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**Casement to Gertrude Bannister**

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My dear old Gee,

I am over here after all! I came on Thursday from Liverpool to spend Easter with a friend here, Mrs. Green coming too. She wrote back to London this morning –77 and I came into these rooms as I have a lot of writing to do and could not get doing it quietly in a friend’s house. I go to Ballymena tomorrow D.V., and hope to go down to Miss McNeill for a day too while you are still with her – but I’ll wait for a fine day.

**[Cash Ledger: Tuesday 18 April In Belfast. Leave Ardrie for 105 L. Terrace and so away.** **Car from Station 1/8. Luggage…Trams 5d. Dinner 2/– (8d. really!). Friend 3/– (small knickers) 3.0 … Wednesday 19 April In Belfast…Mrs Green’s book 1/–…Trams to French football (Lovely boy in Ormeau Park legs)…Mrs Green’s history 1.0 Cigttes…Heard from Millar.]**

I was very busy in Liverpool over the Morel Testimonial & found a lot of opposition to it too – any amount of enemies Sir A.L. Jones’ men I presume. But the Bishop turned out like a man & is doing all I ask him to do – so, too, Bishop Weldon the Dean of Manchester and other all round.

I send you an advertisement of Tom’s Hotel in the Drekensberg mountains – issued by the S. African Railways at their own cost! 20,000 of this printed. You will see the Tommy ?? in two of the pictures. Take this back to Saxana with you and show it to friends there & get some of them to go to it!

I will also send you a Morel circular I have drawn up & am having printed here in Belfast – the fund closes on 29 May when the testimonial will be presented to him in the Hotel Metropole in London. Mrs. Green is working night and day at it too. She is a brick.

I see the Mexican rebels are beating that awful ruffian Diaz’s soldiers. Well done!

I send you also April no. of the “Irish Review” to help you all in that House of burst Pipes and exploded kitchen ranges. May the Lord himself be your cook! = altho’ there’s another keeps a warmer range going I’m told. Get the Bishop of Oxford to read “Barbarous Mexico” too.

Yesterday we motored to Toome on the Bann & saw a lovely Holy Well on the way – a glorious spot!

Today fine weather has gone – for the time. Poor old Ninakins in London I am sorry for her – but she would not be happy in rooms in Belfast, which I am. She has nothing to do & would be miserable & I can’t help being busy & must be busy even if I don’t want to. I could not have met you that Tuesday night last week, because that very night I had to go to M’chester at 7.30 to stay the night with Bishop Welldon and arrange for something to be done with the Morel matter.

Good luck to you and Elizabeth and to Ide McNeill – that Woman of Three Houses! Get Clarence Mangan’s poem “The Woman of Three Cows” and read it to her – with my love.

Remembrances to Margaret Dobbs too and drop me a line – and tell Miss McNeill am thinking long for the glen and the whins on the hillside and the gold of Ballytearim. Go and see the old cashel of the forgotten Ireland round beyond Ballytearim.

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Ruaidri.