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Biographical History

Thomas Michael Kettle was born in 1880, at Artane in North County Dublin. His father, Andrew J. Kettle, was a farmer, and unsuccessful parliamentary candidate, closely associated with the Parnellite wing of the Irish Parliamentary Party in the campaign for agricultural reform. He later farmed at Millview, Malahide, where he supplied barley to Guinness', Jameson's and Power's. Andrew Kettle was personally devoted to Charles Stewart Parnell which told against his electoral ambitions although he continued to wield a certain amount of behind the scenes influence.

Tom Kettle was educated at Clongowes Wood College and later at University College Dublin, where he took a degree in Philosophy. At this time, he played an active part in the Young Ireland branch of the United Irish League, whose brief was to politicise the younger generation by 'friendly association...lecture debates and other methods of intellectual propagandism'.

He also founded and edited *The Nationist*, a short lived 'review of Irish thought and affairs', aided by Francis Sheehy-Skeffington, (who was to marry his wife's sister). In 1905, Kettle was called to the Bar, but thereafter, only practised intermittently. He was a gifted orator. Instead, he won the Nationalist nomination for East Tyrone. Elected in 1906 after a schizophrenic campaign by the Unionists, Kettle went on an American tour of the United Irish League, in company with Richard Hazleton. The tour was bedevilled by personality conflicts with the organizers, John O'Callaghan and Michael J. Ryan, which was reflected in its lack of financial success (see LA34/141—78).

In the House of Commons, Kettle was the chief financial spokesman for the Irish Parliamentary Party. He concentrated on denouncing the lack of parity between England and Ireland in the matter of taxation, pension arrangements, and land purchase agreements; and was a consistent critic of the cost of the British administrative establishment in Ireland. Kettle was also favourably disposed towards the Suffragettes, (with whom his wife, Mary Sheehy, was associated); and supported the movement for Egyptian independence. Outside parliament, he was concerned to achieve a broad consensus of Nationalist pressure-groups, and to deflect Sinn Féin from the path of unconstitutional development. Although he was returned again for East Tyrone in the 1910 Election, internal feuding in the party forced Kettle to resign his seat.

In 1910 Kettle was appointed Professor of National Economics at University College Dublin, although he has expresses a preference for the Chair of English Literature. At U.C.D., he sat on the Dublin Industrial Peace Committee, which acted as a conciliation service during the 1913 Lock-Out. He was also involved with the Housing Committee, and the Commission established by A. Birrell on teachers' grievances.

Tom Kettle was a member of the National Volunteers, and in 1914 went to Belgium to buy arms for them. Whilst there, war broke out, and he became convinced of the justice of the Allied cause. He returned to Ireland, and made a series of recruiting speeches, which effectively alienated him from the Nationalist movement. Kettle then joined the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. After the Easter Rising and the murder of Francis

Sheehy-Skeffington he asked to be sent to the Front, and was killed on the eve of the Battle of Ginchy, 9 September 1916. His body was never recovered.

Kettle's writings include *The Open Secret of Ireland* (1912), *Poems and Parodies* (1916) and two posthumous publications, *The Ways of War* (1917) and *The Days Burden* (1918).

Archival History

The Tom Kettle Papers were deposited in UCD Archives by Conor Cruise O'Brien in 1987.

Scope and Content

The present collection represents only a fragment cross-section of records. A considerable proportion of the material consists of newspaper clippings, which document specific causes espoused by Kettle. However, the lion's share of the collection relates to notes, drafts, and fair copies of his literary output.

Material grouped under heading A, Kettle, Sheehy and Sheehy-Skeffington families, contains letters from Tom Kettle to Mary Sheehy and others, which indicate the tenor of his thoughts at particularly traumatic periods in his life, for example after the death of his brother in 1904. Letters from Mary Sheehy to Kettle provide some insights into the nature of their relationship, and her perception of his character. (LA34/6)

Much of the material in this section is concerned with the activities of Mary Sheehy after Kettle's death, and in particular, her involvement with the campaign to accord recognition to the Irish veterans of the First World War (LA34/72—76). There are also printed tributes to her father, David Sheehy (LA34/91), and brother-in-law, Francis Sheehy-Skeffington (LA34/95).

Section I, 'Political Events' of B, Thomas Kettle's papers, is limited by the absence of material directly related to Kettle's parliamentary life: although the American tour is represented by frequent missives from the American Branch of the United Irish League (LA34/141). These are largely routine in content.

Lecture materials (LA34/216—265) contained in the collection are rather disorganized, and on occasion difficult to relate to the course syllabus in U.C.D. This was a feature of Kettle's tenure of the post: his idiosyncratic style was remarked upon at the time.

It was found convenient to segregate the literary work embarked upon by Kettle in response to the outbreak of war (LA34/364—396) from his earlier journalistic articles, poetry, and lectures. The latter category represent his interest in German culture, the Celtic Renaissance, and literary criticism (LA34/276—327).

More information about Kettle's experiences in the trenches will be found in letters from his fellow-soldiers (LA34/413—425) than his own correspondence. These are also useful as illustrating the nature of the conflict generally.

Although fragmented, this is an important collection like many of his contemporaries Kettle was both a literary figure and a soldier. The collection contains evidence of his incisive mind and devastating wit as well as of his readiness to die in battle. In this respect, it is important archival testimony to one of the many Irish soldiers who died in the Great War.

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- 3 29 August 1907 Letter from Richard Hazleton, (Member of the Irish Parliamentary Party), 62 Cambridge Street, Westminster, London, to Kettle, forwarding ‘an old love letter’. He comments humorously on the find, and the nature of romantic love, illustrating his theories with anecdotes from his own experience. 7pp
- 4 18 December 1907 Letter from Hazelton to Kettle giving a light hearted account of his experiences on the bench, with a passing allusion to his recent illness. There is a cryptic allusion to Kettle ‘prosecuting the war because I hear that....you are the only man in Ireland now who is opposed to peace.’ 2pp.
- 5 Letter from C. Beatrice Hazleton, 18 Idrone Terrace, Blackrock, Co. Dublin to Kettle apologizing for her behaviour, and asking him to dine with her, so that they may enjoy ‘a nice quiet *sensible* talk’. 2pp.
- 6 28 October—
10 December 1908 Letter from Mary Sheehy, 2 Belvedere Place, Dublin to Kettle in London at the parliamentary sessions. Analyses their relationship, discusses his health and his writing and containing occasional political and literary nuances. Notes the imminent closure of the Royal University (2 November); ‘we that is to say women nationalists, are to start a new women—suffrage society’ (13 November); refers to the silencing of a meeting of the Gaelic League by the Irish Parliamentary Party because of its discussion of Home Rule and related criticism of the Party (13, 17 November); expresses alarm at the ineligibility of women to be intermediate inspectors (16 November). 19 items.

ii. Biographical notes, essays and talk on Kettle

- 7 1965 Typescript copy of essay by [Fr. Aubrey Gwynn] entitled ‘Tom Kettle and Clongowes’ with manuscript amendments. 13pp.

- 8 Typescript copy of essay entitled 'Thomas Kettle' 14pp.
- 9 Typescript transcript of 'Thomas M. Kettle a talk by Oliver St. John Gogarty'. 10pp.
- 10 Manuscript essay entitled 'Kettle memorabilia' [by Willie Dawson] 16pp.
- 11 Typescript copy of 'Notes on Tom Kettle, etc'; given by Mary S. Kettle, beginning November 1964. 14pp.

iii. Posthumous Appreciations (1916—57)

- 12 22 September 1916 Newscutting from *Le Matin* entitled 'Tombes Au Champ D'Honneur', recording Kettle's death in action.
- 13 22 September 1916 Newscutting from *Le Gaulois* announcing the death of Kettle
- 14 30 September 1916 Presscutting from *The New Statesman*, entitled 'The Work of T.M. Kettle', by Robert Lynd.
- 15 30 September 1916 Newscutting from *New Ireland* of article entitled 'Tom Kettle' by William Dawson.
- 16 30 September 1916 Copy of the *New Statesman* containing 'The Work of T.M. Kettle', by Robert Lynd.

- 17 30 September 1916 Copy of *Ireland*, containing an editorial devoted to a resumé of Kettle's achievements, 'Ave atque Vale', an essay by Padraic Colum, 'Some Memories of Kettle' by Maurice Joy, 'Kettle's Memory In Verse', and a reprint of an article by Kettle, entitled 'Asquith In Dublin'.
- 18 13 October 1916 Newscutting from *The Catholic Herald*, entitled 'Un fils De L'Irlande', containing an obituary digested from *L'Opinion*.
- 19 1 November 1916 Newscutting entitled 'Poem By The Late T.M. Kettle', an apology to Mrs. Mary Kettle from the *Evening Mail*.
- 20 2 November 1916 Newscutting from the *Irish Times*, entitled 'Lieutenant Kettle's Last Poem', apologising for publishing 'To My Daughter Betty' without Mrs. Kettle's permission.
- 21 3 November 1916 Newscutting of an obituary from the *Irish News* entitled 'Lieut. T.M. Kettle. An Old Comrade's Brilliant Appreciation,' by Shane Leslie.
- 22 4 November 1916 Presscuttings entitled 'Late Lieut. Kettle—A Remarkable Document Written Shortly Before Death', reproducing Kettle's plea for Home Rule, written 3 September 1916.
- 23 29 September 1917 Copy of the *New Statesman* containing 'The Good European', a tribute to Kettle by Robert Lynd.
- 24 29 October 1917 Newscutting from the *Freeman's Journal* entitled 'The Late Lieut. T.M. Kettle' reproducing Mrs. Kettle's reply to the resolution of sympathy passed by the Dungannon Board of Guardians on her husband's death.

- 25 July—September 1918 Copy of the *Catholic Review* containing an article, ‘Thomas Kettle The Present Hour’.
- 26 12 July 1925 Presscutting from the *Irish News* entitled ‘Kipling and Ireland’, including Kettle’s reply to Kipling’s ‘Ulster’.
- 27 4 April 1931 Newscutting from *Nationality* containing an article, ‘Tom Kettle and his work’.
- 28 January 1936 Copy of the *National Student* containing an essay on Kettle’s life by R.J.M., entitled ‘Death of A Soldier’.
- 29 11 September 1953 Presscutting from the *Irish Independent* entitled ‘Now With the Foolish Dead?’ by Vincent Rice.
- 30 24 November 1957 Newscutting from the *Sunday Independent* of an article by Ulick O’Connor, entitled ‘Forgetting Old Differences’, which contains an anecdote about Kettle.
- 31 1915—32 Scrapbook, containing newspaper cuttings of tributes to Kettle, biographical accounts, reviews of his publications, copies of his poems, journalistic reports of his career and achievements.. Also contains cuttings relating to the Irish Nationalist Veterans’ Association, with particular reference to their refusal to participate in the Victory celebrations (1918), in protest against the suspension of Home Rule. There are cuttings concerning the operations of the Irish Battalions on the Western Front in 1916, and edited extracts from Kettle’s letters to family and friends discussing the moral justification for Britain’s entry into the World War. Includes Cruise O’Brien’s sonnet on Kettle’s death, ‘The Wayfarer’, (p2); related loose cuttings.

II. Mary Sheehy Kettle

i. Personal Correspondence (1907—38)

- 45 1 September 1907 Sympathy note from Kathleen Pleau, Pierrefonds, France.
- 46 5 September 1909 Letter from L. Stafford, Smock Alley, to Mary Sheehy, presenting her with a first edition of *The Playboy of The Western World* as a wedding present.
2pp
- 47 11 September 1917 Letter from Mary, to ‘My dear Coz’, discussing her activities in America, and the popular and critical success of ‘Tom’s poems’ there.
6pp.
- 48 16 October 1917 Letter from Patrick O’Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, to Mary Kettle concerning attendance at a meeting.
1p.
- 49 1 March 1919 Letter from Maunsel & Co., Publishers, 50 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin to Mary Kettle, supplying her with the Paris address of René Dubois.
1p.
- 50 21 November 1919 Letter from Katherine Tynan Hinkson, Kenah Hill, Killiney, Co. Dublin, to Mary Kettle, expressing regret for any pain caused her by a ‘bitter and unjust article’ in the Irish Citizen concerning Katherine’s reminiscences of Francis and Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington.
2pp.

ii. Irish Convention and other letters on public issues (1914—50)

- 63** 16 February 1914 Notebook containing shorthand version and longhand transcript of a letter to Mr. G. Curry, concerning the forthcoming conference of the International Labour Organisation on the issue of women's status at work, with particular reference to the desirability of appointing a female representative to the Irish delegation.
9pp.
- 64** 9 August 1917 Letter from Shane Leslie, St. Johnsbury, Vermont, to 'Mr. Harbinson', expressing his pleasure that Harbinson is a delegate to the Irish Convention.; and requesting him to give an enclosure to 'my friends widow—Mrs. Kettle'.
2pp.
- 65** 20 August 1917 Letter from W.M. Murphy, Dartry, Dublin, to Mary Kettle, concerning elect female delegates to the (Irish) Convention. He offers his support to her candidacy, should the option arise.
3pp.
- 66** 24 August 1917 Letter from Bishop Joseph Mac Rory, Irish Convention, Dublin, to Mary Kettle, promising to give her letter 'my most sympathetic consideration'.
1p
- 67** 19 April 1918 Letter from G.M. Cochsedge, Troopers' Fields, Blessington, Co. Wicklow, to Mary Kettle, offering the services 'of an old woman...for anything that might be for the Good of Ireland'. She requests Mrs. Kettle's assistance in executing 'my very humble little scheme'.
2pp.
- 68** 22 November 1918 Letter from John Dillon, 2 North Great George's Street, Dublin, to Mary Kettle, thanking her for her subscription and support.
1p.

III. The Sheehy Family

i. Father Eugene Sheehy (1917)

- 90 16 July—21 July 1917 Newspaper cuttings of obituaries of Fr. Eugene Sheehy; Letter from Fr. Sheehy in Bruree, Co. Clare to his niece, Mary Sheehy concerning her proposed visit to Prague with additional messages from her mother and 'Kathleen'.

ii. David Sheehy, M.P. (1932)

- 91 August—December 1932 Newspaper cuttings of posthumous tributes to David Sheehy.

iii. Eugene Sheehy (1916—18)

- 92 December 1916— March 1918 Letters from Eugene Sheehy to his sister, Mary Kettle, thanking her for the volume of Tom Kettle's poems, referring to developments in Irish politics and army news.
2 items
- 93 18 November 1918 Letter from Eugene Sheehy, to his mother informing her that he has discovered that Tom Kettle is buried in Carnoy Cemetary. He intends to verify his information in the near future.
2pp.
- 94 5 April 1918 Letter from 'your silly old uncle', Eugene Sheehy to Betty Kettle, thanking her for her letter and photograph. 2pp.

IV. The Sheehy—Skeffingtons (1916—33)

i. Francis Sheehy-Skeffington

- 95 June 1916 Copy of *The Ploughshare* A Quaker Organ of Social Reconstruction, containing ‘The Lonely Furrow’—a tribute to Francis Sheehy-Skeffington.
- 96 18 January 1917 Newscutting from *The New Witness*, of a review by Katharine Tynan of Sheehy-Skeffington’s *In Dark and Evil Days*.
- 97 *The Irish Citizen*, special memorial issue for Sheehy-Skeffington.
- 98 Copy of typescript account of the upbringing, education, and early friendships of Owen Sheehy-Skeffington. 36pp
- 99 Copy of typescript chapter concerning the relationship of Francis and Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington and their homelife. 6pp.

ii. Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington

- 100 1932—33 Press cuttings giving an account of the arrest and imprisonment of Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington in 1932, for entering Co. Armagh in contravention of an exclusion order served on her by the Northern Ireland Government in 1926. *Includes* the development of the campaign for her release from Armagh Prison, letters of protest from M.P.s, and Irish local authorities, and descriptions of her reception in Dublin, after serving her sentence. 12 items.

V. Postcards and Photographs (1907—50)

i. Postcards

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| 101 | 14 July 1907 | Colour plate reproduction postcard, depicting 'sunset at Sitka, Alaska', from [MBH] to Tom Kettle. |
| 102 | 31 July 1907 | Postcard, depicting the Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna from [John Marcus O'Sullivan] to Tom Kettle. |
| 103 | 8 August 1907 | Photopostcard of Dunbrody Abbey, Co. Wexford, from K.E.P. to Tom Kettle, congratulating him on a speech in the <i>New Ross Standard</i> . |
| 104 | 15 August 1907 | Colour place postcard of Mount Lowe Railway, California from [MBH] to Tom Kettle, concerning a visit to 'our San Francisco relatives'. |
| 105 | 19 August 1907 | Photopostcard, depicting Beehive House, Salt Lake City, Utah, from [MBH] to Tom Kettle. |
| 106 | 30 August 1907 | Colour plate postcard of the Baltimore Hotel, from [M.L.G.] to Tom Kettle. |
| 107 | 20 December 1907 | Illustrated postcard, depicting the Baltimore Cathedral, from F.E. Hackett, to Tom Kettle. |
| 108 | 1907 | Plate illustration photograph depicting the Post Office, Baltimore, from F.E. H[ackett] to Tom Kettle, discussing the impact of a speech by Richard Hazleton upon the local university. |

119 Photopostcard of unterer Krimmler waterfall, Austria.

120 Photopostcard depicting the memorial erected to the missing of the Battle of the Somme (1916—17), at Albert.

ii. Photographs

121 B/W studio portrait of Tom Kettle in barrister's wig and gown.

122 B/W *Irish Times* photoportrait of Mary Kettle.

123 B/W photograph of man and woman in Edwardian costume posed against garden railings.

124 B/W photograph of woman and child seated on the grass of a playing field

125 B/W photograph of man, reclining on the grass in a park.

126 B/W photograph of young man seated on a deckchair, against a wooded lawn.

127 B/W photograph of the harbour at Cannes.

B. Thomas Michael Kettle

I. Political Activities

i. Letters on Constituency and Public Issues (1906—14)

- 128** 3 February 1906 Letter from A[lice] S[topford] Green, 36 Grosvenor Square, Westminster, to Tom Kettle, asking him to consider arrangements for ‘a system of holiday schools’ under the auspices of the Gaelic League, and an Irish Congress. Kettle would hold a salaried post in both these undertakings 2pp.
- 129** 10 August 1906 Letter from S. (Walker), Geldalough House, Recess, Co. Galway, to [Tom Kettle], obliquely censuring his conduct towards the East Tyrone constituency.
- 130** 23 September 1906 Letter from John Dillon M.P., Ballaghadreen, Co. Mayo, to Tom Kettle, suggesting a private meeting in Dublin to discuss a ‘situation’. He requests the return of ‘Mr. Blunt’s letter’. There is a cryptic reference to a written attack upon Dillon’s character ‘by a man whom I had loved as a comrade for so many years – and who had done...such splendid work for the Nationalist cause’. 3pp.
- 131** 19 January 1907 Letter from J.W. Fleming, Clerk of Cookstown Urban District Council, to Tom Kettle, thanking him for his support in the campaign to include Omagh, Dungannon, and Cookstown in the same local exchange. 1p.
- 132** 25 March 1907 Letter from Francis McAleer, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone to Mr. [Charles?] McVeigh, asking him to raise a question in the House of Commons, concerning the Rural District Council is refusing to act on the findings of the Coffey Report into housing conditions in Dungannon, as ‘the Nationalists are in a minority’. 4pp

- 143 contd and Fenianism'. As regards the friction between Kettle and his 'American managers', Kettle considers that his son does not have 'a real friend in the political area', and should therefore 'keep inline with the men in office for the present at least'. 3pp
- 144 16 November 1906 Letter from Henrietta MacDonnell, 431 West Avenue, New York, to Tom Kettle, offering to assist him, and suggesting he contact A.S. Belis, the owner of the *New York Times*. 4pp.
- 145 29 December 1906 Letter from John Arthur of the Law Office of Arthur & Hutchinson Kettle, advising him that a meeting in Seattle might not be successful due to public apathy. 3pp.
- 146 3 February 1907 Letter from Charles J. Reed, Department of Justice, Office of the United States Marshall, District of Oregon, to Tom Kettle, informing him that he has sent to Kettle a copy of *Wealth Against Commonwealth*, by Henry Demarest Lloyd, which he calls 'the most exhaustive account of the Standard Oil Company ever written. 1p.
- 147 27 March 1907 Letter from A.S. Green, 36 Grosvenor Road, Westminster, to Tom Kettle, enclosing his fee from the *Daily News*, and welcoming him home from America: 'I do wish we could manage Irish affairs without the perpetual deferences to ...foreign powers...' 1p.

b. News Reports

- 148 1906 Exercise book, containing newscuttings from various American papers, relating to the visit by Tom Kettle and Richard Hazleton to America. 17pp.

- 157 Newscutting concerning 'a monster mass meeting' to be held for Kettle in [Butte, Montana?]
- 158 21 January 1907 Newscutting from the Kansas Journal, announcing a public meeting for Kettle.
- 159 Newscutting entitled *What Agitation Has Achieved For Ireland*.
- 160 Newscutting from the *Seattle Post-Intelligence*, concerning Kettle's views on the appointment of Lewis Harcourt as chief secretary for Ireland.
- 161 Newscutting concerning allegations of financial impropriety on the part of Redmondite members of the Irish Parliamentary Party, made by William O'Brien.
- 162 Presscutting concerning the wreck of a train on the Harlem Road, New York.

c. Notes / Itineraries

- 163 Manuscript note of fund-raising calculations based on income from Ireland, Great Britain, Europe, America and Australia. 1p.
- 164 Manuscript note of Kettle's itinerary in Chicago. 1p.
- 165 Typescript list of 'Names of officers of branches in places not yet visited' and 'Names of good men in far West, sent in by former envoys to this country'. 2pp

- 166 Manuscript random notes by Kettle including 'change residence—change apparel'.
- 167 Manuscript and typescript lists of American colloquialisms. 4pp
- 168 Manuscript notes concerning American legal practice.
1p.

d. Articles from American magazines

- 169 'The Most Prosperous Period In Our History', by Richard H. Edmonds, *American Review of Reviews*.
[10pp]
- 170 'President Roosevelt And Corporate Wealth', by Arthur Wallace Dunn, *American Review of reviews*.
[incomplete] 2pp.
- 171 1907 'Is Prosperity's Wave Rising?' from the *St Louis Globe Democrat*.
1p.
- 172 *Economic Destiny And American Foreign Trade*, by Harold Bolce.
5pp.
Current Reflections, by Edward S. Martin, from *Appleton's Magazine*
3pp.
- 173 'The Irish In America', by Herbert N. Casson, *Munsey's Magazine*
19pp.

- 174 'The World-Wide Migration To America', by Herbert N. Casson, *Dun's Review* 4pp.
- 175 'Sidelights Of the Race Question' by Kate Kinsey Brook. *Tomorrow* 5pp.
- 176 'The Riddle of Personality' *Appleton's Magazine* 4pp
- 177 'Graft In England by Frederic C. Howe, *The American Magazine* 5pp
- 178 'The Birth Of Jesus Christ. The Saviour's Nativity As Told by General Lew Wallace In His Famous Book *Ben Hur*'; and 'Jesus Of Nazareth' by Charles E. Sawyer, *Occidental Magazine* 8pp

e. Memorabilia

- 179 23 October 1906 *Constitution of the United Irish League of America.* 16pp.
- 180 Printed copy of the ceremony of initiation into a secret unnamed brotherhood. 12pp.
- 181 Printed copy of the Constitution of the Irish National Club of New York, including the membership details of Alex McMullen.
- 182 Guidebook to the city of Portland, Oregon. 96pp.

- 190** 29 April—6 May 1908 Manuscript record by Kettle of meetings of the Irish Parliamentary Party with details of attendance and skeletal accounts of resolutions relating to the operation of the county council system. 5pp
- 191** 22 June 1910 *Parliamentary Debates, House of Commons Official Report*, Vol. 18, No. 59. Irish business includes the Irish Land Act 1909 and Agrarian Crimes (p.352), the Labourers' Acts, (p.357), and the Old Age Pensions (Ireland) Act (P.349). 235pp
- 192** 27 June 1910 *Parliamentary Debates, House of Commons Official Report*, Vol. 18, No. 62. Irish business includes National School teachers (Ireland), (p.663), Belfast factory workers (fines), (p.670), an evicted tenant, West Clare, (p.679) drunkenness in Dublin (p.682), and the debate on the Army estimates, 1910—11. 154pp
- 193** Newspaper cutting of cartoon entitled 'Snapshots at Westminster', by David Wilson depicting various M.P.s debating the Women's Suffrage Bill, including 'Mr. T.M. Kettle, Individualist'.
- 194** Cartoon by 'Mac' [possibly of W.B. Yeats].
- 195** Menu from the Hotel Beau-Sejour, Geneva, in commemoration of the Second Congress of Egyptian Youth. On reverse, Manuscript draft of a speech in French by Kettle in praise of the Egyptian independence movement.
- 196** [1910—14?] Copy typescript memorandum entitled 'Leinster Railway And Collieries' concerning plans for the construction of a railway between Wolfhill and Athy to enable the Leinster mines to be exploited on a larger scale, by supplying them with direct communication to Dublin and Waterford. It is felt that the coal deposits in Leinster are

196 contd suitable for the manufacture of nitric acid for gun-powder: at present, the War Office can only procure such coal from Chile, and therefore believe that the railway scheme will be of 'immense service to the nation, particularly in time of war'. The memorandum refers to the evidence presented to a Vice-regal Commission in 1907, on this point. It gives a detailed description of the mines, with projected production figures, capital outlay and estimated profits; a report on labour relations in the area, and on outline of work accomplished to date. 6pp.

197 Souvenir publication entitled Dublin and the Sinn Féin Rising. Contains photographs of the principal locations of conflict, reproductions of Volunteer documents, facsimiles of the insurgent Irish newspaper, Irish War News, portraits and biographical sketches of the chief protagonists, and a condensed history of the events of Easter Week. 30pp.

v. Newscuttings on political events and personalities (1905—[23])

198 12 January 1905 Newscutting from *Dungannon News* detailing the evidence given by aggrieved tenants to Mr. Coffey, Inspector of the Local Government Board, concerning the refusal of Dungannon Rural District Council to grant certain applications for labourers cottages.

199 [1909] Newscutting entitled 'Death Duties', concerning a Parliamentary debate on the desirability of equalizing the cost of establishment licences between Ireland and Great Britain, in view of the lighter taxes paid by Ireland under the Lloyd George budget.

200 30 September 1911 Newscutting from the *Evening Telegraph*, entitled 'The National Monument To Parnell', containing various tributes to C.S. Parnell including a letter from Andrew Kettle.

201 27 March 1913 Newscutting from the *Freeman's Journal*, giving an account of proceedings at the Teachers' Congress, the Mansion House, Dublin, March 1913.

- 202** July 1917 Copy of an article from *The Nineteenth Century* entitled 'An Irish Settlement', by the constitutional theoreticians, A.V. Dicey and Henry Blake.
- 203** 26 September 1918 Newscutting from the *Irish Times*, giving an account of speeches made by Sir Horace Plunkett and G.K. Chesterton, at a lunch organised by the Irish War Aims Committee, in honour of the Dominion Press Commission, at the Shelbourne Hotel Dublin.
- 204** 7 December 1918 Newscutting from *the Irish News* giving an account of a speech by John Dillon at Straide in which he attacked Sinn Féin as aiming at 'a holocaust of the young men of Ireland' in their effort to establish 'a Bolshevist Republic'.
- 205** Two newscuttings from *The Times* and *The Standard* mounted on House of Commons notepaper, the first summarizing an attack by Kettle on the policy of Lord Cromer in Egypt [the Denshawi Incidents]; the second, giving a description of Kettle's manner and appearance.
- 206** Newscutting concerning the comparative cost of maintaining the Irish Parliamentary Party and the annual salaries of British officialdom in Ireland.
- 207** [1923] Newscutting of a letter from 'Pacificus' to the Editor of the *Saturday Herald*, concerning proposals for a peaceful reunification of Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State
- 208** Newscutting of a reprint from the Northern Whig, of 10 February 1874, urging Roman Catholic readers in Tyrone to support [J.W.E.] Macartney in the forthcoming election.

II. Professor of National Economics, the National University

i. Letters concerning the Chair of National Economics and academic matters (1909)

- 211 15 August 1909 Letter from [T.P. Gill] Le Grand Hotel, Pourville, Dieppe, to Tom Kettle, discussing his suitability and application for (the chair of National Economics). 2pp
- 212 20 August 1909 Letter from Professor H.B. Lees-Smith, Bristol University, recommending Kettle for the chair of National Economics. 4pp.
- 213 27 August 1909 Letter from Denis Kelly, Bishop of Ross, to Tom Kettle, encouraging his application for the chair of National Economics, discussing its implications, and wishing him success 'for the sake of Ireland, as well as for your own sake'. 3pp.
- 214 11 February 1909 Letter from J.W. Dulanty, 228 Drogheden Road, Newton Heath, Manchester, to Tom Kettle, discussing a proposal made to Dr. Coffey (President, U.C.D.) by Stephen Gwynn that he might be of value in the organising of the National University in Dublin. He congratulates Kettle on his editing and translation of 'Dubois' splendid work', and requests a copy of Kettle's *Philosophy of Politics*; he refers in an aside to Hazleton 'looking very ill'. 4pp.
- 215 4 December 1909 Letter from A.E. Dobbs, Kings College, Cambridge, to Tom Kettle, suggesting at length that they undertake an historical enquiry into social conditions in Dublin, 'somewhat on the lines of Booth's *Life and Labour In London*,' which would elucidate modern economic trends. 8pp

ii. Lecture Materials

a. National Economics

- 216** Page from the draft syllabus of the course on 'the National economics of Ireland'. 1p.
- 217** Notebook entitled 'the National economics of Ireland': containing manuscript text by Kettle of introductory lecture on the subject. 11pp
- 218** Notebook entitled 'the National economics of Ireland'; containing manuscript text by Kettle of the second lecture on the subject. 8pp.
- 219** Manuscript notes by Kettle for lecture three on 'the national economics of Ireland'. 7pp.
- 220** Manuscript notes by Kettle for lecture four on 'the national economics of Ireland'. 9pp.
- 221** Manuscript notes by Kettle for lecture five on 'the national economics of Ireland'. 5pp.
- 222** Notebook entitled 'National economics: physical psychological and juridical bases of economic life in Ireland', containing manuscript draft lecture notes by kettle on the subject. 6pp.

- 223 Manuscript draft essay by Kettle discussing the component elements in the study of economics, with particular reference to the importance of consumption in modern economic structures. 2pp.
- 224 Manuscript notes by Kettle concerning the aims of a study of economics. 1p.
- 225 Manuscript notes by [Mary S. Kettle?] relating to the concept of national economics. 1p.
- 226 Manuscript examination by Kettle of modern economic thought, with particular reference to the concept of the nation as the basis of all economic organisation, with manuscript notes by [Mary S. Kettle]. 4pp.
- 227 Manuscript notes by [Mary S. Kettle] discussing the concept of nationality, and its comparability with socialism, as exemplified in the condition of Germany. 2pp.
- 228 Manuscript notes by Kettle on 'economics in Irish life'. 1p.
- 229 Manuscript notes by Kettle on 'Cooperation'. 1p.

b. Agricultural Economics

- 230 by Notebook containing manuscript notes Kettle on 'freedom and bread' and on other agricultural issues. 16pp

- 231 Manuscript notes by Kettle on ‘the economics of agriculture’.
2pp.
- 232 Printed and manuscript charts and graphs of ‘Holders and area of land operated by them’; ‘Number of holdings in Ireland’; ‘Annual birth rates in England and Wales, France, Russia, and Belgium, 1850—1908’; Birth rates in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland’. 6pp.
- 233 Manuscript notes by Kettle concerning the distribution and movement of population in Ireland and the pattern of land ownership. 4pp.
- 234 Manuscript notes by Kettle relating to the economical and geographical distribution of population in Ireland, and the number of land holdings; chart of the distribution of crops in Ireland. 4pp.
- 235 Manuscript notes by Kettle on ‘tenure of land in Ireland’. 3pp.
- 236 Manuscript notes by Kettle on ‘the system of land tenure in Ireland’.
1p.
- 237 Manuscript discussion by Kettle on the effect of land purchase on social organisation and the production of wealth. 1p.
- 238 Typescript discussion relating to the aims of political economy, with particular emphasis on the problem of competing interests in modern commercial society; and on the Irish Land Act (1909), as a socialist measure. 2pp.

- 239 Manuscript notes by Kettle relating to the arguments in favour of taxation of land values. 1p.
- 240 Manuscript notes by Kettle concerning proposals that the National Debt Commissioners take land stock at a price equivalent to consols (government stock), and not at market price, which would yield greater profits. 2pp.
- 241 Manuscript notes by Kettle on 'land purchase'. 1p.
- 242 Brief manuscript notes by Kettle concerning social legislation and purchased land. 1p.
- 243 Manuscript notes by Kettle on the Land Act, 1870 and 'Gladstone's description of its objects'. 1p.
- 244 Manuscript details by Kettle of 'a typical estate' and notes relating to rental and land charges. 1p.
- 245 Manuscript notes by Kettle on 'The Famine of 1879: Dr. Grimshaw's figures'. 1p.

c. Labour and Production

- 246 Notebook containing manuscript lecture notes by Kettle on the textile industries in Ireland; and notes concerning the metal industries such as light and heavy engineering, shipbuilding and munitions. 4pp.

- 247 Manuscript incomplete draft of essay or article by Kettle on 'Labour: War or Peace?' 9pp.
- 248 Manuscript notes by Kettle relating to the creation of an organised and politically conscious working class, and the relevance to their aspirations of the Roman Catholic teaching on material hardship. 6pp.
- 249 Brief manuscript note by Kettle concerning industrial unrest, with particular reference to the dockers' strike.
- 250 Fragmented page of manuscript discussion by Kettle of the practicality of a universal codification of labour laws. 1p.
- 251 Brief manuscript notes by Kettle concerning the necessity for a liberal education in commerce and industry. 1p.
- 252 Typescript discussion concerning the relationship between the population-land ratio and the productive capacity of that land in industrial terms. 1p.
- 253 Brief manuscript notes by Kettle on: 'Weight of justice and history' and 'Labour and nationality' 3pp.
- 254 Typescript notes on 'productiveness of labour' 1p.

255 Diagrammatic representation by Kettle of comparative working class rents in Dublin, Belfast, Limerick, Cork and Waterford. 1p.

d. Business Enterprise

256 Manuscript draft by Kettle of 'The business genius of Belfast?' for *The English Review*. 16pp.

257 Manuscript text by Kettle of paper on 'business and culture' 19pp.

258 Typescript note on 'the entrepreneur'. 1p.

259 Manuscript notes by Mary S. Kettle concerning the mercantile system. 1p.

260 Typescript discussion relating to the growth of transport companies, manufacturing of consumer goods, breweries and distilleries, and public works. 2pp.

261 Typescript note entitled 'Dubois on Irish banks'. 1p.

262 Newscutting from *The Drogheda Argus*, containing Kettle's lecture 'The gospel of skill' 2pp.

263 Manuscript graph by Kettle of deposits and cash balances in joint stock banks. 1p.

- 264 Manuscript line graph by Kettle.
[incomplete] 1p.
- 265 Manuscript discussion by Kettle
relating to the absence of agricultural
credit schemes in English capitalist
thinking. 1p.

iii. Research Materials (1907—[-10])

a. Articles

- 266 25 April 1907 Printed policy statement by Edmund
K. Muspratt of The Financial Reform
Association, concerning the case for
direct taxation. 3pp.
- 267 17 July 1907 Printed statement by Arnold Lupton,
entitled *India and discontent*.
4pp.
- 268 [25 June 1910] ‘The murder of a nation’, by Henry W.
Nevinson, putting the case for the
physical integrity of small nations,
reprinted from *The Nation*.
4pp.

b. Notes

- 269 Manuscript draft discussion by Kettle
relating to the theories of Adam Smith
and John Stuart Mill, including latterday revisionist interpretations.
3pp.
- 270 Page marked ‘Insert at p.19 of the
MSS’ concerning the economic
outlook of Professor Bastable of
Trinity College Dublin

- 271 Typescript notes on Professor Adolph Wagner's Law of increasing public expenditure; incomplete quotation from Orthodoxy; quotations from Fagnet, Chamberlain and Thomas Lough M.P. concerning economic and social issues.
7pp.
- 272 Typescript extract from Outlines of economics, concerning the issue of tariff reform, with particular reference to the protectionist policies pursued by America. 2pp.
- 273 Draft heading of chapter titles and content summaries [by Mary S. Kettle] of book on economics.
4pp
- 274 Note relating to potential employment created by turning 'deer forests' into wood forests. 1p.
- 275 Brief manuscript notes by Kettle of cryptic phrases such as 'No Belfasts'.
1p.

III. Literary and political publications, lectures, research.

i. Articles and research notes.

- 276 Proofs of article by Kettle, entitled 'Sir Horace Plunkett: an appeal for peace', concerning the conflict between the aims and methods of the Irish Agricultural Society, and those of the Irish Parliamentary Party. 1p.
- 277 11 June 1908 Newscutting from the *Morning Leader*, of an article by Kettle, entitled 'A tribute of the people The life of Michael Davitt'.
- 278 1909 Newscutting of an article by Kettle in the *Morning Leader*, entitled 'Land Taxes: The German parallel'.
- 279 July 1911 Newscutting from the *Morning Leader* of an article by Kettle entitled 'The Ulster of Belgium'.
- 280 17 September 1913 Typescript article by Kettle which appeared in *The Daily News*, entitled 'Lord Loreburn's mistake'.
- 281 March 1914 Newscutting from the *Morning Leader*, of an article by Kettle, entitled 'Other Switzerland'.
- 282 2 April 1914 Newscutting from *The Daily News*, of an article by Kettle entitled 'The Irish Volunteers'.

- 291 [1904] Notebook, containing notes [possibly for the article 'The land Tyrol', which appeared in *St. Stephen's*, November 1904.] 4pp.
- 292 Manuscript draft of 'On being clever' published posthumously in January 1936 (Incomplete). 2pp.
- 293 Manuscript 'Notes for articles' by Kettle with carbon copy. 2pp.
- 294 13 June 1913 Typescript text of 'Is peace possible?' by Kettle for *The Daily News*.
- 295 Notebook containing manuscript biographical notes by Kettle relating to John Dillon and John Blake Dillon, Henry Grattan, Anthony Traill (Provost of Trinity College Dublin), with particular reference to their speeches. [Possible preparatory research for Irish Orators]. 12pp.
- 296 Notes on the career of John Dillon. 1p.
- 297 Manuscript draft by Kettle of 'Irish oratory and orators: introduction'. 4pp
- 298 Manuscript draft by Kettle of 'Irish Oratory: Preface—Continuation'. 3pp.
- 299 Manuscript notes by Kettle concerning a Home Rule bill. 1p.

- 300** Proofs entitled 'Mr John Redmond' concerning his relationship with C.S. Parnell, his political outlook and personal qualities. 1p.
- 301** Manuscript notes by Kettle on 'Scholastic Philosophy'.
1p.
- 302** Manuscript notes by Kettle concerning the relations between Diarmuid, King of Meath, and St. Columba
1p.
- 303** Manuscript Notes by Kettle relating to the foundation of Kells, the psalter of St. Finnian and the foundation of Clonmacnoise. 2pp
- 304** Manuscript list by Kettle of aphorisms beginning 'It is the duty of a woman to be virtuous, of a man to know his business'. 1p.
- 305** Manuscript list by Kettle of couplets, arranged under the names of individuals, concerning their supposed ambitions. 2pp.
- 306** Manuscript draft by Kettle of 'The Tears of Christ' (Incomplete)
7pp

ii. Poetry [1912]

- 310 [1912] Notebook containing manuscript draft by Kettle of four poems including 'From the Arabic', 'Against Ennui' 'All life slow curdled into hate', 'Here lies – an art he ought to score in'.
- 311 Notebook containing manuscript draft of the following poems by Kettle: 'To you this slender sheaf of songs', 'The Tide of Democracy', 'World Music', 'Welcome to the West', 'Fringe of the Social Purple', 'No Lure of poet melody', 'All night long I sat in my study', 'Lift thy head, O Mother Erin'. Notes on the meaning of Italian words. 14pp.
- 312 Manuscript draft by Kettle of poem beginning 'As Shephard's flute gathers sheep to fold'. 1p.
- 313 Manuscript text of poem entitled 'The Black Frost', by 'R' 1p.
- 314 Typescript text of 'A sonnet of rejection', by Kettle. 1p.
- 315 Manuscript text of three poems by Kettle entitled 'Romance', 'The lady of Life', 'When others see us as we see ourselves'. 1p.
- 316 Manuscript draft of 'Ballade Autumnal' by Kettle. 1p.
- 317 Typescript text of 'An apocalypse in little' by Kettle. 1p.

- 318 Manuscript draft by Kettle of poem beginning 'If grief, like fire smoked up against out sight'. 1p.
- 319 Typescript and printed copies of Kettle's translation of Emile Verhaeren's 'The Monks', With the French original text.
3pp.
- 320 Printed text of 'To my wife', with manuscript amendment.
1p.
- 321 Newspaper cutting of Kettle's parody: 'George to his Gilbert, who may command him anything', [published in *New Ireland*]
- 322 and Manuscript text of 'Kelly and Burke Shea', dedicated to Kettle by F.W. Kershaw. 2pp.

iii. Lectures (1910—[-33])

- 323 15 March 1910 Typescript of lecture by Kettle on G.K. Chesterton, delivered to the Cork Young Men's Society.
13pp.
- 324 21 September 1933 Covering letter from J.J. O'Donnell, Office of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, to Mrs Kettle, enclosing an extract from the *Liverpool Post*, (25 February 1914), of a report on a lecture delivered by Kettle at Liverpool University, concerning 'Ireland's Literature'. (Incomplete). 2pp.

- 325 Manuscript note by Kettle for a lecture on Literature: Cause & Cure'.
9pp.
- 326 Manuscript draft by Kettle of a lecture on 'The literature of poverty'.
7pp.
- 327 Lecture notes concerning attitudes to poverty in medieval literature, with appropriate quotations from *Piers Ploughman*, and John Ball.
4pp.

iv. Leterary Correspondence

a. Letters to Tom Kettle (1908—13)

- 328 20 October 1908 Letter from T.P. Gill, 19 Herbert Street, Dublin to Kettle, congratulating him on his translation of Rene Dubois' *Contemporary Ireland*
2pp
- 329 1 March 1911 Letter from Maximilian A. Mügge, London, complimenting Kettle on his introduction to the English version of Halevy's *The Life of Nietzsche*, and requesting a loan of £100 to enable him to discharge a debt he undertook on behalf of a friend.
4pp.
- 330 [1911] Letter from Stephen Graham, London praising Kettle's introduction to *The Life of Nietzsche*. 1p.
- 331 30 October 1912 Letter from R.N. Johnson, Editor of the *Century Magazine*, requesting Kettle to contribute an 'open letter' to the work. 1p.
- 332 28 April 1913 Letter from A.H. Tabrum, London, congratulating Kettle on his translation of W.K.A. Kneller's *Christianity and the leaders of modern science*.
2pp
- 333 16 September Letter from D.J.M. Hone, Temple Hill, Killiney, Co. Dublin, enquiring if the subject of his new book – 'the influence of race mysticism generally on German politics' – will overlap with Kettle's are of study in *The seed of the sin*.
1p

- 334 21 December Letter from B. Keily, Milltown, Co. Dublin, castigating Kettle for having published an article by 'Pat', which Keily describes as 'almost blasphemous, certainly irreverent in one part, [and] the tone all through was outrageous, [and] much more likely to increase... the abuse of ecclesiastical authority which he complains of'.
4pp.

b. Letter to Mary S. Kettle (1917—50) about Kettles published works

- 336 June 1917—June 1918 Letters from Constable & Co., Leicester Square, London, to Mary Kettle, concerning arrangements for the publication of a paperback edition of *The Ways Of War*
7 items
- 337 September 1917—October 1917 Letters from E.B. Osborn, Literary Editor of *The Morning Post*, to Mary Kettle, requesting permission to include excerpts from Kettle's printed works in a series entitled 'The New Elizabethans', by Jon Lane.
2 items
- 338 April 1918— September 1919 Letters, mainly from A. St. John Adcock of *The Bookman*, to Mary Kettle, requesting permission to reprint Kettle's poems in various anthologies, such as George Herbert Clarke's *A treasury of war poetry*.
5 items
- 339 December 1916—June 1917 Letters from Shane Leslie, New York, to Mary Kettle, concerning arrangements for the publication of an American edition of Kettle's poems.
3 items
- 340 5 June 1918 Letter from Maunsel & Co. Dublin, to Mary Kettle, concerning the royalties due from Scribner & Co., (American publishers)

- 341 3 July 1917 Letter from J.M. Hone, Maunsel & Co., to Mary Kettle concerning arrangements for the publication of *The Day's Burden*.
1p
- 342 7 May 1918 Letter from Cecil Georges-Bazile, Editor of *Les Cahiers Britanniques et Americains*, Paris to Mary Kettle, discussing means of introducing Kettle's work to the French public.
2pp.
- 343 29 July 1918 Letter from W.H. Brayden, Irish recruiting Council, 23 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, to Mary Kettle, proposing the publication of a pamphlet based on selections from *The Ways of War*.
1p
- 345 2 September 1929 Letter from Oliver Locker Lampson to Mary Kettle, seeking permission to include 'On saying goodbye' in Lord Birkenhead's volume of 100 favourite essays. 1p.
- 346 2 September 1929 Letter from Locker Lamson, to *The Talbot Press*, requesting permission to reprint 'On saying goodbye', in Lord Birkenhead's volume of favourite essays. 1p.
- 347 4 March 1930 Letter from Kate O'Brien, Gordon Square, London, to Mary Kettle thanking her for her assistance in preparing a set of Kettle's works. 2pp.
- 348 April—August 1930 Letters from Laurence Houseman to Mary Kettle concerning arrangements for the inclusion of Kettle's letters in an anthology entitled 'War letters'
3 items.

IV. The Great War

i. War Reportage for the *Daily News*, *The Star* and other papers (1914)

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| 364 | 8 August 1914 | Newspapers cuttings of 'A World Adrift' by Kettle. 2 items. |
| 365 | 26 August 1914 | Newspaper cutting of 'Treating Belgium Decently: what England should do' by Kettle. |
| 366 | 10 September 1914 | Newspaper cutting of 'Belgians In Waiting' by Kettle. |
| 367 | 12 September 1914 | Newspaper cutting of 'Belgium's Cry For Vengeance' by Kettle. |
| 368 | 15 September 1914 | Newspaper cutting of 'German Stories for Americans' by Kettle. |
| 369 | 17 September 1914 | Newspaper cutting of 'Court-Martial For Hun' by Kettle. |
| 370 | 19 September 1914 | Newspaper cutting of 'Under The Heel Of The Huns' by Kettle. |
| 371 | 24 September 1914 | Newspaper cutting of 'Why Belgium Waits' by Kettle. |
| 372 | 4 October 1914 | Newspaper cutting of 'G.H.Q.' by Kettle. |
| 373 | | Newspaper cutting entitled 'The Revenge of Belgium'. |

382 Typescript and manuscript notes by Kettle for insertion into the text examining and defending the veracity of Belgian accounts concerning German atrocities, with comments on committee's of inquiry into the matter and concluding: 'I am convince that against the officers responsible for the conduct of the German troops in Belgium there is stronger hanging evidence that there was against Doctor Crippin'. 18pp

383 Manuscript note by Kettle on the German disregard of Belgian neutrality and related printed extract. 2 items.

b. The Ways of War and Ireland and the Great War

386 Manuscript draft chapter by Kettle entitled 'The Bullying of Serbia' 10pp.

387 Manuscript draft by Kettle of Chapter II of *The Ways of War*. 6pp.

388 Manuscript draft by Kettle of *The Ways of War: Silhouettes from the Front*. 3pp.

389 Manuscript draft by Kettle of *The Ways of War: Rhapsody on Rats*. 2pp

390 Manuscript draft by Kettle entitled 'Why Ireland Fought – Prelude' [Incomplete] 8pp.

- 391 Manuscript draft by Kettle entitled 'Ireland At Armageddon' [Incomplete] 17pp
- 392 Manuscript note by Kettle on the purpose of the war. 1p.
- 393 Manuscript draft discussion by Kettle relating to Ireland's role in the war against Germany; an account of the outbreak of hostilities and the occupation of Belgium in defiance of her neutrality; formulation of the moral duty of the Allied Powers to defend Belgium, and an attack on Germany's aggressive imperialism. 17pp
- 394 Manuscript draft by Kettle of a chapter dealing with the threat posed to Ireland by German military domination of Europe; a rejection of the 'physical force' school of Irish nationalist thinking, as 'naïve and Prussian' in its idolatry of brute force'. 10pp.
- 395 Manuscript draft by Kettle outlining arguments in favour of Ireland supporting Britain in the war. 3pp.
- 396 Manuscript note by Kettle on Ireland and the Great War. 1p.

iii. Active Service

a. Final letters from the field and codicils (August—September 1916)

- 397 7 August 1916 Copy of letter from Kettle, 9th Royal Dublin Fusiliers, to [H] McLaughlin, describing conditions in the trenches. He alludes to the Sinn Féin Rising: 'The Sinn Fein nightmare upset me a little, but then if you tickle the ear of a short-tempered Elephant with a pop gun, and he walks on you that is a natural concatenation of events.' Kettle reaffirms his commitment to a constitutional settlement, and is optimistic that the 'two great Irish Parties' [Home Rulers and Unionists]

- 397 contd can achieve a rapprochement. He concludes 'If it should come my way to die I shall sleep well in the France I always loved...' 2pp.
- 398 4 August 1916 Witnessed manuscript codicil to Kettle's will bequeathing copyright of his works to his wife and expressing the desire that she should collaborate with Professor William Magennis in any re-editing of such work. Requests that following dedication on any future publications: "'To my dear wife and comrade. Ex umbris et imaginibus in veritatem'"; manuscript fragment of letter from Kettle to 'J.J.' [O'Meara?] asking him to add the codicil to his will, describing the horrors and conditions of the front line and referring with humour to his 'bed fellows' which include 'The Royal Wurtemberg machine gun corps of mosquitoes,...the Silesian lice and the third division of Frankfort ants...' Sends his regards to friends and colleagues in Dublin including J.W. Bacon (Secretary, University College, Dublin). 1p.
- 399` 3 September 1916 Manuscript note by Kettle entitled 'Political' in which he outlines his final political desires. 'Had I lived I had meant to call my next book on the relations of Ireland and England: "The Two Fools: A Tragedy of Errors"...I have mixed much with Englishmen and with Protestant Ulstermen, and I know that there is no real or abiding reason for the gulfs'....he asks for Colonial Home Rule, the withdrawal of martial law and an amnesty for Sinn Féin prisoners. 1p.
- 400 3 September 1916 Manuscript note by Kettle entitled 'Literary' outlining the content of works he feels should be published including Ways of War. 'I should like my verse published in a separate little volume.' Comments on his friends 'in every townland in Ireland who do not normally buy books but *would* buy mine'. 1p.
- 401 [September 1916] Manuscript note by Kettle detailing those to whom farewell messages should be sent including Richard Hazleton, M.O., John Redmond, M.P., Denis Coffey (President, University College Dublin). 'What little I have to forgive I forgive freely, and what I have to be forgiven will I hope be forgiven. 1p.

- 402 3 September 1916 Final manuscript letter from Kettle to his wife in which he anticipates the end... 'We are to take part in one of the biggest attacks of the war; many will not come back'. Notes 'there was never in all the world a dearer woman or a more perfect wife... Tell Betty her daddy was a soldier and died as one'. Includes a revised and witnessed codicil in which he withdraws suggestion of collaboration between Mary Kettle and Magennis, leaving full control of his publications to her. 'I leave all to her as a compliment to her intellect as well as her love.' Contains manuscript note by Mary Kettle on reverse: 'To be destroyed after my death'.
1p.

b. Final Poems.

- 403 1917 Text of poem by Kettle 'Nor tho' the Zeppeline dismay'. Copied from Visitors' Book, Old Lock Tavern.
- 404 [4 September 1916] Manuscript draft by Kettle of poem 'To my daughter Betty'
1p.
- 405 [4 September 1916] Copy of complete text of 'To my daughter Betty' by Kettle.

c. Military records and notes (1914—[16])

- 406 Field Message Book, containing printed instructions in field operations and manuscript notes by Kettle on battle procedures. Also includes fragment of poem beginning, 'It will be well to leave them the masoned walls'... and a draft letter to a newspaper editor, stating the arguments in favour of Irish recruitment.
25pp.
- 407 Manuscript field message from Kettle to Lieut.'s J.H. Bird and W.H. Boyd, outlining a plan to attack German positions.

408 Manuscript notes by Kettle containing phrases on the war spectacle and land.
2pp.

409 Pass issued to Kettle by the Military Governor of Anvers.

iv. Killed in Action

a. Commemorative

412 Commemorative sheet incorporating the name of Thomas Kettle

b. Letters of condolence and letters about Kettle's grave

aa. Army Personnel (1916—24)

413 September 1916—
November 1917 Letters from Captain Maurice F. Healy, Royal Dublin Fusiliers to Mary Kettle, expressing his grief at Kettle's death, and his admiration for Kettle's gifts and character. He records the progress of his search for the location of Kettle's graves, but has to admit defeat: 'Search ye no more...for Emmet's grave is Ireland'.
6pp.

414 September—December 1916 Letters from Private Robert Bingham (Kettle's Batman), to Mary Kettle, describing Kettle's kindness to him. He 'was like a father to my-self (sic) for I am an orphan boy'. Bingham gives many instances of Kettle's behaviour towards the men under his command. Offers to return Kettle's watch to Mary Kettle.
7pp.

415 22 September [1916] Letter from Colonel F.S. Tackery, Colonel of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, to Mrs Kettle, giving an account of Kettle's instantaneous death at the battle of Ginchy Wood.
1p.

- 416** 26 September 1916 Letter from Richard Bird, 112 Field Ambulance, to Mrs Kettle, describing his respect for Kettle 'My brother's trusted and beloved company Commander'. 2pp.
- 417** 14 October 1916 Letter from J. Emmet Dalton, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, to Mary Kettle, giving a detailed outline of the Battle of Ginchy Wood, including the circumstances of Kettle's death: 'a bullet got over a steel waistcoat that he wore and entered his heart. Well he only lasted about 1 minute and he had my crucifix in his hands. He also said "this is the 7th anniversary of my wedding"'. 2pp
- 418** 25 October 1916 Letter from J.A. Spiltes, [Golter?], Royal Munster Fusilier to Mary Kettle, giving an account of Kettle's death: 'The only words he said were "Oh my God, I'm struck. He died within 10 minutes'.'. 2pp.
- 419** 6 November 1916 Letter from Father Felix Burke, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, (Chaplain) to Mrs. Kettle, expressing his respect for Kettle: 'the men loved him [and] we all looked up to him as a towering genius [and] a storehouse of information'. He alludes to Kettle's refusal to accept a staff commission, because he wanted to remain on active duties. 4pp.
- 420** 10 March 1917 Letter from Lieutenant William Browne, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, Royal Naval Divisional School of Instruction to his mother, discussing the difficulty of finding Kettle's graves, because continuing military engagements have altered the terrain. He describes identifying dead Dublin Fusiliers at Hawthorn Ridge: 'I got sick after getting the 3rd man's disc'. Browne adds that the graves 'are being constantly blown up and the remains scattered all over the place'. He comments on the unreliability of army supply lines, and the difficulty of obtaining food and ammunition, which is retarding the Allied advance. Horses die in their tracks as they struggle over the mud. He includes a transcript of 'To My Daughter Betty', and describes Kettle's courage at Ginchy Wood, including his encouragement of the men before the assault. 4pp.

