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562 Nov-Dec 1928

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| 602 | 1926 | <p><u>'Special Supplement No. 48</u>
 Records of the seventh ordinary session of the assembly
 Minutes of the Fourth Committee (Budget and Financial Questions)'</p> <p style="text-align: right;">262pp</p> |
| 603 | 1928 | <p><u>'Special Supplement No. 64</u>
 Records of the ninth ordinary session of the assembly
 Plenary meetings - Text of the debates'.
 Includes a speech by Blythe on the advantages of using the single transferable vote for League of Nations Council elections and on other matters such as tariff reform, disarmament and the Kellogg pact. [see p.77.]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">544pp</p> |
| 604 | 1928 | <p><u>'Special Supplement No. 70</u>
 Records of the ninth ordinary session of the assembly
 Minutes of the Sixth Committee (Political Questions)'</p> <p style="text-align: right;">48pp</p> |
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2 Verbatim Record of proceedings of
plenary meetings of the League of Nations

- 605 Sept 1926 Seventh ordinary session of the
Assembly.
Thirteenth to seventeenth
plenary meetings.
5 issues. 9-13 pages each.
- 606 Sept 1928 Ninth ordinary session of the
Assembly.
Sixteenth to nineteenth
plenary meetings.
4 issues. 14-19 pages each.

3 Other Publications - League of Nations

- 607 26 Sept 1926 Journal of the seventh ordinary session.
1 issue. 20pp
- 608 1926 Resolutions adopted by the Assembly
and brief reports of various Committees
to the Assembly and to the Council on
various social, economic and financial
matters.
Nos. A 58, A 109, A 112 - A 129.
25pp
- 609 1928 Pacific Settlement of International
Disputes, Non-aggression and Mutual
Assistance.
Report of the Third Committee to the
Assembly.
42pp
- 610 1928 International Labour Conference
Eleventh session
Report of the Director first part.
273pp
- 611 c. 1926-1930 Sheet listing candidates in a
'General Election of the Members of
the Permanent Court of International
Justice'.
Pencil marks after some names.
2 copies of 1 page each

- 612: Lists of delegates and members of delegations.
- 1928 (a) Ninth ordinary session.
pamphlet 74pp
- 1930 (b) Eleventh ordinary session.
pamphlet 85pp
- 613 'Plan de la Salle'.
Plans showing the positions occupied, in the Assembly hall, by the various national delegations.
- 1928 (a) President: M. Zahle, Denmark.
[date in ms] 1 sheet
- (b) President: M. Nintchetch.
[no date given] 1 sheet
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D. CUMANN NA nGAEDHEAL 1923-1933

11 Policy and Organisation

- 614 c. 1923 'Address to the Nation'.
Asks support for 'the party whose programme stands for the realisation of the immense possibilities the ratification of the Treaty and of the Constitution open up for our country'.
carbon 3pp
- 615 c. 1923 Leaflet entitled: Cumann na nGaedheal.
Outlines 'Objects', 'Programme' and 'Memorandum of Provisional Government'.
pr. Eng. & Ir. 7pp
- 616 1925 Cumann na nGaedheal
Annual Convention, May 13 and 14 1925
A summary of proceedings.
pr. pamphlet 55pp
- 617 June 1927 Policy of the Cumann na nGaedheal
Party
by President Cosgrave.
pr. pamphlet 15pp
- 618 1927 Cumann na nGaedheal
Lists 'Objects', 'Programme', 'Rules'.
pr. pamphlet Eng. & Ir. 8pp
- 619 6 Oct 1931 (a) Circular letter giving notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Central Branch of Cumann na nGaedheal.
sten. 1p
(b) List of members of the Central Branch of Cumann na nGaedheal.
sten. 7pp
(c) Nomination paper for Committee members.
pr. 1p
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2 Dail Elections

- 620 1922 Election leaflets, Pro-Treaty. Includes one, for the North Monaghan Constituency, which names Blythe and O'Duffy as Pro-Treaty candidates. pr. 8pp
- 621 1923 (a) Notes of Blythe's election address. Covers financial matters, the rebuilding of the country and the Boundary Commission. ms 14pp
(b) Election leaflets for Monaghan candidates. pr. 3pp
- 622 1932 (a) Notes of election speech concerning the state of the country. ms 3pp
(b) Election leaflets. pr. 9 items
(c) Address of the Castleblaney Urban District Council to Blythe. Promises support in the coming election typ. 3pp

3 Senate Elections

- 623 1925 (a) Who's Who Seanad Election 1925 Lists candidates and gives biographical information. pr. pamphlet 47pp
(b) Letter from Cumann na nGaedheal H.Q. enclosing the above pamphlet and advising that it be used 'both privately and in meetings to guide our members in the exercise of their votes'. sten. 1ip
- 624 1925 Sheet listing Senate candidates. pr.
- 625 1928 Sheet listing Senate candidates. pr.
- 626 Note of agreement to maintain the Independent Group in the Senate provided that Cumann na nGaedheal is supported on vital issues. Mentions the triennial elections of 1931. Signed for the Independent Group by Andrew Jameson. typ. 2pp

E, THE BLUESHIRT PERIOD 1932-1936

11 Fine Gael (United Ireland), (1933-1936)

- 627 11 Nov 1933 'Fine Gael, Heads of Policy'
25 points to be submitted to the
first Ard Fheis, 9 Feb 1934.
pr. ms notes 2pp
- 628 Feb 1934 First Annual Ard Fheis.
'Resolutions from Executives and
Branches set out under
"Heads of Policy" as submitted by
the National Executive'.
Mentions national unity, Commonwealth
relations, the economic situation,
law and order, abolition of the
proportional representation electoral
system, the reform of local
government, the Irish language and
cultural matters.
pr. ms notes 15pp
- 629 1934 An Outline of the Political, Social
and Economic Policy of Fine Gael
'By General Eoin O'Duffy,
President of Fine Gael.
(Opening Address delivered at First
Annual Ard-Fheis of Fine Gael in the
Mansion House, Dublin, February 8th,
1934.)'.
Fine Gael Policy Series.
Pamphlet No. 1.
pr. 27pp
- 630 1934-35 (a) Receipts for sums of money
received from Senator Blythe
Mainly £5 and £6, mostly dated May
or June 1934.
The last receipt, 21-2-35 is on a
printed form headed 'Fine Gael' and
marked 'Party Fund'.
ms & pr. 14pp
- (b) 5 points governing the conduct
of members, especially officers, of
the organisation.
typ. 1p
- [(a) & (b) were in an envelope which
also contained League of Youth Scheme
of Organisation pamphlets, nos. 668-676
and a letter to Comdt Cronin, 3 Oct
1934, no. 1694.]

- 631 20 Jul 1934 Guarantee signed by Blythe to secure the account of Fine Gael to the extent of £100 at the College Green Branch of the Bank of Ireland.
pr. form 1p
- 632 28 Aug 1934 (a) Letter from Fine Gael Headquarters, 3 Merrion Square, Dublin. Informs Blythe that he has been nominated by the President to the National Executive of Fine Gael.
typ. 1p
(b) Covering letter from Fine Gael Headquarters enclosing (c).
typ. 1p
(c) Suggestions from General Eoin O'Duffy, [President of Fine Gael] for the allocation of duties for Dail Deputies and others in the Fine Gael Organisation.
Blythe to be in charge of 'Propaganda and Official Organ'. Includes a list of Dail Deputies who are 'Leaders of Department' or opposition spokesmen for the various departments.
typ. 4pp
- 633 c. 1934 United Ireland
Scheme of Organisation 'by General O'Duffy, Director of Organisation'.
pr. pamphlet 12pp
- 634 c. 1934 'United Ireland Organisation
Election Handbook
pr. pamphlet 36pp
- 635 c. 1934 Fine Gael and Labour :
12 points on the immediate labour policy of Fine Gael within the framework of the party's corporative policy.
pr. leaflet 4pp
- 636 1933-34 'Table: Showing Comparative Election Results'.
Gives the first preference figures and percentages, of votes received by Government and Anti-Government groups in 16 counties in the General Election 1933 and Local Elections 1934.
typ. ms notes 1p

- 637 13 Jun 1935 (a) Covering letter to Miss Martin from C.R. [On Dail notepaper.] Mentions that the enclosed from General Mulcahy 'might form the basis for some comments on these things'.
typ. 1p
- (b) List of figures showing increase or decrease in wages earned and in employment in certain named industries such as bacon, building, linen, 1931-3.
carbon ms notes 2pp
- 18 Jun 1935 (c) Facts and figures for the years 1926, 1929, 1931, 1933, relating to employment in the following industries: Confectionary, Furniture, Clothing, Footwear, Hosiery, Soap and candles.
carbon 6pp
- 638 5 Mar 1936 Fine Gael Ard Fheis. 'Resolutions to be considered'. Concerns economic matters, local government, justice, finance, the internal organisation of the Party.
sten. 6pp
- 639 May 1936 (a) File of 'Miscellaneous notes for Budget' issued to each deputy by Fine Gael Headquarters to provide information for discussion and speeches
sten. 39 items 43pp
- The following are loose within the file cover.
- (b) 'Table explanatory of the Budget' revenue and expenditure.
(i) 1935 1p
(ii) 1936 1p
sten.
- (c) 'Estimates of receipts and expenditure for the year'.
(i) 1932 7pp
(ii) 1933 "
(iii) 1934 "
(iv) 1935 "
(v) 1936 "
- pr.
- (d) Table comparing expenditure on Social Services in 1932-33 with 1936-37.
carbon 1p
- (e) Newspaper cutting relating to finance in the Free State.
pr. 1p

640

Speech condemning the 'Turf Bill'
and Government policies in general.
typ. draft ms notes & cor. in
Blythe's hand. 8pp

2. The Army Comrades Association (A.C.A.)
(1932-1933)

641

Rules of the Association.
Covers matters of policy,
constitution, organisation and
discipline.
Set out in points under 13 general
headings.

pr. 3pp

642

Aug 1932

Army Comrades Association and
Volunteer Division.
General statement of policy.
Indicates that financial
contributions and new members
would be welcome.

pr. 2pp

643

Autumn 1932

Army Comrades Association
Note on Revised Constitution.
Relates mainly to internal
organisation.

pr. leaflet 4pp

644

c. Aug 1932-
Jul 1933

(a) 3 circular letters from A.C.A.
Headquarters, 5 Parnell Square, Dublin.
They refer to 'the seriousness of the
present position' [1], note that 'the
A.C.A. was founded by men who brought
order out of anarchy and security out
of terror in the Civil War' [2], state
the policies of the A.C.A. and ask for
financial support.

pr. 1p each 3pp

(b) Draft of (a) (3) above.

carbon 3pp

645

Jan 1933

Circular letter from A.C.A.
Headquarters, 5 Parnell Square, Dublin.
Outlines the new scheme of organisation
for the sub-division of Units.
Asks that it be 'adopted within your
command' and that it be reported
'when you have this definitely
put into practice'.

carbon 1p

- 646 6 Feb 1933 Circular letter from A.C.A. Head -
quarters, 5 Parnell Square, Dublin
'To; Each County Secretary'.
Praises A.C.A. conduct during the
recent General Election, Jan 1933,
stresses the need for attention to
details of organisation and for
continued preparedness 'either to
carry on our published aims or to
meet any new situation'.
typ.. 2pp
- 647 8 Feb 1933 (a) Circular letter concerning the
extension of 'our organisation to
every parish and townland within your
district'.
Asks that the Polling Register be
checked and marked to show the names
of those for and against the A.C.A.
and that all possible sympathisers be
invited to join the organisation.
Issued by A.C.A. Headquarters, 5
Parnell Square, Dublin.
Signed E.J. Cronin Comdt., Sec.
carbon 1p
- (b) Instructions for checking the
Polling Register to ensure that it
is correct.
sten. 1p
- 648 1933 General Orders A.C.A.
- 7 Mar (a) Circular letter from A.C.A. Head-
quarters 5 Parnell Square, Dublin.
Encloses copies of General Order No. 1.
sten. 1p
- 7 Mar (b) General Order No. 1.
St. Patrick's Day Church Parade to be
arranged for all Units.
sten. 1p
- 27 Apr (c) General Order No. 2.
Deals with transport to meetings and
Company Cyclist Sections.
sten. 1p
- 27 Apr (d) General Order No. 3.
Concerns marching practice to 'take
place once a month, without
unnecessary public display'.
sten. 1p
- 649 c. 1932-
1933 (a) 'A.C.A. Policy.
Rough draft for discussion'.
A statement in general terms.
Mentions A.C.A. independence from other
political organisations.
Includes ms note in Blythe's hand
'I will have a somewhat improved
draft in a day or two'.
typ. ms notes 4pp

- 649 (b) 'A.C.A. Policy
Rough Draft for Discussion'.
Similar in general content to (a).
carbon 5pp
- 650 c. 1932-
1933 A.C.A. Constitution.
(a) '(Note on Draft of Suggested
Constitution)'.
Proposes that the constitution be
stated in general terms.
carbon ms notes pinned to (b). 1p
(b) Draft of Constitution.
Outlines objects and general
structure of the organisation.
Includes The Pledge to 'be taken by
every member'.
carbon ms notes pinned to (a). 4pp
(c) Another version of (b).
Contains ms note in Blythe's hand
'1st draft'.
carbon 6pp
(d) Another version of (b).
typ. 4pp
(e) 'Army Comrades' Association and
Volunteer Division
(Amended at Sub-Executive Meeting
held February 7, 1933).'
A version of (a) incorporating the
ms corrections.
carbon 1p
- 651 c. 1932-
1933 'A.C.A. (Notes on Organisation
and Discipline)'.
(a) Detailed suggestions for scheme
of organisation set out in 12 points.
Some general comments.
carbon ms cor. 5pp
(b) A version of (a), very similar.
carbon 6pp
- 652 c. 1932-
1933 'Note on Organisation'.
General comments on organisation
and development, on the type of
person likely to be interested in
joining the movement and on the links
between the A.C.A. and Cumann na
nGaedheal.
Includes suggestions relating to the
reorganisation of Cumann na nGaedheal.
carbon ms notes 6pp
and ms additions in Blythe's hand 2pp

- 653: Brief outline of the local structure and organisation of the A.C.A. Includes notes on discipline, the salute, dress and behaviour on parade and the possible contributions of musicians to the social side of the movement.
typ. 2pp
- 654 c. Feb-Mar 1933 'Draft of Suggestions.. A.C.A.' 'The General Election has altered the situation.....' The A.C.A. 'while continuing to be a non-party organisation'...'should no longer aim at being non-political'...'For the A.C.A. politics should be a form of national service. It should regard itself as a sort of civil army whose task is to fight for and protect the national rights and interests'. Offers suggestions concerning the re-organisation of the A.C.A. so as to increase its appeal to the youth of the country and to ensure that it plays a prominent part in the life of the community especially at local level. Refers to the need for a uniform. Lists in 12 points the political aims of the A.C.A. [Written in the first person singular] carbon ms notes & comments 6pp
- 655 c. Feb-Mar 1933 (a) Statement of the general aims and proposed activities of the A.C.A. Mentions that 'The General Election has seen the triumph of the A.C.A.' which is now 'free to embark on the second stage of its policy of National Service'. Organisation and recruiting are to continue, the register of electors is to be checked and a ladies section is to be formed. Suggestions include the wearing of a distinctive badge or uniform and the participation in charitable work and cultural activities.
carbon 4pp
- (b) Note on A.C.A. policies and activities.
Content similar to (a).
sten. 2pp
- 656 14 Mar 1933 Auditors Report and Statement of Accounts.
13 Aug 1932 to 28 Feb 1933.
carbon signed by auditor 5pp

3. The National Guard (July- August 1933)

- 657 Jul 1933 (a) Draft speech of [General Eoin O'Duffy] on being elected leader of the Army Comrades Association which he re-names the National Guard. States the general policy of the National Guard whose 'first object is to promote the re-union of Ireland'. Refers to the 'Constitution to be submitted to you'.
carbon ms. notes and additions in Blythe's hand 8pp
- (b) One page numbered '9'.
[Seems to be the end of the above speech (a).]
carbon ms notes 1p
- 658 c. Jul 1933 Constitution of the National Guard.
Statement of the aims, proposed activities and structure of the organisation.
Set out under the following headings; 'Membership', 'Policy', 'Objects', 'Pledge', 'Administration'.
pr. leaflet 4pp
- 659 National Guard
Provisional Constitution of
Ancillary Bodies
'National Association'.
'The Associate Members of the National Guard shall be known collectively as the National Association. Both men and women may be members...'
Lists 'Objects'. These are the same as those of the National Guard with an additional one to 'assist and support the National Guard'.
Gives the 'Pledge' and the rules governing 'Administration'.
'Women's Division'.
list of rules.
'The Young Comrades'.
For boys under 17 years of age.
list of rules.
pr. leaflet 4pp
- 660 Note on the administrative organisation of the 'National League'. [the word League is crossed out and 'Alliance' is written in ink above it]
Gives the 'Pledge' to... 'support and encourage the work of the National Guard...'
Contains 24 sections under the heading 'Administration' and notes on the organisation of the 'Women's Division'.
typ. ms notes 8pp

661

'The Young Comrades'
Regulations concerning the general
organisation of the 'Juvenile
Division' to be 'called the Young
Comrades of the National Guard'.

carbon ms notes 2pp

4 The Young Ireland Association - Oig
Eireann (September -December 1933)

662 c. Sept 1933

(a) (i) Constitution of the
National Guard

[The same printed leaflet as no. 658]
The name 'National Guard' is crossed
out and 'Young Ireland Association'
written in by hand.
There are some other changes.

pr. ms notes 4pp

(a) (ii) Another copy of no. 658 with
handwritten changes.

pr. ms notes 4pp

(b) National Guard. Provisional
Constitution of Ancillary Bodies

[The same printed leaflet as no. 659]
Contains handwritten amendments
relating to the Young Ireland
Association in the sections concerning
'Women's Division' and 'The Young
Comrades'.

pr. ms notes 4pp

663 Sept 1933

Announcement that the National Guard
has been merged in 'United Ireland'.
'Within the United Ireland Party we
shall have a Youth Movement of which
the name shall be The Young Ireland
Association'.

carbon 1p

664 Sept 1933

'Young Ireland Association'.
Statement relating to the foundation
and general organisation of the
Association.
It 'will be subject to the Executive
of United Ireland in all matters of
constitutional and political policy'.
It will 'have its own Executive for
the control of its internal affairs.
The general lines of a constitution
were agreed to, on Monday and General
O'Duffy with the assistance of a
meeting which includes Colonel
O'Higgins, Colonel Jerry Ryan, Major
Dalton, Comdt. Cronin and Mr. E.
Blythe, was authorised to complete
and promulgate it'.

typ. ms addition 2pp

665

(a) Young Ireland Association
Oig Eireann.

The constitution of the Association. States the aims and structure of the organisation under the following headings; 'Membership', 'Policy', 'Objects', 'Pledge', 'Administration', 'Women's Division', 'The Young Comrades'.

pr. leaflet 8pp

(b) Galley proof of (a).
pr. 2pp

(c) Draft of part of (a).
carbon ms notes 2pp

(d) Draft of part of (a).
carbon ms notes 1p

(e) 'Young Ireland Association'
Blank membership card.
Contains motto and the aims of the Association summarised in three points.
pr. 1 card

(f) Motto and aims of the
Association as summarised in (e).
carbon 1p

666

'Consultation in Regard to Appointment of Officers'.
An amplification of 'Article 5 (7)' of the constitution of the Young Ireland Association which prescribes that Company Captains 'shall be appointed by the District Director after consultation with members of the Company'.

typ. ms. notes 3pp

667 c. Nov 1933

(a) 'Oig Eireann
(Young Ireland Association)
Disciplinary Code'.
Detailed statement of the proper conduct of members and of the penalties for Misbehaviour.
Includes a handwritten 'Forward' signed by General 'Eoin O'Duffy Director General' and 2 pages of handwritten 'additions'.

typ. ms notes 7pp
ms 3pp

28 Nov 1933

(b) Covering note to 'Comdt. Cronin' enclosing (a) 'for your comments'.

ms 1p

5 The League of Youth (Dec 1933-1935)

- 668 14 Dec 1933 League of Youth.
Scheme of Organisation
as approved by the National Executive
of Fine Gael (United Ireland)
14 December 1933 .
Statement of the aims and structure
of the organisation.
Includes note on 'Girls Section'.
pr. leaflet 8pp
- 669 The League of Youth
Duties of Officers
Note on the authority and duties of
Officers, issued by the Central Staff,
to be read in conjunction with, and
subject to. the Scheme of
Organisation .
pr. leaflet 8pp
- 670 'Draft of Heads of Policy to be
submitted on behalf of the central
council of League of Youth to the
National Executive of Fine Gael for
inclusion in the general party
programme'.
Deals with economic, labour and
social matters.
sten. ms marks 1p
- 671 Mar-Apr
1934 'Strength Return' for various county
divisions.
Gives the name of the County Director
and the number of men, girls and boys
in each district.
(a) March
carbon ms additions 14pp
(b) April
carbon ms additions 18pp
- 672 18-19 Aug
1934 'Resolutions. League of Youth
Congress. 18-19 August, 1934'.
Arranged under the general headings
of; 'Agriculture', 'Labour',
'Town Tenants', 'Law and Order',
'Corporative System', 'General',
'Social', 'Discipline'.
sten. ms notes 4pp

- 673 27 Sept 1934 (a) Statement issued by Comdt. Cronin relating to the resignation of General Eoin O'Duffy from the Fine Gael Organisation. Points out that withdrawal from Fine Gael automatically meant that he 'vacated the post of Director General of the League of Youth' Includes a copy of O'Duffy's letter of resignation.
sten. 3pp
- (b) "Extract from Statement made by General O'Duffy to the Central Council of League of Youth 21 September 1934". From the Cork Examiner, 26 Sept 1934.
sten. 1p
- 674 1934 Why I Resigned from Fine Gael by General Eoin O'Duffy, Director-General, League of Youth. Blueshirt Series. Pamphlet No. 1.
pr. 40pp
- 3 Oct 1934 Letter from O. Belton, Belfield Park, Drumcondra, Dublin; to Comdt. Cronin. Relates to the 'reunion of our organisation'. A similar letter is being sent to General O'Duffy.
ms [See no. 1694.] 2pp
- 675 13 Aug 1935 Proposed alterations in the rules of the League of Youth concerning the connection with Fine Gael and the election of Central Staff and local officers.
typ. ms notes 3pp
- 676 Sept. 1935 "The League of Youth Constitution Scheme of Organisation as Amended by Congress" Reprinted from UNITED IRELAND 14th September, 1935'.
pr. ms marks 1p
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6 General Blueshirt Material
(no indication to which phase it
belongs)

(i) Economic and Social Policy

- 677 'Heads of Policy'.
Arranged under the following
headings; 'Constitutional',
'Educational', 'Economic'.
sten. ms marks 2pp
- 678 'Preliminary Notes on Planned
Economics'.
....'The most satisfactory method to
assist the administration in drawing
up legislation necessitated by a
planned economy will be through the
various Vocational Corporation
Councils'.
Mentions that industry and
agriculture cannot be segregated in
Ireland.
Concludes with a series of points
summarised under the headings:
'Objects of the Plan' and 'Economic
Planning in the fullest sense should
entail'.
carbon 7pp
- 679 'Memo. Vocational Corporations'.
Vocational Corporations are seen to
be 'a means whereby the Government
or any Department of State may
ascertain the views of a particular
industry taken as a whole. They will
also serve to provide permanent
conciliation machinery between
employers and employed'.
Suggests certain structures and
powers for the corporations.
carbon ms cor. 6pp
- 680 (a) 'An Agricultural Corporation'
'(Basis for Discussion)".
Proposes the establishment of an
Agricultural Corporation 'under the
Guardianship of the Young Ireland
Association'.
Indicates its structure and functions.
typ.. ms notes 13pp
- (b) 'An Agricultural Corporation'.
Draft of (a).
carbon 9pp

681 Note on the idea of Vocational Corporations as recommended by the 'present Pope'. Expresses Fine Gael's commitment to such a system.
carbon p# missing 5pp

(ii) Printed Articles

682 Galley proof of 'The Need for Funds General O'Duffy's Appeal'. From The Blueshirt 30 August.
pr.. 1p

683 c.. Jul 1933 Galley proof or reprint of $\frac{1}{2}$ a newspaper page of 3 columns. Contains articles on 'Fascist Salute', 'Passing of A.C.A.', 'Reunion of Ireland', 'Law and Order', 'Combat Communism'.
pr. 1p

(iii) Songs

684 Aug 1933 Galley proof of "O'Duffy, The Chief of the "National Guard".
4 verses of 8 lines.
signed L.O. 10 Aug 1933.
Also a brief note mentioning that a member of the National Guard living in Berlin has been granted permission to wear his blue-shirt 'at social functions and on similar suitable occasions....This ruling will apply to all Volunteers resident abroad'.
pr. 1p

685 "March of Youth".
'(Approved by the Director-General as Rallying Song for the League of Youth.)'.
Air.- O'Donnell Abu.
(a) 2 verses of 10 lines and final chorus.
pr. 1p

(b) 4 verses of 10 lines and final chorus.
step. 1p
26

686

'Hymn of the Blue Shirts'.
3 verses of 8 lines and chorus
With sheet music, treble clef only.
pr. 1p

(iv) Printing

687 28 Aug 1933

(a) Letter from Sam Mahon, Mahon's
Printing Works, Yarnhall Street,
Dublin, C. II., to Mr E. Blythe,
Merrion Square.
Mentions 'that it is not legal,
under the Public Safety Act, to
again print the Blue Flag'.
Encloses account for 'the four
issues'. [see (b)]

ms.

1p

(b) 4 bills made out to Blythe.
From Mahon's Printing Works.
Covers cost of printing, wrapping,
carriage and postage of The Blue
Flag and related posters.

ms.

5pp

(v) Insurance

688 c. 1929

'Group Assurance Proposal'.
'Sun Life Assurance Company of
Canada'.
Note on 'Compulsory Life Assurance'.
[This item was with the Blueshirt
material]

typ.

4pp

689

'Notes' on life insurance schemes
Includes 'Rate Tables'.

carbon

2pp

- 690 c. 1935 (a) 'A New State and a New Policy' Advocates the establishment 'in this part of Ireland the type of state to which the name Diast has been given'. Describes government under a Diastal Association, 'a Mass Commission of Political Investigation and Supervision comprising the more active and public-spirited citizens. It will be charged with the duty of guiding and instructing the less active citizens and of spurring the Government to unceasing effort'..... 'The members of Parliament under a Diast will be persons whose names have been chosen by the Association and submitted to the electors for acceptance or rejection'.
- carbon 8pp
- (b) 'Policy - Suggestions'. Draft of (a) with notes and corrections in Blythe's hand, many of which are incorporated in (a).
- carbon ms notes 7pp
- (c) Draft of pp5-8 of (a).
- carbon 4pp
- 691 May 1933 'The Diast' (An Occasional Bulletin) No. 1. May 1933 (not copyright)' Consists of a brief Editorial and an article: 'The Need of the Moment'. [This is almost the same as [no 690 (a)] Mentions that future issues may be obtained from M.G. Quinn, Midland Hotel, Dublin.
- sten. 5pp

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1937-1943

- 694 1937 (a) Draft agreement between Clondalkin Paper Mills and R.T. Brown relating to the latter's appointment and terms of employment as manager.
 typ. ms additions 9pp
- (b) Covering letter from F.R. O'Connor, F.S.A.A., Incorporated Accountant & Auditor; to J.J. Walsh, Chairman, Clondalkin Paper Mills.
 typ. 1p
- (c) 'Mr Brown's Terms of Appointment extracted from the Minutes',
 'original terms' 6-6-1936.
 'present terms' 29-9-1937.
 typ. 1p
- 695 Nov-Dec 1938 (a) Copies of letters from the firm of James Bertram and Co., Ltd., Leith Walk, Edinburgh 6; to J.J. Walsh, Chairman, Clondalkin Paper Mills, and to Messers, International Combustion Ltd., Derby; relating to the efficiency and output of the new beaters installed at Clondalkin.
 Includes notes on 'Power Costs on B/pressure Turbine' 30 Nov 1938.
 carbon 2 letters 9pp
- (b) Covering letter from J.J. Walsh to Blythe asking him to have the correspondence [see (a)] typed.
 ms 1p
- 696 c. 1938-39 'Summary of Investigations into Power Costs, Output and Staffing of Clondalkin'.
 Report by J.J. Walsh.
 carbon 4pp
- Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 August.
- 697 1940 pr. 4pp
- 698 1943 pr. 4pp

H. THE ABBEY THEATRE 1935-1971

1i Articles of Association

- 699 c. 1935-40 Memorandum and Articles of Association of the National Theatre Society Limited.
[The Abbey Theatre]
Subscribers:
Isabella Augusta Gregory
William Butler Yeats
10 March 1911.
Amendments dated Oct 1925 and Mar 1935,
are pasted in.
pr.. pamphlet 335x163mm 19pp
- 700 c. 1940-50 Memorandum and Articles of Association of the National Theatre Society Limited.
Includes 6 amendments dated Aug 1939
and 3 amendments dated Jan 1940.
pr.. pamphlet 168x138mm 19pp
- 701 1936 Draft Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting called to alter Articles of Association nos. 21 and 24, relating to the transfer of shares.
Includes the proposed resolution.
typ.. ms notes 3pp
- 702 "Suggested new articles' relating to the issuing of shares and the appointment of directors.
carbon ms. notes. 2pp

2 Abbey Reconstruction Scheme

- 703 [c. 1938 ?] (a) "Notes on the Abbey Reconstruction Scheme".
Comments on the proposals to alter the structure of the National Theatre Society and to provide a new theatre building.
Ends with a note to Blythe signed P.S. O'Hegarty advising 'a very simple scheme'
ms. (the one hand throughout) 4pp
- (b) 'Draft Charter in Outline'.
Proposes to replace the National Theatre Company, which is a private company by a statutory or chartered corporation.
Includes a page of 'notes' on the charter.
carbon ms notes 10pp
[possibly related to nos. 794 & 795]

3 Shareholders

- (i) Annual General Meeting.
 Folders containing; Notice of Meeting,
 Report of Directors and Accounts,
 Chairman's Statement,
 Returns on Plays,
 Minutes of previous shareholders
 meeting, in all cases an Extraordinary
 General Meeting.
 sten.

704	Sept 1968	8pp
705	Sept 1969	9pp
706	Sept 1970	9pp

- (ii) Extraordinary General Meeting
 Notice and Agenda,
 Minutes,
 Returns on Plays.
 typ. & carbon & sten.

707	Oct 1966	8pp
708	Apr 1968	4pp
709	Jan 1969	4pp
710	May 1971	3pp

- (iii) Reports of Directors and Accounts,
 Signed by Directors and Auditors.
 typ.

711	Jun 1948	2pp
712	Jun 1950	2pp
713	Jun 1951	2pp

(iv) Other Matters

- 714 5 Jan 1940. Signed copy of letter sent to the Directors of the Abbey Theatre by Michael O'Donovan [Frank O'Connor], Lynduff, Woodenbridge, Co. Wicklow. Relates to the behaviour of the Managing Director, Mr Higgins who refused to let him examine the books of the Society without a meeting of the Board.
carbon 1p
- 715 c. 1940 Statement of restrictions imposed at a General Meeting on the inspection of the books of the Company.
carbon 1p
- 716 Jun 1948 Draft of annual report. Covers plays, players, producers and financial matters.
carbon 2pp
- 717 Jun 1959 Draft of annual report. Covers financial matters and the production of new plays.
carbon 2pp
- 718 c. 1958 Note concerning the transfer of Dr Lennox Robinson's shares.
carbon 1p
- 719 c.. 1964 Note on 'Abbey Finance since 1951', with a table showing the 'loss' and the 'Grant in Aid' for the years 1952-64.
typ. 3pp
- 720 18 Jan 1965 Notice of a Meeting to transfer shares.
typ. 1p
- 721 9 Oct. 1965 'Shareholders' Meeting. Report covering: Progress on the new building, Plays suggested for production during the first year's occupancy of the new building.
typ. 2pp
- 722 Draft letter relating to the power of shareholders to discuss appointments and administrative arrangements.
typ. 1p

4 Reports to the Board

(i) Auditors' Reports to the Directors and Statement of Accounts.
Both annual and quarterly reports.
typ. & carbon

723	Feb 1937	Annual	8pp
724	Feb 1938	Annual	5pp
725	Feb 1939	Annual	6pp
726	Feb 1939	Quarterly	3pp
727	May 1939	Quarterly	5pp
728	Aug 1939	Quarterly	5pp
729	Nov 1939	Quarterly	5pp
730	Feb 1940	Annual and Quarterly	8pp
731	May 1940	Quarterly	5pp
732	Aug 1940	Quarterly	5pp
733	Feb 1941	Annual and Quarterly	8pp
734	May 1941	Quarterly	5pp
735	Aug 1941	Quarterly	5pp
736	Nov 1941	Quarterly	5pp
737	Feb 1942	Annual and Quarterly	7pp
738	Nov 1942	Quarterly	5pp
739	Sept 1943	Quarterly	3pp
740	Dec 1943	Quarterly	4pp
741	Dec 1944	For the previous six months	4pp
742	Jun 1948	Annual	5pp
743	Jun 1949	Annual	5pp
744	Jun 1950	Annual [p.1 of report missing]	4pp
745	Jun 1951	Annual	5pp
746	Jun 1954	Annual	5pp

(ii) "Manager"s Reports"

Reports of the Managing Director to
the Board of Directors,
covering:

Current plays and forthcoming
productions,
The ability and general behaviour of
actors, producers and other theatre
staff,

Dealings with playwrights and the
selection of plays,

Play competitions,

Backstage organisation,

Maintenance of the theatre and plans
for the new building,

Activities of directors,

Financial matters,

Periodic: 2-6 weeks intervals.

Usual length 3-5 pages, occasionally
up to 14 pages.

Many reports include handwritten notes.
Sometimes there is more than one copy
of a report with minor differences in
the typescript or notes.

typ. & carbon

747	1948	4 reports
748	1949	15 reports
749	1950	14 reports
750	1951	14 reports
751	1952	18 reports
752	1953	1 report
753	1954	14 reports
754	1955	15 reports
755	1956	14 reports

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756	1957	21 reports
757	1958	18 reports
758	1959	20 reports
759	1960	11 reports
760	1969	1 report
761	1971	2 reports

[See N.L.I. MS 20707 for: 4 - 18 May 1971]

(iii) Monthly Accounts.
Lists of money owed mainly for
theatre supplies.
Usually one or two loose pages for
each period of a month or two months.
typ. & carbon

762	1951	Feb & Mar.
763	1953	Dec.
764	1954	Mar, Apr, Jul, Nov & Dec.
765	1955	Jan, Mar, Apr & May, Jul, Sept.
766	1956	Mar & Apr, Oct.
767	1957	Jan, Mar, Apr, May, Jun & Jul, Sept, Oct, Nov & Dec.
768	1958	Jan, Feb, Apr, Aug, Sept, Oct.
769	1959	Feb, Mar, Jul, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec.
770	1960	Jan, Feb, Apr, May.
	1968	May [see no. 773].

(iv) Other Reports

- 771 c. 1939 'Report on Prospective Provincial Tour'
Mentions the various advance
preparations that would be necessary.
carbon 2pp
- 772 10 Jan 1940 (a) Reports of the three Adjudicators,
George Shields, P.S. O'Hegarty and
Brindsley McNamara on certain plays
entered for a play writing competition.
carbon 7pp
- (b) Covering note signed F.R. Higgins,
Managing Director.
carbon 1p
- 773 May 1968 'Secretary's Financial Report'.
States the current financial situation.
Lists 'amounts due' to various
suppliers.
carbon ms notes 3pp
- 774 2 Sept 1961 'Return for the Week'.
Lists income and expenditure.
carbon 1p
- 775 6 Jul 1968 'Return for the Week'.
Lists income and expenditure.
pr. form marked 'confidential' 1p
- 776 19 Jul 1969 'Return for the Week'.
[Same format as no. 775] 1p
- 777 c. 1969 'Borstal Boy in America'.
Note on casting.
Mentions the necessity of choosing
players so as to still have full casts
available for plays in Dublin.
Lists estimated expenses.
sten. 4pp
- 778 c. 1969 'Report on Visit to Stratford (R.S.F.)
by Brian Collins'.
Covers various details of stage
management and production.
sten. 3pp
- 779 c. 1969 'A Note for the Board of Directors
re Othello'.
From Frank Dermody.
Discusses the choice of an actor
for the part of Othello.
sten. 1p

780

'Suggested Appointment of a Player
as Director'.
Note signed by Blythe opposing the
suggestion of appointing a player
as a director.

carbon

6pp

(v) Casts for Plays

781

Lists of suggested casts for the
following plays.
Author not usually named.

typ. & carbon ms notes

13pp

c. 1941-67

1. Cafflin' Johnny
2. In Dublin's Fair City
3. Knocknavain
4. The Last Move
5. The Less We Are Together
6. Peter
7. The Quare Fellow
8. Twilight of a Warrior
9. Winter Wedding

Jul 1969

10. Aaron The Brother
11. The Dandy Dolls
12. Othello
13. The Well of the Saints

(vi) 'Readers' Opinions'
 Reports from readers on plays.

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| 782 | 1946 | Report by Gearball O'Dalaigh on 'Na Ruisigh'. [no author given]
ms Ir. | 1p |
| 783 | Mar 1952 | 5 reports on the 'White Mind' by Seamus Wilmot.
typ. & ms | 5pp |
| 784 | | Report on 'The Risen People'.
ms | 1p |
| 785 | 1965-74 | Report from Blythe on 'O'Neill' by Thomas Kilroy.
Gives Blythe's opinion on the type of play that should be produced at the Peacock Theatre.
typ. | 3pp |

Copies of 'Readers' Opinions' on plays.
 Gives the title of each play, its author and the opinion of at least two readers.
 Opinions on a number of different plays are often given in one typescript but sometimes there is only one play covered in a report. Most typescripts are not dated and range in length from 1 page to 15 pages
 mainly carbon some ms notes

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| 786 | to c. 1958 | 18 Reports. |
| 787 | c. 1958-66 | 4 Reports. |
| 788 | c. 1969 | 2 Reports. |
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5 Other Matters Involving the Board

(i) Applications to the Government for increased financial aid.

- 789 c. 1940-51 Draft memorandum to the Minister for Finance.
Mentions the enticement of players to films by high salaries and the impossibility of increasing seat prices.
carbon ms. notes 9pp
- 790 1957 (a) Memorandum mentioning the increased difficulties encountered since moving to the Queens Theatre in 1951.
carbon 12pp
- 3 Dec 1957 (b) Covering letter from Blythe to the Minister for Finance. [copy]
carbon 1p
- 791 c.. 1964 Part of a preliminary draft of a application for financial aid. Mentions increased salaries and the necessity that experienced players be well paid to ensure that they remain with the Company.
typ. pp14-23
- 792 Jul. 1969 (a) Claim for a 'grant in aid' for the period 1970-71. Reviews the financial position 1968-69. Includes 2 'Schedules' of income and expenditure, prepared 21 July 1969.
sten. 5pp
- (b) Copy of covering letter to the Dept. of Finance. marked 'for Mr Blythe'.
carbon 1p
- 793 1969 Memorandum on 'Deficit forecast for financial year ending 31 March 1971'. [Similar in content to no. 792] Figures in the Schedules corrected in ink.
sten. 4pp

(ii) Buildings and Maintenance

(a) The Old Abbey Theatre

- 794 [c. 1938] 'Suggested Scheme to be Submitted to the Minister for Finance' *
Proposes the building of a new theatre block to be the property of the State, and close co-operation between the National Theatre Society, Longford Productions, Edwards and Mac Liammoir Dublin Gate Theatre Productions and An Comhar Dramiochta.
Emphasises the fostering of Irish language productions.
Mentions that 'the object of such a State Theatre would be to provide the greatest variety of dramatic art'.
carbon 3pp
- 795 1938 'Summary of Negotiations between the Minister for Finance and the National Theatre Society Ltd.' *
Relates to a proposes scheme to reconstruct the Abbey Theatre which Dublin Corporation had found to be in need of 'structural changes to ensure safety from fire'.
Proposals involved co-operation with the Comhar Dramiochta and the Gate Theatre.
The Directors urge that the scheme be proceeded with.
carbon 4pp
- 796 11 Jun 1947 Letter to Blythe as Manager of the National Theatre Society Ltd. from the Office of the City Manager, Dublin. Refuses permission 'To install an oil burning plant in the stage basement'.
typ. 1p

* Possibly related to no. 703

(b) Intermittent Correspondence and Memoranda relating to the new Abbey Theatre Buildings.

- 797 1952
21 Apr
Copies of letters from Sean Mac Entee, Minister for Finance.
(a) Relates to the choice of architect to design the new Theatre Building.
Mentions the agreement reached 'July last' that 'an international competition could be ruled out on account of the delay involved'.
Approves the appointment of Michael Scott 'working in consultation with an architect of repute from abroad'.
carbon 2pp
- 10 Jul
(b) Approves the appointment of Pierre Sonrel, Paris, as consultant architect.
typ. 1p
- 798 1954
Memorandum from the [Directors of the Abbey Theatre] to the Government.
Outlines the proposals for rebuilding 'a proper National Theatre' and refers to the difficulties in acquiring certain premises so as to have a sufficiently large site.
Urges that a decision be reached on the problem of whether or not to 'resort to compulsory acquisition to give us a National Theatre which would most effectively serve all the purposes of such an institution or whether a more restricted scheme is to be adopted'.
Mentions the difficulties of the theatre in competing with the films both for actors and audiences,
'In our opinion the Theatre must be so constructed that a visit to it is something quite different from a visit to the cinema'.
Notes the need for 'adequate promenade space and roomy and comfortable bars and coffee lounges'.
typ. 14pp
- 799 6 Mar 1956
(a) Letter from Michael Scott, 19 Merrion Square, Dublin.
Encloses report from M. Sonrel, Paris.
typ. & ms 1p
- (b) Copy of letter from P. Sonrel, 1, rue de Villersexel, Paris 7; to Scott
Encloses report.
typ. 1p
- (c) Translated copy of report from Sonrel concerning the theatre buildings.
Mentions restrictions imposed by the present site.
typ. 2pp

- 800 23 Mar 1956 Copy of letter from [Blythe] to Scott concerning 'Sonrel's letter and the whole situation'. Comments on the difficulties in acquiring 'Tommy Lennon's Premises'.
carbon 3pp
- 801 c. 1954-57 Part of a draft letter from Blythe concerning plans for the new Theatre buildings. Complains about Michael Scott's ideas and attitudes. Mentions the problems relating to the acquisition of Lennon's premises.
ms 28pp
- 802 24 Jan 1957 Letter to Blythe from A. Cox, solicitor, 42 & 43 St. Stephens Green, Dublin. Concerns the agreement relating to Lennon's premises.
typ. 1p
- 803 c. 1957 Copy of letter to A. Cox from [Blythe]. States offers made to Mr Lennon.
typ. 1p
- 804 14 Jun 1960 Copy of letter from Dept. of Finance concerning 'the placing of contracts for work on the Abbey Theatre rebuilding project'.
typ. 2pp
- 805 27 Apr 1962 Letter from Gabriel Fallon, a director of the Abbey Theatre, to Blythe. Concerns 'our architect's immediate reaction' to the Government 'advice to reduce costs' relating to the new building. Disagrees with Scott's suggestion of eliminating provision for the Peacock Theatre. Discusses the possibility of setting up a school for acting and an experimental theatre under the general direction of Brendan Smith.
typ. 3pp
- 806 27 Apr 1962 Table showing 'Tenders for Demolition work on the Abbey Theatre, Dublin'. Gives the name of the firm and the amount of the tender.
carbon figures in ink 2pp
- 807 [c. 1960] 'New Abbey Theatre Requirements, apart from stage and auditorium'. list of 21 requirements, includes: bar, dressing rooms, offices.
typ. 3pp

- 808 c. 1966 Statement of fee due to Michael Scott, the architect of the new Abbey Theatre buildings.
carbon 1p
- 809 Nov 1967 (a) List of final costs of the new Abbey and Peacock Theatres.
typ. xerox 10pp
- (b) Copy of covering letter to the Dept. of Finance.
carbon 1p
- (c) Copy of letter from the Dept. of Finance to the Chairman, Abbey Theatre.
Asks for a detailed list of final building costs of the new Theatre.
carbon 1p

(iii) Abbey Theatre Plans

- 810 Architects plans for the New Abbey Theatre, Dublin.
Architect: Michael Scott, Dublin
Consultant architect: Pierre Sonrel, Paris.
pr.? copy 10pp

(iv) Theatre Supplies and Furnishings

- 811 c. 1951 Queen's Theatre.
List of stocks taken over by the Abbey Theatre.
Gives estimated value of each item.
typ. 1p
- 812 c. 1951 Inventory of furnishings and fittings of the Queen's Theatre.
Gives estimated value of each item.
[First part missing]
carbon pp 91-110

- 813 Oct-Nov 1957 Letters from F.R. O'Connor, Auditor, to Blythe and to E. Gorman, Secretary, National Theatre Society. Concerning a shortage of about £1,200 in the bar account for the year to 30 June 1957. Includes 'Suggestions for running and control of Bars' dated 8-11-1959, 2 copies of 2 pages each.
- typ: 8 letters

(v) Tributes

- 814 'The Late F.J. McCormick'.
'Memorandum from the Directors and Players of the Abbey Theatre'.
Praises his talents,
Suggests that a State pension be granted to his widow.
- (a) carbon 2pp
(b) carbon 3pp
(c) carbon includes ms notes and corrections which are incorporated in (a) & (b). 3pp
- 815 Page 2 of a note on plans to pay tribute to 'McCormick's genius'.
Suggests the formation of a committee.
typ: ms copy by Blythe 1p
- 816 'Tribute to F.J. McCormick'.
Appeal for subscriptions to the 'F.J. McCormick Memorial Fund'.
Lists members of the organising committee.
pr. 3pp
- 817 15 Apr 1948 Programme of the Presentation by Paramount of the Irish premiere of 'Daughter of Darkness' as a tribute to F.J. McCormick.
The proceeds to be donated to the F.J. McCormick Memorial Fund.
pr. 8pp
- 818 1968 'Tribute to Ernest Blythe',
who retired as managing director of the Abbey Theatre the previous year.
Appeal for subscriptions for a fund to finance the publication of the proposed annual 'Ernest Blythe Lecture', at the Abbey Theatre.
carbon Ir. & Eng. 1p

(vi) Notice of Board Meetings

819		Notice of Board Meeting.	
	17 Jul 1968	(a) carbon	1p
	15 June 1971	(b) carbon	1p

6 Actors and Playwrights

820	21 May 1964	'Award in a dispute between the National Theatre Society Ltd. and Irish Actors Equity Association', Terms covering salaries and working conditions. sten.	4pp
821	1970	Printed form to be used in contracts between the Management, National Theatre Society Ltd. and individual players. Conditions of contract in 32 clauses. blank pr. form	4pp
822	15 Mar 1968	'Points of Agreement acknowledged by the undersigned as essential clauses of a contract to be drawn up on their behalf with Michael McAloney for the American production of BORSTAL BOY'. To be signed by Mrs. Beatrice Behan, Frank McMahon, Hutchinson Publishing Group Limited, National Theatre Society Limited. carbon	2pp
823		Memorandum of Agreement between Sidwick and Jackson Ltd, London, publishers, and individual authors. Blank printed form except that in the place of the author at the beginning 'National Theatre Society' is written.	3pp
824		'Advice to Playwrights who are sending Plays to the Abbey, Dublin'. Covers: The type of play produced, Dramatic effects, Presentation, issued by W.B.Y. [Yeats]. printed	1p

7 Abbey Theatre Programmes 1926-1967

(1) Programmes of ordinary performances

825	Feb 1926	'The Plough and the Stars' by Sean O'Casey. first production.	4pp
826	Sept 1930	'Let the Credit Go' by Bryan Cooper. first production.	4pp
827	Apr 1935	'The King of Spain's Daughter' by Teresa Deevy. first production.	4pp
828	Oct 1948	'The King of Friday's Men' by M.J. Molloy. first production. Includes loose newspaper cutting of a picture of the President, Sean T. O'Kelly, talking to members of the cast after the performance.	4pp
829	Nov 1948	'The King of Friday's Men' fifth week.	4pp
830	July 1951	'The Plough and the Stars' by Sean O'Casey. fourth week, 16 Jul. Playing at the Rupert Guinness Hall.	4pp
831	July 1951	'The Plough and the Stars' 30 July.	4pp
832	Aug 1951	'Boyd's Shop' by St. John Ervine. Playing at the Queen's Theatre.	4pp
833	Sept 1951	'The Silver Tassie' by Sean O'Casey.	4pp
834	July 1952	'Home is the Hero' by Walter Macken.	4pp
835	Sept 1957	'The Less We Are Together' by John O'Donovan.	8pp
836	May 1958	'The Scythe and the Sunset' by Denis Johnson. Includes programme of 'Na Cruiteachain', an Irish translation of 'La Farce des Bossus' by Pierre Jalabert to be performed after the main English play.	8pp 1p

- 837 Feb .
Wednesday 2 nd 'The Conspiracy'
by Kenneth E.L. Deale.
playing at the Queen's Theatre. 8pp
- 838 Aug 1966 'The Plough and the Stars'
by Sean O'Casey.
playing at the New Abbey Theatre. 8pp

(ii) Programmes of Special Performances

- 839 27 Dec 1925 'Twenty-first Birthday Anniversary
Performance'.
'The Hour Glass, a Morality in One Act'
by W.B. Yeats.
'In the Shadow of the Glen, a Play
in One Act'
by J.M. Synge.
'Hyacinth Halvey, a Comedy in One Act'
by Lady Gregory.
Includes 'Facsimile of the Programme
of the Opening Performance,
December 27th, 1904'. 12pp
- 840 29 Dec 1935 'Complimentary Performance to
Dr. J.F. Larchet'.
'The Rising of the Moon'
by Lady Gregory.
'The Land of Heart's Desire'
by W.B. Yeats.
'Meadowsweet'
by Seamus O'Kelly. 4pp
- 841 9 Aug 1938 'Abbey Theatre Festival of Irish Drama'
'Riders to the Sea'
by J.M. Synge.
'The Well of the Saints'
by J.M. Synge. 4pp
- 842 12 Aug 1938 'Abbey Theatre Festival of Irish Drama'
'Maurice Harte'
by T.C. Murray.
'Church Street'
by Lennox Robinson. 4pp
- 843 19 Aug 1938 'Abbey Theatre Festival of Irish Drama'
'Casadh an tSugain'
by an Craibhin (Dr Douglas Hyde).
'Katie Roche'
by Teresa Deevy. 4pp

- 844 2 Feb 1941 'Yeats Commemoration Programme'
including the following works by
W.B. Yeats.
'Cathleen Ni Houlihan',
'Poems'
'Ballads'
'The King's Threshold'. 8pp
- 845 6 Dec 1942 'Presentation to Lennox Robinson
of his portrait painted by
James Sleator, R.H.A.'
'The Clancy Name'
by Lennox Robinson.
'Church Street'
by Lennox Robinson.
Includes a photo of the portrait. 4pp
- 846 1 Oct 1940 'Fiftieth Performance of
The Rugged Path'
by George Shields. 8pp
- 847 June 1953 'XXVth International Congress of
the P.E.N.'
'The Playboy of the Western World'
by J.M. Synge.
'The Dreaming of the Bones'
by W.B. Yeats. 8pp
- 848 27 Dec 1954 'Golden Jubilee Performances'.
'In the Shadow of the Glen'
by J.M. Synge.
'On Baile's Strand'
by W.B. Yeats.
'Spreading the News'
by Lady Gregory. 4pp
- 849 18-23 Jul
1966 Opening of the new Abbey Theatre
'Recall the Years'.
'A stage history of the Abbey Theatre
from its founding in 1904 to its
burning in 1951'
scripted by Walter Macken. 12pp

(iii) Irish Pantomime Programmes

- 850 1945-46 'Muireann agus an Prionnsa'. 4pp
- 851 1946-47 'Fernando agus an Dragan'. 4pp

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|---|------------------------|--|--------------|
| 852 | 1949-50 | 'Niall agus Carmelita' | 4pp |
| 853 | 1950-51 | 'Una agus Jimín'.
(a) 26 Dec 1950.
(b) 1 Jan 1951.
Includes a loose page giving notice of a one night performance, on 14 Jan 1951, in the Gaiety Theatre of 'San Siobhan' (St. Joan) by Bernard Shaw.
Presented by Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe. | 8pp
9pp |
| 854 | 1951-52 | 'Reamonn agus Niamh Óg'.
(a) 26 Dec 1951.
(b) 14 Jan 1952. | 12pp
12pp |
| 855 | 1953-54 | 'Bláithín agus an Mac Rí'. | 8pp |
| 856 | 1966-67 | 'Fernando agus an Ríon Óg'. | 8pp |
| (iv) Other Programmes relating to the Abbey Theatre | | | |
| 857 | 30 Sept-
8 Oct 1967 | 'An International Theatre Seminar'.
Programme of lectures, discussions and performances held at the Abbey and Peacock Theatres, Dublin. | 8pp |
| 858 | 29 Sept-
Oct 1969 | 'Dublin Theatre Festival'.
Programme of events at the Abbey and Peacock Theatres.
Abbey Theatre
'The Dandy Dolls' by George Fitzmaurice.
'The Well of the Saints' by J.M. Synge.
'Swift' by Eugene McCabe.
'Junó and the Paycock' by Sean O'Casey.
Peacock Theatre
'Is Glas Iad Na Cnoic' by Lennox Robinson.
'The Weaver's Grave' by Seamus O'Kelly.
'Meadowsweet' by Seamus O'Kelly. | 28pp |
| 859 | May 1972 | 'Hatchet'
by Heno Magee.
Premiere at the Peacock Theatre. | 8pp |

860 31 May 1954 'Ulster Group Theatre'
Playing in the Abbey Theatre Dublin.
'Is the Priest at Home?'
by Joseph Tomelty.
First production in Dublin. 4pp

(v) Presentations by the Abbey Theatre
outside Dublin

861 31 May 1954 'The Shadow of a Gunman'
by Sean O'Casey.
Presented by the Abbey Theatre
at the Grand Opera House, Belfast. 8pp

862 May-Jul 1955 'Festival International d'Art
Dramatique' Paris.
Includes presentation by the
Abbey Theatre, 18-20 May,
'The Plough and the Stars'
by Sean O'Casey.
'An Pórsadh'
by Douglas Hyde.
one sheet folded in three

863 Mar 1959 'I Know Where I'm Going'
by John McCann.
Presented by the Abbey Theatre
in the Fr. Mathew Hall, Cork.
In aid of the Cork Opera House
building fund. 4pp

864 Feb 1960 'The Country Boy'
by John Murphy.
Presented by the Abbey Players
in St. Michael's Theatre, New Ross. 24pp

[For information on other Abbey Theatre
presentations at Paris Theatre
Festivals in 1956 and 1969
see nos. 2418 and 2419.]

J. AN COMHAR DRÁMAÍOCHTA 1936-1962

(Documents in Irish)

1 Annual General Meeting

865 May 1936

(a) 'Clár Gnótha i gcoir an Chruinnithe Cinn-Bhlianna 1936'.

consists of:
 Agenda of Meeting,
 Report of the Secretary on the work
 of the thirteenth session,
 Report from the Treasurer and
 Statement of Accounts.

sten. 6pp

(b) 'An Sgéim ata le moladh do'n Chruinniú Cinn-Bliadhna fe 5C. ar an gClár Gnótha'.

Recommendations concerning the
 activities and internal organisation
 of An Comhar Drámaíochta.

sten. 2pp

(c) Covering letter giving notice of the meeting on 26 May 1936 and enclosing (a) & (b).

sten. 1p

2 Annual Reports

'Turarascáil'

Annual Reports for the year ending 30 Jun. [but see nos. 878, 880.]

covering:

Production of Irish plays and
 pantomimes at the Abbey Theatre,
 Competitions to encourage the writing
 of plays in Irish,

The provision of scholarships to
 young actors to enable them to spend
 some time in the Gaeltacht,

General comments on actors and
 producers,

Estimated expenditure and a statement
 of the sum that will be required to
 be provided in the forthcoming
 Government estimates.

Statements of Accounts are included.

typ. & carbon ms notes

866 1942-43

ms Statement of Accounts only. 1p

867 1943-44

Report . 9pp

868	1944-45	Report.	9pp
869	1945-46	Report.	6pp
870	1946-47	1. Report. 2. " 3. " incls. 8pp in Blythe's hand.	8pp 7pp 11pp
871	1947-48	1. Statement of Accounts only. 2. (a) 3 copies of draft report with different ms notes. (b) Note from Blythe saying that the balance sheet is not yet typed. 3. Report incorporating ms notes in 2. (a), (i).	1p 7pp 1p 8pp
872	1948-49	1. Report. 2. "	12pp 9pp
873	1949-50	(a) 1. Report. 2. " 3. " (b) Covering letter from Blythe to Leon [O Broin] enclosing draft of report. Marked in corner: 'O.K. L. O B. 3/9/50'.	15pp 10pp 11pp 1p
874	1950-51	Report.	13pp
875	1951-52	Report.	10pp
876	1952-53	(a) 1. Report. 2. " (b) Note from Blythe to Leon [O Broin] enclosing a draft of the report for the Dept. of Education.	10pp 9pp 1p
877	1953-54	1. Report. 2. "	11pp 11pp
878	1 Jul 1954- 31 Mar 1955	Report.	9pp
879	1 Jul 1954- 30 Jun 1955	Report.	12pp
880	1955-56 financial year	1. Report. 2. " 3. " p1 missing	10pp 10pp 9pp
881	1955-56 Jun -Jul	1. Report. 2. "	5pp 5pp

882	1956-57	Report .	7pp
883	1957-58	Report .	5pp
884	1958-59	1. Report . 2. "	12pp 9pp
885	1959-60	1. Report . 2. "	9pp 10pp
886	1960-61	Report .	11pp
887	1961-62	Report . Includes a list of Irish pantomimes 1945-63, with number of performances, door money and attendances.	10pp

3. Meetings of the Committee of An Comhar
Drámaíochta
'Cruinniú de Choiste an Chomhair'.

(i) Agenda of Meetings.

888	4 Feb 1949	Agenda. carbon	1p
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(ii) Minutes of Meetings.

'Miontuairiscí'.
Minutes of the Committee Meetings of
An Comhar Drámaíochta .
Names those present.
Matters considered include:
Financial buisness,
The staging of Irish language plays,
Scholarships,
A report from Earnán de Blaghd (Blythe)
concerning the production of Irish
language plays in the Abbey Theatre.

889	20 Mar 1951	(a) Minutes. typ.. ms notes (b) Minutes. carbon incorporates ms notes of (a).	2pp 2pp
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- 890 21 Feb 1952.
- (a) Minutes.
typ. & ms ms notes 3pp
 - (b) List of Irish pantomines
1945-52.
Gives attendances and money earned.
carbon 1p
 - (c) Copy of note from Blythe to
Leon O Broin asking him to sign the
enclosed copy of the minutes.
carbon 1p
 - (d) Minutes.
typ.. ms notes, incorporates some
of the ms notes of (a) from which
it differs in a number of respects.
3pp
- 891 13 Feb 1953
- (a) Agenda.
carbon ms notes 1p
 - (b) Minutes.
typ. ms notes 3pp
 - (c) Minutes.
carbon incorporates ms notes of (b).
2pp
 - (d) "Nóta ó E. de B."
Report from Blythe on the production
of plays in the Irish language and on
the special difficulties encountered
since the move to the Queen's Theatre.
Mentions the greater cost of producing
plays in that theatre.
carbon 5pp
[Duplicate of no. 895 (6)]

(iii) Reports from Blythe to the Committee
of An Comhar Drámaíochta.

- 892 16 Sept 1949
- Report on recent productions of
Irish language plays.
[Very similar to reports in
nos. 893-895]
carbon 3pp

893

'Ráiteas o E. de B.'
[Statement from E. de B.]Reports from Blythe
covering:Attendance at Irish language plays
and pantomimes in the Abbey Theatre,
The types of seats filled,
Financial affairs.

Feb 1948	1. (i) typ. (ii) carbon of (i) ms. notes	2pp 2pp
Feb 1950	2. (i) carbon ms notes (ii) ms draft of attendances at plays given in (i). (iii) carbon as in (i), different ms notes.	3pp 3pp 3pp
19 Feb 1962	3. carbon ms notes	4pp

894

'Nóta ó E. de B.'
[Note from E. de B.]Reports from Blythe
covering:Current and forthcoming productions of
Irish language plays at the Abbey
Theatre,
Financial affairs,
Matters relating to actors, producers
and writers.Some reports are not dated. Many
include handwritten notes and
corrections.Sometimes there is more than one copy
of a report.

typ. & carbon each 1-9pp

c. 1944	Nos. 1-3
c. 1945	" 4-7
c. 1946	" 8-10
c. 1947	" 11-13
c. 1949	" 14.

895

'Nota o E. de B.'
[as in no. 894]

c. 1950	Nos. 1-2
1951	" 3-4
1952	" 5
1953	" 6-7
c. 1954	" 8-9
c. 1957	" 10-11
1958	" 12-13

896 1956

Report from Blythe concerning the cost
of productions in the Irish language.
Quotes in full 2 letters from the Dept.
of Education, 9 Dec 1955 and 11 Apr 1956,
requesting information on the costs of
producing the Irish pantomime and other
Irish language plays.
Report proposes that the pantomime be
replaced by a revue or 'Ceol-Cluiche'.

carbon 9pp

4 Applications to the Government for Grants.

'Iarratas ar an deontas'.

Requests for the annual grant
Submitted to the Dept. of Education.

Mention is made of the general
position of Irish language drama and
of the policy of An Comhar Dramaíochta
to continue to produce an Irish
pantomime or similar entertainment and
to stage a short Irish play after the
main English one on 150 or 200 nights
of the year.

Comments are made on recent productions.

897	5 Mar 1958	Headed in ms, 'Dreacht do Leon O Broin' [A Draft for Leon O Broin]. carbon & ms	3pp
898	c. 1958-59	carbon	6pp
899	c. 1961-62	carbon	7pp

5 Correspondence

900	Jan 1944- Oct 1962	Correspondence between the Dept. of Education and the Committee of An Comhar Drámaíochta. Relates to the grant-in-aid given by the Government towards the staging of plays in the Irish language. Mentions the various activities of An Comhar Drámaíochta. Some letters from the Dept. of Education are originals. The rest are copies except for a brief handwritten note from Gearbhall O Dalaigh, 2 May 1947 (no. 5.), enclosing certain letters. typ. & carbon ms notes & cor. Eng. & Ir. 17 letters Dept. of Education ref. no. F636 & C.O. 636.
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6 Play Competitions

- 901 1944 Brief report on eleven plays entered for an Irish language play writing competition. Consists of comments by Blythe and one of the following; D. O hAinlige, Sean O hEigearthaigh and Leon O Broin on each of the plays.
carbon 11pp
- 902 Conditions and entry form for a competition for a pantomime scene. Offers a prize of £25.
typ. 4pp
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7 Attendances at Plays

- 903 1942-43 'Tinnreamh ar Dhramaí Fada'. Gives attendances at full length Irish language plays and the amount of money taken in.
carbon 1p
- 904 c. 1954 'Tinnreamh ar Dhramaí Fada'. Gives the date on which full length plays in the Irish language were performed and the attendances during the period 1942-54.
(i) typ. ms notes 3pp
(ii) carbon ms notes 3pp
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8 Loose Pages

- 905 c. 1944-
c. 1961 Loose pages and parts of various reports and notes on matters relating to An Comhar Drámaíochta. Most are undated but a rough date can be assigned from internal evidence.
Included.
- 21 Jan 1947 1. p1 of a letter from Blythe to Leon [O Broin].
2. Copy of a notice of a prize of £100 to be given by the Abbey Theatre and an Comhar Drámaíochta for a full length play in Irish.
typ. & carbon some ms notes 25pp
ms 2pp

9 Irish Plays

- 906 "An Príofsunabh"
One act play in Irish.
Includes ms note by Blythe saying that
it was sent in for a competition about
1939-40 with a false name and address
of the author.
carbon ms cor. incomplete 24pp
- 907 Irish translation of 'Everyman'. *
carbon ms notes 35pp
- 908 Pantomime songs for 'Ulysses Agus
Penélope'.
carbon 11 songs
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10 Programmes. (An Comhar Dramaíochta)

- 909 17 Dec 1928 'A Chead Bhean'
by Padraig O Conaire.
3 Acts.
pr. cover & 2pp
- 910 14 Jan 1929 'O'Failbhé'
by Domhnall O Corcordha.
'Niamh Chinn Oir'
by Shan O Cuiv.
2 One Act plays. cover & 2pp
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* Hugh Hunt in The Abbey Theatre
Ireland's National Theatre
(Gill and Macmillan, 1979)
refers to a production of Blythe's
Irish translation of 'Everyman'
on 22 February 1947. See p.167.

K. OTHER THEATRE AND FILMS 1931-1957

1 Dublin Gate Theatre *

- 911 10 Jun 1931 Circular letter from the Secretary to subscribers mentioning financial difficulties and asking for increased subscriptions.
sten. 1p
- 912 22 Jul 1935 Auditors Report to Shareholders and Statement of Accounts for the period 3 Nov 1934 to 13 Jul 1935.
sten. 4pp
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2 Films

- 913 1950-51 Irish Film Society.
Programme, Fifteenth Season.
pr. 6pp
- 914 Memorandum on Irish Film Production. Gives an account of the situation since the formation of the Irish Film Council on 26 Nov 1943.
carbon incomplete 8pp
- 915 Jan-Feb 1957 (a) Minutes of the First Meeting of the Directors of Dublin Film Productions Management Ltd. Meeting held in London. Blythe nominated a director.
typ. 3pp
- (b) Dublin Film Production Share Certificate for 10 shares of £1 each, nos. 91-100, in the name of Ernest Blythe.
pr. form 1p
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* For programmes of performances at the Gate Theatre see nos 2409-2411.

L. AN COMISIÚN UM CHEAPACHAIN ÁITIÚLA

1961

(Local Appointments Commission)

916 May 1961

(a) Letter from the Local Appointments Commission, 45 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin. Thanks Blythe for agreeing to be a member of the Interview Board to select District Medical Officers. Notifies him that the Interview Board will meet on 6 June 1961. Encloses (b).

typ. Ir.

1p

Ref no. L.A.5. 54.60.

(b) Regulations for the post of District Medical Officer in the Gaeltacht areas of Donegal, Aran, Galway and Kerry.

sten.

4pp

M. AN COIMISIÚN UM ATHBEOCHAN NA GAELGE

1958-1960

(The Commission for the restoration
of the Irish Language)

1) Statement from the Government
Information Bureau.

917 15 Jul 1958 Announcement of the setting up of a
Commission on the Irish language.
Names members, one of whom is Blythe.
sten. Ir. 3pp

2 Copies of documents sent out by the
Secretary of the Commission to the
members.
mainly stencilled.

22 Sept 1959 Papers sent out

918 29 Sept 1959 Notice and Agenda of Meeting.
Ir. 1p

919 2 Jun 1959 Minutes of Meeting.
Ir. 4pp

920 1959 Draft headings of the Report of the
Commission.
Ir. 2pp

921 22 May 1959 Memorandum from the educational
committee of the Christian Brothers
on the teaching of Irish in
secondary schools.
Ir. 2pp

922 Jun 1959 Notes of an address on language
teaching and on bilingualism given
to a teachers course at Dyffryn,
Glamorgan, Wales; by John Wilson,
Lecturer in Education at the Institute
of Education, London University.

1p

- 923 11 Mar 1959 Letter to the Commission from Sean Mac Cionna, 5 Leacht Lorcaín, Muineachain. Recommends the setting up of Irish courses for teachers.
Ir. 1p
- 924 8 May 1959 Letter and general comments on the use of Irish, sent to the Commission by Pádraig Ó Tuathghail, Mail Coach Road, Sligo.
Ir. 2pp
- 925 29 Jul 1959 Letter to the Commission from Sean Ó Callarain, Principal, Cluain le Fan National School, Ballinrobe, Co Mayo. Comments on the Spideal Gaeltacht.
Ir. 1p
- 926 Aug 1959 Note for the Commission on the use of Irish in the Civil Service.
'confidential' Ir. 8pp
- 927 1936 Report of an Inter-Departmental Committee on Irish in the Civil Service.
'confidential' Eng. 67pp
- 928 1954 Report on the use of Irish in the Civil Service.
'confidential' Eng. 32pp
- 19 Oct 1959 Papers sent out
- 929 16 Oct 1959 Notice and Agenda of Meeting.
Ir. 1p
- 930 29 Sept 1959 Minutes of Meeting.
Ir. 4pp

14 Oct 1959 Papers sent out

- 931 1959 (a) Memorandum on the policy of having Irish as a compulsory subject in the schools and of making knowledge of the Irish language a necessary qualification for certain posts. Queries the effect of this policy on the language.
Prepared by the Chairman of the Commission, Rev. Fr. Tomas O Fiaich.
Ir. 4pp
- (b) Covering letter from the Secretary of the Commission.
Ir. 1p

? 1959 Papers sent out

- 932 16 Oct. 1959 Minutes of Meeting.
Ir. 7pp

20 Nov 1959 Papers sent out

- 933 1959 (a) Draft headings and outline of the report of the sub-Committee on the Gaeltacht.
ms notes. Ir. 15pp
- 20 Nov 1959 (b) Covering letter from the Secretary of the Commission asking that any comments and recommendations on the draft be sent in to him.
Ir. 1p

11 Dec 1959 Papers sent out

- 934 1959 (a) Recommendations on a scheme to spread the use of the Irish language by Rev. Fr. Mac Aoghain C.S.Sp.
typ. Ir. 1p
- (b) Covering letter from the Secretary of the Commission.
carbon Ir. 1p

8 Dec 1959 Papers sent out

- 935 15 Dec 1959 Notice and Agenda of Meeting.
Ir. 1p
- 936 24 Nov 1959 Minutes of Meeting.
Ir 5pp
- 937 1959 (a) A list of changes made in the
draft headings and outline of the
report of the sub-Committee on the
Gaeltacht.
Ir. 2pp
- 3 Dec 1959 (b) Recommendations on the draft
headings of the report on the
Gaeltacht.
by Gearoid O Murthuile, 16 Sraid Ioch.
Sheain, Wexford.
Ir. 1p
- 29 Nov 1959 (c) Recommendations [as above (b)]
by Diarmuid O Riordain, Ath Leacach,
Eas Geitine.
Ir. 1p
- 938 1943-59 (a) Memoranda and Reports on
Vocational Education.
Collected by the Committee on
Education and fastened together.
17 items Eng. & Ir. 64pp
- 27 Oct 1959 (b) Covering letter from the
Secretary of the Commission.
Ir. 1p
- 939 1 Dec 1959 Memorandum on the use of Irish by
politicians.
Prepared by Blythe.
Ir. 2pp
[for typ. draft see no. 1782]
- 940 c. 1959 Memorandum on the Irish language
sent to the Commission by 'Connradh
na Gaeghilge', 14 Parnell Square,
Dublin.
Ir. 38pp

3 Sub-Committee on the Gaeltacht

21 Sept 1959 Papers sent out

941	29 Sept 1959	Notice of Meeting.	Ir. 1p
942	9 Apr 1959	Minutes of Meeting.	Ir. 2pp
943	1953-59	<p>Memoranda and pamphlets from various State Departments relating to their activities in the Gaeltacht.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">43 items</p> <p>includes</p> <p>(a) List of the memoranda and pamphlets.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ir. 2pp</p> <p>1. Dept. of Social Welfare. <u>Summary of the Social Services</u>. pr. pamphlet (1958). Eng. 22pp</p> <p>2. Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs. Memorandum on the work of the Dept. Ir. 1p</p> <p>3. Dept. of Lands. (a) Memorandum on the work of the Land Commission. Ir. 1p Eng. 1p (b) Memoranda on forestry work. Eng. 8pp (c) Memoranda on fisheries. Ir. 2pp</p> <p>4. Special Employment Schemes Office. Memoranda on schemes and grants in Gaeltacht areas. Ir. & Eng. 7pp</p> <p>5. Dept. of Health. (a) Memorandum on Health Services. Ir. 3pp (b) List of Health Districts and Hospitals for Gaeltacht areas. Ir. 2pp</p> <p>6. Dept. of Industry and Commerce. Memoranda on works in the Gaeltacht. Ir. 8pp</p> <p>7. Dept. of Justice. Memoranda relating to the work of Officers of the Law Courts and of the Gardai in the Gaeltacht. Ir. 3pp</p> <p>8. Dept. of Agriculture. <u>Specially for the farmer</u>. pr. pamphlet (1959). Eng. 48pp</p>	

943 cont.

9. Board of Works.
Memorandum on work in hand in the
Gaeltacht. Ir. 1p
10. Dept. of Local Government.
Memoranda on Roads, Housing, Sanitary
Services, Seeds and Fertilisers Supply
Schemes and Public Libraries.
Eng. 20pp
11. Dept. of Education.
Memoranda on the work of the Dept. in
general in the Gaeltacht, on
Vocational Education and on
Scholarship schemes. Ir. 16pp
12. Gaeltarra Eireann
List of 'Tionscail Tuaithe' 1953,
[cottage industries].
Gives numbers of workers. Ir. 4pp
13. Dept. of the Gaeltacht.
'Tionscail tuaithe'.
Statement of costs of development and
marketing for the three years ending
31 March 1958. Ir. 4pp

6 Nov 1959 Papers sent out

- 944 1959 (a) Draft headings and outline of the
report of the sub-Committee on the
Gaeltacht.
typ. ms notes Ir. 15pp
[another copy of no. 933 (a)]
- (b) Covering letter from the
Secretary of the Commission asking
that any comments on the report be
sent in to him.
typ. Ir. 1p

26 Nov 1959 Papers sent out

- 945 4 Dec 1959 Notice of Meeting.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 946 28 Sept 1959 Minutes of Meeting.
Ir. 2pp
- 947 31 Dec 1958 'Knowledge of Irish by Local Officers
in the Gaeltacht
Report of Inter Departmental
Committee'.
'confidential' Eng. 51pp

4 Final Report
Bound Volumes

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| 948 | 1960 | Final Report of
'An Coimisiún um Athbheochan na
Gaeilge'
[The Commission for the Restoration
of the Irish Language]

Investigates the recent history of the
Irish language, its use in the Public
Services and generally throughout
the country.
Examines the position of the
Gaeltacht.
Makes various recommendations.

sten. Ir.
3 vols. 579pp |
| 949 | 1960 | 'An Coimisiun um Athbheochan na
Gaeilge
Summary of Report'.
summary of final report.

sten. Eng.
1 vol 127pp |
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N. RADIO EIREANN AUTHORITY 1960-1965

- † Agenda and documentation for meetings of the Radio Eireann Broadcasting Authority.
- 950 2 Jun 1960 First Meeting.
- (a) Agenda.
carbon 1p
 - (b) Notes on financial and other matters.
carbon 4pp
 - (c) Memorandum on the terms of reference of the Television Advisory Committee, 1959.
sten. 6pp
 - (d) Broadcasting Authority - rules for meetings.
sten. 1p
- 951 3 Jun 1960
- (a) Letter from Radio Eireann enclosing, as requested, copies of statements made at the first meeting.
typ. 1p
 - (b) Address of the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs.
sten. 14pp
 - (c) Reply by the Chairman.
sten. 2pp
 - (d) Statement by the Acting Director of Broadcasting.
sten. 9pp
- 952 8 Jul 1960 Sixth Meeting.
- (a) Agenda.
sten. ms notes 1p
 - (b) Note on 'Capital value of properties transferred to the Authority'.
sten. 2pp
 - (c) 'Irish Times proposal re "Radio Review"'.
sten. 2pp
- 953 19 Jul 1960 Seventh Meeting.
- Agenda.
sten. ms marks 1p
- 954 c. 1960 [Undated] Agenda of Meeting.
- sten. ms marks 1p

955 Jan 1965

- (a) Monthly Reports.
 - (1) Administrative division. 4pp
 - (2) Advertisement Sales division.
 - 'Private and Confidential' 2pp
 - (3) Programme division. 6pp
 - (4) News " : 1p
 - (5) Publications " : 1p
 - (6) Engineering " : 3pp
- sten.
- (b) 'Notes on Sound Programmes'. 5pp
- sten.
- (c) 'List of Proposed Dramas'. 1p
- sten.
- (d) Viewing ratings for 'Riordans' and 'Tolka Row'. 1p

956 18 Feb 1965

- Ninety third Meeting
- (a) Agenda. 1p
 - sten. ms notes
 - (b) Minutes of ninety second meeting. 10pp
 - (c) 'Statement of annual cost of present London office'. 1p
 - xerox ?
 - (d) Statement of accounts for the ten months ended 31 Jan 1965. 1p
 - sten.
- All documents clipped together.

2 Applications for Posts

957 c. 1960

- (a) Draft of advertisement inviting applications for the position of Director General of television and sound broadcasting. 1p
- carbon ms notes
- (b) Applications for the post of Director General.
 - Summary of general information and details of experience given by each applicant.
 - Usually one page per applicant.
- sten. ms notes 48pp

958 c. 1960

- Applications for a post.
 [Same format as no. 957 (b) and possibly a continuation of it.]
- (a) sten. 8pp
 - (b) " 8pp
 - (c) " 6pp
 - (d) " 1p

3 Building

- 959 Jun 1960 Note on 'Selection of Architect'.
Names possible choices.
carbon ms notes. 1p
- 960 c. 1960-61 'Report on preliminary sketch design'
for building at Montrose.
sten. 3pp
- 961 c. 1960-65 Report on revised internal lay out
of building.
carbon 1p
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4 Programmes.

- 962 Nov 1963 'Radio Eireann statement on the use of
Irish in the Television Service'.
sten. 6pp
- 963 c. 1960 A guide to the standard pronunciation
of Irish for news readers and other
announcers on Radio Eireann and
Telefis Eireann.
sten. Ir. 44pp
- 964 Feb 1965 (a) Note to the Radio Eireann
Authority from the Director General,
Kevin C. McCourt, on Agricultural
programmes on television.
sten. 1p
- (b) 'Agricultural Programmes in
Various EBU Countries'.
Names the country and gives the amount
of time devoted to agricultural matter.
sten. 1p
- (c) Memorandum from the Controller of
Programmes to the Director General on
a plan for an Agricultural Service
by Telefis Eireann.
sten. 8pp
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5 Annual Report.

- 965 31 Mar 1964 Fourth Annual Report.
A comprehensive review of the year's
programmes and work with comments on
the staff and buildings.
There is a note on the financial
situation but no balance sheet.
sten. 35pp
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O. AILTIRÍ NA hAISÉIRGHE 1942-1943

- 966 1942-43 'Craobh na hAiséirghe'.
Ernest Blythe's membership card.
pr. card Ir.
- 967 Sept 1943 Ailtirí na hAiséirghe.
Draft constitution.
Mainly concerned with organisational
structure and detail.
carbon ms notes Ir. 4pp
- 968 c. 1943 (a) Recommendations and comments on
the constitution of Ailtirí na
hAiséirghe.
In the form of a letter but not
signed.
carbon Ir. 7pp
- (b) Copy of page 1 of above in
Blythe's handwriting.
ms 1p
- 969 c. 1942-43 'Ailtirí na hAiséirghe
Governmental Plan for a New Ireland
Functional Democracy
Christian Alternative to Servile
State'.
Suggests the organisation of 'society
on a vocational basis'.
Gives details of proposals for a
National Council to provide
centralised national government.
carbon ms notes 3pp
- 970 c. 1942-43 Recommendations for the re-writing of
part of 'An Phaimpleid Molta'.
[the propaganda pamphlet].
carbon 2pp
- 971 c. 1942-43 Aiséirghe
Governmental Plan for the New Ireland
Functional Democracy
Christian Alternative to the Servile
State.
Proposes 'Christian Corporatism',
the organisation of society on
vocational basis.
[Differs somewhat from no. 969]
pr. leaflet 4pp

- 972 c. 1942-43 For National Government and Action Ailtirí na hAiséirghe.
Proposes 'to make Ireland Free, Gaelic, in its social and economic systems the exemplary Christian state in our time'.
Detailed outline of Policy, Programme and Organisation.
Includes 'Notes' refuting 'malicious Press falsehoods' and pointing out that the electorate will still have power.
pr. pamphlet Eng. & Ir. 8pp
- 973 c. 1942-43 For National Government and National Action join Ailtirí na h-Aiséirghe.
[Very similar to no. 972 but gives extra details concerning organisation and is without the 'Notes']
pr. pamphlet Eng. & Ir. 8pp
- 974 1942 Ireland's Twentieth Century Destiny
by Gearoid O Cuinneagain, leader of Ailtirí na hAiséirghe.
Indicates how the implementation of the policies of Ailtirí na hAiséirghe would benefit the country.
'a translation of a paper originally read in the national language at a Young Ireland Centenary Congress held at Whit, 1942, in the Meath Gaeltacht'. [see p. 3.]
pr. pamphlet 15pp
- 975 1942 Aiseirghe 1942.
A periodical published by Craobh na hAiséirghe.
pr. Ir. 64pp
- 976 11 Oct 1943 'Ailtirí na hAiséirghe 1942-43'
Annual Report.
pr. Ir. 2pp
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P. MATERIAL RELATING TO THE IRISH
LANGUAGE 1936-71

1: An Cumann Náisiúnta

977 c. 1930-40 Outline of 'Objects' and 'Programme',
 in 10 points covering the national
 tradition and language, territorial
 unity and the improvement of social
 and economic conditions.
 sten. 1p

2: Cumann Gaedhealach na hÉireann

978 1936 (a) 1. Memorandum on the situation
 of the Irish language and
 recommendations on future policy
 relating to the language.
 To be presented to the Executive
 Council of the Free State.
 sten. Ir. 7pp

2. Copy of (a) 1.
 sten. ms. notes Ir. 7pp

14 Jun 1936 (b) Covering letter from Cumann
 Gaedhealach na hÉireann asking for
 opinions on the enclosed memorandum.
 sten. Ir. 1p

" " " (c) Letter signed by Ristard Mac
 Maghmusa but addressed only to
 'a chara' [friend].
 Asks the recipient if he is willing
 to be a member of the delegation to
 present the memorandum to the
 Executive Council of Saorstát Éireann
 on the 27 June.
 sten. Ir. 1p

3 Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge

- 979 30 Apr 1947 (a) Memorandum on the position of the Irish language. Sent by the Comhdháil to the Government.
typ. Ir. 6pp
- (b) Appendix to above memorandum (a). Contains recommendations concerning Irish language publications.
typ. Ir. 4pp
- 980 1947 Version of the above appendix,[no. 979 (b).]
Differs somewhat and is longer. Paragraph 15 crossed out.
sten. ms notes Ir. 5pp
- 981 14 Apr 1947 Comments on and additions to paragraph 14, concerning 'An Gum' in above appendix,[no. 980.]
Signed Proinsias O Conluain.
ms Ir. 3pp
- 982 [1947 ?] Appears to be a list of Irish language newspapers sold by named persons.
typ. Ir. 2pp
- 983 16 Jan 1951 'Reim an Oifigeach Eolais' [Scope of the Information Officer].
A memorandum from Sean O hEigeartaigh to the Board of the Comhdháil.
Recommends extending the scope of the information officer.
Among other matters he should be charged with establishing a reference library, compiling an annual information handbook and keeping in close touch with all matters concerning the Irish language.
carbon Ir. 7pp
- 984 23 Aug 1954 Copy of letter to the Taoiseach, John A. Costello, from the Comhdháil.
'warmly welcomes Paragraph 10 of the Statement of Inter-Party policy published on June 1st., in which the establishment of a Ministry specially concerned with the cultural and economic problems of the Gaeltacht areas is foreshadowed'.
Advises that the new Department be only concerned with the Fíor-Gaeltacht.
Requests the Taoiseach to receive a deputation from the Comdhail which could express more fully its views on matters raised in the present letter.
carbon 75 5pp

- 985 c. 1955 Draft of circular letter [from Blythe] to members of the Comhdháil. Refers to the speech made by the Minister for Education, General Mulcahy, in the Senate, on 2 November, concerning the establishment of a Ministry for the Gaeltacht. Compares the advantages of a Ministry with those of an independent Board.
carbon ms notes Ir. 6pp
- 986 Nov 1955 Draft letter to the Taoiseach [John A. Costello], from the Comhdháil. Expresses 'extreme gratification at the announcement made by the Minister for Education on behalf of the Government in the Seanád on 2nd., inst.', concerning the establishment of a separate Ministry for the Gaeltacht. Mentions certain matters that should be considered.
carbon 5pp
- 987 Draft letter to the Secretary of the Education Council from the Comhdháil relating to the teaching of Irish in secondary schools. Mentions the general position and the decline in numbers of the 'A' schools.
typ. ms notes Ir. 4pp
- 988 c. 1940-50 Report of statements made by members of a delegation from the Comhdháil to the Commission on ? * Matter under discussion; the use of the Irish language in the constituent colleges of the National University. Blythe is a member of the delegation.
sten. 'confidential' 5pp
- 989 1 May 1947 Notice and Agenda of Meeting.
carbon Ir. 1p
- 990 23 May 1952 Notice and Agenda of Meeting.
ms notes by Blythe on back.
carbon Ir. 1p
- 991 28 Oct 1955 Notice of Meeting.
typ. Ir. 1p

* May relate to no. 998

- 992 Memoranda from Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge relating to the reorganisation of 'An Gum' as a limited company. [may be of different dates]
- (a) Information concerning 'An Gum'. Gives an account of its foundation. Part of a larger memorandum of matters relating to the Irish language. [may be connected with nos. 979-981]
- typ. Ir. 3pp
- (b) Proposals in 23 points concerning the reorganisation of 'An Gum'. carbon ms notes Ir. 9pp
- (c) Recommendations in 26 points concerning the proposed structure and activities of 'An Gum'. typ. ms notes Ir. 14pp
- 993 1951 'Óráid an Uachtaráin' (President's Speech), Annual General Meeting, Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge. Deals with Irish language publications and the general position of the language. sten. Ir. 24pp

Printed Matter

- 994 1947 Annual Report Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge. pr. Ir. 24pp
- 995 5 Dec 1949 The State and The Language 'An English version of the Presidential Address of Ernest Blythe to Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge'. pr. 32pp
- 996 1950 Annual Report Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge. pr. Ir. 31pp
- 997 Oct 1953 Memorandum for the Taoiseach A Board for the Gaeltacht Produced by Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge. Recommends the appointment of a board to preserve and develop the Gaeltacht. pr. 23pp

4 University College Dublin

998 May 1943

'Report of the Committee appointed by the Academic Council May, 1943, to consider what steps could best be taken by the College in the interests of the Irish language'.

'Summary of Recommendations'.

Includes reference to lectures given through Irish in University College Dublin, University College Cork and University College Galway.

carbon

14pp

5 The Gaeltacht

999 Dec 1971

Gníomh don Ghaeltacht

An Action Programme for the Gaeltacht.

'Prepared by a Gaeltarra/SF ADCO Working Group'.

presented 'To The Minister for Finance and the Gaeltacht, George Colly, T.D.'

Reports on existing conditions and offers various recommendations. Includes information in tabular form on population and industry.

pr. ms notes

Eng. & Ir. 346pp

Q. IRISH ELECTORAL SYSTEM REFORM SOCIETY

1968

1000 19 Sept 1968

Minutes of Foundation Meeting held in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin.

Names the nine persons present, Blythe is one of them.

This group favoured the replacement of the Proportional Representation electoral system by 'something more like the Straight Vote'.

It was decided that a society be formed and that 'the group of people present would act as the ad hoc opening committee'.

Officers were appointed.

sten.

2pp

1001 23 Sept 1968

Agenda of Meeting.

sten.

1p

A. THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS 1914-1915

1: Papers and Correspondence

- 1002 9 Oct 1914 Letter signed Bulmer Hobson, Hon. Sec. From Irish Volunteers Headquarters: 41 Kildare Street, Dublin. Addressed to Blythe at Maheragall, Lisburn, Co.. Antrim. Notifies Blythe of his 'appointment as Organiser on behalf of the Provisional Committee of the Irish Volunteers'.
typ.. 1p
- 1003: [Oct 1914] (a) Circular letter from Bulmer Hobson, Hon. Sec. Irish Volunteers. Headquarters: 41 Kildare Street, Dublin. Gives notice of the first Convention of the Irish Volunteers, to be held on 25 October at the Abbey Theatre Dublin. Encloses (b) and (c).
sten. 1p
- 25 Oct 1914 (b) First Irish Volunteers Convention Agenda,
sten. 1p
- (c) 'Proposed Constitution of the Irish Volunteers. Passed at special meeting of the Provisional Committee, 10 October '14'. States the 'objects' and general structure of the organisation. Proposes an 'enrolment form to be signed by all Volunteers'.
sten. 3pp
- 1004 c. 1914-15 'Oglaigh na hEireann (The Irish Volunteers)' Blank membership card.
pr. 4pp
- 1005 c. 1914-15 Blank form for a report on a company of the Irish Volunteers. Information to be filled in includes names and addresses of officers, practice and efficiency in military skills and details of weapons, transport and useful implements such as picks, shovels and wirecutters. Marked 'Confidential' 'For Headquarters Staff Only'.
sten. 1 sheet

2 An Cumann Cosanta

- 1006 12 Apr 1915 Letter signed Bulmer Hobson, Hon. Sec. Irish Volunteers. Headquarters: 41 Kildare Street, Dublin. Addressed to Blythe c/o Mrs. T. O'Shea, Bridge Street, Dingle. Asks that a committee of 'An Cumann Cosanta' be set up in Tralee. [Co. Kerry] typ. 1p
- 1007 c. 1915 (a) 'An Cumann Cosanta'
An outline of the general purpose of An Cumann Cosanta, a society founded to offer a scheme of pay related insurance to members of the Irish Volunteers who were in danger of losing their jobs because of their Volunteer activities. States that a Volunteer 'will be paid the full amount of his ordinary income (up to £2 a week) until he gets other employment, or for a period of three months certain'.
pr. 1p
- (b) 'Rules of An Cumann Cosanta
Offices: Irish Volunteer Headquarters'. (Dublin: Patrick Mahon, Trade Union Printer, 3 Yarnhall Street).
pr. pamphlet 16pp
- (c) 'Form of application for membership of An Cumann Cosanta'.
pr. 2pp
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3 Military Manuals

(i) Irish

- 1008 1914 (a) The Handbook for Irish Volunteers
simple lectures on military subjects
 By "H" .
 (Dublin M.H. Gill & Son, Ltd., 1914).
 Inscribed in pencil on front loose
 end paper 'Seumas ó Aine'.
 pr. 101pp
- (b) similar to (a) but with slightly
 different covering material.
 pr. 101pp

(ii) British

- 1009 1914 The New Company Drill at a Glance
 By Lieutenant M. G. Monk.
 91st Punjabis L.I.
 (London: L. Upcott Gill, . 1914).
 pr. 31pp
- 1010 c. 1914-15 Leaflets advertising books on military
 subjects published by Gale & Polden Ltd.
 London, Aldershot and Portsmouth.
 'Naval and Military Printers and
 Publishers'.
 In an envelope addressed to
 E. Blythe Esq
 C/o Jas Ledden Esq
 49, William St, Limerick,
 dated: 12/5/15.
 pr. 4 items
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B. PAPERS RELATING TO THE ORDER
DEPORTING BLYTHE FROM IRELAND 1915

- 10111 Jul 1915 (a) 'List, for your guidance, of places which will not be approved for future residence.'
 Stamped: 'Headquarters, Irish Command, Parkgate, Dublin. 10 Jul. 1915'.
 carbon 1p
- (b) The Aliens Restriction Orders Consolidated.
 (Reprinted from Appendix C to Supplement No. 3 (now in press) to the "Manual of Emergency Legislation" edited by Alexander Pulling, Esq, C.B.)
 Stamped: 'Headquarters, Irish Command, Parkgate, Dublin. 9 Jul. 1915'
 pr. 24pp
- 1012 23 Jul 1915 Statement by Sergeant John Neill of the Royal Irish Constabulary relating to his arrest of Ernest Blythe on 23 July 1915, 'at the residence of the Revd Father O Kierans, Mahernakorney, Co. Antrim'.
 Mentions that Blythe was charged under the Defence of the Realm Act, Section 55, 'with having refused to quit Ireland when ordered to do so by the competent military authority'.
 ms. on pr. form 2pp
- 1013 23 Jul 1915 Letter from James O'Connor, Solicitor, 57 Dame Street, Dublin.
 Addressed to Blythe c/o Mr Commissioner Smith, Police Office, Belfast.
 O'Connor who is to conduct Blythe's defence promises to call to see him at Belfast Jail.
 signed (carbon ?) 1p
- 1014 Jul 1915 Two newspaper cuttings containing reports of Blythe's arrest.
 pr. 2 items
- 1015 11 Oct 1915 (a) Notice suspending action under the order expelling Blythe from Ireland, from the date of his release from prison, subject to his good behaviour.
 Signed L.B. Friend, Major General Commanding Troops in Ireland.
 Stamped: 'Headquarters, Irish Command, Parkgate, Dublin. 1 Oct. 1915'.
 typ. 1p
- (b) Order in Council amending previous regulations relating to the Defence of the Realm.
 Stamped: as (a) above.
 pr. 2pp

C. PAPERS RELATING TO THE ORDER
CONFINING BLYTHE TO THE AREA
SURROUNDING MULLAGHCARTON 1917

1016 4 Jan 1917

(a) Signed copy of Order confining Blythe to the area surrounding Mullaghcarton.

carbon 2pp

(b) Signed copy of the undertaking given by Blythe to reside within the designated area.

carbon 1p

(c) Ordnance Survey One Inch Map on which the designated area is marked.

Sheet no. 36.

pr.

D. ELECTION PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS 1917

1017 1918

Election propaganda leaflets and posters supporting Ernest Blythe, the Sinn Fein candidate for North Monaghan. Includes outline of the 'Career of Ernest Blythe'.

pr. 11 items

E. SHEET MUSIC

1018

Arise (Freedom March)

Words by Peadar O Cearnaigh [Kearney]
Composed by Mairtin de Bhaltun [Walton]

Words: 3 verses of 8 lines each.

Music: For voice and piano accompaniment.

pr. 5pp

PART IV CORRESPONDENCE

(Most items are single letters and are addressed to Ernest Blythe unless otherwise stated)

A. BLYTHE, VOLUNTEER ORGANISER 1914

1019 7 Aug 1914

Cluad a Cheabhasa, [Claud Chevasse]
Sgoil Acta, Comndae Mhuigheo. [Co. Mayo]
Mentions the encroachment of the
English language in the Gaeltacht areas,
the difficulties of running the school
and of maintaining a strong force of
Volunteers because most workers
migrate to Scotland for the summer.

ms

Ir. 4pp

and envelope

B. BLYTHE, A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT1918-1936

1. Items addressed to Blythe at Belfast Jail. (1918-1919)

- (i) Letters congratulating Blythe on his election as Sinn Fein candidate for the North Monaghan constituency in the General Election of December 1918.

- 1020 26 Dec 1918 Martin Barry, Garryowen, Limerick. Congratulates Blythe on his expected victory. Mentions the probable outcome of the election in the whole country.
ms and envelope 1p
- 1021 29 Dec 1918 ? O'Mahony, Rathkeall. Congratulates Blythe on his 'return as one of Ireland's representatives'. Enquires for Austin Stack.
ms and envelope 2pp
- 1022 31 Dec 1918 Michael Keane, Commandant, Feohanagh, Kilmeed, Co. Limerick. Congratulates Blythe on his 'striking victory' and comments generally on the political situation.
ms and envelope 3pp
- 1023 1 Jan 1919 John J. Keenan, [Blythe's] Election Agent Congratulates Blythe on his 'magnificent victory in North Monaghan'. Refers to some letters and circulars which have come to him addressed to Blythe. Asks Blythe, should he be set free, to 'allow us a few days time to prepare for your arrival'.
ms and envelope 3pp
- 1024 7 Jan 1919 John J. Keenan, [Blythe's] Election Agent Thanks for letter 'I had a summary of it published in yesterday's "Independent" and it may meet the difficulty of your acknowledging the letters sent you'. Comments on newspaper reaction to the election.
ms and envelope 2pp

- P 24 Correspondence
- 1025 8 Jan 1919 Madge Daly, 15 Barrington St.,
Limerick.
Congratulations on election success.
Mentions a visit to a prison and gives
news of various friends.
ms 2pp
and envelope
- 1026 10 Jan 1919 Mabel [Fitzgerald], Woodside, Sandyford,
Co. Dublin.
Recounts her activities during the
recent election campaign.
Congratulates Blythe and gives news of
her family.
ms 4pp
and envelope

(ii) Other letters (1919)

- 1027 13 Jan 1919 John Farrell, a reporter with The
Lurgan Mail, Lurgan.
Asks for an interview whenever Blythe
might be passing through Lurgan.
ms 1p
and envelope
- 1028 15 Jan 1919 Seamus O'Brien, Southern Star Office,
Skibbereen, Co. Kerry.
Relates mainly to the continued
suppression of the newspaper, the
Southern Star.
Refers to the 'recent trouble' [in
Belfast Jail].
ms 2pp
and envelope
- 1029 5 Feb 1919 Letter announcing the opening of
Parliament on 11 February and inviting
Blythe to take his place.
pr. 1p
and envelope

(iii) Leaflets sent to Blythe as a Member
of Parliament. (1919).

- 1030 c. 1919 'The Official Reply' of the 'Miners
Federation of Great Britain' to the
'Government proposals'.
pr. 4pp
and envelope

1031 c. 1919

'Income Tax Inequalities. Private Traders and Co-Operative Societies' Reprinted from The Empire Review for April, 1917.

pr.

4pp

and envelope

1032 c. 1919

Resolutions relating to 'Personal Liberty & the Ministry of Health Bill' passed by a meeting of representatives of a number of societies including the 'National Anti-Vaccination League, the Personal Rights Association and the People's League of Medical Freedom.

pr.

1p

and envelope

2 Items addressed to Blythe as a member of Dail Eireann, 1922.

1033 8 Sept 1922

(a) Note addressed to E. Blythe, T.D. Initialed S. de B., Director of Publicity. From Field Headquarters Northern and Eastern Command, Irish Republican Army. Encloses (b) & (c).

carbon

1p

(b) Memorandum addressed 'To each T.D.' Starts: 'As an elected Representative of the Irish people in Dail Eireann it is of course your duty to decide how best and soonest to terminate this present war'.

Gives an account of events leading up to the out break of hostilities.

Expresses the Republican point of view.

sten.

3pp

8 Nov 1922

(c) 'Daily Bulletin' No. 35. 'Dail Eireann, Government of the Republic, (Official Communique).'

Outlines attitudes towards the pronouncement of the Irish Hierarchy concerning the rightful government of Ireland.

Gives an account of 'Why the Four Courts was attacked'.

sten.

2pp

3 Victory in General Election, 1927.

- 1034 11-13 Jun 1927 Telegrams congratulating Blythe on his victory in the election.
15 telegrammes
- 1035 11 Jun 1927 Two letters congratulating Blythe on his election victory.
(a) John J. Woods, Ballybay, Co. Monaghan.
ms 1p
(b) Sean T. O Ruadain, President of Connaught Council G.A.A.
ms 1p
- 1036 12 Jun 1927 Beirtfhear, 37 Grosvenor Square, Rathmines, Dublin.
Congratulations on election victory.
ms 1 post card
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4 1928-1931

- 1037 c. 1927-
c. 1928 Papers clipped together consisting of:
(a) Post Card not posted as such signed 'A.M.'
Mentions that 'your fine stand against the Privy Council is greatly admired and approved out here'. [in Canada]
Comments further on this matter.
ms 1 post card
(b) Brief biographical note on 'Hon. A.E.S. Martin (Canada-British Columbia)' a lawyer and a judge.
pr. 1p
(c) 'The Culmination of Confederation' 'Address by the Honourable Mr. Justice Martin at Victoria, B.C. on 19 May 1927'.
Stresses the sole right of Canada to make changes in her constitution and urges the abolition of appeal to the Privy Council.
typ. ms notes 5pp
(d) 'The "Colonial Courts" of Canada' Newspaper cutting from Mantobia Free Press, 24 November 1928.
Contains a quotation from a judgement by Mr Justice Martin claiming that the Parliament of Canada is 'the only authority which has jurisdiction to make a binding declaration upon the Courts of this Nation'.

1038 18 Aug 1928

Letter appointing Blythe a delegate of the Irish Free State to the Ninth Assembly of the League of Nations. Signed P. Mc Gilligan [Minister for External Affairs].

typ.

Fr. 1p

1039 5 Dec 1931

John D. Nugent, 272 North Circular Road, Dublin.

Thanks Blythe for his 'personal intervention in connection with the purchase of the Pioneer Bus Service by the Great Northern Railway Co.'

typ.

1p

5 The Change of Government, 1932.

1040 9 Mar 1932

J.M. Henry, Upper Merrion St, [Dublin]
 Regrets Blythe's departure from Government Buildings.

ms

1p

1041 3 June 1932

Lennox Robinson, Abbey Theatre, Dublin. Suggests that if the new Government proposes to continue the subsidy to the Abbey Theatre and if anyone in the Dail objects, on the grounds of the long period spent in America by the National Theatre Company, it may be said that another company, with Robinson as producer, will play at the Abbey Theatre.

typ. ms additions

1p

6 Defeat in the General Election, 1933.

- (i) Letters expressing regret at Blythe's defeat in the election and commenting on the political situation.

- 1042 27 Jan 1933 Liam O Brian, Coill Tomair, Gaillimh.
[Galway]
ms 1p
- 1043 27 Jan 1933 P.S. O'Hegarty, Highfield House,
Rathgar, Dublin.
ms 1p
- 1044 28 Jan 1933 Stephen A. Roche, 124 Morehampton Road,
Donnybrook, Dublin.
Acting Secretary, Dept. of Justice.
ms 4pp
- 1045 29 Jan 1933 Josie? [Mongan], Mongan's Hotel,
Carna, Connemara, [Co Galway]
[He was also defeated in the election]
ms 2pp
- 1046 31 Jan 1933 Hugh Law? , at Trinity Hall, Dartry
Road, Dublin.
ms 2pp
- 1047 1 Feb 1933 Moya Llewelyn Davies, Mongan's Hotel,
Carna, [Connemara, Co Galway.]
ms 2pp
- 1048 6 Feb 1933 Patrick Mc Geough, Killalough,
Tydavnet, Co. Monaghan.
ms 2pp
- 8 Feb 1933 George Thomson, Loiste na Coirbe,
Gaillimh. [Galway.]
- 1049 'Saturday' Lennox Robinson , Sorrento Cottage,
Dalkey, Co. Dublin.
ms 1p

- (ii) Letter from Blythe to the Newspapers

- 1050 14 Feb 1933 (a) Copy of letter sent by Blythe to
the Northern Standard, The Anglo Celt,
and the Dundalk Democrat.
Thanks all those who worked for him in
the recent election.
carbon 1p
- (b) Draft of (a).
carbon ms notes 2pp

7 Senate Election, 1934

(1) Votes

- 1051 1 Jan 1934 ? Castle Forbes,
Newtown Forbes, Co. Longford.
Promises Blythe 'my vote at the
forthcoming Senate Election'.
typ. 1p
- (ii) Letters congratulating Blythe on his
election to the Senate
- 1052 2 Jan 1934 Henry P. Boland, 3 Merton Road,
Rathmines, [Dublin].
ms 1p
- 1053 3 Jan 1934 Jas [James] Kerr, The Corner House,
Ballybay.
ms 1p
- 1054 3 Jan 1934 Margery Cunningham, Trinity Hall,
Dartry Road, Dublin.
ms 1p
- 1055 3 Jan 1934 Geo. G. Nesbitt, Bessboro, Terenure,
Bridgetown, Co. Wexford.
ms 1p
- 1056 3 Jan 1934 Kathleen A. Browne? Rathronan Castle,
Bridgetown, Co. Wexford.
ms 1p
- 1057 3 Jan 1934 Vincent [Daly Keirans], solicitor,
Mill Street, Monaghan.
ms 2pp
- 1058 4 Jan 1934 G. V. Maloney, Cavan.
ms 1p
- 1059 4 Jan 1934 P.J. Mac Ardle, P.C., Corryagan,
Donaghmoyne, Carrickmacross,
[Co. Monaghan].
ms 1p
- 1060 5 Jan 1934 Wm. E. Trift? Errigan, Dodder Road,
Rathgar, [Dublin].
ms 1p
- 1061 9 Jan 1934 P.J. Keogh, 19 Lower Fitzwilliam Street,
Dublin.
ms 1p
- 1062 10 Jan 1934 Lead? Mac Geough, The Glen, Monaghan.
ms 1p

C. CLONDALKIN PAPER MILLS LTD. 1936-1941

1 Appointment as Secretary

1063 2 Nov 1936

John Mackie, 39 Dawson Street, Dublin.
 'John Mackie & Co. Chartered
 Accountants'.
 Congratulates Blythe on his appointment
 as secretary to Clondalkin Paper Mills
 Ltd.
 Offers to talk to Blythe if he should
 so wish 'in confidence about difficult
 accountancy points'.

typ.

1p

2 Departure from the Company

Letters acknowledging receipt of
 letters from Blythe relating to his
 resignation from Clondalkin Paper Mills
 Ltd.
 They give thanks to Blythe for his
 service to the company and wish him
 well in his new position as Managing
 Director of the Abbey Theatre.

1064 30 Jan 1941

Edward Mc Ardle, Wholesale Wine and
 Provision Merchant, West Street,
 Drogheda. [Co. Louth].

typ.

2pp

1065 30 Jan 1941

J.J. O'Toole, Wholesale Paper Merchants
 and Stationers, Catherine Street,
 Limerick.

typ.

1pp

1066 31 Jan 1941

M.J. Mc Cabe, 30-33 South City Markets,
 Dublin.

typ.

1p

1067 1 Feb 1941

Eugene J. O'Brien, The Universal
 Providing Stores, Edenderry.

typ.

1p

D. THE ABBEY THEATRE 1935-1967

1 Blythe, a Director of the Abbey Theatre
(1935-1940)

1068 3 May 1935

Draft letter [possibly from Blythe] to Mr Gorman [secretary of the National Theatre Society Ltd.] Requests that the proposals it contains be considered by the Board of Directors at an early meeting. Suggests that 'one of the reasons why the Abbey has encountered financial difficulties in recent years is that a sufficient number of good, or fairly good new plays have not been forthcoming'. Proposes that play writing be encouraged by competitions offering a prize of at least £100. Gives reasons for the lack of success of former Abbey Theatre play competitions and lays down conditions for a new competition.

carbon

4pp

1069 12 Sept 1935

Lord Longford, 123 Leinster Road, Dublin. Addressed to Blythe, c/o Sean Lester, High Commissioner of the League of Nations, Danzig. 'I saw Yeats a day or two after you left and we discussed the whole question of amalgamation. On the whole we came to the conclusion that nothing much could be done'..... 'Yeats does not think a larger theatre possible'. Mentions that amalgamation would offer no solution to the Gate's financial difficulties. He has decided to support the Gate for another season 'and then will see what ought to be done in view of our success or failure'.

ms.

2pp

1070 27 Jul 1936

P.J. Mac Ardle, Corryagan, Donaghmoynne, Carrickmacross, [Co. Monaghan.] 'I have been informed that through your intervention John Murphy of Lisaquill, Broomfield, has had an audition with the Manager of the Abbey Theatre and the Manager was well satisfied that Murphy was a promising lad for training in the theatre'. Asks Blythe's help in getting employment for Murphy in Dublin.

ms

1pp

- 1071 5 Dec 1939 F.R. Higgins, Managing Director, The Abbey Theatre, Dublin
Sends 'Even Such is Time' by Maura Molloy, 'for reading at your convenience'.
He is 'in a dilemma as to our next new production' and has sent a play by Louis D'Alton to Dick Hayes.
Mentions that 'We have received Shiel's adjudication on the Competition plays'.
typ. 1p
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- 2 Blythe, Managing Director of the Abbey Theatre, (1941-1967.)
- 1072 3 Feb 1941 Aine Ni Ceannain, Cumann Dramuidheachta na Scol, Scoil Mhuire, Dublin.
Offers congratulations on behalf of the Committee of Cumann Drámuidheachta na Scol, to Blythe on his appointment as Managing Director of the Abbey Theatre.
ms Ir. 1p
- 1073 4 Feb 1941 Eileen G. Green, (Honorary Recording Secretary), Technical Students' Literary & Debating Society.
Congratulates Blythe on behalf of the Society on his appointment as Managing Director of the Abbey Theatre.
typ. 1p
- 1074 5 Feb 1941 G. Finlay Mulligan, 88 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin.
Congratulates Blythe on his appointment as Managing Director of the Abbey Theatre.
ms 1p
- 1075 6 Feb 1941 Laurence J. Kettle, 21 Merrion Square, Dublin.
Congratulates Blythe on his appointment as Managing Director of the Abbey Theatre.
typ. 1p
- 1076 8 Dec 1941 From Ernest Blythe to Mrs W.B. Yeats. Note headed 'Drama League'.
Asks Mrs Yeats to sign and return the enclosed postal order.
typ. 1p

- 1077 8 Dec 1942 Dolly Robinson, 20 Longford Terrace,
Monkstown, Co. Dublin.
Thanks Blythe for 'the grand speech'
he made at the presentation of the
portrait of Lennox Robinson.
ms 1p
- 1078 5 June 1947 Copy of p.2 of a letter from the
Manager, The National Theatre Society
Ltd.
Names 7 persons who might form the
nucleus of an unidentified Committee
and enquires if the recipient would
be willing to act on such a committee.
carbon 1p
- 1079 13 Jan 1947 P.S. O'Hegarty, Highfield House,
Rathgar, Dublin.
Praises the Irish pantomime, 'Fernando
is a magnificent performance'.
ms 1p
- 1080 14 Oct 1947 Cearbhall O Dalaigh, 38 Cearnog
Mhanbhthan, B.A.C.
[Writes on behalf of An Comhar
Dramaiochta].
Asks that an acknowledgement of the
cheque be sent to the Dept. of
Education and that the financial account
be sent to him.
ms Ir. 1p
- 1081 22 Apr 1950 R. Hayes, Woodlands, Kill o' the Grange,
Co. Dublin.
'I thought you may be interested in
Mac Liammóir's brochure - an excellent
piece of writing I think.'
Mentions that the Committee has agreed
to have a similar one on the Abbey
Theatre because of his objection to
'the absurdly small space given in it
to the Abbey'.
ms 2pp
- 1082 26 Apr 1950 Joe Stanley, Drogheda Argus, 6 Peter
Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth.
Refers to Miss Alice V. Gibbs from the
U.S.A., a Rotary Foundation Scholar,
'to whom I have given an introduction
to you'.
She seeks information on 'the Abbey
Theatre movement'.
Praises Blythe's 'courageous stand over
'Design for a Tombstone''.
typ. 2pp

1083: 15 Dec 1951

Sean S. O hEigeartaigh, 11 Bóthar
Gleannabhna, Rath gCearr,
Ath Cliath.

Reminds Blythe that in the agreement made between the Comhar Drámaíochta and the Abbey Theatre, the Comhar stopped producing Irish plays on the condition, among others, that the Abbey Directors would do their best to ensure that the greatest possible use was made of the Irish language in the Abbey Theatre. States the specific conditions laid down and claims that they are not unreasonable.

typ.

Ir. 1p

1084 9 Nov 1952

(a) Lennox Robinson, 20 Longford Terrace, Monkstown, Co. Dublin
'I was disgusted by the Irish Times article about you yesterday'
Mentions Blythe's 'devotion to the Abbey'.

ms

1p

8 Nov 1952

(b) Newspaper cutting of an article on Blythe in the Irish Times.
Gives a brief outline of his career and of his activities as Managing Director of the Abbey Theatre.
Claims that his devotion to the Irish language is detrimental to the Abbey Theatre.
In the series 'Portrait Gallery'.

pr.

1 cutting

1085 no date
[early 1950s ?]

Thomas Mac Anna, Abbey Theatre, Dublin.
States that he has decided to leave the Abbey and to accept an offer from the University of Newfoundland.
Gives his reasons for leaving and suggests the names of persons who might replace him.
Expresses his gratitude to Blythe.

ms

3pp

1086 Jun 1954

Tomas [Thomas Mac Anna ?] Department of English, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota.

Mentions that he will be back in Dublin before the end of the month in time to direct 'seo na Nollag' [the Christmas Show].

There is no definite word yet about the 'Borstal Boy' production in New York. There may be a question of the publishers McGraw-Hill wanting him to write a book on the Abbey Theatre.

ms

Ir. 1p

- 1087 12 Jan 1956 Cait Bean Ui Almain, 67 Ascal Ard Muirbhtean, Carraig Dubh. Praises the first Irish pantomime and asks that it be revived but condemns the current production as consisting of 'pagan ideas and customs' and having indecent costumes.
ms 6pp
- 1088 9 Mar 1956 Eric Gorman? [secretary of the National Theatre Society Ltd.]
Mentions that 'Leslie Scott is looking for a loan of £35.
ms 1p
- 1089 10 Dec 1957 Sean S. O hEigheartaigh, 11 Bothar Gleannabhna, Rathgar, Dublin. Mentions that he has been speaking to Diarmaid O hAinlight, a member of An Comhar Dramafochta, who does not think it right to compel actors to use the Irish form of their names.
ms Ir. 1p
- 1090 24 Feb 1958 John Burke, 12 Nosheirn? Terrace, Rathgar, Dublin. Asks Blythe's opinion as to whether the the Abbey Theatre would be interested in two pen drawings made by Grace Plunkett shortly after 'Juno and the Paycock' was produced at the Abbey.
ms 2pp
- 1091 30 May 1960 Muriel Gahan, The Country Shop, 23 St Stephens Green, Dublin. Enquires whether the Abbey Theatre could lend 'An Grianan' some theatre props, for instance swords, shields and spears, for a pageant which is being produced for the Golden Jubilee Festival.
ms 2pp
- 1092 7 July 1960 Copy or draft of letter [possibly from Blythe, and probably to Mr T. O'Sullivan].
'We have heard that the Cultural Relations Committee is about to publish a new series of pamphlets on cultural matters'.
Refers to the booklet in the old series by Micheal Mac Liammoir on the Irish theatre.
Suggests that Gabriel Fallon 'could write an excellent booklet on the Abbey'.
carbon 1p

- 1093 20 Oct 1960 Copy of letter from Denis E. Burke, Clonmel Industries Ltd. Mentions that he has seen a cutting from the Irish Times, 28 September, 'giving a photograph of the chassis of the original pram used in the Theatre'. Suggests that his firm might be willing to offer free of charge 'a facsimile of the original coach built pram'.
carbon 1p
- 1094 6 Dec 1960 Gabriel Fallon, 58 Whitworth Road, Dublin. Thanks for letter. Mentions his reason for suggesting that 'a certain individual' be offered a place on the Board of Directors of the Abbey Theatre. Refers to a recent meeting with 'our architect' [Michael Scott] when Fallon 'formed the impression that his mood concerning the Peacock was almost one of blank despair'.
typ. 1p
- J.S. Fanning, The Midland Tribune, Emmet Street, Birr, Co. Offaly. 3 Letters concerning financial arrangements between Fanning and 'our friend Johnson' relating to the publication of a play.
- 1095 30 Sept 1961 ms. 2pp
- 1096 3 Oct 1961 typ. 1p
- 1097 6 Nov 1961 ms. 1p
- 1098 16 Feb 1964 Mairin Ghabhanach Ni Dhufaigh, 7 Fortfield Park, Terenure, Dublin. Gives thanks for the good theatre seats made available to the children of the school in which she is teaching. They all very much enjoyed the pantomime 'Flann agus Clementin!'. She and Colm have lately seen and liked the production of the 'Plough and the Stars'.
ms. Ir. 2pp
- 1099 30 Apr 1964 James A. Whelan, London Editor, The Cork Examiner, 58 Fleet Street, London. Mentions his meeting with Blythe on Saturday night at the N.U.I. Club. Remarks that 'the Dublin papers here received invitations to the 1st night of "Juno" but no invitation was sent to this office'. Requests 'the summary of the comments of the French critics'.
typ. 2pp of a card

P 24		Correspondence
1100	18 July 1966	Michael Scott, /Architect of the new Abbey Theatre /, 19 Merrion Square, Dublin. Sends good wishes for the opening of the new Abbey Theatre. ms 1p
1101	18 July 1966	Caroline Mac Anna, Dublin. Telegram offering good wishes. 1 telegram
1102	9 Aug 1966	W.D. Gedder?, Lord Mayor of Belfast, City Hall, Belfast. 'The Lady Mayoress and I were delighted and privileged to have the opportunity of visiting the new Abbey Theatre'.... typ. 1p
1103	20 Apr 1967	Jim Mallry, Stormont Castle, Belfast. Thanks for letter to the Prime Minister. 'Captain and Mrs. O'Neill are very happy to accept the kind invitation to attend Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night" at the Arts Theatre'.... on 23 May. typ. 1p
1104	15 May 1967	R.W. Grey, Honorary Secretary, Ulster Arts Club, 90 Lisburn Road, Belfast 9. The Ulster Arts Club wishes to elect Blythe an Honorary Member.* They are 'looking forward to meeting members of the Abbey Company during their forthcoming visit to Belfast'. They would like to make the announcement of Blythe becoming an Honorary Member at a small reception which is to be held at the Club for members of the Abbey Company. typ. 2pp
1105	31 Aug 1967	J.W. Slemon, Secretary National Theatre Society Ltd., The Abbey Theatre, Dublin. States the financial arrangements agreed upon, at a meeting of the Board of Directors on 17 August, in connection with Blythe's retirement from the position of Managing Director on 31 August 1967. typ. 1p
1106	Aug 1967	Card from the front house staff of the Abbey Theatre and signed by all. Wishes Blythe well. [Note in Blythe's hand records that it accompanied the gift of a portable typewriter.] ms 1 card

1107 Sept 1967

Two letters congratulating Blythe on the good work he has done in the Abbey Theatre and offering good wishes for the future.

12 Sept

(a) Joan Byrne, Honorary Secretary, Irish Film Society, 5 North Earl Street, Dublin.

typ. Ir. 1p

(b) Criostoir MacAonghusa, 83 Bothar San Dabhras, Cluain Tarbh, Clontarf, Ath Cliath.

typ. Ir. 1p

3 Blythe, a Director of the Abbey Theatre (1967-1972) and undated correspondence.

1108 11 Nov 1967

Sister Bernetta, 72 Oakley Street, Cheslea, S W 3, London.
Thanks for the seats for the performance of 'Borstal Boy'
Comments on the production.

ms 1p

1109 no date

Sybil Le Broquy, 51 Kenilworth Square, Dublin 6.
Thanks for the tickets for the Abbey.
As she had some already she gave them to 'Melanie and her husband'.

ms 1p

1110 no date

Mary C. McCarthy, formerly Mrs Sean Connolly, 5 Palmerston Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6.
Thanks Blythe for his letter of the 19th July and for the two tickets for Saturday night.

ms 2pp

4 Playwrights (1947-1962)

- 1111 21 Apr 1947 Putnam & Company, Ltd., Publishers,
London and New York.
42, Great Russell Street, London, W.C.1.
States that they have received an
enquiry from the copyright holders
relating to 'the Abbey Theatre
production of pantomimes drawn from
Lady Gregory's Dragon and Golden Apple,
which we publish in book form'.
Asks to be advised of the arrangement
made for this adaptation.
typ. 1p
- 1112 6 May 1947 (a) Draft letter from Blythe to
Putnam & Company, Ltd.
Denies any infringement of copyright.
States that there is 'no connection
whatsoever' between 'Fernando and the
Dragon' and Lady Gregory's 'Dragon'.
Admits that Lady Gregory's 'Golden
Apple' was the initial source of
inspiration for 'Muirseann agus an
Prionsa' but claims that gradually
'we departed from that idea' and in the
end there remained 'no similarity or
connection between the two other than
that the outline of the main plot is
similar in the Pantomime to that of
the play'
Remarks that the plot is 'one drawn from
Irish folklore in which it is a well-
known story.'
Mentions the difficulties of
communicating with Lady Gregory's
executors.
typ. ms notes 4pp
- 8 May 1947 (b) Corrected version of (a).
carbon 3pp
- 1113 8 Sept 1955 Nora O'Hare (Mrs), Laburnum Cottage,
Knock Road, Belfast.
Enquires as to whether or not the
Abbey Theatre is using the manuscript
she sent to the last competition.
ms 1p
- 1114 10 Sept 1955 Secretary, National Theatre Society Ltd.
Abbey Theatre, Dublin.
To Mrs N. O'Hare.
Regrets that an answer to her enquiry
cannot be given as Mr Blythe is away
on holiday.
carbon 1p
- 1115 29 Sept 1955 From Blythe ? to Mrs N. O'Hare.
States that when her play was first
read there was a 'strong' 'difference of
opinion about its merits'.
A decision will be reached soon.
carbon 1p

P 24		Correspondence
1116	5 Dec 1955	W.J. Fitzpatrick, Moneydarragh, Annalong, Newry, Co. Down. Sends a script of his play 'The Case of Carthy O'Connor' ms 1p
1117	9 Mar 1956	Eric Gorman, Secretary, National Theatre Society Ltd., Abbey Theatre, Dublin. Mentions that John McCann phoned the previous day about his play. Refers to the opinions of readers on Thomas McCann's play and on the Plunkett play. typ. 1p
1118	18 Mar 1956	Russell McCarthy, 17 Oakland Avenue, Belfast. Regrets to hear that Blythe has been 'seriously ill'. He has written a new comedy 'The Way to Love' and wants Blythe's opinion as to the possibility of its being staged in the Abbey Theatre. Mentions that Harold Goldblatt has promised to stage a play of his at the Group Theatre. typ. 1p
1119	12 Jun 1957	Mairin Uí Eanáil, 73 Bothar Gort an Bhile, Droichead na Dothra, Ath Cliath. Sends a draft of an Irish pantomime. Enquires about a little play entitled 'Bog Braon' which she sent to the Abbey about a month previously. Ir. 1p
1120	16 Oct 1957	Sister Mary Alphonsus, The Sisters of Charity, 61 Mountjoy street, Dublin. Thanks Blythe for the interest he has shown in her play 'Vision Splendid' about the life of Mother Aikenhead. Explains her reasons for writing it. Offers her condolences on the death of Mrs Blythe. typ. 2pp
1121	2 Jun 1958	Denis Johnson, 10 Jewith Lane, South Idadley, Mass, U.S.A. Thanks for 'news of the Play, and for the first weeks returns'. Comments on critiques of the play. Intends to come to Ireland to see the play. ms. 1p
1122	10 Jul 1958	Peter Hutchinson, 28 Greenfields, Rosbrien, Limerick. Thanks for criticism of his play 'Outpost'. typ. 1p

- 1123 25 Aug 1958 Michael J. Molloy, Miltown, Co. Galway. He has just finished reading 'the acting version' of a play written by him about the Irish Civil War of 1922-23. He objects to the many cuts which have been made and wishes to withdraw the play.
typ. 2pp
- 1124 26 Aug 1958 Michael J. Molloy, Miltown Co. Galway. He wishes to withdraw his play and objects to the fact that the play was cut by Blythe who had himself been actively involved in the conflicts of the Civil War.
'If you want to produce the play now, you will have to accept the original script.....making no cuts apart from the ones marked in that'.
typ. 2pp
- 1125 18 Sept 1958 Michael J. Molloy, Miltown, Co. Galway. Concerns the choice of title for his play about the Irish Civil War.
typ. 1p
- 1126 18 Jan 1960 Lieutenant Kevin Daly, Officers' Mess, Clancy Barracks, Islandbridge, Dublin. Answers criticisms about his play 'How Quickly Falls the Night' which he is re-writing.
ms 1p
- 1127 20 Jan 1960 Copy of letter from [Blythe] to Lieut. Daly. Offers criticism of the play and general advice.
carbon ms cor. 4pp
- 1128 27 Jan 1960 Lieutenant Kevin Daly, Officers' Mess Clancy Barracks, Islandbridge, Dublin. Thanks Blythe for his criticism.
ms 2pp
- 1129 6 Mar 1961 Sean O'Casey, Flat 3, 40 Trumlands Road, St. Marychurch, Torquay, Devon. Refuses to have any of his plays staged in Ireland. Suggests that Irish audiences would like to see plays by Robinson or Johnson.
[Written in a somewhat ungrammatical but quite fluent Irish. The construction of some sentences is decidedly strange].
ms Ir. 2pp

- 1130 4 May 1960 Mairin Uí Eanáil, 73 Bothar Gort an Bhile, Droichead na Dothra, Dublin. Thanks for sending extracts of readers' opinions of a play she has written called 'Blessed are the Meek'. Explains her reasons for not writing the play as a tragedy.
ms Ir. 2pp
- 1131 1 Oct 1961 Kevin Casey, 78 Lindsay Road, Glasnevin, Dublin. Thanks Blythe for his letter and the good news. Wonders if 'it is now long enough to stand on its own two feet' or will it need a one act play to go with it. Inquires whether it will be necessary to have some one else sign the contract for him as he is under 21 years of age.
ms 2pp
- 1132 18 Oct 1960 Copy of letter [from Blythe] to Anthony Butler, 15 Armstrong Street, Harold's Cross, Dublin. Concerns the choice of a title for a play. Notes that the title 'Mary Carries On' 'was not so very favourably received' by the actors. Suggests 'The Deputy's Daughter'.
carbon 1p
- 1133 2 Apr 1962 James Scott, Department of Anatomy, The Queen's University of Belfast. Thanks for returning his play. Will see if he can improve it. Hopes to see Blythe at the Irish Association meeting in Athlone.
mss 2pp
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5 Production (c. 1956- c. 1963)

- 1134 8 Mar 1956 Andrew Ganly, 45 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin.
Requests permission for the Dalta Theatre Group to give two performances of 'The Dear Queen'.
typ. 1p
- 1135 20 Mar 1956 Lord Killanin for Four Provinces Productions Ltd., Rere 30 Lansdowne Road, Dublin.
Relates to some filming that is to take place in the Queens Theatre.
typ. 1p
- 1136 27 Sept 1956 Fred O'Donovan, Hillcrest House, Newcourt Avenue, Bray, Co. Wicklow.
to: 'The Abbey Theatre Co.'
Relates to a Television contract between the Abbey Theatre and Fred O'Donovan.
Explains why this 'project has fallen through'.
typ. 1p
- 1137 7 Jan 1963 Fachtna O'Hannrachain, Legal and Contracts Officer, Radio Eireann, Irish Television, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.
Lists the 'alterations in the distribution of fees' due to the script writers and producers of the Telefis Eireann presentation of 'An Claiomh Soluis'.
typ. 1p
- 1138 no date Mairin [no address, typed signature]
'I spoke to Sheila Murphy.....she is trying hard to get a Shaw play for Parisif all efforts fail she will fall back on the Abbey to do 'Shadow and Substance'.
typ. 1p
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6 Players (1948-1963)

- 1139 29 Oct 1948 Copy of letter [from Blythe ?] on behalf of the Directors of the National Theatre Society Ltd.
To: Philip Flynn, 7 St. Barnabas Gardens, West Road, Dublin.
Reprimands him for his part in the incident of the 22nd instant.
carbon 1p
- 1140 29 Oct 1948 Copy of letter [from Blythe ?] on behalf of the Directors of the National Theatre Society Ltd.
To: Geoffrey Golden, 29 Wadelai Green, Ballymun, Glasnevin, Dublin.
Reprimands him for his part in the incident of the 22nd instant.
Imposes a fine of £5 to be paid to charity.
carbon 1p
- 1141 29 Oct 1948 Copy of letter [from Blythe ?] on behalf of the Directors of the National Theatre Society Ltd.
To: Dermot Kelly, 54 Kenilworth Park, Dublin.
Requests his resignation from the position of Assistant Stage Manager.
carbon 1p
- 1142 3 Nov 1954 Copy of letter [from Blythe] to Dermot Doolan, Irish Actors Equity Association.
Relates to an interview, between Blythe and representatives of Equity, which ended abruptly when the actors insisted in discussing the broadcasting question. The interview had been arranged to deal with other matters.
States the writer's attitude towards the broadcasting question.
Mentions that he 'is always ready to discuss any matter whatsoever with the players'.
carbon 6pp
- 1143 26 Jun 1956 Copy of testimonial [by Blythe].
Gives an account of the dramatic activities of Doreen Madden while a member of the Abbey Theatre company.
Mentions by name some of the plays in which she appeared.
carbon 4pp
- 1144 27 Jun 1956 List of plays in which Doreen Madden acted in the Abbey Theatre.
Gives year and number of performances.
carbon 6pp

P 24		Correspondence
1145	no date	Doreen [Madden, Mrs Elefthery,] 1326 Greenwood Road, Gwyn Vale Estates, Baltimore 8, M.D., U.S.A. Thanks the Abbey directors 'for their wonderful letter'. Gives her general impressions of America. ms 5pp
1146	c. 1960	Doreen [as above] Congratulates Blythe on his appointment [as a member of the Radio Eireann Authority] Comments on American Theatre. Describes a trip to Alexander Bay on the St Laurence river. ms 5pp
1147	Oct 1960	Note on 'The Abbey, as we know it will always be'. In praise and defence of the Abbey Theatre. Signed Dóirín Ní Maídin [Doreen Madden], Baltimore M.D. U.S.A. 'In reply to the <u>Mail</u> last paragraphand the Abbey as we know it will be no more'. ms 2pp
1148	no date	Doreen [Madden, Mrs Elefthery] Mississippi State Hospital, Jackson, U.S.A. Enthusiastic general description of the South to which they have just moved. Enquires about the theatre and about Fidelma Murphy 'She has talent and sensivity'. ms 4pp
1149	20 Nov 1961	Doreen [as above] Regrets that she 'can't possibly leave' because her father in law, who has been ill, is staying with them. But she will be free after Christmas. Comments on the Negro problem in the South. ms 7pp
1150	10 Apr 1962	Doreen [as above]. Hopes to be home and able to play in the Abbey Theatre later on in the year. Gives a general account of her activities which include reading for a B.A. degree in English drama. ms 4pp

- 1151 8 Oct 1962 Doreen [Madden, Mrs Elfthery],
Mississippi State Hospital, Jackson,
Miss., U.S.A.
Hopes to arrive in Dublin in the second
or third week of November.
Gives general news of her activities
which include 'directing and producing'
a fashion show and lecturing in L.A.
ms. 5pp
- 1152 c. 1963 Doreen [Madden, Mrs Elfthery],
North East Florida State Hospital,
Mac Clenny, Florida, U.S.A.
Gives a brief description of the town
to which they have just moved.
Mentions that she has been introduced to
the Palm Beach Theatre by Mr Mac Closkey,
the American Ambassador to Ireland. He
is interested in the Abbey Theatre.
'He has never seen the company perform
and would like to talk to you. He asked
me to write to you and introduce him'.
Remarks that she greatly enjoyed her
recent season in Dublin.
ms. 3pp
- 1153 14 Apr 1963 Dean [Elfthery, husband of Doreen
Madden]
'Just a note along with Doreen's to
extend to you an invitation to come and
visit us here in Florida'.
Refers to Doreen's recent trip to
Ireland.
ms. 1p
- 1154 c. 1963 Doreen [as no. 1152 above].
Thanks for the letter, invitation and
book.
She is interested that the Abbey Theatre
is again doing an O'Casey play and
would like to act in it.
Refers to other matters relating to the
Abbey Theatre.
Mentions her husband's interest in
psycho-drama.
ms. 3pp
- 1155 c. Sept 1963 Doreen [as above].
She and her husband are looking forward
to their trip home the following June.
Gives general news of her activities,
'The Carmelite film is almost ready'.
ms. 4pp

- 1156 no date Cathleen Delany, Longford Productions, Gate Theatre, Dublin.
Thanks Blythe for letter.
She is firm in her wish to act in the Abbey Theatre. 'In fact a contract at the Abbey Theatre is the goal I have set my heart on' but she realises that 'there is no possibility of this at present'.
ms. 1p
- 1157 14 6? ? Eoghan O Suilleabhain, 66 Bothar Rath Maonais Uacht, Blea Cliath.
Mentions that he has waited until after his first night on the Abbey Theatre stage to thank Blythe.
ms Ir. 1p
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- 7 Applications for Positions (1955-1964)
(Front of House, Designer, Secretarial)
- 1158 April 1955 Applications for the position of 'Front of House and Bar Manager' in reply to an advertisement in the Irish Independent.
typ. & ms. 7 letters
- 1159 27 July 1955 Michael Richardson, 3 Gloucester Terrace, St Helier, Jersey.
Inquires whether there would be a vacancy in the winter season for a designer.
Gives details of his experience.
ms. 1p
- 1160 23 Feb 1956 Pauline Bewick, 17A Kenilworth Lane, Harrolds Cross, Dublin.
Application for position of designer in reply to advertisement in The Irish Times.
She has designed for revues in the Pike Theatre and would 'like very much to design straight play sets as well'.
ms 1p
- 1161 7-11 Mar 1964 Applications for the position of 'Assistant Secretary' as advertised in the Irish Independent.
Some applications are accompanied by a curriculum vitae.
typ. & ms 16 letters

8 O'Connor - Higgins Correspondence
 (not addressed to Blythe) (c. 1938-9)

1162 c. 1938-
 Jan 1939

Correspondence between Michael O'Donovan alias Frank O'Connor, a director of the Abbey Theatre, address: Lynduff, Woodenbridge, Co Wicklow; and Fred Higgins, Managing Director of the Abbey Theatre.

Relates to various matters connected with the theatre including a play by O'Connor.

Contains references to people such as W.B. Yeats, Sean O'Casey and Sean O'Faolain.

The letters from O'Connor are originals some are handwritten, some are typed.

The letters from Higgins are carbon copies of typescripts.

22 letters

E. AN COLMISIÚN UM ATHBHEOCHAN NA GAELIGE1958-1963

(The Commission for the Restoration of the Irish Language)

- 1163 3 May 1958 Eamon de Valera, [Taoiseach],
Department of the Taoiseach, Dublin.
Informs Blythe that it is proposed to set up a Commission for the Restoration of the Irish Language.
Invites him to become a member of the Commission.
typ. 'Faoi Rún' [Confidential] Ir. 1p
- 1164 3 May 1958 M. O Muinneachain, Secretary, Department of the Taoiseach, Dublin.
Asks for a brief biographical note if Blythe agrees to become a member of the Commission.
Ref no. S. 13180 B
sten. Ir. 1p
- 1165 5 May 1958 Copy of letter from Blythe to Eamon de Valera.
He is willing to become a member of the Commission.
carbon Ir. 1p
- 1166 6 May 1958 Eamon de Valera,
Department of the Taoiseach, Dublin.
Acknowledges receipt of Blythe's letter.
Thanks him for agreeing to become a member of the Commission.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 1167 7 May 1958 M. O Muinneachain, Secretary, Department of the Taoiseach, Dublin.
Thanks Blythe for the biographical note.
Ref no. S. 13180 B
carbon Ir. 1p
- 1168 28 Mar 1962 Tomas O Fiaich, St Patrick's College, Maynooth.
[Chairman of the Commission]
A reply to a letter from Blythe.
Concerns the draft report of the Commission on which the Secretary has just finished working.
Indicates what further work will be necessary before the final report is drawn up.
ms Ir. 4pp

P 24		Correspondence
1169	c. 1962	<p>Tomas O Fiaich, St Patrick's College, Maynooth. Thanks Blythe for his letter. Agrees with some of his criticisms of the draft report of the Commission. Doubts whether a good sub-editor could be found. Will arrange a meeting with Blythe to discuss the whole matter.</p> <p>ms. Ir. 2pp</p>
1170	14 Nov 1962	<p>Tomas O Fiaich. Refers to conversation of the previous day. Proposes methods of presenting material in the report of the Commission. Wishes to resolve a difference of opinion with Blythe concerning the length and contents of the report.</p> <p>ms Ir. 2pp</p>
1171	29 Mar 1963	<p>Tomas O Fiaich. Sends a copy of the summary of the report of the Commission. Mentions that Blythe will see that they have gone quite far in putting into practice his recommendations.</p> <p>ms Ir. 1p</p>
1172	19 July 1963	<p>Sean Lemass [Taoiseach], Department of the Taoiseach, Dublin He has received the final report of the Commission. Thanks Blythe for his zealous, faithful work as a member of the Commission.</p> <p>typ. Ir. 1p</p>
1173	4 Nov 1963	<p>N. G. O Nuallain, Department of the Taoiseach, Dublin. Acknowledges 'the receipt of your helpful letter...about the question of the publication of a full English translation of the Final Report of An Coimisiún um Athbheochan na Gaeilge'.</p> <p>typ. Eng. 1p</p>

F. RADIO EIREANN AUTHORITY 1960-1966

† General Correspondence

- 1174 9 May 1960 Douglas Gageby, Riversdale House,
Bushy Park Road, Co. Dublin.
Congratulates Blythe on his
appointment as a member of the
Broadcasting Authority.
typ. 1p
- 1175 25 May 1960 L. O Brian, Department of Posts and
Telegraphs, General Post Office, Dublin.
Formal notification of Blythe's
appointment as a member of the
Radio Eireann Authority for a period
of five years from 1 June 1960.
Remuneration £500 a year.
Sets out terms of employment.
typ. 1p
- 1176 27 May 1960 L. O Brian
Notice of the first meeting of 'the
Authority' on 2 June 1960.
typ. 1p
- 1177 24 Jun 1960 ? ? Rockbrook House,
Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin.
He has been asked because of his
acquaintance with Blythe to write to
him and to 'convey that the Bank [of
Ireland] very much hopes to retain'...
'on a permanent basis' the account of
Radio Eireann which it has on a
temporary basis.
ms 1p
- 1178 29 Jun 1960 [as above], Bank of Ireland.
Thanks for reply about Radio Eireann
account.
ms 1p
- 1179 30 Aug 1960 c/o Canadian Broadcasting Corporation,
Box 500, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
First page of a letter starting:
'I am forwarding to the Television
Authority a manual entitled "Television"
- Station Operation, Production and
Administration Techniques,'...
'I have been preparing it for the past
number of years'....
'I came to Canada seven years ago to
study Television in readiness for Irish
Television (in which I hope to take an
active part, in the near future).'
typ. 1p

P 24		Correspondence
1180	1 Nov 1960	J.A. Irvine, Radio Eireann, G.P.O., Dublin. Acknowledges receipt of Blythe's letter relating to an application for a post by Mr Heffernan's nephew. typ. 1p
1181	27 Jun 1961	Edward J. Roth, Director-General, Radio Eireann, Irish Television, 34-37 Clarendon Street, Dublin. Acknowledges receipt of Blythe's letter of 10 June concerning the Irish language and Radio Eireann personnel. typ. 1p
1182	10 Oct 1961	Edward J. Roth, [as above] Acknowledges receipt of Blythe's letter of 2 October. Mentions the possibility of a discussion between himself, Michael Barry and Blythe on the subject of the Irish language on television. typ. 1p
1183	27 Aug 1962	Copy of letter from Blythe to J.A. Irvine, Head of Management, Telefis Eireann, Montrose, Donnybrook, Dublin. 4. Criticises the Annual Report both in regard to general 'drafting points' and its treatment of the Irish language. carbon 3pp
1184	28 Aug 1962	T. W. Moody, Professor, School of Modern and Political Science, University of Dublin, Trinity College, Dublin 2. Mentions his 'memorandum on our negotiations with the Comhdháil'. Comments on other matters relating to the Radio Eireann Authority, including the Annual Report. ms 4pp
1185	15 Oct 1962	Michael Barry, Programme Controller, Copy of letter to the Director-General. Makes 'observations' on Blythe's letter of 11 October. Relates mainly to the programme 'Broadsheet' and the Irish language. typ. 2pp
1186	6 Dec 1962	Eamonn [Andrews], Parknasilla, 6 6 Hartington Road, Chiswick, London. Concerns the Irish language and the programme 'Broadsheet'. typ. 2pp

- 1187 26 Sept 1963 Eamonn [Andrews], 61, Hartington Road, Chiswick, London, W. 4.
Thanks Blythe for letter.
Discusses the use of the Irish language on Telefis Eireann and refers to the programme 'Broadsheet'.
Agrees with Blythe 'that the Comhdháil is a side issue'.
typ. 3pp
- 1188 15 Oct 1963 Kevin C. McCourt, Director-General, Radio Eireann, Telefis Eireann, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.
Relates to the use of the Irish language on television.
Thanks for letter of 5 October.
Mentions that he hopes to submit a Report for the Authority's consideration at the next meeting on 31 October.
typ. 2pp
- 1189 21 Oct 1963 Kevin C. McCourt,
Relates to the use of the Irish language on television.
Thanks for letter of 18 October.
He will see 'if it is possible to formulate some guide lines for the Authority at their next meeting'.
typ. 1p
- 1190 18 Nov 1963 Kevin C. McCourt,
Refers to Blythe's letter of 16 November.
Concerns the qualities of character to be looked for in the person to be chosen 'to pick up this very important part of our activities'.
typ. 1p
- 1191 6 Nov 1964 Copy of letter from Blythe to Kevin McCourt, Director-General, Telefis Eireann, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.
'I am disturbed about the general treatment of Irish in Telefis Eireann programmes'.
Gives a detailed criticism of the situation.
Suggests how the position can be improved.
carbon 15pp
- 1192 7 Nov 1964 Kevin McCourt, Director-General, Radio Eireann, Telefis Eireann, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.
Acknowledges receipt of Blythe's letter of 6 November.
Explains his responsibilities to provide suitable entertainment for the non-Irish speaking majority.
typ. 2pp

- 1193 9 Nov 1964 Copy of letter from Blythe to Kevin McCourt
- Criticises both the programme 'Guth na nGaeilge' [the voice of Irish] of 8 November and the attitude that programmes in the Irish language must treat of matters relating to the language.
- carbon 3pp
- 1194 9 Mar 1965 (a) Kevin McCourt, Director-General, Radio Eireann, Telefis Eireann, Donneybrook, Dublin 4.
- Refers to audience reaction to a recent television production of 'An Triall'. Mentions that the analysis in Blythe's letter of 25 February 'was a matter of concern'.
- Encloses a copy of a report written by O Murchu in answer to Blythe's letter.
- typ. 1p
- 5 Mar 1965 (b) 'Interoffice Memo' 'Radio Eireann-Telefis Eireann, Programmes division'. From Liam O Murchu, To Controller of Programmes.
- Concerns points raised in Blythe's letter.
- carbon 1p
- 1195 25 Nov 1966 Gunnar Rugheimer, Controller of Programmes, Telefis Eireann, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.
- He is leaving Radio Telefis Eireann, at the end of the month.
- Thanks for 'our past association'.
- typ. 1p
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- 2 Drafts of letters written by Blythe.
- 1196 8 Sept 1961 (a) To: Eamonn [Andrews].
- Concerns the use of television to promote the restoration of the Irish language.
- Includes a note in Irish saying that it was not continued with.
- typ. ms notes 9pp
- c. Sept 1963 (b) To: Eamonn [Andrews].
- Concerns the use of Irish on television and especially in the programme 'Broadsheet'.
- Mentions the need to provide Irish programmes in 'prime time'.
- ms 11pp
[possibly no. 1187 is a reply to this]

G. COMHDHÁIL NÁISIÚNTA NA GAELIGE

c. 1949- c. 1961-3

1 General Correspondence (c.1949-?)

- 1197 21 Nov 1949 Sean O hEigeartaigh, 11 Br Gleannabhna, Rath gCearr, Dublin
Asks Blythe to allow his name to be put forward as a candidate for a further term of office as President of Comhdhall Naisiunta na Gaeilge.
Warns that there will be opposition especially from 'Coiste Gnotha an Chonnartha' [the working committee of the Gaelic League].
He is hopeful of victory for Blythe.
typ. Ir. 2pp
- 1198 31 Dec 1949 Proinsias Mac an Bheatha, 120 Bothar Dun hihse, Cluain Tairbh. [Clontarf, Dublin]
Suggests that Blythe's speech to the general meeting of the Comhdhall be translated into English and issued as a pamphlet at the expense of the Comhdháil.*
Criticises as backward looking the views of many people who are interested in the Irish language and culture.
ms Ir 4pp
- 1199 11 Apr 1950 Thomas J. Carroll, Ballycolman Avenue, Strabane, Co. Tyrone.
"I write to you as President of Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaehilge".
Claims that he lost his position as Principal of Strabane Technical School because of his support for classes in Irish in 1942. He has since been unemployed.
Has sought redress in vain from both British and Irish Authorities.
Now he looks to Blythe for help.
ms 5pp
- 1200 3 July 1954 Copy of letter from [Blythe] President, to Gearbhall O Dalaigh, 146, Bothar Tigh Lorcaín, Baile Atha Cliath, Dublin
Concerns the designing of an emblem for the Comhdháil.
Suggests variations of a diamond shape.
Asks that the emblem committee be asked to quickly come to a decision on the matter.
carbon Ir. 1p

* [This was done. See no. 995.
The State and The Language]

- 1201 no date
Draft of letter from Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge to the Government.
Refers to an interview that a deputation from the Comhdháil had with the Taoiseach and the Minister for Justice before the big election.
Requests the Government to immediately draw up a scheme to Gaelicise the training of [Garda] recruits.
Makes certain complaints about the existing situation and recommends some improvements.
carbon Ir. 3pp
- 1202 no date
Fionan
Coimisiún Bealoideasa Eireann, 82 Faithe Stabhna, Baile Atha Cliath.
[Irish Folklore Commission, 82 St Stephens Green, Dublin.]
He has requested the steering Board of the Comhdháil to include with the publications or notices that they send to members of the Club Leabhar, a small paper relating to folklore entitled An Saol Gaelach. This paper appears three times a year.
He asks for Blythe's support in this matter.
ms Ir. 2pp
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- 2 Letters from Donncha O Laoire,
Secretary, Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge, 29 Sraid Ui Chonaill, Iocht., Baile Atha Cliath.
[29 Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin.]
c.1960- c. 1962, some items not dated.
- 1203 7 Jun 1960
Congratulates Blythe on his appointment as a member of the Radio Eireann Authority.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 1204 27 Jan 1961
Encloses a cheque as a recompense for a lecture given by Blythe to the two Training Colleges.
typ. Ir. 1p

- 1205 18 Dec 1961 Praises Blythe's conduct and devotion to the Irish language while President and Vice-President of the Comhdháil. Mentions how he, as secretary, misses Blythe's guidance and interest in all things concerning the Comhdháil. Asks that Blythe may still give him advice on difficult questions and states that he will in this way be able to keep him informed of current matters.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 1206 no date
c. 1960 Written from Ostlann Radharc an Earragail Doire Beag, Tir Chonaill Donegal. Informs Blythe that he has written a letter to Eamonn Andrews seeking an interview with the Radio Eireann Authority. Comments on the Donal O Morain faction. Gives an account of the new theatre which is almost completed. Warns Blythe not to yield to Liam O Lunaigh who feels that he should not be a member of both the Radio Eireann Authority and the Bord of Comhdháil Naisiunta na Gaeilge.
ms Ir 5pp
- 1207 no date
c. 1962 Applauds Blythe's attitude towards the work of the Commission for the Restoration of the Irish language. Mentions that Father O Fiach has been impressed by Blythe's views. Sets out certain recommendations he has made to Father O Fiaich relating to the preparation of the report of the Commission. Suggests that the present draft is too cumbersome and will not be read. A precis not exceeding 120 pages foolscap should be drawn up in English. An Irish version could then be made.
ms 'pearsanta' personal Ir. 3pp
- 1208 no date Relates to the work of the Commission for the Restoration of the Irish language and the different attitudes of the members and others to fundamental matters relating to the Irish language. Refers to the strength of the Donal O Morain faction. Mentions that if the recommendations of the Commission are passed in their present form he will probably have to resign from the Comhdháil.
ms personal, private Ir. 2pp

H. IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LTD.DRAMA COMPETITION 1968

1209	1968	<p>Correspondence and papers relating to the Irish language section of the Irish Life Assurance Company Ltd. Drama Competition.</p> <p>Blythe was a member of the Panel of Adjudicators for the Irish language section.</p>
3 July 1968		<p>(a) Letter from Michael Tierney, Irish Life Building, Mespil Road, Dublin 4. Encloses 5 plays in the Irish language. typ. 1p</p>
8 July 1968		<p>(b) Letter from Maureen Bree, Irish Life Building, Mespil Road, Dublin 4. Encloses 'sixth Irish entry'. typ. 1p</p> <p>(c) Irish Life Assurance Drama Prize Rules and Conditions 1968. Includes the names of the Adjudicators for both the English and Irish language sections. Ir. 2pp</p> <p>(d) 'Irish plays submitted to Drama Award 1968'. Lists 6 plays with the 'nom-de-plume' of the author. typ. & ms. 1p</p> <p>(e) Draft letter from Blythe to Mr Tierney. Encloses his comments on the Irish plays. typ. ms notes 1p</p> <p>(f) Copy of Blythe's comments on the 6 Irish plays. Contains general remarks on the overall standard and detailed criticism of each entry. carbon Ir. 4pp</p> <p>(g) Rough draft of most of (f). Ends with the fifth play. pp 10 & 11 are in a different hand but contain corrections in Blythe's hand. ms Ir. 12pp</p>

J. JOURNALISTIC ACTIVITIES 1913-1971

1: Early Journalism (c.1913)

(i) Testimonials relating to Blythe's competence as a journalist. (1913)

- 1210 19 Feb 1913 (a) George Craig, Editor, The Buteman, Buteman Office, Rothesay, Scotland, former editor of the North Down Herald. Mentions that Blythe was 'a reliable reporter.....with considerable literary ability'.
ms. 2pp
- (b) George Craig, Editor, The Buteman, 10 & 12 Castle Street, Rothesay, Scotland
Letter to Blythe enclosing (a).
ms. 2pp
- 1211 2 Apr 1913 H. Gow, Editor, North Down Herald, Imperial Buildings, 85 Main Street, Bangor, Co. Down. Praises both Blythe's abilities as a journalist and his general character.
ms. 1p
- 1212 4 Apr 1913 W.H. Davy, Editor, The Ulster Guardian, 29 Rosemary Street, Belfast. Mentions that Blythe, while on the staff of the North Down Herald, was also 'a valued contributor to the Ulster Guardian'. Praises his style of writing. Notes his interest in the 'social and political problems of the day', and that 'he is and has always been a consistent staunch supporter of the national demands of Ireland both in regard to the recovery of self government and the preservation of the native language'.
ms. 2pp
- 1213 5 Apr 1913 R.D. Montgomery, Proprietor, North Down Herald, Imperial Buildings, 85 Main Street, Bangor, Co. Down. Testifies to Blythe's abilities as a reporter and a journalist and notes that 'his character is above reproach'.
ms. 2pp

1214 5 Apr 1913

Robert S. Henry, Editor,
The Newtownards Chronicle, 'Chronicle
Office', Newtownards, [Co. Down.]
Testifies to Blythe's journalistic
abilities 'above the average'.

ms

1p

(ii) General Correspondence

1215 191?

Sean Russell, Editor, Irish Homestead,
Dublin.

He agrees with Blythe's views as
expressed in the letter 'Dangerous
Proposal' but cannot allow a discussion
of the Ulster problem in the
'Homestead'.

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1p

[and envelope, addressed to Blythe
at Magheragh, Lisburn.]

2 Later contributions to National Newspapers.

(i) Sunday Independent (1949-1964)

- 1216 6 Dec 1949 Copy of letter from Blythe to Hector Legge, Editor, Sunday Independent. Sends a memorandum on Partition which he has sent to a number of politicians. Mentions that he cannot 'shorten it enough while still getting my arguments home to make it possible to publish it except in five or six instalments!'.
carbon 1p
- 1217 16 Jun 1954 (a) Copy of letter from Blythe to Hector Legge, Editor, Sunday Independent. Refers to an article in Irish on a Commission on Partition which he sent in over a month ago. 'in case you should be disinclined to publish.....more than one Minister would be glad to have it appear'.
carbon 'Personal, Confidential' 1p
(b) A slightly longer version of (a).
carbon 2pp
- 1218 25 Mar 1955 Hector G.C. Legge, Editor, Sunday Independent, Independent House, 90 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin. Refers to the proposed publication of an article by Blythe [on Partition].
typ. 1p
- 1219 30 Mar 1955 Hector G.C. Legge. Thanks for 'the new copy of your article' [on Partition].
typ. 1p
- 1220 8 July 1955 Copy of letter from Blythe to ? 'I am afraid that I cannot deal with the Longstone question in the Sunday Independent as I have already sent in to the Editor the whole of the articles which he arranged to publish'. Goes on to comment at some length on the whole question of 'processions' in the Six Counties of Northern Ireland.
carbon 5pp

- 1221 1 Feb 1956 (a) Hector G.C. Legge, Editor, Sunday Independent, Independent House, 90 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin. Asks Blythe to review the enclosed book.
typ. 1p
- 30 Jan 1956 (b) Letter to The Editor, Sunday Independent, Independent House, Dublin From P. O Meara, Clo Ui Mheara, Aonach Urmhumhan, Co. Thiobraid Arann [Co. Tipperary]. Asks for a review of Trodairí Na Treas Briogáide [Fighters of the Third Brigade] which they have just published.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 1222 22 Jan 1964 Hector G.C. Legge. Returns article by Blythe [on Partition]. Mentions that he already holds some articles by other persons on the same subject and he has not yet been able to find room to publish them.
typ. 1p
- (ii) Irish Independent (1965-1968)
- 1224 22 Feb 1965 Michael Rooney, Editor, Irish Independent Thanks for 'interesting article on the North'.
typ. 1p
- 1225 21 Dec 1966 Michael Rooney, Editor, Irish Independent Independent House, 90 Middle Abbey Street Dublin 1. 'We were most interested in your views on the language policy of Fine Gael but the manuscript is much too long'. Suggests that Blythe might prefer to prune the manuscript himself.
typ. 1p
- 1226 30 Dec 1966 Michael Rooney. Thanks for 'your work on the language policy article'. They plan to 'run it' soon.
typ. 1p
- 1227 9 Nov 1967 Louis McRedmond, Deputy Editor, Irish Independent, Independent House, 90 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin 1. Thanks for 'most interesting article on hunger-striking'. Postscript: Thanks 'for your kindness re Abbey seats....'
typ. & ms. 1p

- 1228 18 Dec 1967 Louis McRedmond, Deputy Editor, Irish Independent, Independent House, 90 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin.
'I think your article will spark some interesting discussion'.
There may be some delay in publication.
typ. 1p
- 1229 17 Apr 1968 Copy of letter from Blythe to The Editor, Irish Independent
Hopes the review is not too long but he thought that he should 'offer some sort of an inside view of the Volunteers and the I.R.B. with personal estimates and recollections.'
carbon 1p

(iii) Irish Times (1960-1967)

- 1230 12 Aug 1960 Douglas Gageby, [Editor], The Irish Times, 31 Westmoreland Street, Dublin.
Asks Blythe to consider letting The Irish Times run 'a few extracts' from the second volume of his memoirs 'in English in advance of publication'.
typ. 1p
- 1231 15 Mar [?] Douglas Gageby.
Thanks for the article. 'I am seeing Terence O'Neill.... I know he will have read it by the time I reach him'.
typ. 1p

(iv) Sunday Press (1962)

- 1232 23 Oct 1962 Francis Carty, Editor, The Sunday Press, Burgh Quay, Dublin.
Thanks 'for your review of the Irish Association publication'.
typ. 1p

(v) Evening Press (1970)

- 1233 19 Feb 1970 Conor O'Brien, Editor, Evening Press, Burgh Quay, Dublin 2.
Asks if Blythe could give them any information relating to Mrs de Valera's early life for use in an obituary notice.
typ. 1p

3 The Leader

(i) 1939 (September - October) & 1943

- 1234 Sept 1939 (a) N. Ni Mh. [Nualla Ni Mhorain],
205 Pearse Street, Dublin .
Encloses a copy of a letter from
Professor Hogan.
'if I publish it I think it would
want a note from us attached'.
typ. 1p
- 1 Sept 1939 (b) Copy of letter from James Hogan,
Professor of History, Ardfoile Avenue,
Cork. [To The Leader].
Comments on The Leader's 'enthusiasm
over the prospects of a Hitler-Stalin
victory'.
Condemns Germany's policy towards
Poland.
Points out that it is in the interests
of Ireland, while preserving her
neutrality, to avoid showing any
approval of Germany.
typ. 1p
- 1235 1939 'Emergency Powers (no. 5) Order, 1939.
Direction to the Press (New Series)
No. 1.'
Lists matters that must be submitted to
the censor before publication.
Copy sent to the Proprietor of
The Leader.
pr. 6pp
- 1236 13 Oct 1939 Copy of letter from Sean Mac Cana M.D.,
49 South Circular Road, Portobello.
Dublin, S.W.2.
To the Editor of The Leader.
Comments on the paper's attitude
towards events in Europe.
'your editorials reflect fairly
accurately the general opinion of the
people' [of Ireland regarding the war
in Europe].
typ. 1p
- 1237 13 Oct 1939 Copy of letter from Frank MacDermot,
15 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin.
To The Leader .
Comments on Professor O'Briain's
letter concerning the Irish attitudes
towards 'the present European conflict'.
Refers to the question of Partition.
typ. 1p

(ii) 1954-1965

- 1238 30 Aug 1954 (a) Copy of letter from Blythe to Miss [Nuala] Moran. Offers for publication the enclosed article on the 'Pomeroy conflict'. Mentions that it arose out of a talk with Rutherford Mayne. But: 'what I have now written is rather harsher than anything I should like to put in print over my own name'.
carbon 1p
- (b) Article on the Pomeroy riot and on the carrying of the Tricolour Flag in processions in Northern Ireland.
carbon 7pp
- 1239 7 Dec 1955 Nuala Ní Mhorain,
The Leader Newspaper Ltd.,
20 Fairview, Dublin.
Asks Blythe 'to write an Editorial on Mr Costello's speech re Unlawful Force for the Christmas Number'.
Sends text of speech.
typ. 1p
- 1240 28 Apr 1960 Nuala Ní Mhorain.
She was 'glad to see your handwriting again' and asks 'when you have time.... send in a little Gaelic article'.
Remarks that 'The Leader is greatly in your debt'.
typ. ms additions 1p
- 1241 11 Oct 1961 Nuala Ní Mhorain.
Thanks for the article on the Irish language question.
Asks if Blythe would write a similar one, expressing the same ideas, in English.
Comments on the need for people with an imperfect knowledge of Irish to practice it in groups such as the Realt.
Mentions the intolerance shown by many competent Irish speakers towards those with only a poor knowledge of the language.
typ. 4pp

- 1242 9 Aug 1965
- Nuala Ní Mhorain, The Leader Newspaper, 20 Fairview, Dublin 3.
Asks Blythe to write a few paragraphs on the Irish translation of the Book of Common Prayer which has just come from the Gum.
Mentions that she has found an article by Blythe among material sent in to The Leader but never published. She is returning it.
Comments on the Dublin printer's strike. This does not affect The Leader which is printed in Drogheda.
Includes a note in Irish in Blythe's hand written on the letter and dated 12/ 8/ 1965 'I published this stuff in Irish somewhere since'.
ms 2pp
- 1243 no date
- Nuala Ní Mhorain.
Refers to her recent illness.
Explains that Blythe's Irish article is 'so much to the back' because 'it was a case of what would fit and where'.
ms Ir. & Eng, 1p
- 1243(A) no date
- Draft of letter from Blythe to Miss Nuala Moran.
Encloses article about 'the time I saw the light about Partition'.
Refers to the evidence of 'the old concert programme'.
ms 1p
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- 4 Inniu (1956-1969)
- 1244 19 Dec 1956
- (a) Ciaran [O Nuallain, Inniu, 29 Sr. Uí Chonaille Iocht, Ath Cliath 1.] [29 Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin 1]
Mentions that they cannot agree and they are sure their readers would not agree with the way Blythe absolves the British from blame for the Partition of Ireland.
Refers to Costello's [the Taoiseach] speech on Partition.
Encloses payment up to August and will settle the account in the New Year.
typ. Ir. 1p
- (b) Article on Partition.
Comments on the causes and suggests suitable attitudes to be adopted towards the problem.
Mentions that the people of the North are responsible for Partition.
ms Ir. 29pp
In an envelope marked in Irish in Blythe's hand 'An article on the Border that Inniu refused'.

- 1245 9 Feb 1961 C. O. N. [Ciaran O Nuallain] Inniu,
29 Sraid O Conaill Iocht., Ath Cliath
[29 Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin.]
Note acknowledging that Inniu owes
Blythe money and will pay him soon.
typ. Ir. 1p
[written on a small complimentary slip
105x64mm.]
- 1246 16 Feb 1967 Seosamh Mac Donaill, Inniu, 29 Sr.
Ui Chonaill Iocht, Ath Cliath 1.
Asks if Blythe could send in the
article on the Fenians in Ulster,
before the 28 February for the March
Special Supplement.
Asks also if Blythe would write an
article on the release of the
Republican Prisoners in 1917, fifty
years ago.
Includes on back note in English in
Blythe's hand relating to the
[European] Common Market.
ms Ir 1p
- 1247 11 May 1968 Ciaran [O Nuallain], Inniu, 29 Sr.
Ui Chonaill Iocht., Ath Cliath 1.
He thinks it well worth while to
publish the piece on 'Cnoc an Earbair'.
He has received an article from
Proinsias Mac an Bheatha relating to
the small attendance at the James
Connolly commemoration in Liberty Hall.
typ Ir. 1 postcard
- 1248 28 Nov 1968 Ciaran O Nuallain.
Mentions the changes that are being
made in Inniu.
Thanks Blythe for his 'long',
'generous' and 'faithful' service to
the paper.
Hopes that he may still be able from
time to time to contribute special
articles to the paper.
typ. Ir. 2pp
- 1249 30 Jul 1969 Ciaran O Nuallain.
He thought the article on Cathal
Brugha very interesting. It will
appear on 8 August.
Refers to a new edition by Mercier
Press of The Path to Freedom, by
Michael Collins.
Mentions that Collins's fame is
growing. But he has heard it said that
Collins did not actually write the
book himself although it contains his
ideas.
Asks if Blythe knows anything about
this.
typ. Ir. 1p

5 Northern Ireland Newspapers

(i) The Irish News (1958)

1250 16 July 1958 [Robert? H? Knoud?,] Editor, The Irish News and Belfast Morning News, Donegall Street, Belfast.
 Thanks for memorandum.
 'I do not think I shall be able to publish it in full'.
 typ. 1p
 and envelope

(ii) Belfast Telegraph (1962-1963)

1251 27 Dec 1962 Copy of letter from Blythe to John E. Sayers, [Editor], Belfast Telegraph, Belfast 1.
 'I shall be very glad to write an article for the Telegraph on the relations between Protestant and Catholic' [in Northern Ireland].
 carbon 1p

1252 28 Dec 1962 John E. Sayers, Belfast Telegraph, Belfast 1.
 Acknowledges receipt of Blythe's letter of 27 December.
 typ. 1p

1253 2 Jan 1963 (a) Copy of letter from Blythe to John E. Sayers, Editor, Belfast Evening Telegraph, Belfast.
 Encloses 'article on Catholic-Protestant relations in Northern Ireland'.
 Apologises for its length.
 'heretofore,....I have addressed myself solely to readers with Nationalist views and I find it difficult to be brief when addressing Nationalists and Unionists simultaneously'.
 carbon 1p

(b) Article on Catholic-Protestant relations in Northern Ireland.
 A general discussion of the matter.
 carbon 11pp

1254 4 Jan 1963 John E. Sayers, Belfast Telegraph, Belfast 1.
 Thanks for the article.
 Mentions that it is too long.
 Asks Blythe to 'indicate how the many points of your argument might be contained in a thousand words'.
 typ. 1p

- 1255 27 Feb 1963 John E. Sayers, Belfast Telegraph,
Belfast 1.
Mentions Blythe's article.
Explains that 'The talks between
Senator Lennon and Sir George Clark
are taking some time to get going
again, and I am awaiting a definite
date before publication'.
typ. 1p
- 1256 7 Mar 1963 John E. Sayers.
Thanks for note of 6 March.
Refers to Blythe's proposed debate, the
following week, with Edward MacAteer.
'This gives an opportunity to use your
article in advance'.
typ. 1p
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- 6 Western Mail
'The National Newspaper of Wales' (1966)
- 1257 19 Jan 1966 (a) John Rowley, Deputy Editor,
Western Mail, Thomson House Cardiff.
Plans to publish on 8 March,
'a special focus feature on Ireland'.
Encloses a copy of the provisional
contents list.
Asks Blythe to contribute an article
on North-South relations.
typ. 1p
- (b) 'Special Focus on Ireland'
'Provisional Contents'.
Six general topic headings.
carbon 1p
- 1258 19 Feb 1966 Copy of letter from Blythe to John
Begley [sic],
Deputy Editor, Western Mail, Thomson
House, Cardiff, Wales.
Encloses requested article.
carbon 1p
- (b) 'North-South Relations in Ireland'.
Covers points from the nineteenth
century to the Lemass - O'Neill
conference'.
carbon ms cor. 7pp
- 1259 8 Mar 1966 John Rowley, Deputy Editor, Western
Mail, Thomson House, Cardiff.
Encloses a copy of the 'Focus on
Ireland which contains your valuable
contribution'.
typ. 1p

7 Articles submitted to Periodicals

(i) 1932-1936

1260 27 Feb 1932

Copy of a letter from Blythe,
to Mr O'Malley.
Encloses 'my first article' which is
'general and introductory in character'.
He will post 'subsequent articles',
'within a few days'.
They cover 'fiscal policy, the Tariff
Commission, Free State taxation, the
banking system and the Currency
Commission,....the Civil Service....
army and Police force, the Judiciary...
...Irish language.

carbon

2pp

[possibly relates to no. 2537]

1261 31 Mar 1936

(a) P.J. Connolly, Studies, An Irish
Quarterly Review, 35 Lower Leeson
Street, Dublin - C.19.
Regrets that Blythe's article on
Partition and Northern Ireland 'is too
political in character for us'.
Mentions that 'a solution of the
partition problem might ultimately be
found in the voluntary suppression of
the Nationalist Party and the creation
of a new Party composed entirely or
mainly of Protestants, but pledged
to secure equal rights for all'.

typ.

1p

(b) 'Stalemate in the North'.
An article examining the situation in
Northern Ireland and the problem of
Partition.
Suggests that the ultimate solution
lies not in coercion from the South
but in the changing of attitudes of
various groups in the North.
Advocates that Catholics abstain from
standing for election to Parliament
so that an all-Protestant Parliament
will split into different groups.
Catholics should boycott politics and
concentrate on the Irish language
and cultural matters.

carbon ms cor.

14pp

(ii) Threshold (1958)

- 1262 22 Jan 1958 Mary O'Malley, The Lyric players,
11 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast.
'Many thanks for the kind remarks
about the Lyric Players Group at the
meeting on Friday night'.
Encloses brochure relating to the
Group's activities.
Also encloses a specimen copy of
Threshold, which we launched a year ago.
typ. 1p
- 1263 4 Feb 1958 Mary O'Malley, Threshold,
11 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast.
Asks Blythe to contribute an article on
'The Abbey and the Irish Language' to
Threshold.
Includes note in Blythe's hand:
'agreed to write 7/ 2/ 58'.
typ. 1p
- 1264 25 Mar 1958 Mary O'Malley.
Reminds Blythe about the promised
article.
typ. ms cor. 1p
- 1265 3 Apr 1958 (a) Copy of letter from Blythe to
Mrs O'Malley.
Encloses article on the Abbey Theatre
and the Irish Language for Threshold.
carbon 1p
- (b) 'The Abbey Theatre and the Irish
Language'.
Article giving an account of the
policy towards the Irish language of
the Abbey Theatre from its foundation
to the present day.
carbon ms cor. 16pp
- (c) a version of (b).
carbon 14pp

(iii) 1958-1971

- 1266 16 Apr 1960 Basil Chubb, University of Dublin, Trinity College, Dublin.
Thanks for the manuscript.
'I think that Tom Barrington, the editor, would like to publish it substantially as it is. Anything you say about this period is interesting and important'.
typ. 1p
- 1267 29 Feb 1960 Kevin Brown C.S.Sp., Seminaire des Missions, 18 Rue du Botzet, Fribourg, Switzerland.
for Hibernia, Societe Academique des Etudiants Irlandais, Universite de Fribourg, Suisse.
Thanks for the article in Irish.
Mentions that 'it is unlikely that the magazine will be ready before Easter'.
Thanks for the ideas and advice given 'in our talk last October'.
Also mentions Mr Fallon's help.
typ. 1p
- 1268 14 Feb 1966 Aodh O Fearghail, Temporary Editor, Feasta, Iris Chonradh na Gaeilge, [the journal of the Gaelic League] 6 Sraid Fhearchair, B.A.C. 2 [Dublin 2].
Mentions that they intend to publish in April, some essays commemorating the 1916 Rising.
They would like a contribution from Blythe.
Includes a note in Blythe's hand 'Geallta [promised] 20/ 2/ 66'.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 1269 28 Feb 1966 Sean O hAllurain, Manager, Rosc, 18 Sraid Thomais, Luimneach [Limerick].
Thanks for the article in the February number on 'Liam T. MacCoscair agus an Ghaeilge' [William T. Cosgrave and Irish].
Encloses a cheque.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 1270 20 Jan 1967 Pdraig MacBroin, Easter Commemoration Digest, 66 Annamoe Road, North Circular Road, Dublin 7.
Published annually by Graphic.
Thanks for the letter.
'I have written to Dinny McCullough but am not sure of Bulmer Hobson's address'.
Asks Blythe 'to write an article on any topic suitable for the occasion.'
Comments on Dave Neligan's articles [in a daily newspaper ?].
typ. 1p

- 1271 26 Nov 1967 Eleanor Miller, Eremon (Editor),
Queens University, Belfast.
Mentions that Brian McAvera? asked her
'to write and tell you that the copy
date for Eremon is 20 Dec. and if you
would write an article on the Abbey
theatre and its relation to modern
dramatists that would be ideal.'
Refers to Blythe's recent visit to
Belfast and to the symposium.
ms 1p
- 1272 4 Jan 1971 Padraig MacBroin, Graphic Publications
Ltd, [These include the Easter Digest]
47 Dawson Street, Dublin 2.
Thanks 'for your wonderful article'.
'your reference to Carson is most
logical'.
Comments on Carson's activities in
Dublin.
typ. 1p

(iv) Book Reviews (1960-1961)

- 1273 8 Feb 1960 F.B. Chubb, University of Dublin,
Trinity College Dublin.
Asks if Blythe would review the book
Arthur Griffith by P. Colum, for the
journal Administration.
typ. 1p
- 1274 4 Nov 1961 Donal F. Cregan, C.M., St Patrick's
Training College, Dublin 9.
Thanks for the review of Miss Coxhead's
book which will be 'a most important
contribution to our Journal'.
typ. 1p

8 Irish Theatre Series (1968)

- 1275 11 June 1968 Robert Hogan, joint editor with James
Kilroy and Liam Miller of Irish Theatre
Series, The Dolmen Press Limited,
8 Herbert Place, Dublin 2, Ireland.
Thanks for the letter and the
suggestion about Leon O Broin.
But they would still prefer Blythe to
'undertake the work at some time in the
future'.....'The series is going to be
a continuing one over a number of years'.
typ. 1p

K. BROADCASTS 1935-19721. Radio Eireann (1935-1967)
(includes television after 1960)

- 1276 11 May 1935 [W. O Sullivan], Director, Broadcasting Station, General Post Office, Dublin. Addressed to Blythe at 6 Temple Villas, Palmerston Road, Rathmines, [Dublin]. Asks Blythe to give a fifteen minute radio talk on 7 June as the first of a series 'to capture the language position'. Seeks advice concerning other suitable speakers for the series.
typ. 1p
- 1277 11 June 1937 P. O'Gallachoir, Director, Broadcasting Station, General Post Office, Dublin. Addressed to Blythe at Fairfield House [Dublin]. From the 'Talks Branch'. Provisional engagement for a fifteen minute 'broadcast Talk' entitled 'Fé mar a chím é - Corus na nguireithe'. To be given on 6 July.
pr. form & ms (pencil) 2p
- 1278 31 Aug 1945 M. O Dochartaig, for the Secretary, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Dublin. Concerns 'the proposed refundment of certain broadcasting fees'. Refers to previous correspondence.
typ. 1p
- 1279 9 Sept 1964 Kevin Sheldon, Executive Producer, Radio Eireann, Telefis Eireann, Donnybrook, Dublin 4. 'I understand from Prionsias Mac Aonghusa that you have agreed to appear on our programme 'Image'', to be recorded on 17 September. Invites Blythe to dinner at Jammett's restaurant on 16 September to discuss the programme.
typ. 1p
- 1280 8 Dec 1965 Gunnar Rugheimer, Controller of Programmes, Radio Eireann, Telefis Eireann, Donnybrook, Dublin 4. Mentions 'how very interesting and constructive I found your interview on "Newsbeat" last night'.
typ. 'private' 1p

1281 c. Mar 1967

(a) 'Foirm Fhostaiochta' [Engagement form]. Radio Eireann, Telefis Eireann Domhnach Broc, [Donnybrook] Baile Atha Cliath 4 [Dublin 4].

Signed by Diarmuid O Rinn, Oifig Conarthai. [Contracts office].

Relates to Blythe's appearance on the television programme 'Iarphroin', to be recorded on 17 March 1967.

Lists conditions, date, time and fee.

pr. form filled in in typ. Ir. 2pp

(b) 'Iar-phroinn'.

Gives recording and broadcasting dates.

Names 'Ostach' [host] and 'Aionna' [guests].

Subject of discussion: Finineachas [Fenianism].

Eight questions cover aspects of the subject recommended for discussion.

carbon

1p

2 Radio Telefis Eireann (1968)

1282 14 Feb 1968

(a) Proinsias O Conluain, Radio Telefis Eireann, 20-23 Lr. Abbey St., Dublin 1. Confirms the arrangement that Blythe will give a lecture, provisionally entitled 'The Founder in Conflict', in the series of Thomas Davis Lectures on Conradh na Gaeilge, 1893-1968.

Mentions the required length of the lecture, the date on which it is to be submitted to the editor and the fee.

typ.

Ir. 1p

(b) 'The Gaelic League Idea (1892-1968): a series of eight Thomas Davis Lectures to mark the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Conradh na Gaeilge, 1993.' Lists the titles and gives a brief synopsis of the talks.

In English except for no. 6. 'Mar a thainig an Ghaeltacht as'.

sten. ms additions

3pp

3 Ulster Television (1962-1970)

- 1283 12 Feb 1962 [A. Finnigan] for Programme Controller
Ulster Television Limited, Havelock
House, Ormeau Road, Belfast 7.
Confirmation of engagement to appear on
television in the programme 'Look Here'
to be transmitted on 12/ 2/ 62.
Lists conditions to be agreed to by the
person appearing on the programme.
pr. form filled in in typ. 1p
- 1284 c. Feb 1964 P. Scott, Royal Avenue Hotel, Belfast.
Thanks Blythe for agreeing to take
part in my "Looking Back" programme
tomorrow morning'.
Encloses 'a suggested script on the
lines of the questions and answers you
kindly sent me'.
Suggests matters connected with the
theatre that Blythe might consider
mentioning.
ms 2pp
- 1285 19 Feb 1964 Brian Henderson, Managing Director,
Ulster Television Limited, Havelock
House, Ormeau Road, Belfast 7.
Congratulates Blythe on his 'excellent
"Looking Back" last night'.
typ. 1p
- 1286 4 Aug 1970 [P. Saoggie] for Paddy Scott, Ulster
Television Limited, Havelock House,
Ormeau Road, Belfast B17 1EB.
Mentions that he is 'in the process of
scripting a programme on the 50th
Anniversary of the setting up of
Northern Ireland'.
He would like to have 'a Northern non-
Unionist view of the issues and events'
during the period 1912 - 1920, some of
which he mentions.
Asks Blythe's help in this matter.
Remarks that he has also contacted
Lord Rathcavan, formerly Sir Hugh
O'Neill, first speaker of the Northern
Ireland Parliament.
typ. 2pp
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4 The British Broadcasting Corporation
(1968-c.1972)

- 1287 8 Feb 1968 The British Broadcasting Corporation,
Broadcasting House, Ormeau Avenue,
Belfast.
Form offering 'an engagement for
television' and stating conditions.
'To be one of four speakers in live
discussion programme':
Borderlines (5) 'The Patriot Game'.
Transmission date 1 March 1968.
Gives fee and expenses.
Signed ? Northern Ireland Programme
Executive.

Includes note in Blythe's hand:
'Kensington Hotel'.

pr. form filled in typ. 2pp
- 1288 24 March 1971 Patricia Meehan, Producer, Documentary
Programmes, British Broadcasting
Corporation, Television Centre, Wood
Lane, London W12.
Thanks Blythe for the interview while
she was in Dublin.

typ. 1p
- 1289 12 May 1972 Howard Smith, Further Education,
Television, British Broadcasting
Corporation, Villiers House, Haven Green
Ealing W5.
Mentions that he is 'producing a series
of ten 25 minute educational television
programmes on Irish History since the
Union'.
Gives some more details and asks Blythe
if he would be willing 'to film
another interview'.
Mentions that he will be in Dublin at
the end of the month.

typ. 1p
- 1290 c. May 1972 Draft letter from Blythe to Mr Smith.
Expresses his willingness to see him
when he comes to Dublin and to help him
'to produce the kind of film you want
about the 1916-21 period'.

typ. ms. cor. 1p
- 1291 c. May-June
1972 Draft letter from Blythe to Mr Smith.
Mentions their recent meeting and
suggests that Mr Smith 'should make a
point of seeing' Liam O Briain, former
professor of French in University
College Galway.

typ. ms. cor. 1p

K. PARTITION OF IRELAND 1943-1969

1 General Correspondence arising from Blythe's attitude, as shown in his writings and talks, towards the Partition of Ireland. (1943-1969)

(i) 1943

1292 22 Apr 1943 David Grey, [United States of America Ambassador to Ireland], Legation of the United States of America, Dublin. Addressed to Ernest G. Blythe, Esq., Editor, "The Leader", 205 Pearse Street, Dublin. Quotes from a passage in The Leader, 10 April 1943, that refers to an 'anti-partition policy'. Asks for an outline of the 'plan in question'. Remarks that he is 'intensely anxious to get advice and information and to familiarize myself with the various conflicting points of view'.
typ. 1p

1293 2 Jun 1943 David Grey. Addressed to Ernest Blythe, Esq., 50 Kenilworth Square, Rathgar, Dublin. Refers to Blythe's letter of 19 May. Comments on Partition. Mentions 'Mr de Valera's analysis of the Partition question made in his speech before the Senate on the 9th of February 1939'. Declares himself willing to help to bring about 'better relations between North and South' in any way which 'was proper for me'.
typ. 2pp

(ii) 1950-1969

1294 3 Nov 1950 John J. Horgan, Lacaduv, Cork Refers to 'your "Leader" article', [on Partition of Ireland]. Mentions that we 'have never made up our minds whether we wanted a united Ireland or a Republic, and have never realised that we cannot have both'. Comments on the attitudes of politicians including John A. Costello and Eamon de Valera.
typ. 2pp

- 11295 29 Oct 1950 Lionel O. Booth, 2 St. Helen's Villas, Booterstown, Co. Dublin. Refers to 'the extracts from your recent article as published by the "Irish Times" I thoroughly agree with every word'. Comments on 'the present policy of all parties especially with regard to Partition. Mentions that he has already been in touch with several young men 'who are anxious to break the present deadlock in our political situation'. Asks if Blythe would be willing to meet 'a few of us' ... 'for an informal discussion'. Mentions his own service in the Irish Army during the Emergency.
- ms 3pp
- 11296 30 Jan 1953 Daniel Duffy C.C., Parochial House, Inniskeen, Dundalk. [Co. Louth]. He agrees 'substantially' with Blythe's letter in 'today's paper' and believes that 'A change of tactics is very necessary' in relation to Partition. Asks Blythe to read 'the enclosed'.
- ms 2pp
- 11297 3 Feb 1953 Copy of letter from Blythe to: Rev. Daniel Duffy, C.C., Parochial House, Inniskeen, Dundalk, Co. Louth. Thanks for letter and copy of 'your article'. Comments on Partition and remarks that the South must make the first move.
- carbon 1p
- 1298 16 Feb 1953 (postmark) Grady Milsay, Box 6533, N.T. Station, Denton, Texas, United States of America. Mentions that 'Your letter in the Irish Press of the 29th ult. is one of the sanest and soberest disquisitions on Partition I have ever read in any Irish newspaper'. Comments on the situation and on the attitudes of newspapers North and South.
- typ. [~~not signed by hand~~] 1p
and envelope
- 1299 2 Feb 1953 J.T. O'Farrell, Finvara, Willbrook Road, Rathfarnham, [Co. Dublin]. Congratulations on speech on Partition at the Technical Students Debating Society. Comments on Partition. Expresses the hope that Blythe will 'not accept Armagh with a "packed" audience for any discussion with the Anti-Partition gentry'.
- typ. 1p

- 1300 3 Feb 1953 Copy letter from Blythe to:
Senator J.T. O'Farrell, Finvara,
Willbrook Road, Rathfarnham, [Co. Dublin]
Mainly relates to Blythe's proposed
debate with representatives of the
Anti-Partition League.
Mentions the possibility of a radio
debate on Radio Eireann.
carbon 1p
- 1301 3 Feb 1953 Copy letter from Blythe to:
Liam Mac Caoimhne, 150 Sraid Cupar,
Beal Feirsde. [Belfast].
Thanks for postcard of 28/ 1/ 53.
Hopes that the Partition question will
be discussed more openly and more
honestly in the future.
carbon Ir. 1p
- 1302 9 Feb 1953 J.T. O'Farrell, Finvara, Willbrook Road,
Rathfarnham, [Co. Dublin].
'Congratulations on your Armagh
performance'.
Comments briefly on the debate between
Blythe and members of the Anti-
Partition League.
ms 1p
- 1303 10 Nov 1954 John J. Horgan, Lacaduv, Cork.
Congratulations on Blythe's Armagh
speech.
Comments on attitudes towards Partition.
Encloses some notes of his own
relating to Partition.
ms 2pp
- 1304 12 Feb 1954 Copy letter from Blythe to:
Mr Horgan
Thanks for letter and notes.
Agrees 'with nearly all of the points
which you make' but differs 'slightly'
'about the recent attitude of the
Australians towards the name of the
State'.
Comments further on this matter of
Ireland being the name of the State.
carbon 2pp
- 1305 16 Feb 1954 (a) John J. Horgan, Lacaduv, Cork.
Thanks for letter.
Refers to the Australian attitude
towards Ireland and encloses (b).
Mentions the reception given to de
Valera's ideas when he visited
Australia.
typ. 1p
and envelope
(b) Newspaper Cutting from the Cork
Examiner, 15 February 1954.
"Blaming England" a letter to the Editor
from 'Australian Repatriate' 10-2-54.
Comments on Partition.
pr.
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- 1306 10 Feb 1954 George Mc Cullough, 330 East 126th Street
New York City, U.S.A.
Comments on reports in American
newspapers about what Blythe said
concerning the American interest in
Ireland being limited to St Patrick Day
parades.
ms 3pp
and envelope
- 1307 16 Mar 1954? Edith K. Wickham, Tryon, N. Carolina.
[U.S.A.]
Mentions that she has read in the New
Statesman, a short account of Blythe's
'speech on the Border question in the
Dail'. [Internal evidence shows the
letter to have been written long after
Blythe ceased to be a member of Dail
Eireann].
She would like to have a 'full report'
of the speech.
Mentions that her father was Professor
McFadden Orr and that they were
neighbours of the Blythe's on Bushy
Park Road.
Refers to 'an informal talk on Ireland'
that she recently gave to 'a little
group here'.
Mentions that she is an agent for Avoca
Handweavers and comments on the export
of Irish tweed to America.
ms 4pp
- 1308 12 Apr Edith K. Wickham, [as above].
21 Apr 1954 Thanks Blythe for the copy of his
postmark speech.
Dublin mentions seeing a newspaper account of
the lawsuit that The Leader is
involved in.
ms 2pp
- 1309 11 May 1955 Copy letter from Blythe to:
J.J. Horgan, Lacaduv, Cork.
Thanks for copy of article for the
Round Table which he returns.
Agrees 'that the argument that we should
not join NATO because of Partition is
complete humbug. But I am totally
against our joining it'.
Comments further on the matter.
carbon 2pp

- 1310 4 Nov 1957 'A Citizen of the one time British Empire', Ulster.
'As an intimate R.C. friend of your cousin Ernest Thompson, Ardoyne, Belfast. I am taking the liberty of congratulating you on the sensible attitude you now take on the Border issue'.
Comments further on this.
ms. 1p
- 1311 4 Jun 1958 R[ichard] Hayes, Woodlands, Rochestown Ave., Dun Laoghaire. [Co. Dublin].
Thanks for the offprint from the University Review 'containing your challenging essay'.
Comments on the essay and refers to a notice of it by Cahal O'Shannon in the Evening Press.
Mentions Molloy's play in a postscript.
ms. 2pp
- 1312 7 July 1958 Copy letter from Blythe to:
Dr E.F. MacEntee, 89 King St., Belfast.
Refers to the recent success of 'your new Independent Labour Party'.
Mentions that '....the Irish Labour Party could do nothing in the North but help to maintain politico-religious segregation'.
Hopes that in the future the Independent Labour Party may fuse with the Ulster Labour Party so as to possibly give 'a Government at Stormont which would contain both Catholic and Protestant Ministers'.
carbon 2pp
- 1313 22 Dec 1958 (a) Hugh ? Quinn ?, Parochial House, Magherafelt, Co. Derry.
Thanks for letter.
Mentions that he is 'glad that everyone enjoyed their visit to Magherafelt'.
Makes arrangements to collect his umbrella'.
ms 1p
- (b) 'New Departure in Northern Policy' 'Forward'.
Part of an article by Blythe.
[see nos. 1775 & 1776]
typ. ms cor. 4pp
- 1314 28 Aug 1959 E.W.H. Hill, Beaconsfield, 261 Harold's Cross Road, Dublin.
Encloses 'my letter for your perusal and Mr McGuigan's reply'.
Refers to his comments about the population of North Monaghan.
ms 2pp

- 1315 26 Aug 1959 Copy letter from Blythe to:
E.W.H. Hill, Beaconsfield, 261 Harold's
Cross Road, Dublin.
Indicates that he is 'strongly against
the idea of starting an agitation for
a revision of the Border' and states
his reasons.
Mentions that 'Although I agreed
entirely with my fellow Ministers in
pressing the British Government in the
early twenties to break the deadlock
themselves by appointing a member of the
Boundary Commission to represent
Northern Ireland so that the
Commission could function, I have long
since become convinced that we were
wrong to do so'.
carbon 4pp
- 1316 27 Dec 1961 John J. Horgan, Lacaduv, Cork
Mentions that he is pleased that Blythe
is largely in agreement with his letter
to McKeown.
Comments on the attitude towards
Partition of Sean Lemass [the
Taoiseach].
Notes that 'The "Belfast Telegraph" is
definitely an influence for good. Jack
Sayers will go as far as public opinion
will let him towards a policy of
reconciliation'.
ms 2pp
- 1317 8 June 1962 Albert H. McElroy, First or Old
Presbyterian Congregation, Newtownards.
Thanks Blythe for his 'generous
subscription' to the Ulster Liberal
Association election fund.
Refers to Blythe's comment on their
being 'in practice the only non-
sectarian group in the North'.
Comments on their poll in various
elections since 1950.
ms. 3pp
- 1318 18 Oct 1962 Mary A. McNeill, 4 Mount Pleasant,
Stranmillis, Belfast 9.
Refers to the truth of Blythe's
article in the October issue of
Hibernia.
Comments on the attitudes of journalists
towards Partition.
ms 2pp
- 1319 8 Nov 1964 F.W. Moody, Professor, School of
Modern History and Political Science,
University of Dublin, Trinity College,
Dublin 2.
Comments on Blythe's article in The
Leader entitled 'Recognition of
Northern Government right'.
ms 2pp

- 1320 7 Dec 1965 Alex R. Foster, 236 Ravenhill Rd, Belfast 6.
'ex-father in law of Conor Cruise O'Brien'.
Mentions that he has read in the Irish Times 'your address in Castleblaney. It is the most sensible down - to - earth pronouncement that I have seen'. Refers to 'De Valera's bombastic threat in the twenties'.
Mentions that he has returned to the North because of the better social benefits there.
ms. 3pp
- 1321 12 Nov 1968 Bill O'Hara, Royal Hotel, Bangor, Co. Down.
Thanks for letter.
Mentions the possible polarisation of politics in Northern Ireland 'to the left and the right'.
typ. 1p
- 1322 18 Feb 1969 (a) Garfield W.C. McCartney, Treasurer, Ulster Liberal Party.
10 Clonevin Park, Lisburn, Co. Antrim.
Thanks for the 'most generous donation' to the election funds of the Ulster Liberal Party.
Comments on the forthcoming election.
typ. 1p

(b) Receipt from the Ulster Liberal Association for £30.
- 1323 no date
1966 ? (a) An tAth. Congal, O.F.M. Cap., Mainistir na gCaipisíneach, [Capuchin Monastery] Ard Mhuire, Caiseal Mor, Leitir Ceanáin, [Letterkenny] Tir Chonail. [Donegal].
Refers to Blythe's ideas on Partition as revealed in his writings in Inniu.
Mentions that he is largely in agreement with Blythe on this matter.
Discusses a plan to promote the use of the Irish Language through making certain changes in the examination requirements.
ms Ir. 7pp

(b) 'Plean Oideachais is Riarachain' [Plan for Education and Administration]
Outlines various points under the general headings of Primary Education, Secondary and Vocational Education, University Education.
ms Ir. 2pp

P 24		Correspondence	
1324	no date	James G. Chambers, Halls Hill, Laurencetown, Portadown. Co. Armagh. Outlines his plan 'for the final unification of Ireland'.	ms 2pp
1325	no date	Pages 3 and 4 of a letter relating to Partition. Unfinished. On paper stamped 'Land Commission, Dublin'.	ms 2pp
1326	[c.1933- c.1936 ?]	'United Ireland Movement Launched in the North. Thirty-Two Club formed in Belfast'. Printed report of inaugural meeting on 10 April. Lists resolutions adopted. Includes handwritten note on the back signed, Liam Mac Caoimhne, Runaidhe [Secretary]. 138 Leeson St. Belfast. 'Belfast and District "32" Club. Report of proceedings at the inaugural meeting of above with request for the favour of publication in the <u>United Ireland</u> '.	pr. & ms 2pp

2 Anti-Partition League (1953)

- 1327 31 Jan 1953-
7 Mar 1953
- Correspondence between Blythe and P.F. McGill, General Secretary of the Irish Anti-Partition League, Central Office, 17 Howard Street, Belfast.
- Relates to a proposed debate, on the subject of the Partition of Ireland, between Blythe and three members of the Anti-Partition League, namely, Senator J.G. Lennon, Senator P.J. O'Hare and P.F. McGill.
- Gives details of the arrangements for the meeting in Armagh.
Mentions the possibility of a radio debate and gives Blythe's suggestions on how such a debate should be run. [This plan fell through. See no. 1328].
- Includes letters signed Margaret Macken acknowledging receipt of Blythe's letters and stating that they will be passed on to Mr McGill for his attention. carbon copies of 8 letters from Blythe and also a handwritten draft of no. 1.
- 11 original typed letters from the Anti-Partition League.
- typ. & carbon 20 letters
- 1328 5 Feb 1953-
13 Feb 1953
- Correspondence between Blythe and Maurice Gorham, Director of Broadcasting, Radio Eireann, Dublin.
- Concerns the possibility of a radio debate between Blythe and members of the Anti-Partition League on the question of Partition.
This idea was rejected by Radio Eireann.
- carbon copy of letter from Blythe.
- 2 original typed letters from Maurice Gorham.
- typ. & carbon 3 letters
- 1329 9 Jan 1954
- James G. Lennon, Solicitor, College Street, Armagh.
Thanks for letter of 5th inst.
Promises to write after the Executive Meeting of the Anti-Partition League to be held the following week.
- typ. 1p
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3 James Slevin (1953-1954)

1330 8 Feb 1954-
13 Jan 1955

Correspondence between Blythe and James Slevin, Castlecaulfield, Co. Tyrone.

Arises out of a letter written by Slevin to Blythe after the Armagh debate on Partition. [See no. 1327]. Consists of an exchange of opinions on the whole question of the Partition of Ireland.

5 original handwritten letters from James Slevin.
2 carbon copies of letters from Blythe.
Letters range in length from 5 to 11 pages.

ms & carbon

7 letters

4 Correspondence relating to Memoranda
and certain publications by Blythe
concerning the Partition of Ireland
(1949-1963)

(1) 'Towards a Six Counties Dominion'
(1949-1950)

- 1331 8 Aug 1949 Copy of letter sent by Blythe to leading parliamentarians of all parties. Names the eight persons to whom it was sent. Introduces and encloses a memorandum on Partition, entitled 'Towards a Six Counties Dominion'. [See nos. 1769 & 1770] carbon 1p
- 1332 8 Aug 1949 Copy of letter from Blythe to Proinsias Mac Aodhagáin, [Frank Aiken] Dungaoithe, Murphystown, Sandycroft, Co. Atha Cliath. [Co. Dublin]. Encloses a copy of the memorandum on Partition about which he has spoken to Aiken. [See nos. 1769 & 1770] carbon Ir. 1p
- 1333 9 Aug 1949 Veronica Cowell for Private Secretary, [to Minister for External Affairs] Department of External Affairs, Dublin. In the absence of Mr MacBride, Minister for External Affairs acknowledges receipt of the letter of 8 August [see no. 1331]. Promised to bring the letter and enclosed memorandum entitled 'Towards a Six Counties Dominion' to MacBride's attention on his return to Dublin. typ. 1p
- 1334 11 Aug 1949 G. Boland, Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Dublin. Acknowledges receipt of letter of 8th instant. [see no. 1331]. Inquires whether Blythe wishes for his own personal opinion or that of the Party [Fianna Fail], on the enclosed memorandum on Partition. typ. 1p
- 1335 21 Aug 1948 P. McGilligan, [Minister for Finance] Waterville, Co. Kerry. Thanks for Memorandum 'on National re-union'. [see no. 1331]. Comments briefly on it. Requests permission to discuss with others the views contained in it. Notes that page 20 is missing from the copy he received. ms 2pp

- 1336 26 Aug 1949 Copy letter from Blythe to Paddy McGilligan, Minister for Finance Thanks for letter. [see no. 1335] Encloses missing page 20. Indicates that he would be 'very glad indeed if you would discuss my views with any people who have personal experience of the North'. Mentions that he sent out seven or eight copies of the memorandum.
carbon 1p
- 1337 21 Aug 1949 P. McCartan, Villaniba, Wicklow. Thanks for the memorandum on Partition. [see no. 1331]. 'I read it with great interest'. Comments on aspects of the whole problem of Partition mentioned in the memorandum.
ms 6pp
- 1338 25 Aug 1949 James G. Douglas, Senator, 18 Wexford St., Dublin. Thanks for letter of 8th inst. and memorandum on 'National re-union'. [see no. 1331]. Comments on attitudes towards Partition.
typ. 1p
- 1339 26 Aug 1949 John A. Costello, Department of the Taoiseach, Dublin. Has found Blythe's letter of the 8th inst. [see no. 1331] and memorandum on national re-union awaiting him on his return from a holiday. Suggests that 'When I have fully considered your views perhaps it would be possible for us to have an informal talk on the whole problem'.
ms 1p
- 1340 29 Aug 1949 G. Boland, Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Dublin. Mentions that he has been thinking about Partition since his last letter and has 'come to the conclusion that it is better to await the result of the present Anti-Partition campaign before I say more on the matter'. Refers to the growing support in America for the Anti-Partition campaign.
typ. 1p

- 1341 20 Sept 1949 (a) P.S. [O'Hegarty],
Encloses comments on Blythe's memorandum.
Mentions that 'when I think of the generous, informed, selfless, Nationalism of the pre-1916 period, and the general ignorant bigotry we have now, I feel cheated, somehow'.
ms 1p
- (b) Notes commenting on various aspects of the Partition question as set out in Blythe's memorandum.
ms 16pp
- 1342 17 Oct 1949 Copy letter from Blythe to P.S. O hEigeartaigh, [O'Hegarty], Highfield House, Highfield Road, Rathgar, Dublin.
Mentions that he is 'sorry you did not agree at all with any of my favourite views about the Partition issue'. [see no. 1341].
Discusses certain historical aspects of the problem.
Refutes some of the ideas expressed by O'Hegarty.
carbon 3pp
- 1343 7 Oct 1949 Copy letter from Blythe to Senator Seamus O'Farrell, Leinster House, Dublin.
Encloses a copy of his memorandum on Partition.
Asks for 'your views about it and also those of Senator Denis Ireland'.
carbon 1p
- 1344 13 Oct 1949 Denis Ireland, Seanad Eireann, Leinster House, Dublin.
Comments on the memorandum "'Towards a Dominion", passed on to me by Seamus O'Farrell'. [see no. 1343].
He is largely in accord with it but disagrees with certain points.
ms 4pp
- 1345 8 Oct 1949 Copy letter form Blythe to Thomas Johnson, 49 Mount Prospect Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin.
Encloses the memorandum on Partition and asks for comments on it.
carbon 1p
- 1346 16 Oct 1949 Thomas Johnson, 49 Mount Prospect Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin.
Thanks for the memorandum on Partition.
Comments on it and mentions aspects of the problem of which he has had personal experience.
Quotes from the 1905 Magheramorne, Co. Antrim, manifesto. [See no. 2171]
ms 153 8pp

- 1347 2 Jan 1950 Copy letter from Blythe to His Grace Most Rev. Dr. D'Alton, Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland, Ara Coeli, Armagh. Encloses a copy of his memorandum on Partition. Indicates that he has already shown it to certain people. Comments briefly on Partition.
carbon 2pp
- 1348 6 Jan 1950 John D'Alton, Archbishop of Armagh, Ara Coeli, Armagh. Thanks for memorandum on Partition. 'the case you make is worthy of consideration'.
typ. 1p
- 1349 2 Jan 1950 Copy letter from Blythe to Very Rev. James O'Daly, P.P., Clogher, Co. Tyrone. Encloses a copy of the memorandum on Partition. Comments briefly on the 'present' anti-Partition campaign.
carbon 1p
- 1350 13 Jan 1950 James O'Daly, Parochial House, Clogher, Co. Tyrone. Thanks for sending 'your excellent statement on Partition'. Comments generally on the situation in the North. Mentions that 'we were getting on very well here during the War years and party feeling was dying out'. But remarks that things have disimproved.
ms and envelope 6pp
- 1351 2 Jan 1950 Copy letter from Blythe to Cearbhall O Dalaigh, 146 Bothar Tighlorcain, Donnach Broc, [Donnybrook] Blea Cliath. [Dublin.] Encloses a copy of the memorandum on Partition.
carbon Ir. 1p
- 1352 2 Jan 1950 Copy letter from Blythe to James Larkin, T.D., Leinster House, Dublin. Refers to 'Your excellent letter in regard to Partition, published recently in the Irish Times'. Encloses a copy of his memorandum on Partition. Criticises the current anti-Partition campaign.
carbon & ms 1p

- 1353 20 Jan 1950 Copy letter from Blythe to Arnold Marsh, Woodtown Park, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin. Encloses the memorandum on Partition. Mentions some changes he would make in it if he were re-writing it.
carbon 1p
- 1554 22 Jan 1950 Arnold Marsh, Woodtown Park, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin. He has read with interest the memorandum on Partition. Comments on it. Mentions aspects of the Northern problem that need to be stressed such as economic matters and the 'element of national sentiment among Northern Protestants'.
ms 4pp
- 1355 3 Feb 1950 Copy letter from Blythe to Arnold Marsh, Woodland Park, Rathfarnham, Dublin. Comments on the points raised in Marsh's letter of 22 January.
carbon 1p
- 1356 9 Feb 1950 Copy letter from Blythe to Sean Lester. Encloses copy of the memorandum on Partition. Mentions his intention to publish a revised version of it if there is no move by 'Party Leaders for a Round Table Conference'. Asks for comments on the memorandum. Refers briefly to remarks already made by others about it.
carbon 1p
- 1357 10 Feb 1950 Copy letter from Blythe to His Grace Most Rev. Dr. McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin, Archbishop's House, Dublin. Encloses the memorandum on Partition. Mentions his reasons for writing it and refers to some of the comments made on it.
carbon 2pp
- 1358 13 Mar 1950 Christopher Mangan, Secretary, Archbishop's House, Dublin, N.E. 3. He has been asked by the Archbishop to acknowledge receipt of the letter and memorandum on Partition. 'His Grace is grateful to you for your courtesy in sending him a copy of this memorandum. He hopes to study it closely'.
ms 1p

- (ii). "The Problem of Partition.*
 Suggestions for a Commission of Inquiry
 or a Consultative Council' (1954-1955)
 and
 'Notes on the Pomeroy, Armagh and
 Omagh Incidents' (1954-1955)**

[It is not always possible to be
 certain to which memorandum
 correspondence relates].

- 1359 10 Jun 1954 John A. Costello, [the Taoiseach],
 Department of the Taoiseach, Dublin.
 Thanks for letter and good wishes.
 Mentions that he has 'read with interest
 Your memorandum' [on a Commission of
 Inquiry on Partition.. see no. 1771]
 Suggests a discussion on the matter.
 ms 1p
- 1360 14 Jun 1954 Eamon de Valera, Dail Eireann, Dublin.
 Thanks for letter and copy of the
 memorandum that Blythe sent to the
 Taoiseach.
 typ. Ir. 1p
- 1361 16 Jun 1954 Copy letter from Blythe to
 Liam Cosgrave, Minister for External
 Affairs, Dail Eireann, Dublin.
 Encloses the memorandum on a Commission
 of Inquiry on Partition that he sent to
 the Taoiseach.
 Refers to his discussion about it with
 the Taoiseach
 Mentions that he is ready to talk about
 Partition at any time if required.
 carbon 1p
- 1362 25 Jun 1954 Copy letter from Blythe to
 Sean Lemass [T.D.]
 Encloses a copy of the memorandum on
 a Commission of Inquiry on Partition
 and 'some supplementary notes' not sent
 to the Taoiseach or de Valera but
 'submitted to Mr Cosgrave'.
 Indicates his reasons for writing the
 memorandum.
 Refers to his discussions with the
 Taoiseach and Cosgrave.
 carbon 3pp
- 1363 9 Jul 1954 Sean Lemass, Dail Eireann, Dublin.
 Mentions having discussed with his
 colleagues 'your proposals for a
 Commission or Council on the problem of
 Partition'.
 Briefly comments on certain aspects of
 the Partition problem.
 typ. 1p

- 1364 9 Jul 1954 Eamon de Valera, Dail Eireann, Dublin. Thanks for letter mentioning Blythe's discussion with the Taoiseach and the Minister for External Affairs. Mentions that Fianna Fail believes that the Government of the day is fundamentally responsible for the national policy to put an end to the Border [between Northern Ireland and the Republic]. As the re-unification of the country is an aim of all Parties, Fianna Fail will support any policy that seems to have a reasonable chance of success. However they are not satisfied that Blythe's scheme will work.
typ. Ir. 1p
and envelope
- 1365 16 Oct 1954 Copy letter from Blythe to Mr Booth. [Lionel O. Booth] Congratulations on speech on 'the Armagh incident at the Ard Fheis'. Mentions the memorandum [on a Commission of Inquiry on Partition] that he circulated in July. Refers to his discussions with Costello [the Taoiseach] and Cosgrave. Notes that 'Mr De Valera's wise speech at the Ard Fheis' and Mr Cosgrave's 'not so wise remarks at the Publicity Club, has brought to my mind again, the necessity of getting all parties into step if possible'. Alludes to the forthcoming publication by Sairseal agus Dill of his book 'in Irish on the whole Boundary question' [Briseadh na Teorann] [see no. 2367]
carbon 2pp
- 1366 16 Oct 1954 Lionel O Booth, Beechlawn, South Hill Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Thanks for letter 'I value your approval of my speech'. Mentions that it had to be condensed so as to last no longer than four minutes. Comments on 'your approach to Mr Costello and Mr Cosgrave'.
ms 3pp
- 1367 25 Oct 1954 Liam Cosgrave, [Minister for External Affairs], Office of the Minister for External Affairs, Dublin. Thanks for 'letter and memo regarding the Pomeroy incident'. [see no. 1773.]
typ. 1p

- 1368 1 Nov 1954
 Private Secretary [to Eamon de Valera]
 Dail Eireann, Dublin.
 Eamon de Valera has asked him to
 inform Blythe that he has received a
 copy of the memorandum lately sent to
 the Minister for External Affairs.
 [Notes on the Pomeroy, Armagh and
 Omagh Incidents. see no. 1773.]
 typ. Ir. 1p
- 1369 20 Dec 1954
 J.T. O Farrell, Finvara, Willbrook Road
 Rathfarnham, Dublin.
 Thanks for 'copy of your memorandum on
 the Border incidents. It is a
 courageous and masterly survey.'
 Refers to 'a collection outside the
 churches on Christmas day for the
 families of the "martyrs":'
 typ. 1p
- 1370 31 Dec 1954
 John C. McQuaid, [Archbishop of Dublin]
 Archbishop's House, Dublin, N.E.3.
 Thanks for 'the confidential report
 you have issued.
 I shall read it with great care'.
 ms 1p
 and envelope
- 1371 2 Jan 1955
 John Cardinal D'Alton, Archbishop of
 Armagh, Ara Coeli, Armagh.
 Thanks 'for the copy of the memorandum
 and covering letter which you have sent
 to the members of the Government and
 Opposition'.
 Expresses the hope 'to go over it
 carefully' when he has time.
 typ. 1p
 and envelope
- 1372 5 Jan 1955
 Donnchadh Mac Con Uladh, [Denis
 Mc Cullough], Lithgow, 12 Oakley Road,
 Dublin.
 Thanks for 'Memorandum on Partition'.
 Mentions both points on which he agrees
 and disagrees with Blythe.
 Comments on the attitudes of 'some
 people down here'.
 ms 2pp
- 1373 10 Jan 1955
 J.J. McElligott ?, Oak Lodge, Southhill
 Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.
 Thanks for letter and 'its very
 interesting enclosure'.
 Mentions Blythe's 'unrivalled
 knowledge of conditions on both sides of
 the Border'.
 typ & ms 1p
 and envelope

- 1374 27 Jan 1955 Copy letter from Blythe to D. Costigan, Commissioner, Garda Siochana Depot, Phoenix Park, Dublin. Refers to 'the problem created by the I.R.A.'. Encloses 'a copy of a Memorandum and covering letter which I have been circulating to some leading members of the Dail and others'.
carbon 1p
- 1375 29 Jan 1955 D. Costigan, Coimisineir, [Commissioner] An Garda Siochana, Oifig an Choimisineara, [Office of the Commissioner], Baile Atha Cliath [Dublin]. Thanks 'for the enclosures. accompanying your letter of the 27th instant which I have read with much interest but find will require closer study'.
typ. 1p
- 1376 27 Jan 1955 Copy letter from Blythe to Professor T.W. Moody, F.T.C.D., 14, Healthfield Road, Terenure. [Dublin] Encloses copy of Memorandum and covering letter which he has sent to 'a number of Dail Front Benchers'. Includes in typescript at end of letter 'Rt. Rev. Mgr. A.H. Ryan D.D., St Brigid's, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast' [presumably a similar letter was sent to him].
carbon & typ. 1p
- 1377 31 Jan 1955 T.W. Moody, 14 Healthfield Road, Terenure, Dublin. Thanks for memorandum. Finds Blythe's 'straight thinking' 'refreshing' but cannot accept his 'argument for a connection between the decline of Irish in the nineteenth century and the regression of Irish protestants from nationalism'.
ms 2pp
and envelope
- 1378 27 Jan 1955 Copy letter from Blythe to C. Gore-Grimes, 6 Cavendish Row, Dublin. Encloses a copy of the Memorandum and covering letter he has sent to 'Front Bench members of the Dail and a few others'.
carbon 1p
- 1379 1 Feb 1955 C. Gore-Grimes, 6 Cavendish Row, Dublin. Thanks for the 'Memorandum on the "Border" problem' which he read 'with the greatest interest'. Comments briefly on it and on Partition.
typ. 1p

- 1380 27 Jan 1955 Copy of letter from Blythe to the following:
 Proinseis Mac A' Bheatha, 110, Ascal Vernon, Cluain Tairbh. [Clontarf, Dublin]
 An tOllamh Professor Leam [sic] O Briain Coill Tomair, Bothar na hIolscoile, [University Road], Gaillimh. [Galway]
 Feidhlim Mac Aonghusa, Bothar Atha Cliath, Iubhar Chinn Tragha, Co. an Duin. [Co. Down].
 Encloses a copy of the memorandum and covering letter he lately sent to Front Bench members of the Dail.
 carbon & typ. Ir. 1p
- 1381 31 Jan 1955 Liam O Briain, U.C.G. [University College Galway].
 Thanks for the paper on the Ulster question.
 Comments on it.
 Mentions that Blythe certainly understands the province of Ulster but questions whether he or any of the rest of them understand the illogical mind of the rest of Ireland.
 ms Ir. 3pp
- 1382 27 Jan 1955 Copy letter from Blythe to T.J. Coyne, Secretary, Department of Justice, Government Buildings, Merrion Street, Dublin.
 Encloses a copy of the memorandum and covering letter which he has sent to 'Front Bench members of the Dail and others'
 Deplores 'the cock-eyed type of Anti-Partitionist's propaganda which has held the field for the last thirty, and indeed I might say forty, years.'
 carbon 1p
- 1383 30 Jan 1955 Brian Inglis, c/o Radford, 4 Old Burlington St. W. I.
 Thanks for 'notes on the Pomeroy, Armagh, and Omagh incidents'.
 'I agree with every word of them'.
 typ. 1p
 and envelope
- 1384 1 Feb 1955 Copy letter from Blythe to S. [Sean] Mac Entee, [T.D.]
 Encloses copy of memorandum which he sent to 'some Front-benchers just before Christmas'.
 'I did not post one to you at the time as you had gone out of town'.
 Comments on the situation relating to the North.
 carbon 1p

- 1385 3 Feb 1955 Sean MacEntee, 28 Merrion Square, Dublin.
Thanks for 'yours of the 2nd instant'. Has not yet read the memorandum but mentions that for many years he has shared Blythe's views and has 'pressed them incessantly on my colleagues'.
typ. 1p
- 1386 2 Feb 1955 Copy letter from Blythe to An Monsignor Padraig de Brun, Uachtaran, [President], Cholaiste na hIolscoile Gaillimh. [University College Galway.] Encloses a copy of the memorandum which he has circulated to the Ministers and leaders of the Opposition. Mentions why he is sending it.
carbon Ir. 1p
- 1387 4 Feb 1955 Padraig de Brun, The President, University College Galway. Thanks for the memorandum and promises to read it.
ms Ir. 1p
- 1388 2 Feb 1955 Copy letter from Blythe to Most Rev. Dr Brown, Bishop of Galway. Encloses copy of the memorandum which he 'circulated recently to a number of Ministers and Opposition Front-benchers and to a few others'. States briefly his reason for writing it.
carbon 1p
- 1389 9 Feb 1955 Lionel O. Booth, Beechlawn, South Hill Avenue, Blackrock. [Co. Dublin]. Apologises for the delay in writing to thank Blythe for 'notes on Armagh etc.' 'You have set out convictions which I hold very sincerely'. Regrets that it is a confidential document. Mentions 'a meeting in Limerick where Methodists and Presbyterians joined to discuss Partition under the guidance of my brother, Rev A.R. Booth, who is the Methodist minister there'. Indicates that he would like to discuss the whole question of useful attitudes towards Partition with Blythe.
ms 5pp

- 1390 1 Mar 1955 Copy letter from Blythe to Lionel O. Booth, Beechlawn, South Hill Avenue, Blackrock. [Co. Dublin]. Mentions that 'I did not mean my memorandum to be so confidential that you could not show it to friends who might be interested'. Indicates why he marked it 'confidential'. Mentions in general terms the persons to whom it was sent. Refers to some of the replies he received. Explains his reasons for circulating the document. Alludes to the recent publication by Sairseal & Dill of 'a book about partition which I wrote for them a couple of years ago' [namely Briseadh na Teorann see no. 2367.]. Discusses the advantages and disadvantages of forming a society or association to 'promote clearer thinking' about Partition. Mentions a number of people who would be unable to join 'an organisation which even touched the edge of politics'. Expresses his willingness to meet Booth for 'an exchange of views'.
carbon 5pp
- 1391 13 Feb 1955 Owen Sheehy Skeffington, Seanad Eireann, Dublin. Thanks for 'notes on Omagh etc.'. Mentions that he is 'in general in agreement with you differing strongly only on the point of "Nationality - Deficiency" and "Cultural apostasy"'. Refers to his own speech in the Senate on the matter and encloses a copy of the official report together with copies of two letters to The Irish Times.
ms. 1p
- 1392 no date
c. Feb. 1955 Copy letter from Blythe to Owen Sheehy - Skeffington. Thanks for copies of the Senate Debates and proofs of letters to The Irish Times which he returns. Refers to his own ideas on cultural nationality as outlined in his book Briseadh na Teorann which has lately been issued by Sairseal agus Dill.
typ. & ms 1p

1393 18 Feb 1955

Copy letter from Blythe to Mr Horgan, [Lacaduv, Cork]. Thanks for letter and typescript, which I now return, of preface to Mr Meehan's book'. Thinks that it indicates the authorship of a series of articles on the I.R.A. in the Belfast Evening Telegraph. Explains why he wrote Briseadh na Teorann in Irish. Encloses 'a memorandum and covering letter which I sent to front-benchers on both sides of the Dail...'

carbon

1p

1394 21 Feb 1955

John J. Horgan, Lacaduv, Cork. Mentions that 'Your memorandum is splendid'. Comments on the problem of Partition and claims that it is impossible to have both unity and a republic.

ms

2pp

and envelope

(iii) Briseadh na Teorann *

1395 7 Feb 1955

(a) Liam O Briain, U. C. Gaillimh [University College Galway]. Thanks for the book. [Briseadh na Teorann]. Mentions the reasons for and against sending it to members of An Club Leabhar. Encloses a newspaper cutting of a report of Dermot McAleer's welcome home to Pomeroy. Suggests that a copy of the book should be sent to the Rev. B. Treacy C.C., mentioned in the report.

ms

Ir. 3pp

and envelope

(b) Newspaper cutting 'McAleer is the toast of Pomeroy.' Report of McAleer's homecoming after his release from Crumlin Road Jail, Belfast where he served a six months sentence 'on charges arising out of the August riots in Pomeroy'.

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* [See no. 2367]

- 1396 10 Feb 1955 Sean [Lester], Recess, Co. Galway.
Thanks for 'your book' Briseadh na Teorann.
Mentions the salutary effect of Blythe's writings on politicians.
Remarks that he finds in himself 'a sense of disillusionment and cynicism'.
Refers briefly to de Valera and Costello.
ms 2pp
- 1397 10 Feb 1955 Risteard ua Maolchacha, [Richard Mulcahy, Minister for Education], Oifig an Aire Oideachais, [Office of the Minister for Education], Baile Atha Cliath. [Dublin].
Thanks for Briseadh na Teorann.
ms Ir. 1p
- 1398 15 Feb 1955 An tAth. Colman O.F.M., St. Anthony's College, Galway.
Thanks for Briseadh na Teorann.
Comments on the book and on the whole question of Partition.
typ. Ir. 6pp
- 1399 no date
c. Feb 1955 Copy letter from Blythe to Father Colman.
Mentions that he intends to discuss in The Leader or some other periodical the points raised by Father Colman in his letter.
Comments briefly on the I.R.A. and on nationalism.
Encloses the memorandum and covering letter which he sent to Ministers and former Ministers in the Dail and a few others.
Remarks that Monsignor Arthur Ryan praised it.
carbon Ir. 2pp
- 1400 4 Apr 1955 P. O Meara, Dun Bhriol, Tigh Iain ?, Aonach Urmhumha.
Apologises for the delay in writing to thank Blythe for sending him Briseadh na Teorann.
Mentions that he does not agree with much of what is in the book but he praises Blythe's courage and work for the country.
ms Ir. 1pp
- 1401 21 Nov 1956 Sean Mac Marghamna, Parochial House Ballycastle, Co. Antrim.
Thanks for the book.
Sends good wishes to Blythe's family.
Refers to a report in The Leader on the Health Scheme.
ms Ir. 2pp

(iv) 'Half-Way Through No-Man's Land'
(1957-1958)

- 1402 26 Sept 1957 (a) E. C. Duggan, Eversley, Military Road, Killiney, Co. Dublin. Thanks for 'the paper on your Irish Federal Scheme' which he returns. Comments on it.
ms 4pp
- (b) 'Half-Way Through No-Man's Land' Memorandum by Blythe on Partition. Suggests a federal solution.
carbon 'Confidential: not for publication'. 14pp
[see also no. 1774]
- 1403 9 July 1958 Michael O'Carroll, Convent of Notre Dame, Clerkhill, Dumbarton. Thanks for letter and 'enclosure'. Congratulates Blythe on the prize awarded to his autobiography. Mentions that he 'met Leon O Broin just after he had read the book and he was ecstatic'.
ms 2pp
and envelope
- 1404 15 Sept 1958 Proinsias Mac Cana, Department of Welsh, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. Thanks for the two memoranda. Comments on them.
ms. Ir. 4pp
- 1405 16 Sept 1958 R. O Foghlu, Runai Priobhaideach, [Private Secretary], Department of the Taoiseach, Dublin. Acknowledges receipt of letter of 15 September and enclosed memorandum. States that they will be brought to the attention of the Taoiseach on his return from the Continent.
typ. Ir. 1p

(v) A New Departure in Northern Policy
Appeal to The Leaders of Nationalist
Opinion (1959-1963)

1406 18 Jun 1959

Denis P. Barrett, Hill Cottage,
Ballycairn, Lisburn N.Ireland.On notepaper headed 'The Irish
Association for cultural, social and
economic relations'.

With addresses in Belfast and Dublin.

Thanks for 'booklet'. [see no. 2371].
Mentions that he is in Dublin 'for
some Quaker Committees'.

Suggests meeting Blythe.

Refers in some detail to his work with
'the Irish Association Survey' and
comments on industrial and religious
conditions in Portadown and Newry.Notes that 'As an outcome of our survey
the Student Christian Movement.....
are holding what they call one of their
'Commissions' on this subject of
tensions'.In a postscript he asks if he or the
Irish Association can do anything to
help promote the sale of Blythe's
booklet in Northern Ireland'.

typ.

2pp

1407 21 Jun 1959

Felix E. Hackett, 20 Zion Road, Rathgar,
[Dublin].Thanks for 'your pamphlet on a policy
for northern nationalists'.Mentions that he has sent it on to
Sheelagh Murnaghan who has been
selected by the Ulster Liberal
Association as a candidate for South
Belfast in the next general election.
Gives an outline of her principles and
past activities.Refers to an article in the Observer
(21 June), by Ferris entitled 'The
Other Ireland'. This article contains
quotations on the Northern situation
from David Kennedy, a former student of
Hackett in the College of Science.

ms.

2pp

1408 1 Jul 1959

Copy letter from Blythe to
The Taoiseach, Sean Lemass, Government
Buildings, Merrion St., Dublin.
Congratulates him on 'the line you have
been taking about Partition'.
Mentions that he would like to discuss
with him 'certain aspects of the problem
of achieving national reunion'.
Encloses pamphlet [on Partition].

carbon

1p

- 1409 2 Jul 1959 Sean Lemass, [the Taoiseach],
Department of the Taoiseach, Dublin.
Acknowledges receipt of Blythe's letter
of 11 July.
Mentions that he would 'welcome the
opportunity of a talk with you a little
later in the year'.
Thanks for the pamphlet.
typ. 1p
- 1410 6 Jul 1959 J.J. McElligott, The Central Bank of
Ireland, Foster Place, Dublin.
Thanks for A New Departure in Northern
Policy which he read 'with great
interest'.
Remarks briefly on its possible effects.
typ. 1p
- 1411 21 Jul 1959 Denis Ireland, 17 Wellington Park
Terrace, Belfast.
Thanks for copy of A New Departure in
Northern Policy.
Comments briefly on it.
Agrees that an all-Catholic party is
'useless'.
typ. 1p
- 1412 23 Jul 1959 Copy letter from Blythe to
Denis Ireland, 17 Wellington Park
Terrace, Belfast.
Admits that he sent the pamphlet
without a note because he did not 'want
to seem to be putting it up to you to
make a comment'.
carbon 1p
- 1413 17 Aug 1959 John J. Keenan, Greenmount, Monaghan.
Mentions that he has read 'with great
interest your appeal to the Leaders
of Nationalist opinion'.
Comments briefly on attitudes in the
northern part of the country.
Refers to the sudden death of 'your
old friend Canon O'Daly'.
ms 3pp
- 1414 21 Sept 1959 Patrick Shaw, Upperchurch, Thurles.
[Co. Tipperary].
Mentions that he has read 'your
learned pamphlet'.
Inquires whether Blythe's approach is
any different to that of Donald
Barrington?
Criticises the pamphlet for not
sufficiently pointing out Britain's
responsibility for Partition.
ms 1p

- 1415 24 Feb 1959 Copy letter from Blythe to Patrick Shaw, Upper Church, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. Acknowledges receipt of 'your note'. Mentions that he differs somewhat with Donal Baffrington and some others of his group. '...I think they do not realise sufficiently the vital importance of the Irish language and cultural nationality'. Answers some points raised in Shaw's note. Concludes: 'You need not write me again with the object of telling me anything because at present you yourself know nothing at all about the problem, and are so heavily doped with distorted propaganda that you will only be able to learn about it if you make a determined effort.'
- carbon 3pp
- 1416 14 Oct 1959 Michael MacConaill, Professor, Department of Anatomy, University College, Cork. Thanks for pamphlet on the "New Departure". Mentions that 'it seems to me that you and I are in the rather unusual position of agreeing wholly on ends, in great part on tactics, but not at all on strategy'.
- typ. 1p
- 1417 20 Nov 1959 James Dillon, Dail Eireann, Dublin. Thanks for pamphlet 'which I shall read with interest'. Mentions that 'I very much doubt whether any ascendancy once established will ever surrender its power.....'.
- typ. 1p
- 1418 16 Mar 1960 Copy letter from Blythe to Brendan Corish, Belvedere Road, Wexford. Thinks that as Leader of the Labour Party Corish will have 'to give personal attention to the problem of the Border and of National re-union'. Gives his views concerning the possible role of an independent Labour Party in Northern Ireland. Comments on present attitudes of the Irish Labour Party and the Ulster Labour Party. Encloses pamphlet.
- carbon 2pp
- 1419 30 Mar 1960 Brendan Corish, Dail Eireann, Dublin. Thanks for 'pamphlet in connection with "The Six County Question"'. Answers points raised by Blythe relating to the Labour Party and Northern Ireland.
- typ. 1p

1420 21 Mar 1963

William George Grierson, 19 Ashmount Grove, off Holywood Road, Belfast. 4. Thanks for letter and 'booklet entitled "Appeal to Leaders of Nationalist opinion".

Mentions that he agrees 'with many of the statements in the booklet'. Remarks that 'I am sure you will appreciate that my writings are completely different for the simple reason that I am drawing attention to the evils of unemployment, discrimination, religious and otherwise in Northern Ireland'. Refers to his 'welfare work in East Belfast'.

typ.

1p

- (vi) Other replies from political leaders to letters from Blythe concerning Partition. (1962-1963)

1421 7 Dec 1962

Sean Lemass, [the Taoiseach], Department of the Taoiseach, Dublin. Thanks for letter of 28 November 'dealing with the Northern Problem' which he has 'read with much interest'. Comments on certain aspects of the problem of Partition. Indicates his own belief in cooperation with the North 'wherever cooperation can be beneficial, without seeking to impose any pre-condition of acceptance of any historical theory,.....' Refers to recent tariff arrangements with producers from Northern Ireland. Mentions the problem of the 'second-class status' of Northern Nationalists.

typ.

2pp

1422 11 Nov 1963

James Dillon, Dail Eireann, Dublin. Thanks for letter. Comments on matters raised in Blythe's letter namely the expediency of conceding 'de jure recognition of the Stormont Government' and the possible 'liquidation of existing organisations'. Mentions that he thinks 'it unlikely that any established ascendancy such as exists in the Six Counties will voluntarily surrender that ascendancy'.

typ.

1p

5 Names and Addresses (c. 1950s)

1423 no date
c. 1950s

Note from Albert le Broquy
Gives the address of Denis P. Barritt
at Hill Cottage, Ballycairn, Lisburn,
Co. Down.
Mentions 'I am glad you are sending him
a copy'. [perhaps, of A New Departure
in Northern Policy. see no. 1406.].
Also gives the address of Sir Graham
Larmor at Ardnabannon, Annesborough,
Co. Down and 17 Linfield Rd. Belfast.
ms 1p

1424 no date
c. 1950s

Lists of names and addresses of persons
in all parts of Ireland and also abroad.
Includes members of the clergy, persons
prominent in political and diplomatic
life and other persons concerned in
the shaping of Irish history.

[May be lists of people to whom Blythe
intended sending copies of his
memoranda and publications relating
to the Partition of Ireland.]

Usually 3-5 names per page.

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| (a) | ms | 8pp |
| (b) | ms | 3pp |
| (c) | These pages may consist of
different lists. | |
| | ms | 6pp |
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M. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE
PUBLICATION OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS,
WRITTEN BY BLYTHE, OR CONTAINING
WRITINGS BY HIM 1939-1970

1 Arrangements with Publishers

(i) Macmillan & Co., Ltd. (1939)

1425 27 Oct 1939

? , Macmillan & Co., Ltd.
 St. Martin's Street, London, W.C.2.
 Encloses cheque for £5-5s-0d, 'In
 accordance with the agreement made
 through Mr Lennox Robinson'.
 'in return for the use of your
 contributions to The Irish Theatre',
 to be published early in 1940.

typ.

1p

(ii) Sairseal agus Dill Teoranta (1955-1970)

1426 Feb 1955

Copy of agreement between Earnan de
 Blaghd [Ernest Blythe] and Sairseal
 agus Dill Teoranta [a publishing firm
 specialising in Irish language books],
 for the publication of Briseadh na
Teorann by Blythe. [see no. 2367]
 Sets out the conditions agreed upon by
 author and publisher.
 Signed by Sean O hEigeartaigh for
 Sairseal agus Dill and contains their
 stamp on yellow sealing wax [imperfect].
 stencilled form completed in
 typescript Ir. 2pp

1427 18 Apr 1955

Sean O hEigeartaigh, 11 Br. Gleannabhna,
 Rath Garbh. [Rathgar, Dublin].
 Informs Blythe that he has received a
 grant from 'Bord na Leabhar Gaeilge'
 [the Irish Book Board] for Briseadh na
Teorann.
 Mentions the number of copies sold and
 the amount of money owed to Blythe.
 Encloses a cheque.
 Gives the address of Denis Ireland at
 17 Wellington Park Terrace, Belfast.
 typ. Ir. 1p

- 1428 17 Jun 1957 Sean O hEigeartaigh, Sairseal agus Dill, 44 Br. na hArdphairce, Ath Cliath.
Concerns the type of page headings to be used in the book. [Trasna na Bóinne].
ms Ir. 2pp
- 1429 2 Aug 1958 (a) Eibhlin Ni Mhaoileoin, Secretary, Sairseal agus Dill, 44 Br. na hArdphairce, Ath Cliath.
Encloses a copy of a letter sent by Sean O hEigeartaigh to the editor of the Sunday Independent.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 1 Aug 1958 (b) Copy letter from Sean S. O hEigeartaigh to Hector Legge, Editor, Sunday Independent Dublin.
Refers to their conversation that day. Encloses a copy of Trasna na Bóinne. Mentions that he would like to submit to Blythe any proposed condensation.
carbon 1p
- 1430 28 May 1966 Sean O hEigeartaigh, Sairseal agus Dill, 37 Br. na hArdphairce, Ath Cliath.
Mentions that now that there has been a satisfactory outcome to Sairseal agus Dill's request for a State grant, he wishes to thank Blythe for all the help he has given them.
Remarks that they now only want manuscripts and hopes that they will be given the second volume of Blythe's autobiography.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 1431 5 Jul 1966 (a) Eibhlin Ni Mhaoileoin, Sairseal agus Dill, 37 Br. na hArdphairce, Ath Cliath 6.
Encloses a summary of Blythe's account up to 31 March 1966.
Includes a typed and handwritten postscript giving details of Blythe's account.
sten. & typ. & ms. Ir. 1p
- (b) Statement of royalties earned by Briseadh na Teorann and Trasna na Bóinne up to 31 March 1966.
Includes lists of the number of copies of each book sold every year from the date of publication.
sten. & typ. Ir. 5pp

- 1432 20 Apr 1970 Brigid , Sairseal agus Dill,
37 Br. na hArdphairce, Ath Cliath 6.
Mentions that if Blythe is yielding
unconditionally she supposes that she
will have to deal honourably with him.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 1433 23 Apr 1970 Brigid.
Concerns corrections and changes to be
made in one of the volumes of Blythe's
autobiography, [probably Slán le hUltaibh].
Mentions the difficulties that would be
involved in setting up new type.
ms on folded picture card Ir. 2pp
- 1434 15 Jun 1970 Brigid.
Encloses the proofs of Slán le hUltaibh.
Mentions that they have now collected
the pictures.
ms on a card Ir. 2pp
- 1435 22 Sept 1970 (a) Eibhlin Ní Mhaóileoin, Sairseal
agus Dill, 37 Br. na hArdphairce,
Ath Cliath 6.
Sends the first copies of the book
[Slán le hUltaibh].
Inquires whether certain photographs
belonging to Blythe should be returned
to him or kept for the next book.
Encloses a list of these photographs.
typ. Ir. 1p
(b) List of 6 photographs, 4 of which
appeared in Slán le hUlataibh.
typ. Ir. 1p

(iii) Basil Glancy, Publisher. (1958-1961)

- 1436 9 Jun 1958 Basil Glancy, Publisher and Managing
Editor of Hibernia, 'Ireland's News
and Review of the Catholic World'.
Thanks for letter of 6 June.
Mentions that he has already asked
Donal Barrington to prepare a new
article on Partition for the July issue
of Hibernia and has suggested that he
might comment on Blythe's 'document'.
Asks if he can reprint 'some portion
of it'.
Refers to the re-print of Desmond
Fennell's articles which appeared in
The Irish Times.
Offers to help to bring about the
publication of 'your most interesting
'Appeal'.
typ. Ir. 1p
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- 1437 11 Jun 1961 (a) Basil Clancy, Cooleeven, Foxrock, Dublin.
Mentions that he has received the last payment 'for the amounts due for the pamphlet' [A New Departure in Northern Policy].
Encloses list of numbers of copies sold and a 'cheque in settlement'.
ms 1p
- (b) List of 14 booksellers with the number of 'copies supplied' to each, the 'copies returned' and the 'net sales'.
Includes figures of total amounts.
typ & ms 1p
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2 Duais an Chraoibhin (1958)

- 1438 29 Jun 1958 T. O Raifeartaigh, 35 Ascal Nothaile, Droichead na Dothra, Baile Atha Cliath.

Informs Blythe that Trasna na Bóinne has won Duais an Chraoibhin the Chraoibhin's prize for 1957.
It is worth £40 and will be presented at the official opening of the Oireachtas.
Asks Blythe if he is willing to accept the prize.
ms Ir. 2pp
- 1439 3 Jul 1958 T. O Raifeartaigh.
Acknowledges receipt of Blythe's letter.
Mentions that he is pleased that Blythe has been awarded the prize.
Refers to the Committee's opinion on the book.
ms Ir. 2pp
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N. CRITICISM OF BLYTHE'S WRITINGS AND
BROADCASTS 1935-1969

1 'Rachel Ryan' (1935)

- 1440 13 Dec 1935 Lennox Robinson, Abbey Theatre, Dublin.
Mentions that 'There is so much to praise in this play', 'Rachel Ryan' written by Blythe. [See nos. 2138-2140]
Points out certain weaknesses and suggests rewriting parts of the play.
typ. 1p
- 1441 16 Dec 1935 R [Richard] Hayes, 1 Gilford Road, Sandymount, Dublin.
Points out that he knows little of 'dramatic values' but offers some general comments on the play.
Suggests 'drastic revision' of the second and third acts.
ms 4pp
- 1442 no date
[c. Dec 1935] Frank O'Connor.
Suggests rewriting the play.
Comments on it.
Asks questions about certain parts of it.
Gives some advice.
Ends with the sentence 'But I still want you to do the political play'.
ms. 1p
- 1443 28 Dec 1935 [Lord] Longford, 123 Leinster Road, Dublin, S.W.6.
Mentions that he was 'very much interested by your play' but remarks that 'I do not presume to criticize it at all'.
Comments on the difficulty of turning from 'what is practically farce'... 'into seriousness'.
Stresses the need of casting a really suitable actress in the role of the heroine.
ms 2pp
- 1444 no date
[c. Dec 1935] David Sears, 74 Leinster Road, Rathmines.
Mentions that 'I am sorry that what I have to say about Rachel Ryan is not more favourable'.
Gives a detailed criticism of the play.
ms: pencil 11pp

2 Fraoch is Fothannain (1938)

1445 8 Jun 1938

Risteard O hAodha, Richard Hayes, 1 Gilford Road, Sandymount, Dublin. 'Congratulations on your little book of songs - and many thanks for your inscribed copy'. Comments favourably on the format of the book which was published by An Gum.

ms

2pp

3 Autobiography

(i) Skeleton draft (1954)

1446 28 Apr 1954

Donnchadh O Laoghaire. Comments on a skeleton draft of Blythe's autobiography. Advises that if it were filled out it would provide material for three consecutive volumes. Notes that while Blythe was involved in the historic events of the recent past he is detached from present political commitment. Mentions the importance of having such a work published in the Irish language.

ms

Ir. 2pp

(ii) Trasna na Boinne (1957-1959)

1447 6 Oct 1957

Sinead [de Valera], Ascal na Croise, [Cross Avenue], Carraig Dubh, [Blackrock] Ath Cliath. [Dublin.] Apologises for the delay in writing. Thanks for the book. Refers to references to herself contained in it. Sympathises with Blythe on the death of his wife.

ms

Ir. 2pp

1448 31 Oct 1957

Barra O Brian, Ard Mor, Killiney, Co. Dublin.
Mentions that he has just read with great enjoyment Trasna na Bóinne. Remarks that he especially liked the part relating to Blythe's youth and hopes that the story will be continued.

ms.

Ir. 1p

1449 14 Jun 1958-
21 Jan 1969

Mabel [Doggart], 29 Godfrey Avenue, Ballyholme, Bangor, [Co. Down]. Letters congratulating Blythe on his autobiography and various radio and television appearances. Mentions some items of family news.
The first letter mentions that a 'Miss Sloan' who 'is a constant reader of Gaelic' and who had read "Across the Boyne", [Trasna na Bóinne] 'enquired from me if I would happen to be the "Mabel" you had referred to in that book'. Miss Sloan translated the relevant parts for Mabel Doggart who was pleased with 'the tributes regarding my dear family'.

Includes 3 newspaper cuttings relating to Blythe.

Letters vary in length from 1 to 5 pages
Includes 2 envelopes.

ms.

11 letters.

1450 26 Feb 1959

Sean F. Allan, 8 Rosier Mansions, Sandycove Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin. Concerns references in Trasna na Bóinne to his grandfather, the late Fred J. Allan. Mentions that he is 'suprised...you should have given such a slanted version of the Queen Victoria affair in which my grandfather was involved'. States what he believes to be the truth of the matter and refers to his grandfather's connection with the I.R.B. Encloses (b).

typ.

3pp

4 Mar 1912

(b) Copy of letter from F.J. Allan, Dublin to John Devoy, New York. Relates to I.R.B. matters and to Allan's resignation from the organisation. From Devoy's Post Bag [vol II, p401, ed. William O'Brien and Desmond Ryan, (Dublin, 1953)]

4 Newspaper Articles (1954-1969)

- 1451 4 Aug 1954 Sean Breanach, 426 de Kock St., Pretoria. [South Africa]. Mentions that he is very interested in Blythe's articles "Cur is Cuiteamh" [punishment and reward] in Inniu. Suggests that they should be published in book form. Asks Blythe to send on the enclosed subscription to Inniu.
ms Ir. 1p
- 1452 13 Nov 1958 Caoimhghin O Muirneachain, Lis na Mallard, An Oghmaigh. Thanks 'for the fine article which you wrote in the Sunday Independent following the death of my father George Murnaghan'. Refers to his father's memories of Blythe 'and the other famous people that he met in the early twenties'. Comments on his attitudes towards life in general.
ms Ir. & Eng. 3pp
- 1453 19 Nov 1957 Thomas Murphy, 22 Burr St., Dunstable, Beds., England. Mentions that he has read in the Leitrim Observer Blythe's criticism of the Land Commission. Refers to his own unsatisfactory dealings with the Land Commission and hopes that Blythe might be able to help him get a farm.
ms 3pp
- 1454 4 Oct 1965 Sean MacEoin, Al?..... Stillorgan Rd., [Dublin] Written from the Great Southern Hotel, Galway. Congratulations 'on your masterly review and analysis of Frank Gallagher's Book The Anglo-Irish Treaty in the days Irish Times'. [See no. 2553] Mentions the effect of the 1921 Truce which allowed the British to get information about the identity of various I.R.A. officers.
ms 2pp
and envelope
- 1455 4 Oct 1965 J.J. McElligott, Oak Lodge, Southill Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Congratulations on 'your splendid article in to-day's Irish Times.....' 'It puts Treaty history in its proper historical perspective'.
ms 1p

1456 16 Jul 1966

J.J. McElligott, Oak Lodge, Southill Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Congratulations on 'your brilliant review of, and critical comment on, Neeson's work on the Civil War'. Comments on Blythe's review and on the political situation of the time.

ms

2pp

1457 21 Jan 1969

D. Neligan, 15 St Helen's Road, Booterstown, Co. Dublin. Thanks 'for the fine critique in last Saturday's I.T.' [Irish Times]. Mentions that the work 'is of course, a personal account of my poor efforts'. Refers to [Michael] Collins.

ms

1p

 5 Broadcasts (1962-1969)

1962-1969

Mabel Doggart
See no. 1449

1458 30 Oct 1966

F.S. O Heidhir, Hotel Lenehan, 24-25 Harcourt Street, Dublin. Compliments Blythe on the attitude he took on a recent television programme towards the current dispute between the National Farmers Association and the Minister for Agriculture, C.J. Haughey. Comments further on this matter.

ms

3pp

1459 15 Dec 1968

Eamon T. Dore, 9 Cuair Bothar Thuaidh, Luimneach. Congratulates Blythe on his Thomas Davis Lecture. Mentions 'a few points on the Dundalk meeting' at which Sean T. [O'Kelly] was made secretary of the Gaelic League with the help of [Sean] MacDiarmada and [Thomas] Clarke.

ms

2pp

O. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THEATTENDANCE BY BLYTHE, USUALLY TO GIVE
A TALK, AT MEETINGS OF VARIOUS GROUPS,
CLUBS AND SOCIETIES 1956-1971

1460 11 Dec 1956

(a) Joe Cooper, 34 Ashmount Park, Hollywood Road, Belfast. Encloses a newspaper cutting. [see (b)] Mentions that 'The week-end was a great success and your contribution was outstanding'. Comments further on this.

ms-

2pp

(b) "Theatre talk given at week-end school". A report of Blythe's talk on the 'Irish Theatre' at a week-end school organized by the Worker's Education Trade Union Committee and held in the Royal Hotel, Whitehead. Mentions the subjects dealt with by other speakers.

From the Belfast Telegraph, 10-12-56.
pr. 1 newspaper cutting

1461 28 Oct -
c. Dec 1957

(a) Correspondence relating to a paper on 'The Significance of the Irish Language to the future of the Nation', to be read by Blythe to the Dublin Branch of the Graduates Association of the National University of Ireland. The names of speakers to the paper are mentioned

3 typed letters from E.J. Conway M.D. F.R.S., Chairman of the Association.

1 carbon copy of a letter from Blythe and a draft abstract of the paper.

5 items

(b) (i) 'The Significance of the Irish Language to the future of the Nation'.

page 1 missing
carbon

51pp

(b) (ii) Abstract of above paper. Differs from the abstract in (a).

carbon

2pp

P 24		Correspondence
1462	24 Jan 1958	Lorna Reynolds, Editor, <u>University Review</u> . 21 Herbert Avenue, Merrion, Dublin. Mentions that because of its length it will be necessary to make some cuts in Blythe's paper on the Irish language. Asks if he approves of the indicated omissions. ms 2pp
1463	13 May 1958	Copy letter from Blythe to Dr Reynolds, [Editor, <u>University Review</u> .] Points out a printer's error in his paper on the Irish language which appears in the current issue of the <u>University Review</u> . [see no. 2370.] carbon 1p
1464	14 Nov 1957	Michael O Cioroig, Muinteoir Sinsearach, School of Commerce and Retail Distribution, 18 Parnell Square, Dublin. Thanks for the lecture given on the previous Monday. typ. Ir. 1p
1465	2 Apr 1958	Hilde Ni Chainin, Secretary, An Realt, Craobh Cholmcille, f/c [c/o] Ostan Mhuire, Sraid Ard, An Tulach Mhor. Thanks for the interesting lecture of a few nights previously. ms Ir. 1p
1466	16 Apr 1958	Marie Lewis, Acting Principal, Irish Countrywomen's Association, An Grianan, Termonfechin, Co. Louth. Asks if Blythe 'could come and talk to our members some time during the year about the Theatre or Well-loved Irish Personalities or whatever subject you prefer'. typ. 1p
1467	9 Sept 1958	Donal O Scanail, Irish National Teachers Organisation. Ceantar 6 [District 6] Inis Cionnaith, Corcaigh. [Cork]. Thanks for the help given to them during the course held by them at University College Dublin in July. typ. Ir. 1p

- 1468 18 Feb 1959 Donal Barington, Tuairim.
26, Ionæ Crescent Glasnevin, [Dublin].
Hopes to meet Blythe at 'our P.R.
research group on Monday next'.
Encloses a confidential memorandum from
the research group to the Government
on 'the relative merits of the
transferable and the non-transferable
votes in single-member constituencies'.
Mentions that he would like to have
Blythe's opinion on it.
ms. 2pp
- 1469 14 May 1959 Frank Winder, Chairman, P.R. Research
Group, Tuairim.
37 Park Drive, Rathmines, [Dublin].
Thanks for the help given and encloses
a copy of their pamphlet on Proportional
Representation as an electoral system.
Regrets that Blythe's name was
accidentally left out of the list of
people thanked for their assistance.
typ. 1p
- 1470 9 Apr 1959 Tomas Mac Parothlain, (a priest),
Secretary, Féis na nGleann,
Colaiste Mac Nissi, Garron Tower,
Co. Aondroma, [Co. Antrim].
(1) Invites Blythe to give the opening
speech of the Féis on 5 July.
typ. Ir. 1p
(2) Is glad Blythe can accept their
invitation.
Suggests hotel arrangements.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 1471 23 Jul 1959 Pádraic O Cleireachais, Coast Road,
Cushendall, Ballymena. [Co. Antrim].
Thanks for the subscription.
Encloses a cutting from the Belfast
Telegraph giving a brief report of
what Blythe said.
ms. Ir. 1p
- 1472 30 Sept 1959 (a) Sir Graham Larmor, 47 Linfield
Road, Belfast.
Regrets that he was unable to be present
at 'last night's Irish Association
Meeting which you addressed'.
Refers to press reports of the meeting.
Explains the reason for his absence.
typ. 1p
(b) Circular letter on 'Pomeroy,
Armagh, Omagh'. [See no. 1773.]
was clipped to (a).
2 copies.
sten. each 2pp

- 1473 30 Sept 1959 (a) Copy of letter from Michael MacConaill, Commandant (F.C.A.), Professor, Department of Anatomy, University College, Cork; to James Scott, Secretary, Irish Association, (Six Counties Subdivision), Belfast.
[Appears to have been sent by MacConaill to Blythe. It is marked on top in typescript 'With Compliments - for information'].
Complains that Blythe, in his recent address to the Irish Association, contravened the rules 'by introducing a matter which was both (directly) Political and religious'.
carbon 2pp
- 1 Oct 1959 (b) Copy letter from Blythe to Mr Scott.
Refers to Professor MacConaill's letter. Explains why he spoke as he did at the Irish Association Meeting.
Encloses a subscription for the Liberal Election fund.
carbon 1p
- 1474 1 Oct 1959 F.C. Haddick, 84 Orby Drive, Belfast 5. Congratulations on 'your wonderful address' [to the Irish Association].
Comments on certain aspects of it.
ms 5pp
- 1475 2 Oct 1959 Florence M. Whitlaw, 111 Deramore Avenue, Ormeau Road, Belfast.
Encloses a cheque 'to cover your expenses in travelling to Belfast'.
Mentions that 'Your address was excellent, and we were all very pleased you spared time to open the first meeting of the Irish Association'.
ms 1p
- 1476 31 Oct 1959 Brother Felim, St Michael's, Sligo.
Thanks for booklet.
Mentions that they 'are going ahead with our "Brains Trust" function preparations and shall let you have all details in good time'.
ms 1p
- 1477 no date Brother Anthony, Marist Brothers, St Michael's, Sligo.
Invites Blythe to their centenary celebrations on 8 July.
Expresses their appreciation for Blythe's 'kindness in coming to Sligo to participate in a Brains Trust organised by our Past Pupils' Union....!'
ms 1p

- 1478 9-18 Nov 1959 Correspondence between Brian Mac Aongusa, Reachtaire, [Auditor] An Cumann Gaelach, An Colaiste Ollscoile, Ath Cliath. [University College, Dublin] and Blythe
Relates to an invitation to Blythe to chair a debate on the motion:
'Gur ceart dearmad a dheanamh de stair na hEireann' [That Irish History should be forgotten].
Blythe accepted the invitation.
2 letters from Mac Aongusa, ms Ir.
1 copy letter from Blythe, carbon Ir.
Ir. 3 letters
- 1479 10 Nov -
20 Dec 1959 Correspondence between Sean O Mullain, Secretary, Ciorcal Leitheoiri Phortlairge, [Waterford Readers Circle], Cill Aodha, Dun Mor Thuir, Co. Phortlairge. [Co. Waterford] and Blythe.
Relates to an invitation to Blythe to talk to the Society on some subject connected with Irish history during the period 1916-1926.
Blythe accepts the invitation and suggests that he speaks on hunger strikes.
2 letters from O Mullain, ms
1 copy letter from Blythe, carbon
Ir. 3 letters
- 1480 5 Jan -
24 Feb 1960 Correspondence between Blythe and Michael McKeown, 16 Abbeydale Parade, Belfast.
Relates to a 'new National Unity movement' to which McKeown belongs. Includes comments on the aims and attitudes of the movement.
No. 4 dated 24/ 2/ 60, refers to a talk given by Blythe on the subject of Partition to members of the group.
2 copy letters from Blythe, carbon
2 letters from McKeown, ms
4 letters
- 1481 28 Jan 1960 James Scott, Department of Anatomy, The Queen's University of Belfast. Mentions that 'Some members of the Irish Association in Belfast have been asking me for copies of your recent pamphlet on Partition'. [A New Departure in Northern Policy, see no. 2371.] Asks for a dozen copies.
ms 1p

- 1482 1 Feb 1960 Mary O'Malley, Threshold,
11 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast.
Sends 'a first draft of the brochure'.
Mentions that 'The solicitors are still
working on the Trust Deed'.
Announces that they intend 'to
inaugurate the new project' at a
function at the Crawfordsburn Inn on
Shrove Tuesday.
Invites Blythe 'to attend as our guest
and as a main speaker'.
typ. 1p
- 1483 12-27 Apr
1960 D. O Scanail, Carraig, Bothar Wilton,
Corcaigh, Cork.
Director of a Summer Course organised
by the Irish National Teachers'
Organisation and due to take place in
Gaoth Dobhair in the Donegal Gaeltacht
in July 1960.
(1) Invites Blythe to be a speaker at
a symposium entitled 'An Scoil-
Dramaiocht' [School Drama].
Names the other persons they hope to
have as speakers.
typ. Ir. 1p
(2) Thanks Blythe for being willing to
take part in the symposium.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 1484 22 Jan 1961 Donal F. Cregan, C.M., St Patrick's
Training College, Drumcondra, Dublin.
Invites Blythe to supper on Thursday
night before his talk to the students.
ms. 1p
- 1485 1 Feb 1961 Risteard Langford, Secretary, An Cumann
Eigse agus Seanchais, Colaiste na
hIolscoile, Gaillimh. [University
College, Galway].
Thanks Blythe for the letter informing
them that he was ill and so could not
come to the meeting the previous
Monday.
ms Ir. 1p
- 1486 23 Oct -
1 Dec 1961 Correspondence between
Stanley Foster, Hon, Secretary, Irish
P.E.N. Belfast Centre, 14 Ashley
Gardens, Belfast 15.
and Blythe.
Concerns Blythe's acceptance of an
invitation to address the December
meeting.
Gives details of arrangements.
3 letters from Foster, 2 typ. & 1 ms
1 copy letter from Blythe, carbon
4 letters

- 1487 1 Oct 1962 -
26 Jun 1968
- Correspondence between Officers of The New Ireland Society of The Queen's University, Belfast; and Blythe.
Relates to the activities and aims of the Society.
Mentions arrangements for talks given by Blythe at various meetings.
Often names other speakers.
Includes a request to Blythe to become a patron. This is accepted.
Other patrons are named.
9 letters from Officers of the Society, ms & typ.
3 copy letters from Blythe, carbon
12 letters
- 1488 18 Nov 1962
- James Scott, 3 Holyrood, Malone Rd., Belfast 9.
Congratulations on "speech at Queens last Monday and your review of the Baritt Carter book in today's Sunday Press".
Comments on the book and on the general situation in Northern Ireland.
Mentions a meeting of "National Unity" at which the book was discussed.
Refers to recent speeches of Brian Mc Grogan and Cahir Healy.
ms 5pp
- 1489 24 Oct 1962
- Carmel Kelly, Tuairim, Dublin Branch; 26 Wainsfort Grove, Terenure. [Dublin].
Hopes to see Blythe at the meeting on 2 November and hopes that he will join in the discussion that will follow the paper. [see no. 1519.]
ms 1p
- 1490 21 Mar 1963
- Seosamh O Broin, Honorary Secretary, Conrad na Gaedilge, Craobh Inse Caoir, Baile Atha Cliath. [Dublin].
2 Bailtene, Tir Conaill, Inse Chaor, Ath Cliath 8. [Dublin 8].
Reminds Blythe of the programme 'Ceist Agam Oraibh' [a question for you] to be held on 28/ 3/ 63.
Gives the address of the venue and the names of some other persons due to attend.
ms Ir. 1p
- 1491 16 Apr 1963
- Marie T. Lee, National Unity.
Thanks for the 'very generous subscription'.
ms 1p

- 1492 no date
c. 1963-64
- Jane Hogan, Correspondence Secretary,
Literary and Historical Society,
University College, Dublin.
Confirmation of an invitation to take
the Chair at a meeting of the Society
the following Saturday.
The motion, to be proposed by Dr Brian
Maginess of Belfast, is, 'That this
house would recognise Northern Ireland'.
Invites Blythe to dinner beforehand.
ms. 1p
- 1493 17 Feb 1965
- The Lord Killanin, 30 Lansdowne Road,
Dublin 4.
Thanks for letter.
Refers to 'the Council of which you are
a member'.
Mentions that 'Your personal views
would be much appreciated, but to read
of them first at a students debate in
Belfast is a little surprising'.
typ. 1p
- 1494 25 May 1965
- J. B?. Fitzpatrick, National Unity;
Garavoyne, Ballymacest? Rd., Lisburn.
[Co. Antrim].
Apologises for the 'mistake in issuing
you copy of the New Nation'.
Thanks for 'very generous subscription'.
ms 1p
- 1495 11 Dec 1965
- Nollaig O Gadhra, An Chuallacht Ghaelach,
An Colaiste Ollscoile, Corcaigh.
[University College, Cork]
Thanks for speaking to the Society at
the symposium on 'Eiciumaineachas In
Eireann'.
Asks Blythe to write an article on
'Obair Liam T. Mac Coscair don Ghaeilge'
[The work of William T. Cosgrave for
the Irish language], for ROSC, the
bilingual journal of Conradh na Gaeilge.
[The Gaelic League].
Suggests that the greater part of the
article should be in English.
typ. with ms postscript Ir. 1p
- 1496
- Martin Hanratty, Secretary, United
Societies of Castleblayney;
Melrose, Tullyharnett, Castleblayney,
Co. Monaghan.
- 20 Oct -
11 Dec 1965
- (a) Letters relating to Blythe's
appearance in Castleblayney as the
principal speaker at a North-South
meeting held under the auspices of the
United Societies of Castleblayney in
December 1965.
Contains references to matters relating
to politics in Northern Ireland.
ms & typ. 4 letters
- (b) Part of a letter concerning a
proposed meeting on North-South relations.
ms 1:87 2pp

- 1497 23 Jan 1966 John J. Collins, Auditor, The Law Students' Debating Society of Ireland, King's Inns, Henrietta Street, Dublin 1. Invites Blythe to the inaugural meeting. Mentions that in his inaugural address he will be quoting from remarks made by Blythe 'a few weeks ago at Castleblayney about the Border'.
ms 1p
- 1498 16 Mar 1966 J.J. Murphy jun., 8 Poleberry Terrace, Waterford. Writes on behalf of a group of young men in Waterford who are 'organising a Symposium entitled "1916 in Retrospect" to be held in the Municipal Theatre on Sunday 17th April 1966'. Invites Blythe to be one of the speakers and names the other people that they are inviting to speak.
Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Accepted 21/ 3/ 66'.
typ. 1p
- 1499 15 May 1966 Gearoid? ? , Conradh na Gaeilge, Comhaltas Uladh; [Gaelic League, Ulster section];
10 Riverdale Park North, Beal Feirste, 11. [Belfast 11].
Thanks Blythe for accepting the invitation to come to 'An Dail Mhor'. Promises to send the programme and timetable soon.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 1500 29 Jun 1966 P. Mac Giolla Earnain, Killyman Road, Dun Geanainn.
Thanks Blythe for the talk he gave at 'Dail Uladh'.
Encloses a cheque to cover expenses.
ms Ir. 1p
- 1501 31 Oct 1966 M. Gordon, Secretary, Cork Branch of Tuairim;
Victoria Ville, Victoria Road, Cork.
Thanks 'for joining our panel on Friday, 21st. October, and for providing a stimulating and thought-provoking discussion'.
typ. 1p

- 1502 23 Oct 1967 Archie? MacHugh?, Balmoral House, Balmoral, Belfast BT 10 OGX. Thanks for the letter. Mentions that he returns 'your draft letter with the name of the President, Jack Corken, who actually did the presentation to you that night. All they want really is a letter from you, written on the Abbey notepaper, which will be framed and hung up in the Club'. Refers to his recent visit to Dublin. Remarks that Sean Lemass spoke that day at a meeting of the New Ireland Society at Queen's University.
ms 2pp
- 1503 15 Feb 1968 (1) Teresa Barry, Secretary, Political Discussion Group, University College, Cork. Regrets that Blythe cannot come to address the Society on 1 March. Mentions that the 15th has been taken up by the Historical Society whose Auditor 'has informed me that his group would be very honoured, if you would agree to address them'.
ms 1p
- 16 Feb 1968 (2) Copy letter from Blythe to Miss T. Barry, Political Discussion Group, University College, Cork. Mentions that he is willing to address the Historical Society if he receives an invitation. Suggests 'The Inevitability of Partition' as a suitable topic.
carbon 1p
- 1504 21 Sept - 10 Oct 1968 Richard L. Clarke, Correspondence Secretary, Dublin University History Society, Number Four, Trinity College, Dublin 2. Letters inviting Blythe to speak to the Society at the opening meeting of the Academic Year on the subject of 'Ireland 1916 - 1922'. Gives details of arrangements.
typ. 2 letters
- 1505 14 Oct 1968 Paul Callan, Longfield, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan. Thanks for 'attending and speaking at Debate in Carrickmacross on Saturday night'. Mentions that 'Your presence was greatly appreciated by the Labour Party'. Considers that 'you made the most impressive case for the abolition of P. R. [Proportional Representation] which I have heard'.
typ. 1p

- 1506 8 Oct -
? Oct 1968
- Correspondence between Padraig O hUrmoltaigh, Chairman, Cumann Dhonchadh Ui Mhaille, Fianna Fail, Col. Iolscoile Chorcai. [University College Cork].
and Blythe.
Relates to an invitation to Blythe to address the opening meeting on 23 October on the subject of Partition. Includes suggestions as to the length and language of the paper and the ensuing discussion.
1 letter from O hUrmoltaigh, ms 5pp
2 copy letters from Blythe, carbon
Ir. 3 letters
- 1507 12 Oct 1968
- Seann? and Mary O'Malley, The Lyric Players Theatre Belfast, 23 Grosvenor Road, Belfast BT12 4GN.
Mentions that 'We are delighted you are joining us on Saturday night'.
Offers to arrange accomodation and transport.
ms. 1p
- 1508 15 Oct 1968
- (1) William McCartney, President, University Philosophical Society, Trinity College, Dublin 2.
Invites Blythe to be a guest speaker to his inaugural address on 'The Party System in Ireland' at a meeting on 24 October.
typ. 1p
- 17 Oct 1968
- (2) Draft letter of acceptance by Blythe.
ms 1p
- 1509 19 Dec 1968
- Seamus O Cruadhlaoidh, Secretary, Students' Representative Council, University College Cork.
Encloses two copies of Aire as promised. Mentions that they had to make two halves of Blythe's article.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 1510 18 Mar 1971
- Coemhghain Etchingham, Clolucht an Talboidigh Teor., 89 Sraid Talboid, [89 Talbot Street], Baile Atha Cliath.1.
Thanks from the Company for all that Blythe did for them the previous Friday. Regrets that he was unable to be in time to pay the Taxi and asks Blythe to accept the enclosed book instead.
ms Ir. 1p

P. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO INFORMATION
AND REMINISCENCES CONCERNING RECENT
EVENTS OF IRISH HISTORY IN WHICH
BLYTHE WAS INVOLVED 1935-c.1974

1 1935

1511 31 Dec 1935

W. G. Lyon, The Talbot Press Ltd.,
 89 Talbot Street Dublin C.10.
 Enquires if Blythe would be willing
 'to give us a report on a manuscript we
 have received and concerning which we
 have some doubts about publishing',
 namely "Life of Tom Clarke" by Monsieur
 Louis N. Le Roux.
 Gives a rough outline of the contents
 of the manuscript.
 Mentions that 'An Seabhac' suggested
 that Blythe was 'the best qualified
 man in Dublin' to give them a report.
 typ. [See no. 1986] 1p

2 1958-c.1974

1512 18 Jul 1958

Seamus G. O'Kelly, 1 Harmonstown Park,
 Artane, Dublin.
 Refers to his secretary's telephone
 conversation with Blythe that morning.
 Enquires about the Northern
 Constituencies represented by Michael
 Collins and Arthur Griffith before the
 Treaty.
 Asks by what majority was the Treaty
 ratified by Dail Eireann.
 Answers to these questions are noted in
 Blythe's hand.
 typ. fragile 1p

1513 12 Jun 1959

Rex Taylor, 7 Ashdale Park, South
 Douglas Road, Cork.
 Makes a number of enquiries concerning
 the shooting of Sir Henry Wilson [1922].
 He is especially interested to learn of
 Michael Collins immediate reactions
 when he heard of the assassination.
 typ. 2pp

- 1514 15 Jun 1959 Copy letter from Blythe to Rex Taylor, 7 Ashdale Park, South Douglas Road, Cork. Answers to the enquiries made in no. 1513. Mentions that Blythe was present when Griffith and Collins were informed of the shooting of Sir Henry Wilson.
carbon 3pp
- 1515 25 Apr 1960 Michael J. Lennon, 11 Healthfield Road, Dublin. Addressed only to 'A cara'. [friend]. Enquires 'What was the appalling atrocity advocated by Blythe and opposed by Collins mentioned in Colm's life of Griffith?'. Includes note in Blythe's hand suggesting that his name has been confused with that of Cathal Brugha. 'In that the reference would be to Brugha's lunatic scheme for machine-gunning members of the House of Commons and also picture-house audiences'.
typ. & ms 1p
- 1516 24 Jan 1961 Denis P. Barritt, Hill Cottage, Ballycairn, Lisburn. [Co. Antrim]. Mentions that "In our Irish Association Survey Report, we thought that under a chapter on "Politics" we would include the supposed "Sinn Fein" oath'. Refers to Catholic objections to publishing this 'scurrilous document', that might be answered if they could also publish 'the actual I.R.A. oath'. Asks if Blythe could get them a copy of this oath.
typ. 1p
- 1517 11 Aug 1961 Gearoid O Maolmhichil, 12 Gairdini an Racardair, Tir an Iuir. [Terenure, Dublin]. Thanks for the letter giving Blythe's opinions concerning the relationship between Partition and the decline of the Irish language.
ms Ir. 1p
- 1518 5 Oct 1962 Albert H. McElroy, Minister First or Old Presbyterian Congregation, Newtownards. Brook House, Newtownards. [Co. Down]. Mentions that he has been invited to address the Dublin branch of Tuairim on the subject of 'Orange and Green - a Liberal view' on 2 November. He would like to meet Blythe the day before 'for a chat. It has long been my ambition to make your acquaintance'. Refers to a recent article by Blythe in Hibernia. Comments on the political situation in Northern Ireland.
ms 192 2pp

- 1519 10 Oct 1962 Albert H. McElroy, Minister, First or Old Presbyterian Congregation, Newtownards. Brook House, Newtownards. [Co. Down]. Thanks for invitation to 'join you at lunch at Wynn's Hotel on Friday the 2nd Nov.'. Mentions that he is sure Blythe would be welcome to attend the Tuairim meeting and suggests he writes to Miss Carmel Kelly, secretary of the Dublin branch. [see no. 1489.]
ms. 1p
- 1520 22 Apr 1963 Desmond Williams, Department of History, University College, Dublin 2. Thanks for 'informative letter of April 23'. Comments on 'the discussion between Cosgrave, O'Higgins and Mulcahy in June 1923'. Refers to a conversation between Archbishop Byrne and Mr Cosgrave. Refers to his own 'broadcast talk'. Invites Blythe to lunch to have a further discussion on such matters.
typ. 2pp
- 1521 10 Sept 1963 J.B. McCartney, Faculty of Law, The Queen's University of Belfast. Thanks for letter of 4 September containing information concerning the Boundary Commission.
typ. 1p
- 1522 21 Mar 1964 Mother M. Damhnait, Convent of St. Louis, Rathmines, Dublin. Thanks for the information concerning the railway and other matters. It will be of use to the Debating Society. Mentions other sources of information.
ms. Ir. 1p
- 1523 3 Aug 1965 R.F. Ayling, 22 Royal York Crescent, Bristol 8. Thanks for letter. Agrees with Blythe's suggestions about Sean O'Casey's reactions to Catholicism. Mentions that he has been acquainted with O'Casey in recent years. Enquires if Blythe has ever written any thing about O'Casey apart from what is in Trasna na Boinne.
ms. 2pp

1424 11 Mar 1966

(a) Copy letter from Blythe to Garrett [FitzGerald]. Mentions that he has 'read with very great interest the chapters of Autobiography by your father which you sent me'. Comments on a number of matters mentioned in it and probably gives some additional information. On a few points Blythe's memory differs from that of Desmond FitzGerald.

Includes notes and extracts from The Kerryman (1914) that support Blythe's statements concerning the date of the formation of the Dingle Volunteer unit.

[The letter ends abruptly and may be incomplete.]

carbon (letter) 13pp
" ms notes (extracts and notes from The Kerryman (1914)) 3pp

(b) draft of (a). Contains handwritten notes and corrections most of which are incorporated in (a).

Pages 2 & 10 and the extracts and notes from The Kerryman are carbon. The top copies of these pages form part of 2 duplicate copies of this draft which are not annotated.

typ. & carbon (letter) 10pp
carbon (from The Kerryman) 2pp

(c) Notes and extracts relating to the National Volunteers taken from The Kerryman (1914).

ms not Blythe's hand 4pp

(d) Notes headed 'Desmond'. Contains information relating to: The formation of the Dingle Volunteers, Figures relating to certain industries, Figures relating to State Debt 1923-24, Lists, with dates, of the places in which Blythe [Mise] and Desmond [FitzGerald] were from 1913 to 1916.

[Some of these pages may be unrelated.]

ms 5pp

1425 25 Mar 1966

Garrett [FitzGerald], 75 Eglinton Rd. Dublin.

Thanks for 'the work you have been good enough to do in connection with Daddy's autobiography'.

Mentions that 'Your notes are of enormous value and I shall take full account of them in editing the manuscript for publication'.

Refers to a division of opinion in the family as to the historical interest of the pre-April 1916 section.

typ. 1p

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- 1526 25 Mar 1966 Ronald Ayling, 22 Royal York Crescent, Clifton, Bristol 8.
Refers to letters exchanged on the subject of Sean O'Casey the previous year.
Mentions that he will be in Dublin the following week and hopes that it will be possible to meet Blythe.
Refers to Gabriel Fallon and adversely criticises his book on Sean O'Casey.
Notes that 'Mrs O'Casey and myself are well disposed to the Abbey; we do not regard Fallon's book as anything other than a personal view'.
ms 2pp
- 1527 11 Mar 1970 Copy or draft letter from Blythe to Thos. K. Dwyer, Box 13791 N.T. Station, Denton, Texas 76203. U.S.A.
Apologises for the delay, due to 'an indisposition', in replying to letter of 16 February.
Replies to queries relating to Irish History during the period 1920-21.
Mainly concerns attitudes of certain political leaders during the Treaty negotiations and debates.
typ. 3pp
- 1528 4 May 1970 Copy letter from Blythe to T. Ryle Dwyer.
Regrets delay, due to illness, in answering the letter.
Refers to attitudes of political leaders in 1922 towards the proposed Boundary Commission.
Mentions that 'When the Boundary Commission collapsed most of us felt that the broad prospect of National reunion had not been seriously injured'.
carbon 2pp
- 1529 8 Dec 1970 Frank Longford, The Earl of Longford, Chairman, Sidgwick & Jackson Ltd., Publishers, 1 Tavistock Chambers, Bloomsbury Way, WC1A 2ST.
Thanks 'for your deeply interesting review of our book on de Valera'.
Mentions that in April 1971 they are publishing 'a new life of Michael Collins by Margery Forester'.....
'I understand that you were kind enough to help her while she was writing the book'...
Asks if Blythe 'would do us the great favour of reading the proofs for a small fee'.
Addressed to Blythe c/o Irish Times.
typ. 1p

- 1530 1 Jan 1971 William Armstrong, Director, Sidwick & Jackson Ltd., Publishers, 1 Tavistock Chambers, Bloomsbury Way, London, WC1A 2ST.
Informs Blythe that at Lord Longford's request he is sending a proof copy of the book on Michael Collins.
Reminds Blythe that 'any alterations which you think should be made must be very close in the number of words to the superseded paragraphs'.
typ. 1p
- 1531 11 Jan 1971 Copy letter from Blythe to Lord Longford.
Comments on various points in Margery Forester's Michael Collins.
Offers some definite corrections.
Mentions that 'it is a pity that in Chapter 1 we are not given some information about the economic position of the Collins family in Michael's early years'.
Refers to the extracts from the letters sent by Collins to his fiancée, Kitty Kiernan.
Mentions that 'There are too many references through the book to men weeping'.
Describes de Valera's demeanour when the Dail voted to accept the Treaty.
carbon 7pp
- 1532 26 Mar 1971 Frank Longford, The Earl of Longford, Chairman, Sidwick & Jackson Ltd., Publishers, 1 Tavistock Chambers, Bloomsbury Way, London WC1A 2ST.
Encloses copy of Margery Forester's life of Michael Collins.
Thanks 'for helpful comments' and for 'allowing us to quote you on the jacket'.
Mentions that publication date is 26 April and that he will send Blythe an invitation to the Press Conference in Dublin on 24 April.
Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Answered 5/4/71'.
typ. & ms 1p
- 1533 20 Jun 1971 Diarmuid O Murchadha, Bun an Tabhairne, Co. Chorcaí. [Co. Cork]
Mentions that he is collecting information with the intention of writing a biography of Liam de Roiste, a T.D. for Cork City 1919-23.
Enquires if Blythe has any knowledge or opinions about him.
Notes a reference to him in Slán le hUltaibh, on page 121.
ms. Ir. 2pp

- 1534 24 Jun 1971 (a) Copy letter from Blythe to [Diarmuid O Murchadha, see no. 1533] A reply to no. 1533. Gives some information about Liam de Roiste.
A note in Blythe's hand on page 1 mentions that this is a copy of the corrected letter that was posted.
carbon & ms Ir. 3pp
- (b) Draft of (a).
ms Ir. 10pp
- 1535 14 Apr 1971 John Kelly, Joint editor with Eric Domville of The Collected Letters of W.B. Yeats, Oxford University Press. Keynes College, University of Kent, Canterbury, Kent.
Enquires if Blythe has any letters from W.B. Yeats or if he knows of any letters written by him.
typ. 1p
- 1536 19 Apr 1971 Draft letter from Blythe to Mr Kelly
Regrets he has no letters from W.B. Yeats.*
Mentions that when Yeats and Lady Gregory made their application to the Government for a state grant, they came to see him in the Department of Finance. Refers to later meetings with Yeats 'after I joined the Abbey Theatre Board'.
typ. 1p
- 1537 no date [c. 1974] Draft letter from Blythe to 'A Chara'.
Regrets that his memory of past events is no longer reliable.
Mentions that 'I think it would not be worth your while coming to Dublin to interview me' but is willing to talk to the enquirer.
Refers to the idea of making sugar from beet.
typ. ms cor. 1p
- 1538 no date Draft letter from Blythe to Mr Morrow.
Concerns 'the typescript of your account of your interviews with me'.... which 'contains a gross travesty of the views I expressed to you in our two conversations'.
Suggests that it be completely scrapped and that the interviewer comes to see him again 'and that we spend an hour or two together putting the whole thing straight'.
ms. 2pp

* [But see nos 470, 1554 and 197 N.L.I. MSS 20714, 20715]

Q. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1914-1971

1 1914-1919

1539 Dec 1914

Christmas Card from
Mabel E. A. Thompson.
Contains printed 'Wishes from the
Emerald Isle'.
[Apparently intended to be sent to
men fighting in World War I.]

4pp

and envelope addressed to Blythe
at 'Magheragall, Lisburn' [Co Antrim].

1540 Jan 1919

Card containing Greetings for the New
Year 1919 from
Mr & Mrs H Cahill, 53 Casimir Rd.,
Kimmage. [Dublin].

2pp

and envelope addressed to Blythe
'Irish Volunteers, Belfast Prison,
Belfast.'

2 1927-1929

1541 28 Nov 1927

(a) Letter signed
Liam T. Mac Cosgair, [William T.
Cosgrave, President of the Executive
Council], Roinn an Uachtaráin,
Department of the President], Sraid
Muirbtean Uach., Dublin.
Thanks for subscription to 'West Coast
Disaster National (Relief) Fund'.

sten.

1p

(b) Receipt for £10 from 'West Coast
Disaster National (Relief) Fund'.

ms on pr. form

1p

1542 22 Oct 1928

Sean [O'Casey], 19 Woronzow Road, St
Johns Wood, N.W.8.
Sends a copy of The Silver Tassie
Refers to the reaction to it of Dublin
literary critics.
Explains why he did not send it sooner.

ms

1p

and envelope

- 1543 5 Nov 1928 Sean [O'Casey], 19 Woronzow Road, St Johns Wood, N.W.8.
Thanks for letter and was 'really glad to read you thought so well of 'The Silver Tassie'.
Comments on 'the Art and Literary deities of Dublin'.
Comments on an article by A.E. entitled 'Illustrators of the Sixties' 'in this week's L. Statesman'.
Refers to the refusal of the Abbey Theatre to stage 'The Silver Tassie'.
ms 2pp
- 1544 (7 Nov 1928) Sheet of paper containing a copy of an extract from a letter from Sean O'Casey to Gabriel Fallon, 7 November 1928. Refers to a letter he received from Blythe 'saying he couldn't understand the rejection of 'The Tassie' by the Abbey.'
typ. 1p
- 1545 no date Sean [O'Casey].
Thanks for letter.
Mentions that he is 'busy watching rehearsals'.
Remarks that 'the play is to be published shortly by Macmillan'.
'I expect to see you on the first night'.
Includes an ink sketch of O'Casey watching the players perform in his play.
ms. 1p
- 1546 14 Dec 1928 Picture postcard from W. Phelan in Tokyo.
Greetings for New Year.
Expects to be in Dublin in the Summer.
ms 1 card
- 1547 15 Jan 1929 D. Mac Aodhain, St Patrick's College, Maynooth. [Co. Kildare].
Thanks for letter and good wishes.
Refers to the many friends he made in Belfast Jail and whom he will always remember.
ms Ir. 2pp

3 1931-1939

- 1548 12 Jun 1931 Josephine McNeill, Vice Regal Lodge, Dublin.
States that her 'old time teacher of Irish has asked me to "testify" in so far as I can - to you in his regard, as he intends to be a candidate for the chair of Irish in the National University'.
Indicates that she informed him that her 'personal choice would be Dr Paddy Browne' and explains why.
However she praises Cormac O'Cadhlá as a teacher with a 'splendid grasp of Irish.'
Mentions that she received that morning 'printed proofs of my translations of Indian folk stories from Colm O'Loughlin'. Comments further on this matter.
ms 4pp
- 1549 8 Jun 1932 John Lewis, The Manse, 49 Home Farm Rd., Dublin.
Thanks for the 'beautiful gift'.
Mentions that 'It was a pleasure for me to give you lessons in Welsh'.
ms 2pp
- 1550 9 July 1932 R [ichard] Hayes, 11 Gilford Road, Sandymount, Dublin.
Thanks for letter.
Mentions that he is glad that Blythe likes the book which 'is selling very well'.
Enquires whether Blythe has heard anything of the Irish translation which 'is actually in the press'.
ms 2pp
- 1551 25 Aug 1932 Telegram signed Brennan.
Addressed to Blythe at Mongans Hotel, Carna. [Connemara, Co Galway].
'May and large son doing well'.
Includes note on back possibly in Blythe Blythe's hand 'Election to Senate'.
1 telegram.

1552 8 Feb 1933

George Thomson, [Seoirse Mac Tomais]
Loiste na Coirbe, Gaillimh. [Galway].
Claims that the defeat of Cumann na
nGaedheal in the General Election is
'a setback to the language, [Irish]
because Fianna Fail have no
constructive policy'.
Mentions the Gaeltacht and claims that
it 'will not be safe until it is running
its own cultural affairs'.
Comments on the position of the Irish
language and of the Irish lecturers in
University College Galway.
Suggests that 'there is going to be a
tustle between us and the Dept. of
Education'.
Refers to the difficulty of getting
suitable text books and teachers.
Mentions that 'Maurice's book* is going
very well'. Comments further on this.

ms

4pp

1553 12 Feb 1933

(a) Seoirse Mac Tomais, [George Thomson]
Loiste na Coirbe, Gaillimh. [Galway]
Thanks for the subscription for
O'Sullivan's book*. Due to a changed
arrangement with the Talbot Press the
money collected by subscription is not
needed and cheques are being returned.
Mentions that he is glad that Blythe
is satisfied with the dedication**.
Refers to all the work that Blythe has
done for the Irish language.

ms

Ir. 1p

(b) Cheque for £2 signed by Blythe
and made out to Seoirse Mac Tomais.

pr. & ms

Ir. 1 cheque

*Fiche Blian ag Fas [Twenty Years a
Growing]
by Muiris O Suilleabhain [Maurice
O'Sullivan]
(Dublin, 1933)

** Dedicated to Ernest Blythe.

'Do Earnan de Blaghad i gcomharta
baodhachais i dtaobh a bhfuil deanta
aige ar son na Gaedhilge'
[To Ernest Blythe as a sign of thanks
for all that he has done for the
Irish language.]

1554 no date

(a)(1) W.B. Yeats, Riversdale,
Willbrook, Rathfarnham, Dublin.
Sends certain 'songs'.
Comments briefly on them.

Was in the same envelope as (a)(2)

ms

1p

30 Nov [1933]

(a)(2) W.B. Yeats, as above .
Sends typed copy of third song.

ms

1p

and envelope, postmarked
30 Nov 1933

(b) Three versions of a Marching
Song.

These songs had become separated from
the letters.*

(1) 'Soldiers take pride in saluting
their Captain' [first line]
3 verses of 6 lines each and 4 line
chorus.

carbon ms cor.

1p

(2) 'Second Version'
'Grandfather said in the great
Rebellion' [first line]
3 verses of 6 lines each and 4 line
chorus.

typ. ms cor.

2pp

(3) 'Third Version'
'Justify all those renowned generations'
[first line]
3 verses of 6 lines each and 4 line
chorus.

carbon ms cor.

1p

* Mrs Dudley Edwards recognised that
these songs belonged with the
letters and identified them as
variants of 'Three Songs to the
Same Tune' published in The Spectator
23 February 1934.

- 1555 27 Apr 1934 (a) Seoirse Mac Tomais, [George Thomson
Loiste na Coirbe, Gallimh. [Galway.]
Encloses a note which he thinks may be
of interest to Blythe.
ms Ir. 1p
- (b) Paper discussing 'the urgent need
for educational reform'.
Mentions 'the low standard of education'
Comments on the unequal opportunities
for people to obtain second and third
level education.
Suggests as a remedy 'the State School
.....based on the principle that it is
the duty of the State to provide the
best possible education for every child
without distinction of wealth'.
Comments further on this matter.
typ. ms marks 4pp
- 1556 30 Apr 1935 Sean [Lester], Residence of the High
Commissioner, Danzig.
Hopes that Blythe 'will be here before
I go to the September Council meeting'.
Comments on the political situation in
Danzig and Central Europe.
Mentions that he plans a holiday in
Ireland in July.
Refers to some Irish visitors to Danzig.
Makes suggestions relating to possible
transport that Blythe might use to
travel to Danzig.
typ. & ms 2pp
- 1557 12 Aug 1933 D.J. O'Sullivan, Hon. Secretary,
Empire Parliamentary Association
(Saorstát Éireann Branch)
Seanad Éireann, Leinster House, Dublin.
Circular letter acknowledging receipt of
'contribution to the expense of'
'Luncheon to Overseas Visitors,
Shelbourne Hotel, 7th August, 1935'.
Includes on back drafts in Blythe's
hand of some Irish writing.
sten. 1p
- 1558 18 Feb 1936 Sean Lester, Residence of the High
Commissioner, Danzig.
Introduces Dr and Mrs Hans Koester who
have been in Danzig for some years and
'are now attached to the German Legation
in Dublin'.
Refers to a visit made by Blythe to
Danzig.
typ. 1p

- 1559 26 Feb 1936 Proinnsias Mac Diarmada, Taibhearc na Gaillimhe, An tSraid Meadhonach, i nGaillimh. [Galway.] Thanks Blythe for all that he has done for the Taibhdheairce Theatre. Gives a general account of his own work. Mentions that he will be in Dublin the following Monday and would like to meet Blythe.
ms Ir. 2p
- 1560 11 Mar 1936 G [earoid] Ua Cuineagain, 34 Bothar Ceann Coradh, Cluain Tairbh. [Clontarf Dublin.] Asks Blythe's opinion about the enclosed manuscript [missing]. Mentions that he hopes to get it published in the Independent or in the Irish News. Remarks that it is good propoganda for the Irish language.
ms Ir. 1p
- 1561 30 Jun 1936 L.O R., 32 Bothar Ghort na Mara Cluain Tairbh. [Clontarf, Dublin.] Asks for a loan of the book Peig. [by Peig Sayers] Mentions in a postscript that he is studying Welsh.
ms (pencil) Ir. 1p
- 1562 6 Aug 1936 Sean [Lester], League of Nations High Commissioner, Danzig. Mentions that he hopes to get home before the September meeting. Comments on the political situation in Central Europe and on the uncertainty of how things will develope. Remarks that 'Time is not on the side of the League [of Nations] so far as D. [Danzig] is concerned.'
ms 2pp
- 1563 23 Nov 1936 (a) Mairtin ua Flaithbheartaigh, Colaisde na hOllscoile, Gaillimh. Refers to a recent meeting with Blythe and says that he feels it best to state his case on paper. Gives an account of his university education and the scholarships he held. Explains that he is looking for a scholarship to continue his studies in Welsh.
ms Ir 4p
- (b) Copy of letter from the above to the Department of Education. Asks that his scholarship for Native Irish Speakers be renewed so that he can continue his studies in Welsh.
ms Ir. 2pp
- (c) Copy of Curriculum vitae of Mairtin ua Flaithbheartaigh.
ms 204 Ir. 2pp

- 1564 19 Jan 1937 James O'Daly, Parochial House, Clogher, Co. Tyrone.
Sends New Years Greetings.
Mentions that he has been busy 'building new schools and doing a good deal of reconstruction. Times are very good in the North'.
Comments on the economic situation.
Refers to Blythe's articles in the newspapers on the Irish language' and mentions 'isolated efforts to restore it in the North'.
Mentions that 'A young man named John Campbell asked me to recommend him to you for a job in the Clondalkin paper mills'.
ms 2pp
- 1565 22 Feb 1937 "An Daireas", An Staisiun Foirbaia, Baile Atha Cliath. [Dublin]
Thanks Blythe for listening to him and writing to him.
Mentions that it is a great encouragement to know that Blythe shares his opinions about the revival of the Irish language.
ms Ir. 2pp
- 1566 Dec 1937 Christmas Card showing the 'League of Nations. Assembly Hall and Court of Honour'.
Mr and Mrs Sean Lester, 9 rue de Contamines, Geneva. [Switzerland].
pr. 2pp
- 1567 no date [c. 1938] An Craoibhin, [Dr Douglas Hyde], Ratra House, Frenchpark, (Dungar), Co. Roscommon.
Thanks.
Mentions that if he is in Dublin on 9 May he will go to the Theatre.
ms Ir. 1p
- 1568 5 May 1938 An Craoibhin, [Dr Douglas Hyde], Gresham Hotel, Dublin.
Mentions that he had hoped to be at the Abbey [Theatre] to see 'Casadh an tSugain' but he has to go back to Roscommon the following day.
ms Ir. 2pp

- 1569 17 Oct 1938 Muiris O Suilleabhain, Caislean,
Ceathramh Ruadh, Co. na Gaillimhe.
[Carraroe, Co. Galway].
Refers to his book Fiche Bliadhain ag Fas [Twenty years a growing] which was dedicated to Blythe. [see nos. 1552, 1553]
Asks Blythe to edit and to write a preface to a little book he has written entitled 'An Sean Iascaire'. [The Old Fisherman].
ms Ir. 2pp
- 1570 21 Feb 1939 An Craoibhin, [Dr Douglas Hyde],
President of Ireland, Dublin.
Mentions that he knows that no one has done more work for Ireland than Blythe and he will not forget him when the time comes but he has not thought of anyone yet.
ms Ir. 2pp
- 1571 12 Jun 1939 P. O Conaire, Teach Laighean.
[Leinster House, Dublin.]
Sends three copies of the statement. Mentions that he will send copies to the three other people who will be with [Blythe] on the deputation. Refers to "Maire" and the Cumann na Scrighneoirí.
Enquires if [Blythe] saw the note in in that day's Independent.
Mentions that he spoke to Seamus in the Custom House on Saturday. Remarks that in his present position the Service has not the full benefit of Seamus's abilities as an Irish writer. Mentions that he has written to ask Torna, D. O Corcora and Father P. de Brun to come to the meeting on the 22 of the month.
ms Ir. 2pp
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4 c. 1941-1949

- 1572 no date
c. 1941-42 Sean Betjeman, [John Betjeman, Press Attache], Office of the United Kingdom Representative to Eire, 50 Upper Mount Street, Dublin. Introduces Miss Margaret Buttye of the L.C.C. Dramatic ?.
- ms. Ir. 1p
and envelope
- 1573 27 Jul 1942 Denis McCarthy, Carlingford, Co. Louth. Encloses a document referring 'to some of your trials in the fight for Irish Freedom'.
- ms 1p
- 1574 13 Jan 1943 N. Ni MH. [Nuala Ni Mhorain of The Leader newspaper. see nos. 1234-1243.] Asks Blythe to 'do note on Eire'. Mentions that the Central Bank will come into the news shortly when 'we will use your article'.
[This note was slipped into a volume of Eire 'bliainiris ghaedheal' [an Irish annual], 1943. [see no. 2460]]
- ms Ir. 1p
- 1575 19 Jun 1943 (a) Liam O B. [riain], U.C. Gaillimh. [University College Galway]. Encloses the 'stuff' about which he has been recently talking to Blythe. Mentions that the matter was discussed in Galway and that points on which there was agreement were laid before the meeting in Dublin which was attended by representatives of the Colleges and Dev. [Eamon de Valera, Chancellor of the National University of Ireland and Taoiseach].
Comments on opinions expressed at that meeting and elsewhere concerning the promotion of the Irish language in the various colleges of the National University. [see also no. 998]
- ms. and envelope Ir. 6pp
- (b) 'Supplemental Agenda for Academic Council meeting 12th May'.
University College Galway.
Memorandum from Professor L. O'Briain. Suggests that Irish lectures cover part of all courses and English the rest, instead of the existing system of providing full courses in both languages.
sten. 'confidential', in ms 1p
- (c) 'University College Galway Recommendations re steps to be taken to further teaching of Irish in the College'
Lists proposals from five Professors relating both to their own departments and to general matters.
sten. 'confidential', in ms 2pp

1576 8 Apr 1944

?, Broadcasting Station,
General Post Office, Dublin.
Encloses the poems to which he had
referred on the phone.
Gives the author's address as
101 Seapoint Avenue, Monkstown, Co.
Dublin.

ms Ir. 1p

1577 22 Dec 1945

? [initial only], on notepaper headed
S.E. Thompson & Co., Estate Agents,
Auctioneers, Property Brokers, Valuers.
67 Donegall Street, Belfast.
Asks Blythe's help in finding out the
regulations governing the exportation
from Dublin to Belfast of a Queen Anne
Desk bought in Dublin.

ms 2pp

1578 14 Mar 1947

Edward J. Kissane, President, St
Patrick's College, Maynooth.
Invitation to a 'dramatic entertainment
on St Patrick's night'.
Apologises for the short notice and
explains that there had been some
confusion about who was responsible for
issuing the invitations.

ms 1p

1579 31 Mar 1948

John A. Costello, [The Taoiseach],
Department of the Taoiseach, Dublin.
Thanks for letter congratulating him on
his appointment as Taoiseach.
'As you know I neither sought for nor
wished for the Position.....Now that I
have been appointed I will do everything
within me to make it a success'.

typ. 1p

1580 25 Jun 1949

Telegram from:
O Callaghans, Rathmullen.
Addressed to:
Earnan Blythe, 50 Kenilworth Sq. Dublin.
[This may well be Blythe's son.]
Offers 'Heartiest Congratulations on
Brilliant success'.

1 telegram

5 1951-1957

- 1581 15 Feb 1951 Tom Kenny, Portroe, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.
Refers to meeting Blythe in Eason's [bookshop], O'Connell street, Dublin a few weeks previously.
Sends a photograph of Jim McInerney's group in Belfast in 1918.
Also sends a photograph 'taken in the Laundry'.
Names some of the men in each photograph.
ms. 1p
- 1582 20 Feb 1953 (a) M. McDunphy, Director, Bureau of Military History 1913-21, 26 Westland Row, Dublin.
Encloses a copy of a 'document which came into the possession of the Bureau since my letter of 13th January, 1953' and which 'may be of interest to you in connection with the subject of that letter'.
typ. 1p
- 19 Feb 1953 (b) Brief note from the Bureau of Military History, 1913-21; headed: 'Memorandum by Arthur Griffith on Dail Eireann'.
Gives a brief description of papers loaned to the Bureau by Michael Noyk, a solicitor, on 10 February 1953. The had been loaned to him by Seamus O'Sullivan (Dr Starkey).
Mentions that the papers were stencilled copies not originals and that Mr Noyk had granted permission to the Bureau to show them 'to any person who may be interested'.
sten. 1p
- 31 Jan 1919 (c) Copy of letter from S.T. O Ceallaigh, [O'Kelly], 6 Sraid Fhearchair, Ath Cliath. [Dublin.]
Encloses a copy of a letter recently received from Arthur Griffith.
Comments briefly on it.
sten. 1p
- 23 Jan 1919 (d) Copy of Letter from Arthur Griffith, Gloucester Prison.
Encloses "suggestions for consideration by the Dail".
Offers advice on various matters including the Peace Conference.
sten. 1p
- (e) Copy of memorandum by Arthur Griffith concerning the aims and activities of Dail Eireann.
Refers to Local Government especially the County Councils, the Poor Law and housing in Dublin; Fisheries; Arbitration Courts; Ulster; the Peace Conference; a general strike as a weapon; Land Annunities; Taxation.
sten. 209 12pp

- 1583 15 Apr 1955 Lennox Robinson ,
Informs Blythe that 'Dolly isn't
going to Paris'.
ms. 1 post card
- 1584 23 Sept 1955 (a) Graham Larmor, Sir, 47 Linfield
Road, Belfast.
Refers to a death notice in the
'Northern papers' relating to a
' Magheragal member of a family
bearing your name'.
Offers his sympathy if it is a relative.
Mentions that his father's people came
from that part of the country.
ms 2pp
and envelope
- (b) Newspaper cutting containing the
death notice of Thomas Blythe, Ballymave,
Magheragall, Lisburn. [Co. Antrim].
- 1585 no date
[c. Sept 1955] Draft letter from Blythe to
Sir Graham [Larmor].
Mentions that 'the Thomas Blythe who
died on 20th inst. was only related to
me very distantly if at all'
Comments on the information given by
Larmor concerning his own relatives.
ms. 4pp
- 1586 17 Oct 1955 Dermott MacManus, 47 Northumberland
Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin.
Mentions that the previous autumn, at
Blythe's suggestion, he wrote to
McCann to get 'translations into Irish
of some modern songs....which some of
our girls in Gara who work in factories
are most anxious to get so as to sing
them at work'
Remarks that despite repeated letters he
has got no reply and asks Blythe's
help in the matter.
ms. 2pp
- 1587 21 Jan 1956 Seumas O Clerigh, 24 Poll a' Bhiolair
Portlairge. [Waterford].
Praises 'Ulysses and Penelope', the
Irish pantomine [at the Abbey Theatre].
Encloses a review of it which he has
written for the local paper An Realt.
ms Ir. 2pp
- 1588 29 Feb 1956 Caoimhghin O h-Annain, Site No 24,
Kildonan Avenue, Finglas West. [Dublin].
[on paper headed 'Newsweek']
Mentions that he is employed by
Newsweek to get new readers for the
journal.
Asks Blythe to become a subscriber.
ms. Ir. 1p

1589 June 1957

(a) Circular letter from Ruairaidh MacThomais and Fionnlagh MacDhomhnaill, Gairm Publications, 227 Blith Street, Glasgow, C.2.

Asks for continued support for Gairm and that subscriptions for 1957/58 be sent immediately

sten. 1p

(b) Subscription and order form for Gairm.

sten. 1p

1590 17 Sept 1957

Ella Foy, 10 Alan Rd., Withington, Manchester.

To Mr & Mrs Blythe.

Sends a photograph. 'Since this snap has turned out so well I thought you may like to have one'.

Hopes 'you all enjoyed your week in Rothsey'.

ms 1p

1591 6 Oct 1957

Maire Bean Mhic Aodhagain, Cluandara, Bothar an Chlochain, Baile an Teampaill. Mentions that she was reading 'this song' lately and thinks it is from County Antrim.

She would like to have some information concerning the placenames mentioned in it and thinks that some of them are mentioned in Blythe's account of his youth. [Trasna na Bóinne].

On the back of the letter there is a song entitled:

'Ceol Bhaile an Doire agus a chronan'.

6 verses of 4 lines each.

ms. Ir. 2pp

6 Messages of Condolence and other items
relating to the death of Mrs Blythe
(25 September 1957 - 3 January 1958)

(i) Telegrams.

[In alphabetical order for each date]

11592	25 Sept 1957	41 telegrams
11593	26 Sept 1957	96 telegrams
11594	27 Sept 1957	13 telegrams
11595	28 Sept	3 telegrams

(ii) Letters

[In alphabetical order for each date.
Letters from organisations and groups
are in alphabetical order after the
letters from individuals.]

[Some letters are addressed to both
Blythe and his son Earnan.
Some contain indications as to whether
they were answered and by whom.]

ms. & typ. Eng. & Ir.

1596	25 Sept 1957	15 letters
11597	26 Sept 1957	44 letters
11598	27 Sept 1957	18 letters
11599	28 Sept 1957	Includes a letter from Blythe's sister Jo. 13 letters
1600	29 Sept 1957	9 letters
1601	30 Sept 1957	14 letters
1602	Oct 1957	chronological order 45 letters
1603	Nov 1957	chronological order 6 letters

1604	Jan 1958		1 letter
1605	no date	alphabetical order	14 letters
1606		Not addressed to Blythe	
	30 Sept 1957	(1) Addressed to Miss McHugh from Muriel J. G.	
	4 Oct 1957	(2) Addressed to Louise from Mabel [FitzGerald].	

(iii) Visiting Cards

1607	no date		7 cards
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(iv) Attendance at Funeral

1608	no date	List of signatures of those who attended the funeral of Mrs Blythe	
		ms mainly pencil	15pp
			10 leaves

7 1958-1959

- 1609 5 Jul 1958 Telegram of congratulations from Sean and Brigid O'Habertaigh [should it be O hEigeartaigh ?]
Ir.
- 1610 23 Jan 1959 (a) Sean O hEigeartaigh, 37 Br. na hArdphairce, Rath Garbh. [Rathgar Dublin].
Mentions that Maire Breathnach asked him to give the enclosed ode which she had written to Blythe.
The ode is dedicated to Blythe.
Mentions her opinion of the Irish pantomime.
typ. Ir. 1p
- (b) Ode to Blythe.
Refers to his writings and to the Irish pantomines.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 1611 17 Apr 1959 Copy letter from Blythe to Dr. F.A. Hermens, 1721, Stocker Place, South Bend 28, Indiana, U.S.A.
Acknowledges receipt of 'your book The Representative Republic.'
Hopes 'to get a belated review of it published somewhere here'.
Mentions that he has sent Hermens a few copies of portions of the Dail and Senate Debates [on Proportional Representation] and also a copy of Studies 'the Jesuit quarterly', containing an article by Garret FitzGerald summarising the Dail debates and offering 'some views and suggestions of his own'.
Comments on FitzGerald's views and on the Proportional Representation Electoral System in general.
Comments on the chances of it being abolished in the forthcoming referendum.
carbon 7pp
- 1612 11 May 1959 Eibhlin Ni Dhonnchadha, (Bean Uí Dhubhgaill), Aonghus, Corran Beaumont, Baile an Teampaill, Corcaigh. [Cork].
Sends copies of the letters that Blythe wrote to her aunt when he was in prison.
Refers to the [Volunteer] uniform that she hid and which was possibly the only one in Ventry at the time.
Refers to photographs of the Volunteers that she saw when she was in Ventry recently.
Hopes the second part of Trasna na Bóinne will appear soon for they very much liked the first part.
typ. Ir. 1p

- 1613 13 May 1959 Copy letter from Blythe to Eibhlin Bean Uí Dhubhghaill, Aonghus, Corran Beaumont, Baile an Teampaill, Corcaigh. [Cork].
Thanks for copies of the letters which have reminded him of some things he had forgotten concerning the marriage of Diarmada Uí Loinsigh and also the the Protestant Chaplin in Dundalk [prison].
carbon Ir. 1p
- 1614 26 Jun 1959 Kevin O Sheil, 21 Ailesbury Drive, Ballsbridge. [Dublin].
Refers to the 'tete-a-tete last night'. Hopes to meet Blythe again soon but not the following week because he will be away 'in a Circuit of Land Courts in the West'. [The paper is headed Land Commission, Dublin. But this is crossed out].
Mentions that he has written 'over 1000 pages of my recollections for the Military Hist.[ory] Bureau people in which I have given my own particular views on the Partition Problem in some detail'.
Offers to lend what he has written to to Blythe if the latter is interested.
ms 2pp
- 1615 30 Jul 1959 Sean Ciaran O Dulai C.I. [S.J.], Pairc Bhaile Mhuilinn, Rath Maonais, Rathmines], Ath Cliath. [Dublin].
Congratulates Blythe on Trasna na Boinne. Regrets that Blythe is not a member of the true Church and tries to convert him to Catholicism.
ms Ir. 1p
and envelope addressed to Earnan P. de Blaghd, B.L. [which should be Blythe's son but the references to Trasna na Bóinne would indicate it was meant for Blythe senior].
- 1616 29 Oct. 1959? Picture postcard of New York from Denis P. Barritt.
Mentions that he is 'having a very interesting time here with a Quaker team as a Non-Governmental organisation' at the United Nations Headquarters.
Refers to Mr Aiken and to Conor O'Brien. Refers to a meeting with Paul O'Dwyer to whom he gave 'your pamphlet'.
Mentions an I.R.A. picket on the U.N. Building.
ms 1 post card

8 1960-1969

- 1617 18 Feb 1960 Graham Larmor, Sir, Business address:
47 Linfield Road, Belfast.
Home address: Ardnabannon, Annsborough,
Co. Down.
Thanks for the invitation to the
Exhibition of Irish Books over which
Blythe was due to preside.
Regrets that another engagement in
Castlewellan prevents him being present.
ms. 1p
- 1618 7 May 1960 Telegram of Congratulations from
Sean O hEigeartaigh.
Ir.
- 1619 7 Jul 1960 Basil Chubb, University of Dublin,
Bursar's Office, Trinity College,
Dublin.
Confirms arrangement to meet for lunch
the following Saturday.
ms. 1p
- 1620 10 Jul 1960 Cilian [O Brolchain], Department of
Physics, University College, Galway.
Comments on the recent election of the
President of University College Galway.
Mentions that the College is in need of
more money and that something must be
done about it.
ms. Ir. 2pp
- 1621 27 Nov 1960 Diarmuid O hAlmhain, Honorary Secretary,
Scoil Lorcaín, Baile Manach, [Monkstown]
Co. Atha Cliath. [Co. Dublin]
Tigh Mhichil Deilginis, Co. Atha Cliath.
[Co. Dublin].
Mentions that the Committee of Scoil
Lorcaín asked him to send the enclosed
Petition Book.
Asks Blythe to read the 'Forward' and
the recently added appendix.
Refers with gratitude to Blythe's
subscription to the school nine years
previously before it had even opened.
Includes note in Blythe's hand
'mise [myself] £10-0-0
Earnan £2-0-0
29/11/60'.
typ. Ir. 1p

P 24		Correspondence
1622	21 Feb 1961	Christine Longford, 123 Leinster Road, Dublin. Thanks for the letter of sympathy on the the death of her husband. [The Earl of Longford] ms. 1p
1623	27 Mar 1961	Rita, 8 Fassaugh Ave., Cabra W. [est] Dublin. Apologises for the delay in answering Blythe's letter. Mentions that she has been rehearsing for 'Man Alive' in the Olympia Theatre. Remarks that she is 'more cheerful than when I last wrote.' Thanks Blythe for his 'sympathetic letter' and understands that he is 'unable to do anything' but asks that she be 'kept in mind when any extra large casts turn up again'. ms 2pp
1624	5 May 1961	Seamus [Byrne, in Blythe's hand]. 74.A. Frankfort Avenue, Rathgar, Dublin. Invites Blythe to 'come and see Fitzgerald's production of Headstone, on Monday, next, at the Olympia'. Apologises for the short notice and mentions 'casting problems'. typ. 1p
1625	3 Oct 1961	(a) R.C. Geary, The Economic Research Institute, 73 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin. 2. Welcomes Blythe as a Governor of the Institute. typ. 1p
	3 Oct 1961	(b) M. Dempsey, Secretary, The Economic Research Institute, [as above]. Thanks for 'subscription as a Governor of this Institute for the two years ending 30 June, 1963'. typ. 1p
1626	11 Nov 1961	P. Mac an Bheatha, 110 Áscal Vernon. [Dublin]. Mentions that if Blythe is willing to nominate Liam Uí Luanaigh as a candidate in the election for President [possibly of Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge], D. O Laoire must be informed immediately. Names the other nominators. Mentions that Cormac Mac Carthaigh is also a candidate and names his nominators. ms Ir. 1p

- 1627 21 Jun 1962 Sean O hEigeartaigh, Sairseal agus Dill, 37 Br. na hArdphairce, Ath Cliath.
Thanks for letter of 22 June.
Refers to a post with UNESCO that he failed to get.
Mentions that he advised Padraig ua Maoileoin in the way indicated by Blythe in his letter.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 1628 26 Sept. 1962 Mary Paula McGilligan, The Mallows, Trees Ave., Mt. Merrion, Dublin.
Thanks from herself and Kevin for 'a most beautiful array of Waterford glass'.
ms. 1p
- 1629 6 Nov 1962 Proinsias Mac Cana, Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, School of Celtic Studies, 64-65 Merrion Square, Dublin, Ireland.
Sends some phrases in the Welsh language that Blythe was looking for. Also gives the translation into Irish of the phrases.
ms. Ir. 2pp
- 1630 12 Apr 1963 An Seabhac, 119 Bthr. Moramton, Domhnach Broc, [Donnybrook], Ath Cliath.
Thanks for the good wishes on his eightieth birthday and for being present at the party given for him by 'Muintir Breanonann'.
pr. & ms. Ir. 2pp
- 1631 23 May 1963 John B. Kean, 37 William St., Listowel, Co. Kerry.
Thanks for letter.
Gives the name and address of 'the candidate'.
ms. 1p
- 1632 23 May 1963 Fintan, C.P., Secretary, St. Paul's Retreat, Mount Argus, Dublin 6.
Acknowledges receipt of Blythe's letter to the ex-provincial Fr. Fergus Loughrey. Mentions that the present provincial is on visitation in South Africa.
Concerns the tenancy by Mr S.E. Thompson of Edendeery house [Belfast?], which is now required by its owner, the Order, for its own use.
typ. 1p

- 1633 3 Jun 1963 A. G. Donaldson, Cregagh House,
Knockbreda Road, Belfast 6.
Gives details of the arrangements for
Blythe's visit to Stormont the following
day.
Thanks Blythe for answering his
questions and promised that 'to-morrow
I will try to talk to you in your
capacity as manager of the Abbey Theatre
and not as a former Minister in Dublin'.
typ. & ms 2pp
- 1634 7 Dec 1963 Proinsias Mac an Bheatha, 110 Ascaí
Vernon, Cluain Tarbh, [Clontarf]
Baile Atha Cliath.. [Dublin]
Thanks for the letter.
Mentions that he thought he would see
Blythe at the reception for Sean T.
[O'Kelly] but he heard that he was in
bed with a cold. Hopes he is now better.
Refers by name to candidates for a post
as an editor [something connected with
Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge].
Enquires whether Blythe is committed to
letting Sairseal agus Dill publish the
second part of his memoirs. If not
F.N.T. would be interesting in
publishing them.
typ. Ir. 2pp
- 1635 9 Jan 1964 Proinsias Mac an Bheatha, [as above].
Thanks for the letter.
He understands completely that Blythe
is committed to S.& D. [Sairseal agus
Dill] to publish his memoirs.
Names candidates for some offices in
Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge.
Postscript signed M. and dated 11/1/64
Congratulations on the Irish Pantomime.
typ. Ir. 2pp
- 1636 13 Dec 1963 A. G. Donaldson, Cregagh House,
Knockbreda Road, Belfast 6.
Thanks for the copy of Blythe's
pamphlet on the Abbey Theatre.
Mentions that illness delayed his
writing.
Remarks that he is looking forward to
the next volume of Blythe's memoirs.
Mentions that the Lyric Theatre [Belfast].
is staging 'The Stepping Stone' and that
he would like to discuss 'this play with
you, both as history and as a play'.
He hopes to see Blythe soon either in
Belfast or in Dublin.
ms 2pp

- 1637 15 Feb 1964 Aindrias O Muinneachain?, † Bailtini Belmont, Domhnach Broc. [Donnybrook], Baile Atha Cliath.
Thanks Blythe for his intention of being present at a recent function organised in his honour by Oireachtais Committee.
Thanks for the good wishes and hopes he will soon be well again.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 1638 19 Jan 1965 Matt Coughlan, Kanturk. [Co. Cork]. Pays tribute to Blythe as 'a right good doer' for Ireland.
ms 1p
- 1639 29 Mar 1965 Martin Hanratty, Melrose, Tullyharnet, Castleblayney. [Co. Monaghan]. Apologises for delay in writing. Comments on political matters in Co. Monaghan and especially on matters relating to the forthcoming General Election.
Refers to the last election fought by Blythe in Co. Monaghan.
Comments on Billy Fox's nomination as a candidate for Fine Gael.
Mentions the United Societies and also the N.F.A. branches.
ms 4pp
- 1640 27 Apr 1965 Liam Cosgrave, Dail Eireann, Dublin. Thanks for the letter of sympathy on his father's death.
ms. 1p
- 1641 3 Nov 1965 (a) Sean O hEigeartaigh, Sairseal agus Dill, 37 Br. na hArdphairce, Ath Cliath 6.
Concerns the financial difficulties of the publishing firm of Sairseal agus Dill.
Gives details of the financial position of An Gum and refers to an article in Comhar. [see (c)]
Compares the profits and costs of both firms.
Encloses (b) & (c).
typ. Ir. 2pp
- 2 Nov 1965 (b) 'Publishers May have to Close' Newspaper cutting from The Irish Times reporting on the financial difficulties of Sairseal agus Dill.
pr. † cutting
- Nov 1965 (c) Comhar vol. 24, no. 11. (Dublin) Includes article mentioned in (a) 'Costas an Ghuim' by Leamhcan. pp13-15.
pr. 26pp

- 1642 29 Dec 1965 Teddy? Lynch, Dail Eireann, Dublin.
21 Michael Street, Waterford.
Mentions meeting Blythe in Waterford about eighteen months previously. Gives the address of the late David Boyd's widow. [Apparently this was requested by Blythe].
typ. 1p
- 1643 27 Jan 1965 Bearned Coyle, Bunaniver, Brinlac P.O., Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.
Comments on the 'dwindling away' of the Gaeltacht.
Suggests that a small factory should be started in his area.
Asks if Blythe could put him in touch with any company that would be prepared to start work there.
ms. 2pp
and envelope addressed to Blythe as 'Member of the Commission 60 Leinster House, Dublin'.
- 1644 31 Jan 1966 A. G. Donaldson, Cregagh House, Knockbreda Road, Belfast 6.
Refers to his wife's recent illness. Mentions an item in 'An Irishman's Diary' in Saturday's Irish Times concerning the forthcoming production by the Abbey Theatre of Judge Deale's play 'The Conspiracy' which is based on incidents relating to Parnell's political career.
Remarks that he himself had intended to 'dramatise the Special Commission's hearings'.
Notes that it is not the first time that he and Deale had the same idea. He had been thinking about a book on Irish Trials when Deale's Memorable Irish Trials appeared.
Asks Blythe to book him a seat for a performance of the play.
Inquires if it would be possible to see the script.
Refers to the possibility of some Northern Officials being invited to attend the 1916 Commemorations in Dublin. In a postscript gives the address of the cousin with whom he will be staying in Dublin.
ms. 4pp
- 1645 3 Feb 1966 A. G. Donaldson.
Thanks for the letter, for the seats for the Abbey Theatre and for the information about the script.
ms. 1p

- 1646 28 Feb 1966 Seosamh O hOgataigh, Cuilidh Muire,
10 Bothar Cno Dara, Pairc Wyckham,
Dun Droma, Baile Atha Cliath 14.

Thanks for being present at the Gaiety
[Theatre] the previous Monday in spite
of the short notice.

ms Ir. 1p
- 1647 23 Apr 1966 Mairin Bean Ui Riain, Tigh
Bhailechoinnligh, Deilgne.
Informs Blythe that she intends
resigning from the position of
'riarthoir i gCumann na Scannain'.
[administrator in the Film Society].

ms Ir. 1p
- 1648 Nov 1966 Eibhlin Ni MhaoilEoin, Secretary,
Sairseall agus Dill, 27 Br. na
hArdphairce, Ath Cliath 6.
Circular letter mentioning that they
are in production again and have already
published two books.
Names the authors of works they hope
soon to publish.
Indicates publishing costs.
Refers to 'Club Shairseal agus Dill'
and states conditions of membership.

Includes note in Blythe's hand
'£3 iochta [paid] 19/11/66.

xerox copy of typ. Ir. 1p
- 1649 3 Mar 1967 Maire Ni Dhomhnaill, Room 112, St
Josephs, Bons Secours Hospital, Dublin.
Asks Blythe to come and see her.

ms 1p
- 1650 c. Feb-Mar
1967 Draft letter from Blythe to
Seamus.
Expresses sympathy on Laura's death.

ms 2pp
- 1651 4 Mar 1967 S. Suenien?, The Bungalow, Revington
Park, N.C. Rd., Limerick.
Thanks for the letter of sympathy on
Laura's death.

ms 1p
and envelope
- 1652 2 May 1967 Monk Gibbon, 24 Sandycove Rd, Sandycove,
Co. Dublin.
Encloses a letter from his wife's aunt
Lady Shender?, wife of Sir William
Shender? 'who was Financial Secretary
to the First Ulster cabinet'.
Mentions that he sent her a copy of
'your quite excellent review' of the
'Ulster book' 'and this is her reaction'.

ms 1p
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1653 9 Aug 1967 Brigid [Ui hEigeartaigh ? of Sairseal agus Dill], Caoran Mor, An Cheathru Rua. [Carraroe, Co. Galway].
To the two Earnan's.
Thanks to Earnan P. for his letter and to Earnan senior for the piece in Inniu on the death of Sean [O hEigeartaigh].
ms Ir. 2pp

1654 14 Aug 1967 Penny? Telford, 21 Palmerston Road, Dublin 6.
Mentions 'You have always shown so much interest in all that David told you of Moral Rearmament and the Westminster Theatre, that I thought you would like to hear of the latest development'. Gives a brief account of the musical 'Annie'.
Mentions that David died in April.
ms 2pp

1655 14 Nov 1967 Sheila , 48 Kenilworth Square, Dublin 6.
Invites Blythe and Earnan [junior] to a meal some evening.
Suggests suitable dates.
ms 3pp

1656 30 Nov 1967 Sheila.
Confirms the date chosen for the Blythes to visit them.
ms 1p

1657 1 Feb 1968 Victor Fraigil?, Hon. Secretary, The Royal Zoological Society of Ireland, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8.
Thanks for the donation 'towards our fund-raising scheme to defray loss of revenue, during the recent Foot and Mouth Disease emergency.
typ. stamped signature 1p

1658 15 Jun 1968 Copy letter from Blythe to Liam Gosgrave T.D., Beechpark, Templeogue, Co. Dublin.
Congratulates him 'on your excellent clear statement on the leadership question'.
Discusses the advantages of adopting the Straight Vote instead of Proportional Representation in Dail elections.
Refers to the Norton scheme
Outlines the dangers of P.R.
Predicts possible patterns of election results with the straight vote.
Mentions that defeat in the Referendum would probably not be a prelude to a heavy defeat of Fianna Fail in the next election.
carbon 5pp

- 1659 18 Jun 1968 Liam Cosgrave, Dail Eireann, Dublin.
Thanks for letter.
Indicates that he favours the straight vote.
Mentions that the two arguments used by Fianna Fail against Proportional Representation are not very persuasive.
Comments on these arguments.
typ. 1p
- 1660 17 Sept 1968 Fintan Kennedy, General Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.
Refers to his absence from the country as the reason for the delay in replying to Blythe's letter of 4 September.
Mentions that 'I too, have heard that Mrs Tom Johnson is badly off'.
Indicates that he intends to try to see that something is done about it.
typ. 1p
- 1661 12 Nov 1968 M. Sinseoin?, Registrar, Companies Registration Office, Dublin Castle, Dublin.
Circular letter
Re: Elliman Edwards MacLiammoir (Productions) Limited.
States that he has 'reason to believe that the above Company is no longer in operation' and that its removal from the Register is under consideration.
Enquires if there are any objections.
Ref. no. 16392.
sten. & ms 1p
- 1662 30 Oct 1969 Brighid Ni Loingsigh, Ard na Greine, 188 Br. Uibh Rathach, B'ath Cliath 9.
Mentions that it was she who asked Blythe to try out the late Brid Ni Loingsigh as an actress about 1938 and that it is a great satisfaction to her now that she did so well at the Abbey.
ms. Ir. 1p

9 1970-1971

- 1663 6 Jan 1970 Paddy Breen, Coolgown House, Beaufort, Killarney, Co. Kerry. Mentions that during the summer a Mrs. Napoli, nee Kathleen McKenna had been staying with them. 'Her one ambition.....is a service medal'..... 'she had been Griffith's secretary at the Treaty negotiations'.... Asks Blythe's help in the matter. Refers to an article in the paper the previous week and remarks that 'your indictment of Dan O'Connell will not lose you any of your friends in Kerry where he was never rated as a patriot'.
ms. 2pp
- 1664 21 Feb 1970 Garret FitzGerald, Dail Eireann, Dublin. Thanks for letter of 16 February. Promises to do what he can in connection with Kathleen Napoli's 'pension application'. Refers to the article she wrote 'about the Bulletin in the Capuchin Annual'. Mentions seeing Blythe at the John A. Costello function.
typ. 1p
- 1665 11 Mar 1970 Copy letter from Blythe to Kathleen [Napoli]. Mentions a recent illness as the cause of delay in writing. States that he has made some enquires as to whether she is eligible for the military service pension. Mentions that he is unable to do anything himself about the matter but he has 'asked Garret FitzGerald to take the matter up, and he very willingly agreed to do so'.
carbon 2pp
- 1666 8 July 1970 Susan , 4 Esker Villas, Upper Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. To Earnest and Earnan. Thanks for the wedding present of 'the gorgeous glasses'.
ms. 1p
- 1667 29 Jan 1971 (a) Dermot A. Ryan & Thomas L. Page, Joint Treasurers, Movement for Peace in Ireland 75 Ailsbury Road, Dublin 4. Thanks for annual subscription.
typ. 1p
(b) Receipt for one pound from Movement for Peace.
pr. & ms
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10 Undated Correspondence

1668

(a) Copy of letter from
W. U? O Kee?
Carlton house, Carlton Rd, Belfast.

Apologises for delay in writing due to illness.

Sends details of the early history of Blythe's family extracted from parish registers for the period 1637-1780 'minus, of course, the gap between 1642 and 1662'.

Mentions that he will continue the search for Blythe and Emerson from 1780. Asks Blythe to let him have any known details of the family.

xerox of 2pp ms. 1p

(b) Details extracted from parish registers relating to the Blythe and Emerson families. 17th-early 19th century.

xerox of 4pp ms & typ. 3pp

1669

Seamus Lacke, c/o Mrs M. Garvey,
12 Telton Rd. Donaghpatrick, Navan.
[Co. Meath].

Mentions that he sends his address as promised and that 'The house is very nice and Mrs Garvy, a native of Kerry, speaks Irish beautifully'. Asks that his salary be sent weekly.

ms 1p

1670

Berna Fennell.
Greetings on a picture postcard of Patrick Street and Hill, Cork.

ms 1 postcard

1671

Circular letter from some past pupils of the late J.B. Begley. They propose to place a Mural Tablet in Magheragall Presbyterian Church as a memorial to Mr Begley. Contributions are requested.

sten. 1p

1672

Page 2 of a letter signed Tom McGrath. Suggests that biographical material on 'the author' may be found in a 'dossier I sent to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs - Mr Hilliard, last summer'.

typ. 1p

R. FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE 1909 - c.1967

1 Mrs Blythe (1926-1929)

- 1673 22 Aug 1926 'the Baba and his Mama' [Annie Blythe]
11 Sandford Rd. [Dublin].
Gives news of family and friends.
ms 6pp
and envelope addressed to
Blythe at Mongans Hotel,
Carna, Connemara.
- 1674 12 July 1929 Postcard from G.P.O. [General Post
Office, Dublin].
'Love from Earnan and Mummy'.
Includes note in Blythe's hand,
'Day after opening'.
ms 1 postcard

2 Earnan P. de Blaghd [Blythe's son] (1937)

- 1675 5 Aug 1937 Earnan, Teach Bhutoiria, Rath Maolain
Gives news of what he has been doing,
of what has been happening and of the
place in general.
Mentions that he is glad that the
proofs of Fraoch agus Fothanain are
ready at last.
ms pencil Ir. 2pp

3 Other Relatives (1909 - 1967)

- 1676 21 Dec 1909 (a) Picture Postcard of Tynan Village,
Co. Armagh.
Signed A.E.B.
Comments on the view in the picture.
Sends good wishes for Christmas.
ms 1 postcard
- (b) Note in Blythe's hand.
It seems to identify the writer of the
postcard as 'Uncle Alfred'.
It was with (a) and some of the prison
letters. [see nos. 1020-1026]
ms 1p

- 1677 9 Mar 1932 Helen [Blythe's sister]
Glendale, Demesne Road, Holywood,
Co. Down.
Comments on the results of the Dail
Eireann General Election.
Quotes a remark about Blythe 'in our
paper'.
Mentions that they are 'a bit anxious
at the moment' about Blythe.
ms 2pp
- 1678 11 Jun 1943 Helen.
Gives an account of the state of her
health over the previous eighteen
months.
Mentions that she has had operations
and various treatments.
ms pencil 4pp
and envelope addressed in a
different hand.
Contains on the back a list
of 13 names in Blythe's hand
- 1679 5 Nov 1958- [Blythe's sister]
c. Dec 1967 Jo
Towell House, 57 Kings Road, Knock,
Belfast 5.
Letters mainly giving news of herself
and thanks for presents sent to her by
Blythe and his son Earnan.
No. 4, 1 July 1964, includes a
reference to the death of the Rev. Dr.
S.W. Thompson, brother of Mabel, and
encloses three obituary notices from
newspapers.
ms 6 letters
- 1680 12 Dec 1961 Betty, Mrs Hazlett, [Blythe's niece]
76 Portrush Rd., Coleraine.
Remarks that 'Our drama club
is keen to put on an Irish play for our
spring production'.
Mentions that their producer is
interested in one 'called, he thinks,
'The Evidence I shall give'' which was
staged by the Abbey Theatre at the
Dublin Theatre Festival.
Seeks information about certain details
and enquires if it has been released
for amateurs. 'If it is not available
could you suggest any other Irish play'.
Refers to the drama club's success the
previous year.
Mentions having seen 'Auntie Jo' recently.
ms 3pp
- 1681 no date Betty.
Thanks for the message of sympathy on
the death of her mother.
Mentions having seen 'Auntie Jo'
recently.
ms 3pp

S. PERSONAL FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE1929-1964

- 1682 6 Nov-23 Dec
1929 Correspondence between The Assessor of Income Tax, Office of Assessor of Income Tax, Dublin Castle, Dublin; and Blythe.
Concerns Blythe's income tax assessments and his holding in the National Loan.
Includes typed copy of Banker's Certificate from the National City Bank Ltd., 10 College Green, Dublin.
typ. from Assessor of Income Tax Ref. no. MB/AMR. 8/1 1 letter
carbon from Blythe 1 letter
and to Manager
National City Bank. 1 letter
typ. Banker's certificate 1 page
- 1683 20 Feb 1933 J.J. ? , for Secretary, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Dublin.
Acknowledges receipt of letter of 15 February enclosing 2 First Class Railway Passes.
Ref. no. R.18086/32.
typ. 1p
- 1684 30 Jan 1940 M.P. Cowley, Asst. Manager, National City Bank, 10 College Green, Dublin.
Concerns Blythe's bank account.
typ. 1p
- 1685 5 Sept 1957 C. Shannon, for Clerk to Special Commissioners of Income Tax, Arus Brugha, 9-10 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin.
Concerns Blythe's Sur-Tax return for the year 1956/57.
Ref. no. R.3058 B.C.
typ. 1p
- 1686 15 Aug-15 Sept
1958 Correspondence relating to the importation to Dublin from Northern Ireland of a grandfather clock that belonged to Blythe's father.
Blythe claims that the clock is well over 100 years old and as an antique should escape any import levy.
typ. from J. Haughey, Department of Industry and Commerce, Kildare St St., Dublin. 1 letter
carbon copy from Blythe to:
Dept. of Finance, 1 letter
Revenue Commissioners 1 letter

- 1687 16 Jan 1961 A.J. McGovern, Secretary, Henry McNeill Ltd., The King's Arms Hotel and McNeill's Hotel, Larne, 37 Main Street Larne.
Acknowledges receipt of letter of 11 January enclosing a Dividend Warrent which they return 'duly amended in your favour as sole surviving Executor of the late Patrick McHugh'.
typ. 1p
- 1688 22 May 1950 Isa Hughes, 71 Grosvenor Rd.,
Mentions that her daughter has bought a pharmacy and is in need of money for payment.
Asks if Blythe is willing to buy no. 50 [Kenilworth Square] or accept three months notice.
ms 2pp
- 1689 26 Oct 1964 (a) James Fagan, Solicitor, 57&58 Parnell Square W., Dublin 1.
'Re: Mrs Isa Hughes, Deceased'.
Acknowledges receipt of cheque for the October rent.
Returns the cheque for August and requests that it be amended to make it payable to 'Executor of Mrs I. Hughes'.
typ 1p
and envelope
- 5 Aug 1964 (b) Cheque from Blythe in favour of Mrs I. Hughes.
For: £12-2-2.
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T. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND ANONYMOUS LETTERS1913 - c. 1967

- 1690 Aug 1928 Card containing the typed words
'Attorney General' and in what may be
Blythe's hand the following note:
'Vote of no Confidence in Cosgrave
Government. Aug 1928'
The reverse of the card contains a
message in a hand that does not appear
to be that of Blythe.
'Jinks is gone away -
It will be a tie with casting vote!'.
typ. & ms (ink & pencil) 1 card
- 1691 no date Printed card
'Desmond Fennell Correspondent of
The Irish Times (Dublin)
La Actualidad Espanola (Madrid)'
Contains the following words in
handwriting
'Euskinchenersti. 4, Cologne'
On the reverse of the card there is
written by hand the address of
Anne & John Willett? of Seine-Maritime.
pr. & ms 1 card
- 1692 Mar 1913-
c. Jun 1967 (i) Anonymous letters and cards.
Some complain about Blythe's opinions
and attitudes.
Some praise him.
A small prayer book is included with
no. (2)
ms 7 letters
- 5 Oct 1938 (ii) Envelope addressed to Blythe at
Fairfield House, Fairfield Park,
Dublin S.2.
Includes notes in Irish in Blythe's
hand on the back.
ms 1 envelope
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U. CORRESPONDENCE NOT ADDRESSED TO BLYTHE1928-1961

- 1693 Oct 1928 Papers enclosed in an envelope addressed to Professor M. Tierney, 21 Ailesbury Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin.
- 12 Oct 1928 (a) Letter from F.J. Dunn, Chartered Accountant, 6 St Andrew Street, Dublin. To Professor M. Tierney, [as above] Encloses 'draft copy of suggested Memorandum and Articles of Association of the "Star Publishing Co., Ltd.",'. Mentions that 'another copy has been sent to Mr H.B. O'Hanlon, Solicitor for amendment or approval'.
typ. 1p
- 11 Oct 1928 (b)(i) Letter from the Registrar, Companies Registration Office, Dublin Castle, Dublin. To Messrs F. J. Dunn & Co., Chartered Accountants, [as above] States that the name of 'Star Publishing Company' 'appears to be available for the purpose of the registration of a Company' but warns that 'the matter must be regarded as open to reconsideration up to the time of actual registration'.
pr. & ms 1p
- (b)(ii) Draft 'Memorandum of Association of The Star Publishing Company Limited'. Sets out the 'objects' of the company and deals with matters relating to 'Shares', 'General Meetings', 'Directors' and 'Winding Up'.
Pinned to (i).
carbon & typ. ms notes 14pp
- (c) Piece of paper containing the names and addresses of two journalists.
ms. 1p
- 1694 3 Oct 1934 Letter from O. Belton, Belfield Park, Drumcondra, Dublin. To Commandant Cronin. Concerns a scheme proposed by the writer and Jerry Ryan to heal the 'breach' in the Party Organisation. [Fine Gael and The League of Youth]. Mentions that he is sending a similar letter to General O'Duffy.
ms 2pp
[See no. 674.]

- 1695 31 Oct 1936 (a) Norman H.G. Lawless
On notepaper headed:
The High Commissioner, League of Nations
The Free City of Danzig.
To Sean Lester, c/o Department of
External Affairs, Dublin.
Encloses 'a copy of a short press
summary which I have made'.
Mentions that he will send others from
time to time and hopes that Lester
has a 'real holiday'.
typ. 1p
- (b) 'Press Summary'.
Relates to matters concerning Danzig,
especially Polish and German attitudes.
typ. 8pp
- 1696 9 Dec 1946 P. de Brun, President, University
College, Galway.
To Mairead [possibly Maireadh Piogoid]
Sends an attempt to translate the song.
Asks to be remembered to Mother Treasa.
On the back of the letter is a song in
Irish. 12 lines.
'Anam 'i a mhaoin nar mhilis ealo
Seoithin'. [first line]
ms Ir. 2pp
- 1697 16 Jan 1950 ? , Ard-Ceannphort
[Chief Superintendent], for the
Assistant Commissioner, An Garda
Siochana, Rannog na hEarcuiochta,
Oifig an Cholmisineara, [Commissioner's
Office], Baile Atha Cliath.
To Maurice O'Sullivan, Cullaun,
Garraroe, County Galway.
Acknowledges receipt of letter of 12
January 'seeking re-admission to the
Garda Siochana'.
Mentions that 'the matter is receiving
attention'.
typ. 1p
- 1698 5 Nov 1961 Sile Ni Dhalaigh, Colaiste Na Croise
i na Paise, Cill a Chuilinn, Co. Chill
Dara. [Co. Kildare].
To Bean Madagan.
Congratulations on the recently written
article dealing with 'an staideas sa
Chongo'. [the state of the Congo]
ms Ir. 2pp

PART V MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS INCLUDING
INVITATIONS, PERSONAL DOCUMENTS
AND FINANCIAL AND LEGAL PAPERS

A. INVITATIONS AND ITEMS RELATING TO
BLYTHE'S ATTENDANCE AT VARIOUS SOCIAL
FUNCTIONS c.1913-1971

- 1699 c.1913-
c.1916 Printed card announcing
'A Variety Entertainment
Consisting of Irish Songs & Dances &
three short Plays in Irish
By Lispole Dramatic Company'.
'in aid of the Christian Brothers'.
On Easter Sunday 12 April.
no. 529.
pr. 1 card
- 1700 16 Aug 1922: Funeral of Arthur Griffith
'Socraidh Airt Ui Ghriobhta
Uachtarain Dail Eireann'.
[President of Dail Eireann]
Pass card for Mrs Blythe representing
Cumann na Saoirse. Signed by L.T.
Mac Cosgair. [William T. Cosgrave.]
no. 253.
pr. & ms 1 card
- 1701 13 Jul 1927 Requiem Mass for Kevin O'Higgins,
Vice-President of the Executive Council,
Minister for Justice and Minister for
External Affairs.
St Andrew's Church, Westland Row, Dublin.
2 Pass cards each numbered L 1-9.
pr. & ms 2 cards
- 1702 4 Jan 1928 Invitation to a Dinner given by the
Governor General at the Vice Regal
Lodge, Dublin.
Includes handwritten note on back of
card 'Last dinner of T. Healy'.
pr. & ms 1 card
- 1703 5 Jan 1928 'Banquet in honour of President
Cosgrave.
On the occasion of his forthcoming
Official Visit to the United States
of America'.
At Clery's Restaurant.
Plan of tables and list of guests
indication table and place.
pr. cover & 4pp
- 1704 1 Feb 1928 'Dinner in Honour of Their Excellencies
The Governor General and Mrs McNeill'.
At the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin.
Menu.
Contains a number of autographs.
pr. cover & 2pp
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- 1705 3 Jul 1928 'Banquet to Baron Gunther von Huenefeld, Capt. Hermann Koehl and Major James Fitzmaurice, on the occasion of their return to Ireland after the first successful Westward Atlantic Flight'. At Clery's Restaurant. Menu [in German, Irish, English]. Includes a list of members of the Committee, photographs of the airmen and the 'Musical Programme'. Contains some autographs including Fitzmaurice and von Huenefeld.
pr. cover & 8pp
- 1706 Sept 1928 List of invitations accepted and declined by Blythe while a member of the Irish Delegation to the League of Nations.
ms 2pp
- 1707 13 Sept 1930 (a) Dinner. At Hotel Carlton Parc, Geneve. Apparently given by the Irish Delegation for members of other delegations to the League of Nations. Menu.
pr. cover & 2pp
- (b) List of 'Acceptances'. [possibly for dinner on 13 Sept. see (a)] Lists countries alphabetically and names some members of the delegations. Gives the whole Irish delegation to the League of Nations for the September session 1930. [see no. 612]
carbon 6pp
- 1708 1928-1932 Table plan of meal at which the Governor General and Mrs. McNeill were present as were the Blythes.
ms 1p
- 1709 26 Jun 1931 (a) 'Royal Dublin Society Bi-Centenary Celebrations. Period Ball 1700-1900'. At the Society's Headquarters, Ball's Bridge, Dublin. Lists 'Groups representing various periods and historical incidents'. Gives an alphabetical list of persons and indicates their costume.
pr. 19pp
- (b) Tickets for Mr and Mrs Blythe as 'Society's Official Guest', nos. 125 and 126.
pr. 2 cards

- 1710 1932 31st International Eucharistic Congress.
Invitation from His Grace Most Rev.
Dr Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin
to 'the various functions detailed on
the Programme sent herewith'.
pr. 1 card
- 1711 19 Feb 1935 'Their friends wish Aileen and Thomas
Bodkin Good Luck'
Menu for a meal at Jammet Restaurant.
Contains two autographs.
pr. cover & 2pp
- 1712 4 June Invitation from Hugh Hunt to a party
in the Abbey Theatre 'to celebrate the
end of the Abbey season and in honour
of the players who are going to
Hollywood'.
pr. 2pp
- 1713 24 Sept 1938 Invitation from the Craoibhin [Dr
Douglas Hyde, President of Ireland]
to tea at Arus an Uachtarain.
pr. 2pp
- 1714 12 Sept 1939 Invitation to a Garden Party given by
the President of Ireland at Arus an
Uachtarain.
Includes a separate printed notice
indicating the entrance to be used
and requesting that invitations be
brought.
pr. 3pp
- 1715 6 Nov 1944 Menu
Restaurant Jammet, Dublin.
Includes some autographs.
typ. 1p
- 1716 14 Jul 1946 Abbey Theatre Dinner
for Barry Fitzgerald
at the Shelbourne Hotel.
List of guests and two
different table plans.
typ. & ms 2pp
- 1717 25 Feb 1954 Invitation from 'The Committee of The
West End Players'
to 'the World Premiere of Mr R.J.
McCartney's three act play "The Crowl"
in St Mary's Hall, Bank Street'.
pr. 1 card

- 1718 30 Dec 1954 Invitation to a Reception in Iveagh House given by the Taoiseach and Mrs Costello on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Abbey Theatre.
pr. 1 card
- 1719 24 Apr 1956 Notice of a commemorative service 'in memory of all those who gave their lives in the struggle for Irish Independence', St Werburgh's Church, Werburgh Street, Dublin.
sten. 1p
- 1720 14 Oct 1958 Letter from Donnchadh O Suilleabhain, Secretary, An tOireachtas, Connradh na Gaedhilge, 14 Gearnog Pharnell, Baile Atha Cliath.
Informs Blythe that Senator Michael O hAodha will present him with Duais an Chraoibhin [the Craoibhin's Prize] at the Official opening of the Oireachtas on 18 October 1958.
typ. Ir. 1p
- 1721 4 Aug 1959 Letter from Harry Walpole, Chairman, Fianna Eireann Jubilee Committee, 1909-1959.
26 Lr. Stephen St., Dublin.
Asks Blythe to represent him at a special service in Christ Church [Cathedral] on Sunday, August 16th 1959, to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Na Fianna Eireann.
typ. 1p
- 1722 20 Feb 1960 (a) Invitation to a reception to mark the Golden Jubilee of the Cumann Gaelach, given by the President of University College Dublin and Mrs Thigearnaigh [Tierney], at Newman House, 86 St Stephen's Green, Dublin.
pr. Ir. 1 card
- 20 Feb 1960 (b) Schedule of events of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Cumann Gaelach of University College Dublin.
sten. Ir. 1p
and envelope
- 1723 c. 1960s Table plan of 'Abbey Directors' lunch to M. Sonrel'. [consulting architect for the New Abbey Theatre].
ms 1p

- 1724 13 Feb 1962 Thirty-sixth Annual Dinner of St Malachy's College Old Boys' Association, Vicinage, 40 Crumlin Road, Belfast 14.
(a) Toast list and time table.
Blythe to reply to the toast 'Our Guests'.
Includes on back of page a number of handwritten notes by Blythe.
typ. & ms 1p
- (b) Official Guest list.
Principal guest: Ernest Blythe.
typ. ms additions 1p
- (c) Table plan.
sten. 1p
- (d) Alphabetical guide to Table plan.
sten. 1p
- 1725 3 Sept 1963 Lunch in honour of the President of Ireland on the occasion of the laying of the Foundation Stone of the new Abbey Theatre.
at the Gresham Hotel.
menu.
pr. 3pp
- 1726 24 Mar 1966 (a) Letter from Sean O Murchadha, Secretary, Central Executive Committee of the 1916 Commemoration in Co. Monaghan.
Invites Blythe to be present on the saluting platform in Church Square, Monaghan, on Easter Sunday 'during the period of the March Past'.
typ. 1p
- (b) Copy letter from Blythe to Sean O Murchadha, 3 Sraid Glaslocha, Muineachan.
Accepts invitation to be present on the saluting platform.
carbon 1p
- 1727 16 Jan 1969 Letter from Gerald L'Estrange, Dail Eireann, Dublin.
Invites Blythe on behalf of the Fine Gael Oireachtas Party 'to a short function.....on 21st January.....in the Lord Mayor's Room, Mansion House immediately after the conclusion of the main function at approximately 7 p.m.a small tribute to those who must be regarded as the virtual founders of the present Fine Gael Party'.
unsigned but addressed by hand to 'Dear Mr Blythe'.
carbon 1p

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- 1728 5 Dec 1969 Letter from Alexis FitzGerald,
Constituency Organiser, Dublin South-
East Constituency.
16 Clyde Road, Dublin.
Encloses a complimentary ticket for
'John A. Costello Presentation Evening'.
typ. 1p
- 1729 11 Mar 1971 Invitation to a Press Conference, on
23 March at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin,
to announce details of the Cork Ballet
Company's first visit to Dublin.
Signed Joan Denise Moriarty, Director,
Cork Ballet Company, Emmet Place, Cork.
typ. 1p
- 1730 no date Notice of Annual Ceili of "An Realt"
at the Gresham Hotel on 19 November.
Signed A. Ni Fhearghail, Secretary,
Realt Chiarain, 46 Cearnog Pharnell,
Baile Ath' Cliath.
sten. Ir. 1p
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B. VISIT TO ICELAND, APRIL 1950

- 1731 20-24 Apr
1950
- Papers relating to Blythe's visit to Iceland.
- (a)(1) Card welcoming Blythe to Iceland from Mrs. & Mr Sigurbjornsson?
- (2) Hotel Borg, Reykjavik.
Card giving room number.
- (3) Receipt - Landsbanki Islands.
ms & pr. 3 items
- (b) 5 Invitation cards presumably to various functions.
pr. Icelandic 5 cards
- (c) Plan of room with what appears to be tables one of which is marked.
pr. & ms 1 card
- (d) List of names including that of Blythe.
Includes on the back notes in English and Irish in Blythe's hand.
carbon Icelandic 1p
- (e) "Dagskra"
A printed list dated 24 April 1950.
[Possibly relates to travellers' duty free allowances].
pr. Icelandic 2pp
- 1732 Apr 1950
- Notes by Blythe [for a talk on the Abbey Theatre]
Gives brief biographical details relating to his own involvement in the Irish independence movement.
Outlines the early history of the Abbey Theatre.
States its aims and mentions the type of plays performed.
Discusses its relationship with the Irish language and its present activities.
Refers to the government subsidy and to the plans for new buildings.
Lists a number of playwrights.
Mentions Iceland's National Theatre.
ms 27pp

- 1735 Apr 1950 Notes about Iceland
Records details concerning the dimensions and fittings of a Theatre [the Icelandic National Theatre ?]
Compares the public appeal of plays and films.
Refers to the Icelandic language, newspapers, translations of books, libraries, the physical aspects of Iceland, religion and schools and the connections between Ireland and Iceland.
ms 7pp
- 1734 Article by Larus Sigurbjornsson on 'Frá bjodleikhusinu irska og norska' 'Hugleioingar um leiklist og leikhus'
In two parts, the first entitled 'Siolta teine', mentions Irish playwrights, actors, the Abbey Theatre and Ernest Blythe. Apparently relates to theatre in Ireland. The second part entitled 'Rosmersholm', appears to relate to Ibsen and Norwegian writers.
Seems to be an offprint from a periodical.
pr. Icelandic pp51-68
- 1735 25 Apr 1950 Copy of newspaper called Morgunbladið
On page 9 there is a photo of Blythe and an article that appears to be partly an interview with him. Mention is made of the Abbey Theatre, Blythe's activities during the struggle for Irish Independence, his political activities until the change of government in 1932 and de Valera.
pr. Icelandic 16pp
- 1736 1908 Folded into no. 1735 was a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the National Theatre Society Limited. Includes a slip with an amendment dated September 1935. Includes on back cover some handwritten notes by Blythe listing some of the articles.
pr. 20pp
- 1737 Two photographs which had apparently been lent to the Editor of the Sunday Independent.
(1) M.G. Rosenkranz, Manager of the Icelandic National Theatre in his office.
(2) The back of the Icelandic Theatre showing the steps leading to the Stage. And complimentary slip from the Editor of the Sunday Independent with handwritten words 'and thanks'.
2 photos

C. PERSONAL DOCUMENTS 1889-1975

- 1738 13 Apr 1889 Birth Certificate of Ernest Blythe.
District of Registration: Knocknadona
Co. Antrim.
Number of Entry: 268.
'Certified to be a true copy taken from
the Certified Copies of Entries of
Births in Oifig an Ard-Chlaraitheora,
Dublin 1.
Issued 24 July 1972.
Number K 493/3
pr. form filled in by hand 1p
- 1739 c. 1909 -
1913 'Newtownards Amateur Dramatic Society'
Membership card for Ernest Blythe.
Honorary Secretary: Ernest Blythe,
144 East Street.
pr. 1 card
- 1740 8 Feb 1912 Ulster Liberal Association.
Meeting at Celtic Park Football Grounds.
Press Ticket.
pr. 1 card
- 1741 13 Nov 1919 Marriage Certificate of Ernest Blythe
and Annie McHugh,
'Married in the Roman Catholic Church
of The Catholic University'.
Marriage no. 239.
Issued 22 Apr 1938.
Stamped as having been received by The
National University of Ireland, 25 April
1938.
pr. form filled in by hand 1p
- 1742 13 Dec 1924 'Form Certifying Information of Death
Given to Registrar'.
Deceased: Agnes Blythe, 4 Moffets
Terrace, Holywood.
Superintendent Registrar's District:
Belfast.
pr. form filled in by hand 1p

- 1743 3 Feb 1928-
3 Feb 1932 Firearm Certificate.
No. A 28224.
For Ernest Blythe, 4 Moffatts Terrace,
Demesne Road, Hollywood.
One 38 Calibre Revolver, Webley Make
Issued by the County Inspector's
Office R.U.C., Downpatrick.
under the 'Firearms Act, 1920 (10 & 11
Geo. V. c. 43, s. 1.)
Includes extracts from this Act.
pr. booklet covers & 16pp
- 1744 no date Permit for E. Blythe T.D. to carry a
revolver for the purpose of protection.
Issued from Oglais na h-Eireann General
Headquarters, Dublin.
Signed by Owen O'Duffy, Chief of Staff.
carbon form & ms 1p
- 1745 29 Jul. 1933 'Revocation of Firearm Certificate',
No G3364 held by Ernest Blythe,
6 Temple Villas, Palmerston Road. [Dublin]
pr. form & typ. 1p
- 1746 1 Sept 1928 (a)(1) Certificate signed by the
Secrétaire general adjoint of the
League of Nations stating that Blythe
is a delegate from Ireland to the
IXth Assembly of the League of Nations.
No. 4014
pr. & ms Fr. 1 card
- 6 Sept 1930 (a)(2) Certificate signed by the
Secrétaire general adjoint of the
League of Nations stating that Blythe
is a delegate from Ireland to the
XIth Assembly of the League of Nations.
pr. & ms Fr. 1 card
- 1928 (b) 'Carte d'entree permanente
personnelle'
to the Ninth Assembly of the League of
Nations at Geneva.
for 'Mr le Ministre Ernest Blythe'.
pr. & ms Fr. 1 card
- 1747 1934 'The Institute of Journalists
Hall of the Institute, Tudor Street,
London, E.C.4'.
Certificate of Membership for
Ernest Blythe.
No. 2386.
Gives the amount of the subscription
paid £2-5-6.
Not signed by Blythe.
pr. from & ms 1 card

- 1748 1934-35 An Comhar Dramuiochta.
(a) Membership Card for Ernest Blythe.

(b) Membership Card for
United Ireland.
Admits a representative to An Comhar's
productions in the Peacock Theatre.
- 1749 c. 1941-1951 Fuel Purchase Licence and coupon book
for Barnan De Blaghdh, Householder.
Issued by the Department of Industry
and Commerce.

26pp
- 1750 1947 Newlands Golf Club.
Membership Card for Ernest Blythe.

1 card
- 1751 23 Mar 1948-
23 Mar 1958 Blythe's passport.

32pp
- 1752 19 Jan 1951 Receipt for Income Tax due 1 Jan 1950.
No. 106915.

1p
- 1753 1 Mar 1958 Receipt for subscription to
Irish Actors' Equity,
87 Lower Gardiner Street, Dublin.

1p

- 1754 1957 & 1958
- Burial Papers of Mrs Annie Blythe.
- (a)(1) Note from Dublin Cemeteries Committee to Messers Corrigan, Undertakers, 5 Lower Camden St., Dublin.
- 1p
- (a)(2) 'Grant for right of Burial in Prospect Cemetary' Glasnevin, Dublin. To Ernest Blythe, 26 September 1957.
- (a)(3) Receipt from Dublin Cemeteries Office to Messers Corrigan, for the interment of Annie Blythe.
- 1p
- (a)(4) Receipt from Dublin Cemeteries Office,
- 1p
- (b)(1) Letter from Leo Broe & Sons, Sculptors, 94 Harold's Cross Road, Dublin. Concerns: "Blythe" Memorial' Glasnevin cemetery.
- ms 1p
- (b)(2) Receipt for Blythe Memorial.
- 1p
- 1755 17 Apr 1964-
17 Apr 1974
- Blythe's passport.
- 32pp
- 1756 c. 1967
- (a) Piece of paper wrapped around a yale key. Contains a note in Blythe's hand 'Key of Arts Club Belfast presented to me as honorary member 27/5/67'. [See no. 1104] 1p
- ms
- (b) Yale Key.
- metal 1 key
- 1757 23 Feb 1975
- Draft notice of the death of Ernest Blythe. For insertion in newspapers. Includes handwritten note on back of page 'Earnan T.V. at 10.50 tonight Mairin'.
- carbon Ir. 1p

D. FINANCIAL AND LEGAL PAPERS 1920-1922

re: HOUSE, NO. 11A CASIMIR AVENUE.

1758 1 June 1920

Agreement for the lease of a house, number 11A Casimir Avenue, Harold's Cross, Co. Dublin.

Lessor: Robert Allen, 19 & 20 Clanbrassil Street, City of Dublin.

Lessee: Francis Meagher, 7 Fleet Street, Dublin.

Term: 3 years.

Rent: £70 per year. Payable monthly in advance.

States conditions of tenancy.

ms

1p

1759 17-18 Nov
1922

Inventory of Goods collected from 11A Casimir Avenue, Harold's Cross, Co. Dublin and

'Warehoused at The Dublin Pantehnicons, Kingsbridge & Wentworth Place'.

For the account of Miss O'Brennan.

Lists household furnishing and utensils.

The conditions under which the goods are stored are printed on the back of the list.

typ. list

6pp

pr. conditions

1p

PART VI WRITINGS OF ERNEST BLYTHE

A. CONSTITUTIONAL DRAFT c.1922

1760 c.1922

Notes in an envelope marked in
Blythe's hand
'Constitutional Draft'.

Concerning:

The composition of Parliament and the
methods of election to it,
Legislation,
The Central and Executive Councils,
National Service Union.

ms: fragile, somewhat torn. 5pp

B. DRAFTS OF SPEECHES OR ARTICLES OF AN
OFFICIAL OR POLITICAL NATURE

c.1921-1935

1 In support of the Anglo-Irish Treaty
(1921-1922)

1761 c.1921-22

Draft of a speech in support of the Treaty. [Delivered in the Dail ?]

A qualified acceptance of the Treaty. Sees that it has less than the Irish Republic but regards this as unobtainable.

'I think only a minority of members realise how far Ireland has gone on the way of Anglicisation or how precarious is the foothold of Irish as a living tongue'.

The choice is between the 'Free State which is immediately obtainable and external association which I regarded as the same thing - but as something not easily obtained if at all'.

ms pencil 4pp

1762 c.1922

The Treaty and the President's draft.

Draft speech commenting on the Treaty proposals and on the President's Draft. Points out that the freedom of Ireland and doctrinaire Republicanism are not necessarily the same thing.

ms 4pp

1763 c.1922

'Heroes and Hero-worship'

Draft of a speech warning Volunteers about blindly following their leaders. Points out possible faults in the leaders.

Mentions that dead heroes are safe to admire and follow but living heroes may have faults and should not be blindly followed.

'We know Volunteers who say that they themselves think acceptance [of] the Treaty right and good but that they will in the Volunteers stand by the man they have served and go whatever lengths he may decide'.

Refers to the 'momentous division at present taking place in the army'.

ms pencil p.7 missing 15pp
(pp1-6, 8-15)

1764 c.1922

'Soldiers of the People'.

Draft speech commenting on the role of the soldier as a 'servant of a constituted civil authority'.

Refers to the situation in Ireland.

Notes that the 'English enemy' is leaving and 'that evacuation is taking place under the terms of the Treaty of Peace'.

Mentions that 'As a result of the incitement by politicians a section of the Army has repudiated the authority of G.H.Q.' and men are 'Pillaging trains,' 'robbing post offices, seizing goods of all sorts', 'tearing up railways and obstructing roads'.

'The men who have remained loyal to the Dail are the soldiers of the people'.

ms

16pp

2 The Irish Language

1765

Irish language and the Census of 1926.

Comments on 'the perilous position of the Irish language' as shown in the last volume of the Report on the Census of 1926.

ms

3pp

3 Election Speech

1766 c.1927-
c.1932

Criticism of Fianna Fail.

Draft of part of an election speech criticising the policies of Fianna Fail.

On notepaper headed

'Western Arms Hotel, Monaghan'.

ms

1p

4 Seanad Eireann (1934-1936)

- 1767 1934-1936 Amendments to Bills.
Draft of part of a request by the Senate to 'the Committee of Procedure and Privileges to prepare a new standing order which will permit amendments to be moved to a Bill which merely continues the operation of a single existing Act....'
ms 1p
- 1768 10 Apr - 22 May 1935 Support for the Irish language.
Motion introduced into the Senate requesting 'the Executive Council to set up a Commission to consider and report on' ways of supplementing through broadcasting, films, and publications 'the work for the Irish language at present being done in the schools'.
Introduced 10 April.
Passed 22 May 1935.
[This motion was moved by Blythe with a long speech.
see Parliamentary Debates, Official Reports, Seanad Eireann. vol. XIX pp.1653-1673, and pp.1931-1941 for the resumption of the debate on 22 May.]
typ. 1p
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C. MEMORANDA c.1938 - c.1960

1 Political

- (i) Memoranda relating to the Partition of Ireland (1949 - c.1959).

1769 1949

'Towards a Six-Counties Dominion ?'.

(a) Discusses the question of the partition of Ireland.

Mentions that Blythe's own personal background gives him a special understanding of attitudes in Northern Ireland.

Expresses certain anxieties about aspects of the current anti-Partition campaign which is supported by the Government and the Opposition in the Republic and also Nationalist representatives from the Six-Counties. Warns that if this campaign is successful 'in creating substantial embarrassment for Great Britain' there is a possibility that 'the next British counter-move will be to give Dominion status to the Six Counties'.

Points out that the 'majority in the Belfast area is....resolutely in favour of maintaining Partition'.

and that 'the true basis of Partition is religious bigotry and the fears and suspicions which go with it'.

Examines 'the roots of Partition'.

Explains what he means by a policy of persuasion.

Suggests that the 'Republican Exchequer' should give substantial aid to 'All Ireland cultural bodies'.

Advocates the 'rebuilding of Nationality' so that it will be evident that there is a real Irish identity.

Suggests that Northern Nationalists should participate in all public activities.

Marked by hand 'Return to Earnan de Blaghd, 50 Kenilworth Square'.

sten. ms cor.

51pp

(b) Another copy of (a).

With somewhat differing handwritten corrections.

sten. ms cor.

51pp

- 1770 1949
- (a) Draft of no. 1769.
[The copy letter to leaders of the Government and the Opposition, 6 August 1949, (see no. 1331), and the copy letter to P. Mac Aodhagan, (see no. 1332) were with this draft.]
typ. ms notes (incls. p13½) 64pp
- (b)(1) 'Rough Draft' of no. 1769.
carbon ms cor. 45pp
- (b)(2) Passages to be inserted in (b)(1).
carbon 15pp
- (c)(1) Copy of (b)(1).
carbon ms cor. 45pp
- (c)(2) Copy of (b)(2).
carbon 15pp
- 1771 c. Jun-Jul 1954
- 'The Problem of Partition
Suggestions for a Commission of Inquiry
or a Consultative Council'.
(a) Comments on attitudes and ideas in Northern Ireland.
Refers to his recent visit to the North. Mentions a brief meeting with Lord Brookeborough, the Northern Premier and gives a brief analysis of his character.
Lists names of persons suitable to serve on 'a Commission or Consultative Council'.
Includes handwritten note 'Submitted to Jack Costello on formation of 1st Inter Party Government'.
carbon 6pp
- (b) Copy of part of (a).
Does not include the list of names.
carbon ms cor. 4pp
- (c) Version of (a) includes corrections made in (b).
carbon 6pp
- 1772 1954
- Supplementary notes to no. 1771.
Set out under the following headings:
'Partition (Advantages of appointing Commission or Council).'
'A Commission of Inquiry
Suggestions for Terms of Reference, if established.'
'Typical Submissions to a Consultative Council (For Formal or Informal Advice)'.
'Additional Names for Consideration for Suggested Commission'.
carbon 8pp
252

1773 Oct 1954

(a) 'Pomeroy, Armagh, Omagh'

Circular letter from Blythe enclosing notes on the recent incidents in Pomeroy, Armagh and Omagh.

Explains that the typescript is marked 'Confidential only because it contains little more than a bald summary which could be misunderstood by an uninformed reader or subjected to deliberate misrepresentation'.

Refers to the confused ideas of ordinary people in the South concerning the North.

Mentions the need for 'more realistic views about the origin, maintenance and possible methods of ending Partition than have heretofore been prevalent'.

sten.

2pp

(b) 'Notes on the Pomeroy, Armagh and Omagh Incidents by Ernest Blythe'.

In two parts.

'I. Pomeroy'.

Deals with the 'Pomeroy riot' which was occasioned by the carrying of the tricolour flag when Mr Kelly was released from Belfast jail.

Discusses its various implications.

'II. Armagh and Omagh

Police Co-operation desirable'.

Refers to the 'Armagh and Omagh raids'.

Mentions the need to prevent the South being used as a base for raids on the North.

Refers to recent speeches made by the Taoiseach [John A. Costello], and the Leader of the Opposition [Eamon de Valera]

Examines the causes of Partition.

sten. 'Confidential'

16pp

(c) Copy of part II of (b) 'Armagh and Omagh, Police Co-operation desirable'.

Different pagination.

carbon

8pp

(d) Copy of (c).

carbon ms cor.

8pp

1774 c. autumn
1957

'Half-Way through No-Man's Land'.

(a) Refers to the speech by the then Taoiseach, Mr Costello, at the Fine Gael Ard Fheis in February. Suggests that it was an attempt 'to get the public here to look more realistically at the immensely difficult problem of securing National re-union.'

Remarks that 'Before there can be re-union we must cause or assist a new attitude and sentiment to arise in the Six Counties. As long as the atmosphere of alienation arising from generations of politico-religious segregation and conflict remains, Irish re-union in freedom will continue to be too distasteful to the Six Counties majority to allow it to become practical politics'.

Notes that the ending of Partition is far distant but suggests that 'it may be useful to put on paper the outline of a notional offer' that could provide a basis for discussion relating to the possible re-union of Ireland.

Warns that 'There are things in the scheme outlined below, which are in different ways objectionable and could be dangerous'.

Gives the 'Outline of a Range-Finding Scheme for Re-union'.
Set out in 27 points.

typ. ms cor.

14pp

(b) Version of (a).
[Probably a copy of (a) but has different pagination]

carbon

12pp

1775 c. end 1956-
early 1957

'Appeal to Leaders of Nationalist
Opinion in the North'.

Discusses various aspects of the
problem of Partition.
Remarks that the 'Constitutional
Nationalists in every election in which
they participate do fresh harm by
mobilising all Catholics against all
Protestants'.

Suggests that changes in attitudes are
necessary.

Stresses the need to encourage 'basic
Irish Nationality'.

Suggests that Nationalists in the Six
Counties 'should support Irish
Language classes; literary, historical
and antiquarian societies with an
Irish outlook; Anglo-Irish and Gaelic
dramatic companies; Gaelic choirs;
Irish dancing competitions; hurling
clubs;.....'.

[A published version appeared in
pamphlet form entitled
A New Departure in Northern Policy
Appeal To The Leaders of Nationalist
Opinion. See no. 2370]

1776 c.1959

(a)(i) 'Need for A New Departure
in Northern Policy'
'Forward'.

Outlines the history of the preparation
of the document.

The printed version (see no. 2371)
incorporates the corrections made here
typ. ms notes 4pp

(a)(ii) Copy of no. 1775.
With handwritten changes that are
incorporated in the printed version.
sten. ms notes 36pp

(b) Copy of (a)(i).
With quite different notes and
corrections.
carbon ms notes 4pp
ms notes 2pp

(c)(i) 'Need for A New Departure
in Northern Policy'

Outlines the history of the writing of
the 'memorandum'.

Quite different from (a)(i).
typ. ms notes 3pp

(c)(ii) Copy of no. 1775.
Different notes and corrections.
sten. ms notes 36pp

(ii) Proportional Representation (c.1958)

1777 c.1958

Memorandum on the Proportional
Representation Electoral System.

Notes that 'Though it would be in the
national interest to abolish
proportional representation, political
difficulties may render it necessary to
begin with a modification of the
system....'

Suggests possible modifications.

Includes note in Blythe's hand
'Submitted to Mr De Valera September
1958

Copy to Prof Hermens July 1959'.

carbon

4pp

2 Cultural Matters

(1) Theatre (c.1950s)

- 1778 no. date
c.1950s Notes relating to the possible amalgamation of the Abbey and Gate Theatres.
Suggests possible terms in 11 points. Refers to the re-building of the Abbey Theatre.

These notes appear to be a preliminary draft of a memorandum to be submitted to persons interested in such a scheme
ms 3pp
- 1779 20 Jun 1959 Notes relating to a visit Blythe paid to Sean O'Casey at Torquay.
Conversation ranged over:
The state of affairs in Ireland, North and South,
Old friends and acquaintances,
The Abbey Theatre and plays at present being produced there,
'The Drums of Father Ned'.

[For reference to this visit see see no. 758]
ms 7pp
- 1780 Sept 1959 Report on a visit to Sean O'Casey.
Refers to matters relating to O'Casey's plays and to the Theatre in general. Mentions that Blythe told Mrs. O'Casey that the Abbey Theatre would like to stage performances of 'The Shadow of a Gunman', 'Juno and the Paycock' and 'The Plough and the Stars'. However he did not directly ask O'Casey for permission to perform these plays.
Remarks that he found it impossible to make any subsequent appointment to see O'Casey.
Refers to a letter he wrote to O'Casey letting him know that the Abbey would like to perform some of his plays.
Suggests that 'it would be best for us to wait for a few months and decide on doing either JUNO or PLOUGH and write to Sean a good explanatory letter formally asking not for removal of the ban but for permission to do that particular play'.
[Apparently a report drawn up by Blythe relating to his visit to O'Casey in September 1959 and submitted to the Board of Directors of the Abbey Theatre. See also no. 758]

typ. ms cor. 7pp

(ii) An Gum (c.1938)

1781 c.1938

Draft memorandum relating to An Gum.

Consists of a number of points set out under the following headings:

'(1) Priomh-lochta an Chuim'.

'(2) Cuis na Lochta'.

'(3) Moladh'.

[(1) The chief faults of An Gum]

[(2) The reason for the faults]

[(3) Recommendations]

Includes pencilled note not in Blythe's hand

'6 copies please, P. O C'.

ms:

Ir. 6pp

(iii) The Gaeltacht

1782 Dec 1959

Suggested policies towards the Irish language.

Draft of memorandum submitted to the sub-committee on the Gaeltacht of the Commission for the Restoration of the Irish language. [See no. 939]

Discusses the present situation of the language and suggests the adoption of certain measures to encourage its use especially by politicians and persons in public life.

carbon & typ. ms notes Ir. 8pp

D. AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

1783

'Statement by Mr Ernest Blythe'.
[Submitted to the Bureau of Military
History, 1913-1922].

Mainly concerns his activities in the
national movement.

Starts with his arrival in Dublin in
1905 to take up work as a Boy Clerk
in the Department of Agriculture.

Describes how he joined the Gaelic
League.

Gives an account of his activities as
a member of the I.R.B., of his work as
an organizer for the Volunteers, his
terms of imprisonment and his work as
Director of Trade and Commerce.

Deals with the Treaty Debates and with
the subsequent negotiations with the
British relating to the draft
Constitution.

Comments on the Civil War and on
the policies of the Government during
this period. In August 1922 Blythe
became acting Minister for Home Affairs
and in September he was appointed
Minister for Local Government.

Includes comments on a number of the
leading personalities of the time.

Not always in strict chronological
order.

carbon

197pp

E. JOURNALISTIC WRITINGS

1 Pages apparently written in prison
(c.1918-1919)

1784 12 Jan 1919

'Slan na Caserach'?

No 10.

'It is now nearly three months since an issue of this journal was read'.

Mentions the flu and the riot in Belfast jail.

A rough draft.

ms

1p

1785

'Romantic Discovery

By a Police Constable on duty in Belfast Gaol.'

Relates to the love of Mr Weddich for 'the daughter of a high government official'.

Lighthearted and mocking.

ms

2pp

1786

'The Work that lies before us'
signed: 'Slievenamon'.

Mentions that there 'is a possibility' that political prisoners may soon be released from Belfast jail.

Offers advice relating to future conduct in the national movement.

ms

3pp

1787

'Our Advertisement Page'

Humorous advertisements containing references to recent happenings in the jail.

Includes note 'All Communications to Stack, Blythe No Unlimited Crumlin Road'
On the back of pages 2,3,4 there is a crossed out draft of a note relating to the Peace Conference.

ms

4pp

2 General Political and Current Affairs
(Ireland) (c.1936-1960s)

(i) Articles

- 1788 Imports and Exports
Discusses the need to import both certain raw materials necessary for Irish industry and a certain other things so that prices may be kept down. Points out the need to keep up the balance of our exports and mentions that farm products are our main exports.
Page 1 missing.
ms Ir. 12pp
- 1789 c.1936 (a) 'An Gádh le Liúntaisí Teaghlach'
[The Need for Family Allowances]
Discusses the need for a system of social security insurance and child allowances.
Refers to the Beveridge plan.
Incomplete.
typ. ms notes Ir. 7pp
- (b) Complete copy of (a).
carbon Ir. 15pp
- 1790 c.1937 (a) 'If I were Director of Broadcasting'.
Suggests that more money should be devoted to broadcasting.
Discusses ways in which the use of the Irish language on radio could be increased and how the radio could generally encourage the promotion of the language.
ms 19pp
- (b) Draft of (a).
ms 13pp
- (c) Draft of part of (a).
ms 1p
- 1791 mid 1930s Fianna Fail policies.
Mentions that 'Fianna Fail is carrying on two struggles with the British at the same time - an economic struggle and a political or constitutional struggle'.
Comments on these Government policies.
carbon 7pp

- 1792 c.1939 I.R.A. Campaign.
Compares the current I.R.A. campaign in England to the struggle for Irish independence, 1920-21 and to the Militant Suffragette movement.
Incomplete.
ms pp 11-16
- 1793 1942 Central Bank Act.
Discusses the provisions of the Central Bank Act, 1942.
carbon 8pp
- 1794 'An Meathfaidh Cine Gaedheal ?'
[Will the Irish Race Decline]
Relates to trends of population growth and decline.
ms Ir. 8pp
- 1795 Population Movements.
Notes relating to the trend of population movement from the countryside to the towns and cities.
ms 3pp
- 1796 'Caitlicigh i gColaiste na Trionoide'.
[Catholics in Trinity College, Dublin.]
Refers to the current position relating to Catholic students in the College and advises certain changes.
ms Ir. 8pp
- 1797 A Common Economic Market for Western Europe.
Concerns the probability of the establishment of a common economic market for Western Europe in the near future.
Discusses the possible effects on Ireland.
typ. Ir. 9pp
- 1798 'A Ghoulisn Business'
Concerns the raising, in Dail Eireann, of the question of a reprieve for Charles Kerins who had been convicted of murder and condemned to death.
ms 14pp

- 1799 The Tostal.
Relates to the various activities connected with the Tostal Celebrations. Draws attention to certain shortcomings and suggests alternative celebrations.
carbon Ir. 4pp
- 1800 Presidential visit to the U.S.A.
Comments on the visit of President, Sean T. O'Kelly to America.
carbon Ir. 4pp
- 1801 On Economic matters.
Discusses the report 'entitled Economic Development' by T.K. Whitaker and the three reports of the Capital Investment Advisory Committee, January 1957 to June 1958.
carbon ms notes & cor. 9pp
- 1802 'Sort Nua Coimisiún'.
Suggests that there is sometimes need for a small quickworking Commission of Enquiry rather than the more usual larger and cumbersome type of Commission.
typ. Ms notes & cor. Ir. 3pp
- 1803 The New Consultative Council for Industrial Development.
Comments on the new consultative Council which has been set up to make recommendations to the Government concerning industrial development.
ms Ir. 12pp
- 1804 'Cnamha Ruairi Mhic Easmainn'
[The Bones of Roger Casement]
Relates to the question of re-burial in Ireland.
carbon Ir. 4pp
- 1805 State Boards
Speculates on the probable increase in State Boards and discusses how they should be made answerable to the general public.
typ. Ir. 3pp

(ii) Talks

1806

Industrial and Agricultural Development.

Relates to the effect of industrial and agricultural development in Ireland.

Refers to a talk given the previous week by Mr. Whitaker to the same audience.

carbon ms cor.

Ir. 18pp

(iii) Interview

1807

Questions and Answers.

Possibly the script of an interview. Consists of a series of typed questions with brief answers in Blythe's hand.

Relates to current affairs and to matters of general Irish interest.

carbon & ms

2pp

3 Proportional Representation (P.R.)
(c.1958 - c.1959)

- 1808 Abolition of Proportional Representation.
Explains the desirability of abolishing the Proportional Representation Electoral System in Ireland.
Mentions that he helped to get the abolition of Proportional Representation included as an aim in the first draft statement of policy issued by Fine Gael.
Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Not published in full'.
carbon ms notes 17pp
- 1809 25 Nov 1958 Defects of Proportional Representation
Discusses the defects of Proportional Representation and the benefits of the Straight Vote.
Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Published in Leader'.
carbon ms cor. 9pp
- 1810 March 1959 'The Preposterous Transferable Vote'.
Relates to the deficiencies of Proportional Representation.
Includes a note in Blythe's hand 'Sent to Leader March 1959'.
carbon ms cor. 9pp
- 1811 'Lochtaí Choras Laithreach
Toghchanaíochta agus Ionadaíochta'
[The faults of the present system of election and representation.]
Indicates certain improvements that could be made within the Proportional Representation electoral system.
Refers to the single transferable vote.
carbon ms notes 32pp
- 1812 Referendum to Abolish Proportional Representation.
Relates to the Referendum to abolish Proportional Representation and states the advantages of the straight vote.
carbon ms cor. 12pp
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4 The Partition of Ireland, relations between North and South and the general situation in Northern Ireland.

(i) Articles (c.1935-1960s)

a. In English

(1) Dated items

- 1813 c.1935-1936 'Stalemate in the North'.
Discusses the prospects for the re-unification of Ireland.
typ. date in ms 14pp
- 1814 c. 1948 'The Reply Sir Basil Brooke might have sent to Mr Aiken'.
Response to an open letter written by Mr Aiken to Sir Basil Brooke concerning the whole question of Partition.
In the form of a letter.
carbon ms cor. 7pp
- 1815 c. 1954 Armagh Debate.
Explains the stand taken by Blythe in his recent debate in Armagh with Senator Lennon, a nationalist member of the Northern Parliament.
Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Alt don Leader measam'.
carbon ms cor 20pp
- 1816 c. 1954 The role of the British in Northern Ireland.
Comments on the British role in the North and advocates a policy of persuasion directed towards Protestants.
Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Found with 1934 paper but probably 1954 Substance elsewhere'.
typ. 8pp
- 1817 1954 'The Pomeroy Incident seen realistically!'
carbon 8pp
- 1818 c.1954 Pomeroy Riot.
Criticism of 'the writer of The Leader's comment on the Pomeroy riot'.
carbon ms cor. 5pp

1819 1954-57

The Minister for External Affairs and Partition.

Comments on Liam Cosgrave's reference to Partition in his speech in Dail Eireann introducing the Estimate for the Department of External Affairs.

carbon 10pp

1820 c. 1955

(a) The Taoiseach and Partition.

Comments on the Taoiseach, Mr Costello's speech on Partition and unlawful Organisation.

Mentions the problem of extradition.

carbon 15pp

(b) Eire Ireland

Weekly Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs.

No. 302

Contains the text of a speech made in Dail Eireann by the Taoiseach, John A. Costello on 'Partition and Unlawful Force'.

Includes notes in Blythe's hand.

pr. ms notes 12pp

(c) Notes that seem to relate to the 1929 extradition case mentioned in (a). Also notes on 'Petty Sessions Act, 1851' in envelope marked in Blythe's hand 'Warrants Meredith's Judgement'.

ms [not Blythe's hand] Eng. & Ir. 6pp

1821 3 Sept 1962

(a) Northern Newspaper Correspondents.

Comments on 'The seriously misleading contributions from Northern correspondents.....in Southern newspapers'.

Includes pencilled notes and corrections not in Blythe's hand and a few corrections in Blythe's hand. (biro).

typ. ms notes 12pp

(b) Copy of (a).

Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Hibernia 3/9/62'.

carbon 12pp

- 1822 18 Apr 1963 Recognition of the Government of Northern Ireland
Suggests that it would be generally helpful and especially so to Northern Catholics if 'the Government and people of the Republic' were to 'give the fullest recognition in their power to the Government of Northern Ireland'. Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Sent as cut to Hibernia 18/4/63'.
typ. ms marks 14pp
- 1823 Feb-Apr 1964 British intervention in the Six Counties.
Comments on 'the move of the Northern Nationalist Party to induce British political groups to intervene directly in the Six Counties against the discrimination under which Catholics continue to labour'. Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Sent to New Nation Feb. or March or April 1964'.
carbon 11pp
- 1824 1 Mar 1965 Lemass - O'Neill Meeting.
Discusses the effects of the meeting between the Taoiseach, Sean Lemass and the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, Captain Terence O'Neill. Comments generally on Partition. Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Sent to McBrinn for Easter Digest 13/3/65'.
typ. 10pp
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- (2) Undated items
- 1825 c. 1948 (a) Anti-Partition Agitation.
Comments on the 'Essentially shoneen and nationally destructive character of the present anti-Partition agitation'. Refers to the Two-Dominions suggestion of 1921.
typ. 14pp
- (b) Draft of (a).
ms 12pp

- 1826 c. 1950 (a) Peaceful Persuasion.
Suggests the need for attempts at the peaceful persuasion of Northern Protestants.
carbon 11pp
- (b) Draft of (a).
Includes handwritten notes and corrections which are incorporated in (a).
typ. & ms ms notes 14pp
- 1827 (a) A Policy of Persuasion.
Suggestions for a policy of persuasion, aimed at Northern Protestants, to be directed by an all Party Committee on National Re-union.
carbon 11pp
- (b) Draft of (a).
Includes handwritten notes and corrections which are incorporated in (a) and incorporates corrections made in (c).
typ. ms notes 10pp
- (c) Draft of (b).
typ. ms notes pages nos 8-12, 7-6
8pp
- 1828 pre 1949 Re-unification and Religion.
Refers to the problem of religious bigotry which is in many cases caused by fear.
carbon 10pp
- 1829 American attitudes towards Partition.
Comments on 'Recent American calls for the ending of Partition'.
typ. ms notes 11pp
- 1830 (a) National Re-union by Persuasion.
Advocates a policy of persuasion directed towards Northern Ireland.
carbon 12pp
- (b) Version of (a).
carbon 9pp
- (c) Incomplete version of (a).
carbon 8pp

- 1831 (a) Anti-Partitionist propaganda.
Points out the fact that the Western Powers are not likely to pay much heed to anti-partitionist propaganda.
carbon 14pp
- (b) Draft of (a).
typ. & ms ms notes 16pp
- 1832 Recognition of Northern Ireland.
Relates to Southern attitudes towards the Government of Northern Ireland. Refers to the establishment of Dail Eireann in 1919 and to some of its early activities.
carbon ms notes 13pp
- 1833 Illegal Military Organisations.
Relates to the decision of the Irish Government to use the police and the army to curtail the activities of illegal military organisations in the Twenty Six Counties .
carbon 14pp
- 1834 (a) The Modern Sinn Fein.
Concerns the attitudes of Sinn Fein, [the party of the 1950s and 1960s], towards the problem of Partition and the situation in Northern Ireland. Refers to election victories for the party in the Tyrone-Fermanagh and mid-Ulster constituencies.
carbon ms notes 9pp
- (b) Version of (a).
First page missing.
carbon ms notes 8pp
- 1835 Open Letter to Lord Brookeboro'
Comments on an open letter to Lord Brookeboro', published in The Leader.
carbon 5pp

- 1836 (a) Northern Nationalists in Leinster House.
Comments on proposals to give 'Mr MacGlennan of South Armagh a right of audience in Dail Eireann'. Suggests that 'The only kinds of activity that can be useful against Partition at the present juncture are cultural activity'.
carbon ms notes 13pp
- (b) Draft of (a).
With handwritten notes and corrections which are incorporated in (a).
carbon ms notes 12pp
- 1837 Religious Bigotry in Northern Ireland.
Relates to religious bigotry and 'politico-sectarian segregation'. Includes note in Blythe's hand.
'Protestant Bigot ? Yes.
Catholic Bigot ? no.'
typ. & ms ms notes 14pp
- 1838 (a) North - South Relations.
Concerns the lack of mutual understanding between the people of Northern and Southern Ireland. Includes references to Blythe's own family background and to twentieth century historical developments.
carbon ms notes 11pp
- (b) Draft of (a).
With handwritten notes and corrections some of which are incorporated in (a).
typ. ms notes 13pp
- (c) Copy of (b).

carbon ms notes 13pp
- 1839 (a) Partition and Religion.
Comments on reactions to Blythe's own article on the religious basis of Partition which appeared in the Golden Jubilee number of The Leader
typ. incomplete 7pp
- (b) Probably a continuation of (a).
Does not follow directly on (a).

carbon pp8-12

- 1840 (a) British Withdrawal from the North.
Relates to the problems that would arise if the British were to depart from Northern Ireland.
typ. 11pp
- (b)(i) Draft of (a), incomplete.
typ. ms notes 7pp
- (b)(ii) Copy of (b)(i).
carbon 12pp
- (c) Draft of (b).
With handwritten notes and corrections which are incorporated in (b).
typ. ms notes 11pp
- (d) Draft of the beginning of (a).
ms 4pp
- 1841 Plan to Persuade the Northern Majority.
Suggestions for 'a plan to conciliate and persuade the Northern majority'.
carbon ms notes 12pp
- 1842 Policy towards the North.
Condemnation of a policy of 'cold war' towards Northern Ireland.
carbon ms notes 11pp
- 1843 Anti-Partition Policy.
Concerns the futility of 'The Anti-Partition policy pursued heretofore' and which 'has been a coercionist or Pro-coercionist policy based on the hope that England or America or some other power would use the big stick on the local Protestant majority in the Six Counties and force them to accept union with the Twenty Six Counties.'
typ. ms cor. 6pp
- 1844 Religion and Partition.
Suggests that religious segregation is a fundamental cause of Partition. Advocates increased contacts on cultural and other levels between all peoples north and south.
typ. ms note & cor. 16pp

- 1845 c. 1964 Religious Segregation in Ireland.
Concerns 'political segregation by religion' in Ireland and how this contributed to the causing and maintaining of Partition.
typ. ms notes 18pp
- 1846 Reply to criticism of Blythe's views on Partition.
Comments on an article by 'B.I.' entitled 'Earnan de Blaghd and the North'.
carbon ms notes 26pp
- 1847 Captain O'Neill's speech.
Comments on 'Captain O'Neill's recent speech on the creation of what one might call a common front of friendship and moderation in the North'.
Comments on 'The published Report of the Oireachtas Committee on the Constitution'.
Mentions certain historical events and their relationship to partition.
carbon ms notes 25pp
- 1848 Signs of change in relations between North and South.
Mentions that 'During the three years that have elapsed since Mr Lemass' historic meeting with Captain O'Neill at Stormont, relations between North and South seem to have definitely entered on a new phase.
Comments on the report of the Committee on the Constitution which 'was presented in December'.
carbon 7pp
- 1849 Recognition of the Northern Government.
Discusses the question of de jure and de facto recognition of the Government of Northern Ireland.
typ. ms notes 5pp

1850

(a) 'Doors Shut in the Mind'.

Recalls Blythe's explanation of the attitudes of people in the Republic of Ireland towards Partition as given to a visiting Swedish journalist. Mentions an article entitled 'The Ulster Question', written by Blythe and printed in the 'twenty-page souvenir booklet issued in connection with the Emmet Memorial Concert held in the Mansion House on 4th., March, 1919'.

typ. ms notes incomplete 8pp

(b) Copy of (a).

carbon 9pp

(c) Version of pages 8-9 of (a).

typ. & ms ms notes 3pp

(d) Version of pages 8-9 of (a).

typ. ms cor. 2pp

(e) Version of pages 4-8 of (a).

carbon 4pp

1851

The Causes of Partition.

Discusses the causes of Partition.

carbon 12pp

1852

Protestants and Catholics in Ireland. Concerns the attitudes of Protestants and Catholics towards each other in Ireland and especially in the North.

carbon ms notes 10pp

1853

Fine Gael Suggestions.

Comments on suggestions made by certain Fine Gael Speakers that in the event of national re-union representatives of the Six Counties would be invited to participate on a proportional basis in an Inter-Party Government in Dublin.

carbon 3pp

c. Letters to Editors of Newspapers
and Periodicals (1936-1950s)

1866 6 Jul 1936

Examination of Partition.

Replies to 'your editorial comments on my address to the Irish Universities' Congress on Friday last'.
Mentions that 'my whole address.....was a plea for a candid and thoroughgoing examination of the Partition problem by all sides and from all angles.'

carbon

4pp

1867 c. 1955

'Do Eagathoir Feasta'.
[To the Editor of Feasta]

Comments on points raised by Seamus O'Neill in his review of Briseadh na Teorann. [A book on Partition by Blythe see no. 2367]

carbon

Ir. 13pp

1868

To the Editor of The Irish Press.

Refers to 'my address to the Technical Students Debating Society to which you refer in your leading article today....'
Mentions that 'the published report naturally consisted only of a few headings without supporting arguments and without qualifying clauses, but as far as it went, it represented my considered views'.
Goes on to discuss certain aspects of Partition.

carbon ms notes

5pp

(ii) Talks on the subject of Partition

(1) Dated items (c.1938-1965)

- 1869 c.1938 (a) 'Ceist Chuige Uladh'.
[The Ulster Question]
 Notes relating to a radio debate on Partition with Gearoid O Cuinnegain
 Consists of three pages of continued text and two pages of dialogue with O Cuinnegain.
 carbon ms notes Ir. 5pp
- (b) Version of (a).
 carbon ms notes Ir. 5pp
- 1870 [c. Feb 1953 ?] 'Present Anti-Partition Policy.....'
 Notes covering topics relating to Partition which Blythe regarded as suitable for discussion in a series of unidentified debates. [Possibly that with members of the Anti-Partition League.]
 Includes note in Blythe's hand 'I give below my very rough ideas about the ground which we might range over in each debate'.
 typ. ms notes 5pp
- 1871 c. 1953-1954 Armagh Debate.
 Draft of an address to an 'Catholic and Nationalist audience' concerning the best policies to adopt in an effort to bring about the re-unification of Ireland.
 Includes note in Blythe's hand 'For Debate with Senator Lennon at Armagh'.
 typ. ms notes 13pp
- 1872 1959 Gaelic Society Queens University Belfast.
 (a) Presumes he is speaking to an audience in favour of re-unification. Makes certain suggestions relating to what Nationalists should do.
 Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Gaelic Society Queens U.B. Feb 1959' [Queens University, Belfast]
 carbon Ir. 12pp
- (b) Copy of (a).
 Different pagination.
 Headed in Blythe's hand 'Cumann Gaelach na Banrionach' Earrach 1959 nó 1958'.
 carbon Ir. 9pp

- 1873 Feb 1959 Gaelic Society Queens University, Belfast.
Refers to the origins of Partition and suggests the adoption of certain measures to improve existing relations between various groups in the country.
Includes note in Blythe's hand 'For Press if necessary at Gaelic Society Queens University February 1959'.
carbon 12pp
- 1874 c. Sept 1959 (a) 'Unity within the Framework of Partition'.
Text of an address to the Belfast Branch of the Irish Association. Outlines the development of his own thinking on Partition.
typ. ms notes 17pp
(b) Discussion of Partition headed by an note in Blythe's hand 'Points from Address on Unity within the Framework of Partition Irish Association'.
carbon ms notes 8pp
(c) Notes for an address entitled 'Unity within the Framework of Partition! Given to the Irish Association.
ms 30pp
- 1875 8 Dec 1959 Address to the Irish Association.
(a) Mentions Miss Murnaghan's stand as a candidate in recent parliamentary elections in Northern Ireland. Refers to her policies and comments on political attitudes in Northern Ireland. Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Irish Association 8/12/59 Shelbourne Hotel'.
typ. ms notes 11pp
(b) Version of (a).
carbon 7pp
- 1876 26 Oct 1963 Literary and Historical Society U.C.D.
Draft of an address concerning the attitudes of people both in the North and South towards Partition.
[Blythe was apparently presiding over a debate on Partition.]
In an envelope marked in Blythe's hand 'Prepared for Lit & Hist Mte U.C.D.
26/10/63
Not spoken as unsuitable for actual audience'.
ms 31pp
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- 1877 6 Dec 1965 Castleblaney United Societies.
Talk on the question of North - South Relations in Ireland.
Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Castleblaney United Societies 6/12/65'.
carbon ms notes 14pp
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- (2) Undated Talks
- 1878 c.1930s-
c.1940s Debate on Partition.
Draft or report of a debate between E.B. and S. O'N on the question of Partition.
ms ink 15pp
- 1879 Re-Unification of Ireland.
(a) Discusses the prospects of the re-unification of Ireland.
Refers to the historical background of partition.
Addressed to an audience in favour of re-union.
carbon Ir. 11pp
(b) A much fuller version of (a).
carbon ms notes 38pp
- 1880 c.1960s Mr Barrington's Lecture.
Comments on a lecture given by [Donal] Barrington apparently on Partition, the situation in Northern Ireland and the policies of Southern politicians towards the North.
typ. ms cor. 14pp
- 1881 late 1960s -
early 1970s Politicians and the Ulster Question.
(a) Concerns attitudes of politicians, past and present, from North and South, to the Ulster question.
The first paragraph is in Irish but it continues in English.
carbon ms notes Eng. & Ir. 11pp
(b) Draft of (a).
ms 29pp

(iii) Incomplete Items and loose pages

- 1882 c.1957 Article or Memorandum on Partition.
 Outlines the historical development.
 Suggests a policy that should be
 adopted by people in the Republic
 towards Northern Ireland.
- carbon 46pp
- 1883 Incomplete article on Partition.
 Outlines the historical basis for
 partition and advises the adoption of
 certain policies and attitudes towards
 Northern Ireland.
- typ. ms cor. pp13-30
- 1884 Part of an article on Partition.
 Comments on the situation in Northern
 Ireland and on Southern attitudes to
 the North.
- typ. ms notes (6pp) pp6-10 & 11
- 1885 Part of an article on Partition.
 Relates to Orange loyalty to the
 British Crown.
- carbon 3pp
- 1886 (a) Part of an article on Partition.
 Concerns North-South relations and the
 policies that could be pursued by the
 Government of each part of the country.
 Mentions the two Prime Ministers, Lord
 Brookboro' and [Eamon] de Valera.
- typ. ms notes pp3-6
- (b) Copy of (a).
- carbon pp3-10
- 1887 Loose Pages.
 Various loose pages from articles
 relating to Partition.
- (a) typ. & carbon some ms notes
 foolscap Eng. & Ir. 6pp
- (b) carbon some ms notes
 quarto Eng. 7pp

(iv) Manuscript Drafts of Articles
relating to Partition

a. In English

- 1888 Relates to the recent history of
Partition.
ms biro pp 1-6, 9-53, +33½
- 1889 Concerns attitudes towards Partition.
[Pages not consecutively numbered]
ms biro 18pp
- 1890 (a) Relates to the activities of
illegal organisations in Northern
Ireland.
ms biro 43
- (b) Draft of part of (a).
[Pages not consecutively numbered]
ms biro 21pp
- 1891 Draft of part of an article.
Concerns England's role in Northern
Ireland.
ms biro 4pp
- 1892 Draft of part of an article.
Relates to 'American calls for the
ending of Partition' and to the
anti-Partition campaign.
ms biro 8pp
- 1893 Possibly disconnected drafts of part
of an article or perhaps drafts of
unrelated items.
Concerns Partition.
ms biro 45pp
- 1894 Discussion of the current anti-
Partition campaign.
Points out its incomprehension of
Protestant attitudes.
ms biro 78pp
- 1895 Comments on the policies of the current
anti-Partition Association.
ms biro 60pp

b. In Irish

- 1896 An appeal for co-operation between
Irish political parties in the
formulation of an effective policy
towards Partition.
ms biro Ir. pp 1-21, 23-29
- 1897 Draft of part of an article on
Partition.
Refers to the effect of the Home Rule
Agitation.
[Contains some of the same ideas as
Chapter 20 of Briseadh na Teorann but
is probably not a draft of it.]
ms biro Ir. pp 108-122
- 1898 Relates to Partition and to relations
between Catholics and Protestants
in Ireland, north and south.

ms biro Ir. pp 13-75 and
 2 pages 36 & 37
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5 Irish Language and Nationality

(i) Articles

a. In English

- 1899 1914 'The Salvation of the Irish Language and the new organisation and new movement which is necessary'.
 (a) Comments on the Gaelic League and the Irish language.
 Mentions that 'As an agent for the preservation of Irish as a living Irish tongue the Gaelic League has absolutely failed'.
 [See no. 1911]
 ms ink 26pp
 (b) Copy of (a).
 carbon (of typescript) 10pp
 Both (a) and (b) were in an envelope postmarked 21 Aug 1914 and addressed to Blythe at Ceann Ard, Lios Poil, Giarraighe. [Co. Kerry]
- 1900 Promotion of the Irish Language.
 Notes, in 53 points relating to the Irish language.
 Mentions what is needed to encourage its growth.
 Suggests a Commission on the Gaeltacht.
 ms ink 18pp
- 1901 Work for the Irish Language.
 Reviews the work being done at present and indicates what should be done in the future.
 ms ink 35pp
- 1902 Recent History of the Irish language.
 Outlines the history of the decline of the language in the 19th century.
 Refers to the effect of the Gaelic League.
 Mentions efforts to promote the language under the early Free State Government.
 Includes a list of
 'Early Gaelic League Notions about Irish'.
 ms ink 10pp

1903

Irish in the North

Discusses attitudes towards Irish in the North of Ireland and refers to the actual position of the language. Comments on the modern literary movement in the four provinces.

ms ink incomplete 17pp

1904

(a) 'Recent Literature in Irish'.

Discusses recent publications.

carbon ms notes (ink) 9pp

(b) Version of (a).

Incorporates corrections made in (c).

carbon 8pp

(c) Copy of (a) but with different handwritten corrections.

carbon ms notes 9pp

(d) 'Bille

Act chun Socruithe Bhreise agus Fheabhsa do Dheanamh maidir le húsaid na Gaedhilge i ngnó na n-Udaras nAitiúil

[An Act to make extra settlements and improvements in the use of Irish in the business of the Local Authority]

Explains some of the terms used in the Act.

Explains the scope of Ministerial Orders relating to the Act.

Does not appear to give the text of the Act.

Short title:

Acht Rialtais Aitiúla
(Usaid na Gaedhilge) 1935.

[Local Authority Act
(Use of Irish) 1935]

typ. ms cor. 2pp

(e) Copy of (d).

carbon 2pp

(f) Copy in Blythe's hand of part of (d).

ms ink 1p

[All these items that compose no. 1904 were together in a black spring back binder.]

1905

'Recent Literature in Irish'.

Version of no. 1904 (a).

Incorporates the corrections made in it.

carbon 6pp

- 1906 c.1940-44 'The Child, Gaelic and the Film'.
States the need for Irish made films that would be 'Irish in subject and general outlook' in both the English and Irish languages.
Indicates the teaching value of short films.
carbon ms cor. 6pp
- 1907 Restoration of the Irish Language.
Discusses the need to save the Irish language for if it 'were to be lost, it is the bare truth to say, that this nation would have no future and that the fruits which we now see of all past effort to end English rule would ultimately [be] lost'
Comments on work in progress and indicates what has yet to be done.
carbon 11pp
- 1908 Reasons for the preservation of Irish.
Answers points raised by Brian Inglis 'in his eagerness to campaign against the Irish language'.
typ. ms notes 7pp
- 1909 Need to encourage the use of Irish.
Remarks that 'It would be easy to show that the desertion of the Irish language besides being a grave act of National surrender was also a serious economic blunder'.
Suggests ways to promote the use of the Irish language.
carbon 6pp
- 1910 Irish Language and Irish Nationality.
Part of an article discussing the role of the Irish language as an integral part of Irish nationality.
Refers to 'the calamitous Irish cultural apostacy of the nineteenth century'.
Suggests that the loss of the language was one cause of Partition.
typ. ms notes pp23-35

b. In Irish

- 1911 c.1914 'Saoradh na Gaedhilge o'n mbás agus an Cumann Nua agus an obair nua a gabhas chuige sin'.
[The saving of the Irish language from death and the new society and the new work that is needed for it']
(a) Relates to the failure of the Gaelic League to revive Irish, the current state of the language and the work that remains to be done.
[Seems to be a translation of no. 1899]
ms pencil Ir. 38pp
(b) Copy of (a).
carbon copy Ir. 38pp
- 1912 c.1930s 'Tastail na Gluine Seo'.
[The test of this generation]
Relates to the need to promote the use of Irish.
Mentions that without the language Ireland would be in grave danger of losing its national identity and this would lessen the chances of ultimate re-unification of the country.
Comments on the relationship between Partition and the language.
ms ink Ir. 93pp
- 1913 'Nua-Litríocht na Gaeilge'.
[Modern Irish Literature]
Examines the actual state of Irish literature.
Suggests further measures needed to promote the learning and use of the language.
ms ink Ir. 81pp
- 1914 An Gum.
Gives an account of the history and achievements of An Gum.
Indicates work yet to be done.
[Could be a script for a broadcast.]
ms ink Ir. 8pp
- 1915 'Amharclann Gaedhlach'.
[An Irish Theatre.]
Mentions that there are few things that would be more helpful to the restoration of the Irish language than an Irish Theatre. Notes its probable effects. Refers to films.
ms ink Ir. 17pp

1916

'Fás agus Caighdeana na Gaeilge'.
[Growth and standards of Irish]

Relates to the changes that are taking place in the Irish language and to the need for standardisation of vocabulary and grammatical rules.

carbon

4pp

1917

Regional Differences in Irish.

Concerns the changes that have taken place in the Irish language and the differences between the spoken language in each of the four provinces.

carbon

4pp

1918

Decline of the Irish Language.

Indicates the causes for the decline of the Irish language in the Gaeltacht areas.

Comments on the role of the Dail Eireann Translation Department in combatting the decline.

carbon

9pp

1919

Irish Speakers.

Concerns the aims and outlook of the Irish speaking section of the Irish people.

typ. ms notes

7pp

1920 c.1962

Irish Language and National Identity.

Relates to the need to revive and to use the Irish language as a sign of national identity.

Includes comments on an article entitled 'Eireannach cad eile?' by Muiris O Droighnean in An tUlltach, June 1962, vol. 39, no.6.

carbon ms cor.

16pp

(ii) Talks and Broadcasts relating to matters connected with the Irish Language.

1921 15 Sept 1936

'Litríocht na Breatain Bige'.
[Welsh Literature]

Gives an account of the history and present state of Welsh literature.

Includes comparisons with Irish.

Marked in Blythe's hand on p.1

'Broadcast 15/9/36'.

ms ink

Ir. 21pp

- 1922 c.1939 Irish nationality and language.
 Relates to Irish nationality, culture and the recent history of the Irish language and its present state.
 [Both nos. 1922 and 1923 were in the same envelope on which Blythe had noted in biro that they were lectures given about 1939.]
 ms ink Ir. 87pp
- 1923 c.1939 Modern Irish Literature.
 Concerns modern Irish literature and the advisability of providing translations of foreign works so that sufficient reading matter may be offered to Irish speakers.
 Mentions that it is easier to find competent translators than competent original writers.
 ms ink Ir. 58pp
- 1924 The Gaelic League.
 Comments on the Gaelic League and on the various efforts made to revive the Irish language.
 Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Cuid de Leacht' [Part of a lecture.]
 ms ink Ir. 14pp
- 1925 c.1949 Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaelige.
 Presidential Address to the Comhdháil.*
 Reports on recent achievements of the Comhdháil and on the work in progress for the promotion of the Irish language. Indicates future policy and aims. Stresses the need for a strong state policy relating to the language.
 ms biro Ir. 54pp
- 1926 c.1950 Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge
 Presidential Address to the Comhdháil. Reports on the activities of the past year which included sending a delegation to meet the Taoiseach and political leaders. Advises on future activities and policies for promoting the Irish language.
 ms biro Ir. 35pp

* See no. 995 for printed pamphlet giving the English version of this address.

- 1927 post 1946 Census Figures and the Irish Language.
Mentions the recent publication of information gathered in the 1946 Census. Examines its implications for the Irish Language.
ms biro Ir. 35pp
- 1928 c.1958 'Significance of the Irish Language for the future of the Nation'.
(a) Text of a talk given to the Dublin Branch of the Graduates Association of the National University of Ireland.
[See no. 1461]
In envelope on which it is noted in Blythe's hand that it was not published in full. [See nos. 1462 & 2370]
carbon 45pp
(b) Draft of (a).
carbon 52pp
- 1929 Irish language as a badge of distinction.
Mentions 'The importance of a national language is as a badge of distinction, as a vehicle of culture, as an ever present link with the past and as a bond of union within the nation'.
Comments further on this.
Typescript headed 'Mr Blythe'.
carbon 12pp
- 1930 1 Jun 1958 Irish language and nationality.
Concerns the Irish language as an integral part of Irish nationality. Notes the need to encourage its use especially in the schools.
Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Greystones Feis 1/6/58'.
Starts in Irish and continues in English,
carbon ms notes Ir. & Eng. 8pp
- 1931 Restoration of the Irish Language.
Mentions that 'Our business at this Feis to-day is to aid and encourage all who are working for the preservation and restoration of the Irish language and for the strengthening and development of the distinctive culture which is linked with it and is flavoured and coloured by it!.... [See p2]
Comments further on this matter.
Given at Feis na nGleann.
Starts in Irish and continues in English.
carbon ms notes Ir. & Eng. 12pp

(iii) Talks not specifically concerned with the Irish language but given to groups interested in the language. In Irish.

- 1932 c.1939-1940 (a) Parliamentary Democracy.
Concerns recent developments relating to Parliamentary Democracy in various countries of the world.
Remarks that Britain may well have won the war by 1946.
Suggests possible future developments.
In a envelope marked with a note that it was a lecture given at Beal Atha an Ghaorthai.
ms ink Ir. 74pp
- (b) Notes giving the names of persons and after them points relating to matters mentioned in (a).
ms ink Ir. 2pp
- 1933 c.1939-1944 History of Parliament.
On the recent history of Parliaments, especially those in Europe.
[Could be a version of part of no. 1932]
Includes 2 pages of notes.
ms ink incomplete Ir. 40pp
- 1934 c.1940 (a) 'An Pharlaiminteacht san am atá le teacht'
[Parliamentarianism in the time to come]
Discussion of the matter.
[Could be a version of no. 1932]
ms ink Ir. 67pp
- (b) Draft of part of (a).
ms ink Ir. 18pp
- (c) Covering letter from Liam O Droma, Cumann Liteardha Chorcaigh, Colaiste Olsgoile, Corcaigh. [University College Cork.]
Returns the manuscript with thanks.
Enquires what expenses they should send.
ms Ir. 1p
and envelope
- 1935 Aug 1943 The Government of Ireland.
Suggests the need for a change in the organisation and structure of Government in Ireland, at both central and local levels.
Mentions the dangers of the Proportional Representation electoral system.
Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Co-Chaidreamh Beil Atha an Ghaorthaigh Lunasa 1943'. [August 1943].
carbon ms notes 28pp

6 Theatre

- 1936 c.1940 Arrangement between An Comhar Drámaíochta and the Abbey Theatre.
 Explanation of the new arrangements.
 'For the next two years a special committee including representatives of the Abbey Board and a representative of the Minister for Education will control the work of the Comhar and will select plays to be performed. But responsibility for actual production will be delegated to the Abbey'.
 carbon ms notes, pencil 5pp
- 1937 c.1940 Interview with Blythe.
 Text of a short interview given by Blythe to L.M.
 Relates to the Comhar Drámaíochta and its activities.
 [Substantially the same in content as no. 1936]
 carbon 2pp
- 1938 Irish Drama.
 Notes for a lecture on Irish Drama. Refers to the Irish Literary Theatre and its activities and to the early years of the Irish National Theatre Society.
 Mentions also the present day situation at the Abbey Theatre and the policies of the National Theatre Society.
 ms ink 59pp
- 1939 Jun 1962 Abbey Theatre Building schemes.
 Gives an account of the schemes for re-building the Abbey Theatre from about 1939 to 1962.
 Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Speech prepared for the signing of contract for the New Abbey June 1962 - not delivered'.
 carbon 3pp
- 1940 Nationality and the Theatre.
 Text of a talk on nationality and the theatre in relation to the foundation and development of the Abbey Theatre up to about 1943.
 Mentions Irish language productions during the late 1930s and early 1940s. Refers to the Irish translation of 'Everyman' in 1942. [See no. 905]

7 Historical

(i) Articles

- 1941: First Dail 1919.
An account of the activities of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in the First Dail.
ms ink Ir. 10pp
- 1942 'Blueshirt Memories'.
Remarks that 'The death last week of General Eoin O'Duffy awakened memories of the Blueshirt movement'.
Mentions the reasons for the development and subsequent collapse of the movement.
ms ink 15pp
- 1943 The Blueshirt Movement.
Explains the reasons for the formation and development of the Blueshirt movement and gives a brief account of its activities.
In an envelope marked 'Keegan Paul'.
carbon Ir. 5pp
- 1944 c.1954-
c.1955 Assassination of Sir Henry Wilson.
Comments on the shooting of Wilson. Refers to Colonel Charles Dalton's view of the matter.
Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Published in Leader perhaps 1954 or 1955'
carbon 3pp
- 1945 c.1959 'Fragments 1959'
Consists of notes in 54 points relating to recent Irish history.
Seems to relate mainly to Partition and the situation in Northern Ireland. Indicates the possible effects of the implementation of certain policies and suggests appropriate attitudes to be adopted towards certain situations. Mentions Edward Carson's role in Irish history.
typ. ms cor. 11pp
- 1946 (a) Edward Carson.
Notes relating to Lord Carson. [They appear to be extracts from a book, a page number is given with each point.]
typ. & ms ms notes 8½pp
(b) Copy of (a).
With different handwritten notes.
carbon 8pp

- 1947 Edward Carson.
Blythe's recollections of the time when Carson entered public life as a Unionist leader.
carbon Ir. 9pp
- 1948 Edward Carson.
An account of Carson and his activities. Includes quotations, in English, from Carson and others.
typ. ms notes Ir. 15pp
- 1949 Edward Carson.
An account of Carson's life and works.
carbon ms cor. Ir. 29pp
- 1950 Erskine Childers.
Part of an article relating to Erskine Childers.
carbon ms notes Ir. pp10-16
typ. not attached to rest p10
- 1951 Erskine Childers.
Part of a draft of an article on Childers.
ms 16pp
typ. 1p
- 1952 'Fine Gael Leadership'.
Comments on James Dillon and Liam Cosgrave as leaders of the Party. In an envelope marked in Blythe's hand 'Dillon and Liam Cosgrave compared'.
ms 10pp
- 1953 Feb 1963 1916 Rising.
Refers to 'the heroic Rising of 1916' and to 'its decisive influence on the national life'.
Comments on the situation in the country in the early years of the twentieth century and indicates how events in the North influenced those in the South.
Urges 'a careful and sympathetic study, of the psychology of the Unionist North'.
Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Feb 1963 sent to Pdraig McBroin for his 1916 Commemoration publication'.
carbon ms cor. 10pp

- 1954 Dail Eireann 1919-1921.
Relates to the first Dail and its effects on the country.
typ. 4pp
- 1955 Dail Eireann 1919-c.1925.
(a) Concerns the achievements of the First Dail and of the early Governments of the Free State up to about 1925.
typ. ms notes 14pp
(b) Copy of (a) with some different corrections.
carbon ms cor. 14pp
- 1956 Modern Irish History.
Relates to modern Irish political history from the time of the Land League to the Truce in 1920.
carbon ms notes 27pp

(ii) Historical Talks

- 1957 Irish History 1914-1917.
Notes for a talk on Irish history 1914-1917. Mainly relate to the activities of the Volunteers and the I.R.B.
ms biro 16pp
- 1958 'The Aftermath of 1916'.
Summarises the main political events of the period 1916-1921.
Discusses the effects of the 1916 Rising and subsequent developments.
carbon ms notes some of which are not in Blythe's hand 10pp
- 1959 15 Mar 1965 The Industrial Policy of the Cosgrave Government.
(a) Relates to the industrial policy of the Cosgrave Government during the early 1920s.
Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Recorded Telefis Eireann 15/3/65'.
typ. ms notes 4pp
(b) Draft of (a).
typ. ms notes 4pp

1960 c.1968-1969

'The Founder in Conflict'.

Relates to Dr Douglas Hyde and the changing attitudes in the Gaelic League, 1913-1916.

A Thomas Davis Lecture on Radio Eireann. No. 3 in the 1968-69 series on the Gaelic League, edited by Sean O Tuama.

[This series was later published in book form by the Mercier Press, Cork, in 1972 and entitled The Gaelic League Idea.]

sten. some ms notes on p.1
not in Blythe's hand

11pp

8 Autobiographical Writings and
Reminiscences

(i) Articles.

- 1961 Autobiographical Notes.
They cover the period from early
childhood to the Civil War.
Set down in 56 points.
ms. ink Ir. 8pp
- 1962 Early Memories.
Recollections of early childhood.
Includes mention of Home Rule and an
Irish speaking maid employed in the
Blythe household.
carbon ms note Ir. 6pp
- 1963 Early Memories.
Childhood recollections.
The beginning is very similar in content
to no. 1962.
Details relating to family background
are given.
carbon Ir. 15pp
- 1964 Early Memories.
(a) Recollections of early childhood
and details of family background.
typ. ms notes Ir. 6pp
(b) Draft of (a).
ms biro Ir. 13pp
- 1965 Reading Jail.
An account of prison life in Reading
Jail.
Mentions Darrell Figgis and Peadar
Mac Suibhne.
typ. ms notes Ir. 7pp
- 1966 'This Set Me Thinking'.
(a) Gives an account of Blythe's
experiences while learning Irish both
in the Gaelic League in Dublin and in
Kinard in the County Kerry Gaeltacht.
carbon ms cor. Ir. 13pp
(b) Draft of (a).
ms ink Ir. 21pp

- 1967 Early Years in Dublin (1905-1909).
Gives an account of Blythe's life in Dublin.
Mentions his involvement with the Gaelic League, Sinn Fein and the Irish Republican Brotherhood.
typ. ms cor. Ir. 13pp
- 1968 Early Journalism.
Gives an account of Blythe's early journalistic activities both as a contributor to Dublin publications such as An Scolog and as a reporter on the staff of the North Down Herald.
carbon Ir. 11pp
- 1969 Volunteer Organiser (1914-1916).
Starts with some general comments on recent Irish history.
Continues with an account of Blythe's travels through the Northern and South-Western parts of the country as an organiser for the Volunteers and the Irish Republican Brotherhood.
ms biro p.4 missing Ir. 16pp
- 1970 Hunger Strikes.
Relates to the use of hunger striking as a weapon during the period from 1917 to just after the the end of the Civil War.
Describes his own experiences as a hunger striker and later as a Government Minister who had to deal with the problem of hunger striking prisoners.
[Blythe was acting Minister for Home Affairs August 1922]
carbon ms cor. 11pp
- 1971 4 May 1962 'National Spirit at Its Lowest Ebb'
Concerns attitudes towards national aspirations through the country during the early years of the twentieth century.
Gives an account of Blythe's experiences in his travels through the Northern and South-Western parts of the country as an organiser for the Volunteers.
Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Sent to Capt M.L. McGuinne for an An tOglach 4/5/62'.
typ. ms notes 12pp

- 1972 7 Aug 1962 Volunteer Organiser (1915).
 An account of Blythe's activities as an
 organiser for the Volunteers in the
 South-West in 1915.
 [Probably a sequel to no. 1971]
 Includes note in Blythe's hand
 'Sent to Capt McGuinne for an tOglach
 7/8/62'.
 carbon 21pp
- 1973 Biographical note on Blythe.
 Brief biographical note about Blythe.
 Mentions the positions held by him up
 to 1932.
 carbon ms additions. 3pp
- 1974 Stay in Kerry Gaeltacht.
 (a) Explains the reasons why Blythe
 decided to go to the Kerry Gaeltacht
 to learn Irish.
 [Possibly a fragment that fits into
 something else].
 typ. ms notes Ir. 5pp
 (b) Copy of (a).
 Different handwritten notes.
 carbon ms notes Ir. 5pp
- 1975 Family Background and Early Memories.
 Gives an account of Blythe's family
 background and early memories.
 Refers to the stories he heard during
 his childhood of the Rising of 1798 and
 of Betsy Gray.
 Mentions his first contacts with the
 Irish language through hearing it used
 by the maid servants.
 typ. ms cor. pp 7-23

(ii) Talks including Broadcasts

- 1976 a. Notes for a Talk
- Interest in National Affairs (1905-1916)
 (a) A brief account of Blythe's
 involvement in the National Movement
 from the time he first came to Dublin
 until after 1916.
 ms Ir. 15pp
 (b) Translation of page 1.
 ms Eng. 1p

b. Apparently scripts for a series of Radio Talks given in the late 1930s or 1940s.

- 1977 Family Background.
An account of Blythe's family background, of the district in which he grew up and of the attitudes and outlook of the people in that part of Co. Antrim.
carbon ms notes, ink Ir. 18pp
- 1978 Childhood Recollections.
Mentions his first contacts with the Irish language through learning some words from the Irish speaking maid servants.
Alludes to his interest in the stories of the Rising of 1798 and of Betsy Gray.
typ. ms notes, ink Ir. 12pp
- 1979 Volunteer Organiser.
(a) An account of Blythe's activities as an organiser for the Irish Republican Brotherhood and for the Volunteers in the Northern and South Western parts of Ireland.
typ. ms notes, ink Ir. 13pp
(b) Draft of (a).
ms ink 49pp
- 1980 Blythe's activities from 1915 to 1919.
(a) Gives an account of the period from his arrest in 1915 to 1919. Relates mainly to his various terms in prison at this time.
carbon ms notes, ink Ir. 11pp
(b) Draft of (a).
Headed in biro 'Type on Quarto sheets'.
ms ink Ir. 44pp
- 1981 Director of Trade.
(a) An account of Blythe's work as Director and later Minister for Trade in the First Dail.
carbon ms notes ink & biro Ir. 10pp
(b) Draft of (a).
ms ink Ir. 34pp

1982

Youthful activities.

(a) Mentions that as he came down to the time of the civil war in the talks that he has already given he has decided to go back to the days of his youth.

Gives an account of his childhood and mentions that his interest in the Irish language was awakened by hearing the servant girls talking Irish.

Refers to contacts with his Catholic neighbours.

Mentions his first stay in Dublin and his activities in the Gaelic League and the Irish Republican Brotherhood.

carbon ms notes, ink Ir. 13pp

(b) Draft of (a).

ms Ir. 39pp

(iii) Interviews

1983

Parts of the script of an article or profile of Blythe which was constructed from material gathered in interviews with him.

Includes a number of quotations.

Concerns Blythe's activities in the Volunteers and later as a member of Dail Eireann during the War of Independence.

[These pages may comprise a number of drafts.]

typ. & carbon copious ms notes, [some of which are in Blythe's hand and some in that of another person] 56pp

1984

Four pages relating to the period 1920 to 1926.

typ. ms notes pp 13, 19, 21, 38.

1985

'Looking Back with Ernest Blythe.
Abbey Theatre Chief'.

Outline of an interview with Blythe.
Gives ten questions to be asked and
summarises the answers given by Blythe.
They cover his involvement in the
national movement, his term of office
as a Minister in the Free State
Government from 1922 to 1932, his
interest in the Irish language and in
the theatre and also his childhood
recollections.

An Ulster Television Production.
Researched by Paddy Scott. *

ms not in Blythe's hand

10pp

* See also nos. 1284-1286

9 Book Reviews (1936-1970)

(i) Books Relating to Irish History

- 1986 1936 (a) Tom Clarke and the Irish Freedom Movement
by Louis N. Le Roux
(Talbot Press, Dublin, 1936)
Consists of advice to the publishers concerning the value of the work. Indicates parts that should be omitted in the printed version. [See no. 1511]
carbon 8pp
- (b) Draft of (a).
ms. 12pp
- (c) Notes for (a).
ms 3pp
- 1987 1936 (a) [Cabinet Government
by Sir William Ivor Jennings
(University Press, Cambridge, 1936).]
Refers to 'Dr Jennings excellent detailed account of the machinery by which the various agencies of parliamentary democracy are co-ordinated and guided....'
Discusses the role of 'Cabinet Government'.
ms ink 9pp
- (b) 'Cabinet Govt'.
Notes [probably a preparation for (a)].
ms ink 5pp
- 1988 1955 Trodairi na Treas Briogaide
by Colm O Labhra
(Aonach Urmhumhan, Clo Ui Mheara, 1955).
Concerns the activities of the Third Brigade of the Irish Republican Army in Co. Tipperary during the War of Independence (1919-1921).
typ. Ir. 7pp

- 1989 1957 (a) The Indivisible Island: the History of the Partition of Ireland by Frank Gallagher. (Gollancz, 1957)
Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Review of Frank Gallagher's book for Sunday Independent - not published but portion afterwards printed in Leader'.
typ. ms notes 15pp
- (b) Pinned to (a).
[Possibly a continuation of (a).]
typ. & carbon ms notes 12pp
- (c) Version of (a).
carbon 17pp
- (d) Version of (a).
carbon unfinished 12pp
- (e) Version of (b).
carbon ms notes 8pp
- (f) Pages relating to (a) & (b).
carbon 10pp
- (g) Pages relating to (a) & (b).
carbon pp10-27
- (h) Pages relating to (a) & (b).
carbon 3pp
- 1990 1959 (a) Arthur Griffith by Padraic Colum. (Brown & Nolan, Dublin, 1959)
Includes pencil note on the first page giving the title and other details but not in Blythe's hand.
typ. ms notes 27pp
- (b) Copy of (a).
Includes note in Blythe's hand 'March 1960'.
carbon ms notes 27pp
- (c) Version of (a).
typ. 26pp
- 1991 1962 [The Northern Ireland Problem by Denis P. Barrit and Charles F. Carter]
(2 ed. Oxford University Press, 1972)
The title of the book is not given in the review but the authors are named and it is mentioned that they 'undertook the preparation of their book on group relations in the Six Counties at the instance of the Northern Committee of the Irish Association'.
Reference is also made to the activities of the Irish Association'.
Includes a note in Blythe's hand 'Review sent by request.....20 Oct 1962 to Sunday Press - Not published Sunday 28th'.
carbon 9pp

- 1992 1966 Belfast: Origin and Growth of an Industrial City
edited by J.C. Beckett and R.E. Glasscock.
(B.B.C. Publications).
typ. & ms. ms notes 20pp
- 1993 1967 The Ulster Crises
by A.T.Q. Stewart.
(Faber, 1967)
typ. ms notes 19pp
- 1994 1968 The Easter Rising
by Owen Dudley Edwards and Fergus Pyle.
A series of articles originally written for The Irish Times.
carbon 25pp
- 1995 1966 or 1968 'a delayed footnote'
to a review of a book
by Eoin Neeson.
Relates to the assassination of Sir Henry Wilson in 1922.
[It could refer to either of two books.]
The Civil War in Ireland
(Mercier Press, Cork, 1966) or
The Life and Death of Michael Collins
(Mercier Press, Cork, 1968)
typ. ms cor. 4pp
- 1996 1968 Ireland's Civil War
by Carlton Younger.
(Muller, 1968)
typ. & carbon 31pp
- 1997 1968 De Valera
by Tomas O'Neill [Thomas P. O'Neill] and
Padraig O Fiannachta
(Clo Morann, Ath Cliath [Dublin] 1968)
(a) Unfinished review.
carbon ms cor. Ir. 47pp

(b) 'Reim de Valera roimh an Scoilt'.
[The career of de Valera before the split (at the time of the Anglo-Irish Treaty in 1922)]
Brief review quite different from (a).
carbon ms cor. Ir. 4pp
- 1998 1968 The Making of 1916
Studies in the History of the Rising
edited by Kevin B. Nowlan.
(Stationery Office, Dublin, 1969)
carbon 17pp

1999 1970 Eamon de Valera
by the Earl of Longford and
Thomas P. O'Neill.
(Gill & Macmillan, 1970)
typ. unfinished 13pp

(ii) Non-Historical Books in the Irish
Language.

2000 19 Jun 1936 (a) Peig, a Sceal Fein
[Peig, her own story]
edited by Maire Ni Chinneide.
(Colucht an Talboigigh [Talbot Press]
Baile Atha Cliath [Dublin] 1936)
'The life of Peig Sayers.....'
typ. Eng. 9pp
(b) Version of (a).
carbon Eng. 10pp

2001 1936 'Oileanaigh'
[Islanders]
Reviews two books
An Closcríobhai
[The Typist]
by Leon O Broin
(Stationery Office, Dublin, 1936)
Muintir an Oileain
[Islanders]
by Peadar O'Donnell,
translated into Irish by
Seosamh MacGrianna.
(Stationery Office, Dublin, 1936)
carbon Ir. 3pp

2002 1936 'Desceasaíocht na Lochlannach'
[Mythology of the Norsemen]
(a) Reviews three books.
Clann Odin
[The Children of Odin]
by Padraic Colum,
translated into Irish by
Sean O MacMaolain.
(Stationery Office, Dublin, 1936)
Cat na mBrog
[Cat of the Shoe] (Puss in Boots ?)
by Henri Geon,
translated into Irish by Liam O Briain.
(Stationery Office, Dublin, 1936)
Rannta Ceoil
by Peadar O Dubhda.
(Dun Dealgan, [Dundalk], 1936)
ms Ir. 5pp
(b) Copy of (a).
carbon unfinished Ir. 1p

- 2003 1936 (a) 'Bob ar Gheadhealaimh.
Ceathru in ionad an Iomlan'.
[A trick on Irish people.
A quarter instead of the whole]
Imtheachtaí Fhear Dheireadh Teaghlaig
by Edward John Trelawny,
translated into Irish by
Seosamh Mac Grianna.
(Stationery Office, Dublin, 1936)
Warns that only a quarter of the whole
work is to be found in the translation.
carbon Ir. 3pp
- (b) Draft of (a).
ms Ir. 6pp
- 2004 1936 Cam-Ahuartai I n-Eirinn
[Rambles in Ireland]
by William Bulfin,
translated into Irish by
Tadhg Saor O Seaghdha.
(Stationery Office, Dublin, 1936)
carbon Ir. 4pp
- 2005 1939 Reviews five books.
A book of Irish poetry
by Seamas O hAodha
published by the Three Candles Press.
[probably
Caoineadh na mná agus duanta eile
(The Three Candles Press, 1939)]
Eoghan an Mheinn MacCathaigh
by Risteard O Foghludha.
(An Gum, 1939)
A collection of eighteenth century
Irish poetry.
As na Ceithre h-Airclibh
Twenty short stories
by eleven different writers.
Commando
by Deneys Reitz,
translated into Irish by
Niall O Domhnaill
(An Gum, 1939)
The Autobiography of a Super Tramp
by W.H. Davies,
translated into Irish
by Colm O Gaora.
Headed in Blythe's hand, in biro,
'Leirmheas Radio measaim'.
ms ink Ir. 24pp

(iii) Radio Reviews of Books published by
An Gum (c.1936-1940s)

Scripts for reviews broadcasted on
Radio.

All relate to books published in the
Irish language by An Gum.

Some are original works but many are
translations into Irish.

Each script reviews a number of books.

2006	carbon	ms notes, ink		8pp
2007	ms	ink	Ir.	43pp
2008	ms	ink	Ir.	28pp
2009	ms	ink	Ir.	16pp
2010	typ.	ms notes, ink	Ir.	10pp
2011	typ.	ms notes, ink	Ir.	12pp
2012	typ.	ms notes, ink	Ir.	11pp
2013	All plays typ.	ms cor., ink	Ir.	10pp

(iv) Two Plays

2014	c.1950s - c.1960	Outline of the story of two plays 'The Plough and the Stars' by Sean O'Casey. 'An Pórsadh' by Douglas Hyde		8pp
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10 Obituaries (c.1954 - c.1970)

- 2015 c. Mar 1954 Michael Dolan.
 A member of the Abbey Theatre Company.
 Comments on his acting ability.
 Mentions some of his most notable performances.
 Includes note in Blythe's hand 'Radio'.
 In an envelope marked 'Death of M. Dolan Radio'
 typ. ms notes 2pp
- 2016 c. Mar 1964 Brendan Behan.
 (a) Describes his personality.
 Comments on his writings.
 Mentions Blythe's first meeting with the playwright.
 typ. 5pp
 (b) Draft of (a).
 ms 11pp
- 2017 c. 1970 ? Sinead de Valera.
 (a) Draft of part of a letter to Mr McInerny.
 Encloses an amended draft of an obituary of Sinead de Valera.
 ms 1p
 (b) Part of a draft of an obituary of Sinead de Valera.
 Mentions her attendances at the Irish pantomines.
 Refers to activities connected with the Gaelic League in the early twentieth century.
 [Mrs de Valera was ill in 1970 but did not die until 7 January 1975]
 ms 8pp
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11 General Topics

(i) Articles

a. In English

- 2018 The Atomic Bomb.
Discusses generally the problem of control of the Atomic Bomb.
Criticises General Emmett O'Donnell's idea that it should be used in Korea.
ms. 12pp
- 2019 Clerical Celibacy.
Comments on a report in The Irish Times concerning a lecture on Clerical Celibacy given by Rev. Patrick O'Connell S.J., Professor of Church History at Milltown Park.
typ. 8pp
- 2020 Women Clergy.
Relates to the ordination of women clergy.
Refers to the Anglican bishops attitude at 'the recent Lambeth Conference'.
typ. 7pp

b. In Irish

- 2021 A Credit Scheme.
Concerns the credit scheme of Hugh Clifford Douglas.
carbon ms notes Ir. 10pp
- 2022 late 1940s or early 1950s (a) International Trade.
Relates to the re-establishment of post war international trade and commerce.
Refers to a British White Paper.
carbon Ir. 4pp
- (b) Draft of (a).
ms ink Ir. 14pp

- P 24
- 2023 The Flight from the Land.
 Comments on the way people are leaving
 the countryside to settle in the towns
 and the cities.
 Compares conditions in former times and
 today.
 Suggests certain measures that should
 be taken.
 typ. ms notes Ir. 24pp
- 2024 Visit to Rome.
 Description of a visit to Rome.
 Includes note in Blythe's hand that it
 was written for The Leader.
 carbon ms note Ir. 7pp
- 2025 Elections and Political Parties.
 Relates to elections and political
 parties in America, Europe and Ireland.
 carbon Ir. 6pp
- 2026 'Candida'.
 Comments on the play by George Bernard
 Shaw.
 Refers to a production of the play by
 a group of Irish actors in Paris.
 Mentions that although it is by an
 Irish author it is not an Irish play.
 carbon Ir. 6pp
- 2027 Decline in use of Railways.
 Relates to the decline in the use of
 the Railway since the motor car became
 so popular.
 carbon Ir. 2pp
- 2028 International Balance of Power.
 Concerns the international balance of
 power between the United States of
 America and Russia.
 Mentions the fear they both have of
 each other's bombs.
 carbon Ir. 2pp
- 2029 Protein Deficiency in Diet.
 Mentions the protein deficiency in the
 diet of many people in Africa.
 Suggests ways to remedy the situation.
 typ. Ir. 2pp

- 2030 Racial Segregation.
Concerns racial segregation in Africa.
carbon Ir. 3pp
- 2031 Irish Americans.
Part of an article about Irish
Americans and the Republican and
Democratic Parties of the United States
of America.
ms. biro unfinished Ir. 6pp
- 2032 The Commonwealth.
Part of an article relating to the
British Commonwealth of Nations.
Gives Blythe's opinions about Ireland's
links with the Commonwealth.
ms biro incomplete Ir. pp16-24

(ii) Talks

- 2033 18 Jul 1953 International Relations.
Concerns international relations
between the great powers especially
the United States of America and
Russia.
Mentions the situation in Korea
Includes note in Blythe's hand
'Radio Eireann 18/7/53'.
carbon ms notes Ir. 10pp
- 2034 c. 1960s Portrait of Blythe.
(a) Speech at a Club Leabhar dinner
Thanks for having commissioned a
portrait of him.
typ. ms notes Ir. 3pp
(b) Copy of (a).
carbon ms cor. Ir. 3pp

(iii) Translation

- 2035 Seems to be a translation into Irish
of part of the 1916 Easter Proclamation.
ms biro Ir. 3pp

F. BOOKS 1955-19731 Briseadh na Teorann

Drafts of parts of Briseadh na Teorann
(Sairseal agus Dill, Baile Atha Cliath
[Dublin], 1955). [see no. 2367].

All items are in Irish.

[The page number in the printed book
which corresponds with the opening
part of each draft is usually given.]

- 2036 Draft with note in Blythe's hand.
'An Dreacht Tosaigh a cuireadh chuig
Sean O hEigeartaigh'.
[The beginning part or draft that was
sent to Sean O hEigeartaigh].
See end of p.21 in pr. book.
carbon & typ. ms notes
(i) 103pp
(ii) pp.104-189
- 2037 Draft marked 'A'.
See p. 29 in pr. book.
" p. 10 of no. 2036.
carbon & typ. ms cor. pp.11-102
- 2038 Draft.
Includes many differences to pr. book.
See p. 21 in pr. book.
" p. 1 of no. 2036.
typ. 10pp
- 2039 Draft.
Includes many differences to pr. book.
Consists of four consecutive sections
fastened separately and apparently part
of the same draft.
typ. ms notes
(i) pp.30-36
(ii) pp.37-52
(iii) pp.53-59
(iv) pp.60-70
- 2040 Draft.
See p.21 in pr. book.
(i) carbon pp. 1-54
(ii) carbon ms cor. pp.57-68

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- 2041 Draft.
See p.21 in pr. book.
ms includes $\frac{1}{2}$ pages pp 1-203
- 2042 Draft.
Consists of four sections possibly
all belonging to the same draft.
(a) typ. ms cor. pp 86 - 88
(b) typ. & ms ms notes pp168 $\frac{1}{2}$ -173 $\frac{1}{2}$
(c) typ. & ms ms notes pp174 -184 $\frac{1}{2}$
(d) typ. ms notes pp219 -229
- 2043 Draft.
See chapter 19 in pr. book.
ms pp 20-51
- 2044 'Clár'.
List of topics with corresponding
page number from 1 to 46.
And also some other notes,
including notes on an envelope.
ms envelope and 5pp
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2 Autobiography (1957-1973)
(Written in the Irish language)

Drafts of parts of Blythe's autobiography. Some pieces are very similar to the printed version but others are quite different. The sequence of certain incidents often differs from the printed version. Some of these pages contain material that does not seem to have appeared in the printed volumes.

A detailed comparison has not been made between these drafts and the printed version. However, the first page of each section has often been matched with the corresponding page in the printed volumes which were published by Sáirséal agus Dill, Baile Atha Cliath, [Dublin] and are entitled:

Trasna na Bóinne (1957)
Slán le hUltaibh (1970)
Gaeil Á Múscailt (1973)

(i) Volume I Trasna na Bóinne

2045

Envelope containing drafts of parts of vol. I. They differ in many ways from the printed version. They relate mainly to Blythe's interest in the Irish language, the Irish Republican Brotherhood and his dramatic activities and cover the period from his early childhood memories to his arrival in Co. Kerry in 1913.

typ. ms notes

(i) marked 'A' & 'B'	pp 1- 2
(ii) marked 'C' & 'D'	1- 3
(iii) marked 'E = I'	1- 5
	6- 9
	10-14
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	51-54
	55-58
	59-63
	64-68
	69-74
	75-81

- P 24
- 2046 Draft.
Childhood and early youth.
Rather different to printed version.
See p. 19, Trasna na Bóinne
carbon ms notes, p9 pp 9-25
- 2047 Draft.
Description of the Blythe house and of
family activities when Ernest was young.
See p. 45, Trasna na Bóinne.
carbon pp 1-22
- 2048 Draft.
Visits to places outside home.
First job.
Leaves for Dublin. (1905).
carbon ms note, p 104 pp104-118
- 2049 Pages in an envelope which is
marked in Blythe's hand 'Beathasaoil
mé im dhéagóir' [Autobiography
myself as a teenager].
(i) Differs from printed version but
contains information found on p.68,
Trasna na Bóinne.
carbon ms notes p62 (1p)
(ii) Conditions of work for labourers.
See p.68, Trasna na Bóinne.
typ. pp102-102c
- 2050 Draft.
In Dublin, 1905-1909.
[Could be the final version].
See p.75, Trasna na Bóinne.
typ. pp 1-119
- 2051 Draft.
Joins the Gaelic League and meets
Sean O'Casey.
Quite different from printed version.
carbon ms notes 10pp
- 2052 Draft.
Joins the Irish Republican Brotherhood.
Quite different from the printed
version. Possibly a continuation of
no. 2051.
carbon ms notes 13pp

(ii) Volume II Slán le hUltaibh

- 2053 Draft.
Continuous narrative in 3 sections.
See pp 7-85, Slán le hUltaibh.
Incorporates corrections made in
no. 2061.
- (i) Visits Dublin on the way to Kerry.
First meeting with Eamon de Valera.
Early days in Co. Kerry.
Meets Desmond FitzGerald.
Goes to stay in the Ashe household.
carbon ms cor. & note, p36 36pp
- (ii) Farm work in Co. Kerry.
FitzGerald's literary tastes and
their influence on Blythe.
Visit home to the North at Christmas.
Return to Co. Kerry.
Amateur dramatics.
Work for the I.R.B. in Belfast in 1914.
Stay in Dublin with Bulmer Hobson on
the way back to Co. Kerry.
Drilling with the Irish Volunteers.
Return to Co. Kerry.
Organizing and drilling of Volunteers.
carbon ms note, p37 pp37-137
- (iii) Meeting in Co. Kerry with the
O'Rahilly who asked him to go to
Germany as a representative of the
Irish Volunteers.
Return to Dublin.
carbon ms note, p138 pp138-159
- 2054 Draft.
Similar to no. 2053.
See pp. 7-86, Slán le hUltaibh
carbon ms notes. 198pp
- 2055 Draft.
Organizing for the Irish Volunteers in
1915, in Co. Cork, Co. Kerry, Co.
Limerick, and Co. Clare.
The Deportation Order.
Journey to Dublin and to the North.
Arrest.
See pp117-174, Slán le hUltaibh.
Incorporates corrections made in
no. 2064.
typ. ms notes ppB1-B165

2056

(a) Pages relating to the organization of the Irish Volunteers in the South-Western parts of Ireland. They were fastened together. They include typescript page numbers and also a different handwritten page number which is given in brackets below. There are two copies of each page.

See p.156 in vol. III	p105 (340)
" p.158 " " "	pB118 (353)
" p.161 " " "	pB129 (363)
" p.164 " " "	p139 (373)
carbon	8pp

(b) Similar to (a).
Includes handwritten notes which are incorporated in (a).
Different size type to (a).

carbon 3pp

2057

Draft.
Prison in Belfast.
Release from jail.
Includes note in Blythe's hand
'Incomplete copy'
See pp. 175-189, Slán le hUltaibh

carbon	ms note, p1	pp 1-12
ms		pp13a,b,c,
carbon		pp14-19
ms		pp20a,b,c,
carbon		pp21-31

2058

(a) Draft marked 'I'.
Visit to Dublin on the way to Co. Kerry.
Stay in Co. Kerry.
See pp.1-46, Slán le hUltaibh.

typ. 71pp

(b) Draft marked 'II'
A continuation of (a)
Stay in Co. Kerry.
Visit to the North at Christmas 1913.
Return to Co. Kerry.
Anti-partition propoganda in Belfast.
Return to Co. Kerry to organize for the Irish Volunteers.
See pp.46-86, Slán le hUltaibh.

typ. & carbon occasional ms notes.
64pp

2059

Copy of no. 2058.
Occasional ms cor. probably not in Blythe's hand.

(a)	carbon	71pp
(b)	carbon	64pp

- 2060 Copy of no. 2058 (a), marked 'A'.
carbon ms notes. 71pp
- 2061 Draft marked 'A'.
Incorporates handwritten notes and
corrections made in no. 2060.
p2 of no. 2061 = p1 of no. 2060.
See pp. 7-86, Slán le hUltaibh.
carbon ms notes. 141pp
- 2062 Draft.
Early days in Co. Kerry.
The Ashe household.
See p.12, Slán le hUltaibh
Seems rather different to the printed
version.
typ. pp96-109
(pp98-111)
- 2063 Drafts of 10 apparently consecutive
sections. Each one has a brief heading
in Blythe's hand.
The first section begins with a
description of the Ashe house somewhat
similar to that found on p.25 of
Slán le hUltaibh. The last section
ends in the middle of Blythe's meeting
with Volunteer Leaders in Dublin just
before he set out to organize the
Irish Volunteers in the South.
Additional handwritten pagination is
given here in brackets.
typ. ms. headings:
- (1) 'Teach an Aghasaigh' pp110-116½
[The Ashe House] (pp112-128)
 - (2) 'Grioghaire Aghas' pp116A-116B
[Gregory Ashe] (pp129-133)
 - (3) 'Mairead Aghas' pp116F-116I
[Margaret Ashe] (pp134-139)
 - (4) 'Sundays with pp117-129
FitzGerald' (pp138-150)
 - (5) 'cleachtad drama' pp130-144
[play rehearsals] (pp151-165)
 - (6) 'Rinnci Cinn Thiarail Ard
[Dances of " " "]
pp145-158
(pp166-179)
 - (7) 'Annascaol' pp158A-158F
(pp180-185)
 - (8) 'Oireachtas in pp158G-158H
Killarney, 1914' (pp186-191)
 - (9) 'State of I.R.B. pp159-163
Organization' (pp192-196)
 - (10) 'Creelough' pp173-184
(pp206-217)

- 2064 (a) Draft.
Includes handwritten notes and corrections which are incorporated in no. 2055.
See pp.117-174, Slán le hUltaibh.
typ. ms notes ppB1-B122
- (b) Loose pages containing an account of how isolated Blythe was from news of general Volunteer progress.
They are inserted at p.B24 which corresponds to p.129 in pr. version.
ms ppB24a-B24f
- 2065 Draft
Organizing for the Irish Volunteers in Co. Clare.
Deportation Order.
Arrest.
Imprisonment in Belfast.
See pp.160-175, Slán le hUltaibh.
typ. ms notes (pp139-165) 27pp
- 2066 Draft.
Heading in Blythe's hand.
'With Pim and McCullough in Belfast'.
In prison in Belfast.
See pp.175-177, Slán le hUltaibh
Pagination in brackets below is handwritten.
typ. ms notes (pp166-171) pp29-34
- 2067 Draft.
In prison in Belfast.
Release and return to his father's house.
See pp.177-190, Slán le hUltaibh.
The last page includes handwritten notes of events to be found in Vol. III.
Probably a continuation of no. 2066.
typ. ms notes (pp172-200) ppC35-C63
- 2068 Draft.
Organizing for the Irish Volunteers in the North.
The beginning corresponds to p.85, Slán le hUltaibh.
Seems rather different to the printed version.
ms p36 missing pp 1-48

(iii) Volume III Gaeil A Muscailt

- 2069 Draft.
Meeting in Belfast after release from prison.
Organizing for the Irish Volunteers in the South-West.
Deportation from Ireland.
Journey to Manchester.
See pp.7-40, Gaeil A Múscailt.
Incorporates handwritten corrections made in no. 2071.
pp.14 & 32 missing. An extra page 43 appears unrelated to this section.
carbon pp 1-61
- 2070 Copy of no. 2069.
carbon pp14 & 23 missing pp 1-61
- 2071 Draft
Organizing for the Irish Volunteers in the South-West.
Deportation.
Journeys in England.
Prison in Brixton.
Sees Sir Roger Casement
See pp.7-57, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
Includes handwritten notes and corrections which are incorporated in no. 2069.
typ. ms notes 101pp
ms pp43a-43e
- 2072 (a) One page
Leaves Belfast for Dublin.
See beginning p.7, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
typ. ms note 1p

(b) Copy of (a) incorporating handwritten note in (a).
carbon 1p
- 2073 (a) Draft.
Follows directly on no. 2069.
Manchester.
Detention in Abington.
Prison in Brixton.
Saw Sir Roger Casement.
See pp.40-57, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
carbon pp 78 & 83 missing pp62-90

(b) Pages 78 & 83 which fit into (a) but were detached from it.
carbon ms note, p1 2pp

- P 24
- 2074 (a) Copy of no. 2073. Page 83 missing.
carbon ms note p.62. pp62-90
(b) Page 83.
carbon 1p
- 2075 (a)(1) Draft.
Prison in Brixton and Reading.
See pp.57-81, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
carbon ms note p101. pp101-142
(a)(2) Draft
Prison in Reading.
Follows directly on (a)(1).
See pp.81-97, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
carbon ms note p.143 pp143-173
(b) Page 101 as in (a)(1).
typ. ms notes 1p
- 2076 Pages that were pinned together.
Prison in Reading
(a) See p.89, Gaeil Á Múscailt
typ. ms notes pp157-159
(b) See p. 93 " " "
typ. ms notes p164
(c) See p. 97 " " "
typ. ms. notes p173
- 2077 Copy of no. 2076 incorporating
handwritten notes.
(a) carbon ms headings pp157-159
(b) " " " p164
(c) " " " p173
- 2078 Draft.
Prison in Reading.
Release and journey to Dublin.
Follows directly on no. 2075.
See pp.97-106, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
typ. ms note p.174 pp174-189
- 2079 (a) Draft.
Visit to Mabel FitzGerald.
Christmas 1916 to hunger strike 1918.
Follows directly on no. 2078.
See pp.106-164, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
2 different pages numbered 223.
carbon ms notes pp190-300
+ one page of handwritten headings
(b) Copy of (a)
carbnp ms note p.190. pp190-300

2080

Draft.
Prison in Dundalk and Belfast.
Follows directly on no. 2079.
See pp. 164-187, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
Includes note on p1 '1=301'.

typ. ms notes

50pp

2081

Drafts.

(1) Prison life.
Follows directly on no. 2080.
See pp. 187-196, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
carbon ms notes on p.51 pp51-67

(2) Prison in Belfast.
Follows directly on (1),
See pp. 196-222, Gaeil Á Múscailt
carbon loose pages pp68-117

(3) Prison.
Release from prison.
Arrival in Dublin.
Meeting of Dail Eireann.
Director of Trade and Commerce.
Follows directly on (2).
See pp.223-242, Gaeil Á Múscailt
carbon ms note p.118 pp118-156

(4) Message that Blythe was to be
in the Cabinet.
Follows directly on (3).
See p.242-243, Gaeil Á Múscailt.

carbon

p157

2082

(a) Pages relating to:
Visit to Co. Monaghan as that
constituency's elected parliamentary
representative.
See pp. 240-241, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
Pages 153-154 as in no. 2081 (4)

typ. ms notes

pp153-154

ms

pp 153a & b

(b) Copy of (a) incorporating
handwritten notes.
Almost identical with the printed
version.

typ.

pp153,2,3.

(iv) Drafts of parts of Blythe's auto-
biography.

- (1) Volumes I, II, III.
Envelope marked 'Up till 1914'.
Contains drafts that differ
considerably from the printed version.

- 2083 Draft of part of Vol. I.
Learns Irish in the Gaelic League.
Joins the Irish Republican Brotherhood.
See p.79, Trasna na Bóinne.
carbon pp26-63
- 2084 Draft of part of Vol. II.
First visit to Co. Kerry to learn Irish.
See p.12, Slán le hUltaibh.
carbon ms notes pp82-95
- 2085 Drafts of part of Vol. II.
Learning Irish in Co. Kerry.
Seems to be a continuation of no. 2084.
5 sections each fastened separately
but with continuous pagination.
See p.43, Slán le hUltaibh.
(1) typ. ms notes pp103-110
(2) " " " pp111-116
(3) " " " pp117-121
(4) " " " pp122-127
(5) " " " pp128-145
- 2086 Drafts of part of Vol. II.
Visit to Dublin.
Work for the I.R.B. in the North.
Seems to be a continuation of no. 2086.
5 sections each fastened separately
but with continuous pagination.
See p.85, Slán le hUltaibh.
(1) typ. ms notes pp153-164
(2) " " " pp165-174
(3) " " " pp175-191
(4) " " " pp192-195
(5) " " " pp196-206
- 2087 Draft of part of Vol. II.
Organizing the Irish Volunteers in
the South West.
See p.119, Slán le hUltaibh.
carbon ms cor. pp235-241
- 2088 Draft of part of Vol. III.
Prison in Reading.
See p.65, Gaeil A Múscailt.
carbon ms note, p1 2pp

- (2) Volumes I, II, III.
 Enveloped marked 'Gan aon níos deanaí
 na mo threimhse i gCinn Ard'.
 Contains drafts most of which differ
 considerably from the printed version.
- 2089 Draft of part of Vol. I.
 Early contacts with the Irish language
 See p.18, Trasna na Bóinne.
 carbon pp 7-8
- 2090 Draft of parts of Vols. I & II.
 Work as a journalist in the North and
 I.R.B. activities there.
 Decision to go to Co. Kerry to learn
 Irish there.
 Journey to Co. Kerry and arrival
 at Dingle.
 See vol. I, part iii and the beginning
 of vol. II.
 carbon ms note, p1 pp64-95
- 2091 Draft of part of Vol. II.
 'I Lios Poil dom'. First day in
 Dingle and life in Lios Poil.
 See p.12, Slán le hUltaibh.
 Apparently a continuation of no. 2090
 carbon ms note, p1 pp96-116R
 40pp
- 2092 Draft of part of Vol. II
 Amateur dramatics in Co. Kerry.
 Anti-partition campaign in the North.
 Organizing the Irish Volunteers in
 Co. Kerry.
 Apparently a continuation of no. 2091.
 carbon pp117-157
- 2093 Draft of part of Vol. II.
 The Irish Volunteers in Co. Kerry.
 Visit to Dublin.
 In Belfast on I.R.B. work.
 Organizing the Irish Volunteers in the
 South West.
 Apparently a continuation of no. 2091.
 carbon ms note, p1 pp158-201
 incl. pp158A-158L
- 2094 Draft of part of Vol. II
 Work with the Irish Volunteers in the
 South West.
 See p.127, Slán le hUltaibh.
 Possibly a continuation with a gap of
 no. 2093.
 carbon ms note pp235-241

P 24

2095

Draft of part of Vol. III.
Prison in Dundalk and Belfast.
See p.173, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
carbon ms notes (pp15-30) ppQ1-Q16

2096

Draft of part of Vol. III.
Prison in Belfast.
A continuation of no. 2095.
carbon ms notes (pp31-43) ppQ17-Q29

(3) Volumes II, III.
File Cover marked on the outside with
a list of the contents of Volume III.

2097

Draft of part of Vol. II.
I.R.B. work in the North.
See pp.86-117, Slán le hUltaibh.
carbon ms notes 63pp

2098

Drafts of part of Vol. III.
Prison in Dundalk and Belfast.
Release from prison and
Work for Dail Eireann.
7 sections forming one continuous
narrative. Sections 2, 3 and 4 were
pinned together.
Most sections include various different
page numbers. Only those in typescript
are given below.
typ. ms notes
See, Gaeil Á Múscailt
(1) pp. 163-173 ppC1-C14
(2) pp. 173-175 ppQ1-Q8
(3) pp. 176-181 ppC118-C123
+ 1p ms
(4) pp. 181-187 ppQ17-Q29
(5) pp. 187-195 ppQ30-R2
(6) pp. 195-222 ppR3-R46^{14pp}
(7) pp. 223-242 ppT1-T39

(4) Volumes II, III.
File Cover marked 'Re-typing'

- 2099 Draft of part of Vol. II
Organizing for the Irish Volunteers
in the South West.
See pp.147-155, Slán le hUltaibh.
carbon ms notes, p1 ppB237-B253
- 2100 Draft of part of Vol. II.
(a) General heading of section
ms. Eng. 1p
(b) Prison in Belfast.
See pp.175-190, Slán le hUltaibh
typ. ms notes. ppB123-B156
- 2101 Draft of part of Vol. III
(a) General heading of section
ms Ir. & Eng. 1p
(b) Carbon copy of part of no. 2109
See pp.9-27, Gaeil Á Múscailt
carbon ms notes,p1 ppB157-B189m
- 2102 Draft of part of Vol. III.
(a) Note '035 to 044 taken out...'
ms. 1p
(b) A continuation of no. 2101 and a
carbon copy of part of no. 2109.
See pp.27-106, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
carbon ms notes ppB190-B324
- 2103 Draft of part of Vol. III.
Carbon copy of part of no. 2109
See pp.27-67, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
carbon ms note ppB190-B255
- 2104 (a) Draft of part of Vol. III.
Visit to Mabel Fitzgerald after release
from jail.
See pp.106-108, Gaeil Á Múscailt
typ. ms notes ppB325-B329
(b) Carbon copy of (a)
carbon ms note, p1 ppB325-B329

2105

Drafts of part of Vol. III.

(1)(a) Organizing for the Irish
Volunteers in the South West.
See pp.24-32, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
A continuation of no. 2116

typ. ms notes ppM31-M40

(b) Carbon copy of (a)

carbon ms notes, p1 ppM31-M40

(2)(a) From arrest in Limerick to
prison in Abington.
See pp.32-49, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
A continuation of (1)(a).

typ. ms notes ppM41-M71

(b) Carbon copy of (a)

carbon ms notes, p.1 ppM41-M71

(3)(a) From prison in Abington to
prison in Brixton.
A continuation of (2)(a).
Copy of no. 2117.

carbon ms note, p1 ppM72-M86

2106

Draft of part of Vol. III
Late 1916 and early 1917.
See pp.108-116, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
Carbon copy of no. 2126

carbon ms notes, p1. ppO45-060

2107

Draft of part of Vol. III
From visit to Mabel FitzGerald to
prison in Cork.
See pp.108-164, Gaeil Á Múscailt.

typ. ms notes, p1 ppC1-C98

- (5) Volumes II, III
File Cover marked 'Roimh 1919'.
[Before 1919]
Contains another file cover holding
a draft of part of Vol. II.

- 2108 Draft of part of Vol. II
In a file cover marked 'Top copy
pages 190-300'.
Prison in Belfast.
See pp.175-190, Slán le hUltaibh.
Carbon copy of no. 2100 (b).
carbon ms notes. ppB123-B156
- 2109 Draft of part of Vol. III.
From activities in the South West
after Belfast to release from prison
at Christmas 1916.
See pp.7-105, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
typ. ms notes ppB156a-B323
- 2110 Draft of part of Vol. III
Meeting with Mabel FitzGerald in Bray.
to prison in Cork.
See pp.108-164, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
Copy of no. 2107
carbon ms notes ppC1-C98
- 2111 Draft of part of Vol. III
Hunger strike in prison.
See pp.162-173, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
typ. ms notes (pp1-14) ppP26-P39
- 2112 Draft of part of Vol. III.
Prison.
See pp.176-181, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
A version of no. 2098 (3).
typ. ms notes (C22-C28) ppQ9-Q16
- 2113 Draft of part of Vol. III.
Prison
See pp.181-187, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
A direct continuation of no. 2112
typ. ms notes ppC124-C136

- (6) Volumes II, III.
File Cover marked 'Sept 1915 go dtf
Abington Aibrean 1916'. [Sept 1915
to Abington, April 1916]
- 2114 Notes relating to Vol. II.
List of 38 events and topics in Vol. II.
ms Eng. & Ir. 4pp
- 2115 Draft of part of Vol. II.
Organizing for the Irish Volunteers
in the South West.
Differs somewhat from printed version.
See pp155-161, Slán le hUltaibh
carbon ms notes, p1 pp320-337
- 2116 (a) Draft of part of Vol. III
Organizing the Irish Volunteers in
the South West.
See pp.9-24, Gaeil Á Múscailt
typ. ms notes pp1M-30M
(b) Carbon copy of (a)
carbon ms notes, p1 pp1M-30M
- 2117 Draft of part of Vol. III.
Prison in Abington and Brixton.
See pp.49-55, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
A direct continuation of no. 2105.
typ. ms notes ppM72-N86
- 2118 Loose pages.
Each gives in one sentence the
contents of a section.
Not all refer to sections within this
file cover.
ms Eng. & Ir. 7pp

(7) Volume III
File cover marked 'Tipperary 1917,
Brixton, Reading agus ar aghaidh go
dti 1 Jul 1917'. [... and on to
Jul 1917.]

- 2119 (a) Draft of part of Vol. III
Prison
See pp.58-67, Gaeil Á Múscailt
typ. ms notes. ppM88-M99
(b) Copy of (a)
carbon ms notes. ppM88-M99
- 2120 (a) Draft of part of Vol. III.
Prison
See pp.67-78, Gaeil Á Múscailt
Follows directly on no. 2119
typ. ms notes ppN1-N17
(b) Copy of (a)
carbon ms notes ppN1-N17
- 2121 (a) Draft of part of Vol. III.
Prison
See pp.78-84, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
Follows directly on no. 2120.
typ. ms notes (N-0) 10pp
(b) Copy of (a)
carbon ms notes 10pp
- 2122 (a) Draft of part of Vol. III
Prison.
See pp.84-96, Gaeil Á Múscailt
Follows directly on no. 2121
typ. ms notes pp011-034
(b) Copy of (a)
carbon ms notes. pp011-034
- 2123 Draft of part of Vol. III
Concerns Cathal Ui Sheannan.
See pp.96-97, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
Includes note in Blythe's hand
'take in a 029'
typ. ms notes 2pp

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2124

Draft of part of Vol. III.
Prison (Reading Gaol).
See pp.97-99, Gaeil Á Múscailt
Follows directly on no. 2123.

typ. ms notes

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2125

(a) Draft of part of Vol. III.
Release from prison.
See pp.103-108, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
Follows directly on no. 2122

typ. ms notes

pp035-044

(b) Copy of (a)

carbon ms notes

pp035-044

2126

Draft of part of Vol. III
See pp.108-116, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
Follows directly on no. 2125.

typ. ms notes

(pp6-21) pp045-060

2127

Draft of part of Vol. III
See pp.67-106, Gaeil Á Múscailt.
The first pages incorporate the
handwritten corrections made in
no. 2120 (b)

typ. ms notes p.B256

ppB256-B324

(8) Volume III
File Cover marked 'Ard Fheis 1917
to General Election 1918'.

- 2128 (a) Draft of part of Vol. III
From withdrawal of parole, 1917 to
the funeral of Thomas Ashe.
See pp.117-130, Gaeil A Múscailt
typ. ms notes pp061-081½
- (b) Copy of (a)
carbon ms notes p061 pp061-081½
- 2129 (a) Draft of part of Vol. III
See pp.130-144, Gaeil A Múscailt
A direct continuation of no. 2128.
typ. ms notes ppP1-P25
- (b) Copy of (a)
carbon ms notes ppP1-P25
- 2130 (a) Draft of part of Vol. III.
See pp.144-146, pp152-162,
Gaeil A Múscailt.
A direct continuation of no. 2129
typ. ms notes pp061-085
- (b) Copy of (a)
carbon ms notes, p.061 pp061-085
- 2131 Draft of part of Vol. III
See pp.146-151, Gaeil A Múscailt
Includes note in Blythe's hand
'Take in on page 065'.
typ. ms notes 8pp

(9) Volume III
Envelope marked with various notes.

- 2132 Draft of part of Vol. III
Marked 'A1'.
See pp.165-175, Gaeil Á Múscailt
carbon ms notes ppC99-C117
- 2133 Draft of part of Vol. III
Marked 'A2'.
See pp.176-187, Gaeil Á Múscailt
A direct continuation of no. 2132
carbon ms notes ppC118-C136
- 2134 Draft of part of Vol. III
Marked 'A3'.
See pp.187-193, Gaeil Á Múscailt
A direct continuation of no. 2133
carbon ms notes ppQ30-Q41
- 2135 Draft of part of Vol. III.
Marked 'A4'.
See pp.193-222, Gaeil Á Múscailt
A direct continuation of no. 2134.
carbon ms notes ppR1-R46
- 2136 Draft of part of Vol. III.
Marked 'A5'.
See pp222-242, Gaeil Á Múscailt
A direct continuation of no. 2135
carbon ms notes ppT1-T39

(v) Notes and loose pages.

2137

Brief notes, drafts and loose pages relating to Blythe's autobiography

(a)(i) Meeting with Sean Mac Diarmada [MacDermott] in Dublin. Is requested to work for the I.R.B. in the North.

carbon ms notes pp160-161

(a)(ii) Copy of (i) incorporating the ms notes in (i)

carbon pp160-161

(b) Talk of the arrival of German arms.

carbon ms marks p43

(c) Prison in Belfast

carbon p32

(d) Return to Limerick after being in Belfast jail in 1915.

carbon ms notes ppB107-B112

(e) Teasing of Peadar Mac Suibhne by Pim and Figgis. See p.100, Gaeil Á Múscailt

typ. ms notes 1p

(f) St. Patrick's Day meeting of the Irish Volunteers in Co. Limerick. Rather different from printed version. See p.28, Slán le hUltaibh

ms 10pp

(g) Various loose pages of notes and headings to sections.

ms Ir. & Eng 13pp

G. PLAYS

- 1 'Rachel Ryan'
A Play in Three Acts
by Ernest Blythe.

- 2138 'Rachel Ryan'.
Each act is fastened separately.
carbon ms notes
- (a) Marked in ink 'B'.
(i) Act I (+ ms 3pp) 26pp
(ii) Act II 21pp
(iii) Act III (+ ms 1p) 22pp
- (b) Marked in ink 'B'.
Copy of Act I.
Incorporates notes in (a)(iii). 22pp
- (c) Marked in ink 'C'.
Copy of Act III.
Seems identical with (b). 22pp
- (d) Two copies of page 11a of Act I.
- (c) Copy of page 3 of Act III.
- 2139 'Rachel Ryan'.
Copy of the play.
Seems to incorporate notes and
corrections made in no. 2138.
In a spring back file cover.
typ. ms notes 68pp
- 2140 'Rachel Ryan'.
Each act is fastened separately and
marked in ink 'D'.
Seems to incorporate notes and
corrections made in nos. 2138 & 2139.
carbon ms cor.
- (i) Act I 26pp
(ii) Act II 21pp
(iii) Act III 29pp
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2 'An Chuis da Pleidhe'

- 2141 (a) 'An Chuis da Pleidhe'
'.i.
"Trial by Jury"
-le-
Gilbert & Sullivan'
An Irish translation of 'Trial by Jury'.
On the first page the English words
are written in by hand [probably
Blythe's] and in the same hand a
different Irish translation to the
typed version.
typ. ms notes on p1 Ir. 23pp
- (b) 'An Chuis da Triall'
An Irish translation of part of
'Trial by Jury'.
Differs from (a) but appears to be the
same as the handwritten translation on
page 1 of (a).
carbon ms notes Ir. 14pp
- (c)(1) English words of the beginning
of 'Trial by Jury'.
carbon 1p
- (c)(ii) Irish translation of the
beginning of 'Trial by Jury'.
Similar to (b).
Headed 'Mr. Blythe's version'.
carbon ms notes Ir. 2pp
- 2142 Irish translation of 'Trial by Jury'
Similar to no. 2141 (b).
In Blythe's hand.
ms Ir.
(i) Pages consecutively numbered
including half pages.
Writing on one side of the page. 22pp
(ii) Pages not consecutively numbered
Writing often on both sides of the page.
Sometimes includes the English
words. 28pp
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3 Fragments

- 2143 (a) Conversation between a Music Master and a Dancing Master while awaiting the arrival of an important visitor before whom their pupils are to perform.
[Could be part of a play]
ms. Blythe's hand Ir. pp A-I
9pp
- (b) Draft of (a).
For top of p2 see pD in (a).
ms starts at p2 Ir. 6pp
- 2144 Part of a play about Oisín and the Fianna.
Starts with the Fianna sitting around a campfire.
ms Blythe's hand Ir. 27pp
- 2145 Two loose pages from plays in Irish.
(a) Conversation between Peig and the Child of the Mountain.
ms not Blythe's hand Ir. 1p
- (b) Conversation between Luc: and Saf:
carbon Ir. 1p
- 2146 Story presumably for an Irish pantomime.
Relates to the courtship of the Princess Carmen, daughter of the King of Spain, by the son of the King of Ireland.
ms Blythe's hand Ir. 20pp
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4 Forward to a Play

- 2147 Forward [presumably by Blythe]
to the printed version of the play
The Country Boy.
by John Murphy
Refers to its performance at the Abbey Theatre.
Includes note in Blythe's hand
'Forward in Printed version'
carbon 3pp
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H. POETRY

1 Poems

(i) Printed

2148

'Spainneach no Gael'
by 'M'.*
4 verses of 4 lines each.
Galley proof headed 'United Ireland'.
pr. Ir. 1p

(ii) Typescript

2149

Poems in Irish.

(1) 'Frank "Achin"
3 verses of 4 lines each.
[For ms version see no. 2150 (3)]
carbon 1p

(2) ' Priosunaigh Phort Laoighise
ag moladh Sheamuis Mhic Eochagain'.
14 lines.
carbon ms note & cor. 1p

(3) 'Beirt de's na Comharsain'.
6 verses of 4 lines each.
(a) carbon ms cor. 1p
(b) 2 copies incorporating corrections
made in (a).
carbon 1p

* This was a pen name under which
Blythe wrote in United Ireland.
See Clár Litridheacht na Nua-Ghaedhilge
1850-1936
II. Filidheacht i dTréimhseacháin
edited by Risteard de Hae
(Dublin, 1939).

(iii) In Blythe's handwriting.

2150

Poems in Irish.*

Many items appear to be rough drafts with lines crossed out.

The size of page varies from small notepaper to foolscap.

- (1) 'Beannacht na Nodlag 1932.
O Dhonnall O Buachalla Senuscal go dtí Soillse an Rí'.
35 lines. 2pp
- (2) 'Compraidí na bhFile
O Bhearla Shakespeare'.
14 lines. 1p
- (3) 'Frank "Ackin"'.
3 verses of 4 lines each. 1p
- (4) 'Thar Philib na Fideoige dar ndoigh clois sibh tracht'. [first line]
(a) 10 lines. 1p
(b) 12 lines. 1p
(c) 15 lines. 1½p
(d) 12 lines. English version,
'Have you heard of Phil the Fluter from the town of Ballyminch'.
Includes list of 16 names. 2pp
- (5) 'Mo ghreidhn sibh choiche a cline Gael' [first line]
3 verses of 4 lines each. 1p
- (6) 'Ní tráth don fheartlaoi fós'.
(a) 'B'e Robeard Emmett dathuill óg' [first line]
4 verses of 4 lines each. 1p
(b) Version of (a). 2pp
- (7) 'Bhí Seamuisin saonta' [first line]
(a) Draft about 29 lines. 1p
(b) Another draft of (a). 1p
- (8) 'Rug Paidin na pibe 'r mhuc'.
[first line]
6 lines. 1p
- (9) 'Ní mholaim na h-amadain' [first line]
8 verses of 4 lines each. 2pp
- (10) 'Do leagas mo shuil
Ar Neansai Ni Ruairc'. [first lines]
3 verses of 6 lines each. 1p
- (11) 'Leim Micilin O Maolagan go h-eascaidh os a gcomhar' [first line]
6 lines. 1p
- (12) 'Bhí Dorainn dubhe anuraidh'.
[first line]
5 verses of 4 lines each. 2pp

* Some of these poems were published in United Ireland under the name 'M' see Clár Litridheacht na Nua-Ghaedhilge vol. II.

Poems in Irish continued

(13) 'Is ruithnigle an ghrian na suile
mo ghrada'. [first line]
14 lines. 1p

(14) 'Feart-Laoi'.
5 lines. 1p

(15) 'Go Stadaidh an Bi'.
'Ma's mian leat dul treasna na sraide'.
[first line]
3 verses of 6 lines each.

(16) 'Miona'.
'Do bheal ar mo bhealsa go dluth'
[first line]
about 11 lines, some crossed out. 1p

(17) 'Dhun cuid de na daoine a ndoirse
amach'.
Some lines and bits of lines of poetry.
1p

(18) 'Is dheanfadh dearmadh ar dhreach
chaoín ar an ainnir'.
(a) 5 verses of 4 lines each. 2pp
(b) The same lines as in (a) with
the metre indicated under each line. 4pp

(19) 'Casoid no gol ní cloisgea inniu'.
[first line]
20 lines. 1p

(20) 'Texas Don'.
'Ar thaibhse fuaireas radharc'
[first line]
12 lines. 1p

(21) 2 scraps of paper with some lines
of poetry.
Fragments. 2pp

2151:

A page containing the words
'Fraoch is Fothannáin'.
and a long list of figures.
[Probably relates to the book of poetry
by Blythe entitled:
Fraoch is Fothannáin [See no. 2366.]
(Oifig an tSoláthair, Baile Átha Cliath
[Dublin], 1938)

ms 1p

2152:

(a) '(The Manchester Martyrs)'
'Dead said the gray mother crooning'
[first line] 8 verses of 8 lines each.

ms an early hand of Blythe? 2pp

(b) 'The non-combattant Colonel of a
non-combattant corps' [first line]
4 lines in English with various Irish
translations.

[See autobiography vol. III
Gáeil á Muscailt, p.127.]

ms Ir. & Eng. 6pp

2 Judgement of Song Competition.

2153

Notes giving judgement on songs entered
for a song writing competition.
Comments on each entry and gives a
percentage mark for each.
Another figure is written in pencil
beside the percentage mark and is
usually slightly greater than it.
19 songs

ms

Ir. 6pp

J. NOTES AND LOOSE PAGES

- 2154 List of corrections to be made in an unidentified piece of writing. Gives page and line numbers. Subject matter appears to be political and perhaps historical.
ms biro 4pp
- 2155 'Clár'. Draft contents list of a piece of writing relating to the historical background to the partition of Ireland. Contains 228 numbered brief headings. [May relate to Briseadh na Teorann.]
ms biro Ir. 28pp
- 2156 Blank pages, folded, stuck together and stitched as if in a bound book. Page 274 of a printed article relating to 'The National University of Ireland' is pasted on to page 3. On pages 2 and 3 there are lines indicating the position of columns of print and also written directions relating to lay out and small sketches. In ink and pencil. [The pencil directions are perhaps in Blythe's hand.]
ms & pr. 2pp
blank 38pp
- 2157 Loose pages from various writings.
typ. & carbon some ms notes
Eng. & Ir. 34pp
- 2158 Loose pages of Blythe's handwriting.
(a) Odd pages from various writings on matters relating to the Irish language, recent history and current affairs.
ms Eng. & Ir. 10pp
(b) Various notes and jottings. Some seem to be notes for talks and lectures. Some are notes and doodlings made while attending meetings and lectures. Some may be preparatory notes. Subject matter includes political comments and historical notes and references to the Irish language. Includes a list of prisoners in Reading Jail.
ms Eng. & Ir. 15pp
(c) Pages indicating general contents of certain writings.
ms Ir. 3pp

K. WORD LISTS AND ARTICLE ON TRANSLATION

- 2159 Pink file cover marked 'Irish'.
Contains:
- (a) Lists of English words with the Irish equivalent.
- (1) Scientific and industrial terms.
[On Dail Eireann notepaper]
ms ink 3pp
- (2) Musical terms.
ms ink 1p
- (b) 'An Gadh le hAistriuchan'.
[The Need for Translation]
- Article defending the publication of translations into the Irish language. Denies that these will interfere with the growth of modern Irish literature. Claims that there is need for a plentiful supply of reading matter to be available to the young people of the Gaeltacht areas.
- carbon 7pp
- 2160 'Literary Terms'.
- (a) Typescript list of English words followed by handwritten Irish equivalents. [Not Blythe's hand].
typ. & ms 6pp
- (b) List of English words and their Irish equivalents.
Almost the same as (a).
Includes additions in Blythe's hand mainly on pages 1 & 2.
carbon ms additions 8pp
- (c) Copy of pages 5-8 of (b).
carbon 4pp
- (d) Copy of pages 5-8 of (b) but without the list of words from 'Fhoclóir Uí Dh.' [Foclóir Gaedhilge agus Béarla, An Irish-English Dictionary by Rev. P.S. Dineen first ed. 1904; new ed. Irish Texts Society (Dublin 1927)]
carbon 4pp

2161

List of words in English with the Irish equivalent. They relate to parts of a house and to furniture and kitchen equipment. The list of English words continues with terms for clothes, personal possessions and food. Space is left for the Irish equivalent but it is not given.
ms ink 11pp

2162

(a) 'Questionable Terms to be re-considered'.

List of 19 words in Irish with the English equivalent. Mainly abstract terms that could be used in writings on politics, history and current affairs.

typ. ms additions 1p

(b) List of terms as in (a).

ms biro 1½pp

[For other word lists see notebooks nos. 2218-2224.]

L. WRITINGS OF PERSONS OTHER THAN BLYTHEc.1930s - c.1970s

1 Reviews of Blythe's books (1955-57)

- 2163 c.1955 'Mr Blythe's Book on Partition'.
Briseadh na Teorann.
A summary of Blythe's ideas rather than a critical analysis.
[May be a note for publicity relating to the book rather than a review.
Could be a proof copy.]
sten. ? or pr. ? 2pp
- 2164 c.1955 Briseadh na Teorann
A summary of Blythe's ideas.
Very similar to no. 2163 and contains many of the same phrases.
carbon 3pp
- 2165 c.1955 'Briseadh na Teorann
(Leirmheas le Labhras O Nuallain.....'
A review by Labhras O Nuallain.
Summarises Blythe's ideas.
Gives the reviewer's opinion on certain points as for instance the close connections between Protestant workers and industrialists which are detrimental to Catholic workers.
It is claimed that this important aspect has been almost completely neglected by Blythe.
typ. Ir. 7pp
- 2166 c.1957 'Trasna na Boinne
Leirmheas le Niall O Donaill'
Review by Niall O Donaill.
Gives biographical details.
Places a strong emphasis on Blythe's interest in the Irish language and in Irish nationalism.
Praises the clear, interesting narrative style.
typ. 4pp
- 2167 'Cuimhni Cinn Earnan de Blaghd - II'
Signed Donncha O Laoire
A criticism of Slan le hUlaibh
Generally favourable but indicates points on which further information would be desirable.
[This criticism may have been submitted before the book reached its final form.]
typ. 1p

2 Poems addressed to Blythe

- 2168 'Thats' the kind of man he is'.
by B.J. Slowey.
In praise of Blythe.
6 verses of 4 lines each.
ms 1p
- 2169 1960 'Do Earnan de Blaghd ar na cheapadh ina
bhall den Udaras Craolachain.'
In praise of Blythe.
14 lines. Ir. 1p
typ. Ir. 1p
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3 Notice of Motion

- 2170 4 Jan 1939 'Notice of Motion'.
To be moved at the next meeting of the
Board of Directors of an unidentified
company.
Proposes that 'the present terms and
conditions of employment of the General
Manager' be terminated.
Signature [illegible]
typ. 1p
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4 Maghermourne Manifesto

- 2171 'Manifesto
To All Irishmen whose country stands
first in their affections
From the Independent Orangemen of Ireland
Reprinted from the "Irish Protestant"
of July 22nd, 1905.'
carbon 15pp
Was in an envelope marked in Blythe's
hand:
'Maghermourne Manifesto
typescript copy supplied by
Tom Johnston'.
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5 Articles and Lectures relating to Ireland

- 2172 4 Mar 1950 'The Electoral Aspects of the Ulster problem
Address by the Auditor (Cornelius O'Leary, B.A.) to the U.C.C. Historical Society, March 4th 1950.'
- (1) carbon ms cor. 5pp
(2) continuation of (1).
carbon ms notes 11pp
- 2173 21 Sept 1956 'Land Settlement in Ireland by Kevin R. O'Shiel. S.C.. Land Commissioner:
21st September, 1956'.
Text of a lecture given to the Agricultural Science Association. Mainly deals with the period 1880-1923. Comments on the work of the Land Commission.
- sten 14pp
- 2174 post 1966 'Amarclann na Mainistreach: Inne agus Inniu'
[The Abbey Theatre Yesterday and Today].
Refers to its foundation, past history and present position.
Comments on current policy
Includes ms notes and corrections in blue and red ink. [Those in red ink are in Blythe's hand.]
- typ. ms notes Ir. 4pp
- 2175 Envelope addressed to Blythe care of The Irish Independent containing:
- (a) 'Ni Bás ach Athfhás'
[Not Death but regrowth]
- Article concerning the Irish language
Mentions that the revival of the Irish language is a necessary condition for the development of a separate national identity.
- sten. ms cor Ir. 7pp
- (b) Pages numbered 15-18.
Relate as in (a) to the necessity to restore the Irish language in order to preserve our cultural identity.
- Sten. Ir. 4pp
- 2176 Notes relating to the history of the Four Courts in Dublin and of the buildings that previously occupied the site.
- ms. 4pp

6 Other Writings

- 2177 A page of handwriting in the Welsh language.
[Possibly the text of a few sentences to be spoken by Blythe at his visit to the Eisteddfod]
ms. Welsh 1p
- 2178 (a) 'The Polish Corridor.
by Dr. jur. Carl Budding'.
A brief historical outline.
Includes a Bibliography.
[From the German viewpoint]
sten. 5pp
- (b) 'The Distress in the German East
as a Communication Problem'
by Dr. jur. Budding.
Statement relating to the problem of
the Polish Corridor.
[from the German viewpoint]
sten. 16pp
- 2179 (a) 'The Government District of
Westpreussen'.
Brief statement of history and current
situation.
sten. 2pp
- (b) 'A Note On Spett's Map'.
A critical account of the map and its
contents.
sten. 3pp
- (c) 'Castle Schonberg'.
Brief historical note.
signed: Schmid August 4, 1934 [sten.]
sten. 3pp
- (d) 'The Teutonic Knights'.
A brief outline of their history and
achievements.
signed: Schmid. 13.6.1934 [sten.]
sten. 4pp
- (e) 'II. Visit to the Marienburg'.
A brief guide to a tour of the fortress.
signed: Schmid Marienburg Wpr.
3. 7. 1934. [sten.]
sten. 3pp

2180 c.1940-45

'The Film in Education'

Comments on the role of audio visual material in education.

Gives an outline of:

'The History of the Educational Film'

Refers to various types of educational films and comments on idea construction.

Explains methods of using films in the classroom.

Gives an account of the:

'Use of Educational Films in Scotland'

[From this section it would appear that the article was written in Scotland during World War II].

carbon

10pp

M. NOTEBOOKS

1. Address Books

- 2181 c.1905-
c.1915 Notebook containing the names and addresses of persons living mainly in Dublin and Belfast. [At least one of the Dublin entries pre-dates 1910, i.e. Jenny Flannagan who married Eamon de Valera on 8 January 1910.]
ms ink 160x100x5 mm
- 2182 c.1913-
c.1916 Notebook containing the names and addresses of persons living in the counties of Clare, Cork and Limerick.
ms ink & pencil 164x102x2 mm

2 Prison Notebook

- 2183 c.1918 (a) Notebook.
Contains entries made while in prison. Includes:
Various 'Orders of the Day' and other instructions relating to the activities of the prisoners.
The names of a number of prisoners.
Drafts of election statements by Blythe addressed to the electors of the constituencies of North Monaghan and North Armagh where he had been selected as a Sinn Fein candidate in the parliamentary elections.
ms ink & pencil 172x115x5 mm
- (b) Loose page slipped into (a).
Contains the words of a poem on Sinn Fein entitled
'What's in the Name'.
'Sinn Fein Irish Rebel, what thoughts those words inspire' [first line]
Initialled W.K.C.
ms ink not in Blythe's hand 1p

3 Pocket Appointment Diaries

Pocket Appointment Diaries: containing notes of engagements and miscellaneous memoranda including the names and addresses of various persons.

Nos. 2185 & 2187-2190 include lists of Irish words with their English equivalent.

[It is possible that some entries are not contemporary with the dates of the diaries.]

ms ink & pencil & biro

2184	1939	(a) 'Collins Midget Diary', 73x67x9
		(b) Prospectus for The Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation Ltd. Folded into (a). pr. 1p
2185	1942	'Letts Quickref Diary', 80x52x10 mm
2186	1945	'Browns Pocket Diary', 100x65x8 mm
2187	1947	'The Catholic Diary', 103x70x12 mm
2188	1948	'The Catholic Diary', 103x70x12 mm
2189	1949	'Browne's "No.20" Vest-Pocket Diary', 107x70x10 mm
2190	1950	'Browne's "No. 20" Vest-Pocket Diary', 105x70x9 mm

4 Birthday Book

2191	c.1967	'Birthday and Anniversary Record Book'. Contains various notes and memoranda relating to Blythe's activities. Includes: Some notes of engagements, Lists of persons involved in certain events of recent Irish history. A few lists of Irish words with their English equivalents. ms biro 130x83x6 mm
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5 Drafts of Speeches and Articles

(i) Early writings

- 2192 'Ireland and Protection'.
Copy book containing a draft of a piece of writing relating to the promotion of Irish manufacture as 'the only means of averting national bankruptcy'. Remarks that protection from foreign competition can help achieve this. Includes 2 loose pages, one of which is a slip from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin.
ms ink 214x163x5 mm
- 2193 'McArts Fort'.
Copy book containing a draft of a speech apparently made at McArts Fort. Exhorts men to be ready to fight for Irish freedom. Mentions the present drilling and training of men. Refers to former times of fighting for Irish freedom as for instance 1798.
[The last 3 leaves are loose] 25pp
ms pencil 203x160x3 mm
- 2194 Trial of John O'Leary and Richard Dry.
Copy book containing part of an account of the imprisonment in Roscommon Jail and subsequent trial, in 1798, of John O'Leary and Richard Dry, both members of the United Irishmen.
ms ink (6pp only) 206x160x2 mm
- 2195 c. 1917 European Wars.
Notebook containing an account of:
The Franco German War 1796,
The French Campaign in Italy 1796,
The War of 1914-1917 and Ireland. This latter section is dated 29/1/17.
ms ink Ir. 158x100x4 mm

(ii) Budget Speeches

- Notebooks containing drafts of Budget Speeches made in Dail Eireann by Blythe as Minister for Finance. These drafts often differ considerably from the Budget Statements by the Minister printed in the Dail Debates. Some notebooks contain other material.
ms ink
- 2196 1925 See Dail Debates vol. 11 pp.9-38
22 April 1925
Notebook also includes Accounts, figures and estimates.
Brief notes on:
The necessity of a stable majority for good parliamentary government.
'Combined Local and Group Representation',
The need to revive the Irish language.
[in Irish]
200x162x14 mm
- 2197 1926 See Dail Debates vol. 15, pp.135-171.
21 April 1926.
198x160x8 mm
- 2198 1927 See Dail Debates vol. 19, pp.1338-1359.
21 April 1927.
No figures given.
Notebook also includes Notes on the Senate. (1p)
222x172x6 mm
- 2199 1928 See Dail Debates vol. 23, pp.345-373.
25 April 1928.
(a) Notebook 196x158x9 mm
(b) Later version of draft in (a).
On 54 loose pages slipped into (a).
222x160x5 mm
- 2200 1929 See Dail Debates vol. 29, pp.752-783.
24 April 1929.
Includes also brief notes on:
'Leaving it to the Schools',
'Buying off the Thugs',
'The Future of Nationality',
'Can the British Commonwealth Survive ?'.
220x162x5 mm
- 2201 1930 See Dail Debates vol. 34, pp.1063-1091.
30 April 1930.
230x182x8 mm

(iii) Various Topics

- 2202 c.1929-c.1931 (a) Part of a copy book without a cover containing notes on:
'An tArm', [The Army]
'The "Star" and the Government',
'Kilts and Jigs',
'Having the Bailiffs in'.
(a) is slipped into (b).
ms ink Eng. & Ir. 200x160x2 mm
- (b) Copy book largely blank.
Contains some notes and
2 Poems.
'Is fearr bean na spre'
[A Wife is better than a dowry]
2 verses of 4 lines each.
'Is binn beal 'na thost'
[Sweet is the silent mouth]
16 lines.
[See Fraoch is Fothannáin pp.23-24.]
Also includes lists of Irish political
and Administrative terms. Sometimes an
explanation is given.
ms ink Eng. & Ir. 200x160x4 mm
- 2203 Copy book containing notes relating to:
'Language Revival National Policy',
'An Fear Fada' [The long man, Eamon
de Valera]
Includes a number of calculations.
ms ink Eng. & Ir. 198x160x3 mm
- 2204 c.1928 Copy book containing notes on political
and constitutional matters including
the partition of Ireland.
There is much criticism of Fianna Fail.
Includes some comments on the Irish
language.
Includes 3 loose pages.
ms ink Eng. & Ir. 200x158x2 mm
- 2205 Copy book containing notes for speeches
on political and cultural matters and
on current affairs.
ms ink Eng. & Ir. 200x158x2 mm
- 2206 c. late 1920s
to early 1930s Copy book containing a draft of a
speech on the difference between
Cumann na nGaedheal and Fianna Fail and
notes relating to political matters.
Includes a number of calculations.
ms ink & pencil 202x162x3 mm

- 2207 Notebook containing notes referring to political and economic matters and the proper government of the country. Includes notes on the aims and policies of the A.C.A. [the Army Comrades Association], and towards the end of the book references to the National Guard. Includes also some calculations.
- ms ink 226x175x14
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6 Autobiographical Notes

- 2208 (a) Notebook containing notes relating to Blythe's family background, biographical information and events and persons connected with recent Irish history.
- ms biro Ir. & Eng. 200x160x10 mm
- (b) 3 loose pages containing an account of how Blythe was informed of Michael Collins's death.
- ms biro Ir. 3pp
- 2209 Notebook marked 'Carson'
Contains $1\frac{1}{4}$ pages of notes on Carson at the end of the book.
Contains also notes as in 2208 (a).
Nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of the pages are blank.
- ms ink & biro Ir. & Eng.
200x160x10 mm
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7 Literary Material

(i) Poetry

- 2210 c.1930s Notebook containing poetry in Irish. Includes a reference to Ireland Today vol. III, no. 3, March 1938. Over $\frac{1}{4}$ of the pages are blank.
- ms ink Ir. 160x101x10 mm
- 2211 Notebook containing poem in English 'Where is the Flag of England' 6 verses of 8 lines each. This is the only item.
- ms pencil 211x138x3 mm
- 356

(ii) Stories and Drama

- 2212 pre 1920 Loose pages slipped into a notebook cover.
'Adhbhair scéalta agus Drámaí'
[Plots for stories and plays]
The first story is entitled
'Siothcain'.
ms ink Ir. script Ir. 33pp
- 2213 pre 1920 Notebook containing part of a play with two scenes and four characters, a farmer, his mother, his wife and his sister.
Entitled 'Siothchain'.
Half the pages are blank.
ms ink Ir. script Ir.
200x162x6 mm

(iii) Miscellaneous

- 2214 Copy book containing part of an essay on Seadhna [by Fr. Peter O'Leary] and an essay entitled 'Leabhra an Athar Peadar'' [The books of Fr. Peter (O'Leary)]
ms pencil Ir. script. Ir.
205x161x2 mm
- 2215 c.1913-1916 (a) Notebook containing miscellaneous poetry and 7 pages of prose entitled 'Oileamhaint na nOglach', [Training of the Volunteers], expressing the need for the Volunteers to form themselves into a strong, well disciplined force.
The poetry includes Fiannaíocht poetry as for instance 'Laoi Chnuic an Air' and poems by Aonghus Mac Daighne Uí Dhalaigh, Seathrun Ceitinn, Piaras Feiritear, Micheal Óg O Longain and Daibhidh Ó Bruadoir.
ms ink Ir. sc. Ir. 203x167x7 mm
- (b) Loose sheet of paper containing poem 'An Ku Klux Klan'.
4 verses of 4 lines each.
ms ink & pencil Ir. sc. Ir. 1p

- 2216 c.1917 Notebook containing:
 A copy of a letter from Fintan Lawlor
 to Charles Gav n Duffy, 1847,
 'taken from Sir Chas. Gavan Duffy's
 "Four Years of Irish History";
 'Gramadach na Laidne' [Latin Grammar];
 'Dánta Aodhagain Uí Rathaille'.
 [The Poems of Aodhagain Uí Rathaille].
 the last item is dated 17/3/17.
 ms ink Eng. & Ir. Ir. script
 200x160x15 mm
- 2217 c.1930s Notebook containing what appears to be
 part of a translation into Irish of
Commando by Colonel Deneys Reitz.
 Relates to the Boer War.
 ms ink Ir. 227x177x22 mm
- 8 Vocabularies and word lists
- 2218 Contains some English words with the
 Irish equivalent.
 Alphabetical order.
 Most of the notebook is blank.
 ms ink 130x80x12 mm
- 2219 Alphabetical lists of Irish words,
 usually with the English equivalent.
 Taken from seven different books which
 are listed inside the front cover.
 They are all translations of well known
 works, five of which were originally
 written in English by Irish authors.
 ms ink 130x80x12 mm
- 2220 Alphabetical lists of Irish words,
 prefixes and suffixes.
 Also some words with their various
 derivatives.
 The English equivalent is sometimes
 given.
 ms ink & biro 167x103x8 mm
- 2221 Alphabetical lists of words in English
 with their Irish equivalent.
 ms biro 158x100x13 mm

2222

Alphabetical lists of English words with their Irish equivalents and some lists of Irish words with the English equivalent.

Beginning upside down at the back of the book there are lists of [Greek ?] words and their Irish equivalents and also lists of names of people under the following headings:

'Megaberry',
'Ballycurrickmaddy',
'D.A. J.J.',
'Ard-Craobh', of the Gaelic League ,
'I.R.B. Dublin',
'I.R.B. (Belfast)',
'(Dungannon Club)',
'Bangor and Newtownard'.

ms biro 163x105x10 mm

2223

Alphabetical lists of words in English with their Irish equivalent.
Also some lists of Irish words with the English equivalent.

ms ink & biro 180x115x10 mm

2224

Alphabetical lists of words in English with the Irish equivalent.
Letters A - G only.
Some Irish words with the English equivalent and some English words with the Irish equivalent.
Over half the pages are blank.

ms biro 197x125x16 mm

9 Mathematics

2225

Notebook containing mathematical calculations.
Includes 3 loose pages.

[It does not appear to be in Blythe's hand but the back of the cover was stuck to the front of the cover of no. 2212.
Probably it is in Mrs Blythe's hand.]

ms ink 205x167x7 mm

PART VII MRS BLYTHE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
BLYTHE FAMILY

A. ANNIE MCHUGH, (MRS BLYTHE), EDUCATION
AND TEACHING CAREER. 1904-1918

1 Certificates (1904-1918)

(i) Intermediate Education Board for
Ireland.

- 2226 1904 Certificate showing that Annie McHugh was awarded an exhibition in the Mathematical Course of the Junior Grade.
pr. & ms.
- 2227 1908 Certificate indicating results of Amelia E. McHugh in the Middle Grade.
pr. & ms

(ii) The National University of Ireland.

- 2228 1911 Bachelor of Arts.
Annie McHugh of University College
Dublin.
pr. & ms
- 2229 3 Apr 1916 Letter certifying that Annie McHugh passed the B.A. Degree Examination in Autumn 1911.
typ. 1p
- 2230 1916 Higher Diploma in Education.
Annie McHugh of University College
Dublin.
pr. & ms

(iii) University of Cambridge

2231 1916 'Certificate of efficiency in teaching',
Annie McHugh.

pr. & ms

(iv) University College Dublin.

2232 19 July 1918 Department of Education.
Courses for the Higher (Post-Graduate)
Diploma in Education.
'Certificate of Attendance'.
Annie McHugh.
October 1915 to June 1916.
Notes where practice in teaching was
taken and also gives the results of the
theoretical examination.

pr. & ms

(v) Intermediate Education Board for
Ireland
Register of the Intermediate School
Teachers in Ireland.

2233 2 Oct 1918 Certificate of admittance of Annie
McHugh to the Register of the
Intermediate School Teachers in Ireland.

pr. & ms

2 Testimonials (1911-1915)

- 2234 Jul 1911-
Aug 1912 Letters testifying that Miss McHugh attended certain lectures at University College Dublin. Some general remarks on her character and abilities are included.
- from:
- (24 Jul 1911) (a) A.W. Conway, 'Prof. of Math. Physics'.
ms. 3pp.
- (24 Jul 1911) (b) J.A. McClland, 'Prof. of Physics'.
ms 1p
- (20 Aug 1912) (c) H.L. McWeeney, 'Professor of Mathematics'.
ms. 1p
- 2235 May 1912-
May 1915 Letters testifying to Miss McHugh's teaching abilities and experience.
- from:
- (3 May 1912) (a) Sisters of Mercy, Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, St Peter's, Derry.
ms. 2pp
- [Jun 1913]* (b) Florence Wilson, German High School, Wellington Place, Clyde Road, Dublin.
ms 3pp
- (11 Jun 1914) (c) J.A. McClland, 'Prof. of Physics' University College Dublin. for work as a Demonstrator in the First Year Laboratory.
ms. 1p
- (May 1915) (d) S.M. Bertrand. Maher, Prioress, Dominican Convent, St Mary's Cabra, Dublin.
typ? or carbon? 1p
[Two signed copies]
- (28 Mar 1916) (e) S.M. Costello, Principal, St Dominic's Secondary Training College, 17 Eccles Street, Dublin.
ms. 3pp
- 2236 Typescript copies of the testimonial letters listed in nos. 2234 and 2235. More than one letter is given on each page.
carbon 3pp

* No date is given in the original letter but the copy in no. 2236 is dated June 1913.

3 Vice-Regal Committee on Intermediate
Education (Ireland).
Report (1918)

2237 7 Aug 1918

'Report of the Vice-Regal Committee
on
The Conditions of Service and
Remuneration of Teachers in Intermediate
Schools, and on the Distribution of
Grants from Public Funds for
Intermediate Education in Ireland'.

'Miss Annie McHugh, Assistant Mistress'
was a member of the Committee.

This copy of the Report is marked
A. McHugh.

pr. imperfect, parts of some
pages have been cut out. 50pp

B. MATERIAL RELATING TO VARIOUS ACTIVITIES
OF MRS BLYTHE 1922 -c.1934

1 Cumann na Saoirse (1922)

2238 10 Aug 1922

Cumann na Saoirse
3 & 4 College Street, Dublin.

(a) 'National Army
Dependent's Allowances.
Scheme for Formation of Parish
Committees'.
Suggests ways of selecting members and
methods of work for the Parish
Committees.

typ.

1p

(b) 'Particulars of Cases of Distress
among Dependents of Soldiers of the
National Army'.
List of 10 soldiers.
Gives names, addresses and brief details
of service.
Indicates how long the dependents of
each man have been without financial
support.

typ..

2pp

2239 c. 1922

'Constitution and Rules'.
States briefly the aims, policy, rules
and 'immediate work'.
Lists members of the Executive which
includes Mrs. Blythe.
Mrs Blythe was one of the two
secretaries.

sten.

1p

See also no. 1700.

2 Army Benevolent Fund (c.1929-c.1930)

- 2240 c. 1930 'Army Benevolent Fund Council'
'Under the Patronage of their
Excellencies
The Governor-General and Mrs MacNeill
and of The President of the Executive
Council and Mrs Cosgrave.'
Statement of the aims and general
organisation of The Army Benevolent
Fund which 'was established in 1930 by
the Minister for Defence with a view to
assisting discharged or retired Non-
Commissioned Officers and Men of the
Defence Forces and National Army and
their Dependents'.
Requests co-operation.
pr. 1p
- 2241 12 June 1929 Two Menus for the Army Benevolent Fund
Dance on 8 August 1929 at The Plaza,
98-101 Middle Abbey St., Dublin.
- 2242 c. 1929-30 Notebook marked 'Tickets'.
Contains the names of persons,
figures [of tickets? sold?], the
number of 'tickets used' and the amount
of money 'received' or 'paid'.
It was the only item in an envelope
marked 'Army Benevolent Fund, Notepaper,
Envelopes and Badges'.
170x110x5mm
- 2243 c. 1929-30 'Return of tickets sold by Mrs Blythe'
Lists names, number of tickets used,
the amount paid.
The total amount of money is given.
[The names do not appear to correspond
with those in no. 2242.]
[There is no indication as to what
function the tickets were for.]
This list may have nothing to do with
the Army Benevolent Fund.]
carbon ms notes 2pp
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3 Fine Gael (1934)

- 2244 6 May 1934 'Address of Welcome on behalf of Athlacca Ladies Branches of Fine Gael and The League of Youth to Mrs Ernest Blythe on the occasion of her visit to address a meeting.....'
ms 3pp
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4 Tour

- 2245 no date Itinerary of a Tour leaving Ireland on 12 August, visiting a number of Belgian, Austrian and German towns and ending in Basle, Switzerland on 6 September.
Marked on cover 'Mrs E. Blythe'.
[Does it relate to some foreign visit while Blythe was a Minister?].
carbon ms cor. 5pp
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5 Household notes and accounts

- 2246 no date Notebook containing lists of persons invited to 'Dinner', 'At Home', 'Supper', 'Tea'.
ms 200x157x3mm
- 2247 18 Nov-2 Dec Household accounts for three weeks.
ms 3pp
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6 Notebook (1929)

- 2248 c.1929 'Browne's Pocket Diary for 1929'.
'Oifig an tSolathair' stamped on cover.
Contains entries recording what Earnan junior said and did.
No entries after 7 April. [Entries may not have been made at the time indicated by the printed dates].
ms brown colour cover 135x80x11mm
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7 Programmes (c.1929)

- 2249 c.1929 Programmes of performances at the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin, under the patronage of Her Excellency Mrs. James MacNeill.
A list of the cast and a 'synopsis of Scenery' is given in each item.
- 25 Apr 1929 (a) 'San Toy'.
Music by Sidney Jones.
Libretto by Edward Morton.
Presented by the Rathmines and Rathgar Musical Society.
- 14 Nov (b) 'Marigold'.
By L. Allen Harker and F.R. Pryor
Producer Norman Page.
'Simon Ord presents Jean Clyde in London's Most Successful Play of 1927, 1928 and 1929'.
- 22 Feb (c) 'The Chocolate Soldier'
By Leopold Jacobson and Rudolph Bernauer.
English version Stanislaus Strange
Music by Oscar Straus
Producer Charles Maynard
'Prior to London Production'.
starring: Anne Croft.

printed on satin type material.

3 items
each 380x224mm

C. MRS BLYTHE'S CORRESPONDENCE

c.1924-c.1945

† Letters from Blythe (c.1925-c.1926)

- 2250 no date Ernest [Blythe], Mongan's Hotel, Carna, Connemara. [Co. Galway]
Letters giving an account of the hotel, the neighbourhood and the Connemara people.
Reference is made to Blythe's various activities including conversations in Irish with the local inhabitants.
ms. 3 letters
- 2251 17 & 18 Jun 1925 (a) Ernest [Blythe], Belmont, 11 Sandford Road, Dublin.
Letters giving family news.
Mention is made of the progress of 'the young fella' [their infant son, Earnan].
Reference is made to Blythe's activities in the Dail.
ms. 2 letters
and envelope addressed to Mrs Blythe, The Villa, Castlerock, Co. Derry.
[Both letters were in it]
- (b) Milly , 55 Pembroke Road.
Letter mentioning recent activities and referring to a number of mutual friends.
ms 2pp
- 2252 Sept 1926 Ernest [Blythe], Grand Hotel Bellevue, Geneve; and Grand Hotel de la Paix, Geneve. [Geneva].
Letters written while Blythe was attending the General Assembly of the League of Nations as a member of the Irish Delegation.
They contain comments on the affairs of the Assembly and on the attitudes and activities of the members of the Irish Delegation.
Mention is made of the surrounding countryside, meals and entertainments.
ms. 9 letters & 1 postcard
and one envelope (no. 8)

2 Letters from Elsie and Sean Lester
(1929-1945)

(i) Elsie

2253

Elsie, [wife of Sean (Jack) Lester].
Letters from:17 Jul 1929-
8 Jan 1933

43 Quai Wilson, Geneva. [nos. 1-4]

21 Jan 1934-
8 Dec 1936Mainly from the Residence of the High
Commissioner Danzig. [nos. 5-19]
Sean Lester was appointed High
Commissioner of the League of Nations
at Danzig on 26 October 1933 [see no. 4]18 Mar 1937-
9 May 19399 Rue des Contamines, Geneva.
[nos. 20-26]Letters commenting on family matters,
mutual friends, political affairs and
places visited.References are made to a visit by the
Blythes to Danzig in September 1935,
and to the purchase of a house in
Dublin, Fairfield House, which was
subsequently rented to the Blythes for
a period in the late thirties.
Thanks are expressed for gifts.No. 7 envelope contains a visiting card
'Dr & Mrs F.J. Farr' with a slip
attached by a ribbon 'John Tyrell
August 10th, 1935'; and two photographs
[see nos.]

ms

26 letters.

and envelopes
(nos. 7, 20, 23.)

2254 2 Feb 1937

Elsie Lester, 9 Rue de Contamines,
Geneva.To Mrs O'Sullivan, wife of Professor
O'Sullivan.

Thanks for book.

Refers to her difficulties in moving
into a new house.Mentions 'I owe Ann Blythe about three
letters - when you see her tell her
I'll write in the course of the next
few days'.

ms

1 letter

4pp

(ii) Sean Lester

2255

Sean [Lester], Representative of the Irish Free State accredited to the League of Nations.
High Commissioner of the League of Nations, Danzig, 1934-Dec 1936.
Letters from:

18 Dec 1934-
21 Dec 1936

Residence of the High Commissioner, Danzig. [nos. 1-7]

11 May 1937

No address given. Notepaper headed, simply 'League of Nations'. [no. 8]

Letters sending greetings and apparently enclosing gifts to the Blythe family in the form of cheques, thanking for gifts, giving general news and dealing with business matters.

Elsie's operation is mentioned in no. 3, dated 24 March 1934.

Nos. 4-8, November 1936 to May 1937 deal mainly with business matters relating to the renting by the Blythes of the Lesters' house, Fairfield House, Highfield Road, Rathgar, and with the arrangements to move the Lesters' furniture to Geneva.

ms & typ.

7 letters &
1 telegram

2256 22 Nov 1945

(a) Sean Lester, 7 Park Place, St James Street, London.
To Ann and Ernest.
Thanks for remembering their 25th Wedding Anniversary.
Mentions his disappointment that business kept him in London away from Elsie.
Refers also to the day the Blythes were married.

ms

and envelope

3pp

(b) Visiting card of Sean Lester 'Secretary Generalair of the League of Nations' 'Geneva'.
"To Ann and Ernest with most Affectionate good wishes 1919-1944".

[Appears to have been attached to something. flowers?]

pr. & ms.

1 card

3 General Correspondence

(i) 1924 - 1929

- 2257 12 Jun 1924 Aodh ua Conneidigh, 43 Waterloo Place, Dublin.
Addressed to Miss McHugh.
Refers to the fact that he is 'parting with my office'.
Thanks for the loyalty and help which contributed to the 'special character' of 'the Department we all built up together'.
ms. 1p
- 2258 15 Jan 1925 A.S. Green, 90 S. Stephen's Green, Dublin.
Thanks for the parcel.
Invites Mr and Mrs. Blythe to a mid-day meal whenever convenient.
typ. 1p
- 2259 21 Mar 1925 2 telegrams of congratulation on the birth of a son. [Earnan Padraig]
(1) Elsie and Billy Wheeler, Greenore?
(2) Peadar McGeough, Monaghan.
- 2260 c. Mar 1925 Louand? Meudut?, Hopeton, Rathgar, [Dublin].
Congratulations on the birth of a son.
ms. 4pp
- 2261 Tuesday [July 1927] Mary Clarke, Northcote, Sandford Rd. [Dublin].
Expresses 'horror' 'at the terrible calamity that has befallen the Government'. [The assassination of Kevin O'Higgins]
Offers her sympathy to 'you and Mr Blythe'.
ms. 2pp
- 2262 24 Jul 1927 Bessie Murphy, Spetchley, Seabank Road, New Brighton, Cheshire.
Congratulations on 'new honour' [The appointment of Blythe as Vice-President of the Executive Council ?]
Thanks for hospitality.
ms and envelope 3pp

- 2263 22 Sept 1927 (a) Thomas Bodkin, 3 Wilton Terrace, Dublin.
Gives information about three hotels in Paris and recommends a number of restaurants.
[This letter was in an envelope which also included (b), (c) and (d), and which was marked 'Addresses Hotel and Restaurants in Paris']
ms 4pp
- (b) Sheet of notepaper folded in two to give four pages and headed 'Aberfoyle, Orwell Road, Rathgar'. Lists Paris Restaurants.
ms 4pp
- (c) Picture postcard showing 'Grand Hotel du Pavillon, 36 Rue de l'Echiquier, Paris'. [The first hotel recommended in (a)].
pr. 1 postcard
- (d) Visiting card of 'Michael Hayes President de la Chambre des Deputes'. Contains the address of Hotel Pavillon and La Boutique Bleu.
ms 1 card
- 2264 20 Dec 1927 Joe [Josephine] McNeill, 4 Courtfield, Road, S.W.7. [London].
Thanks for letter.
Mentions that 'We both are proud of the honour the Executive Council conferred on him [her husband James] in choosing him to be Ireland's next Governor General'.
Remarks that they both look forward to their return to Ireland.
ms 2pp
- 2265 8 May 1928 Josephine McNeill, Vice Regal Lodge, Dublin.
Regrets that she is not able to become the patron of the Cairn Terriers Association.
Mentions that she has already very many committments with organisations and social work 'in which I am intensely interested and which is so necessary in these days when poverty and unemployment are rife'.
ms 3pp

- 2266 17 Sept 1928 Tody [McGilligan ?]
32 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin.
Crossed out: Rionn Tionscail agus
Trachtala, [Department of Industry and
Commerce], Baile Atha Cliath, (Dublin).
Announces his engagement 'I hope there
is no necessity for me to say to whom'.
Asks her to inform his colleagues in
Geneva.
Refers to his guards [Apparently he is
a Government Minister].
Mentions The Irish Times report of
'Ernest's Tariff speech'.
Comments on conditions in Geneva.
ms. 'private' 2pp
and envelope addressed only to
'Mrs Blythe' and not sent
through the post.
- 2267 2 Aug 1929 Josephine McNeill, Vice Regal Lodge,
Dublin.
Refers to 'a certain foreign gentleman'
and mentions that he should be given
complimentary tickets for the dance.
ms 4pp
- 2268 8 Aug 1929 (a) J.C. O'Sullivan, Vice Regal Lodge,
Dublin.
Encloses a list of 'Their Excellencies
party for the Dance tonight'.
Mentions the uncertainty as to whether
His Highness The Maharaj of Alwar
intends to remain to supper.
typ. 1p

(b) 'Their Excellencies' Party for
Army Ball.
La Plaza.
Thursday, 8th August, 1929'.
List of 18 names.
typ. 1p
- 2269 15 Aug 1929 Josephine McNeill, Vice Regal Lodge,
Dublin.
Invites the Blythes to dinner.
ms 2pp
- 2270 5 Nov 1929 Josephine McNeill, Vice Regal Lodge,
Dublin.
Expresses regret at having 'missed you
on Sunday'.
Invites the Blythes to lunch the
following Thursday.
ms 2pp

(ii) 1930 - 1937

- 2271 3 Jan 1930 (a) Thomas Bodkin, The Berners Hotel
Berners Street, London, W.1.
Mentions that 'your son seems to be a
very dashing lady killer'.
Encloses a letter he has received from
his 'eldest unmarried daughter'.
ms 1p
and envelope
- (b) Part of a child's letter to her
father.
From 3 Wilton Terrace, Dublin. C.18.
Mentions that 'Ernon Blythe came to
tea yeaterday' and comments on him.
ms 2pp
- 2272 7 Jan 1930 P. Huyan?, 73 Anglesia Road. Dublin
Thanks for fond wishes.
ms 1p
and envelope
- 2273 20 Jan 1930 (a) Moira G. McDonnell, 5 Longford
Terrace, Monkstown, [Co. Dublin.]
Refers to Mrs Blythe's alleged dislike
of her and claims that she was not
elected to a certain committee some
years previously because Mrs Blythe was
in the Chair.
Mentions the friendship between her
family and Arthur Griffith and claims
that her own ill health prevented her
taking an active part in the struggle
for Irish independence.
Encloses a cutting from The Irish
Times. [see (b)]
Mentions that 'The Governor-General
comes from Glenarm - (my husbands
ancestral home)'
ms 6pp
was in envelope stamped
Vice Regal Lodge, Dublin.
and addressed in Mrs McNeill's
hand.
- (b) Newspaper cutting from the
Irishman's Diary in The Irish Times.
'Mr Randal McDonnell'
Mentions that he is writing an historical
novel and that he is one of the
McDonnells of Antrim and a descendent of
Dr James McDonnell who organised the
Belfast Harp Festival at which Bunting
was employed to write down the tunes.
pr. 1 cutting

- 2274 11 Apr 1930 +D. MacAodhain, [Daniel Mageean, Bishop of Down and Connor], Trench House, Belfast.
A reply to Mrs Blythe's letter of the 9th instant.
Gives her permission to attend Miss Blythe's marriage on the assumption that the function will be quiet and provided 'you make it clear by your conduct that you are merely a spectator and not taking any part in it'.
Mentions that he will be 'very glad to see yourself and Earnan at Trench House on the occasion of your visit to Belfast.'
ms 2pp
- 2275 12 May 1930 F. Pascal Robinson?, Nunciature, Dublin.
Accepts invitation to lunch on 20 May for Monsignor Riberi and himself.
ms 1p
- 2276 14 May 1930 Three letters in an envelope marked 'Lunch to Papal Nuncio, May 1930'
Acceptance of invitations to lunch on 20 May. From:
(a) May Hemphill, Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin.
ms 1p
(b) D. Ryan P.P., St Gall's Beechwood Avenue, Ranelagh. [Dublin]
ms 1p
(c) John P. Butler, Clonard, Killiney, Co. Dublin.
ms 2pp
- 2277 25 Aug 1930 Eve Dodge, Glenmore, Park Road, Beckenham.
Regrets that Annie [Mrs Blythe] will not be able to be present at her wedding but is very glad to have heard from her after a silence of over ten years.
Asks her to call whenever she is in London and gives detailed directions to the house.
Refers to her sister Nora's engagement and forthcoming wedding.
ms 4pp

P 24		Correspondence
2278	26 Aug 1930	(a) A. Cox, Solicitor, 42 & 43 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, C.2. To Mrs Blythe at 6 Temple Villas, Palmerston Road, Dublin. Acknowledges receipt of 'your letter written from Gothenburg, enclosing cheque £37. 15. 8.' typ. 1p
		(b) Sheet of paper headed 6 Temple Villas, Palmerston Road. Dublin. S.W.1. Contains some figures and calculations. ms 1p
2279	27 Aug 1930	Eilis, Mongan's Hotel, Carna, Co. Galway. Thanks for letter and cheque. Reports on Earnan's behaviour and activities. Suggests suitable clothing and that it would be a good idea for him to attend the local school for a few hours daily. Mentions a number of acquaintances. [The writer is obviously minding Earnan Pdraig, son of the Blythes]. ms 5pp
2280	8 Sept 1930	Milly, 14 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin. Thanks for the card. Mentions having heard from Eilis that Earnan is going to school. Suggests that she will book seats for a performance of Bach. Enquires about the sale of the Dance tickets. Mentions that accounts are to be made up by the tenth. Mentions mutual acquaintances. ms 4pp
2281	27 Sept 1930	Picture postcard of 'Rock Park, Pump Rooms, Llandrindod Wells'. W.J. Johnson. Thanks for postcard. Sends congratulations to the Minister 'on his great victory for the Free State. We were all, I can assure you, tremendously proud of our delegation'. ms 1 postcard
2282	9 Dec 1930	T.J. McKinney?, Honorary Secretary, Executive Committee, Army Benevolent Fund, Department of Defence, Parkgate, Dublin. Message of sympathy in recent bereavement. ms 1p

P 24		Correspondence
2283	7 Aug 1931 postmark	Hazel Lavery, Vice Regal Lodge, Dublin. Sends 'thanks for letting me share in the delightful entertainment at the Royal Hospital tonight'. Excuses her fatigue owing to travelling during the past ten days. ms and envelope
2284	21 Oct 1927-1931	Christine Longford, [The Countess of Longford], 143 Leinster Road, Dublin. Thanks for letter. Mentions that she is delighted that 'you and the Vice-President' can spend a weekend at Pakenham Hall, Castlepollard. ms
2285	1932	New Year's Greeting Card from 'The Governor General and Mrs McNeill', Vice Regal Lodge Dublin. The card shows a late eighteenth or early nineteenth century print of the Vice Regal Lodge. pr.
2286	13 Jul 1932	Josephine McNeill, Vice Regal Lodge, Dublin. Refers to the vote coming up in the Dail and to the misapprehension of many people including members of Cumann na nGaedheal, that all the Vice Regal staff are paid out of allowances. Points out that 29 employees are paid out of the personal salary. Asks that this will be mentioned to Ernest 'so he will know it, should it be necessary to use it'. ms
2287	30 Jan 1933	Michael Kelly P.P., Kollasher, Florence Court, Co. Fermanagh. Thanks for that Mr Blythe 'has done during the past seventeen years, for the people of the Free State'. Mentions that he is 'a native of the district where your mother was born, and I am a relative of the family'. Offers 'encouragement' for the future not 'sympathy' on Blythe's defeat as a candidate for Co. Monaghan in the General Election to Dail Eireann. ms letter torn in two

2pp

1p

1 card

2pp

2pp

P 24		Correspondence
2288	3 Jan 1933 should be 1934	Aileen Bodkin, 3 Wilton Terrace, Dublin. Congratulations on Mr Blythe's election to the Senate. ms 2pp
2289	3 Jan 1934	Renee O'Callaghan, Rathmullan. Congratulations on Mr Blythe's election to the Senate. Refers to her sore eye and wishes to remain away another week. ms 1p
2290	4 Jan 1934	Cissie Dundalk, [Co. Louth], 6 Castle Street, Mentions that she 'was charmed to see that E. had been elected for the Senate'. Remarks that many people have told her how glad they are. ms 2pp
2291	5 Jan 1934	Kathy Keenan, North Road, Monaghan. Congratulations on Mr Blythe's election to the Senate. Mentions family activities and remarks how everyone is interested in news from Dublin concerning the Blythes. ms 4pp
2292	9 Aug 1934	Georg von Delm, Der Deutsche Gesandte, Dublin. Thanks for 'your congratulations and for your kind wishes on my promotion to Bucharest'. Mentions the kindness and hospitality of the Irish people. Thanks Mrs Blythe and 'the Senator for your kind hospitality'. typ. 1p
2293	19 Jan 1936	Aileen Bodkin, 259 Hagley Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 16. Thanks for the letter of 8 September and for the Christmas card. Invites the Blythes to visit them sometime. Mentions that Birmingham is a good centre from which to visit interesting parts of England. Refers to the members of her household and to their activities. ms 6pp
2294	19 Dec 1936	Aileen Bodkin, [as above]. Thanks for the long letter. Enquires whether Mr Blythe's post means a removal to Clondalkin. Gives family news and sends good wishes. ms 2pp

2295 22 Dec 1937 Aileen Bodkin, 259 Hayley Road,
Edgbaston, Birmingham.
Sends Christmas greetings.
Gives family news and enquires about
Earnan.
ms 2pp

(iii) 1945

2296 20 Aug 1945 Desmond [FitzGerald], Airfield,
Donnybrook, Dublin.
To Annie and Ernest.
Thanks for coming to his sister's
funeral.
ms 1p

(iv) Undated letters

2297 23 Jul (a) Lennox Robinson, Sorrento Cottage,
Dalkey, County Dublin.
Regrets that Mrs Blythe will be away
for the Abbey dance.
Sends a mock cheque for tickets for the
Army Ball.
Mentions that Mrs Guthrie is staying
with him and enquires about places for
supper.
ms 2pp

(b) Abbey Theatre card.
Mock cheque for £1,000.
ms 1 postcard

2298 Shelah Johnston, 61 Lansdowne Road,
Dublin.
Thanks for the wedding present of a
tea set.
Mentions that they arrived home that
morning 'with Denis threatening to get
'flu'.
ms 2pp

- 2299 Monday Sr. Mary Colette, P.C.C., Poor Clare
Poor Clare Colettine Convent,
St. Damian's, Simmonscourt Road,
Ballsbridge, Dublin.
Thanks for the book on Mother Stuart.
Mentions that she was glad to see
Mrs Blythe recently.
Encloses a 'little case' 'for Earnan's
pocket'.
ms 2pp
- 2300 Tuesday Sr. Colette, P.C.C., [as above].
To Miss Gavan Duffy.
Encloses 'a tiny piece of a cuff worn
by Pope Pius X for Little Earnan'.
Asks her to tell Mrs Blythe that the
'Community are giving her intentions a
large share in all the prayers'.
Mentions how glad she was to see Miss
Gavan Duffy the previous Saturday.
ms 2pp
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D. IRISH COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

1955-1957

1. Letter not in An Grianan File (1956)

2301 1 May 1956

Doreen [Smith?], Irish Countrywomen's Association, An Grianan, Termonfechin, Co. Louth.

Mentions that 'When I got your letter I fled to Dublin bringing various oddments made here'.

Promises to bring more tomorrow and also more programmes.

Refers to various plans for the forthcoming session.

ms

2pp

2. File containing reports and correspondence relating to the Irish Countrywomen's Association college, An Grianan, Termonfechin, Co. Louth.

(1955-1957)

Mrs Blythe was Chairman, Grianan Committee, 1956-57.

(i) Reports, An Grianan.

a. Reports drawn up in 1955.

2302 Jun 1955

'Report for the Year Ending June, 1955'.

Mentions that 'Our College at An Grianan was opened in October, 1954 by the President, Mr Sean T. O'Kelly'. Reports on various activities of the College.

carbon

2pp

2303 Jun 1955

'Proposed Activities for Year Ending June, 1955'.

Mentions a number of forthcoming events. Refers to plans for building and renovation.

carbon

2pp

b. Report drawn up in 1956

2304 Jun 1956

(a) Report.
'To the Chairman, Grianan Committee'
from Sarah E. Ryan, [Bursar, An Grianan].

Encloses Auditors' Report and
Statement of Accounts for the year
ended 31 May 1956.

Sends also 'a Budget' with comments
on it for the year 1956-57.

Comments on trends of expenditure and
income and on the changes that are to
be expected in the coming year.

Set out under the general headings of:

'Expenditure' [on maintenance and
repair of property], 'House'
[housekeeping], 'Lands' [farm and
garden], 'Lectures and Courses',
'Administration', 'Receipts' [students,
visitors, the sale of produce].

Marked in pencil: 'Copy from files E.D.'

'Last year's for showing how to do it'.

carbon

3pp

(b) 'Estimate of Income and
Expenditure for the year Ist. June
1956 - 31st. May 1957'.

Lists items under the general headings
given in (a) and notes their money
value.

Marked in pencil: 'Last year's to show
how to set it out'.

carbon

1p

c. Reports drawn up in 1957

- 2305 4 Jul 1957 Auditors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 May 1957 for An Grianan.
Addressed to: The Secretary
Irish Countrywomen's Association,
23 St Stephen's Green, Dublin.
Auditors: Forsyth & Co., Chartered
Accounts, 18 Ely Place, Dublin.
carbon signed 5pp
- 2306 1957 (a) Report
'To the Chairman, Grianan Committee'
from Sarah E. Ryan [Bursar, An Grianan].
Encloses the Auditors' Report and
Statement of Accounts for the year
ended 31 May 1957.
Sends also a 'Budget' with comments on
it for the year 1956-57.
Comments on trends of expenditure and
income, and on the changes that are to
be expected in the coming year.
Set out under the general headings of:
'Expenditure' [on maintenance and
repair of property], 'House'
[housekeeping], 'Lands' [farm and
garden], 'Lectures and Courses'
'Administration', 'Receipts' [students,
visitors and sale of produce].
carbon 3pp
and 2 duplicates
- (b) 'Estimate of Expenditure and
Income for the year
1st. June 1957 - 31st May 1957 [sic].
Lists items under the general headings
given in (a) and notes their money
value.
carbon 1p
- (c) Draft of (a) and (b).
Gives more details.
Includes handwritten corrections and
notes some of which were incorporated
in (a).
typ. ms notes 7pp
- (d) Copy of pp 1-5 of (c)
Accounts are missing pp 6-7
Includes handwritten notes and
corrections different to those in (c).
carbon ms notes 5pp

2307	1957	<p>(a) 'Report for the Year ending 31st May 1957'</p> <p>Mentions that the Kellogg Hall was officially opened on 20 July 1956 by Mrs O'Kelly, wife of the President of Ireland. Reports briefly on the various activities of the College.</p> <p>carbon and 2 duplicates</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2pp</p>
		<p>(b) Draft of (a). ms.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5pp</p>
		<p>(c) Draft of (b). ms</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3pp</p>
2308	1957	<p>(a) 'Plans for the Year ending 31st May, 1958'.</p> <p>Mentions the general aims of the Committee. Refers to a number of forthcoming events.</p> <p>carbon and a duplicate</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2pp</p>
		<p>(b) Draft of (a). Incorporates some corrections made in (c). ms.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4pp</p>
		<p>(c) Draft of (b). ms cor.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3pp</p>
2309	25 Jul. 1957	<p>'Report to Grianan Committee'.</p> <p>Covers various events at the College and other matters connected with it. Refers to the activities of the group from Macra na Tuaithe and the group from the Irish Bee Keepers Federation, both of whom stayed at An Grianan. Mentions recent and forthcoming courses . Comments on other matters including the condition of the Kellogg Hall, the use being made of the Cottage, the staff, visitors and work in progress on the farm.</p> <p>typ. ms cor.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3pp</p>

(ii) Meetings (1957)

- 2310 25 July 1957 (a) Agenda and Notice of meeting of 'Grianan Committee' to be held in Dublin on 25 July 1957.
sten. 1p
- (b) Note headed 'Grianan Committee'. States that 'By agreement with the Grianan Committee Miss Smith has resigned from the position of Maoirseach and is leaving An Grianan at the end of July.....'
Issued by Elizabeth Drew, Honorary Secretary.
sten. 1p
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(iii) Conferences and Courses (c.1957)

- 2311 Jun 1957 Notice and booking form for the Irish Countrywomen's Association Summer Study Conference to be held at An Grianan, Termonfechin, Co. Louth, from 8 to 14 June 1957.
Theme 'Leisure in the Country'.
Mentions proposed activities.
sten. 1p
- 2312 Aug 1957 (a) Details of 2 forthcoming courses. Gardening Course, August 19-24.
Course in Pottery and Enamel, August 26-31.
ms 1p
- (b) Details of Gardening Course as in (a) but in a different hand.
Some details of Pottery Course in the same hand as (a).
ms 1p
- 2313 no date Note mentioning that 'County Markets Co-operative Society ran two successful conference weeks at An Grianan during the year', in April and ? .
An unfinished draft of the note on the reverse side of the page is crossed out.
ms 1p
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(iv) Correspondence (1956-1957)

a. Letters to Officers of the Kellogg Foundation, U.S.A. (1956-1957)

- 2314 1 Oct 1956 Draft letter from the Chairman, Grianan Committee to Dr Thomas N. Moss, Director, Division of Agriculture, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, Michigan, U.S.A. .
Acknowledges receipt of letter. Mentions that they are pleased that he is coming to Dublin and that he will visit An Grianan on 6 November. Notes that the Autumn Study Conference on 'Home and Family' will then be taking place.
ms [Mrs Blythe's hand ?] 1p
- 2315 16 Jul 1957 (a) Copy letter from the Chairman, Grianan Committee to Dr Emory Morris, Chairman, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, Michigan, U.S.A.
Informs him that the Grianan Committee has 'reluctantly decided after serious consideration that Miss Doreen Smith has not the administrative and organising ability necessary for the post of Principal of An Grianan and she is therefore leaving An Grianan at the end of this month'. Mentions some proposed activities at An Grianan.
carbon 1p
(b) Draft of (a).
ms [Mrs Blythe's hand ?] 2pp
- 2316 26 Jul 1957 (a) Copy letter from the Chairman, Grianan Committee, 23 St Stephen's Green, Dublin, to Dr Thomas N. Moss, Director, Division of Agriculture, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, Michigan, U.S.A.
Encloses 'the Auditors' Report for the year ending 31st May 1957, and the budget for the year ending 31st May 1958, with the comments of the Bursar of An Grianan, Mrs Desmond Ryan'. Also encloses the Chairman's 'narrative report for the year ending 31st May 1957 and the plans for the year ending 31st May 1958, all of which have been approved by the Grianan Committee'.
carbon 1p
(b) Draft of (a).
ms [Mrs Blythe's hand ?] 1p

b. Letters to Mrs Blythe

(1) June-July 1957

- 2317 20 Jun 1957 Ena McKeown, Clooney, Castletown,
Navan, Co. Meath.
Apologises for not attending the
meeting that day.
ms 2pp
- 2318 21 Jun 1957 Unsigned letter from 'Maoirseac',
An Grianan, Termonfechin, Co. Louth.
Thanks for the gift of a sun umbrella.
Suggests catering arrangements for the
forthcoming Executive Party.
typ. 1p
- 2319 12 Jul 1957 Olivia Hughes, Annsgift, Fethard,
Co. Tipperary.
Mentions that she told M. Gahan over
the phone that if necessary she could
spend some time in An Grianan in July
or August.
The matter could be decided when they
meet at the Council.
ms: 2pp
and envelope
- 2320 15 Jul 1957 Doreen Smith, An Grianan, Termonfechin,
Co. Louth.
Mentions that they 'will expect
Mr Blythe and you to High Tea on
Tuesday 30th before his lecture at
7.30 pm.'
Refers to current activities at the
College.
Lists recent breakages of fittings and
furniture.
ms 2pp
- 2321 16 Jul 1957 Laura Tyrrell, Great Southern Hotel,
Galway.
Thanks for the cheque.
Mentions that she will contact Miss
Sheridan on her return to Dublin.
ms: 1p
- 2322 17 Jul 1957 Doreen Smith, An Grianan, Termonfechin
Co. Louth.
Concerns an enquiry by Father Herbert
of St Mary's, Navan as to whether he
could bring his Boys Choral Group on
a day's outing to An Grianan.
ms 2pp

- 2323 19 Jul 1957 E. Moore, 'Pres. Drogheda T.A.',
67 Churd Road, Drogheda.
Thanks for letter.
Mentions that 'The Drogheda Town
Association will be very pleased to
know that their effort was so much
Appreciated'.
ms. 1p
- 2324 23 Jul 1957 S.E. Ryan, [wife of Desmond Ryan],
3 Charleston Road, Dublin.
Appears to enclose some papers.
Mentions that 'the Comments on the
Budget and the Budget, themselves, are
also, of course, at the mercy of you
and Miss Gahan. You may be saying some
of the things yourself in your report'.
Suggests that they should meet to
discuss matters before the meeting the
following Thursday.
ms 2pp
- (2) Apologies for inability to attend the
meeting on Thursday, 25 July 1957.
- 2325 23 Jul 1957 Kit Ahern, Ballybunion. [Co. Kerry].
Sends another member to represent her.
ms 1p
- 2326 23 Jul 1957 B. Grattan-Bellew, Mount Loftus,
Goresbridge, Co. Kilkenny.
Addressed to The Acting Hon-Sec.
Grianan Committee.
Mentions that she hopes 'to have a full
report of the Kilkenny Federation plans
for the International Week at An Grianan
after our Federation meeting on Sat 27th'.
ms. 1 postcard
- 2327 24 Jul 1957 Margaret McGuinness, Mayo Federation.
Refers briefly to certain proposed
activities of the Federation.
ms 1p
- 2328 24 Jul 1957
[postmark] Joan Harney, Teachta, Portlairge.
[Waterford Deputy], Dunhill, Co.
Waterford.
ms 1 postcard
- 2329 no date H.C. Campbell, Sligo Federation.
Coillte-Leyney, Beltra, Co. Sligo.
ms. 2pp

2330 Jul 1957 Note that Miss Smith, Mullingar,
'Phoned apologies for Grianan Meeting
Thursday, 25 July, 1957'.
Also a note in a different hand
'Mrs Tomlin Dublin
mistake in her appointment'.
These notes are on the back of an
Invitation Card to the I.C.A. Annual
General Meeting, 22 March 1956.
ms & pr. 1 card

(3) August

2331 2 Aug 1957 Nina Dinan, St Mary's, Newcastle,
Galway.
Encloses £10 which was kept back on
fete day to cover transport but which
was not needed because C.I.E. waived
the claim to fares.
ms. 1p

2332 3 Aug 1957 Marie Lewis, An Grianan, Termonfechin,
Co. Louth.
Lists forthcoming courses and gives the
number of persons booked to attend them.
Mentions the names of persons who may
possibly give courses and lectures.
Comments on various matters relating
to housekeeping and explains that
the book-keeping is not yet up to date
because she was away for the month of
July.
typ. 2pp

2333 6 Aug 1957 S.E.R. [Sarah E. Ryan], 3 Charleston
Road, Dublin.
Notes that 'The Farmer's Gazette is
still advocating Denmark and Spain for
the International Week. If I am to
attend to a certain amount of publicity
I shall have to be very accurate'.
Enquires if there is any more news from
Joan Barton 'as to what they have
definitely decided to do'.
Hopes that Mrs Blythe is 'feeling
much better'.
ms 1p

- 2334 7 Aug 1957 (a) Cerise M. Parker, Avoca School, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.
Encloses some ideas for the meeting on the following Monday which she does not expect to be able to attend. Suggests the names and addresses of some persons capable of running the Nature Study Course.
ms 2pp
- (b) 'Some ideas for Autumn Meitheal: Oct 26th - Nov 1st 1957.
Subject: "The Community in which we live".'
Suggests that the Farm be taken as a central subject.
Mentions a number of topics under the general headings of 'Our Home', 'Our Family', 'Our Recreation'.
Names persons who could be responsible for the courses.
ms 2pp
- 2335 8 Aug 1957 Marie Lewis, An Grianan, Termonfechin, Co. Louth.
Mentions that she has received 'Cheque £10 for Travel Aid Fund from Galway' and that a receipt has been sent to Mrs Dinan.
Enquires about rushwork courses.
Mentions having written to Mrs O'Keefe, Mrs Deane and Mr Douglas.
typ. 1 postcard
- 2336 9 Aug 1957 S.E.R. [Sarah E. Ryan], 3 Charleston Road, Dublin.
Thanks for letter and for sending on Joan Barton's letter.
Mentions a visit from Crissie O'Gorman and refers to various I.C.A. matters.
Remarks that she is 'glad that something about the change of plan has gone into the Farmer's Gazette today. Many people may be disappointed about dropping Spain'.
ms 2pp
- 2337 10 Aug 1957 Marie Lewis, An Grianan, Termonfechin, Co. Louth.
'Some hastily written notes for your meeting on Monday'.
Lists forthcoming courses and gives details of numbers booked and general arrangements.
Mentions matters relating to housekeeping.
Reports on a minor accident in which their van was involved.
Encloses correspondence which Miss Smith left marked 'For the attention of the Grianan Committee'.
typ. 2pp

2338 15 Aug 1957 Muriel [Gahan], The Country Shop,
23 St Stephen's Green, Dublin.
Sends 'the gist of the interview with
Miss Smith while I was present'.
[missing].
Encloses notice of the rushwork course
[missing].
Mentions that 'everything was very
happy at An Grianan yesterday. Mr and
Mrs Gleeson were delighted with the
place'.
ms 2pp

c. Letters addressed to Miss Smith
[Perhaps those mentioned in no. 2337 ?]

2339 14 Jun 1957 (a) Mary M. Smyth, Wesley College,
Dublin.
Enquires if it would be possible for
the Soroptimist of Dublin to meet at
An Grianan on Saturday 6 July.
ms 2pp

(b) Copy letter from the 'Maoirseach'
[Miss Smith ?]
Regrets that they do not give
accomodation to other organisations
for outings and meetings.
Suggests the Ballymascanlan Hotel
outside Dundalk.
carbon 1p

2340 19 Jun 1957 Mary Collins?, Telford's Bungalow,
Crawfield, Kilkeel, Co. Down.
Thanks for 'a very enjoyable week at
An Grianan'.
Thanks to the Committee for their
invitation to the Study Conference.
ms 2pp

2341 2 Jul Ruth Argyle (Mrs), St Columba's
College, Rathfarnham, Dublin.
Mentions that she has heard from a
Mrs Corr of Dundrum of a 'successful
evening that their Mothers Union' had
at An Grianan.
Enquires if it would be possible for
her own Mothers Union to visit An
Grianan one evening. Suggests dates.
Includes a note in a different hand
'Mrs Corr came with an I.C.A. outing -
Sandyford Guild: 7/6/57 who invited
many members of Dundrum Mothers Union
to come too. We do not cater for
outside groups'.
ms 3pp

2342 29 Jul 1957

John A. Aherne, Secretary, Federation of Irish Bee-Keepers, Mon Chalet, Boston Park, Cork.
Thanks for letter and items left behind. Remarks that 'We were all so very happy at An Grianan'. Mentions that he believed that they paid a £10 cover charge towards extra light and so there should be no objection to members staying up late. Enquires about the arrangements that had been made with Mr Webb concerning the number of beds available.

ms.

2pp

d. Letters addressed to Miss Drew

2343 9 Jul 1957

Nathalie Scott, St Michael's, Newcastle, Co. Dublin.
Thanks for the letter.
States that she will be pleased to direct the Nature Study Course.

ms.

1p

2344 24 Jul 1957

Mary Collins, Hillmount, The Hill, Monkstown. [Co. Dublin].
Thanks for letter.
Thanks the Committee for the award of the Bursary.
Comments on the two week course on the study of music which she is attending.

ms

2pp

2345 24 Jul 1957

Copy letter,
'For and on behalf of Termonfechin Guild'
from
Maeve Devine, Vice President, Blackhall, Termonfechin, Co Louth.
and Rita McDonnell, Secretary.
To the Secretary, Executive Committee, Irish Countrywomen's Association, 23 St Stephen's Green. [Dublin].
Protests against the 'proposed dismissal of Miss Doreen Smith from the office of Principal at An Grianan, Termonfechin'
Asks that the letter be read to the Executive Committee and brought to the notice of the Grianan Committee.

typ. copy

1p

e. Fragments

- 2346 Part of a letter from Phyllis O'Connell.
On Irish Countrywomen's Association notepaper.
Mentions that she has made tentative plans for September and wishes to leave at a certain date.
ms. 1p
- 2347 Brief notes on matters relating to An Grianan.
[Probably in Mrs Blythe's hand].
Unrelated pages.
ms. 3pp
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- (v) General I.C.A. Material
- a. Stencilled
- 2348 July 1957 'Irish Countrywomen's Association Financial Statement - Six months ended 30 June 1957'.
Lists 'Receipts' and 'Payments'.
sten. 1p
- 2349 May 1957 'I.C.A. Recipe Book'.
Notice seeking receipts for named items for inclusion in the book.
sten. 1p
- 2350 Two poems.
'My Land' [by Thomas Davis]
'She is a rich and rare land' [1st line]
3 verses of 8 lines each.
'Save a little Spare a little every day'
By Pidge O'Brien.
1st line the same as title.
3 verses of 8 lines each.
sten. 1p

b. Printed

- 2351 1956 Annual Report 1956
Irish Countrywomen's Association
Includes reports from various
Committies and Federations.
'An Grianan Report, 1956' is signed
by Anne Blythe. January, 1957.
pr. 43pp
- 2352 Jul. 1957 The Ulster Countrywoman
vol. 203. no. 15.
'The Journal of the Women's Institutes
of Northern Ireland'.
Stamped on cover 'Received 29 June 1957'.
pr. 16pp
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E. EARNAN P. DE BLAGHD 1933-1971

1 Certificates (1939-1946)

- 2353 1939-1942 Feis Atha Cliath.
Certificates showing the awards received by Earnan de Blaghd, usually first place, in essay writing, speaking and debating competitions in the Irish language.
pr. & ms 7 items
- 2354 21 Nov 1946 The National University of Ireland Certificate, Master of Arts degree Earnan Padraig de Blaghd of University College Dublin.
Subject: Modern Irish.
First Class Honours.
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2 Correspondence (1933-1971)

- 2355 8 Dec 1933 Liam O Briain, Coill Tomair, Bothar na hOllsgoile, Gaillimh. [Galway].
Sends a book [not named] as a present.
ms Ir. 1p
- 2356 8 Oct 1957 Muriel [Gahan], The Country Shop, 23 St Stephens Green, Dublin.
Letter of sympathy on the death of Mrs Blythe.
Encloses 'Livie Hughes appreciation in this weeks Farmers Gazette' [missing]
ms 3pp
- 2357 30 Aug 1971 Diarmuid Breathnach, 10 Eaton Square, Terenure, Dublin 6.
To: E.P. de Blaghd, Hon Sec., Old Dublin Society, 58 South William Street, Dublin 2.
Mentions that a copy of the 1916 Proclamation in the Civic Museum, 58 South William Street, is alleged to be 'the actual copy from which Pearse read the manifesto in 1916'. The source for this being a statement by Nurse Elizabeth O Farrell.
Enquires 'Is it possible to know the grounds on which she based the claim and could I hope for a copy of the statement'
typ. 1p

3 Student Societies (1945-1948)

- 2358 19 Jan 1945 Cumann Liteardha na Gaedhilge
[of University College Dublin.]
Poster announcing a meeting at which
the Auditor Earnan de Blaghd was to
read a paper on
'An Bheathaghaisneis sa Nua-Ghaedhilg'.
[Biography in Modern Irish].
Names the Chairman and the speakers to
the paper.
ms Ir. 1 large sheet.
- 2359 1948 'Law Students of Ireland Debating
Society'.
Inaugural meeting and presentation of
medals.
Title of paper 'The Last Chance'
Auditor: John H.G. Lovatt-Dolan.
Includes Agenda of Meeting.
Earnan P. de Blaghd was Hon. Records
Secretary and Gaelic Records Secretary
and Gold Medalist for Gaelic Debate.
[His name is wrongly spelled and
corrected in ink]
pr. 1p
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4 Ration Book (1951)

- 2360 1951 'General Ration Book'
Serial Number V 61205.
not used.
pr. 50pp
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F. BLYTHE'S SISTERS, HELEN AND JOSEPHINE1913-c.1918

1 Helen Blythe (1913-c.1918)

- 2361 6 Jan 1913 Letter from
Sean Mac Diarmada, Irish Freedom,
'A monthly Paper designed to aid in
preserving the principle of Irish
National Independence'.
5 Finlater Place, Dublin.
Mentions that he 'cannot understand
your not getting Dec. issue, as I
myself sent it'.
Promises to send another copy.
ms 1p
- 2362 10 Apr 1916 Picture post of 'St Helen's Church from
River, Abingdon-on-Thames.'
From 'E' [Ernest Blythe].
Announces his arrival 'at this place'.
ms 1 postcard
- 2363 22 Dec 1916 Postcard from
Gertrude, Edenderry House, Woodvale
Road, Belfast.
Congratulations on success.
ms 1 postcard
- 2364 no date
c. 1914-18 Picture postcards sent to Eileen [Helen
Blythe ?].
Probably from the same writer who
signs herself Cissie in (a).
(a) & (b) are from Malta,
(c) is from somewhere in France, the
name is crossed out. [It was presumably
written during World War I]
These cards contain neither address nor
stamp.
3 postcards

2 Josephine Blythe (c.1916)

- 2365 10 Apr 1916 (a) Picture postcard of 'The Thames at
Abingdon'.
From Ernest [Blythe].
ms 1 postcard
- 27 Oct (b) Picture postcard of 'Lough Esk
Co. Donegal'.
From E.B.
ms 1 postcard
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