



*Casement photograph on Ammersee pier with hat (not in New York as suggested by Angus Mitchell). The version in Magherintemple reads on the back, "Taken on the banks of the 'Ammersee' Bavaria 1915 when he was well." The printed inscription reads, "Sir Roger Casement who laid down his life for Ireland August 3, 1916. Hugh Casement (right) leaning on the same pier some 50 years later.*

"With this issue *The Nation* begins publication of part of the diary of Sir Roger Casement, laying bare the soul of a man who, having done much to win for the peoples of the rubber-growing regions of the Belgian Congo and the Putumayo district of Peru whatever freedom from slavery they now enjoy, renounced all his British honours and, for the sake of Ireland, embarked upon the course which led to his execution. The manuscript was edited, and the preface written, by Charles E. Curry of Boston, to whom Sir Roger entrusted "all he possessed, both personal effects and writing."

### Preface

In August 3, 1916, I unveiled a memorial slab to Sir Roger Casement, in the little hotel he frequented, at Riederau by the Ammer See, in the presence