

**U DP152**

**Letters of John William Gott**

**1911-1919**

**Biographical Background:**

John William Gott was a secularist and socialist. He was a member of the Freethought Socialist League in Bradford and from his residence at 61 Dorset Street in Bradford he acted as secretary of the British Secular League and The Jerusalem Star. He was devoted to the cause of disestablishing the Christian religion.

**Custodial history:** Purchased from David Collis, 1970

**Description:**

These letters are addressd to Ambrose G Barker about his donations and subscriptions to the lecture tours of the Freethought Socialist League and the British Secular League.

**Extent:** 4 items

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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| U DP152/1 | Letter. JW Gott to Ambrose G. Barker, 9 Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow<br>On paper headed 'Freethought Socialist League', 28 Church Bank, Bradford: thanks for contribution to Defence Fund; case at Assizes before Justice Phillimore 'a very pious individual', to open 18 November 1911<br>1 item | 1911-1919   |
| U DP152/2 | Letter. J W Gott to Ambrose G. Barker, 9 Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow<br>From 61 Dorset Street, Bradford: lectures on Freethought in Lancashire and Yorkshire; asks for subscription<br>1 item   | 25 Sep 1913 |

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- U DP152/3 Letter. J W Gott to Ambrose G. Barker, 9 Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow 20 Apr 1915  
On paper headed British Secular League, 61 Dorset Street, Bradford: asks for subscription 'if the War has not hit you too hard'  
1 item
- U DP152/4 Letter. J W Gott to Ambrose G. Barker, 9 Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow [1919]  
On paper headed 'The Jerusalem Star, 61 Dorset Street, Bradford', with portrait of Gott ('Prisoner for Blasphemy'): will send 'Mating and Marriage' when reprinted; 'Chapters on Human Love' has been confiscated by the authorities; has done well in sales at Walthamstow, as has a man with Malthusian pamphlets  
1 item