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**Alice Stopford Green to Casement**

**22 June 1914**

**[Casement note]:**

R at Buswells

23 June, 1914

10 Stratford Place.

June 22, 1914.

My good Champion of Ireland.

Your letter will be one of my most treasured possessions - a record of priceless value, both of your spirit, and of your Ireland. I felt broken-hearted. What can one say in such a moment of horror.- Alas, into what ????? of suffering does every lover of Ireland enter.

I had a letter today from Eoin MacNeill - in the same lofty and tragic strain.

I am sure both of you were right. You did the only patriotic thing. Your time will come. You have called out the spirit, and the spirit is there. It is there even clearer than of old. This shock will, God help it, leave a bitter memory of the Party behind it. Ireland will want a better thing. The Party had 30 years behind them of organization - you six months. It was a heavy odds to beat.

I would rather the Bill was broken than that Redmond was in rule, "winning Ulster" - and the Tyranny for ever. It would be the greater danger, God help the good fight.

For you my heart is heavy, your illness, your overwhelming sorrow. I will write so you soon at Ardrigh. Then you shall rest. You should go away to France. You should be farther than Antrim, I don't know what to say my dear, dear friend - indeed my dearest friend. I am sure there will come a time when I shall wish you joy of hope unended. But now and then and ever I am that Woman of the Country.

**[unsigned]**