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**Augustine Henry and Evelyn Gleeson Papers**

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Partial calendar with brief description of letters sent by Augustine Henry and Evelyn Gleeson between 1879 and 1928.  
Letters are arranged according to year and date.

## Introduction

Henry, Augustine (1857–1930), botanical collector and dendrologist, was born on 2 July 1857 in Dundee, the first of six children of Bernard Henry (c.1825–1891) and Mary MacNamee. His father, at one time a gold-pro prospector in California and Australia, was a native of the townland of Tyanee on the west bank of the River Bann in co. Londonderry. Soon after Austin (as Augustine was called within his family) was born, the family moved to Cookstown, co. Tyrone, where his father was in business as a flax dealer and owned a grocery shop. Henry was educated at Cookstown Academy and in Queen's College, Galway. He studied natural sciences and philosophy, graduating with a first-class bachelor of arts degree and a gold medal in 1877. Henry then studied medicine at Queen's College, Belfast, where he obtained his master of arts degree in 1878. For a year he was in the London Hospital, and during a visit to Belfast in 1879, at the suggestion of one of his professors, he applied for a medical post in the Chinese imperial maritime customs service. Henry completed his medical studies as rapidly as he could, became a licentiate from the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh, passed the Chinese customs service examinations (for which he required a working knowledge of Chinese) and left for China in the summer of 1881. Henry's first posting was in Shanghai, but in March 1882 he was assigned to Ichang (Yichang), a port on the Yangtze (Yangzi) River more than 900 miles inland in Hupeh (Hubei) province. There he served as the assistant medical officer and also performed customs duties. Bored by the routine of life within the small European community, Henry began collecting plants in the vicinity of Ichang in November 1884. Four months later he contacted the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, offering to collect specimens and seeking assistance with identification. As a result, Henry became one of the most important botanical collectors to have worked in central China, although he regarded this work as a hobby. He undertook two long field trips in the Hupeh–Szechwan (Sichuan) region, and also paid native collectors for specimens. During the next four years he accumulated a vast collection of pressed, dried specimens; the first set is preserved at Kew. In April 1889 he was transferred to Hainan where he stayed four months. At the end of a year's home leave, on 20 June 1891, Henry married Caroline Orridge (c.1860–1894), daughter of a London jeweller, at St George's, Bloomsbury, London. They travelled to China, and were based in Shanghai before transferring to Taiwan. Henry wrote *Notes on Economic Botany of China* (1893) during this period. The tropical climate did not suit Caroline, who became progressively more ill with tuberculosis. She sought respite elsewhere, and in January 1894 left for Denver, Colorado, USA, where she died in September 1894; the couple had no children. A genus of tropical Chinese primroses was named *Carolinella* in her memory; because the few species are indistinguishable from *Primula* it is no longer regarded as distinct. After his wife's death, Henry decided to remain in China and was transferred to the isolated southern cities of Mengzi and thence Simao, where he continued his duties within the customs service as well as continuing to collect plants and to publish notes about the Chinese flora. He resigned and left for Europe on 31 December 1900. By 1901 Henry was famous as a botanical collector; the Royal Horticultural Society of London recognized this by awarding him the Veitch memorial medal in 1902 and the Victoria medal of honour in 1906. He stayed in London from the spring of 1901 gradually decided to make a career in forestry, and persuaded the Irish authorities to secure a place for him in the School of Forestry, Nancy, France. While was studying there, John Elwes (1846–1922), a wealthy arboriculturist, asked him to collaborate on a monograph about trees cultivated in Ireland and Britain, so he left France and set to work visiting estates, plantations, and

gardens throughout Britain and Ireland to record, identify, and measure trees. was printed privately by Elwes in seven volumes with an index volume between November 1906 and July 1913. Early in 1907 became reader in forestry at the University of Cambridge; he remained there until January 1913 when he became the first professor of forestry in the Royal College of Science, Dublin (later part of University College, Dublin). He retired in 1926 and died at his home, 5 Sandford Terrace, Clonskeagh, co. Dublin, on 23 March 1930. A lapsed Roman Catholic, was buried with the rites of that church in Dean's Grange cemetery, Dublin. had married Alice Helen (Elsie; 1882–1956) , daughter of the physician Sir Lauder Brunton, on 17 March 1908; they had no children. Elsie was herself a keen amateur botanist and dendrologist, and she organized her husband's herbarium of voucher specimens for and presented it to the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, along with some of his profusely annotated books. The Henrys had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances including the Yeats family, George Russell (pseudonym A. E.), and George Bernard Shaw and his wife. As an expert with unequalled knowledge of the exotic trees cultivated in Ireland (and their performance in Irish conditions) gave evidence to the committee of inquiry into Irish forestry established in 1907. He advocated commercially viable plantations of more than 500 acres, planted with conifers from the north-western coastal region of North America. This recommendation was largely accepted, and is highly regarded as the 'father' of Irish commercial forestry. There is a memorial stone at Avondale in co. Wicklow, and a memorial plaque in Portglenone Forest, co. Antrim. 's accomplishments in China were recognized when a wing of the Fan Memorial Institute of Botany in Peking (Beijing) was named in his honour (although this no longer exists), and fascicle II of was dedicated to him. An uncounted number of plants bear names that mark 's exploration of the Chinese flora; examples include *Acer henryi*, *Parthenocissus henryana*, and *Rhododendron augustinii*. until the autumn of 1902, sorting his botanical collections at Kew. During this period he helped to finance the establishment by his friend Miss Evelyn Gleeson of a craft centre at Dun Emer in Dublin; this centre made a most important contribution to the Celtic revival. Henry Henry Henry Trees of Great Britain and Ireland Henry Henry Henry Henry Trees of Great Britain and Ireland Henry Henry Henry *Icones plantarum Sinicarum* HenryHenry himself introduced an orange-blossomed lily, *Lilium henryi*, and of this plant, Ernest Wilson, Henry's successor as a botanical explorer in China, wrote: 'It is particularly fitting that such a notable addition to our gardens should bear the honoured name of a pioneer who has done so much to acquaint a sceptical world of the floral wealth of interior China' (Wilson, 80).

The papers include correspondence between Augustine Henry and his friend and founder of the Dun Emer press Evelyn Gleeson as well as with some other friends and acquaintances.

**Note to the reader:**

All the letters in this collection are catalogued under the manuscript number MS 13,698 and are arranged in order of date

**Letters from Augustine Henry to Evelyn E. M. Gleeson.**

1879 January 10<sup>th</sup> From Queen's College, Belfast.

Letter acknowledging Christmas greetings. Joe Fisher, Jim (Gleeson). Galway Days.

December 23<sup>rd</sup> From Cookstown.

Acknowledging Christmas card and sending good wishes. Jim (Gleeson) in London. Beatrice Ternau.

1885 March 26<sup>th</sup> From I-chang, China

Thanks for Christmas card and letter. Loneliness. Galway memories. Supper at Salthill. "H.W." Dr. Little. Ill health of Evelyn Gleeson. Mr. Archie Little (Son of Dr L.) Leave due 1888. Jim Gleeson's shooting prowess. "Miss Aggie" to be married. Mrs Pye. Millars of Galway. Lack of female society at I-chang. Missionaries. Low opinion of Chinese. A Chinese novel. "I am now studying botany a little".

1895 31<sup>st</sup> October From Grosvenor Club, London.

Note making appointment at Pioneer Club. Mr. Bourra. Miss Griffins. Mr. Hull. Hunts. Expecting recall to China. Lectures (on law).

Undated, referred to in next, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Inviting Evelyn Gleeson to tea to meet Miss Francillon and Mrs. Manson. Griffins.

November 4<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Bourra, Mrs. Manson. Recall imminent.

November 5<sup>th</sup>

A. H. leaving on Saturday. Dinner at Temple with Farrelly, Belfort Bax. Dyers. Mary (Henry).

Undated note, probably earlier, appointment for lecture by L.C. J. Russell.

November 9<sup>th</sup>

From U.S.M.S. "St Louis", Southampton. Enclosing pressed flowers. Miss Townshend. Her need for practical women friends. Miss Griffin. Mother of Evelyn Gleeson, Ethel.

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1895 November 15<sup>th</sup>

From U.S.M.S. "St Louis". Long letter describing ship life. Fellow passengers. Cure for seasickness. Comedy of "Chicago girl". Reference to loss of A.H.'s first wife. Loneliness. Irish sympathies. Miss Griffin. Mary (Henry) in Denver. A.H.'s cousin editor.

1896 January 17<sup>th</sup> From Shanghai.

Oppressive gaiety of Shanghai. Shortage of accommodation. Death of Dr. Jamieson. Tragedy of Jamieson family. Consul Jamieson. Dr. and Mrs. Little. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Little. Caroline (Henry). Miss Francillon, Mrs. Manson, Griffins. Farrelly. Epidemics in Shanghai and Hongkong. Miss Palmer. Miss Guest. Mrs. Hull. Shanghai acquaintances: Hollendorffs, Uriarte, Von Rosthorn, Moore, Mrs Jansen, Miss Howard. Harriet Weir.

February 14<sup>th</sup>

Sympathy with Evelyn Gleeson in recent loss. Despondent letter. Caroline (Henry). Mrs. Jamieson's funeral. Consul Jamieson, Mollensdorffs, Littles. A.H. to share house with another Customs officer, and son of Sir John Walsham (?) "The Gondoliers". Poor conditions of Customs service.

March 5<sup>th</sup>

Evelyn Gleeson's loss. Her mother. The Griffins. A.H.'s colleague ill with typhoid. Ill health and depression. Caroline (Henry's) last illness. Pettiness of Shanghai life. Mollendorff family. Consul Jamieson and family. Von Rosthorn. No interest in Customs work. Letter from Miss Townshend.

March 13<sup>th</sup>

Brief acknowledgement of one from Evelyn Gleeson who is moving to London. Mary (Henry) also going to London. Young Walsham. Ill-paid Customs Service. Boredom and ill-health.

March 31<sup>st</sup>

Moving to new house. Alabaster (colleague) convalescing. Inane amusements – poor conditions of Service. Depression analysed. Influenza. "The Gondoliers" burlesqued. Dullness of Chinese. Shanghai politics – morals in abeyance. Consul Jamieson going home – daughter's marriage. Mollendorfs. Corea. Hanbury. Kiplingesque society – flirtations and broken engagements. Caroline made life seem so different. Blanche Dougan. Mary Henry. John .... Going to New York. Mr. Frost of *Engineering News* – New Jersey acquaintances. Mr. Farrelly. Griffins. Joe Fisher.

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1896 April 10<sup>th</sup>

Letter of introduction for Miss Myers (see last letter) – her broken engagement. Order for material for suits, to be sent through Mr. Hull.

April 13<sup>th</sup>

House shared with Mr. Alabaster. Retired life. Dislike of Shanghai amusements. Miss Myers. No energy for botany. Mrs. Rex. Wedding of Consul Jamieson's daughter to Bruce Robertson. Mollendorffs. Dr. Jamieson's son. Gerald (Gleeson). Mrs Kelly. Von Mollendorf learning Irish. Mary (Henry) in England. The Griffins. Miss Schurmer (?). Mr. Hill in India. Request for prospectus of Irish Literary Society. Enquiries for Mrs Manson, Miss Francillon. Miss Smith bringing out book.

May 11<sup>th</sup>

A. H. posted to Meng-tsze in Yun-nan. Mr. And Mrs. Spinney. Particulars of journey via Hongkong and Tongking. News from Miss Griffin. Self-reproach. Caroline (Henry). Miss Starling. Miss Townshend. Bouras. Mr. Brazier. Thiselton Dyer. The "new woman" at Kew. Request for news of Gerald Gleeson etc. Griffins, Miss Kathleen Smith, Miss Shurmer.

May 31<sup>st</sup>

From S.S. "Hanoi" at Hoihow in Hainan. Written on Ship's menu card. A.H. ill at Hoihow in 1889. Spinneys. Mr. McCallum, related to John Morley – his activities in Formosa. Mr. Carl, American member of Customs Service. His sister a painter in Paris. Message to Griffins.

June 12<sup>th</sup>

From Laokai on Yun-nan – Tongking frontier. Account of journey and country. Haiphong capital of Tongking. French soldiers. Spinneys. River journey. Messages to Griffins and to Joe Fisher.

June 23<sup>rd</sup>

From Meng-tsze. Hardships of journey. McCallum. Mrs. Spinney. Rascality of boatmen. Mr. Williams. Crossing the mountains on mules. Description of Meng-tsz. Lolos and Shan people. Colquhoun's *Across Chryse* deals with this country. Panther shot by Mr. Carey. Plague.

June 27<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Hancock replaced by A.H. French doctor and consul. Mr. Brazier, McCallum. Photographs of Lolos enclosed (these have disappeared). Paper by Baber in Royal Geographical Society's Journal. Miss Geraldine Griffin. Messages to Gerald (Gleeson), Ethel, Mrs. Smyth, Robert Smyth. Present of blackthorn stick.

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1896 August 1<sup>st</sup>

Letters from A.H.'s sister (Mary). Plague causes deaths of two coolies. Attractions of country. Villages of aborigines. Lolo women. Botanical work. Photo by Mr. Brazier enclosed (not in letter).

August 4th

From Meng-tsze. Ill-health of Evelyn Gleeson. Her meeting with Mary (Henry) in London. Sunday tramp in the mountains. Flora. Mrs Spinney's piano. Her dinner party. Geraldine (Griffin). Pioneer Club affairs. Mrs Dockrell. Mrs. Hull. Miss Francillon. Miss Townshend.

August 29th

Reply to Evelyn Gleeson's from Normandy. The Miss Allardyces. A.H.'s healthy life. Climate would have suited Caroline. Consolations of freedom from trivial social life. Mrs Hull on Mary (Henry). Joe Fisher. Candour of Mrs. Hull and Caroline. Attempts to get Lolo teacher. Spinneys. French jealousy of British. Gerald Gleeson a father. Mr. Lye. Miss Townshend. Miss Heath to join E.G. in London. Mr. Farrelly. Mrs. Dr. Little. A.H.'s Flora of Formosa and papers on soap trees and introduction of Tobacco into China. Offers of seeds. Chinese collector ("Old Ho"). Miao-tze women. Aborigines more cheerful than Chinese. Opium evil. Messages to Joe Fisher, Miss Heath, Griffins, Allardyces, Miss Starling.

September 15<sup>th</sup>

E.G. now in flat with Miss Heath. Alexandra House. Miss French. New generation of girls noisy. Geraldine Griffin and defeat of Conservatives. Mr. Brazier leaving. A.H.'s correspondents: Mrs. Hunt, Miss Blanchard. Opportunities for plant collecting. Request for periodicals. Miss Johnson. Prejudice against name "except Samuel". Madame Ternau. Sunday tramp, climbing 7000 ft peak, bare mountain. Pu-lao village. Shan women in rice fields. Collection of "Old Ho". Advantages of polygamy. Visit of Lig-Hung-Chang to London. Sir Robert Hart working for increased tariffs to increase pay of Customs officials. Request for news of Irish friends: Gleeson family, Mrs. Kelly, Doyles, Murtagh, Daisy --. Spinneys' farewell dinner to Mr. Brazier. Their house. Snakes in A.H.'s room. The after-life.

September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Long account of mountain trip. Staying in Buddhist temple. Miao-tse villages. Heavy rain. Chinese superstition and suspicion of collectors. Dirty small town. Poverty of aborigines. Their unbound feet. Begonias, ferns etc. Crops of Indian corn. Watch for wild pigs. Bears. Moths. Pheasants and partridges in open country. Limestone country. Blots caused by fountain pen. Protestant Inland Mission to aborigines. Mystery as regards their own beliefs. Debased religions of China. Buddhism, Mahommedanism. British praised for straightforwardness. Back at Meng-tsze weather better. Unpleasant case of

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1896 September 22<sup>nd</sup> from Meng-tsze (continued)

homicide. Visit of Dr. Morrison, travel-writer. Criticism of him and Colquhoun – superficiality. Difficulty of getting at facts. Aborigine types. Traces of bears in woods. Benefits of materialism in raising standards of living. Catholics under-rate material progress. Shocking state of Pu-lao village. Degrees of squalor comparative. Request for book on pre-Chinese tribes by Terrien de Lacouperio. Professor Douglas of British Museum might be interested. Works on subject by Baber, Hosie and Bourne. Messages to Griffins.

November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Aridity of soul. Advantages of climate and scenery do not compensate for loneliness. Friendship more essential than love. Friendship with women. Life on the moon. Remoteness of Chinese. Geraldine Griffin. Picture: “The Man and the Dolls”. Pall Mall Magazine. Beatrice Ternau. Marriage of Maud French to Colquhoun. Criticism of his books. Silk for waterproof for Gerald (Gleeson). Health of E.G. Self analysis and depression. Miss Shurmer.

November 14<sup>th</sup>

Exceptional bad weather. Depression. Harriet (Weir?) suggested by B. Ternau. Letter to Mrs. Dr. Little from A.H. printed in Shanghai newspaper. Pioneer Club. Mary (Henry) back from Norfolk. Correction of statement on missionaries (see Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>) Catholics also have missions to aborigines. Spinneys. French doctor drug taker. McCallum’s past in Formosa with “Black Flags”. Rascality of London dockers. Phyllis’s photograph. Sketch of Caroline. A.H.’s lack of aptitude for botany. Sending for camera. Suitable subjects for photography. Request from Liverpool merchant (A.K. Bulley). Plant preferences of A.H. Japanese good taste. Approaches to aborigines. Joe Fisher. Farrelly. Miss Francillon. Miss Townshend, “Fairy Princess”.

1897 January 28<sup>th</sup>

Preparations for long trip to native territory south of Red River. M. Vial of Lyons Commercial Mission at Meng-tsze. Personnel and animals. Preference for doing without protection of Chinese. Useful equipment. Sending E.G. book of Chinese drawings. M. Rabaud, also of Lyons Mission. His views on Chinese. Seeds sent to A.K. Bulley. American girl pen friend. A.H.’s difficulties in writing for publication. His huge collections. Material for book on Chinese useful plants. Joe Fisher critical of A.H. Morris’ *History of Ireland*, favourably reviewed in the *Nation*. Ibsen too complex. Article by Nansen in the *Chronicle*. How to dress in the wilds.



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1897 February 18<sup>th</sup>

A glorious trip. Mountain and forest. Military reception in native state. Lolo studies. Riding and tennis at Meng-tsze. Miss Francillon and A.H.'s sister (Mary), E.G. to arrange meeting. A *Chinese Marriage*, a novel by Mrs. A. Little. Orchids for E.G. and A.K. Bulley. List of commissions, books, notebooks, instruments etc. Scenes at native new year. Miao-tze dress for Mrs Hull. Photograph of ponies A.H. and "Old Ho" (not in letter). Messages to Mrs McCormack, Geraldine Griffin, Miss Heath. E.G. urged to call on Professor Doulgas.

February 20<sup>th</sup>

Further list of wants. Postage via Tongking. Joe Fisher, might place article by A.H. Lolo studies. Father Vial only other student of language. Botanical work. Letters from Miss Francillon, Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. A. Little. Card game "Hearts" at the Spinneys. A.H.'s letters like Bouncer's in Verdant Green, cribbed from guide book. Dr. Baelz' studies of babies born with blue spots. A.H. to examine aborigine babies. Cynoglossum with blue flowers resembles lake. Rhododendron with red flowers and Daphne with white flowers discovered on trip. Primulas. Strange fruits like animal tails. Nests of red ants. Dislike of tropical vegetation. Opium poppy everywhere. Ponies "Charlton" and "Freddie".

May 1st

A.H. temporarily alone in Customs quarters. Spinneys and McCallum at Hokow. Mr. Johnstone, traveller. Murderous attack on coolie, A.H. stitches sword wound. A.H.'s household. Mrs. McCormick with E.G. Rhododendron – yellow flowers, large leaves brown underneath. Paulownia. Camera expected. Criticism of American writers: White, R. Harding Davis and Julian Ralph. New Pine, pyramidal form. New consulate at Momein. French plan for road from Laokai to Meng-tsze. Aborigines transplanting rice. Women's hats. Messages to Mrs. McCormack, Miss Heath and Griffins.

May 25<sup>th</sup>

*Un Chevalier Apotre, Celestin-Godefroy Chicard* by Drochon (Life of French missionary in Yun-nan). Disappointing flower of orchid (see Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>). Rock-orchids, pink lily, new honeysuckle. Disaster to camera. Inefficiency of French postal service and losses of goods in transit. French priests an advance guard of Government. Pettiness of officials. A.H.'s Pu-la servant to help in language studies. Mr. Bourne and the Blackburn Commercial Mission. Mr. Johnstone. McCallum and Liu-Jun-Fu, Hokow background. Praise for British officials. Rough justice of Chinese. Corrupt officials. Dishonourable Mandarins. Inferiority to Europeans. Debasing influence of religions, Christianity included. Laws of evolution contrary to Church teachings on marriage. Lolo language and customs. Fauna of mountains. Aborigine women nicer than Chinese. Memories of poor people in Ireland. Message to Mrs. McCormack. Mrs Archibald Little going to London.

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1897 June 15th

Letter from A.K. Bulley. E.G. reorganising Club (Pioneer?). A.H. in sympathy with feminine emancipation. Not with socialism. Play based on *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*. Miss Heath and commission for books. Depression and ill-health. Visit to home village of Pu-la coolie (see May 25<sup>th</sup>). Tropical vegetation of ravines. Pu-la a dialect of Lolo. No writing teacher yet. Dog "Jack" attacked by leopard. Wild animals. Mrs. Little's *A Marriage in China*. (See Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>). New French consul and mining engineer. China land of decay. Botany and other hobbies alleviation of loneliness. A.H.'s bad French. Messages to Mrs. McCormack and Miss Heath.

June 29th

Letter from E.G. mentioning Mrs. Brownlow and Miss Townshend. Plague and drought. Rain-making superstitions. A.H. caught in downpour in mountains. Miss Townshend and socialists. A.H. anxious to promote friendship between her, Griffins and E.G. Friendship between opposite sexes open to misunderstanding. Strange dream about Miss Townshend. Praise of Griffins. Introspection. Back numbers of *Academy* with portrait of Darwin. Praise for direct style of prize-fighter called John L. Sullivan, preferable to pendentic writers. Talifu hat for Miss French. "W.M.F." condemned. Jeffries' *Story of my Heart* and *Pageant of Summer* favourites of A.H. Meeting of E.G. and Miss Francillon. Message to Joe Fisher. John... 's illness. Letter from A.K. Bulley. How to live in London on £200 a year. No openings in China. Lord Kesteven. Letter from A.H. published without permission by cousin in New York. English papers stolen in post. Identification of plants laborious. Butter as well as jam necessary for balanced diet. Cigarette smoking injurious. Messages to Miss Heath and Mrs. McCormack.

September 10<sup>th</sup>

E.G.'s letter. Her visit to Dr. and Mrs. Little, their kindness to Caroline. Nannie Griffin's observational powers. P.Ternau. Eliz. Weir. Queen Victoria's Jubilee. Wreck of the "Aden". Mrs. Pierce, survivor, sister-in-law of Mrs. Dr. Little. A.H. never in shipwreck but once snowed up in Sierra Nevada. Decline in value of dollar. 2-day mountain trip. Shanghai dreary without Caroline. Praise of Hardy's *Jude The Obscure*.

September 18<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Archie Little, her dress, her novel. E.G.'s country cottage. Griffins. Walter Fisher. Mrs. Sydney Webb. Mary Henry. A 2-day mountain trip. Indian corn. Curious spinning wheel in Miao-tze village. Disastrous fall in silver. A.H.'s economies. A.H. considering leaving Service. Drawbacks to life in London. Kindness of Sir R. Hart. 15/- for note on Camphor in *Pharmaceutical Journal*. Exile compared with after-life. Farrelly. Friend unnamed returning from China who may call on E.G.? who plays tennis though

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lame. Non-arrival of goods (see February 20<sup>th</sup>). Miss Heath. The Petersfield election. Miss Griffin. The Spinneys.

November 20<sup>th</sup>

E.G.'s cottage. Cambridge memories. Professor Gardner. Contrast with Galway and Belfast. Criticism of Queen's Colleges. Praise of Professor Clelland of Galway. Mr. Charles. Plague and sanitary regulations in the East. Pressure of populations. Chinese history series of rebellions. European civilization superior. *The War of the Worlds*. Vigour of European weeds. A.H. considering America for retirement. Projected book on Chinese plants. A.H. embittered during years of wife's illness. Charles Reeves' *Griffith Gaunt*. Talent and vulgarity of Kipling. Books sent by E.G. have arrived.

December 8<sup>th</sup>

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Miss Heath. Nannie and Geraldine Griffin. A.H.'s correspondents. Orchids. Routine botanical work, 2000 species labelled (8 sets). Absence of Spinneys at Hokow prevents A.H. attending Lolo marriage. Mr. Tamrach (?). £10 a head for deer. Mary Henry married. Views on big game hunting and war. Handicrafts and civilization. Neatness of Formosa savages, dirt of Chinese. Aborigines not savages. Civilization due to influence of elite. Importance of free choice in marriage from standpoint of evolution. Mistaken attitude to women of Church. Utility as criterion of human action, see Austin's *Jurisprudence*. Hypothesis and theory in historical studies. Lack of scientific approach in newspapers. Theories A.H. formed at I-chang have been developed by others, he has lacked time for true scientific work. Messages to Griffins, Miss Heath, Mrs. McCormack.

1898 January 18<sup>th</sup>

A.H. appointed to Szemao. Preparations for journey. Suspension bridges. "Old Ho". Consul Jamieson, (son of Shanghai Jamieson). French consul Sainson. Only 5 Europeans.

January 25<sup>th</sup> from Meng-tsze

Still preparing for journey. Jamieson (consul), Lieut. Gordon, Sainson (French consul). 32 cases of plants sent off.

February 15<sup>th</sup> from Szemao

Brief news of arrival. Messages to Miss Heath, Mrs. McCormack, Griffins.

February 19<sup>th</sup>

Description of journey. Official welcome and entertainments. Picturesque mule caravan. "Old Ho" and his wife. Chinese treatment of women.

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Governor of Szemao. Europeans. Carl. Jamieson. Sainson. A.H.'s staff. Aborigines: Yao, O-ni, Lolo, Shans. Promiscuity of Shan girls. Mines of Talang mountains. Salt mines. Caravans of tea, silk, cotton. Chinese architecture. Chinese marriage customs too restrictive. Lolo workshop, a sacred tree, elements derived from Christianity (?) Jamieson and his sister and Mrs. Dr. Little. Carl's sister Kate, painter. Carls are Americans and cousins of Sir R. Hart. Lieut. Gordon. Customs quarters at Szemao. Dog Lo-mi. Hoisting of Union Jack at British Consulate. Mr. Carey. M. Bons D'anty, departing French consul, has collected Mss. Of aborigines. Messages to Mrs. McCormack, Miss Heath, Griffins. Miss Townshend. Sketch of Caroline. A.H. 's preference for bare rooms. Beauty of nature en route.

April 2nd

E.G. not well. Gerald. Jamieson a victim of loneliness of Szemao. A.H. well but oppressed with responsibilities. Lolo teacher. Lolo song book. Joe Fisher's request for information. A.H. inhibited from writing. Mrs. Archie Little's anti-foot binding society. "Fairy Princess" (Miss Townshend). Rowton Buildings. Mr. Bulley. Schemes for edifying future. Refreshed by day in woods. Dinner party. Lack of subjects of conversation. Life and folk lore of Lolos. Mary Crum (Nee Henry) in Ceylon. Mrs. Hull. Mr. And Mrs. Little and pongee silk for Gerald's waterproof. Messages to Miss Heath, Mrs. McCormack and Griffins. Importance of fresh air to health. London smoke and fog.

May 10<sup>th</sup>

Advice to E.C. on health. Charm of forests. Death of Chinese Prefect and exchange of condolences and gifts. Lolo literature. Mrs. Dr. Little. Ethel's ... babes. Revival of interest in Irish literature and language. Similarity of Scotch to Irish. Jamieson a Scot. Carl. Mary Crum. Joe Fisher. Mrs. Archie Little. Waste of time in mechanical office work.

May 30<sup>th</sup>

Dullness of Szemao life. Miss D'Esterre. Erehwon. Trains of thought. A.H.'s animals. Barriers to confidence between Europeans and Chinese. Rainy season. Characters of two Miss Griffins. Departure of Lolo teacher. Plant collecting continues. *Harper's Magazine*. Weyman's historical novels. China still in Middle Ages, or Arabian Nights. Funeral of Chinese Prefect. Dinner at British Consulate on Queen's birthday. Szemao misrepresented by Colquhoun. Irresponsible journalism by Morrison (see Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1896). Johnstone publishing account in *Fortnightly* (see May 1<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 1897). Carl, nephew of Sir K. Hart. Mrs. Hunt sends *Spectator*. Editor over-estimates Sir Claude MacDonald, Minister at Peking. A.H.'s friend Cockburn his secretary. Sir C.'s career founded on meeting Lord Salisbury at garden party. G.B. Shaw in the *Saturday*. Stead's *Review of Reviews*. Labouchere's *Truth*. American *Nation* preferred. A. H. invited to contribute to *Daily Mail*. No journalistic

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facility. Office work - paying staff in weighed silver. Lack of trade. E.G. and Miss Heath's kindness in doing commissions for A.H. Jamieson. Mr. Carey away on trip through Shan states. Miss Francillenn. Crums may settle in Nilgiri Hills. Lack of communications with India. Projected railways. Lack of copy for Joe Fisher. After-life, fanciful picture. Dinner for Prefect. Dislike of tinned things. Description of Customs Quarters. Mr. Carey and Mr. Williams. Official visits in sedan chair. A.H. prefers simple life without servants, but sees absurdity in socialism. China too democratic, contract with Japan, no aristocracy to give lead. Drink evil and class consciousness degrade English and Irish. A.H. unfitted to solve botanical problems. Messages to Griffins, Miss Heath, Mrs. McCormack.

June 30<sup>th</sup>

Distinguishing different Jamiesons – 3 families, 2 consuls of that name. Jamieson acting-consul at Szemao is son of Shanghai broker. Colquhoun's article with inaccurate map. New customs posts in China. A.H.'s pay increased but still low. Leave due in 2½ years. Characters of Mr. Williams and Mr. Carey. Ignorance of home Press and stupidity of Government. *The Times* enemy to Ireland. Moral weaknesses of Chinese. Needed reforms in Ireland; primary education, poor law, reduction in police. Pioneer Club. Treatment of women in China. Joylessness. Chinese converts – priests operate "Squeeze". Honesty of Chinese servants contrasted with corruption of officials. Mrs. Little exaggerated dangers of travel in Yun-nam. Generalisations on racial characteristics. Scoundrels preferable to Pharisees. Mr. Spinney and A.H.'s sympathy with sinners. Hypocrisy is soul-suicide. Fresh starts at 40. Walter Scott. Mrs. Fisher and Ellen Fisher. Miss Heath. War between America and Spain over Cuba. Admiral McNair. Rains. Death of Lolo sorcerer. Dinner at Prefect's. Jamieson's dislikes. Sainson friendly with Carey. Hopes of retirement in 2½ years. Necessity for occupation. Desirability of friendship between men and women. Messages to Griffins, Miss Heath, Mrs. McCormack.

July 10<sup>th</sup>

Lecture by Miss D'Esterre Meeling at Pioneer Club. *Gardiner's Chronicle*. Sir Horace Plunkett's new departure in Ireland. E.G.'s paper at debate. Miss Annette Baker. Self-analysis, enthusiasm a virtue. Von Mollendorff. Szemao out of touch with outside world. Rain prevents collecting. Dinner with Prefect – Jamieson wet-blanket – Prefect amusing on Peking social life. News of American war by wire through Laos. Good news of salary rise from Spinney at Meng-tsze. Gilded isolation. Now Lolo teacher, making dictionary. Gracie (McCormack). E.G.'s portrait of Miss Heath. English and Americans. Outstanding Englishmen. Folly of current newspapers. Mr. Bulley and growing interest in municipal affairs. Mr. Dyer obliged to open Kew gardens at 10. Lilium Henryi. Beauty of new Paulownia. Flora of Szemao different from Meng-tsze. Paris Exhibition. Colquhoun. Mr. Carl.

## Henry-Gleeson Letters

1898 July 10<sup>th</sup> (continued)

Mrs. Fisher and Ellen. No craving for immortality. Autobiography should confess mistakes. Messages to Mrs. McCormack, Miss Heath and "folks at World's End."

July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mrs. Fisher and Ellen Fisher. *Westminster Gazette*. Letter from A.H. to Thiselton-Dyer published by latter in *Kew Bulletin*, Dec. 1897. Praise of A.H. in *Gardener's Chronicle* April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1898. No wish for fame. Sir Claude MacDonald. Cockburn. Improvement in finances. Rains continue. Lolo teacher has left. Articles in *Spectator* Geraldine Griffin. Monotony of existence. Latter half of year best for plants in Yun-nan. Mary Crum.

September 13<sup>th</sup>

Better weather. E.G.'s health. Littles (Dr). Marriage of G.B. Shaw. Reports in *Saturday* and *Sketch*. Jamieson. A.H.'s acquaintance with Miss Townshend. Geraldine Griffin. Money Matters. Problem of future occupation. Interest in Plunkett's work. Prison conditions in England. Need for reform. Socialist illusions. Belief in individualism. Spanish priests in Formosa. Gerald (Gleeson). *Weekly Sun*. Loss of parcels in transit. Mr. Wilson marrying J. Allardyce. Geraldine Griffin's illness. Light reading: Bret Harte, Mrs. Craigie. Mistaken treatment of Catholicism by latter. A.H.'s agnosticism. Michael Davitt at Pioneer Club. Buying land for new Customs house. Lolo ideas of after life. Dinners for new French doctor. Jamieson leaving on boundary commission. Messages to Miss Heath, Mrs. McCormack.

December 21<sup>st</sup>

E.G. in Killeel. Commissions. Mr. Hull. Madame Ternau. Tea for E.G. and Miss G. Griffin from Lane & Crawford, Hongkong. Joe Fisher. John (Fisher?). Miss Porter. Harriet (Weir?) Novelties in Meng-tsze collections raised by "new women" at Kew. Progress in Lolo grammar. Lolo games. Dinner with Prefect. Christmas day dinner to foreign residents by A.H. Mr. Carey away getting samples for Paris Exhibition. Mr. Carl in Paris. Photographs of Chinese and Tibetan traders (not enclosed). Messages to Miss Heath and Constance (McCormack).

December 31<sup>st</sup>

Repetition of commissions in last, due to theft of mails in Hongkong post office. End of year business. New French consul. Official visits. Presents exchanged with Prefect. Erroneous opinions of Mrs. Steele on Indian women. Low position of women in East as shown by Chinese characters. Importance to evolution of free choice in marriage. *Story of my Heart* by Richard Jeffries. Puzzles of adaptation in nature. Goats and cats. Madame Ternau. A.H.

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1898 December 31<sup>st</sup> (continued)

differs from Andrew Lang on ideas of primitive tribes. Lolos. Yao. Extermination of wild elephants by native hunters. Jamieson rumoured killed. E.G. in Ulster. Cold climate. Messages to Mrs. McCormack, Miss Heath, Miss Griffin.

1899 8<sup>th</sup> February

Chinese New Year. End of year business. Money matters to do with E.G. Gerald Gleeson. E.G.'s Aunt Ellen. Prison chaplain at club. Nomad club. Nannie Griffin Annette Baker. C--- (illegible). Mrs. Dr. Little. Archie Littles. Trouble in Hupeh and round Chungking. No anti-foreign feeling at Szemao. Comparisons with bigotry in Ulster. Christmas presents and dinners. Mediaeval state of district. Story of Chinese treachery to Shan chief. Negotiations for land necessitate eviction (see 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1898). Evils of Chinese bureaucracy. Benefits of English rule. Geraldine Griffin criticises concept of Empire to Mr. Boura. Letter from A.H. published in Kew Bulletin for November 1898 gives views on decay of China. Essential role of aristocracy, of Japan. Bretschneider's book of Botanical Discoveries in China, with account of A.H.'s travels. Lolo studies: dawn of religion. Need for constructive study of Man. Curiosity about ancient Irish. E.G. and Geraldine Griffin on committee of Irish Literary Society. Visit of eccentric Lieutenant of Burmese army, married to Shan woman. Unfortunate impression made by rude tourists. Carey and Williams on holiday. A.H. to go on 15-day journey to another post. Tiresome responsibilities. News of Jamieson (see December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1898). A.H.'s finances. Remorse for Caroline's illness. *Harper's Magazine*. Moralising. A.H.'s namesake (St. Augustine). Childhood memories. On not worrying. Christmas cards. Miss Francillon. Story by her brother in *Pear's Annual* good on Ireland. Praise of Irish.

March 21<sup>st</sup>

Mistake over present of tea from Lano Crawford & Co. (see 21.12.98). Miss G. Griffin. Mary Crum. French consul. Jamieson still away. Delays to incoming mails.

May 1<sup>st</sup>

A.H. now appointed Postmaster. Joe Fisher. Madame Ternau. Percy .... A.H.'s financial position. Death of "old Ho". Offer to A.H. from America, reasons for refusing. Remarkable plant collections, novelties described in Bale. Methods of propelling seed. Jamieson expected back. Items for Paris exhibition, costumes and ox harness. Story by Wells in the *Graphic*. *Blackwood's Magazine*. Primitive races may throw light on ancient Irish. Mr and Mrs. Archie Little, latter's lecture to Pioneer Club. A.H. teaching English to Prefect's nephew. Trade reports on lack of trade. E.G.'s committee work.

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1899 May 20<sup>th</sup>

Madam Ternau. Miss Schurmer. Ludovici. A.H.'s finances and plans. Cheque for charitable purposes. Joe Fisher. Monotony of existence. Jamieson returned but posted to Teng Yueh. Lack of companionship. Chinese Prefect and his nephew. Death of Dr. Little's daughter in Shanghai. Fishers. Archie Littles. British administration in Burma. Problems over simplified by Kipling. Incompatibility between democracy and empire. Simple life in country in Ireland. Confidence is virtue of United States. Riches not essential to happiness.

Fragment undated refers to instructions about cheque. Madame Ternau. Miss Schurmer. Mrs. Archie Little.

July 1<sup>st</sup>

Riot at Meng-tsze. Letter of 10<sup>th</sup> June perhaps lost. Exceptional rains. Books up to date in case of worst. Anxiety for Mrs. Spinney.

July 17<sup>th</sup>

Collecting in spite of rain. "Last great collections possible in the world". Ferns. Professor Sargent's offer (see 1.5.99). Lolo dictionary. Quiet restored at Meng-tsze. Courage of Spinneys. Social life at Szemao. Friendliness of Prefect. Customs uniform. A.H. hears Chinese point of view from pupil. Problems of Empire. Different races of man. New English consul, Litton. Jamieson gone. Customs staff. Drawbacks to botany as profession for A.H. Drawbacks to life in Ireland. Need for disinterested intellectual work. The Irish Literary Society. Plague prevention. Joe Fisher in Finland. Miss Francillon. Mrs. Hunt. Mr. Boura. Mr. Hill. Lack of correspondents. Chinese not cruel. Empires not built in rose water. Letters from Boura and C. Thorne.

July 31<sup>st</sup>

Rain delays mails. Anxiety for plant collection. Veitch's collector (E.H. Wilson) at Laokai. Social life at Szemao – dinner jackets in the jungle. Plans for simple life in London. E.G.'s lameness. A.H.'s walking powers. Extermination of wild animals by Lolos etc. Future of forests: Great reservations necessary. Tropical vegetation described. Irish Literary Society. London life versus small town in Ireland. Irish theatre noticed in papers. Lolos' 3-day annual holiday. Miss Shurmer. Cool character of new English consul Litton. Mr. Boura going to Newchawang. Thorne, lame but plays games. His mother pioneer in women's movement. Message to E.G.'s sister. Commission to Pallarfield's, Charing Cross Road.



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1899 September 9<sup>th</sup>

Bad weather still delays mails. Robber band put down at Szemao. Lolo studies, tuition, collecting. Plans for living in lodgings in London. Messages to Griffins, Mrs McCormack and Miss Heath.

September 18<sup>th</sup>

Amplifying last letter. More about robber band. Chinese lack disciplined police. Leaders decapitated, relief to populace. Exhibits for Paris. E.H. Wilson's instructions. A.H.'s collecting routine described. Collection of 3000 species, less than 1,200 in all England. Money matters. Various ideas for future. Advice to E.G. on money matters. Miss Heath. Harriet (Weir?). Litton, new consul, not arrived yet. Tact needed with French officials. Importance of free choice in marriage. Moira O'Neill's poems. G. Griffin. Farrelly. Kruger. Mary Crum. Mr. Charles. Bad taste of "Quex" (Pinero play?). Yeats family. Barry O'Brien. Homesickness and despondency. Nature full of death. Life too little studied. Greatness of Darwin. A.H.'s Chinese pupil. French suspicions. Chinese mid-autumn festival. Commission for E.G. Mr. Hull. Messages to Mrs. McCormack and Miss Griffins.

October 9<sup>th</sup>

Arrival of E.H. Wilson. Catalogue of exhibits for Paris. Rumours of trouble in Mengtze area. Determination to retire at end of 1900. Letter from G. Griffin. Postscript: A.H. transferred back to Mengtze.

November 4<sup>th</sup> from Meng-tsze

A.H. and E.H. Wilson arrive to find Customs post in ruins since riot (see July 1<sup>st</sup>). Ceremonial send-off from Szemao. Collecting and Lolo discoveries en route. Chinese dislike of survey for French railway at Meng-tsze. Mr. Spinney assessing damages by rioters. E.G. at Kilkeel. Death of Ada Stuart. Customs staff at Meng-tsze. Mr. Odlam (or Oldham?). Mr Noel, Mr Mille, Mr. Millar. French consul M. de La Batie(?), doctor, engineers etc. Chinese guard opium smokers. Dog Jack. Mme Ternau. Rains continue.

November 11<sup>th</sup>

Confusion at Meng-tsze. Mr. Spinney delayed. A.H.'s restricted quarters. Chinese amicable, also French. M. Noel, Breton assistant like Gerald (Gleeson). Weather fine. Chinese building house for A.H. Message to Geraldine Griffin.

December 11<sup>th</sup>

E.G. wrote from Nenagh. Opinion of Boer War not thought out. Chinese grievances and dislike of French. French consul man of peace. Collections

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1899 December 11<sup>th</sup> (continued)

safely dispatched. New lilies at Kew. Letter from Gerald (Gleeson). Impossible meet him in Shanghai.

1900 February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Letter from E.G. with news of Irish Literary Society. Pipes and books not yet arrived. Mr. Hull. A.H. liverish and depressed. No fear of disturbance. Morbid state of mind. Harriet (Weir?). Comfort of religion, but A.H. agnostic.

February 28<sup>th</sup>

2 packages arrived (see Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>). A.H.'s health improving. *Story of my Heart* (see 31.12.98) read for 3<sup>rd</sup> time. Joe Fisher's *Finland*. Low morale at Meng-tsze. Litton (see 31.7.99) met by A.H. on way from Szemao, now rumoured shot. Bad news of Boer war. Miss Heath. Griffins. Gerald. Better side of war – antidote to jingoism. Postscript: Joe Fisher's arguments for Finland might justify Home Rule.

March 6<sup>th</sup>

Geraldine Griffin's influenza. Joe Fisher editor of Northern Whig. Ulster character. Patriotism and imperialism. Benefits of empire. Boer war may awaken conscience. E G.'s difficulties in Ireland. A.H. ineffectual in China. Religious problem. Botanising excursion with M. Noel. Weariness of exile. Mr. Mrs. Hull. Eddie (McCormack?). Gulf between Europeans and Chinese. Lack of contact with French. Letter from Litton (see February 28<sup>th</sup>). Attack confirmed. Reference to death of John Gleeson in Burma (not by name). Quiet at Meng-tsze. Future prospects. Miss Heath. Gerald Gleeson. Griffins. Irish Literary Society. Joe Fisher. Notes on Shan states by Carey (see 20.5.98 and other letters) in Geographical Soc. Journal, Messages to Miss Griffins, Gerald Gleeson. Postscript, rumour of attack that did not materialise.

April 30<sup>th</sup>

E.G.'s health. A.H. advises trip to U.S.A. Miss Heath. Religious questions drawback to living in Ireland. Worries at Meng-tsze. A.H.'s house finished. Strained relations with French. Behaviour of Consul-General from Tongking, provocation of Chinese, complaints against Customs staff. Opinion of Boer war, lack of sympathy with Boers. False optimism of current fiction. Defence of war against views of Geraldine Griffin. Mr. Farrelly. Joe Fisher. Duty of Irish to their country.

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1900 May 11<sup>th</sup>

Joe Fisher at Savage Club. Irish language class. Rowton homes. Illness of E.G.'s sister Agnes. Hopes for better feeling between England and Ireland. French Consul-General. French press abuse "English" in Customs. Monotony and isolation. Botany and Lolo studies. Description of A.H.'s quarters. Office work. Periodicals received (list). Lack of correspondence. Boura. Messages to Mrs. McCormack and Griffins. Postscript: poems by Nora Heffer (or Hopper?).

May 31<sup>st</sup>

Mary and Stewart Crum, latter in Africa. Advice on management of money. Irish class. A.H. hopes to study Irish. Lolo reading and plant collecting. Local French Consul friendly. Illegal action of French Consul-General. Trouble in Yunnan-Fu. A.H. hopes for transfer. French and British officials contrasted. Joe Fisher's *Finland*. Sympathy for coloured races. Messages to Miss Kathleen Smith.

June 5<sup>th</sup>

Situation critical. Strained relations between French and Chinese due to Consul-General (see May 31<sup>st</sup>). Mary Crum in England. Mrs. Archie Little's *A Marriage in China*. Dr. Lowry. Orchids, begonias, a large white lily. Fall of Pretoria. Carey. Calm before storm. Folly of Chinese. Disastrous for individuals or nations not to face truth. F. Darwin at Cambridge – curious observation of Lolos on plant with leaves that move.

June 20<sup>th</sup>

Missions burnt at Yunnan-Fu. French awaiting return of Consul-General. Possibility of evacuation. A.H.'s dilemma. Messages to Mary Crum and Hulls.

June 24<sup>th</sup>

Expanding summary of situation in last letter. No communication now with Peking. Lolo guard at Meng-tsze. A.H. makes syllabary of language sounds. Botany impossible. Social contacts with French officers. A.H.'s sympathies with Chinese. Messages to Joe Fisher, Griffins, E.G.'s sisters and brother Gerald. Writing to Mary Crum and Hulls.

June 29<sup>th</sup>

Awaiting return of French Consul-General Francon. Puzzle whether to go or stay. Advice from Shanghai.

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1900 July 5<sup>th</sup>

News of E.G.'s operation received from Mary Crum. Brief letter expressing concern.

July 10<sup>th</sup>

French decision to evacuate. A.H.'s vain efforts for peace.

July 27<sup>th</sup> From Hanoi, Tongking.

Customs staff left Meng-tsze with French. Business transferred to Hokow.

September 2<sup>nd</sup>. From Laokai

Mails disorganised. A.H. anxious for news of E.G. A.H. has offered resignation. His advice ignored by superiors. Customs office work at Hokow across river. Campaign of abuse in Tongking press. Danger over. Uncertainty of future.

September 9<sup>th</sup>

Letter from Mary Crum, no news from E.G. A.H waiting for reply re resignation. Criticism of French. Boxer atrocities. Death of Miss Houston. H. Cockburn safe. Defence of 'sensible' Chinese. Fever at Hokow rife among soldiers.

September 16<sup>th</sup>

Letter from E.G. Anxiety for her health. No reply yet re resignation. A.H. first offered to resign in January but recalled letter. French officers congenial. Comedy of meeting with French priest, student of Lolo, who may be responsible for abuse of A.H. in press. Picture in *Sketch* of Colquhoun and his wife, not Miss French (see 3.11.96). Littles believed safe. Forests near Laokai.

December 8<sup>th</sup>

E.G. going to Warrenpoint. A.H. in nervous state. Resignation refused and long leave granted, superiors sympathetic. M. Tiberii, Assistant to A.H. Mary Crum back from Normandy. Sir R. Hart. Nannie Griffin's election work. Pessimism about future of China, and danger of world war. Walter Fisher. Farrelly's book on Transvaal. Morrison's account of siege of Legations. Dr. and Mrs. Little. Miss Shore (?). A.H.'s departure still uncertain, longing to get away and decided not to return after leave. Messages to Ternaus at Warrenpoint.

1901 Empty envelope postmarked 13<sup>th</sup> February)

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1901 21<sup>st</sup> February, from Nuwara Eliya, Ceylon.

A.H. recuperating from fever on way home. Meeting with M. and Mme Vial (see 28.1.97). Visit to Boer prisoners of war camp. Botanic gardens. Tea planters' meeting. Mr. Ryan. Adam's Peak. Kandy. Gobe trotters.

27<sup>th</sup> February, as above.

Boer P.O.W. camp. Horton Plains. Giant Lobelia fertilised by birds. A.H. climbed Mount Pedro. Mr. Ryan. Adam's Peak. Strange people in hotels – women's fashions. M. and Mme Vial. Ceylon tea inferior to China tea.

5<sup>th</sup> March, from Kandy.

Mr. Ryan, and Mrs. Ryan. Climbing Adam's Peak by moonlight. Arabi Pasha. The Veddah, primitive people.

18<sup>th</sup> March, from Madras.

Mary and Stuart Crum, meeting in Ceylon. Trincomalee. Crum's baby. Colombo, farewell to Ryans. Messages to Mrs McCormack, Ethel, Agnes, Gerald.

26<sup>th</sup> March, from Mailoor, Kullakunty, Nilgiris.

Staying with Crums. Wild birds and animals. Three tribes. A.H.'s appearance. Coffee planting. Details of journey home by "Annam" French steamer.

22<sup>nd</sup> May (postmark) from 503 High Road, Gunnersbury, London.

Refers to brief meeting with E.G. in London before she went to Ireland. A.H. occupied with collections. A.K. Bulley. Nannie Griffin. Ill health of E.G.

10<sup>th</sup> June

E.G.'s illness. A.H.'s engagements. Hopes. Pearson. Dr. Scott son of Sir Gilbert Scott. Palace of Sheen (?) Queen Elizabeth. Mrs. Scott. Pinchot family, founders of Forestry School at Yale. Forestry as a possible career. Geraldine Griffin.

12<sup>th</sup> June

Mr. Clarke. Mr. Dawson. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, seen at Temple. Ulster type. Anxiety for E.G.

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1901 13<sup>th</sup> June

A.H. expecting telegram re E.G. from Constance (McCormack). Essays by Kernahan. Clarke. Walk to Greenwich Park with Dawson. Nomad Club meeting. Constance (McCormack) with E.G. Enquiry from Mary (Crum).

15<sup>th</sup> June (postmark)

Brief note. Lunch with Shaws, dinner with McKeans.

17<sup>th</sup> June

Visit to Clarkes at Brock House, Sussex. Postcard from Constance McCormack re E.G. The George Bernard Shaws. A.H. restless. Family of Mrs. Stephenson Clarke. Colnaghi, picture dealer. "Natural" gardening. W. Robinson and Miss Jekyll neighbours. Askdown Forest. Mrs. Clarke's son's house. Pianola. Lady Farren's grounds. Tunbridge fern. Mrs. Clarke's lame daughter. Rich environment. Sussex villagers parasites on gentry. Shaw on conservatism of working class. Sir Farren's highland cattle. Rowton Homes. McKeans and Mrs. Crum to visit Kew with A.H.

18<sup>th</sup> June (1)

E.G. still unable to write. McKean family (from Belfast) and Mr. Young and son to Kew, then by bus to Hampton Wick. New Brunswick girl, niece of Mr. McKean. Mr. Boyce ex-Chinese civil service. Mrs. Walter Crum and Miss Crum, a cousin, Newnham graduate, also to Kew. A.H. "gadding about". Nicholson, curator at Kew. Jungle Books exchanged for Shaw's *Fabian Society Manifesto*. Loneliness. Book on drink problem lent by Mrs. Shaw. Civil Service Stores. Poverty preferable to riches, but minimum necessary, how to arrange simple life. Talk with strangers. Ulster bigotry. Message to Mrs. McCormack.

18<sup>th</sup> June (2)

Letter received from E.G. Scenario at Kew, (see above). Choosing books. Lame Miss Clarke, New Brunswick girl. New suit. Colnaghi on modern art. Thoughts on marriage. Women's rights. Mr. McKean. Members of Clarke family in S.A. war. Academic portraits resemble their sitters in not being worth their places. Duty of charity. Ulsterman referred to in 12.6.'01. Boyce (see last) a Lever character.

19<sup>th</sup> June

Re-reading E.G.'s letter. Gerald Gleeson. A.H. contemplates return to China. Working at Kew. Mr. Hope. Relationship of ferns and ants, puzzle of plant ecology. Rowntree and Shewell (?) on Temperance Problem. Shocking conditions in towns. Reformers antagonise public by provocative approach. Waking memories. Torrington Square 12 years ago. Lunch with Clarke, then tea with Mrs. Walter Crum. Griffins. Death of socialist friend of Griffins.

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1901 19<sup>th</sup> June (continued)

Letter from Boura, predicts Russo-Japanese war. Miss Smith, botanical draughtswoman.

21<sup>st</sup> June(1)

“Penelope’s Experiences in Ireland” recommended by Miss Allardyce at Nomad Club. “Mrs. Wiggins” (?) McKeans and party. Dinner and theatre, Grossmith. Rebuff from New Brunswick girl. Tea with Crums. Lunch with Dawson. Hopes of going to Ireland. Drifting.

21<sup>st</sup> June (2)

Crums, described by E.G. Cross purposes with New Brunswick girl. Variety theatre. Grossmith amusing. Mr. Dawson’s story of German courtship. Liberal politics. Tea with the Miss Smiths. Miss Hope. Innocent snobbery. Unchristian clergyman. Ethel and Aggie (Gleeson?) Living simply. Crums. Griffins. A.H. taken in in shops.

22<sup>nd</sup> June

E.G. against A.H. returning to China. Early start at Kew. Colet Court sports. Tom Hull. Eddy McCormack. Dick Hull. St. Pauls. Clongowes. A.H.’s theology. “Lecture pour tous”. Sir George King recommends School of Forestry at Nancy. Griffins. A.H. tries to be considerate. Secret of success to push oneself. Sympathy with E.G. Tom Hull. Book on education. Eddie McCormack. Agnes Crum. Sympathies with people of Celtic blood, e.g.. Sir George King and Hopes who are Scotch. Work at Kew from 6 a.m.

24<sup>th</sup> June

Outing with Eddie McCormack and Dick Hull. Round Pond. Natural History Museum. Tate Gallery. A.H. to Griffins. 6 – 9 a.m. at Kew. Professor Doyle at British Museum. A.H.’s Lolo Mss. Young Clarke. Mrs. Despard on Vivisection at National Liberal Women’s Association. Miss Griffin calls on A.H. for comment. Miss D’Esterre Keeling, and her sister. Mrs. Clarke’s invitation to theatre (Sarah Bernhardt), A.H. obliged to decline. Disillusioning glimpse of reflection at tailors. Gissing’s new novel. Message to Constance McCormack. Mary Crum. Watson Cheyne. P.S. on morality of pleading engagement one has not got.

25<sup>th</sup> June

Good news of E.G. Miss D’Esterre Keeling. A.H. at Herbarium 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Dyer, on cost of living, Carnegie gift, Scotch better than Irish at small reforms. Relations between men and women. “Lecture Pour Tous” on Francon (see 30.4.1900 and following). Eliz. Weir. Keelings. Dyer on Shaws. Investment in Consols. Messages to Ethel, Constance and Mrs. Smith.

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1901 3<sup>rd</sup> July(1)

Thanks for birthday greetings. Mrs. Archie Little back from China.

3<sup>rd</sup> July (2)

Recommending fresh air to E.G. Kew 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. after late night with Dawson at Blackheath. Mr. and Mrs. McRobert from Cawnpore. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy ret. I.C.S. Resemblance of A.H. to Kipling. Stupid articles on Ireland, attack on Catholicism, and on Plunkett and Gill (Co-operative movement). Dr. Munro. Nannie Griffin. Keelings. Dr. Scott (botanist). Miss Borthwich (?) E.G. In Glens of Antrim. Plans for holiday in Ireland. Kew work overwhelming. Meeting with 2 ex-Customs men. Novelist called Balfour, his credulity regarding quack medicine. Miss Hope and Miss Smith. Sir Joseph Hooker, his work on Balsams.

12<sup>th</sup> July

First bicycle lesson. Work at Kew, 1000 fern specimens labelled. Sunday lunch at Blackheath with Keelings. Dr. Munro to have A.H.'s medical books. Mrs. Archie Little. Vulgar show called "Peking". Griffins. Miss Heath. Sunday at Dyers. Advice to young Cambridge graduate Frober. Scotts. Luncheon at Horticultural Society's Lily Show. ELWES (first mention) to be chairman for A.H.'s talk on Chinese Lilies. Col. Beddowes, collector of ferns. Plans to move lodgings, when Kew work finished, and visit Ireland. Forestry considered. Messages to Constance (McCormack). Book of Andrew Lang criticised. Fraser's *Golden Bough*.

21<sup>st</sup> July

Thanks for matchbox. Aridity of mind. Work on plants. Mrs. Archie Little. Miss Venn. Japanese actors at Shaftesbury Theatre. Professor Hartog of Cork. Zangwill II. Keelings. Finn. Miss Hartog. Miss Myers (see 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1896). Miss Dyer and her brother. Suicide of Miss Yolande in papers. Messages to Mrs and Miss Fisher, and to E.G.'s sister. Belfort Bax. Dishonesty of London trades people. Cost of food, 1s.5d. per day.

24<sup>th</sup> July

Up and down moods. A.H. anxious to dispose of work at Kew before winter. Marshall (Kew attendant). Article on A.H.'s life to be in *Gardener's Chronicle*, Dr. Masters, editor. A.H. to speak at Pioneer club, E.G. in Chair. A sovereign for a poor protégé of E.G.'s. Dinner at Dyers. Tea at Hartogs' to meet Miss Myers (see above). Belief in ghosts superstitious. Need for well-printed railway time table. Dislike of landladies. 5 or 6 hours sleep enough for A.H. Praise of Japanese actors. Machine-age fulfilling prophecies of Wells. Wild flowers by Thames at Chiswick.



## Henry-Gleeson Letters

1901 25<sup>th</sup> July

Brief note from Grosvenor Club. Seeing off Miss Heath (see 29<sup>th</sup> August 1896 etc. etc.). Mrs. Brownlow. Miss Collett. Post of housekeeper at Writers' Club. Work on Laurels. Essays: "The Heart of the Empire". Letters from Meng-tsze.

31<sup>st</sup> July

E.G. returning from Ireland. Work on plants, 170 bundles finished. Professor Oliver on A.H.'s letters in Kew Bulletin. Hartogs. Cockburn of legation at Peking (see 30<sup>th</sup> May 1898 and 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1898) Seal of the Board of Punishment for the Province of Yun-nan, presented to A.H. Evening at Hopes'. Geraldine Griffin. Gaelic League.

20<sup>th</sup> August from Belfast

A.H. staying with Fishers. (see 31<sup>st</sup> March 1896, 29<sup>th</sup> August 1896, 14<sup>th</sup> November 1896, 28<sup>th</sup> January 1897, 29<sup>th</sup> June 1897, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1898, 30<sup>th</sup> May 1898, 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 1898, 17<sup>th</sup> July 1899, 28<sup>th</sup> February 1900, 6<sup>th</sup> March 1900, 11<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May 1900, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1900 for Joe Fisher). Pleasure at return to Ireland. McCarthy's *Five Years in Ireland* crude. Mme Ternau and Beatrice Ternau, plan for school. Messages to Mrs. McCormack, Kitty, Gracie and Eddy. A.H. taken for American.

22<sup>nd</sup> August (Enclosed with this is fragment of letter from E.G.)

Visit to Portrush and Portstewart with Mrs. Fisher and Ellen Fisher. Mrs. McMillan, Margaret, Walden, Miss Susan Weir. R.L. Stevenson on conversations. Charm of countryside. McCarthy's attack on priests (see above). Difficulty of renewing intimacy with Joe Fisher. Praise of E.G. Messages to McCormacks and Ternaus. Sympathy for feminine emancipation. Air of different places. Ternaus' plans. Messages to Mrs. Brownlow.

24<sup>th</sup> August from Tyanee, Portglenone

A.H. moving on to his brother's. Ternaus' good news. Red tape about plant consignments. Messages to McCormacks and Ternaus.

26<sup>th</sup> August

A.H.'s brother Tom. Attendance at Mass. Impressions of country people – need for awakening. "Daisy's sister" a moral problem. Wisdom of church on indissolubility of marriage. Character of Joe Fisher. Miss D'Esterre Keeling on J.F. J.F.'s opinion of A.H. Irish addiction to gossip inhibits friendship between sexes.

## Henry-Gleeson Letters

1901 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Madame Ternau and Beatrice settled. Elizabeth Weir. Lolo term for evil influences and bad luck. Article by Stephen Gwynn. A.H. writing on "Ireland re-visited". Tom Henry. Irish country life, civilising influence of R.C. Church. Mr. Keenan J.P. Visit to creamery. White clay export from Toome. County Councils. Need for local initiative. Sir H. Plunkett. Brennans (in-laws of T. Henry). Fairy stories. Miss Dovey. Irish speakers. Criticism of Yeats and A.E. by William Dare. Need for literature of the people. Mrs. Brownlow's query on nomenclature of quinces. Sermon by Parnellite curate. McCarthy's anti-Catholic views wrong.

9<sup>th</sup> September

Bicycle accident to A.H. on ride with brother. Visit to Glasgow for British Association cancelled. Views on Irish questions. Contrast between Irish and American priest. Need for genuine Irish novels. Letter from E.H. Wilson. Letters from Mary Crum, Mrs. Brownlow, Miss N. D'Esterre-Keeling. Uselessness of despondency. Ulster dialect expressions. Disgust with speech by Mahaffy. Messages to McCormacks

15<sup>th</sup> September

Visit to sister in Dundalk. To McKeans in Belfast. To Bulleys near Liverpool. E.G.'s health. Her help to Ternaus. A. and T. Henry on Symposium on Irish affairs run by parish. Cottage industries. Thoreau's *Walden*. Miss Hartog engaged. Grace, Kitty and Eddie McCormack. A.H.'s sister in Dundalk. Local priest critical of Plunkett and Gill. Irish society people like those in Tolstoi. Sermon on pride. Japanese play praised.

23<sup>rd</sup> September, from Ness, Neston, Cheshire.

Visit to Belfast and Benburb McKeans. Mme Ternau. A.H. now with A.K. Bulley. Unconventional charm of Bulleys. A.H. preference for bare rooms. Garden in the making. Liverpool Museum. Parker, Chinese scholar, Forbes, curator. The Cotton Exchange. Uncertainty about future. Defence of collecting money to build churches. Miss Carpenter, Edward Carpenter. Liverpool aquarium. Invitation to visit ELWES. Dr. Lindsay, Joe Fisher on politics, unfair to Celtic Ireland. A.H. nearer to nationalists though not converted to home rule. Messages to McCormacks.

2<sup>nd</sup> October from 503 High Road, Gunnersbury, London.

Pioneer Club debate, speaker Miss Blackburne. Evening with Miss N. D'Esterre-Keeling. Kendals at St. James' Theatre. Letters from Mary Crum and Ryans in Ceylon.

7<sup>th</sup> October.

Appointment to take E.G. to Gaelic meeting.

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1901 17<sup>th</sup> October from 2 Vernon Chambers, Southampton Row.

Change of lodgings. Pleasure of evening at E.G.'s. Loan of junk model to marine painter. Ten pictures sent to E.G. Messages to McCormacks. E.G.'s contributions to furnishing rooms. Visit to Ternaus. Miss Lowry. Carol.

18<sup>th</sup> October

Dinner at Hartogs. Mr. England, members of Irish Lit. Soc. E.G. as A.H.'s adviser. Work of E.G. for Irish Lit. Soc. Mary Crum, bookplate from Nannie Griffin. Influence of E.G. and Harriet (Weir?) on A.H. Amiel on compromise. A.H. as Harold Skimpole. "Confessions of sinner Augustine", projected work. Greetings to Kitty and Gracie McCormack.

19<sup>th</sup> October

Greeting in Irish. From Turgeneff adapted to revival of Irish. Value of language. Good resolutions. A.H. to "bring mathematics to bear" on E.G.'s affairs. Arranging books of Irish Lit. Soc.

25<sup>th</sup> October (date as postmark)

Thanks for loan of cups. Quotations from poets, Mathew Arnold, Wordsworth, Shelley, Lady I-se of Japan.

7<sup>th</sup> November

A.H. preparing paper. E.G. gifted speaker, should lecture in U.S.A. Irish pioneer work in America.

21<sup>st</sup> November

A.H.'s first lecture with E.G. as chairman. Class at St. Ermin's. (Enclosure signed R. Barry O'Brien gives reference to paper in Transactions of Royal Irish Academy.)

10<sup>th</sup> December

A.H. to lunch with E.G. Buying poetry from Elkin Matthews'. *The Wind among the Reeds* 2 copies (present for Mrs Archie Little), and 3 other Yeats' volumes. A.H. accused of neglecting friends. Griffins. Irish club in Holborn.

December undated addressed "To the Pioneer of the Nomads".

Mrs. Brownlow's health. How to avoid colds etc. Miss Myers (see 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July 01) The Nomad Club. Griffins too isolated.

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1902 15<sup>th</sup> January

Appointment at Pioneer Club. Introduction to Walter Crane requested from E.G. for Sir Dietrich Brandis.

18<sup>th</sup> January

Illness of A.H. "The Pole" conversation on ideals in a movement.

20<sup>th</sup> January (1) (date as postmark)

Gerald (Gleeson?) visit to A.H., attack of fever.

20<sup>th</sup> January (2)

Visit of E.G. to A.H. First allusion to plans for a "settlement". Letters from Miss Yeats, Mr. Bulley.

21<sup>st</sup> January

A.H.'s religious views. Chinese Mahommedans superior to pagan Chinese. Materialism leads to mediocrity.

1<sup>st</sup> February

A.H. going to Cooper's Hill (Engineering college with forestry school under Dr. Schlich). First practical step towards work for Ireland.

11<sup>th</sup> February (date as postmark)

A.H. and E.G. going to Dublin. Miss D'Esterre-Keeling and Miss O'Brien. Mrs. Brownlow. Messages to McCormacks and Mrs. O'Carroll. Miss Drury. Classes at Athenaeum Hall.

7<sup>th</sup> March

Letter from Joe Fisher on A.H.'s plans. Need for technical training in forestry. Gaelic class. Miss N. D'Esterre-Keeling. Mr. Peters. St. Ermins. Mrs. Archie Little. London fog. Griffins, E.G. should secure them for Settlement.

11<sup>th</sup> March (date as postmark)

Mrs. Allartons. A.H. to German Hospital at Dalston. Suggesting appointments with E.G. Griffins. Meredith on S.A. war. Article in *Athenaeum* on Yeats' poetry.

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1902 16<sup>th</sup> March

Mrs. Stopford Green could be useful to Settlement. A.H. to introduce her to E.G. Visit to Yeats. Miss Nannie Griffin. Letter from Sister Agnes in America.

20<sup>th</sup> March

Mrs. Stopford Green looking for local secretary to charitable committee (not Irish cause, but worthy of support). E.G. urged to study carpet making. Mr. Miller. Mr Lindsay.

27<sup>th</sup> March

Old letters. E.G.'s kindness to Caroline. Miss Drury. Miscellaneous tasks of A.H. including English-Irish dictionary. Mrs. O'Carroll. Mrs. Green recommends Mr. McCann M.P. for advice on industries.

2<sup>nd</sup> April

Mr. Gwynne. Vain search for hotel rooms. Enthusiasm for Settlement. Letter from Susan Mitchell.

6<sup>th</sup> April

Mrs Little. Susan Mitchell. Elizabeth Yeats. E.G. at Millards (sic, but see 20<sup>th</sup> March on carpet making). E.Yeats to see Millards about printing. Colman Smith. Depression. Enthusiasm for Settlement maintained.

7<sup>th</sup> April

Visit to Miss Dickenson. E.G. to move. E.Yeats to be introduced to Millars. A.H.'s paper to Pharmaceutical Society illustrated with slides. Tie received from sister Agnes to be worn with frock coat at dinner. Scientific paper on Lolos. Mr. and Miss Dickenson. Ternaus. Plans for book on Lolos.

9<sup>th</sup> April

Mrs. Fox's songs in Ulster dialect, at evening meeting (of Irish Lit. Soc?) Dinner of Horticultural Club in honour of A.H. Telegram from Moore and B of Dublin. Sir W. T. Dyer. A.H recites *Innisfree*. Presentation to A.H. of Veitch Memorial Medal. *Homestead* might print report. Miss Lolly Yeats. Miss Drury, Miss McMahan.

19<sup>th</sup> April

A.H. proposes preliminary meeting of shareholders in the Settlement. G. Griffin to be invited.

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1902 26<sup>th</sup> April

Meeting to be arranged. Geraldine (Griffin?) The Yeats. A.H. to Kew with Miss Dickenson. Letter from Norman. Photograph for Kitty (McCormack). Plans to apply for travelling scholarship, for forestry training. No reply from Father Finlay (of Co-op. Movement). Mr. Keenan. Mrs McCormack. Letter from Mrs. Clarke inviting A.H. to stay (see 17.6.01).

30<sup>th</sup> April

Anxiety about E.G.'s health. A.H. now determined to take up forestry.

2<sup>nd</sup> May

List of plants for E.G. to get from Veitch's recommended by Mr. Nicholson. Paper on drugs enclosed for criticism. Gill (of Dept. of Agriculture, Dublin .)

5<sup>th</sup> May

Recent visit to ELWES. Depression due to uncertainty about future.

6<sup>th</sup> May (date as postmark)

H. Law M.P. invited to Pioneer Debate. Letter to A.H. from Secretary to Gill of Dept. indicating approach to matter of scholarship grant. A.H. going to Laws in Ireland.

8<sup>th</sup> May

A.H. congratulates E.G. on speech (? At Pioneer debate) Miss Dickenson. Complications in application to go to Forestry school at Nancy. Dyer. Gill

14<sup>th</sup> May Visit to Ireland

Postcard with birthday greetings in Irish, written on train.

14<sup>th</sup> May Written on Mail boat

Dull crossing. Fellow travellers; clergyman, 2 men from Lancashire. Evils of married women and children working in mills. Speech by John Redmond M. P. on corn duty quoting figures supplied by H. Law. Irish party not up-to-date as regards public relations. Article on Gaelic revival by Dubois in *Revue de deux Mondes*. Business in Dublin with *Homestead* office. Visit to Ternaus. Messages to McCormacks.

## Henry-Gleeson Letters

1902 20<sup>th</sup> May from Marble Hill, Ballymore, Letterkenny.

E.G. on Barry O'Brien. New rooms of Irish Lit. Soc. Aunt and uncle of E.G. at Glenageary. Interesting talk with Presbyterian clergyman on journey to Derry. With Mr. Law from Derry to Letterkenny etc. New R.C. cathedral at Letterkenny. Contrasts in Irish scene. "San Toy" on poor piano at inn. Bonfire welcome at Marble Hill. Charm of house and country. A.H. goes to Mass at Ballymore – scene in chapel. Mr. and Mrs. Law, Miss FitzPatrick, Frances and Mary Law (children). Library and stage in loft. Links with country people. Religion and folk lore. Forestry and Settlement. The Yeats must stay two years. Griffins' doubts. Miss McCarthy. Mr. Keenan (cousin of A.H.), Dillons. Messages to McCormacks and Griffins. Laws might take E.G.'s house in Kensington.

27<sup>th</sup> May from Marble Hill enclosing letter from H. Law re house (see above).

Bad weather but beauty of scenery. Benown remembered. Irish classes and dances. Miss Fitzpatrick getting up play. Miss F. friend of Shaw and Mrs. Humphry Ward. Meeting of poor law Guardians – antiquated system, calls for satirist. Doubts about forestry. G. Griffin should join E.G. Yeats beginnings at Settlement. W.B. Yeats' lecture. Sympathisers in Dublin for Settlement: Mr. Norman, Miss Mitchell. Mrs. Law's brother. Captain Stewart and fiancée Miss McVittie. Ards peninsula ideal site for settlement of artists. Nevins, returned exile, to start quarries. Messages to McCormacks and Griffins, also the Misses Yeats. Miss FitzPatrick's friend Mrs Pearse to call on E.G. for advice about flat.

2<sup>nd</sup> June from Tyanee, Portglenone, Co. Antrim.

A.H. with brother Tom on way back from Laws. Wild weather. Charms of Marble Hill, success of Miss FitzPatrick's play. A.H. to eat dinners at Temple. No word from Department of Agriculture. Messages to McCormacks, Griffins, Yeats and Mr. Barry O'Brien.

5<sup>th</sup> June from Tyanee.

A.H. to visit Dundalk and call at Department in Dublin on way home. To London for Law dinners. E.G. to be in Dublin. Her work for Irish Lit. Soc. Letter from Miss Wheeler. E.G. to visit Gibsons, possible subscribers, Miss Yeats should help. Good talk with Portglenone priest. Luke Delmege unreal picture. North and south of Ireland. Dependence on backing of Department. Praise of R.L. Stevenson. No work from Mary – plan for holiday with her in France. Plants obtained from Veitch's (see 2.5.02). Kitty's prayer.

10<sup>th</sup> June from 2 Vernon Chambers, Southampton Row.

A.H. trying to see Gill in London (see 2.5.02, 6.5.02.etc), has seen Plunkett and Coyne, no definite news. Messages from Miss Mitchell, Mr. Norman. No time to see Ternaus or Glenageary folk.

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1902 15<sup>th</sup> June enclosing anonymous verses.

Mrs. Little, A.H. reviews her book in the Register. Her advice to A.H. to return to China, hint that he may need to support a wife. A.H. has no such plans. E.G. to learn weaving. Scope for designing simple furniture. Postcard initialled "M.R." also enclosed.

30<sup>th</sup> June (date as postmark).

Miss Willmott. Lord Kesteven. E.G. and Mr. Jermyn at Pioneer Club. A.H. now has object in view. Settlement to begin on modest lines, no need for anxiety. Miss Nora FitzPatrick and Mrs. Stewart (see 27.5.02), former interested in Settlement. Mrs. Phillimore, Miss N.F.'s sister. Mr. Law. Need for youthful adherents of "Maud Gonnish daring character". Visit to Wolfe Tone's grave. A.H. regrets past indifference to Irish land and history.

1<sup>st</sup> July

Sends belated birthday present. Pictures of wild roses. Clematis Jackmanni at Kew.

2<sup>nd</sup> July

A.H.'s regard for E.G. Day at Kew with Dyer and Brandis, "two knights of flowers and trees". Growing interest in trees. Letters will bridge gap between France and Ireland.

3<sup>rd</sup> July

Postcard. A.H. writing paper on Lolos for submission to British Association.

10<sup>th</sup> July Postcard from Pralognan, Savoie, France.

A.H. on holiday with Mary and Stewart Crum (see 5.6.02). Mountaineering.

20<sup>th</sup> July from Vernon Chambers.

E.G. and Nannie Griffin have left for Ireland. Miss Hartog's wedding. A.H. visit to Yeats. Proposal to see Cork Exhibition in August. Norah FitzPatrick, possible recruit. Warnings for Settlement. Accommodation required. Large house with garden. Capital needed. Miss Douglas for garden. Miss Willmott will help. Joe Fisher's advice. A.H.'s financial contribution. His interest in experiment. Mrs. McCormack to housekeep. A.H. visited Forestry School at Nancy. How to secure admission, need for official backing. E.G. to see Gill. A.H.'s hopes of work in Ireland. Messages to Mr. Norman, Miss Mitchell, Paul (Gleeson?) and sisters. Charles Doyle. Madame Ternau, Beatrice and Willow. London unhealthy. McCann and Mrs. Green (see 27.3.02). Messages to Mr. McCarthy and his sister. Nannie Griffin must be urged to join Settlement. Postscript, letter from Gill, who has written to Foreign Office re A.H.'s admission to Nancy, and awaits reply.



## Henry-Gleeson Letters

1902 24<sup>th</sup> July

E.G. house hunting. A.H.'s collection of Chinese coins. Barry O'Brien family. Story of blue diamond for Maharajah. A.H. to stay with Clarkes (see 17.6.01, 26.4.02). Letter from Mary Crum in France. Cork Exhibition, A.H. to go with E.G. and Yeats. Delay in hearing from Gill. Norah FitzPatrick to learn book binding, and to get in touch with E.G. Need for more capital. Messages to Ternaus. Illness of Miss Mitchell. Message to Paul and Mai (Gleeson?). Griffins. Mr. and Mrs. Wade (American acquaintances). Mrs. Archie Little's party for Chinese Minister who failed to come. Lady Pont. Miss Massy. Message to Mr. Norman. Conversation on truth telling.

25<sup>th</sup> July

Article by A.H. in Gardener's Chronicle on Clematis. Opening of Chelsea Botanic Garden. Miss Willmott. Lord Cadogan, on Irish forestry. T.W. Russell. Dyer. Holmes. Sir J. Hooker. Sir D. Brandis. Professors Farmer and Oliver. No word from Gill, E.G. to see him. Interest in photography. Jack Yeats' sick friend, Sympathy for Miss Mitchell. Letter from Mrs. Samuel, her daughter's good work. Messages to Gill, Norman.

26<sup>th</sup> July (1)

Telegram re visit to Cork, biblical reference.

26<sup>th</sup> July (2)

Visit to Cork. Search for house. E.G.'s interview with Gill. Dilatoriness of Department and Foreign office. A.H. frustrated. Unnecessary delay blamed on Anderson. Dyer, Cadogan, Miss Willmott, could supply introductions to School of Nancy. A.H. to Clarkes. E.G.'s house hunt.

30th July

Mary Crum coming to London, than A.H. to Cork. Articles for *Gardener's Chronicle*, copy from Veitch's nursery. Mrs. McCormack better. Visit to Clarkes. French verses: "La vie est vaine...". E.G. still house hunting.

31<sup>st</sup> July

House 'Runnymede' found. Mary Crum. Yeats. Gill and Anderson (see 26.7.02), for Anderson read Campbell. A.H. frustrated, may go direct to Foreign office. Going to Nancy at own expense. E.G. and lady gardener.

1<sup>st</sup> August

Telegram from E.G. explaining Gill's attitude. Enigmatic. Lolly Yeats going to Ireland. A.H. to Belfast in Sept. for British for British Association. Caroline's plant, another in same class – Carolinella and Augustinella Henryi.

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1902 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Mary Crum in London. A.H. for Ireland.

2<sup>nd</sup> August (in same envelope)

Admission to Nancy granted, official letter from Gill. Disposal of furniture. Miss G.'s armoire. Duveens' terms of sale. Advice of Hulls. Blue diamond in possession of Mr. Hull (Leroy et fils).

Favourite quotation of A.H. "It is a tyranny to wish one's friend, one's wife, one's children changed an iota." Date as postmark.

22<sup>nd</sup> August

E.G. in London. A.H. sends first instalment of money for Settlement and orders saffron tie. (signed Augustine Henry).

?22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> August

A.H. to go with E.G. to lawyer re house. Quotation from Ruskin on unintelligent kindness. Messrs, Dillon & Jones. Miss Lolly Yeats. Mary Crum's addresses in Harrogate and Scotland. Messages to Mrs. McCormack. (Signed Augustine Henry).

22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Disposal of furniture. Card of G.R. Harding (dealer) enclosed.

26<sup>th</sup> August

American friends, Morses (of China) Britton of New York Botanic Gardens (who bought A.H.'s collection). Miss Douglas, gardener for Settlement. London bad for E.G.'s health. French lithograph wedding present to Miss Hartog. Max Richart, photographer. Sir George King (see 22.6.01) and C.B. Clarke on Irish language.

28<sup>th</sup> August

Business with insurance company. Purchase of Ferriers. Settlement and forestry plan have given A.H. new interest in life. "To me you owe the Settlement. I owe to you the forestry". A.H.'s responsibility for business advice. (See 29.1.03.)

28<sup>th</sup> August

Thanks to Mrs. McCormack for chart. Ferriers business. Letter from Joe Fisher. Picture for Miss Hartog. Letters from Mr. Waller and Mr. Mears returned.

Henry-Gleeson Letters

1902 1<sup>st</sup> September

Arrangement re lantern slides. Appointment in N. Griffin's office with E.G. and Mrs. McCormack (letter card).

2<sup>nd</sup> September (date as postmark)

Insurance application should describe A.H. as "gentleman" not medical man. N. Griffin, change of appointment (see last letter) and invitation to E.G. and Mrs. McCormack to dine at Italian Restaurant. Article on Libocedrus tree and Lolo legend.

4<sup>th</sup> September (date as postmark)

A.H. to get leases from lawyer. To Warley (Miss Willimott). Mrs. Clarke. Then farewell to E.G. Too busy to go to concert.

10<sup>th</sup> September (date as postmark) On notepaper of Ulster Reform Club, Belfast.

A.H. staying with Fishers. Successful lecture and talk on Gaelic at Greenlough schoolhouse. Messages to Mrs. McCormack. Cuffe Street Whelehan has not sent shoes. A.H. will subscribe to Gaelic League testimonial to O'Kane. "I am very defiant here".

16<sup>th</sup> September at Cranfield, Fortwilliam Park, Belfast (Fishers).

McCormack children well. Mrs. McCormack's diagram admired (see 28.8.02). Mr. and Mrs. Gill attending British Association meeting. A.H.'s paper, article by Joe Fisher in Northern Whig. Gaelic people: Coffey, Walsh (photographer) Biggar. Joe Fisher's policy acute, his influence on Northern Whig. Week of gaiety. Beauty of surroundings of Belfast, city "a mere suburb of Glasgow". Pupil of Lolly Yeats. Mrs Hutton. Gaelic enthusiast. Settlement talked about. Insurance business, Agnes (A.H.'s sister?). Messages to Mrs. McCormack.

FRANCE

12<sup>th</sup> October from Grand Hotel de l'Europe, Nancy.

Journey. Open all-night café at Lille, strange customers. Fellow travellers: London to Dover, engineer describes municipal dishonesty at Dover. Places famous for weaving. Beauty of country and weather. Nancy a fine town. Woman in Alsatian national dress. Nannie Griffin wasted. Messages to her and Geraldine Griffin. E.G. beginning at Dundrum. (signed Augustine Henry).

13<sup>th</sup> October

A. H.'s lodgings. Russian fellow student (Lebedeff), resemblance to Paul Gleeson. Address c/o Mme Coanet.

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1902 15<sup>th</sup> October (date as postmark) c/o Mme Coanet, 21 rue Sigisbert Adam.

Illness of Miss Lolly Yeats. London unhealthy. A.H.'s rooms. "Boccace" (comic opera). Nancy women plain. Civility of townsfolk. Programme of work and freedom from social life.

17<sup>th</sup> October, 21 rue Sigisbert Adam.

Lolly Yeats' illness. Conveniences of A.H.'s rooms. Enquiry from Miss N. FitzPatrick re Donegal carpets. Book binding and hand-printing. Miss N.F. desirable recruit. Allusion to Mrs. Bernard Shaw who "went off into non-Ireland atmosphere". Mai Gleeson. Susan Mitchell. Life "en garcon".

26<sup>th</sup> October To E.G. now at Dun Emer (Runnymede re-named).

Miss FitzPatrick to come there. Letters from Prof. Hartog. Lolly Yeats' health. Cork Exhibition next year. Arrangement with Barkers. Mr. Smith to help with wools. Address to T.P. Henry, for details re cambric. Keelings. Mary Crum's daughter Agnes. Letter from Dr. Christ (botanist) of Bale on Irish small holdings. With Lebedeff in forest. Other fellow-students. French women better than men. Forestry problems differ in France and Ireland. Militarism at Nancy. Messages to Ternaus, Yeats, Miss Mitchell, Mr. Norman, A.E. Article on *Lilium Henryi* in the *Garden*, copy to R. Kelly. Messages to Gleesons etc. at Athone. Request to Lolly Yeats to send notice of lecture by W.B. Yeats to Miss Violet Dickenson. Messages to McCormacks, and to Paul Gleeson.

28<sup>th</sup> October

A.H. with cold and toothache. Ternaus. Keelings. Dun Emer to begin on Sunday. Acquaintances and friends. N. Griffin. Love and friendship. Lolly Yeats' illness recalls Caroline's. Picture by Yeats of Constance and children. Fascination of trees. Lebedeff. Better make mistakes than do nothing. Gardening at Dun Emer. Miss N. FitzPatrick. Conversation between Miss N. D'Esterre Keeling and Mr. Law, A.H. misquoted. Hartog introductions, not yet presented. Mary Crum, anxiety about daughter Agnes. Messages to McCormacks, Yeats sisters, Homestead staff, Gills, Gleesons of Glenageary, Major and Mrs. Sanders, Ternaus, Mr. Coffee. (sic).

3<sup>rd</sup> November

E.G. at Dun Emer. Lolly Yeats better. Caroline remembered. Practical Mai Gleeson. Bad news of Susan Mitchell, A.H. offers help. Agnes' picture received from Mary Crum. New experience of exile, language difficulties. With Lebedeff in forest. Evils of militarism and industrialism. N. Griffin's right instinct. Introspection. Miss Drury to become R.C.? French crafts and manufactures. Decency of French. Yeats' play bizarre. Messages to McCormacks and Ternaus.

## Henry-Gleeson Letters

1902 7<sup>th</sup> November

E.G.'s health. Miss Mitchell. A.H.'s language difficulties. Lebedeff. E.G.'s influence on his choice of career. W.B. Yeats – allowances for genius. Money matters. Help offered. Miss Mitchell in illness. McCormacks at Dun Emer. J. Yeats, senior. A.H. wrote to Mrs Green re Dun Emer. T. Henry. Matilda (Kerley) and daughter. Mary Crum worried about Agnes. R. Kelly (see 26.10.02. Messages to McCormacks, Misses Yeats, Ethel....

14<sup>th</sup> November

Mary's photograph received. Mrs. Scharp and new Prof. Of Agricultural Botany. Letter from Mrs. Green quoted. Lolly Yeats better. Enquiry for Miss Mitchell. Harsh climate at Nancy. Lebedeff. Programme of work. Younetzky, photographic methods for experiments on measuring light in forests. Kitty McCormack. Message to Constance McCormack.

27<sup>th</sup> November

Introspective letter. Lolly Yeats on flower painting. "A wax flower makes one ill". May Kerley. Gracie and Kitty McCormack. Uncle Paul (Gleeson?). A.H.'s tastes in gardens. Visitors to Dun Emer: Miss Hutton (see 16.9.02). Miss Hawes of Belfast. Joe Fisher. A.E.'s paintings at Dun Emer. Lebedeff cynical on Tolstoy. Feudalism. Ternaus. Tom Henry. Younetzky. A.H.'s German teacher. Criticism of course at Nancy, educational theories. Nannie Griffin. *T.P.'s Weekly*. *Le Matin*. Materialism – Christian teaching. Concert at Enniskerry. Miss Griffins. Messages to McCormacks.

1<sup>st</sup> December

Sir Joseph Hooker's dedication to A.H. of No.696 *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*. Nannie Griffin. Photograph of A.H. by Younetzky. Lecture by Frederic Passy of International League for Arbitration. Professor Edmond Henry of Forest School, his family, Lebedeff.

13<sup>th</sup> December

Account of Dun Emer from Beatrice Ternau. Laurent, official of Forestry school. A.H. bored but cheered by flattering remark in *The Garden*. Fellow students: Lebedeff, Younetzky, Lauer. Language difficulties. Remorse for death of Caroline. Futility of military review. Nannie Griffin, Miss D'Esterre Keeling. Good news from Mary Crum of Agnes (see 7.xi.02.) Message to May Kerley, also to McCormacks and Misses Yeats.

16<sup>th</sup> December

Thanks for photographs and the *Irish Homestead*. Plants for Dun Emer, A.H. to write to A.K. Bulley, Miss Willmott, Dyer, and Wallace of Colchester. V. Dillon, Brennan, Dun Emer affairs. Lolly Yeats, printing worries. Bernard Shaw's novel. Work by Turgeneff. Heretical opinions of sketch by A.E.

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1902 16<sup>th</sup> December (continued)

Lebedeff. Advice to E.G. May Kerley. Nannie Griffin. Terms of agreement with Lolly Yeats. Bernard Shaw more likeable than his opinions. Nora Whitman. Jack Yeats' jaunting car. "Prevalence of weirdness elsewhere".

18<sup>th</sup> December to A.K. Bulley

Request for plants for E.G. (see above). Anti-militarism. Problems of land-ownership. (Signed Augustine Henry).

23<sup>rd</sup> December

Enclosing letters about plants from Miss Willmott and A.K. Bulley. Christman Cards to McCormacks.

26<sup>th</sup> December

Thanks for Christmas letters from Kitty and Gracie. Money matters. Advice to E.G. to develop teaching side of Dun Emer. Lily Yeats' embroidery pupils. T.Gill or Norman might advice. Miss Clarke. Lolly Yeats.

28<sup>th</sup> December

Sending E.G. cheque for £20 pending further information. Money matters. E.G.'s health. Possible visit of A.H. at Easter, depending on lecture to Liverpool Geographical Society. Bad weather. Pushing Lolly Yeats' book, Miss Dickenson might subscribe. Choice of design for trademark. Nannie Griffin, Miss Houston, designers. Conversion of Mrs. Stephen Gwynne. The Laws, Miss Kathleen Fitzpatrick (see 20.5.02 and following). Gerald (Gleeson?) might send plants.

30<sup>th</sup> December

Money matters. A.H.'s letter to Lolly Yeats re pupils of hers and Lily Yeats, also Miss Clarke. Constance McCormack's sore throat. Advice to get drains inspected. Lord Kesteven going to Burma. Diagram of progress for 1903.

1903 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Constance McCormack better. Further contribution to Dun Emer. E.G. lonely, A.H. dull. Hopes to learn something of use for Ireland. People at Nancy. Lebedeff. Advice to E.G. to go out and relax. Mai Gleeson. Message to Constance McCormack.

## Henry-Gleeson Letters

1903 6<sup>th</sup> January

Money matters, delays due to bank. Letter from E.G with enclosure form Munro. Advice to E.G. to go out more. Her reference to religious discrimination in Dublin surprises A.H. Miss Boland, possible ally. Lolly Yeats. Forestry an art. No future plans except to settle in Ireland.

29<sup>th</sup> January

With enclosure signed "Munro" (see last). A.H. ill with chill, but working on Report for Mr. Coyne (of Dept. Agric. Ireland). Miss Ill. Munro's application for appointment, Campbell, Gill. Katie (McCormack's) magazine to G. Griffin. Language Society at Nancy. Dun Emer affairs. Roycroft (Press) advertisement. Mai Gleeson. Robert Kelly (see 7.XI.01) etc), Agnes (sister of A.H.?) and mortgage on Ferriers (see 28.8.02 and following.) Friction with Yeats. Mai Kerley. T. Gill. Miss Willmott. Lord Kesteven. Messages to Gracie and Kitty.

30<sup>th</sup> January

Postcard, repetition of last – books and papers received.

14<sup>th</sup> February

Death of Miss Gleeson's aunt at Limerick. Philosophy of life. Gerald (Gleeson) a Dun Emer. Janet ... Nomads' contribution. Geraldine (Griffin). Robert Kelly, Crown Solicitor, Mr. Hussey Walsh. Ethel ... New milk recommended for Kitty and Gracie, saved A.H. as child at Tyanee. The Misses Yeats. At home at Dun Emer. T. Gill, Coyne, and A.H.'s Report to Department on forestry. Ball at Nancy. Language club. Prince Lebedeff. Russian friends. Mrs. Brownlow. Order for poplin tie. Alice Doyle. Seeds of American larch and white cedar.

2<sup>nd</sup> March

Gracie McCormack's operation. Gracie and Kitty McCormack. Visit to Nenagh. E.G.'s Aunt Ellen. Tom Gill. A.H.'s Report received by Coyne. Sale of Ferriers, R.Kelly's advice. A.H.'s paper on Lolos. E.G. on Committee of Industries. I.A.O.S. shop. Advice on dealings with Dillon (Dun Emer landlord). Carnival at Nancy. May Kerley. Kitty. The Misses Yeats' book ("*In the Seven Woods*"). Order for ties. Lebedeff. Von Mollendorff. Plant ecology. A.H.'s dream the day Mary Crum's child was born. Miss Willmott. Lord Kesteven. Maud Gonne received into Catholic church. Art products. Future for Irish glass and homespun, which should be studied by Dept. Agric. Messages to Constance McCormack and family. Wood for houses. Barren hills beyond Dun Emer should be wooded.

9<sup>th</sup> March postmark, letter from Mary Crum re birth of boy).

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1903 9<sup>th</sup> March

(Letter enclosed of 23<sup>rd</sup> February from John Munro to E.G.) Munro's application for post in Dublin. Ties acknowledged. Tom Gill. A.H.'s disinterested attitude in studying forestry. E.G.'s business affairs. Miss Boyd. Seeds sent by Tom Henry to E.G. Gracie's teeth. A.H.'s responsibility for Dun Emer plan. Exhibition. *Lilium henryi*, bulbs from Wallace. A.H.'s photographic slides. *Anemone hepatica*. Miss N. D'Esterre Keeling. Bolands. Laws. Geraldine Griffin. Miss Ill. Language club a waste of time. Paper on Lolos. Dr. Lowry in China. Messages to McCormacks, Ethel.--.

18<sup>th</sup> March

Shamrock. St. Patrick's Day. Plays: *The Hour Glass*, Lady Gregory's play. Dr. Cahill. E.G.'s potential influence. Gracie. May Kerley. Gerald. Poems by W.B. Yeats "The folly of being comforted". McCann and Mrs. J.R. Green. V. Dillon. Whelehan. E.G.'s swollen hands possibly due to allergies. Hard cases. Secret kindnesses of Joe Fisher. Miss Buckley-Johnson's botanical query. Limitations of science. Misgivings about "scheme". Realm of fancy.

(27<sup>th</sup> March – Letter from E.G. to Miss Fitzpatrick re book binding).

3<sup>rd</sup> April

Lecture by A.H. on Lolos to Language Society, 80 slides. A.H.'s religious difficulties. A.H. writes to H. Norman re health of Susan Mitchell. Norah Fitzpatrick. Mai and Paul Gleeson. W. Robinson's *Flora et Sylva*, reference to A.H. p.14. Plan for forestry expedition at Easter postpones Irish visit. Mary Crum leaving. Photographs of May Kerley and Kitty McCormack.

20<sup>th</sup> April

A.H. coming to London to take leave of Mary Crum, and also to see ELWES (Dives). Proposition from latter. Boland, Law, Gill. Hopes to visit Dun Emer also.

25<sup>th</sup> April (postmark) from c/o Dr. Manson, London.

Meeting with Mary (Crum). Visit to Elwes (Dives). May. G. Griffin. Visit to Dun Emer. Irish Literary Society.

26<sup>th</sup> April (as above)

Meeting with Mary. Visit to Dives. Meetings with Griffins, Miss Drury, D'Esterre Keelings at Irish Literary Society. Mrs Brownlow. Law and Boland both away. Miss Nora Fitzpatrick hopes to join Dun Emer. Committee meeting of Aonac, G. Griffin. Messages to McCormacks.



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1903 13<sup>th</sup> May (postmark) From mail steamer.

A.H. returning after visit to Dun Emer. Thanks for hospitality and regret at leaving "the land that I do love". Praise for May (Kerley). Killarney exhibition an opportunity. Silken Thomas (T.Gill?). Messages to Yeats sisters and their father, Dr. Cahill and McCormacks. Nannie Griffin, who ought to join. Request for photographs to illustrate articles on Dun Emer. Messages to H. Norman and G. Russell. A.H. on way to Cheltenham.

13<sup>th</sup> May

Postcard from Cirencester about laundry to be sent c/o Le Roy et Fils, Bond Street.

16<sup>th</sup> May c/o Le Roy et Fils, 57 Bond Street.

Reply to one from E.G. Anne Kerley. Asylum doctor. A.H.'s visit to Elwes at Colesborne. Painter called Percy fellow guest, one of Chesterton's set. Planting 100 trees. Mrs. Elwes at lecture by Graves on Irish music. Percy on Yeats family. Rural England at its best. Elwes on Somerville & Ross stories. E.G. asked to return Jubainville's *Irish Mythology*, borrowed by A.H., to H. Norman. Mohree, a kind of Iris.

19<sup>th</sup> May c/o Le Roy et Fils. Written from Grosvenor Club.

Elwes' project. Photographs acknowledged (see 13thMay). A.H. working at Kew. Griffins. Miss Drury. Plants begged for Dun Emer. Miss N. Fitzpatrick, Miss Boyd. Mr. Stephen Gwynn. United Irish League dances. Mr. Boland. Binding W.B. Yeats' Poems. Miss Lolly Yeats. Ruth--. W.B. Yeats' new book reviewed in *Daily News*. E.G.'s pupils compared to A.H.'s plants. Exhibition at Killarney an opportunity. Mai Gleeson. Miss Tobin, Irish-American translator of Petrarch, at tea at Sir D. Brandis'. Elwes' project may be used for propaganda for Dun Emer. Mr. Bellevue, friend of Bulleys? Yeats' pressmark. Business ability of W.B. Yeats. Message to Dr. Cahill. Chinese character for "happiness". Mr. Cooke, connected with *Country Life*. Messages to McCormacks, Kay Kerley and Misses Yeats. *The Irish Peasant*. Evil of emigration.

24<sup>th</sup> May c/o le Roy et Fils. Written from Grosvenor Club.

(fragment of letter from E. Gleeson enclosed, relating to pressmark and other Dun Emer business).

A.H.'s London engagements: Kew, Griffins, Bolands, Mrs. Malony's praise of Mai Gleeson. Tea with Sir D. Brandis, Sankey. Norah FitzPatrick. Tableaux vivants at Dun Emer. Miss Crommelin and Miss Isabel Fry. Allusion to Harriet (Weir). Dinner with W. Robinson. With Elwes to Veitch's nursery. A.H. writing to Elwes re terms. Dinner with Kew Guild at Hoborn Restaurant. C.B. Clarke. Article by A.H. on Dun Emer. Boland on Killarney exhibition. Libertys to start weaving carpets, opening for E.G. Mrs. Reynolds should not be pessimistic re cottage industries, A.H. to meet Lebedeff in Paris, then go on

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1903 24<sup>th</sup> May (continued)

forestry excursions. Geraldine Griffin, idea to preserve Irish language. May Kerley.

25<sup>th</sup> May c/o Le Roy et Fils, written from Grosvenor Club.

Miss Goddard's article. Miss Drury going to Dun Emer, she should meet Miss Laird. A.H. to lunch with Bolands then on to Kew. *The United Irishman*, suggestion for Irish language university.

31<sup>st</sup> May from Longemer, France.

Return via Paris and visit to Senlis with forester. Return to Nancy. At Longemer with Younetzsky taking photographs. Weaving and other cottage industries at Longemer. A.H. guest of Kew Guild in London, flower show at Temple.

2<sup>nd</sup> June from Longemer

With Younetzsky on frontiers of France and Germany. Flowers of the mountains. Mr. Mer, Inspector of forests. Dairying and experimental forestry. Alice Doyle should take up cheese-making. Miss Drury's future discussed with Boland. Bolands' successful visit to Sir D. Brandis. Sir R. Sankey. Dinner of Kew Guild and Temple Show. Mr. Burbridge, Miss Laird. Wallace's might open nursery in Ireland.

28<sup>th</sup> June from Hendaye, France

Forestry excursions strenuous but exhilarating. The Basque people. Spain. Lebedeff gone to Biarritz. A.H. to Lourdes. Pierre Loti.

15<sup>th</sup> July from Nancy

A.H. tired after excursions. E.G.'s letters on Killarney, kindness of Willis. Susan Mitchell in sanatorium at Belalp. Dr. Christ, botanist, at Basle. Vulgarity of German-Swiss. Charms of Thone valley, Jura, and Basque country. Pyrenees more interesting than Alps. Pierre Loti. Lourdes. The Landes. Travelling companions. Beauty of Jungfrau mountain. Basques compared to Lolos. Charm of Fuenterrabia, 12<sup>th</sup> century town. Return with Lebedeff through Alsace. Smallness of Alps compared with Himalayas. Irish friends, Miss Violet Nagan (?), Miss Munday.

8<sup>th</sup> August from 13 Westpark Gardens, Mortlake Road, Kew.

New Lodgings. Message to Constance (McCormack) re loss of penknife. Regrets for Ireland. Offer from American Government. U.S. reprint of booklet by A.H. A.H.'s photographs of France. Miss Munday. Plans for visit. Work on *The Trees of Great Britain and Ireland*. Nannie Griffin. Paul

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1903 8<sup>th</sup> August (continued)

Gleeson. Mr. Stahl, marriage to Miss Nellie--. Dyer's long story. Miss Elsa--Miss Hull, at Irish Lit. Soc. Dinner at Dyers with head of Board of Agriculture. Mrs. Warren's Profession. Chesterton. Circulars of Dun Emer Press. Copy ordered for Mary (Crum). Messages to McCormacks, Mrs and Ellen Fisher.

13<sup>th</sup> August

A.H. coming to Ireland. Requests for information on trees to Gerald (Gleeson) and H. Norman. *Notes on Economic Botany of China*\_(see above). Lolly Yeats, congratulations on book. (*In the Seven Woods*, the first publication of the Dun Emer press). Photographer for The Trees. Good French posters. Letters from Lebedeff. Pleasant memories of France. Bookcases from Mr. King. N. Griffin as botanical illustrator. Elwes. Head of Board of Agriculture (see above). Sir Dietrich Brandis and the Bolands. Joe Chamberlain. A.H. to go over Dun Emer accounts.

21<sup>st</sup> August date as postmark. Card announcing time of arrival.

28<sup>th</sup> August from Waverley Hotel, Cork

A. H. lecturing in south. Mismanagement of exhibition. Count Plunkett. A.H. to Fota.

1<sup>st</sup> September from Killarney

A.H. lectured on Lolos. Willises. Father Brennan. Miss Megan. Cork tree at Cork. Immense hornbeam at Fota. James Doyle. On to Adare.

3<sup>rd</sup> September card postmark Limerick

A.H. at Lord Monteagle's. Evening with Doyles.  
2 undated notes written at Dun Emer, re accounts. Miss Laird, visit to.

18<sup>th</sup> September from 13 Westpark Gardens, Kew.

Note for Emery Walker received from the Miss Yeats. Visit to Dartry, (?) Co. Monaghan, hospitality of earl and countess. Visits to Dundalk, Belfast, meeting brother (T. Henry), Fishers, Bennets. Lord and Lady Annesley. "Countesses are beauties not mere baronesses". Mrs. Fisher and Miss Lowry. Thanks for E.G.'s hospitality. Messages to Kitty and Gracie.

21<sup>st</sup> September from Kew on paper headed "The Trees of Great Britain and Ireland".

"The millstone to which my neck is now tied". N. Griffin applying for appointment in Ireland. Geraldine (Griffin?) Susan Mitchell's health. Mrs and Miss McCann. May (Kerley). Stahl wedding. Plants for Dun Emer. Mr.

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1903 21<sup>st</sup> September (continued)

Watson. Russian friends. Mrs. Fisher and Ellen. McKeans. Pessimism re Dun Emer unjustified. Criticism of Irish. Joe Fisher away. John Fisher and daughters, Bennetts. No time to call on Miss Fitzpatrick at Belfast.

23<sup>rd</sup> September from 13 Westpark Gardens.

A. H. grateful for kindness but disappointed at lack of appreciation in Ireland, especially of Dun Emer work. Criticism of Catholic Society for Young Girls, problem of girl emigrants. N. Griffin. F.J. Bigger interested in Dun Emer. Susan Mitchell. St. Kevin's Society. Lolly Yeats. Emery Walker and cockerel. Lord Kesteven, his philosophy. A.H. at Maynooth, criticism of deference to English there and elsewhere in Ireland. Mr. B – (illegible) sends picture and book to Gracie. Messages to McCormacks and Miss Yeats. Russian Friends. Income tax.

2<sup>nd</sup> October from 13 Westpark Gardens

Letter from Geo. Moore sent by E.G. Role of Catholic gentleman, e.g. Duke of Norfolk. Criticism of Girls' Friendly Society. Catholics too much influenced by snobbishness and patronage. Lolly Yeats' pressmark. Lily Yeats' embroidery. E.G.s weaving. Stockholm hand-woven rug bought by Mr. Coville. The Laws. English a bad influence on Irish charitable activities. B. Ternau ill. Mr. Rafferty, plantation at the Scalp. Kipling, Balfour and Chamberlain – representatives of Britain. Carlyle. Materialistic outlook. Visit to Lord Kesteven. Lolly Yeats, Emery Walker, Cockerel. *The Seven Woods*.

6<sup>th</sup> October from 13 Westpark Gardens.

Acknowledges cheque from E.G. Mr. Ferrier, photograph. Miss Drury. N. Griffin's application, A.H.'s efforts on her behalf. Miss Hutton, Miss Laird, Miss White. Payment of teachers by Department. Miss V. Megan. Opportunities for rich Irishwomen, their apathy. Miss Boland. Miss McCarthy. Dressing gown. Message for Mrs. McCormack.

10<sup>th</sup> October from 13 Westpark Gardens.

Postcard re bills and cheque, play, and N. Griffin.

13 October from 13 Westpark Gardens.

Thanks for press notices of play by Synge, and Rafferty's address. G.B. Shaw pamphlet enclosed. Visits to Lilla Hull, Clarkes. N. Griffin. Friends and strangers. Katie (McCormack?)'s book. Visit from Boura. Hypocrisy of Independent and Freeman newspapers.

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1903 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 13 Westpark Gardens

N. Griffin. W.B. Yeats' *Samhain*. Criticism of *The Poorhouse* and *Riders to the Sea*, purpose of theatre. The United Irishman. Lady M. Sackville, article for *The Celt* by A.H. Visit to Clarkes. Dislike of English patronage. The Roycrofters (cutting enclosed). Susan Mitchell and Mr. Brophy. The Doyles. Lord Monteagle. Miss Norah Fitzpatrick. Irish Literary Society. Synge. Mrs Stahl.

1<sup>st</sup> November from Kew.

N. Griffin not appointed. Further criticism of charitable organisation. N. and G. Griffin. Dillon ladies. Phyllis Kerry (?), appearance in fancy dress. Sir D. Brandis. G.B. Shaw on man-hunting, pity for unmarried women in London society. Lady Margaret Sackville and A.H.'s article. *Celt No 2*. N. D'Esterre Keeling. Lord Kesteven, his outlook. Dr. and Mrs. Little. McCormacks. Miss V. Megan. Miss Grierson's At Home. Dreary women, a kindergarten teacher's mistaken attitude. Need for private enterprises in Ireland. Letter from Ledebef. Free trade and franchise for women. Miss Drury.

5<sup>th</sup> November from Kew

Advice re purchase of Dun Emer. Miss E. Fisher. Bertie Gill. Dillon. Gerald Gleeson. Poem "Inishail" enclosed. Lady B. and article for *Celt*. Report on Forestry. Norman. Susan Mitchell, photograph. Miss Boyd. Authority on eucalyptus trees. A.H.'s contribution to Dun Emer.

15<sup>th</sup> November from 13 Westpark Gardens

Further calculations re house purchase. Letter from Lolly Yeats re Miss N. Fitzpatrick and Ruby Laird. A.H. to lecture in Dublin. His contribution to Dun Emer. Dr. Costello. Miss Drury. Miss MacMahon, Walsh. Miss McCormick, Miss Coleman, all at Irish Lt. Soc. Visit to Mrs. Stahl, (Miss D'Esterre Keeling). Talk on Lolos at Kew. Interest of trees. Task for Kitty with plants. Griffins a loss to Ireland. Joyce's *Society in Ancient Ireland* praised. Lord Kesteven's friend from Ceylon. Mrs. J. R. Green. Mrs. Prothero. November *Celt* with article by A.H. Lebedeff. De Vilmorin, charm of foreigners. London life depressing. Swiss book on prehistoric times and former wild life. Messages to McCormacks. P.S. Dun Emer accounts, Yeats. Mr. Russell might act as auditor.

A reply from Miss Gleeson on Dun Emer business affairs.

20th November from Westpark Gardens

Contribution of £100 to Dun Emer. Miss Susan Weir of Cookstown, further efforts for N. Griffin. Lecture to R.D.S. "Forests Wild and Cultivated". Slides from Younetzky. Poplin ties.

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1903 23<sup>rd</sup> November from Kew

Acknowledging ties. Susan Mitchell. Death of Mrs. Grieve. Dr. Cahill. Lebedeff not coming. Susan Weir's letter disappoints re post for N. Griffin.

24<sup>th</sup> November from 13 Westpark Gardens

Amplifying last letter. Miss Weir, Miss Griffin. Dun Emer affairs. Gerald Gleeson. Yeats. A.H.'s share. Miss FitzPatrick postpones joining. No copies of *Celt*. A. H.'s busy life and lack of social engagements. Curious menage. Walter Fisher recalled. Visit to Scotts at Richmond. Eddie and Gracie McCormack. Kindness of Dr. Cahill. Susan Mitchell's operation. Ethel---'s conversation with Magan re A.H. Mr. Gill and Mr. Coyne of Dept. Agriculture. Disappointment over Lebedeff. Mr. Willis to settle at Youghal. A.H. over-sensitive to opinions of others. W.H. Hulbert's *Ireland under Coercion 1889* on O'Leary, Sigerson and early work of Yeats.

26<sup>th</sup> November(1) from Kew.

When to sow lilies. Talk with N. Griffin. Irish Lit. Loc. Mrs. Costello, her misgivings about Tuam, could Mrs. McCormack help? Lolly Yeats. Lecture by A.H. to R.D.S. French journalist, introduction to E.G.

26<sup>th</sup> November 1903 (2) from Kew.

Purchase of Dun Emer. Gerald Gleeson. Dillon. Paul Gleeson. Mrs. Costello. Kent a Gaelic name like Cautyre. Gracie better. E.G.'s cousin in New York. Kitty's neuralgia. Lebedeff. Woman journalist to call on A.H. Failure of *Celt* to appear, E.G. asked to make enquiries from Norman re A.H.'s proposals in article. Letters to Willis, Younetzsky, Lebedeff.

30<sup>th</sup> November from 13 Westpark Gardens

Thanks for *The Celt*. Constance McCormack's help re Mrs. Costello. Mrs. Charlie Doyle. E.G. to consult Lord Monteagle re purchase of Dun Emer from Dillon. Good news of Susan Mitchell. Critique of A.H.'s *Celt* article in the *United Irishman*. Griffins. Success of *The Seven Woods*. English materialistic outlook of woman journalist. Criticism of *Celt*. Lady M. Sackville. Article by E.F.B. Fell too long. Hugh Law. Poor Law. Why depend on government? Joyce on ancient Ireland inspiring. Praise for Gaelic League. Father Sheehan's novels wet blanketing. Blunder over name of H. Norman.

11<sup>th</sup> December from 13 Westpark Gardens.

Dun Emer affairs, grant for teachers. Dillon, the Yeats, May Kerley. Illness of Mr. Coyne. Lady Irwin. B. Gill. A.H. going to Dun Emer for Christmas, also Eddie McCormack. Botanists' dinner at Richmond, Dr. Scott. A.H. visits Brahmin friend of Max Miller's "the great Mahatma" but learnt nothing new.

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1903 11<sup>th</sup> December (continued)

His faith in goodness and humility. Message to Russell (A.E.). Lady Margaret Sackville. Mr Rafferty on A.H.'s article.

14<sup>th</sup> December from 13 Westpark Gardens

Enclosures from Paul Gleeson and B. Gill about Dun Emer affairs. Pressure of work. Christmas visit. Visits to Glenageary Gleeson relations and friends. Employment bureau must not become emigration society. Geraldine – join Dun Emer? A.H.'s contribution private. Mr. Coyne. Felix Agricola (Norman) in *The Irish Homestead* on A.H.'s article. Fine trees on derelict estate of Duke of Argyll near Hounslow. Alder 90 feet high. Dinner with Mrs. Stahl, Miss Elsa --. O'Hagan interest in sale of Dun Emer.

1904 No letters till June.

12<sup>th</sup> June from School of Forestry, Nancy, France.

A.H.'s journey via Munich and Tyrol. His variable moods. Sorrow of Munro. Advice on judging for prizes. Killarney people, Willises, Miss B – (illegible) Miss Thorn. Prof. Fliche, botanist, for Killarney. May – at Glenbeigh. Phillimores. Miss Alice Doyle. Mr. Coffey ill. A rug customer swindler. Excursions with foresters. Zurich, a protestant city. McKeans. Prof. Pye. Colum. Advice on health. Art and crafts at Munich. Miss Houston. Messages to McCormacks, Miss Fitzpatrick and Misses Yeats. Sofa back for Mrs. Clarke.

3<sup>rd</sup> July from Aix les bains

A.H. waiting for train. The forest at Modane. Contrasts between France and Italy. Tourists at Aix grotesque. O'Nowlan, student friend of Douglas Hyde, going to study forestry at Nancy. Susan Michell on E.G.'s party. Details of return journey.

21<sup>st</sup> July from 13 Westpark Gardens, Kew.

Last excursions spoilt by heat. Mr. Russell, Dun Emer as co-operative. Depression. Visits to Griffins, Sir Dietrich Brandis. Tree excursion with Sir Hugh Beevor. Arrears of correspondence. Brun (French friend). Message to May Kerley. Hickel and Dode (French friends).

25<sup>th</sup> July from 13 Westpark Gardens

A.H. coming to Dublin, before meeting of English Arboricultural Society in Aberdeen. Visit to Beevors, illness of Lady Beevor. Increasing burden of work. A.E.'s poems presented to Lady Beevor.

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1904 24<sup>th</sup> August from King's Arms Hotel, Dumfries.

Scottish tour. Aberdeen, Durrus, Haddo, Pine forest of Ballochbuie. With Sir H. Beevor to measure Douglas fir. Scone palace. Kirkcudbright. Scott Elliott, old friend of A.H. Gaelic Scots. Early hours and hard days. Messages to Mrs. McCormack, Miss Fitzpatrick.

20<sup>th</sup> October from 13 Westpark Gardens.

A.H. working with Elwes on 1<sup>st</sup> part of *The Trees*. Worsley, reminiscent of Walter Fisher. Irish Literary Society. Lyons Popular café. Garnett. Lecture at Dumfries. Scott Elliott and his wife. Alice Doyle. T. Henry, Sir A. McD--, McSwiney, Mrs. Law. Twigs enclosed to show difficulty of distinguishing species. Kitty McCormack. Messages to Mrs. McCormack, Miss Fitzpatrick. Mr. McCoogan, photographs. A.H. to visit Limerick. With Sir H. Beevor at Syon. Mrs Willis. Dan Doyle. Paul (Gleeson). Inertia in Ireland. Griffins' cousins, Miss Hester Sheehy. No regret for China. Visit from A.E. Pratt. The Yeats will leave Dun Emer. Mellon's bill. Dun Emer work for Mrs. Elwes.

24<sup>th</sup> October from 13 Westpark Gardens.

Photographs from McGoogan. With Mrs. Brownlow to Lyons' Popular Café. Aimé Constant Fidèle Henry, writer on fungi. Cushion for Mrs. Elwes. Lecture to R.D.S. for March, A.H. to go on to Limerick, A. Doyle and Dr. Fogarty. Tom Henry. Book bargains, Evelyn's *Sylva* and Strutt's *Trees* for 11/-. To be bound by Mr. Andrews for 4/-.

31<sup>st</sup> October from 13 Westpark Gardens.

Mrs. Elwes' present. A.H. to investigate rug swindler (see 12<sup>th</sup> June '04) Photographs of A.E. and Dun Emer. Miss Fitzpatrick. Visit to Dumfries and Scott Elliots. To Limerick on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs. Brownlow. T. Henry.

3<sup>rd</sup> November from 13 Westpark Gardens.

A. H. to stay with Elwes. *John Bull's Other Island*. Joy. (?). A.H. compared to Larry Doyle by Mrs. Stahl and her sister Miss D'Esterre Keeling. Play should be acted by Irish Literary Theatre. Purchase of Dun Emer. Paul (Gleeson). Visit from Miss Woolward. Baby Sanders. A.H.'s views on Yeatses. A.H. a failure by conventional standards.

21<sup>st</sup> November from 13 Westpark Gardens.

Enclosing bill for sofa back on Dun Emer paper. Seeds of *Larix Griffithii* for E.G. to try. Rug ordered for Lady Thiselton-Dyer. A.H. off to Scott Elliots. Their friends the Lamonts. A.H. to lecture in Glasgow. Apologies for earlier letter (missing). Dun Emer note heading criticised. Enclosure for Willises.



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1904 2<sup>nd</sup> December from Monreith, Whauphill, Wigtownshire.

A. H. has lectured at Dumfries, Castledouglas and Glasgow. Stayed Castlekennedy near Stranraer. Now with Sir Herbert Maxwell, his many interests. Rev. Dr. Landsborough at Kilmarnock.

6<sup>th</sup> December from 13 Westpark Gardens.

Enclosing cutting with summary of lecture on *Forests Wild and Cultivated*. Packet sent to Willises may have been lost. E.G. to stay with Biggers in Belfast. Scotland far in advance of Ireland re forestry. Sir H. Maxwell to lecture to Soc. Of Arts. Keir Hardie advocating afforestation. A.H. now convinced of possibilities. "I shall be taken possession of by this side". Rug for Mrs Scott Elliot. Rug swindler. Dr. Landsborough, a wonderful old man. Difficult position of women with money. "Celtic Christmas" (book?). N. Griffin's office, a Russian refugee. Messages to Fishers. Lecture fees spent on share as host in dinner to Thiselton-Dyer at the Monaco.

19<sup>th</sup> December, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Pressure of work prevents visit to Dun Emer for Christman. "Aonac" – apparently a sale of Irish goods, - Griffins, Bolands, Miss McHale, Mrs. Clancy, Mrs. Stahl, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Costello (Miss Drury), Miss Laird. A.H. "chained to this terrible book". Cuttings praise Dun Emer goods. May Kerley's rugs. Presents for Kitty and Gracie McCormack. Dun Emer now getting good orders. Visit to Miss Laird at Mrs. Podmore's, Walsh and young Belfast men there. London fog.

23<sup>rd</sup> December, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Dooley on *The Simple Life*. A.H. simplifies food and clothes. Pullar's dry cleaning service. Paying formal calls. A.H.'s grandmother. Mrs. Hull. Mrs. Scott Elliot's rug. Lady Thiselton-Dyer's rug. Tree visit to Arley Castle. Christmas alone in Restaurant d'Italie. Griffins and Mrs. Hunt. Request for Miss N. Fitzpatrick's address. Mrs. Robert Kelly. Alice Doyle. Mrs. Clarke. Mrs. Fisher. Bolands' good work at Aonac. Mrs. Stahl.

26<sup>th</sup> December, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Thanks for book and tie. A.H. visited Hunts and Griffins on Christmas Day. Complaint about Glenbeigh rug relayed through Mrs. Stahl.

28<sup>th</sup> December, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Old friends, Munro. Joe Fisher criticised for *Northern Whig* omissions. Sonnet by Joy. May Kerley now at Glenbeigh. Lady Thiselton-Dyer's rug. Paul and Mai Gleeson. E.G. and painting. Tea at Sir D. Brandis'. Mildred Chapman, flirtatious manner. Hard work on trees, divergence of views with Elwes. F. Biggar (sic) and Belfast lecture.

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1905 4<sup>th</sup> January, 13 Westpark Gardens.

A.H. returns envelope received empty from Dundrum.

10<sup>th</sup> January, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Visit to Arley (see 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. '04). Mrs. Woodward (hostess) sister of Mrs. Bewick. Sir Sidney and Lady Lee (Mrs. W.'s daughter) Request for Miss Houston's address. Sir William and Lady Dyer and the rug. Repair to enamelled dragon. E.G. should delegate designing. Mrs. J. R. Green. Sir Hugh Beevor. French forestry friends. A.H.'s variable moods. Parasol beeches, note from Mrs. Smyth. Miss McCarthy to join Dun Emer.

11<sup>th</sup> January, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Covering note for missing enclosures.

16<sup>th</sup> January, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Acknowledging Miss Houston's address. A.H. to speak at Linnean Soc. on first appearance of new women members. Lunch with Mrs. J.R. Green. MacMillan (publisher) there. Mrs. Schacht, customer for Dun Emer. Yeates to send things on approval. Mildred Chapman. Mrs. Ross Palmer whose husband runs Creamery in Tralee, - Irish obscurantism. Mr. Talbot Crosbie's library. Griffins' library at Enniskerry. Willisies. Miss Megan. Mr. Boland interested in libraries.

24<sup>th</sup> January, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Advice on insomnia of E.G. T. Gill's encouragement for Dun Emer. E.G. could delegate work to N. Griffin. A.H. with Miss Sheehy (?) to Degas Exhibition at Grafton Gallery. Miss V. Dickinson. Fiasco of Linnean Society evening. Miss Ellen Willmott, quarrel with Alfred Parsons, illustrator. Irish Literary Society, Miss Lolly Yeats and Miss Alice Elkin Matthews, enameller. Lecture to Mr. Willis' students, then in Limerick, then to Belfast, to Mr. Biggar. McKean. Rug for Mrs Scott Elliott. Mrs. Schacht's show of Dun Emer embroideries. Pressure of work. A.H. interested in peat mosses for planting. Exchange of books with Elwes. Subject for books: Arts of Ireland 1700 – 1800, suggest to Miss Purcell or Mr. Norman. Rug swindler. Dun Emer rug in "The Studio".

8<sup>th</sup> February, 13 Westpark Gardens

Pressure of work. Visit to Clarkes. Dinner with Bakers (Quaker botanist). Miss Noel F.L. S. Programme of lectures for March. Manchester, Dublin. Limerick, Belfast and London Horticultural Club. Alice Doyle. Father Hogan of U.C.D. Message to Miss Fitzpatrick. Lunch with Walter Crums, Calderons.

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1905 21<sup>st</sup> February, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Anxiety re E.G.'s health. Pressure of work. Sir H. Beevor, illness of daughter Bridget. N. Griffin. Visit to Clarkes, one engaged to Miss Talbot. Sir H. Maxwell at Kew. Arthur McCann, friend of Mrs. Green. Lady Oranmore and Lady Dyer on Dun Emer. Rug swindler. Sir D. Brandis's tea parties, Miss Chapman. Message to Yeates re embroidery bought by Mrs. Clarke. Sir Anthony MacDonald and Lord Wyndham, Liberal Unionists unfair to Joe Fisher. Dress problems. Alice Doyle and Limerick appearance. Miss Willmott, R.C. useful patron for Dun Emer. Miss McCarthy's workshop in England. Messages to Constance McCormack and Miss Fitzpatrick. Miss Mitchell, Miss D'Esterre, Kitty McCormack, to assist A.H. with novel project! Matthew Arnold's poetry.

22<sup>nd</sup> February, 13 Westpark Gardens.

A. H. calls on rug swindler (see 12. 6. 04, 31. 10. 04). He buys goods on credit and pawns them. Consult Mr. Hull on advisability of prosecuting.

10<sup>th</sup> March (postmark)

Appointment for Sunday. Dinner with Mrs. J.R. Green

24<sup>th</sup> March, 13 Westpark Gardens.

See 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. No more to be done.

31<sup>st</sup> March, 13 Westpark Gardens

E.G.'s letter forwarded from Mr. Bigger's. Lecture by A.H. to Horticultural Club. Sir H. Maxwell. Mr. Hull. Miss Dyer. Burden of *The Trees*. Contract precludes A.H. from writing for Dr. Finlay. Proofs read by Sir J. Hooker and Sir H. Maxwell. Elwes as partner. Nannie Griffin. Visitors to A.H. at Kew, Miss Adela Clarke, Miss Von Wolf, Dr. Landsborough, Lord Kesteven. Mr. McKean, illness of Ellen Fisher.

9<sup>th</sup> April, 13 Westpark Gardens

Week end with Miss Willmott at Warley Place. Her Rose book. A. Parsons' illustrations. Griffins. Ellen Fisher. Gerald (Gleeson?). Mrs. Magan. Rug for Mrs Scott Elliott. Mrs. Weiss. *Lilium Henryi* bulbs from nuns at Limerick, per Alice Doyle. Dun Emer affairs.

14<sup>th</sup> May, 13 Westpark Gardens

E.G. coming to London. A.H.'s engagements, Lord Kesteven, Miss Woolward. Introduction to A.K. Bulley. Nannie Griffin. Supper with Mrs. Green. Miss Slater, niece of Bishop of Meath, critical of Irish gentry. Miss Anning. Gerald (Gleeson). Mrs. Schacht interested in arts and crafts.

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1905 29<sup>th</sup> May, 13 Westpark Gardens

E.G. staying with Griffins. A.H.'s engagements, dinner with Kew Guild.

5<sup>th</sup> July, 13 Westpark Gardens

Visit from A.H.'s sister. A.H. going to Colesborne (Elwes) Mrs. Green and Feis at Foynes.

19<sup>th</sup> July, 13 Westpark Gardens

Asking for news. N. Griffin and A.H. at flower show at Chelsea. Photographs to Alice Doyle. Lunch at House of Commons with Sir H. Maxwell. Sir W. Phillimore, connection with Miss N. FitzPatrick. Sir D. Brandis, tea to meet Miss Chapman. Mrs. and Miss Hunt. Dr. V.W. Webber of Kildare.

23<sup>rd</sup> July, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Visit to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor at Sherfield Manor, Hants. With Sir H. Maxwell. S. African millionaires. Dun Emer affairs. Book on lives of saints. Feis at Foynes (see 5. 7. 05). Lady Monteagle. Mrs. Green's suggestion of tour with Mr. Waller of Congested Districts Board. Stephen Clarke and pamphlet, Miss McNeil. N. Griffin. Mildred Chapman, her work for cripples. Introspection and depression. Susan Mitchell ill. Trees at Strathfieldsaye (?). Photographs of Cushendall feis. Doyles and Paul (Gleeson?).

15<sup>th</sup> August, 13 Westpark Gardens

A.H. back at Kew after visit to Ireland. Mr. and Dr. Wright, introduction from Mrs. Green.

18<sup>th</sup> August, 13 Westpark Gardens

Death of Mr. Willis (see 12.6.04 etc). Miss Twiss. Mrs. Green's introduction to Wrights. Visit to Sir Walter Phillimore. Geraldine and Nannie Griffin at Kilkee. Miss Woolward.

22<sup>nd</sup> August, 13 Westpark Gardens

A.H. lunched with Mr. Wright Librarian of London Library and brother of Prof. A.E. Wright M.D. who is on holiday in Kilkee. E.G. to consult him on his return to Dublin. (He was later Sir Almroth Wright). A.H.'s motor overcoat. Visit from Lebedeff's brother.

24<sup>th</sup> August, 13 Westpark Gardens

Dr. Wright son of Prof. Wright botanist of T.C.D. Grief for Mr. Willis. E.G. to visit Lady De Vesci, message for her. A.H. friend of Miss Dickenson,

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1905 24<sup>th</sup> August (continued)

would like to visit Abbeyleix woods. Tree visits also to Mr. Webber (see 19.7.05) and Mr. Walker in Mayo. Letter from Alice Doyle.

30<sup>th</sup> August, 13 Westpark Gardens.

A.H. on visit to Phillimores. Sir Hugh Beevor also recommends Dr. Wright. Week end at Watford with Mr. Hill of Cambridge. A.H. gives correct opinion on point of American law. Eclipse of the sun. Shiplake House. Old stained glass better than Miss Purser's. MS. poem by Gladstone. Fellow guests, Sir Percy Sanderson and sister. Pictures by Lady Waterford admired by Watts. Visit to Clinton Baker. Kit-Cat Club original portraits there. Cricket bat willow. Visit to Scotland in Sept. A.H. resigned to lonely life. Messages to McCormacks and Miss N FitzPatrick, Letter from Miss Twiss.

7<sup>th</sup> September, 13 Westpark Gardens.

A.H. to visit Sir H. Maxwell at Monreith. Presses loan on E.G.

14<sup>th</sup> September, Monreith, Wigtownshire.

At Sir H. Maxwell's. Fellow guests Andrew Lang and Benson. Mrs. Graham Moir (daughter of house) resembles Ellen Fisher. Loan again urged on E.G. A.H. going on to visit R.M. Birkbeck of Kinloch House, Invergarry. McKean. Miss N. FitzPatrick.

2<sup>nd</sup> October, 13 Westpark Gardens.

No news of E.G. and Dr. Wright. N Griffin. Details of Scottish tour. Just missed King Edward at Birkbecks'. Sir John Stirling Maxwell at Corroul. Fellow guests, Lord Percy, Lady Evelyn McDonnell, Miss Neville. Visit to Prof. Balfour at Edinburgh. Sir Arch. Hepburn, descendant of Bothwell, relics of Mary Queen of Scots. Plantations near Glasgow. Back to London. Lunch with Mrs. Green. A.H. photographed stag. No word from Lady de Vescei. Visit to Vicary Gibbs (met at Monreith) then to Elwes. Afforestation at Benmor near Kilmeen impressed A.H.

6<sup>th</sup> October, 13 Westpark Gardens.

A.H. acknowledges cheque from E.G. (interest on share in Dun Emer). E.G. urged to come to London for treatment by Dr. Wright. May Kerley looking well. Dun Emer holding its own. Cushendall photographs. Yeats sisters.

20<sup>th</sup> October, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Photographs enclosed. Visit to Aldenham, Lord Aldenham father of Vicary Gibbs (see 2.10.05). Others of family. A.E.'s poetry. Treasures of house. Griffins. Miss Shurmer. Lecture on forestry to Irish Lit. Soc. Lunch with Thynnes. Mrs. Green. A.H. to cut aristocratic connections when book

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1905 20<sup>th</sup> October (continued)

finished. Dun Emer affairs. The Yeats. Miss Shurmer. Messages to McCormacks and Miss FitzPatrick. G. Griffin. Christianity and Socialism. Religion answer to social problems.

25<sup>th</sup> October, 13 Westpark Gardens.

No word from Mr. Waller (see 23.7.05) E.G. coming to London. A.H. to be at Colesborne. Belfast friends met at Mrs. Green's, Hughes, Hobson, Lyon (?). Mrs. Green and Miss Brunton to Kew. May Kerley. Miss Twiss. Messages to Miss Alice and Lily Doy. Burden of book. Wish to live in Ireland. Andrew Lang on meaning of Henry name, Henrys at massacre of Glencoe. Lord Aldenham knew Henry ladies in Rome descended from ancient clan.

5<sup>th</sup> November, Colesborne.

A.H. anxious to contact E.G. Mrs Green wants to meet Griffins.

9<sup>th</sup> November, Colesborne.

Arranging to meet E.G. Hard work on book. Autobiography of naturalist Wallace. A.H.'s moods of depression attributed to malaria. Messages to Griffins.

10<sup>th</sup> November, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Further efforts to arrange meeting, and introduce Mrs. Green and Griffins.

14<sup>th</sup> November, 13 Westpark Gardens.

E.G. consulting Dr. Wright. Invitation from Lady Brunton for her and A.H. can be combined with Irish Lit. Society.

16<sup>th</sup> November, 13 Westpark Gardens.

E. G. still staying with Griffins. Arranging meeting. A.H.'s recent engagements (with Bruntons?).

3<sup>rd</sup> December, 13 Westpark Gardens.

E.G. visiting Bath. A.H. to Holkham, Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, American Irish, and Padraic Colum at Mrs. Green's. Mrs. Dr. Little. Sir H. Bevon. Message to N. Griffin.

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1905 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 13 Westpark Gardens.

E.G. back at Dun Emer. A.H. has confidence in Dr. Wright. Burden of book. Kindness of acquaintances. Vacancy at Kew, A.H. not likely candidate. At Home at Miss P. Strachey's. Her brother the Persian poet. A.H. to lunch with Mrs. Green. Reflective mood. Coming elections. Christmas wishes and messages to McCormacks.

26<sup>th</sup> December, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Thanks for present of tie. Christmas day calls on Dr. Little, V. Hunt, Griffins, Mrs. Stahl, etc. Dinner with Dyers. Present for Mrs. Dyer. Mrs. Green's new book.

1906 1<sup>st</sup> January, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Appointment at Kew only rumour. Mrs. Cobden Sanderson. Keir Hardie. Appointment to meet E.G.

5<sup>th</sup> February, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Meeting E.G. at Pioneer Club. Zdarovich (?). Sir P. and Lady Manson's high opinion of Dr. Wright. Appointment at Kew.

7<sup>th</sup> February, 13 Westpark Gardens.

E.G.'s health and business affairs of Dun Emer.

21<sup>st</sup> February, 13 Westpark Gardens.

E.G. back at Dun Emer and A.H. going there. A.H. had fever. Cobden Sandersons, Keir Hardie, lecture by A.H. at Morris Hall. Chapmans. Miss Strachey. Mrs. Rees from China. Mrs. L. Little. A.H. going to Ireland.

25<sup>th</sup> February, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Mrs. Patrick, customer for Dun Emer. Success of A.H.'s charity lecture for Miss Chapman.

27<sup>th</sup> February, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Visit to Ireland to lecture, staying with Moores (at Botanic Gardens).

6<sup>th</sup> March (postmark) Ireland, no address.

A. H. to Kilmacurragh and Powerscourt. Contribution to picnic given by E.G.

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1906 19<sup>th</sup> March, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Fitzpatricks, Laws. Griffins. Mr. and Miss Wright. E.G.'s health. Shamrock from Alice Doyle, Dun Emer and Moores. Irish ceremony at cathedral for Mr. Stopford. Kathleen FitzPatrick "religious in the right way". Mrs. Green.

21<sup>st</sup> March, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Anxiety about E.G.'s new treatment. G.Griffin leaving London. N. Griffin remains. Mrs. Green. Elwes. Miss Woolward. Sir H. Maxell. Mrs. Bewicke. Dun Emer affairs. Lady Aberdeen and Mrs. Bryce. Doyle family (of Limerick). Mr. Bryce. Sir J. Gore Booth's daffodils at Horticultural Soc. show. R. Casement enquired for E.G. Messages to A. Doyle, Nora FitzPatrick and McCormacks.

30<sup>th</sup> March, 13 Westpark Gardens.

E.G. must persevere with treatment. Sir Lauder Brunton's recommendation of Dr. Wright. Dun Emer affairs. Visit to Kew of Sir H. Maxwell and Somerville, Assist. Sec. of Board of Agriculture. A.H. to go with them to Asbridge Park. Irish Lit. Soc. Candidature of Miss MacMahon. Griffins. Sir W. and Lady Phillimore. Mildred Chapman. Qualifications required in wife for A.H. Stopford. Mrs McMillan. Old flame of A.H. in Co. Down has fine trees. Dinner with Mrs. Bewicke, fellow guests, planchette game with glass. Dyers. Sir D. Brandis, Mrs Beck. Appointment at Kew. Alice Doyle. Project for a novel. Messages to Ethel and all at Dun Emer, Gerald etc. Mrs Macmillan. May Kerley and Duchess of Sutherland. Zdarovich (see 5<sup>th</sup> Feb). Stopford.

5<sup>th</sup> April, 13 Westpark Gardens

Short visit to Colesborne. *Rehmannia angulata*. Two gold medals for A.H. One for St. Louis exhibition, the other the V.M.H. (Victoria medal of the Royal Horticultural Society).

10<sup>th</sup> April, 13 Westpark Gardens.

(1) Hasty note on business with Gerald Gleeson.  
(2) E.G.'s health and Dun Emer affairs. Mrs. Law, Mrs L. Philimore, Alice Doyle. Death of Madame Ternau. Miss Woodburn. May Kerley. Hard work on book at Colesborne. With Elwes, Prof. Sargent and Miss Willmott to Kew. Cobden Sandersons' party for boat race. Old memories, Weirs. Mrs. Green, Keir Hardie, Barnes, John Burns, Kettle (M.P.s), Alice Brunton, Miss Laird. With Alice Brunton to Kew. Sir H. Maxwell. Dinner with Mrs. Green and Mr. Kettle. Sir H. Maxwell. Dinner with Mrs. Green and Mr. Kettle. "Maternite" at Stage Society. Herbert Hughes. Walter Crum, recommended to consult Dr. Wright. Work and social life. Dyers. Miss Chapman. Dun Emer at Ball's Bridge show. *Rehmannia angulata*. Kitty Carrington. Edition of *Paul et Virginie* for Mai Gleeson.



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1906 15<sup>th</sup> April, (postmark)

A. H. with Hills at Watford for Easter. Visit to Weybridge with Mr. Bilney and to Wisley, now run by R.H.S. Mr. Wright, gardener there, to send plant to E.G. A.H. in calm nostalgic mood. *Gentiana acaulis*. Pure colour. Mrs. Venables. Mrs Cobden Sanderson. Illness of Walter Crum. *Rehmannia angulata* at Wisley. *Rodgersia pinnata* (both plants found by A.H.)

18<sup>th</sup> April, (postmark) 13 Westpark Gardens, Kew.

Postcard from Katie (McCormack?). Visits paid with Mr. Hill to Holland Hibbert, Mrs. Venables, Rothschilds (imaginary meal described). Sir Hugh Beevor – everyone away or out. Rothschilds' fine Wellingtonias. Cassiobury Park.

30<sup>th</sup> April, 13 Westpark Gardens

E.G. now better. Gerald helpful. Boss Croker. Death of Mrs. Glasson, reminder of Mr. Willis's. N. Griffin. Stopfords. Brown (botanist) to help with book. Mrs. Green and her niece. A.H. for Cambridge to stay with Mr. Hill. Plants for E.G. from Wisley and Kew.

10<sup>th</sup> May, 13 Westpark Gardens.

A.G.'s dream of E.G. Visit to Cambridge. Dinner at Mrs. Green's. Alice Brunton, R. Casement, Hugh Law. Lunch with Lord Kesteven. Felix Schuster may influence Bryce re forestry. A.H. advises Sir John Stirling Maxwell. De Vilmorin. Plants for E.G.

4<sup>th</sup> June, 13 Westpark Gardens.

A.H. to flower show at Temple with Mrs. Green, Lady Brunton and "Perdita" (Alice Brunton). Visit to Arley Castle. Forestry exhibition at Swindon. On to Lord Darnley's, Cobham. Motor tour in France with Lord Kesteven. Dinner of Kew Guild for new Director (Colonel Prain). N. Griffin. Forest of Arden. Mrs. Bewicke, Mrs. Woodward (sisters) at Arley. Sir Sydney Lee and Mrs. Ernest Hart making things of ramie (?). A.H. has agreed to lecture in Limerick for Alice Doyle.

3<sup>rd</sup> July, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Motor tour in France (see above). MM. Hickel, Dode, De Vilmorin. A.H. now catching up with work. Sir H. Maxwell suggests joint visit to Ireland, but A.H. too busy. Lecture at Toynbee Hall. Holland Park flower show. Alice Doyle, resemblance to French girls round Blois. Lady Darnley pleased with poems of A.E. given her by A.H. T. Gill should send students to Grignon.

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1906 10<sup>th</sup> July, 13 Westpark Gardens.

A.H. at Colesborne. Cases of hair whitening early, James Mullen (mentioned in P. Kerley's notebook?) Mary Weir. A.H. not wire-pulling re Kew appointment. Unsettled mood. Letter from Lilla Hull. Flower show. Mrs. Brownlow, at Toynbee Hall lecture. With her and Miss Hall to restaurant. Toynbee hall cranks. Imperfect sympathies. Oireactas. Doyles of Limerick. N. Griffin ought to be in Ireland. Dun Emer business. Miss Garnett, sad story of Kathleen Smith. Outward gaiety of A.H., inward pessimism.

18<sup>th</sup> July, 13 Westpark Gardens.

A.H. suddenly going to Oregon and Montana on forestry business (to collect seed of *Larix occidentalis*). Visit to Bayfordbury. Lord Kesteven.

23<sup>rd</sup> July, (postmark)

Regret at not going to Ireland. American journey is A.H.'s own suggestion. Messages to McCormacks, Miss K. FitzPatrick, Mr. Norman, A.E., Mrs. Green, N. Griffin, Mrs. Prain, all said goodbye.

24<sup>th</sup> July, 13 Westpark Gardens.

E.G. to rest. Noble. Mr. Norman. A.H. to be accompanied by eldest Hull boy and joined later by Lord Kesteven. Exact route still uncertain.

26<sup>th</sup> July, R.M.S. Majestic, Queenstown.

A.H.'s farewells. Sir D. Brandis, Mildred Chapman. Alice Doyle. Regrets at never being able to be in Ireland.

1907 Augustine Henry left England at the end of July 1906 to collect seeds in North America and Canada and to visit trees in their habitats. On the way home he visited Spain, Italy, Corsica and Algeria. There are letters about these journeys in the library of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, but the series to Miss Gleeson breaks off till early the following year.

15<sup>th</sup> February, from Kew.

A.H. coming to Ireland. Outing with "Perdita" (Alice Brunton). Success of first volume of The Trees. Chance of a new post.

28<sup>th</sup> February, L. & N.W.R. Mailboat, Holyhead.

Regrets at leaving Ireland. Susan Mitchell quoted. Reflections on recent visit. Portrait of A.H. by E.G. Religious views, nature of the soul.

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1907 9<sup>th</sup> March, from Kew

Buttons from Miss McCarthy for Mrs. Sargent, Mrs. Elrod. Dress for May Kerley. E.G. pressed to take trip to Florence. Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Keir Hardie.

12<sup>th</sup> March, 13 Westpark Gardens, Kew.

Urging E.G. to go to Florence. Message to Mrs. Costello of Tuam. Character of Mrs. Green. "Perdita", unaware of A.H.'s feelings for her. Mrs. Cobden Sanderson's gaol experiences. Keir Hardie on America and on Richard Jeffries. A.H.'s views on socialism. Dan Doyle. Miss McCarthy, bill to be sent with buttons for U.S. Customs. Crochet from May Doyle for Mrs. Sargent. American friends. Mrs. Robbins.

15<sup>th</sup> March, from Kew.

Apology for blunder. Hard work on book. "Perdita" has vanished. Norah FitzPatrick back at Dun Emer. May Kerley's dress. A.H. going to Cobden Sandersons' for Boat race.

20<sup>th</sup> March, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Apology reiterated. "Perdita" dismissed from A.H.'s thoughts. Talk with Keir Hardie at boat race. A.H.'s lecture to Kew gardeners. Messages to N. FitzPatrick and Mrs. McCormack. May Kerley's dress.

21<sup>st</sup> March, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Pleasure of visit from Mary, who will advice on May Kerley's dress. "Confessions of Sinner Augustine". Message from "Perdita". Plans for Easter, Mr. Young at Stradbally, Abbeyleix. A.H. not own master. Possibility of new post (see 15 .2.07) doubt whether to apply. Difficulty of E.G.'s position. A.H.'s love of freedom.

26<sup>th</sup> March, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Hat and dress for May (Kerley), chosen by Mary (Crum). A.H.'s programme of lectures – Maryborough, Cork. With "Perdita" to see Mrs. Pat Campbell in *Hedda Gabler*. Miss Kendall (American) learning book-binding at Cobden-Sandersons'. Miss N. FitzPatrick. Immortality. *The Trees*. Mrs. Green. Mrs. Martin. Hopes to settle in Ireland. Advice on health.

5<sup>th</sup> April, from Mail Boat (Holyhead).

Return from Ireland. Susan Mitchell. Miss Young's Gaelicism. Criticism of Casement resented. "Perdita". E.G. coming to London. Vicary Gibbs. A.H. sitting to E.G. for portrait. Mrs. MacMillan, Mrs. Grieve. Regret at leaving Ireland.

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1907 12<sup>th</sup> April, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Mary (Crum's) visit to E.G. A.H. lonely in London. With Sir Hugh Beevor to look at trees. Dan Doyle, Uncle P. (Paul Gleeson?). Miss Young. Griffins. Suicide of botanist acquaintance. E.G.'s approaching visit.

24<sup>th</sup> April, 13, Westpark Gardens.

E.G. and May Kerley coming to London. Mary Crum's news of them. May Doyle's marriage. D. Doyle. Douglas Hyde. *Irish Liberation*. Visit to Cobham Hall. Mrs. Green. Mrs Cobden Sanderson. Nannie Griffin. Depression and hard work. Sir H. Beevor, wife's illness. No news of "Perdita". Visit to Oxford. Concert at Grafton Galleries. Herbert Hughes' songs sung by Denis Sullivan. Harry Lauder, a great comic.

12<sup>th</sup> May (postmark on letter card), 13 Westpark Gardens.

Pioneer Club. Griffins. Knightsbridge show (of handicrafts?) Arrangements to meet. Lecture at Cambridge. Proofs of *Trees*.

13<sup>th</sup> May, 13 Westpark Gardens.

E.G. ill. May Kerley to deputise at show. Spanish friend to visit A.H. Arrangements to meet.

15<sup>th</sup> May, 13 Westpark Gardens

Appointment at Knightsbridge show.

16<sup>th</sup> May, 13 Westpark Gardens

Failure to meet. Mrs. Clancy. Further arrangements to meet. Mrs. Elwes' operation. Elwes and Sir C. Strickland. Interruptions to work. Possibility of post at Cambridge. Lord Kesteven back from Africa.

20<sup>th</sup> May, 13 Westpark Gardens

Inviting E.G., May Kerley, to "A Woman of No Importance". With Elwes by motor to Coombe Wood Nursery (Veitch's) and Claremont etc. Visitor from Washington Bureau of Agriculture. "Perdita" at Hendon. Mercer, Spanish friend (see 13<sup>th</sup> May).

22<sup>th</sup> May, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Pressure of *Trees* business. To Strathfieldsaye via Reading. Friend from Gibraltar (see above). Appointment to meet at Pioneer Club.

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1907 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 13 Westpark Gardens

Directions for getting to Kew. May Kerley. Pioneer Club.

27<sup>th</sup> May, 13 Westpark Gardens.

Two letters making appointment to meet. Temple Show. Mr and Mrs Archie Little. Dinner of Kew Guild at Holborn Restaurant. Interruptions to work.

11<sup>th</sup> June, 13 Westpark Gardens

On paper headed "Belton, Grantham". A.H. visiting Miss Woolward, tree student there. Visit to Lord Kesteven. Visits to Belvoir, Lilford, Abthorpe. A.H. applying for Cambridge readership on advice of Dyer and Prain. E.G.'s visit over. N. Griffin, Mrs. Clancy, Mrs. MacMillan. No word from May Kerley.

14<sup>th</sup> June, 13 Westpark Gardens.

E.G.'s financial difficulties. Mr. Smith. Advice on Dun Emer problems. R. Kelly. A.H.'s own circumstances.

23<sup>rd</sup> June, 13 Westpark Gardens.

More about Dun Emer finances. A.H. advises winding up, or forming company. Mr. Smith. Dr. Dillon (landlord). A.H.'s own news – visit to Mrs. Green, Lady MacDonald, Mrs. Schacht. Arthur Hill of Cambridge, Kew post. A.H. applying for Cambridge post. Different reasons for depression. Acquaintance afraid of Germans taking London. Sir John Sterling Maxwell. Professor Sargent. Letter from May Kerley. Mrs. MacMillan.

2<sup>nd</sup> July, 13, Westpark Gardens.

Thanks for birthday present. N. Griffin's misdirected energy. Visit to Mrs. Green to meet Munro-Ferguson (he was Chairman of Forestry Commission, 1902). Application for Cambridge post. Sargent and A.H. to visit Ireland.

11<sup>th</sup> July, (date as postmark).

Royal Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin. A.H. unable to meet E.G. "Hustling" Message to Joe Fisher. Trip with Sargent and Sir F. Moore to Wicklow, Waterford, Cork, Kenmare, Killarney.

14<sup>th</sup> September, 13 Westpark Gardens.

E.G. going to New York. Introductions to T. Keenan (cousin of A.H.), Britton, head of Bronx Park Botanic Garden; Advice to go on to Boston. Boston Arts and Crafts Society. Visit to Sir H. Beevor. Photograph of "Perdita". A.H. to meet Mary (Crum) from Scotland.

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1907 24<sup>th</sup> December, 36 Grosvenor Road, Westminster.  
(Home of Alice Stopford Green).

Request for address of Miss O'Connor Eccles. A.H. writing to Mrs. Sargent and Mrs. Robbins of Boston to introduce E.G. Mrs. Robbins' book, *Rescue of an Old Place*. A.H. confided in her about "Perdita". (To whom he is now engaged). Messages to Kitty and Gracie (McCormack). May Kerley. Agnes (sister of A.H.). T. Keenan, editor of *American Druggist*.

26<sup>th</sup> December, 36 Grosvenor Road.

A.H.'s engagement to Elsie (Alice Brunton), not to make any difference to friendship with E.G. Requests for letter from Joe Fisher; Dun Emer prospectus for Elwes; Address of Miss O'Connor Eccles (see above).

27<sup>th</sup> December, 36 Grosvenor Road.

Farewell letter to E.G. now passenger on Lusitania. Visit with Mrs. Green to Miss O'Connor Eccles postponed by meeting with Mrs. Hubbard. Message to May Kerley. A.H. lunched with Mrs. Hull. Visit to Cambridge on business. Everyone pleased at engagement. Mrs. McMillan enquired for E.G. E.G. must visit Mrs. Robbins, address from Prof. Sargent.

1908 8<sup>th</sup> January, 36 Grosvenor Road.

A.H. moving to 13 Warkworth Street, Cambridge. Wedding to be March. Lady Brunton's illness. Messages to May Kerley. A.H. writing introduction to Mrs. Robbins. Busy with *Trees*.

19<sup>th</sup> January, 13 Warkworth Street, Cambridge.

Acknowledging E.G.'s letter from Lusitania, and p. c. from May Kerley. Dun Emer rugs for Mrs. Seward and Miss Adele Clarke. Grand wedding of latter. Nephew of Pierpont Morgan there. With Elsie to *Arms and the Man* and again with Mrs. Green. Plans for quiet wedding. Lady Brunton's illness. Visit to Griffins. Mrs. McMillan. Happiness in engagement. Cutting enclosed of announcement.

15<sup>th</sup> February, 13 Warkworth Street.

A. H. interest in American trip of E.G. Exacting work at University, 10 volunteer students. Vol. iii of *Trees* out, work on Vols. iv and v. Mrs. Robbins in Egypt. T. Keenan. A.H.'s sister Agnes now a widow.

4<sup>th</sup> March, 13 Warkworth Street.

A.H. anxious for news of E.G. and May Kerley. Date of wedding, 17<sup>th</sup> March. Both Lady Brunton and Sir Lauder ill, and Elsie overtired. House taken in Cambridge.

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1908 6<sup>th</sup> March, 13 Walkworth Street.

E.G. now returned. A.H. to stay with Mrs. Green for wedding. Bruntons still not well, anxiety about Elsie's health. A.H.s' lecture on Lolos to China Society, London. Rugs and books etc. of A.H.'s stored by E.G. (11<sup>th</sup> March letter from Elsie to E.G.).

14<sup>th</sup> March, 36 Grosvenor Road

Short note giving address.

16<sup>th</sup> March, 36 Grosvenor Road.

E.G. has influenza. Henrys hope to stay at Dun Emer in April, but uncertain owing to parliamentary enquiry (probably the Departmental Commission on Forestry at which A.H. gave evidence). Messages to all McCormacks. Thanks for shamrock to wear at wedding. Sir Almroth and Lady Wright.

18<sup>th</sup> March, from Folkestone.

Thanks for telegrams from E.G. and May Kerley. Wedding was at Marylebone Registrar's Office. Henrys on way to Paris. Quantities of wedding presents, Sir Lauder Brunton's "wide circle".

31<sup>st</sup> March, from 42 Bouverie Road W, Folkestown.

Henry's on way back to London from Paris and coming on to Dun Emer.

2<sup>nd</sup> April, from 10 Stratford Place, London W. (Bruntons')

E.G.'s illness. Henrys' approaching visit. Elsie's preference for simple life and need for quiet.

6<sup>th</sup> April, from 10 Stratford Place.

Notifying time of arrival.

7<sup>th</sup> April, 10 Stratford Place.

Notifying exact time of arrival, request to order Mellon's cab.

20<sup>th</sup> April, 36 Grosvenor Road.

Letter of thanks for hospitality. Sandwiches supplied by Constance (McCormack). Visit to Mrs. Thorne, whose son A.H. knew in China. Mrs. Dr Little. Packing presents. A.H.'s gratitude to E.G. for much kindness and for introducing Elsie to "the real Ireland". Dun Emer prospects. Smiths. Messages to McCormacks. Henrys now go to Cambridge, 23 Chesterton Road (furnished house for temporary abode). Franco-British exhibition. (Letter of thanks from Elsie also enclosed).

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1908 27<sup>th</sup> April, from 23, Chesterton Road, Cambridge.

Box and keys received from E.G. Henrys now in Mrs. M. Ward's furnished house. Freak cold weather with snow. Good wishes for Dun Emer, new arrangement with Smiths. Messages to McCormacks.

8<sup>th</sup> May, 23 Chesterton Road.

E.G.'s health, trouble with eyes. Yeats sisters leaving Dun Emer. Difficulty over name. Consult Dan Doyle. Henrys not yet ready for goods to be forwarded (see 6<sup>th</sup> March). Mrs. Gill's enquiry about post for Roy, A.H. unable to help. Maurice Joy. Miss Butcher. Mrs. Green. Social life, work on book and furnishing new house. Messages to McCormacks. E.G. should come over to Franco-British exhibition and stay with Henrys. Collecting funds for Forestry School.

25<sup>th</sup> May, 23 Chesterton Road.

Dun Emer affairs. A.H. consulted by both E.G. and Yeats sisters in dispute over name. Advice to consult Dan Doyle.

28<sup>th</sup> May, 23 Chesterton Road.

Advising E.G. on approach to Yeats sisters and enclosing alternative letters to show them.

1<sup>st</sup> June, 23 Chesterton Road.

Dun Emer affairs. A.H. has written to Miss Yeats to say he leaves matter in E.G.'s hands. Elsie busy furnishing. End of term. A.H. receives honorary M.A. degree. Busy with Vol iv of *Trees*. Dan Doyle to conclude affair with Yeats.

8<sup>th</sup> June, 23 Chesterton Road.

Extract from letter of A.H. to Miss E.C. Yeats. Mrs McCormack better.

13<sup>th</sup> June, 23 Chesterton Road.

Dun Emer affairs, Yeats sisters' debt. Mrs. Russell, Bredon, (China friend). Henrys moving to 37, Chesterton Road. Harold Smith. Mrs. McCormack. E. G's affairs, will case. Social life of Henrys.

9<sup>th</sup> July, 37 Chesterton Road.

Thanks for birthday card. Work on *Trees* at Kew. Irish village at Franco-British Exhibition. Miss Walker there. Dun Emer rugs not well displayed. Books, pictures, rugs now installed in new house including picture by A.E. Plans of Yeats sisters. Forestry excursion to Denmark planned. Social life. Comus Shaw's *Getting Married*, Coquelinnin Cyrano.



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1908 5<sup>th</sup> August, 37 Chesterton Road.

Elsie at Folkestone with Lady Brunton. A.H. has been on forestry visits in Lincolnshire, to Lord Kesteven and to Brocklesby, now on way to Kew and then to Denmark. Later to Scotland. To Ireland in March to lecture at R.D.S. Vol iv of *Trees* going to press. Sir Lauder Brunton's hard work, strain on Elsie, her activities of previous year. New house. Social life. Garden party at Lady Jersey's with Princess Beatrice. Weekend at Lord Rayleigh's. Lady Rayleigh's interest in elm trees. Her brother Arthur Balfour. Asquiths. Lord Milner. Venetia Stanley, Lady Gwendolen..... Cynthia Charteris, Spring-Rice, son of Lord Monteagle, Miss Lushington. Mrs. Asquith "common". Musical evening. Need of funds for Forestry School. Dun Emer affairs: Yeats sisters have left. E.G. and H. Smith. Uncle Paul (Gleeson). May (Kerley?) E.G.'s visit to Cushendall. Joe and Mrs. Fisher. Messages to McCormacks and May Kerley.

17<sup>th</sup> November, 37 Chesterton Road.

A.H. in London to visit India and Colonial Offices (probably about curriculum for forestry students). Visit to Aonac. Opening by Sir Horace Plunkett. May Kerley and Miss Butcher. Boland M.P. Miss Maggie O'Brien. Miss Hull. A.H. going to Lord Kesteven's with forestry students. Long gap in letters due to pressure of work. Mrs. B... (illegible). Death of Archibald Little. E.G.'s trouble with foot prevents visit. Her difficulty over will. A.H.'s north of Ireland character. W. McMillan and Mrs. McMillan. Callers and tea parties. *The Mikado*. Pictures by A.E. Article by E.G. in new woman's paper. Susan Mitchell's *Aids to Immortality* Denmark trip described. Trip to Scotland, Corrou. Work on *Trees* Vols v and vi. Lack of time for reading. *L'Isle des Pingouins.*, *Father and Son*. Students' Hibernian Society. A.H.'s sister Matilda (Mrs. Kerley). Ely Cathedral. Mendelism. Psychic research, Myers said to be communicating from dead. Messages to McCormacks. Elsie prefers dogs to cats. H. Smith and Dun Emer.

23<sup>rd</sup> December, 42 Bouverie Road W. Folkestone.

A.H. on way to Brussels on forestry matters. Elsie with parents. Good news from Mary (Crum). A.H. coming to lecture at R.D.S. on March 12<sup>th</sup>, will then go on to visit sister Matilda (see above). Collecting for Forestry School. Vol iv of *Trees* coming out. E.G.'s affairs, the will, the Smiths, slow progress. Visit of May Kerley to Henrys. Attractions of Cambridge despite climate. Suffragettes. A.H.'s views. Illness of Lord Kesteven. Henrys to Mrs. Green. Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Brownlow. Messages to Paul Gleeson, Count and Countess Plunkett. H. Norman. A.E. A.H.'s hope of getting to Ireland waning. Will new university include forestry? Cosmopolitan aspect of Cambridge. Sympathetic reviews of Irish books in *Cambridge Review*. Bury, the historian. Mrs. De La Touche's book (or book about her?) Messages to McCormacks.

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1909 9<sup>th</sup> February, 37 Chesterton Road, Cambridge.

Vol, iv of *Trees* just out. A.H. lectures to Hibernian Society of students. Excursion with students. Lady Brunton's illness. Death of Mr. Archibald Little. Visit to old Mrs. Clarke at Hayward's Heath. Mrs. MacMillan. Messages to McCormacks.

10<sup>th</sup> March, 37 Chesterton Road, Cambridge.

A.H. crossing to Ireland by L.N.W. Steamer (not mail boat). Order Mellon's car to meet.

26<sup>th</sup> March, 37 Chesterton Road, Cambridge.

Thanks for hospitality. A.E. picture for Elsie. A.H. and County councils' educational authorities. *What Every Woman Knows* (Barrie) more amusing than Irish plays. Gaelic League concert. Miss Coleman (singer). *Strife* (Galsworthy), depressing. Plans to go to Belgium. A.H.'s engagements. Mrs. Green, Mrs. O'Connor Eccles. E.G.'s legal business. Herbert Hughes. A.C. Benson. Inviting E.G. to stay. Mr. Cockerell and Art Gallery.

22<sup>nd</sup> May, 37 Chesterton Road, Cambridge.

A.H. too busy to see Dun Emer show in London. Orders rug for Miss Darwin (Frances Cornford), friend of Mary Crum, and daughter of Francis Darwin. E.G. coming to stay.

29<sup>th</sup> May, 37 Chestertown Road, Cambridge.

A.H. collecting elm seed from Kew, in overnight journey. Mr. Kerley's operation. E.G.'s affairs, James Doyle. Message to Miss Butcher.

5<sup>th</sup> September, Hotel du Simplon, Zurich.

Description of Serbian tour, with map. Tension between Serbia and Austria. Sinn Fein editor on Hungarians. Carpet making at Sarajevo. News of North Pole discovery. Messages to McCormacks and May Kerley.  
(1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1909 letter from Elsie Henry about carpets and Christmas plans)

19<sup>th</sup> December, from Brockham End near Bath.

Henry's with Mrs. Green in furnished house. Pressure of work at Cambridge. Vol v of *Trees* finished. *The Wasps* in Greek. Dr. Munro at Bath. Professor Bateson authority on Mendelism. Mendel and Darwin. A.H.'s 1000 little elms. A.E. in Homestead. Old age pensions, Shaw's silence. Messages to McCormacks.

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1910 12<sup>th</sup> January, 37 Chesterton Road, Cambridge.

(dated 1909, mistake for 1910). E. G.'s law case and other family affairs. Henrys' visits to Mrs. Green at Christmas and to Elwes. Vol vi of *Trees* begun. Elsie to Sir Lauder Brunton (now a widower). Anne Brunton in Switzerland. Miss Jaffé, Sir L.B.'s secretary. A.H. working at Kew. Plays: *Smith* and *Importance of Being Earnest* with G. Alexander. Hard work at Cambridge. Rinking. Mrs. Sorley. Elsie instructing schools in hygiene. Mrs. Green working on second edition of *Making of Ireland*. G.B. Shaws *Posnet*. *Kathleen ni Houlahan*, reaction to. Messages to McCormacks, Norman, and May Kerley.

20<sup>th</sup> January, 37 Chesterton Road.

E.G.'s case postponed. James Doyle. A.H.'s bad fall in new building. Work on *Trees*, courses, and collecting for new school. Hopes to retire to Ireland eventually. E.G. copying Bosnian tapestry. Dr. Munro. Mr. Winter. Fishers, Bertha Fisher. Concern for A.E.'s health.

24<sup>th</sup> January, 37 Chesterton Road.

Thanks for letters of sympathy. Messages to McCormacks and Miss N. FitzPatrick. E.G. and James Doyle. Death of Mr. O'Hogan. A.H. still confined by injuries. English election results inconclusive. Redmond and Balfour. Mary and Stewart Crum and children coming home to live.

20<sup>th</sup> March, 37 Chesterton Road.

Thanks for shamrock. A.H. lecture at Carpenter's Hall: "Study of Trees." Crums and May Kerley. E.G.'s case again postponed. Elsie with Sir Lauder Brunton to Belgium. A.H. touring with Clinton Baker to see trees and working at Kew. Making new trees. A.H. to "expound gospel" to Linnaean Society. Plan to visit Ireland. Messages to McCormacks. Cartoon of A.E. Poems by Frank Darwin's daughter (Frances Cornford).

11<sup>th</sup> June, 37 Chesterton Road

Henrys in London. May Kerley. Rugs on exhibition. Plan to show Dun Emer rugs at Henrys' house. Mrs. and Miss Hull. Committee under Lord Powis to collect for Forestry School. Vol v. of *Trees* out. A.H.'s paper on elms in German. Henrys to visit Munro Ferguson in Scotland. Elms of Aranjuez, oldest in Europe. Mrs. Cornford's poetry. A.H. to Shrewsbury for Welsh examinations. Housman "Irish Plays". E.G.'s case. Crums settled near Woking. Miss N. FitzPatrick engaged. Sir S. Phillimore at Cambs. assizes. Messages to McCormacks. Roosevelt (Theodore) gets degree. Cutting enclosed from *Times* – long letter of June 8 from G.B. Shaw re married women's income tax.

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1910 29<sup>th</sup> June, from Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury

A.H. coming to Ireland. Letter enclosed from Mary Crum. Grave illness of Matilda Kerley's husband.

3<sup>rd</sup> July, 37 Chesterton Road

After short visit to Dun Emer. Enquiries about radium treatment, Sir W. Ramsey, Sir F. Treves. May Kerley at exhibition, high quality of Dun Emer rugs. E.G.'s case. Messages to McCormacks.

10<sup>th</sup> July, 37 Chesterton Road

A.H. overwhelmed with work. Possible visit to Crums. Grave anxiety over sister Matilda's husband. A.H.'s seedling elms. Australian Agricultural Professor experimenting with wheat.

1<sup>st</sup> August, 10 Stratford Place (Sir Lauder Brunton's).

A.H. returned from Ireland, missed seeing E.G. Illness of Ethel ..... Visit with May Kerley to Kerleys in Dundalk. Elsie with father to Paris for School Hygiene congress. A.H. working at Kew 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Henrys coming to meeting of Eng. Arboricultural Soc. in Wicklow, Aug. 15.

29<sup>th</sup> October, 37 Chesterton Road.

Awaiting news of trial of E.G.'s case. Mr and Mrs Winter (Bertha Fisher).

2<sup>nd</sup> December, 37 Chesterton Road

Good news from E.G. Rugs on show at Henrys'. Plans for Christmas vacation. May Kerley with Henrys. Mrs. Winter. Mrs. Fisher. Messages to McCormacks.

23<sup>rd</sup> December, 37 Chesterton Road.

Post-Impressionists at Grafton Gallery. Gauguin reproduction for Dun Emer as "model" or "warning". Messages to McCormacks. Landscapes preferred to portaits. A.E.'s painting.

1911 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 37 Chesterton Road, Cambridge.

Hurried note to say A.H. going to Dundalk and Derry and will visit Dun Emer on way back.

23<sup>rd</sup> January, 37 Chesterton Road.

E.G.'s affairs. James Doyle. Book given by her to A.H. lent to Mildred Chapman. A.H.'s sister Matilda (Kerley's) family. Gertie's wish to nurse. Alice (?). Criticism of convent schools. Postcard from Mr. Hayata, Japan.

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1911 23<sup>rd</sup> January (continued)

Elsie in Bath. Nomination of M.P. for university (Cambridge). Sir J. Larmour ex-Belfast and Galway man chosen instead of parsons, thanks to Ridgway. Susan Mitchell's illness. Sir A. Wright's treatment. Vol vi of *Trees*, rare Eucalyptus at Derreen, Co. Kerry, Marquess of Landsdowne's place. Possibilities of bog planting. Interest of work. Agnes and John (Crum) to stay with Henrys. E.G.'s business affairs. Mr. Phillip of Cork working on Irish ivy same as one in Canary Isles.

2<sup>nd</sup> August, 37 Chesterton Road, Cambridge.

E.G.'s case settles. Death of Mrs. Fisher. Slight illness of Elsie. Finishing *Trees*. Hot weather and hard work. Short visit to Mrs. Clarke in Sussex. Mary (Crum's) operation. Royal Agricultural Show at Norwich. Gold medal for Forestry School's exhibit. Duke of Devonshire. Spanish Ambassador. Success of Norwich workman's cottage garden. King Edward at Forestry exhibition looked weak and tired. Sir Hugh Beevor. Has E.G. received Elsie's letter about Post-Impressionist picture? Susan Mitchell in London. A.H.'s work at Kew prevented him seeing her. Messages to McCormacks. Thanks for Irish review.

27<sup>th</sup> November, 37 Chesterton Road, Cambridge.

Letter from E.G. with news of Walter Fisher. A.H.'s loss of contact with old friends – remoteness of China period. Susan Mitchell now well. Death of E.G.'s cousin Daisy. E.G. to let Dun Emer, why not come to stay with Henrys? Pressure of work. Mary (Crum). Mrs. McCormack in London. Visit of one of Stephens Clarkes; his valet. Lady Betty Balfour, suffragette. Mrs. Green coming to stay and see "The Magic Flute". Professor Barrett's book on psychical research. Messages to McCormacks. A.H. wants confidential talk with E.G. on matter to do with Irish Dept. of Agriculture. Henrys to London for Christmas.

15<sup>th</sup> December, 10 Stratford Place, London.

Request for hospitality at Dun Emer. Henrys coming to Dublin, A.H. to see Avondale and T.P. Gill.

31<sup>st</sup> December, 37 Chesterton Road.

Announcing time of arrival, order Mellons' cab. Enclosure re scheme recommended by Mrs. Kennedy, Baroness organizer sister of Miss Mackenzie, a friend of the Darwins; copy for Mrs. Stopford for United Irishwomen. A.H. obliged to return 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. for meeting of Forestry collecting committee.

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1912 10<sup>th</sup> January, St. Mary's, Frankfort Ave, Rathgar, Dublin.

Pleasant visit to Ireland. Susan Mitchell and A.E. George Moore's next volume. Directions for forwarding letters. A.H. hopes not "to stick to mere money-making". T.P. Gill has gone to London.

10<sup>th</sup> July, 37 Chesterton Road, Cambridge.

Hot weather. Garden party at Royston, Herts. Burdons. Work on *Trees*, Vol. vii necessary. Work cuts off A.H. from ordinary pleasures. Elsie's garden; A.H.'s experimental beds. A.H. re-appointed Reader for 5 years more. £4,200 collected for Forestry Buildings, to be begun in October. Henrys to France in August. A.H. feels far off from Ireland. *English Review* more cheerful than *Irish Review*. Hannah Sheehy-Skeffington's contribution good. Girton Graduate not unwomanly. A. H. misses contact with humble people. Hopes to retire to cottage some day. Dun Emer products on show at Art shop. Visit of Crums who are building house in Sussex. A.H. hemmed in by work, life narrows towards "minute point of death". Lady Wright, (wife of Sir Almooth Wright). E.G.'s plans. China like a state of pre-existence. Messages to McCormacks.

11<sup>th</sup> August, from Seaford.

Henrys staying with Mrs. Green on way to France, on tour to see trees and vegetation on banks of rivers. Vol. vi of *Trees* coming out, Vol. vii in printers' hands. Meeting of Eng. Arbor. Soc. in Perth, Lord De Vesce invites Henrys for Christmas. His maritime pine sown on bogs. Dun Emer let. Padraic Colum and *Irish Review*. A.H. has lost hope of going to Ireland. Finances of Forestry School, Cambs. Messages to McCormacks. Cypress tree for Elsie's garden.

18<sup>th</sup> September, 10 Stratford Place, London

Henrys just back from France, Belgium and Holland. A.G. for visit to Ireland. E.G. now at 34 Lr. Leeson St. Dublin. (see envelope).

19<sup>th</sup> September (postmark) 10 Stratford Place.

A.H. coming to Dublin via Greenore and with appointment to see T.P. Gill about Professorship at College of Science.

26<sup>th</sup> December, 10 Stratford Place.

Henrys coming to Dublin despite stormy weather, time of arrival.

27<sup>th</sup> December (card) 10 Stratford Place

Time of arrival postponed a day.

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1912 28<sup>th</sup> December, 10 Stratford Place.

Arrival again postponed owing to bad weather. A.H. to visit Elwes in meantime. Henrys going on to visit Lord De Vesce at Abbeyleix, and A.H. on with him to Birr. A.H. to see T. P. Gill, then on to Co. Derry. Pressure of work on Forestry School business. Message to May Kerley re Alice and Gertie (Kerley). Mary Crum and the children on visit.

1913 13th January, 10 Stratford Place.

Thanks for hospitality in Ireland. A.H. now to Cambridge, Elsie to Crums at East Grinstead. Messages to McCormacks.

19<sup>th</sup> January, 37 Chesterton Road Cambridge

A. H. has accepted post at College of Science. Praise of T.P. Gill. Henrys come to Dublin for GOOD on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

After the Henrys came to live in Dublin there are only a few letters, mostly written on holidays.

1921 25<sup>th</sup> March, Hotel du Rhone, 5 Rue Jean Jacques Rousseau, Paris.

Enclosing cards for McCormacks. Luxembourg art exhibition. Meeting with Professor Heger and granddaughter. Theatres: *Le Repas du Leon*, *La Bataille*. Visit to De Vilmorins at Verrieres. Effect of war, no young men. Noise in streets. French "saviours of civilization".

1924 14<sup>th</sup> January, no address. Dublin.

Particulars of Irish names of fishes and pictures of them, (sought by E.G.). A.H. gives a few references to books.

22<sup>nd</sup> August, Hotel Bar & Post, Zernez, Switzerland.

Enclosing pressed edelweiss and postcard view of mountains. Henry on holiday. Visit to Burdons' farm near Lake Come. A.H. upset by heat, restored by climate of Engadine. National Park near Zernez. Local flora. Fine qualities of Swiss. Botanist friends, Professor Jones and his wife (Miss Rayner). Tailteann games. Visit from Crums. Death of Agnes Crum. John Crum going to India. Peter Kerley in Vienna. A.H. returning via Glasgow for Forestry meeting.

1926 August, Hotel Bar, Zernez.

Illness of Kitty, who is under Dr. Moore. Peter Kerley. Request to E.G. to send on *Baedekers* for Austria and N Italy.

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1926 29<sup>th</sup> August, Hotel Bar & Post

Thanks for *Baedekers* (see above). Beauty of Engadine. Visit from Anne Brunton. Trip to St. Moritz. Appreciation of Swiss food. Kitty McCormack to be seen by Peter Kerley.

1927 29<sup>th</sup> March, 5 Sandford Terrace.

Apologies for cancelling engagement, due to illness. Henrys going away for 3 weeks change.

Two letters addressed to Miss Kitty McCormack:-

19<sup>th</sup> July, Grand Hotel Lombard, Gap, Hautes Alpes.

Henrys with party of thirty botanists. Mountain excursion. Charm of Provence. Name "McCormick" on shop. Fellow members of party described.

29<sup>th</sup> July, Mannetier les Bains, Hautes Alpes.

Thanks for picture of orange lily. Lily plant not received. Arduous excursions, start at 3am. Few days rest at town with 7 baths. Charm of inhabitants and scenery, all missed by average tourist. Messages to E.G. and Gracie McCormack. Convivial evenings with botanists.

3<sup>rd</sup> August, To E.G. Hotel Pont de l'Alpe, Montier-les-bains.

Cutting about botanical congress enclosed. Henry represented "Ireland undivided" at Congress. Politeness of Provençals. Description of fellow members. A.H. spoke in French. Arduous but interesting excursions, (see above). Forestry has controlled mountain torrents and prevented landslides. Poverty of inhabitants – some transferred to land in Algeria. Climatic extremes. French husbandry. Provence richer than higher Dauphiné. Language question, of Irish. Mistral, poet of Provençal tongue. Sociable evenings with congress members. Monetier, village off beaten track. Antiquities. Mineral springs. Botanical studies: habitat of orange lily. Wild plum and pear, suitable as stock for grafting. Two great botanists natives of Gap: Dominique Chaix and Dominique Villars. Elsie's gift of funds to preserve herbarium. "Manna" on larch trees, called Melezitose, due to aphides. (A.H. had published a paper on this subject in the *Pharmaceutical Journal* in 1924). Restaurant keeper called Jourdain, allusion to Moliere. Experience of the sulphur baths.

4<sup>th</sup> August, same address.

Covering letter explaining last: A.H. asks E.G. to compile account of botanical congress from letter and news cutting and try to get it into *Irish Times* as publicity would please organisers. Mr. (C.B.) Moffat might help. Also enclosing cheque intended to make E.G. present of a holiday.



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1928 5<sup>th</sup> August, Hotel Bar & Post Zernez.

Henry's have had 4 weeks in Engadine. Joined by Gertie Kerley and Dr. and Mrs. Wright and child (Barbara) of Dublin and Manchester. Frequent thunderstorms. Disease of larch. National fete, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>. Excursions to St. Moritz and Stater Lake. Romansche language. Celtic tribes from Switzerland. Migration to Ireland. Birthplace of Virgil. Church built on Roman temple with dedication to Pan. Ms. of Aenfeid in Vatican Library, older than Chinese books now existing, as originals of latter have perished. Present of cheque for holiday enclosed.

2<sup>nd</sup> September, Hotel Bar & Post, Zernez

E.G. on holiday in Clare. Success of Tailteann week and Horse Show. Letter from Miss Trench. Henry's going on to Ragaz near Zurich to meet Burdons (see 10.7.12 and 22.8.24) Visit from Gertie Kerley, also Peter Kerley. His marriage to Miss McNamee. Visits also from Wrights (see 5.8.28) and Jones (see 22.8.24). John Crum in India. Messages to Kitty and Gracie McCormack and May Kerley.

24<sup>th</sup> December, 5 Sandford Terrace, Dublin.

Thanks for gift of book. "One wants 1000 years to take in all the things that one ought to be interested in". Christmas gift to E.G. and messages to Kitty and Gracie McCormack.

1929 5<sup>th</sup> December, 5 Sandford Terrace.

Brief note of thanks for present of apples. Stormy weather.

1930 11<sup>th</sup> January, no address.

Brief note of thanks for present of duck. A.H. tired and staying indoors.