Colne Cottage,

CROMER.

6th November 1919.

Dear Ketton,

I write this to tell you that just as I have always welcomed Labour, as well as Liberal support, I now cordially welcome the fermation of a Labour Party in North Norfolk and am applying for membership of it.

You will agree with me that those who belong to the school of Campbell-Bannerman are indebted to the Labour Party for urging views, both about the Peace Settlement and about Social Reform, which he would have expressed but which the Liberal leaders of to-day have left to the Radical section of the Liberal Party. At the same time I realise that we shall best defeat the reactionary forces in the country if Radicalism and Labour work together. The recent Widnes bye-election has shown that the two Parties can co-operate and it is probable that they will form an alliance after the next General Election.

we in North Norfolk have set an example of cooperation which is now being followed elsewhere. [Radicalism
and Labour have the same views on Free Trade, Conscription, the
campaign against Public Waste and Profiteering, Ireland and Russia.
The supposed antagonism between the Parties is a fiction engineered
by Toryism for its own advantage.]

I have so much valued your support that I am sending this letter to inform you personally of my views.

Yours sincerely,

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