "Family Limitation"  
& were each fined \$100.

Another woman was in  
Chicago, a boy in Phila.  
& several others all over  
are in conflict & know  
so little of the subject  
they do not feel able  
to enter the courts to  
fight it out, so they  
pay a fine - you can  
readily see how it  
makes it necessary.



That some we must  
fight & I surely seem  
to be that someone.

I am feeling stronger  
& as my physical  
health increases my  
nerve & spirit do too.  
so I hope for a  
good fight & victory.

I'll write you again  
when I know

definitely of my sailing  
Mr. Sanger that has to  
be yesterday am waiting  
for a cable.

Regards to Mr. Thompson  
& your own good self.

Sincerely as ever  
Margaret Hanger



This envelope contains  
letter from Margaret Sanger  
(in Paris - September 6, 1915)  
to Edith How-Martyn in England -  
when M.S. was in Europe preparing  
for the trial in the United States.

Do NOT DESTROY, PLEASE.

(Note from Eileen Palmer  
MARCH 17. 1980)

Correspondence between  
E.P. & Dr. Grant Sanger  
re these letters -  
in 1981 - means we  
do not microfilm  
them for Dr. Grant  
Sanger or Dr. Stuart  
Sanger.  
May possibly photostat  
(or microfilm) before  
sending to K.L.S.E. Library  
Centre from E.P. 1.8.82)

~~If it cannot be delivered to~~  
~~executors of M.S. (who are probably~~  
~~be Dr. Stuart Sanger Dr. Grant Sanger~~  
~~(M.S.'s sons)~~ it should go to join  
M.S. collection of papers at Washington  
or the American Birth Control League  
papers at Smith College in  
Massachusetts (when arrangements finally  
made with them re whole collection of M.S. letters)

Thank you - E.P.

Again thank you - E.P. (22.8.83)



Obviously during MS first  
visit to London (probably  
when the trial was pending  
in U.S.A. But after publication  
of The Rebel.

Very early (addressed MS HM)  
not Edith)

undated letter:

E.g. to try to date

later from  
other letters (the boat  
probably refers to boat journey back to  
U.S.A. to face trial)

was really  
bored the  
could not  
ell. And am  
am sure

Something important happened.  
The date of July 26th.  
seems quite good for me.  
If convenient for you - go  
ahead on that date.

Send word here later on.  
Where & what time.

I have not said my  
thanks for all the trouble  
you & that lovely dear Jim  
Thompson took for the meeting.  
Every day I am hearing



Dear dear lady;

It was really  
good of you to send the  
ticket - I just could not  
get to it after all. And am  
so sorry for I am sure  
something important happened.  
The date of July 26th.  
seems quite good for me.  
If convenient for you - go  
ahead - on that date.

Send word here later on.  
Wheat & Wheat time.

I have not said my  
thanks for all the trouble  
you & that lovely dear Jim  
Thompson took for the meeting.  
Every day I am hearing



from it. Most encouraging  
letter for Social men  
who want to make  
B.C. a life work -

Fire off to Glasgow  
tomorrow. Am rather  
tired too. But look  
forward to August for  
a rest.

Again my thanks  
you are a gem indeed.  
With love

Margaret Hanger

To Edith How-Martyn. Year 1915 probably.