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Introduction

This collection of papers of T.W.T. Dillon was deposited by Professor Brian Farrell on behalf of his wife Marie-Therese, Professor Dillon's daughter, on 14 October, 1994.

Theobald Wolfe Tone Dillon was born in 1898 and was known as Theo. He was the second son of John Dillon (1851-1927), land agitator and nationalist politician, and grandson of James Blake Dillon (1816-66) founder of *The Nation* in 1842. On his mother's side he was descended from the Mathews of Thomastown, county Tipperary, his mother, Elizabeth Mathew being a grand-niece of Fr. Theobald Mathew of the temperance movement. His maternal grandfather was Sir James Mathew, a judge of the High Court and a graduate of the University of Dublin (Trinity College). Myles Dillon (Celtic scholar) and James Dillon (independent and Fine Gael politician) were two of his brothers, the others being Shawn and Brian, a Benedictine monk and headmaster of Glenstal School. He had one sister, Nano (Anne Elizabeth).

After a brief period spent at Belvedere College, Dublin, Dillon was sent to Mount Saint Benedict, Gorey, county Wexford, after the death of his mother. He stood out among his fellow pupils in the breadth of his reading and understanding - a feature of his intellect that is more than apparent in the letters he writes to his father during his long stay in clinics in continental Europe. The Celtic scholar and sometime companion of Dillon's in Europe, Gerard Murphy, wrote that "in mathematics he stood alone."¹ He sat his first public examinations in 1915, entering University College Dublin with a scholarship in classics and mathematics. As a medical student he "entered with enthusiasm into the life of University College, joining the Literary and Historical Society, the rugby club, the tennis club and the swimming club."² He graduated in 1921, achieving first in the entire examination and in 1922 was awarded a travelling studentship in pathology. However, for some time before this he had not been in good health and it was suspected that he had bone tuberculosis. Although many years later it was decided that the trouble was not tubercular, "it sent him on a long pilgrimage to continental sanatoria in search of a cure."³

This is the period that this collection covers very comprehensively. The most important aspect of these papers are the letters Dillon sent to his father from his stay in the various clinics in France and Switzerland. They are amazingly detailed letters, covering an extremely broad range of subjects through philosophy and science and display a formidable grasp of the politics of the time in both Ireland and the rest of Europe. His knowledge is garnered from a wide range of newspapers in a wide variety of languages and a very interesting network of friends and acquaintances. The series of letters from Frank Humphreys (P126/145-157) and those from Gerard Murphy, Professor of the History of Celtic Literature at U.C.D. (P126/158-167), illustrate some of the difficulties

¹ *Theobald Wolfe Tone Dillon*, Gerard Murphy, *Studies*, June 1946 p. 146

² *ibid.* p. 147

³ *ibid.* p. 148

he raises in the letters to his father concerning religion and religious belief in particular. The appearance of Marie Benninger in his letters to his father is quite sudden, there being no mention of her until he announces that he is considering getting married. Possibly the most poignant section of the letters are the telegrams and letters he writes to his father when his and Marie's first child is still born (P126/128-133). The later material relating to U.C.D. and his life in Dublin is quite fragmentary but is interesting nonetheless (Section D), providing some material on his research work and his interest and involvement with social and religious concerns (P126/189-198). The collection is quite neatly rounded by the inclusion of the material relating to Dillon's death (Section F) and to Gerard Murphy's death (Section E).

An interesting feature of the collection are the comments Dillon's father makes regarding when he received and when he answered the letters. These marks have been noted in *Italics* underneath the date of each letter. The collection has been arranged basically in chronological order with regard to the letters and in a rough kind of subject matter with regard to the rest of the material. The large number of envelopes have been arranged in chronological order, with only the ones found with the letters being left with them, otherwise they are in a section on their own with slips of paper recording the dates on which John Dillon wrote to his sons.

Dillon spent a year at Berk-Plage in the north of France and then four years in Leysin, Switzerland, first as a patient and then as an assistant to Dr. Rollier, a pioneer in the use of heliotherapy. While working as assistant to Rollier, Dillon married Marie Benninger and spent the year 1928-9 in Vienna studying modern methods in medicine. They moved to Dublin with their second child, Marie-Therese in 1929 and settled in Killiney. Around the time they settled in Killiney, Dillon was made a Rockefeller Scholar in medicine in U.C.D., later changed to a College Assistancy, and in 1932 he was appointed Professor of Pharmacology and Therapeutics. He died in 1946.

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Chronology

1898	Born
1907	Death of mother
1908	Mount Saint Benedict School, Wexford
1915	Entered U.C.D.
1921	Graduated U.C.D.
1922	Won travelling studentship, N.U.I. <i>Institute Francois de Sales</i> , Berk-plage, France
1923	<i>Clinique la Vallerette</i> , Leysin, Switzerland <i>Clinque Les Sapins</i> , Leysin
1926	<i>Clinique La Primevere</i> , Leysin Assistant to Dr. Rollier, Leysin Marriage to Marie Benninger
1927	Death of first child Death of father, John Dillon
1928	Studying medicine in Vienna Birth of daughter Marie-Therese
1929	Return to Dublin Rockefeller Scholar medicine, U.C.D.
1932	Professor of Pharmacology and Therapeutics
1935	Patient again in Switzerland
1936	Return to Dublin
1946	Died

A. The Dillon Family

I. Letters from Theo Dillon to his father John.

a. General Election, 1918

- 1 9 Dec 1918 Telegram from the family home in Ballaghedereen, county Mayo to the family home at 2 North Great George's Street, Dublin, informing him that a meeting has been arranged for Wednesday at 2.00 p.m. in Charlestown, county Mayo; that the Canon [Gallagher?] was anxious that he attend. 1 item
- 2 [c. 9 Dec 1918] From St James' Presbytery, Charlestown, county Mayo informing his father about the meeting arranged at the Presbytery for 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday at which 'you are to be announced to speak'; and an effort is being made 'to get the contingents in.'
Wrote Tuesday, 10 Dec 2 pp
- 3 [c.9 Dec 1918] From Ballaghadereen, informing him that he arrived on Saturday to find 'Felix in sole charge of what little organisation there was' and that the meeting was a great success with two or three hundred people in attendance. Describes the arrival of a group of Sinn Feiners and the fight between them and the Carricastle men in which shots were fired but no-one hurt. Considers that their chief difficulty is their lack of cars and the lack of any initiative in Swinford. He will try to organise cars for polling day and asks his father for petrol.
Wrote Monday 10 Dec 7 pp
- 4 11 Dec 1918 Telegram from Foxford, county Mayo to Ballaghadereen informing him of a change of plan and requesting his presence at the same time on Friday. 1 item

b. From England, 1922

- 5 22 Oct 1922 From the Junior Common Room, Trinity College, Oxford informing his father that Ruth has made him 'extremely comfortable, and has discussed with charming frankness the internal politics of the family' and that he now understands better the 'delicate position of our James.' Mentions visiting Kathleen and his grandmother and that Charles [maternal uncle] is standing for the Labour Party in St. Georges 'which induced in him a mood of extraordinary benevolence'.
Wrote 24 Oct 1922

- 5 contd Describes attending a meeting of the Essay Club in Oxford University, 'a very exclusive society' whose members read essays to one another followed by discussion and finding it 'amusing to hear one man after another speaking with an Oxford lisp'. He mentions that he is going to hear the Jesuit Martendale read a paper to the Newman Society and that he has not yet heard from [Dr.] Calot [*Institut Francois de Sales*, Berck-Plage, France]. 4 pp
- 6 25 Oct 1922 From 31 Cromwell Gardens, London
Wrote 26 Oct S.W.7 acknowledging his father's letter and informing him that he has not seen T.P. [O' Connor MP, member of the Irish Parliamentary Party] who is 'going down somewhere electioneering.' Discusses Charles' candidature, commenting that it will afford him the opportunity to become the 'prominent legal member' of the Labour Party. Comments on his stay in Oxford, that it is 'interesting and architecturally beautiful' but 'too classical and English to make me at all sorry that I never went there as a student.' Recounts his experience of being introduced into Conor's and Charles' social circle and of meeting various interesting characters, for example Winogradoff, a Russian expelled by the Czar and living in England ever since. Describes meeting Fr. Martendale S.J., finding him 'the complete Oxford man, with every distinction that can be gained at the university to his credit' and determined to defend Catholicism in Oxford. He feels strongly that his brother James' objections to Martendale are unjustified. Comments on the political situation in London. 'According to what one hears, Lloyd George is moving into a position of complete isolation. Of course the Coalition Unionists have deserted him...' Request to be informed of his brother Brian's examination result when it comes out. 4 pp
- 7 30 Oct 1922 From Cromwell Gardens informing his
Wrote 1 Nov father that he has still not seen T.P. who is touring the north of England but will continue to try; and that although Charles' health is 'most satisfactory', he is in some pain which is unfortunate from an electioneering point of view. 'I don't think much of the new paper. Of course the article by [Eoin] McNeill is drivel; and as I expected the political article is milk & water. Padraic O'Conaire's Irish thing is the best thing in it , and of course 90% of the readers will not understand that'. Will not be in touch for a while because he is going to [the *Institut Francois de Sales*], Berck-Plage. 2 pp

c. From the *Institut Francois de Sales*, Berck-Plage, France, 1922-3

- 8 9 Nov 1922 Outlines the treatment he is receiving so far from Dr. Calot and comments on the fact that he cannot see much of Calot's work because he is either resting in his room or is 'on a movable couch, which is wheeled from place to place by a boy', restricting his movements considerably. Through conversations with Calot and from reading his book, he thinks he will have to stay in France for up to five months for both treatment and convalescence, but will discuss the matter with Calot when he is more fluent in French. Requires 'a good thick rug' as it would be useful 'if I wanted to go out on my chariot.' Describes his Afghan companion and the Franciscan nuns who work in the *Institut*, who became very friendly towards him when they found out who his 'uncle' was. Wrote a formal application regarding the [National University of Ireland] studentship which has been acknowledged by the university.
Wrote Wed 15 Nov 1922
Wrote again 19 Nov 1922
see also: P126/65, 67, 183 6 pp
- 9 24 Nov 1922 He has gained sufficient fluency in French to make himself easily understood and has made the acquaintance of almost everyone in the *Institut*, settling into 'a very restful existence' with plenty of opportunity for 'reading and reflection.' Requests notices of interesting books from his father from time to time and is taking the *Independent*, *Daily Express* and the Paris papers and is considering taking the *Times Literary Supplement*, but considers the *Independent*'s coverage of Ireland 'gives the most absurd impression of Irish affairs. Obviously the censorship is rigid'. Comments on the diet in France and the cheapness of wine and champagne but otherwise the cost of living is as dear as in Ireland. Pleased to hear about Charles and that his predictions concerning the Liberals were right, fearing that they are 'done for' as a political force in England and commenting that 'Lloyd George was beaten more heavily than I had hoped, but what a satisfaction!' Recounts a Greek friend's bitter disappointment on Lloyd George's defeat and his opinion that the royalists at present on trial in Greece will be shot and that Constantine would himself have been shot had he not escaped so quickly. Makes some requests regarding domestic matters. 4 pp
- 10 25 Nov 1922 Comments on his fathers last letter and the £5 bill from Dick Duggan, doubting its legitimacy. Describes his feelings on learning from the newspapers that Erskine Childers was executed : 'I feel that the Government are on the wrong road, but I admit I cannot suggest any other method.' Comments on the 'considerable interest' being generated in France about the Conference of Lausanne, particularly for his Greek friend who is furious with the English for forbidding the executions of the Greek royalists and for threatening to

- 10 contd break off diplomatic relations with Greece. Remarks on his difficulty in understanding the current British attitude, or that of Poincaré and Mussolini, feeling that 'there must be some particularly disgraceful bargain behind the scenes'. Received a letter from Kathleen describing the British elections, 'a large auctioneer's bell...rang the ladies of Whitechapel to the polls' and that the Irish vote kept him (Charles?) in. Wants to know if T.P.'s new paper has come out yet.
4 pp
- 11 2 Dec 1922 Asks that any copies of the *Lancet* that are still arriving be forwarded on to him but that he does not want his subscription renewed. 'My Greek friend is of course violently in favour of the executions, which, he says, are justified by documents published in the Greek papers, inculcating Gounalis especially of high treason, and secret negotiations with the Turks during the Asia Minor campaign. All that he says - however-leaves one with the uncomfortable impression that revenge has played a large part in the matter.' Comments that: 'From this distance, [General Richard] Mulcahy reads like a man who fears the game is up.'
4 pp
- 12 8 Dec 1922 Is sending back the warrant concerning
Wrote 12 Dec 1922 the £25 he has already borrowed from him. Has spoken with [Dr.] Fochet at the *Institut* whom he finds 'more communicative than Calot' and whose opinion it is that he will have to remain in France until next June and that 'all active trouble should be gone by April but ... it would be unwise to abandon treatment for at least two months after that.' 'The account of the opening day of the Free State parliament is extremely amusing. I am sure you took note of the naive enthusiasm shown by President Cosgrave on "being received into the Empire", and his beautiful comment on the apparent [madness?] of those who did not realise the completeness of this freedom. I am beginning to admire Cosgrave. He possesses all the requirements of the modern statesman, including what the English newspapers call "fearless moral courage", which is apparently distinguished by a limitless capacity for eating dirt. Did it ever strike you that he resembles Bonar Law more than a little, as a political figure? The same uninspiring mediocrity, arriving, as if by accident, in a position of importance. Tim Healy is amusing. To me it adds the last touch of absurdity to the comic side of the wretched business. But I must say I think the Free State Government have scored heavily by appointing him'.
4 pp
- 13 15 Dec 1922 Apologises for not having replied to his
Wrote 23 Dec 1922 father's last two letters which he greatly appreciated. 'However philosophical one may be in exile, it is a great comfort when the post stops at your door'. He found the cuttings very interesting, particularly those concerning

- 13 contd George Bernard Shaw. Discusses various books he has been reading, including Louis Madelin's *The French Revolution* about the 'very small minority that were actually concerned in the real revolution' and Lecky's *History of Democracy and Liberty* which he finds 'strangely undemocratic ... and four of his prophecies are extraordinarily interesting and accurate.' Remarks that he has been very fortunate in finding an excellent French teacher and that 'eloquence is coming to me ... , but I despair of my accent which I am told is very marked.'
- 4 pp
- 14 27 Dec 1922 Thanks his father for the 'magnificently
8 Jan 1923 long letter' which arrived with many
others from various people. Remarks on a copy of the *Republic* that it is 'a horrible comment on Rory O' Connor's execution.' Tells him about his friendship with the 'very charming chaplain' at the *Institut* who has given him books on Apologetic, the treatment of religion in connection with science and philosophy; commenting that 'the books he has given me and the work he has described throw a melancholy light on the backwardness of the Irish church in these matters.' May have a visit from Harry Meade [a medical colleague of his]. Asks his father to tell his sister Nano and 'Maria' that their 'eatables arrived triumphantly on Christmas Eve, and were greatly appreciated by a cosmopolitan gathering, at the *revillon* ... celebrated after midnight mass'. Comments on Modelin's book on the French Revolution, that he throws 'a very interesting light on the part played by the church' while acknowledging the corruption of the *ancien regime*. Has started learning Italian and would like his father to recommend a good Italian dictionary.
see also: P126/174
- 4 pp
- 15 4 Jan. 1923 Explains his lack of correspondence by
*Wrote 9 Jan & sent 'the peaceful sameness of my existence
two books here'. He has made the acquaintance of
most of the men in the Institut over
Christmas, discovering some 'redoubtable chess players, with whom a
great deal of time slips by.' Has nothing new to report about his health
and is growing accustomed to almost complete immobilisation but finds
comfort in the fact that almost everyone in the Institut is subject to the
same restrictions 'which thereby lose half their rigor.' Reminds his
father of his request for an Italian dictionary saying that his brother
Brian might help. Comments in a post script that President Cosgrave's
'article' and New Year's Eve message would be superfluous and that
the French are still interested in de Valera and publish articles in the
press from time to time about him.*
- 4 pp
- 16 13 Jan 1923 Writes concerning the sad news about
*Received 17 Jan Charles. 'I wrote to Hanah & Kathleen.
Wrote 24 Jan 1923 It is most desolating, for I fear that the*

16 contd financial position is not robust. What makes me furious is the gallstones. When Charles told me in London that the German surgeon had confessed to finding gallstones and leaving them there, I knew he was in for serious trouble sometime'. His Italian is going well and he has become friendly with an Italian who served as an officer in the war but who is now very ill with tuberculosis. He manages to struggle 'fairly successfully' with his friend's copy of *La Stampa*. Comments on the optimistic nature of the *Institut*, even in his friend who is extremely ill but who acts as though 'he had not a care in the world' and that 'everyone is optimistic. Every one is going to get well and six months or a year is regarded as nothing.' He received a letter from Eimar O' Duffy defending the Free State and all its doings and is puzzled that O' Duffy says he has not seen any of the Dillons since he went away. 'I was amused to see [Tomas] Johnson attacking the nepotism in the Dáil - and the enraged innocence of Kevin O'Higgins. Apparently from what he said, Tim [Healy?] is really his uncle! I had thought he was a cousin'. Comments in detail about the political situation in Europe, that the Italians are very keen about Mussolini's project and that one of the reasons for postponing the decision of the Rep[arations] Comm[ission] is that Poincaré 'may attempt to arrange matters with Mussolini. Apparently unless he can do so he will meet with considerable opposition in his extended occupation of the Ruhr'. Finds the articles written by Lloyd George in the *Independent* 'rather disgusting' particularly one regarding the Treaty of Versailles. Asks that his brother James write to him to let him know about his plans for visiting America. Remarks in a post script that he did not send in his voting papers 'precisely for the reason that I would never vote for Una in principle [Agnes O'Farrelly, candidate for election as Convocation representative on the senate of the N.U.I.]. Her well-known back-scratching proceedings are a complete offset to her usefulness.'

6 pp

17 25 Jan 1923 Informs his father that he does not *Received*
 29 Jan 1923 require any money for the moment as he
 Wrote 15 Feb 1923 spends 'practically nothing here outside
 the inevitable expenses, which come to
 about £20 - £21 a month' to cover injections, bandages, dressings and so
 on 'all of which are charged for on an extravagant scale.' Asks if James
 has cleared his debt to Dick Duggan and tells his father that he has made
 an arrangement with his Italian friend to exchange lessons in Italian and
 French but needs a better Italian dictionary. Expresses his hope that he
 can meet Nano in Italy but is afraid that he will have to stay in the
Institut until 'it is too hot to think of Italy with pleasure.' Received a
 very sad letter from Annah and a letter from his grandmother 'hinting at
 complications in affairs', commenting on the state of Hanah's finances.

4 pp

- 18 10 Feb. 1923 Has had another letter from Kathleen
Wrote 15 Feb 1923 which made him 'feel anxious about her.
 She seems to be in despair' and has also
 heard from Hanah who seemed sad but courageous. Discusses in detail
 the political situation in Europe, commenting that France is moving
 towards the annexation of the Ruhr; the feeling in France that the fault
 of the Versailles Treaty was in not dividing Germany piecemeal 'and -
 above all - Prussia stripped of all her Rhenish possessions'; and on
 censorship in the French press concerning Italy's refusal to send in
 troops. Tells his father that his Italian friend was one of the early
Fascisti about whom he has learned many interesting things, mentioning
 Caporetto where his friend says four hundred thousand prisoners died
 through the collaboration of the communists and the Austrians and
 that he is 'interesting too on the state of Italy after the war - before
 Mussolini saved the situation'. Remarks that the situation is similar to
 the Irish one 'without the same marked inclination to explosions.'
 5 pp
- 19 17 Feb 1923 Informs his father that there is no chance
Wrote 22 Feb 1923 that he will be able to see Nano in Italy in
 April because he cannot move until his
 knee is healed and this is not 'progressing as rapidly as his chest'; but he
 hopes to be walking by April, being careful 'to take it easy for some
 considerable time , so as not to run the risk of beginning this business
 all over again. The news about Ballagh [the family home] is very
 depressing. It surprises me that the Bishop should have succeeded, for
 he should be very unpopular with the personnel of the Government but I
 suppose his recent firmness has allowed for earlier sins against the Sinn
 Fein light. I feel there is still a great hope of saving the place. Our
 neutrality in this business has been so clearly marked all along - and
 also the fact that the houses burnt so far have been those of avowed
 supporters of the Government - give me a hope'. Describes in detail the
 political situation in France; her feelings on Germany's bad faith since
 the peace and the folly of regarding her 'as a suffering innocent'; that
 the devaluation of the German mark was deliberate and an international
 loan could easily have been arranged to pay reparations. He has a
 growing sympathy for the French, only now realising their fear 'literally
 ever present to their minds that the Germans increase year by year - and
 that another war is bound to come.' Mentions that he has had another
 letter from his grandmother saying that Kathleen 'is very cut up. It is
 desperately hard on her.'
 6 pp
- 20 28 Feb 1923 Notes that he felt there were 'distinct
Wrote 6 Mar 1922 signs of a break in the anti-government
 forces'. He sees an improvement in news
 reporting, commenting that 'the terrorism exercised by [Mary]
 McSwiney over the *Independent* is amusing' as it appears that it does
 not dare to refuse any of her letters publication. Mentions a book he is
 reading on the economic consequences of the war by an Italian

- 20 contd economist, A. Lona, his analysis of the current economic system, and the problems of anonymous ownership of shares and tax evasion. Is looking forward to Nano's visit. 4 pp
- 21 [March 1923] Discusses his current medical situation, is having some shoulder trouble and will have to resume wearing plaster, having stopped in January, commenting that 'naturally it is disappointing , and means an inevitable prolongement (*sic*) of the cure' but otherwise is in good health. Is writing to Coffey [President of U.C.D. and vice-chancellor of the N.U.I.] to find out how long the studentship can be postponed. 4 pp
 Received 6 March
 Wrote 6 March
- 22 8 March 1923 Returning his father's letters as the 'mails between France and unoccupied Germany are very uncertain.' Has written to Myles in Berlin, enclosing a letter from his French teacher to be posted to Russia but has heard nothing from him. Details the slow progress of his health, and has finally persuaded Calot to plaster his knee, commenting that he is 'becoming gradually accustomed to my coat of armour.' Agrees with his father about the studentship. 3 pp
 Received 21 March
 Wrote 2 April 1923
- 23 [March 1923] Describes celebrating St. Patrick's Day 'in noble style with tea and rich cakes, followed by champagne and biscuits, which is the French formula.' Comments on his condition, feeling it wise to give the plaster treatment 'a few months' and that if things do not improve, he will consider going elsewhere but is optimistic because 'the real curing season is beginning.' Requests that Nano inform him well in advance of her arrival so that he can prepare for her visit. Asks to be informed when money is lodged as his resources are very low. 3 pp
 Received 21 March
 Wrote 2 April 1923
- 24 30 March 1923 Informs his father that all the arrangements have been made for Nano's arrival and that he has moved into a new room overlooking the sea and finds the sound of the waves refreshing. He has heard from Myles who is planning to go to Paris next year and hopes to be able to join him there after Christmas. Comments on France's refusal of an American proposal in Rome to back a loan if the French agree to a committee of experts to fix the total amount of reparations; and the different accounts in the French and Italian press concerning the matter. Asks for his father's opinion on the *Criminal Injuries Bill* [in Ireland] commenting that he does not understand the principal which justifies paying for property but not for life. 3 pp
 Wrote 4 April 1923

- 25 9 April 1923 Describes Nano's visit and that they had
Wrote 13 April 'a splendid two days which I enjoyed
enclosing one letter from from start to finish' and that he 'took the
James dated 27 March 1923 strangest delight in hearing the smallest
 details of existence in Dublin which ...
 lost nothing in the telling.' Returning James's letters, who 'seems to be
 passing through America in his usual superb style.' Informs his father
 that Lloyd George's articles are now appearing in *La Stampa* and are
 given great prominence in it, indicating, in his opinion, how far Italy is
 from backing France. 3 pp
- 26 13 April 1923 Thanks his father for the £2 and two
Wrote 18 April boxes of cigarettes he sent out with Nano.
 Received a 'mysterious' copy of the *Irish*
 Times, the first copy he has read since arriving in France and found it
 better than the *Independent*, his subscription to which he will not renew.
 Is considering buying a newly published book on electrotherapy and
 will spend the winter in a sanatorium in either Switzerland or Italy.
 Comments on Liam Lynch's death that it will bring about the breaking
 up of the Irregulars but that it was better he was not executed. Expresses
 his interest on the Dáil debate about the army and remembers hearing
 about the conflict between the I.R.B. and 'the other section.' Describes
 'the trying task' he had interpreting for an Irish priest, Canon O'
 Riordan, for a week, as he 'persisted in endeavouring to explain himself
 in French, the worst French that has been spoken for many centuries.'
 Assures his father that he returned James' letters and says that he has
 heard from Myles who sent him a German bio-chemical journal he
 found he could read 'without overwhelming difficulty.'
 4 pp
- 27 20 April 1923 Comments on the use of prisoners to take
Wrote 26 April down barricades as an 'unnecessary
 barbarism. Surely if there was a danger of
 trap mines, there could be a way of exploding them from afar.' He is
 amused that the 'first result of the establishment of our financial
 independence should be 6d more on the Income Tax. It is the mercy of
 heaven that the English took off the 1/- last year before we became
 free'. Asks his father if he knows of a good annotated Dante because he
 feels his fluency in Italian could meet the challenge. Asks for a three
 month subscription to the *Irish Times*.
 'The *Independent* I see solemnly reproves the *Freeman* for its article. if
 I were the Gov.[ernment] I would pack Mons.[ignor] Lazlio back to
 Rome instanter. Did you see the Papal blessing for Dr. Con Murphy?
 This finishes the question of hunger-striking. Rather a blow for the
 Bishop of Cork!' 4 pp

- 28 29 April 1923 Has read in the French newspapers about
Wrote 2 May 1923 an order issued by de Valera calling on all
 Republicans to cease hostilities and is
 awaiting Saturday's paper to confirm the good news. Agrees with Kevin
 O' Higgins's opinion on the difficulties of the next few months and the
 problem of what will happen to '50,000 demobilised men with no work
 to do? ... the Irish Army are quite capable of starting another
 revolution'. He doubts the ability of the Irish Government to last beyond
 the next election, 'always provided that the election is free.' Comments
 on the 'rhapsodies and laments for the past glories of the French
 monarchy' in the *Aelion Francaise* report on the wedding of the Duke
 of Windsor. Enquires as to the date of his brother Shawn's ordination.
 3 pp
- 29 6 May 1923 Expresses his delight at Nano's
Wrote 18 May 1923 engagement, commenting that 'by a
 curious chance, she has chosen the only
 young, prominent doctor of the National University group that I do not
 know personally' and that he has heard his brilliance spoken of often. 'It
 is amusing that Nano should be the first to take this much-abused
 course, and with a National University student, but I shall wait till she is
 safely tied to make this point to her.' Discusses the Irish political
 situation, feeling that the real struggles are going on behind the scenes
 and that de Valera's document would be fatal to negotiate upon as 'the
 first two clauses can easily be read as an abandonment of the Treaty,
 and after all that has passed the acceptance of [the] Treaty at least must
 be the basis for negotiation.' Comments on the situation regarding
 reparations talks between France and Germany and the information a
 Russian friend gave him that Russia is united on two fronts only - the
 need to destroy Poland and the need to destroy England.
 4 pp
- 30 11 May 1923 Has read [Dr.] Rollier's [Leysin
Received 15 May Switzerland] book and is impressed by
Wrote 15 May the system it describes. He mentions that
Wrote again 17 May he has written to him for details about his
 clinic in Switzerland and about working
 with him, but that he is in Venice at the moment. He gives his father
 details of the treatment and the cost; his medical details and the needs
 to make new financial arrangements, recognising the many claims on his
 father's purse, and telling him that 'my bonds are at your disposal to
 reimburse the heavy claims I have made and must, mournfully, continue
 to make.
 4 pp

- 31 26 May 1923 Is sending a list of Paris hotels and prices and expects to be released from his plasters on the 27 May. Is delighted to hear that Maria [O'Reilly, housekeeper at North Great George's Street, who reared the Dillon children after their mother's death] is going to visit before he goes to Switzerland. Tells his father 'that you could avoid any distressing interview with Calot by pleading a more complete ignorance than is true of French. The trouble is that both Calot, and to a greater extent, his assistant Fouchet, suffer from the lamentable delusion that they can speak English, and delight in demonstrating their powers.' Comments on the events concerning Poincaré and Baldwin and the talk in France of changing the constitution and that Poincaré 'has undoubtedly emerged more than victorious out of a delicate position', the French people supporting him 'to an amazing extent.' 2 pp
- 32 [May] 1923 Expresses his happiness over his father's proposed visit. 'Your idea coming over in person is simply and shortly glorious. I cannot say how often I have longed to see you.' Makes suggestions for meeting in either Paris or on the Boulogne-Paris train to avoid any 'interviews of a painful nature bearing on my departure, as Calot hates losing patients' and asks his father to check the validity of his passport for Switzerland. 4 pp
Wrote 28 May
Wrote again 29th
enclosing two letters
from James
- 33 30 May 1923 Informs his father that his plaster came off that day and discusses his personal finances. Expresses his satisfaction that Nano was pleased with his letter and that he thinks highly of Paddy Smith [her future husband]. Asks for copies of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass* as presents for his French teacher who 'has extraordinarily kind and helpful.' 2 pp
Wrote enclosing
warrant 1 June 1923
Wrote again 3 June
sent Myles' letter
- 34 6 June 1923 Discusses the situation of a young Irish man who is in the *Institut* being treated for Pott's disease and who 'is now fairly well accustomed to his hard fate.' Elaborates further on their meeting arrangements and says that he has heard from Myles who has done 'more or less what I had in mind for the year, and what I intend to do some day when I am more active.' Is amused by a letter from Paddy Smith who is pleased that Theo is 'going to be in German hands'. Dr. Rollier 'is one of the lights of French medicine.' Comments on two books he read about France and makes further inquiries about his passport.
see also: P126/74 3 pp

- 35 10 June 1923 Gives an account of his medical condition and is glad to have James' letters although he is worried about his health if he remains in Chicago over the summer. 'I got Newman's report on medical education, & it seems to be excellent. You will have noticed, if you read it that he insists on the importance of clinics attached to the medical faculty with whole time professors. This is the idea that I have always had in mind. He has also excellent pages on the necessity of linking up the different medical branches, an unknown activity in the National Medical School. The reading of it made me melancholy. We are going backwards in Dublin, instead of forward, and in medicine particularly, we are years - if not decades - behind other countrys'. Remarks on 'a particularly disgraceful piece of jobbery in the university' [U.C.D.] in appointing a lecturer in mathematical physics, commenting that 'the university at this rate will develop rapidly into a family party of mediocre quality.'
- 3 pp
- 36 [June 1923] Informs his father of problems in finding a suitable hotel and makes further travel arrangements. His passport is not valid in Switzerland but his father should have no problems dealing with this in London. Is enjoying Maria's [O'Reilly] visit and will break the news to Calot that evening.
- 2 pp
- 37 22 June 1923 Has succeeded in booking an hotel [Hotel d'Albe, Avenue des Champs Elysees, 55 Avenue George V] and says that the interview with Calot was 'more agreeable than I had feared.' Confirms travel arrangements giving details of those for Maria and Shawn.
- 2 pp

d. From *La Vallerette*, Leysin, Switzerland, 1923-5

- 38 6 July 1923 Explains that Myles' unresponsiveness is due to the communications problems between Switzerland and the occupied territories and will let his father know once he hears from Nano. Has seen Rollier but has nothing new to report and comments that an English parson he has met shares their opinion of Rollier 'but says that he has seen most wonderful cures here.' Gives details of his expenses and feels that he will have no difficulty remaining in Leysin for the year. Requests his father to ask Myles to send him catalogues of large scientific booksellers.
- 5 pp

- 39 July 1923
Wrote 15 July Has heard from Nano who gives details of her plans but he has heard nothing from Myles, 'Bonn seems to be cut off from Switzerland.' Outlines details of his treatment, taking daily sun-baths for one and a half hours, is 'rapidly developing a fine brown colour', and mentions the improvement in his German fluency. Comments on a newspaper article by Senator Henry Jouvenal, who opposes the occupation of the Ruhr, and is disappointed by his father's reaction to it; and discusses the question of reparations with regard to England, Germany, America and France. 4 pp
- 40 13 July 1923
Wrote 18 July Gives details of his treatment and describes going to the cinema and 'being carried triumphantly in by 5 people. My little nurse was greatly shocked when I suggested going down in pyjamas and a dressing gown, and made me dress completely even to the collar and tie'.
'The *Temps* has been ferocious against England for the last few days - but there have been some very clever articles on the methods of payment, which expound the thesis that the English agreement with America is a fatal precedent as all the debts cannot possibly be paid in gold. They point out that the logical result of paying in gold is that Germany will eventually have to pay the equivalent of the American debt to someone, and finally they come to the beautiful conclusion that it is England - not France - who is keeping up the total of reparations'. Applauds the idea of an Italian tour with his father and comments on a letter from his grandmother concerning the 'chalice' and the Dean of Clonliffe [College, Dublin]. 4 pp
- 41 21 June 1923
Wrote 27 July To his father, c/o Myles, Schedestrasse 3, Bei von Beysall, Bonn. Expresses his concern about his father's cracked rib and thanks him for the notebooks and squared paper. Agrees that Nano and Paddy are a 'devoted couple' and finds Nano 'greatly changed ... and more serious' and that she has shown 'singular insight' and 'has chosen a very rare type for Dublin', remarking that Smith has none of the 'irritating prejudices and bigotry which are particularly common in Dublin medical circles ... especially among Catholic doctors.' Details the attacks in the continental press on England and calls for direct Franco-German discussions. Wants to know to what extent their conversations about his father's will were private in case the position regarding James came up in discussion with other family members. Gives instructions regarding his application for membership of the British Medical Association. 4 pp

- 42 3 Aug 1923 Apologises for the gap in answering his father's letters which is due to the arrival of Jenny [assistant nursemaid at North Great George's Street, and subsequently nursemaid to Nano's children] and the departure of Nano. Expresses his amusement on hearing of Shawn's 'triumph over the chalice' but thinks that he will never get an apology from their grandmother. Refers to the Senate discussions on the *Public Order Bill* [in Ireland] 'The Army Bill, combined with the "flogging bill" seems to provide all the elements of a legal army tyranny. I suppose that is what we are in for for the next few years.' Asks his fathers opinion of Lloyd George's 'latest efforts' particularly on his remark 'that the reconstruction efforts of the French amused him' and comments on the violent opposition of the *Temps* newspaper to the English. Would like details of James' terms of employment.
3 pp
- 43 [August 1923] Thanks his father for the newspaper cuttings, especially *Eire*. 'It is amazing where they find the money to produce a paper. Remembering the difficulties we had in getting money for the election, and seeing that they have ceased for some time to rob banks, it baffles me where it is coming from ... The decision of the Court of Appeal, and the subsequent proceedings in the Dáil were very interesting. The net effect is that the present Government exercise absolute dictatorial powers, and in a particularly pernicious way. It would be much preferable - it appears to me - if they just went on neglecting the law, as this kind of sham law-making is a frightful precedent. One can imagine the result if the Labour men ever got into power, which is not all impossible if they can come to a working agreement with the Republicans. This of course is out of the question for the present, but I imagine the Republicans will gain ground slowly - if they renounce the idea of warfare. The Boundary Commission ought to play into their hands. I was interested to see in your cuttings that Kevin O'Higgins definitely renounced Fermanagh, as I happen to know that during the Dáil debates the transference of Fermanagh to the Free State was one of the strongest arguments on the Free State side. I remember meeting some Volunteer officers on the Treaty side, who assured me that without that assurance the Treaty would never have been accepted by the Dáil'. 3 pp
- 44 15 Aug 1923 Enquires after his father's health and *Wrote*
21 Aug 1923 describes a forest fire two miles from *La*
Vallerette. Expresses his outrage on the latest British pronouncements concerning the Ruhr, considering the reference to the legality of the Ruhr occupation and the treatment of the debt question to be unjustifiable and that the whole attitude shows 'scant courtesy towards Belgium'. 4 pp

- 45 28 Aug 1923 Comments on the pernicious effects of
Wrote 28 Aug 1923 the Treaty of Versailles, particularly the
 occupation of the Ruhr. 'From that point
of view - the Ruhr occupation is neither more nor less pernicious in
principle than the other occupations carried out in 1921 by the English -
though its effects are obviously more unfortunate. But, what appears to
me intolerable is that the English, and more particularly the
Conservatives should take the tone they do with France, when their past
history since the war lends very good grounds for the belief that as long
as they thought there was anything to be got out of Germany they were
quite prepared to do what France is doing now'. He is being given
access to various new kinds of medical equipment which pleases him.
Remarks on the low number of candidates put forward by the
government for the elections and the mismanagement of de Valera's
arrest. 7 pp
- 46 6 Sept 1923 Expresses his surprise on the success of
Received 8 Sept the Republicans, finding the attitude of
Wrote 13 & 14 Sept the Sinn Fein party 'pretty disgusting'.
Wrote again 15 Sept Their record is one of 'wretched
 cowardice and shameless looting'; he
dislikes their 'unchanging falseness' and considers their paper 'vulgar -
dishonest - but with a good deal of cheap cleverness - which to me is the
most disheartening product of that great idealistic movement.'
Comments on the League of Nations and the occupation of Corfu.
Discusses England's position regarding the reparations. Questions his
father on James' position and asks if there has been any progress
regarding his application to the British Medical Association. he requests
a bible and biblical atlas to aid his reading of Remans' *Histoire du
Peuple d'Israel*. 7 pp
- 47 17 Sept 1923 Comments on Ralph Barry's suggestion
Wrote 29 & 30 Sept of establishing an Irish *Fascisti* with
 W.B. Yeats as the Irish Mussolini. Asks
his father's opinion about 'silently dropping the oath [of allegiance] and
allowing members [of the Dáil] to declare a conscientious objection',
remarking that England could hardly do more than 'protest strongly'
adding that they might refuse a boundary commission 'but that is bound
at any rate to be a fiasco.' 6 pp
- 48 [23] Sept 1923 Informs his father about his study of
Wrote 29 & 30 Sept Algebra and goes on to discuss the
 League of Nations' position on Corfu,
feeling that his father would agree with Mussolini's stance. Also
discusses the Swiss press's notion that until now the voices of small
nations had no opportunity to express an opinion and compares the Irish
political climate to that of the Balkan countries because 'all the
members of the last four governments are either assassinated or in

- 48 contd prisons.' Has met Madame Pichon, Poincaré's niece, whom he finds very interesting and whose contacts may prove useful to him.
4 pp
- 49 4 Oct 1923 Thanks his father for the bible and the maps, remarking that 'it is easy to be 19
Wrote at length philosophical over illness when one is
Oct 1923 surrounded by books'. He is enjoying his study of mathematics, although he finds the time required intimidating. Comments on a biography of [Michael] Collins, thinking it probably accurate 'allowing ... for the journalistic decoration of details.' Describes Madame Pichon, who is a patient in the clinic, as very intelligent and a 'pleasant change from the ordinary female met in *cliniques*, who appear to spend their time backbiting each other and complaining of their boredom.' Discusses in detail a letter in the *Times* regarding English policy of supporting stronger nations against weaker ones and giving an analysis of the two possible routes available to England at this time, an alliance with America or going into the Ruhr with France and breaking up Germany. Comments on the 'vice campaign' in Dublin, instancing two incest and sodomy cases in the Rotunda when he was there and that no-one suspects the 'horrors of vice ... in certain areas of Dublin' and thinks that the campaign will focus attention on morals and the Irish press. 5 pp
- 50 13 Oct. 1923 Has been receiving copies of the British medical journals for which [Dr.] Coffey arranged his membership. Sends an article justifying his complaint against Coffey for not providing a biochemical department, allowing students to graduate with medical degrees and no idea 'of the most important subject in modern medicine' and blames Coffey for not getting rid of Dr. Crofton whom he regards as incompetent. Remarks that he finds it dispiriting that 'the Trinity men are hard at work for the last few years with the encouragement of the Protestant hospitals organising a biochemical department.' 2 pp
- 51 20 Oct 1923 Mentions taking the *Irish Statesman*.
Wrote 2 Nov 1923 'Did you see A.E.'s article on propaganda? That expresses exactly what I feel about the Republican papers and such orators as Kevin O'Higgins etc. The reply which appeared in *Sinn Fein* - in which they spoke about our Holy Church and the Council of Cardinals - was only of a kind with the hideous vulgarity of the rest, but perhaps a trifle more disgusting.' Considers the decision taken by the Republican Convention presided over by Mary McSwiney, to combine a national rosary campaign with a hunger strike sufficient to 'embarrass the Free Staters considerably.' Discusses a speech made by Curzon and Lloyd George's criticisms of Baldwin's government. Expresses his amusement at Shawn's reaction to his criticism of Shawn's defence of the Free State because 'like all good

- 51 contd churchmen he entirely neglected to mention that the Free Staters themselves were responsible for all the horrors and the only things they were anxious to save were their skins and their jobs.’
3 pp
- 52 22 Oct 1923 Has arranged to meet Myles and returns
Wrote 2 Nov 1923 to the subject of President Coffey
shielding Crofton, despairing of the
university and commenting on its steady decline ‘especially since they
made the criminal blunder of leaving the anatomy section down in
Cecilia Street - thereby handing over the new premises to
backscratcher and clericals - a suitable but disastrous combination.’
Goes on to discuss his father’s opinion of England’s continental policy
and the situation in Europe in general. Asks for more details about the
‘Lemass affair’ [discovery of the tortured body of Noel Lemass].
4 pp
- 53 5 Nov 1923 Describes Myles’ visit, remarking that
Received 8 Nov Myles’ pro-German sympathies stem
Wrote 15 Nov from his heart and not his head, outlining
his reasons for thinking so and reassuring
his father that Myles will be safe in Bonn, being very unlikely to have
survived all ‘we were ... subjected to in Ireland for years’ and fall victim
to unrest in Germany. Supports Baldwin’s proposals on free trade
economics and asks for material giving an intelligent defence of free
trade principals and asks for advice on solving the problem he outlines
with regard to grants discrepancies at the university [U.C.D.].
3 pp
- 54 Nov 1923 Notes that the hunger strike has finished
which he thinks will be regarded as a
victory for the Government despite the deaths of two men. He laments
the number of his friends who ‘have found a haven of rest in various
government services.’ Discusses the reorganisation of Sheffield Steel
and the current situation between Baldwin and Lloyd George and what
he regards as ‘an extraordinary and elementary howler’ concerning the
Capital Levy and Ramsey McDonald, providing an analysis of
McDonald’s proposals. Expresses his astonishment on the willingness
of economists to agree with the proposal in Keynes’ new book to
abolish the gold standard.
4pp
- 55 21 Nov 1923 Comments on the situation regarding
Wrote .. 25 .. 26 Dec Blythe’s [Minister for Finance] loan,
comparing it to England’s first war loan.
Recounts meeting a young clerical student from Maynooth, who was
around during the Black and Tan period and who approves of ‘the war
on the Protestants’, and the burning of country houses, remarking ‘what

- 55 contd a wonderful young priesthood Ireland is endowed with.' Blames Lloyd George and the indecisiveness of the last British government for the current ascendancy of the worst side of the French, their action in the Rhineland and the ensuing chaos in Germany. Continues his analysis of Baldwin and Free Trade and supports the idea, mooted in a letter to the *Times*, that there should be a referendum to release England from the Bonar Law issue. 4 pp
- 56 16 Dec 1923 Expresses his satisfaction that his father is not disappointed by his medical report, pointing out that his lung trouble had not been discovered in Dublin because of 'primitive' lung radiography but defending [Dr.] Harry Meade, whom he says did his best to check for lung trouble before he left for France. Comments on the current state of the British Liberal Party and on Redmond's 'speech'. 3 pp
Wrote 25 Dec
- 57 [Dec 1923] Gives an account of his medical position, that his shoulder is improving, his knee is stable and gives some detailed information concerning his lungs. Is expecting Myles after Christmas and suggests May or June for his father's visit. Comments on the Reparations Committee and says they will never achieve anything important and that the Rhineland will become independent. 4 pp
Wrote ... 13 Dec.... 25 Dec
- 58 28 Dec 1923 Telegram informing his father that he is safe and in no danger. 1 item
- 59 31 Dec 1923 Describes Myles' journey, crossing the Swiss frontier on foot 'because no-one is allowed to leave Germany without a special pass', giving an account of the trouble he had in getting through at all. Comments on James' skills as a letter writer and that he should check the situation with Duffs before he comes home. Wants an account of all the money he has spent since he left home. 3 pp
Wrote 3 Jan 1924
Wrote again 5 Jan 1924
- 60 11 Jan 1924 Describes Myles' skiing prowess and is glad that his father has sold some of his [Theo's] shares. Expresses his opinion, with regard to an article by Lloyd George, that he will never appear as a force in British politics again. Recommends that the Free State press for a Boundary Commission while Ramsey McDonald is in power because he would probable cede large sections of counties Fermanagh and Tyrone. Has been given a proposal by an Englishman to be resident

- 60 contd doctor in a projected clinic for English and American patients and will keep his father informed, remarking 'when I tell you that he is a Jew you will understand that I take the idea more seriously than if it came from a Christian?' 3 pp
- 61 11 Jan 1924 Gives medical details 'which I am not officially meant to see' concerning his shoulder and knee and the possibility of using crutches. Informs his father that their proposed trip to Italy will not be possible. Note in German on the last page. 5 pp
 Received 14 Jan
 Wrote 18 Jan
- 62 [Jan 1924] Is continuing to have difficulties in obtaining a Notary Public to sign the necessary documents concerning the sale of his shares. Would like his father's opinion on the activities of the English trades unions, considering it 'rank madness' to stage two big strikes in the first few weeks of a Labour Government. Remarks that Mussolini's new treaty with Yugoslavia is a master-stroke and that his admiration for Mussolini is growing. 3 pp
 Wrote 23 Jan 1924
- 63 20 Jan. 1924 Informs his father that the plans for the new clinic continue and that Lunzer [who is mooted the plan] has a high opinion of Theo's talents and suggests that he invest in the scheme. Agrees with his father's opinion concerning the quality of reporting in the *Times* but considers its reporting biased against the labour speakers. Notes that the new Solicitor General was only a K.C. until recently, indicating that had Charles lived, he would have been given the job. Informs his father that the problem regarding the Notary Public has been sorted out. Comments in a post script about the situation in Corfu. 3 pp
 Wrote 24 Jan. 1924
- 64 28 Jan 1924 Regards with horror the re-opening of the border question and fears a civil war with Ulster is looming, outlining his reasons for thinking so. Comments on the Labour government's problems in Britain regarding India, Afghanistan, Singapore and Ulster and threatened strikes by miners and dockers. Discusses a speech by McKenna printed in the *Time's* referring to the passing of the gold standard and outlines his understanding of the current value of gold. Gives an account of the books he is reading and discusses the 'Poplar affair' in relation to Ramsey Mcdonald and Asquith, believing even more strongly that 'the Liberals are doomed' and goes on to comment on the situation in Italy. Is still awaiting news about the proposed clinic. 6 pp
 Received 31 Jan
 Wrote 7 Feb 1924

- 65 14 Feb 1924 Sees a good deal of Madame Pichon
Wrote 23 Feb 1924 [Poincaré's cousin] and is planning a
course of Italian conversation classes with
her and recommends that his father visit no later than August because it
gets very cold after that. Wonders if James is returning on the
conditions that his father outlined to him and asks about a claim his
father had for damages. Regrets that there is no chance of going to Italy
in August according to his doctors but possibly in the Spring. Has had a
cheerful letter from Nano accepting his offer of two silver mugs for his
future godchild. Has written to Coffey regarding the postponement of
his studentship. 3 pp
- 66 27 Feb 1924 Gives an account of his medical condition
Wrote 7 Mar 1924 and hopes his father's suggestion of an
Italian trip in 1925 does not mean he will
not be visiting in the summer. Comments on the Liberals in England
and his change of mind about Gladstone, citing Lecky's criticism of
him. Is reading Disraeli's *Tancred* which he considers amazing as a
piece of political philosophy. Agrees in the main with his father's
opinion of Poincaré and gives a detailed analysis of the current situation
in France. Would like his father's opinion on the 'manoeuvres' being
made by Churchill and praises Mussolini's regime, in Italy particularly
with regard to employer/employee relations. 6 pp
- 67 13 Mar 1924 Expresses his satisfaction that his father
Wrote 18 Mar has agreed to accept his suggested new
Wrote again 24 Mar financial arrangement and feels he will
have an easier time than he thinks in the
reduction of staff and rearrangement of salaries in [Monica] Duff's [the
family firm in Ballaghadereen] .Refers to the Army crisis as confirming
all they had heard about the I.R.B. and goes into some detail about the
situation. Is delighted with his father's speech in Waterford, remarking
that 'there will be a number of people who will not be able to restrain
themselves with fury at the idea of the Irish Party once more raising its
head.' Wonders at the breakdown in communication concerning
James's career and is expecting news of Nano and the birth any day.
Remarks that the higher clergy were noticeable by their absence at the
memorial service for Michael Collins in Waterford. Has heard from
Coffey that there is no problem about extending his studentship.
3 pp
- 68 22 Mar 1924 Remarks that the army crisis in Ireland
Wrote 25 Mar 1924 makes him feel 'quite sick', expressing
his amazement that Kevin O' Higgins has
gone over to the side of the Mutineers and asking for illumination as to
what is going on. Discusses various articles in the English press
concerning the Labour Government and the labour question. Mentions a
letter from Brian who indicated that the solicitor's profession did not

- 68 contd appeal to him and supposes 'like other intelligent but leisurely minded young men - he will drift into the Four Courts.' Comments that his father's party probably has as large a following as any other but 'is helpless against the I.R.B. and the gunmen. If only they could exterminate each other without dragging down Ireland in ruins around them.' 3 pp
- 69 [30 Mar] 1924 Comments that at last the I.R.B. seem to have realised that the Irish people are tired of revolution and outlines his thoughts on the way to organise a new political movement in Ireland as 'it is pointless to look for effective action through the Dáil.' Expresses his satisfaction at the loss of prestige Lloyd George has suffered at home and on the continent and comments that the 'Liberal Party seems to be in the final throes of dissolution.' Comments on Poincaré's strength since his resignation, expressing the opinion that he will be returned to government with a clear majority at the next French elections. 3 pp
Wrote 7 April
- 70 [April 1924] Expresses his delight at the news of Nano giving birth and his relief from his 'godparental' point of view that the child is a boy because he 'should not so much care to be responsible for the spiritual welfare of a young lady.' Regards the emergence of [Joe] McGrath [who had resigned as Minister for Industry and Commerce over the Army crisis] as an independent republican as a good thing, lessening the influence of Mary McSwiney and throwing some light on the secret societies. Praises Mussolini's latest speech as 'very constitutional and withering to his opponents' and marvels at his finance minister's ability to balance the budget. reports on his progress with the Italian language and is considering tackling Dante. 2 pp
Received 9 April
Wrote 18 April 1924
- 71 [April 1924] Asks his father if there is any hope that the [Irish Army] High Command will evacuate the family home in Ballaghaderreen and comments on Jenny's [housekeeper] achievement in taking on the fourth generation of Dillons. Expresses his disappointment with his father's disagreement about his ideas for a new political movement in Ireland because he feels there is a need for 'a slow organic development' in order to have a national political movement and that eventually there will be a move towards a Republic rather than towards unity. Discusses the lack of 'men of quality, untainted by jobbery' who could succeed in Irish politics at the moment. Recounts an interesting visit he had from Professor Pringle of Trinity College [Dublin] who is in Leysin with his son and whom he found in absolute agreement with his views on co-operation between the two universities, admitting there was fault on the

- 71 contd Trinity side also, informing him that Trinity is 'very hard up and is cutting down on expenses as much as possible.' Has been introduced to a very large lending library in Zurich, by Madame Pichon and is reading 'large German tomes on biochemistry and physiology.'
6 pp
- 72 24 April 1924 Is agreeably surprised at James's *Received*
26 April acceptance of the arrangements
Wrote 26 April ... 8 May concerning [Monica] Duff's and would
like to know his progress on getting
salaries reduced. Agrees with his father over the 'deplorable remarks'
made by Poincare and outlines the views expressed by the continental
newspapers, commenting that if the Irish press were less 'slavish' they
could do much to expose the corruption of the politicians. He remarks
on the Cosgrave government's weakness in allowing the Republicans
'capture the Easter Monday celebration. The Gov.[ernment] should have
adopted it as a day of national homage - but I suppose they have learnt
to blush for their origins'. Comments on family concerns.
4 pp
- 73 [May 1924] Remarks that it is clear to him that the
Wrote 8 May Irish government is on its 'last legs'
and only exists 'through lack of an
alternative.' Comments on the treatment by the [English] Labour party
of the Liberals in the House [of Commons]. Expresses his regret that he
is not at home to help [with the setting up of a hospital treating
tuberculosis] in Cappagh [Finglas, county Dublin] because of 'the
wretched children one sees in Dublin.' Draws his father's attention to
the results of an inquiry in the United States of America to draw up 'an
index of degeneration' as the basis for new immigration laws. with
determining factors.
3 pp
- 74 [May 1924] Received power of attorney from *Received*
10 May 1924 Waldrons, Stock and Share Brokers, 10
Wrote 19 May Anglesea St. Dublin, surprising him
because he thought all powers were
transferred. Expresses his regret about the state of the business and his
astonishment that Paddy Sweetman was expelled from the *Institut* in
France by the nuns and asks that Brian confirm this. Discusses the
political situation in Germany and France and the problems Ramsey
McDonald faces over the border question and with Poincaré. Expresses
his approval of Baldwin's speeches.
3 pp

- 75 [May 1924] Thanks his father for the figures for his
 Received ... 16 May accounts and goes into some detail about
 Wrote 19 May his financial affairs. Informs his father
 that he has written to the Rev. Mother of
 Temple Street [Children's Hospital, Dublin], concerning the hospital at
 Cappagh and has offered to write to the papers urging support for her
 important work. Hopes to get an article printed in the *New Statesman* in
 England and asks if his father has seen Myles' articles in the same
 magazine under the initials 'O.[I]', which he considers excellent. Is
 happy about the return of the house [at Ballaghderreen].
 3 pp
- 76 [May 1924] Is sending three copies of the letter
 Wrote 26 May 1924 concerning Cappagh and asks that his
 father deliver them on the same day to the
Independant, [Irish]Times and *Freeman's Journal*. Remarks on the
 graceful style of Myles' articles but considers him 'one of the worst
 informed men in Europe' as regards German events. Expresses his
 impatience at his enforced inactivity and provides an account of his
 current medical situation and expresses his anger at the refusal of
 Dublin doctors to expose Crofton 'whose methods are based on the
 most unjustifiable experimenting on his patients' using a treatment
 discarded by 'scores of continental doctors.' Informs his father of the
 panic felt by the French patients in the clinic at the victory of the Left in
 France and thinks that the [Catholic] church will face all its difficulties
 again despite the agreement between Poincaré and the Pope.
 5 pp
- 77 [May 1924] Encloses three copies of the letter to the
 Wrote 28 May Irish newspapers concerning Cappagh
 and thinks that Professor Pringle [Trinity
 College, Dublin] would be interested in lending his support as he is
 interested in the 'sun cure.' Copy of the letter enclosed referring to the
 ignorance in Ireland about the sun cure and outlining its remarkable
 results in the hands of Dr. Rollier of Leysin in Switzerland. Gives
 details of his own observations of the treatment and asks for support for
 the Cappagh venture.
 6 pp
- 78 [May 1924] Is glad to hear that there has been a good
 Wrote 4 June response to his letter [about Cappagh]
 and comments on the situation regarding
 Irish doctors and the British Medical Association. Informs his father
 about his studies of chemistry and how impressed he is by German
 scholarship on the subject and has begun reading Dante's *Inferno*.
 3 pp

- 79 [June 1924] Expresses his disagreement with his father over the strength of Sir James Craig's case, because of the manner in which he treated the border Catholics. He thinks that the border question should be left alone but that if he were in Cosgrave's position 'would push [it] to breaking point'; believes that whatever Cosgrave does Craig 'holds the winning cards', England being bound to come to Ulster's aid if fighting broke out. Discusses the crisis in France and its effect on the Dawes' Report. Comments on what he regards as Ramsey McDonald's poor performance in government and that the Conservatives will easily win the next election but finds interesting the change McDonald has wrought in European opinion regarding England, with France and Italy looking to England to lead the Allies. 6 pp
- Received 7 June
Wrote 18 June 1924
- 80 22 June 1924 Points out that it is time that the foolishness of quarrels concerning the merits of a Free State and a Republic be recognised. Agrees with his father that Ramsey McDonald is hampered by his party, exemplified in their attitude towards Mussolini wondering at the folly of the Labour Party when Mussolini could be one of their greatest allies in the settlement of the reparations question. Comments on the situation in France with regard to the position of the Catholic church. Comments on the reaction to his letter about Cappagh and thinks he has done all that he could. 8 pp
- Wrote 9 July ... 11 July
- 81 13 July 1924 Informs his father that Aunt Annah is arriving in August and hopes that she can explain 'the odd behaviour of Kathleen.' Has met with Pringle who did not see his letter about Cappagh and would liked to have supported it. Comments on McDonald's 'collapse' in Paris and that Poincaré is more dangerous in opposition than in government and analyses the position of the Catholic church in France thinking that it has compromised itself completely. 5 pp
- Wrote 16 July
- 82 22 July 1924 Informs his father that he is about to embark on a study of philosophy for the next year and asks for help in a general introduction. Finds the reports of the American elections depressing and is looking forward to Annah's visit. 4 pp
- Wrote 4 Aug 1924

- 83 14 Aug 1924 Gives a report of his medical condition
Wrote 20 Aug 1924 and informs his father that Annah has
arrived and is in good spirits but is lonely
for Charles whose death he thinks was due to the use of chloroform in
the operation. Reports on his progress with the study of philosophy.
4 pp
- 84 23 Aug 1924 Is continuing his philosophical studies
Wrote 5 Sept 1924 and remarks on the kind treatment given
Annah by Rollier who gave her a personal
tour of the clinic, showing her the famous *Ecole du Soleil* and that his
father is right about her loveliness, finding her interesting on many
topics. Comments on the boundary question [in Ulster] and says that
Anna expects the Conservatives to return with a comfortable majority
and that the Labour Party will probably be glad because they have had
enough of the unemployment problem. Asks that Brian give him a
complete account of grouse hunting. 3 pp
- 85 14 Sept 1924 Informs his father that O' Neill came to
Wrote 23 Sept 1924 see him. He had no idea he had
done so much for secondary teachers with
the difficulties he had to overcome to do so and thinks it is important
for Ireland to move away from the English system of education and that
making Irish the teaching medium will probably help in this regard. Has
met a Greek mathematician who is an enthusiast of Einstein's theory of
relativity and is encouraging him to study it. O'Hea from [St.] Vincent's
[Hospital, Dublin] has written to him offering to consider him for one of
the new posts coming up if he could guarantee his return in six months.
5 pp
- 86 2 Oct 1924 Acknowledges his father's disapproval of
Wrote 18 Oct 1924 the use of Irish in schools and argues the
case for qualitative education. Considers
English in Ireland as 'the language of vulgarity' and will remain so as
long as so many people are uneducated and believes in the development
of an intellectual elite, elaborating on this point. 4 pp
- 87 [Oct. 1924] Describes working himself into 'a state
Wrote 27 Oct. imagining all kinds of horrors' because he
had not heard from his father for so long.
Discusses his progress with his philosophical studies. Comments on the
bad state of the family business and the unreasonableness of paying
salaries at London rates. Discusses the English elections and his Aunt
Anna's work with the Lunacy Commission in England.
5 pp

- 88 3 Nov 1924 Has seen Myles who is looking tired and
Wrote 17 Nov 1924 is facing a difficult six months completing
his doctorate. Asks his father to send out
Bertrand Russell's *Mind Analysis* and Bradley's *Appearance*. Regards
the English election result as unsurprising, except for the gain in the
Labour vote, remarking that 'Lloyd George is now finally extinguished
- thank God. I can feel nothing but pleasure at the extermination of the
Liberal Party- so long as L.G. was one of its leaders. One wonders what
move he will make next. The Northern elections were very satisfactory.
The Free State came out of the whole affair wretchedly - and I can't
help thinking that the Republican failure will injure de Valera in the
South. The remarkable thing was the size of the Unionist poll'.
4 pp
- 89 [Nov 1924] Comments on the situation in Egypt,
Wrote 1 Dec ... 20 Dec which is making him consider his position
on Liberalism in England; 'if only Lloyd
George could be assassinated - or otherwise disappear.' Expresses his
shock on the suicide of Mrs. Figgis and the effect it will have on Darrell
Figgis' political career. Feels that James will revive the family fortunes
and advises his father against going to court for compensation
[regarding the dispute at Duffs?] because he is unlikely to receive an
unbiased judgement.
4 pp
- 90 18 Dec 1924 Informs his father that Rollier has finally
Received [22] Dec decided that he is to have 'radio'
Wrote [24] Dec treatment after Christmas and is
expecting great things of it. Comments on
the fall in bank deposits in Ireland by 23 million pounds due to farmers'
and traders' losses in the years of revolution. Would like his father's
opinion on the British governments position on the registration of the
Free State Treaty.
2 pp
- 91 23 Dec 1924 Advises his father not to send Brian to
Wrote 27 Dec [Jim McGuinness] if he is ill 'because of
Wrote again 29 Dec 1924 his dangerous failure to diagnose my
case.' Read [P.S.] O' Hegarty's book [*The
Victory of Sinn Fein: how it was won and how it used it*, Talbot Press
1924] and while finding it interesting does not feel it really deals with
the causes of the moral degeneration of Sinn Fein which he goes on to
outline.
4 pp
- 92 6 Jan 1925 Comments on O' Higgins and Blythe
Received 9 Jan and the need to tackle the secret
Wrote 10 Jan 1925 societies, especially the Freemasons.
Should be on crutches in the Spring but
will probably have to remain in Leysin for the summer. Mentions that

- 92 contd Myles will give lectures on Yeats and A.E. at Bonn University.
4 pp
- 93 [Jan 1925] Refers to his father's speech which he
Received 19 Jan thinks was a little hard on Blythe but
Wrote 19 Jan 1925 agrees with the rest of the speech,
particularly concerning the Army.
Expounds various suggestions for the economic betterment of the
country and for the need to develop social services.
6 pp
- 94 23 Jan 1925 Inquires after the health of Brian and
Wrote 11 Feb 1925 Nano's son. Hopes to spend some time at
home in the summer but will continue the
cure in the winter and asks about the state of the family finances.
Further castigates the Republicans, describing their philosophy as 'self-
centred nationalism which is repellent in every country - and doubly so
when mixed up with religious feeling.' Compares the split with
O'Higgins with Parnell. Is continuing his study of philosophy and
Einstein, commenting that Einstein attributes part of the mathematical
possibilities of his theory to Hamilton, whose unpublished works are
lying around in large quantities in Trinity [College, Dublin] according
to Professor Pringle.
8 pp
- 95 14 Feb 1925 Grateful for news of the strike at Duffs
Wrote 19 March and understands the problems involved in
aligning oneself against one's workers.
Would like to travel to Rome for the Jubilee year but points out the
difficulties of travelling as a semi-invalid. Has heard from the Rev.
Mother of Cappagh who has no money and whose last appeal was a
failure. Comments on de Valera's qualities as a politician and on the
riots in Marseilles and that the French Catholics are only trying to make
trouble and have seriously damaged themselves by allowing the church
to become so politically coloured..
8 pp
- 96 22 Feb 1925 Announces that he is going to spend the
Wrote 19 March remaining time in Leysin studying Greek
and Latin and ask for relevant books and
translations. Has heard from Nano that his father was thinking of
opening the shop and carrying on the work without assistants which
would collapse the strike. Remarks that the terms offered were very
generous.
4 pp
- 97 15 March 1925 Refers to an assault on the family shop
Wrote 21 March and on the situation in general.
Considers his criticisms of Chamberlain
are justified, outlining his reasons for thinking so, referring to the

- 97 contd situation in Cologne and the 'protocol'. Comments on the Catholic bishops in France and Ireland. Reports that his Greek is coming on well and will begin Latin soon. 8 pp
- 98 30 April 1925 Expresses his opinion that Churchill's budget speech was 'exceptionally good' and that he is a great asset to the Conservatives, discussing in detail socialist and capitalist economics. Asks his father's opinion about the Hindenburg and describes the effect it had on him of giving up the *Times* and turning to St. Bonaventure. Discusses his readings of Christian mystical works. Reports on his medical situation and comments that one of the nursing sisters in the clinic, a Protestant, has gone to Rome with Madame Pichon and will meet the Pope, which is 'not bad for a heretic.' has called for a public notary to witness the necessary authority for the sale of his war bonds. 7 pp
Wrote 5 & 6 May
- 99 15 June 1925 Hopes to accompany his Father in October, and gives an account of his progress and that of Gerard Murphy [Celtic scholar] who is being 'nobly treated' by 'the library' with regard to his job. Remarks on James's bravery in saving a young boy from drowning and informs his father that Myles is in good form after handing in his doctoral thesis, commenting that Myles Written to him in Latin. Reports that he is reading St. Paul in Greek, and notes with satisfaction that the Catholic translation is better than the Protestant. 11 pp
Received 19 June
Wrote 19 June ... 27 June
see also: P126/158-167
- 100 22 June 1925 Is glad to hear of the bishop's withdrawal [from the strike?], whose intervention was well meant but ill-timed and that the matter would have been more diplomatically arranged had Canon Gallgher been alive. Has met a Norwegian whose theories on the development of mankind as a kind of cause and effect intrigue him, discussing this in detail. 6 pp
Wrote 27 June

e. from *Les Sapins*, Leysin, Switzerland, 1925-26

- 101 7 Dec 1925 Expresses his loneliness after his father's departure and is looking forward to winter in his new surroundings. He is now 'more than ever convinced that a man would be mad who would live elsewhere than in the Swiss mountains if he were free to do so.' 4 pp

- 102 [Dec 1925] Remembers their visit to Venice and
Wrote 11 Dec 1925 Padua asking if his father recalls 'the
Wrote again 15 Dec storm in the Piazza - and the poor old
 madman eternally searching for cigarette
 ends'; and will not forget the many people in Padua trying to touch St.
 Anthony's tomb. Has decided to take the *Manchester Guardian*, the
Corriere and *Zuricher Zeitung* and asks for Bertrand Russell's book on
 mathematical philosophy. 6 pp
- 103 [Jan 1926] Expresses his irritation at the lack of
Wrote 23 Jan 1926 information forthcoming from Rollier
 and his assistant about their future plans
 concerning his treatment, remarking on 'an altogether unhelpful
 interview confirming my suspicions that Rollier's knowledge of modern
 orthopaedics is very slight.' Comments on his first copy of the
Manchester Guardian as 'quite extraordinarily good and much more
 impartial than I expected.' Would like to know the general opinion in
 Dublin about Cosgrave's speech concerning the 'settlement'.
 4 pp
- 104 [Jan 26] Reports on the progress of his health and
Wrote 23 Jan 1926 the improvement since he bandaged his
 knee and that Rollier has asked him to
 become one of his assistants over the summer, an offer he finds very
 tempting, even though it would delay his return home. He asks his
 father's advice. Describes his Christmas with Gerard Murphy and [his
 wife] Mary and the New Year as guest of honour at a party in Leysin.
 Remarks that 'Irish politics seem to be getting gratifyingly humdrum -
 what news of the 'Shannon Scheme?' '
see also P126/158-167 5 pp
- 105 Jan 1926 Informs his father that he has been
Wrote 23 Jan 1926 offered an assistantship from April of that
 year and will help with Rollier's medical
 correspondence in English in the meantime, receiving English speaking
 visitors and taking a couple of clinics. Describes his discussions with a
 recently arrived Italian fascist about Mussolini 'and considers it absurd
 that Italians could think of getting on without the Catholic Church.'
 4 pp
- 106 1 Feb 1926 Outlines his plan to leave for Rome in
Received 3 Feb March and travel to Florence and Assisi
Wrote 13 Feb 1926 and expresses his desire to carry out his
 travel plans even though he has the offer
 of secretarial work from Rollier and will have to rely on his father to
 fund the expedition. Will write to the secretary [of U.C.D.] regarding
 his studentship. 4 pp

f. Mainly from *La Primevere*, Leysin, Switzerland

- 107 Feb 1926 Thanks his father for the money and
Wrote 22 Feb 1926 hopes that he will be able to manage
Wrote again 1 Mar financially himself from now on. Gives
 details of the terms of his employment
 and his heavy workload. Mentions meeting Dr. Kellog [American
 dietician] from Battle Creek Sanatorium, Michigan and describes
 Rollier as a charming man to work with. Comments on the current
 situation in Ireland. 4 pp
- 108 [Feb 1926] Informs his father that he is installed in a
Wrote 15 Feb ... little clinic owned by an Italian and is not
 yet sure about his working arrangements.
 2 pp
- 109 [Feb 1926] Comments on a copy of the *Catholic*
Wrote 8 March 1926 *Bulletin* which he finds 'extremely
 revolting. I don't think I had ever read it
 before and I hope I shall never have to again.' Mentions Dr. Kellog's
 reasons for being in Europe, describing him as 'very interesting and
 pleasant.' 4 pp
- 110 [March 1926] Informs his father that he is sending on
Wrote 8 March 1926 the dividend warrant and that the x-ray
 on his knee was satisfactory. He has
 written to the National University to postpone the decision about his
 studentship for two years. 3 pp
- 111 [13 March 1926] Announces that Rollier has no
Wrote 16 March 1926 objection to his getting married
 provided that he arranges to live in
 a suitable climate, going on to say that he preferred his assistants to
 marry and settle down. On pointing out the problem of his nationality,
 Rollier said that he would 'protect' him for as long as he cared to stay in
 Leysin. When he made clear that he could not get married without a
 reasonable income, Rollier provided him with very attractive terms,
 giving details. On speaking to his confessor on the subject, he was also
 urged to marry in such circumstances. Remarks that having been
 'engaged' for the past two years he feels himself 'both physically and
 spiritually' to be in a 'very abnormal and dangerous position' and
 expresses his intention to get married around September. Goes on to
 give an account of his duties and the success of the clinic in general.
 11 pp

- 112 [March 1926] Express his happiness that his father
Wrote ... March 26 approves his project. He agrees with his
 father's proposition concerning the
 studentship and asks his father's advice on the sale of his war bonds.
see also:P126/206 2 pp
- 113 [April 1926] Is sending back the dividend warrant
Wrote 12 April 1926 [concerning his war bonds] and has
 written a note to his Uncle Willie on the
 death of his wife, Lizzie. Describes his work and that his charges are
 mostly children, but in stark contrast to the 'terribly pliant sad little
 creatures in the Dublin hospitals.' Asks that his books be sent out now
 that he is going to stay in Leysin. Recommends that Nano's son should
 be taken out of Dublin for the sake of his health. Note enclosed.
 5 pp
- 114 [14 April 1926] Writes about the challenge and interest
Wrote 17 April 1926 of working with Rollier and the unsolved
 problem of tuberculosis. Describes what it
 is like dealing with Rollier's American and English visitors and
 patients, and remarks on his conviction that Rollier is right in the main
 principles of his thought. Asks for a list of his medical books to be sent
 out and promises to write to Brian about Mussolini, continuing that the
 proprietor of La Primevere was a lieutenant in the early fascist days in
 Italy and helped found Mussolini's paper *Il Popolo d'Italia*.
 8 pp
- 115 [22 April 1926] Recommends selling £200 [worth of
Wrote 26 April 1926 shares] to facilitate the honeymoon and
 other expenses. Informs his father that
 Rollier has suggested he get married in June, with an inducement of an
 extra 100 Fr. per month from the day of his marriage. Asks that his
 father send on his birth certificate and thanks him for the book list.
 2 pp
- 116 [May 1926] Announces that he is 'snowed under'
 with congratulatory correspondence,
 thanking his father for the speedy sale of
 his bonds. Is waiting for Rollier to return before fixing a final date for
 his marriage. Gives an account of the requirements he must meet before
 he can be legally married. Is considering doing research work in Leysin
 which might meet the requirements of the University Senate. They have
 provisionally decided to go to Venice for their honeymoon and he
 agrees that there is no point in anyone coming over from Ireland for the
 wedding.
 4 pp

- 117 [May 1926] Informs his father that he has just returned from visiting Gerard in Paris as he was dangerously ill, giving an account of chartering an ambulance and of helping Gerard's wife Mary, who was 'in a very distressed state.' His own marriage is arranged but the honeymoon cannot be fixed until Rollier's return. Thanks him for his generous letter about Marie [Benninger, Theo's fiancée], 'which was a great relief to her' and for the generous presents from him and all the family. 5 pp
- 118 3 June 1926 Telegram from Theo and Marie informing his father that they are married and off to Italy.
see also: P126/135-136, 181 1 item
- 119 [June 1926] Have returned from their honeymoon 'which touched the summit of attainable perfection', describing where they stayed. They visited the American monastery in Venice which has 'a marvellous library of 30,000 volumes, with one room full of ancient manuscripts some dating back to the tenth century.' Purchased a 'very beautiful silver fox fur' as his father's present to Marie. 4 pp
- 120 [July 1926] Informs his father that the box of books has arrived and requests some more as well as some of his clothes. They are comfortably settled in and busy. Describes the visit of some American surgeons led by Alber, the 'great exponent of operative methods in tubercular disease of the spine' and the fact that they all expressed themselves impressed by what they saw in Leysin. Has heard from Myles that he received his doctorate from Bonn [University]. 3 pp
Wrote 30 July 1926
- 121 [July 1926] Letter enclosing share certificate with his signature.
Received 26 July
Wrote 26 July
Wrote 30 July
- 122 29 August 1926 Comments on an article in the *Frankfurter Zeitung* concerning a process to turn coal into oil, which claimed it was being done on a commercial scale in Germany, giving details of the percentage profit. Gave an abstract of the article to his Aunt Anna who was visiting, to bring back to her Labour Party friends in England. Has had no word as yet from Coffey concerning his studentship. Describes his 'robust health' in amusing terms. 4 pp
Wrote 3 Sept 1926

- 123 [Sept 1926] Remarks that he is 'too far away and too
Wrote 28 Sept 1926 out of touch' to appreciate Redmond's
 'move' but would like his father's opinion
 of it. Gives some advice to Nano concerning her Italian travel plans and
 mentions that he has still not heard from Coffey about his studentship.
 4 pp
- 124 [Oct. 1926] Gives details of the work he is doing and
Wrote 20 Oct his responsibilities in relation to the work
 carried out in English. Is spending time
 with Dr. Cardis, director of one of the large public sanatoria where he is
 learning a great deal and is considering taking the Swiss medical degree
 which would be necessary if he were to settle in Switzerland
 permanently, but outlines some of the difficulties involved in following
 this course. For the moment will stay where he is and work on building
 up a comprehensive knowledge of tuberculosis in all its forms.
 6 pp
- 125 20 Sept 1926 Telegram to his father saying that all is
 well and giving his address in Rome.
 1 item
- 126 23 Oct 1926 Reports an improvement in Gerard
Wrote 28 October [Murphy's] condition and that there are
Wrote again 1 & 2 Nov many Irish patients being sent out by
 Protestant doctors, commenting that
 Catholic surgeons 'don't appear to know much about us.' Informs his
 father that his position is 'quite regular' because he has been given a
 permit from the federal government. Asks his father to have a discreet
 word with James to find out if he is the culprit for the loss of some of
 his medical books. Has heard from Coffey who has sent in his
 application to the [University] Senate. 5 pp
- 127 7 Nov 1926 Announces that Marie is pregnant and
Wrote 12 Nov 1926 that the child is due around April making
 his projected return to Dublin difficult;
 has had no further news about the studentship. 2 pp
- 128 15 May 1927 Telegram from Berne, Switzerland
 informing his father of the death of their
 child. 1 item
- 129 15 May 1927 Telegram from Berne informing his father
 that Marie's health is gradually
 improving. 1 item

- 130 [May 1927] Communicating the bad news of their still born child. 1 p
- 131 15 May 1927 Apologises for the telegrams arriving before the letter, describing the child as 'a most beautiful boy'. Asks that Fr. Nicholas [Henry Dillon, brother of John and a Franciscan ascetic] pray for them. 3 pp
Wrote 18 May
- 132 19 May 1927 Informs his father on Marie's progress and is grateful that her health is not damaged, expressing admiration for her courage. Says Nano has written of her desire to visit, which he would love. 2 pp
Wrote 3 June
- 133 29 May 1927 Thanks his father for his offer of financial assistance but is managing for the moment. Marie is continually improving and he is glad of the distraction work offers. Gives details of the benefit his studentship has been to him concerning his studies and is 'looking forward with joy' to his father's visit. Hopes Carlsbad will be a success for his father. 4 pp
- 134 [June 1927] Sends a list of doctors in Carlsbad advising his father to choose one before going there. Gives advice for Maria's trip and says that he has authorisation from Lausanne to stay and work in the country. Recommends that any Irish visitors speak to Marie 'with the precise diction indicated in foreign manuals.' 4 pp
Wrote 17 & 18 June 1927

II. Letters and photographs from Marie Dillon [née Benninger] to John Dillon, 1926

- 135 7 June 1926 Written in German from Marie and Theo on their honeymoon in Venice, Italy thanking him for his present which will probably be spent on a tea service and describing the delights of Venice. 2 pp
- 136 21 June 1926 From *La Primevere* on return from their honeymoon, written in German enclosing photographs of their stay in Venice
photographs:P126/136 (2) - (7) 2 pp

**III. Other letters and telegrams between members of the Dillon family,
1923 - 8**

- 137 1922-23 3 telegrams from Myles Dillon to his father: from Berlin, wishing everyone a happy Christmas (12 Dec 1922); from 8 Kensington Place, London saying he is crossing that day and giving details of where and for how long he is staying [in France] (17 Oct 1923); from Bonn, saying everything is 'absolutely quiet.' (3 Nov 1923). 3 items
- 138 1923 Letter from Theo to Nano on the arrangements for her visit, giving details of the train times and asking for some of his light clothes to be brought out. 2 pp
- 139 [Nov 1926] Letter from Brian Dillon, c/o Baily's Hotel, London, S.W.7, to his father outlining his travel plans to Paris, Leysin and return to London. Mentions that he called to see T.P. [O' Connor] at the House of Commons describing meeting him and two daughters of the Russian Ambassador. 2 pp
- 140 20 Nov 1926 Letter from Brian Dillon, c/o Hotel de [Pantheon], Paris, to his father giving the date of his arrival in Paris 'after a delightful journey' and describing his reaction on seeing the *Grand Guignol* with Myles. Comments on his plans for visiting Theo and his return journey. Remarks on the hotel where Myles is staying as very nice 'if a little primitive internally.' 2 pp
- 141 25 Nov 1926 Letter from Brian, c/o *La Primevere*, Leysin, Switzerland, to his father reporting his arrival in Leysin, finding Theo 'in excellent form.' Describes Marie as 'incredibly charming', managing to converse with her in bad French. Tells him that he met George Moore (in Paris with Myles and they 'all had to sit around and admire him.' Outlines the rest of his travel plans and expresses his need for more money. Comments that he now finds Myles' attraction to Paris easier to understand but that his life 'shows many signs of poverty.' 2 pp
- 142 21 Aug 1928 Telegram from Theo to Brian, Ballaghadereen, county Mayo, informing him of the birth of his and Marie's daughter, Marie Therese, born that day. That Marie is well and to inform the family. 1 item

- 143 30 Nov 1928 Letter from Myles, 2 North Great George's St., Dublin, to Theo, acknowledging receipt of his and Marie's letters and informing him that Dr. Coffey has been consulted and has recommended Theo. Informs him that all is well in Dublin, remarking that he has a cold but that 'Maria administers a stiff punch at night which I enjoy.' Mentioned that Cortot, Thibaud and Casals will play in Dublin the next evening and comments on the various plays that are being staged in Dublin and Galway. 2 pp

V. Essay on John Blake Dillon

- 144 [no date] Hand-written essay on the life of John Blake Dillon [Theo's grandfather], author unknown with pencilled annotations. c. 12 pp

B. Letters to Theo Dillon

I. From Frank H. Humphreys, 1925-31

- 145 15, 16 May 1925 From Rome, thanking Theo for his hospitality, advice and encouragement and giving details of being ill and unobliging taxi drivers as reasons for his late reply. Not getting much medical information from his doctors but proposes to do so, outlining his symptoms, declaring that he will go home if it is not tuberculosis, otherwise he will return to Leysin, Switzerland. Details how his illness has affected his travelling plans and wonders at length whether illness is a 'devilish device' and discusses God and merit and grace in relation to this. Gives an amusing analysis of God's reaction to different forms of praying. 12 pp
- 146 27 May 1925 From Winchester describing how he managed to get a ticket to the canonisation of St. Theresa and seeing the four Basilicas, the catacombs of St. Callixtus, the coliseum and other sights in Rome, and the journey back to London. Describes being a member of a public audience before the Pope where all were 'packed like herrings' and the wonderful sight of St. Peter's Basilica at the canonisation. 2 pp

- 147 28, 30 May 1925 Continues the discussion about God and the Devil, referring to St. Thomas and thanks him for his gift of a book of Pascal, telling him that he has tried to train his soul as he once did his body but that the body 'has in this case lagged behind, jibbed and gone out of gear.' Discusses a book he has been reading by a Calvinist belittling Catholics and the Reformation. Wonders what next will happen to him in life.
4 pp
- 148 6 July 1925 From The Vine Room, R.H.C. Hospital, Winchester commenting on the teachings of St. Theresa 'on the acceptance of mortification in little things'; goes on to discuss this idea in detail and with humour. Considers the ideas of grace, moderation and obedience and finds it 'splendid fun' learning to recognise opportunities 'for accepting the mortification that it is the Divinely-given part of others to bestow.' Considers the unifying principle of charity and the gifts of his illness. 10 pp
- 149 13 July 1925 From 38 Hatherly Road, Winchester. Remarks that he is glad that Theo replied promptly because he helped him 'amid distractions and Protestants.' Declares his distrust of the subject of human psychology and what he regards as its fundamental misunderstanding of what it is to be a man and what an animal, citing Leo XIII's encyclical on human liberty as a condemnation of psychology. Considers the state of perfection, the power of will and the enslaving nature of sin. Explains some of his thoughts on prayer. 8 pp
- 150 3 Aug 1925 From the Red Cross Hospital for Officers, Percival Terrace, Brighton. Does not yet feel that he can write as openly as Theo but 'when a shove inside - shoves! - I shall write.' Considers St. Theresa's idea of collecting little sacrifices, of systematic mortifications by silence or speech, in taste, in perception and so on. Recommends he read Fr. Martin's book *Self-Knowledge and Self Discipline* to help with his problem of shyness. Claims the human soul is feminine which may help him to understand the 'sensuality' of which he complains and to dismiss it as a habit, saying the body can be restrained and retrained. Considers the notion of truth, pride and the search for grace. Comments on his thoughts regarding his vocation, wondering about the Catholic Evidence Guild, the Salesians or the Dominicans? 10 pp
- 151 10, 13 Aug 1925 from Brighton, glad to hear that Theo is better, advising against making plans with one's will and heart but only with one's intellect, analysing this approach. Discusses the nature of Theo's medical training and whether or not it is part of a religious vocation and the reasons one's life

- 151 contd may become dislocated. Gives an account of his own health.
12 pp
- 152 22 Aug 1925 From Brighton, expressing his
desire for his brother's and Theo's
comment on the idea that 'in perfection, there is no Comparison.'
2 pp
- 153 10 Sept 1925 From Brighton, is glad to
hear that Theo is well enough to
be able to travel to Assisi and tells him that he will be giving a lecture
on infallibility, giving a description of the make up of the audience at
previous lectures. Would like some guidance on the distinction between
the moral and the metaphysical and their relationship to free will.
6 pp
- 154 8 Oct 1925 From Brighton, expresses a desire to take
up the issue of the 'anti-socialism
pamphlet'. Recognises Theo's sense of isolation, calling it a 'grand
penance.' Describes his visit to the Dominicans in London and the
possibility of his going to the novitiate in Woodchester. Comments on
the lectures and the Westminster Hut, an organisation for Catholic
youth. Advises Theo to take his present loneliness as a basis for the
detachment necessary for contemplation. 16 pp
- 155 25 Dec 1925 From 34A Pembridge Road, London,
congratulating Theo and Marie 'on the
turn of affairs' and wishing them both all possible happiness. He
comments on Theo's vocation, doubting that he would be either
accepted or ordained as a *secular* and returns to the idea of God's will.
Goes on to discuss the idea of the necessity of martyrdom and outlines
his future plans with the Catholic Evidence Guild. 10 pp
- 156 30 Jan 1926 From Pembridge Road, London,
commenting that the Catholic Evidence
Guild work is going well and that Westminster is 'simply wonderful'
with its pick of English Catholic youth. Informs him that he passed his
examination on the Theology of the Incarnation and has to pass in the
'Claiming of Christ' and the 'Proofs of Christ' before he may 'speak of
Him in public.' Is very happy staying with his sister, who having been
agnostic, seems now to have 'signs of life in her' and that his mother
shows 'signs of progress too.'
4 pp

- 157 14 Sept 1931 From 15 Denton Road, Wokingham, Berkshire, referring to Theo's letter advocating 'Bonaventurism' as the best cure for "Bertran (sic) Russellism", noting that Bonaventurism 'is rather more 'tolerated' than 'advocated' in its competition with Thomisim and wishing it to be noted that Dominicans do not exist to advocate St. Thomas. Outlines his plans for going to Africa and wishes he could see him before he leaves. Comments that it is nine years since he was accepted by the [Dominicans] and that since his Provincial decided that he was to go to Africa 'thee has been a rare lot of uncertainty in my mind in between.' Signed brother Nicholas Humphreys O.P. 4 pp

II. From Gerard Murphy

a. From *Les Hirondelles*, Leysin Switzerland, 1928-9

- 158 2 June 1928 Sorry to hear of his illness and asks him to thank Marie for her letter saying he will reply when his German improves. Points out that the laws on Swiss nationality have changed, meaning that a child born to a Swiss mother in Switzerland is regarded as Swiss. Comments on the abolition of the *Landsgemeinde* in 'Uri' which in future will vote like a modern democratic state. Describes embarking on a philosophical discussion with a Dutch Benedictine novice. *see also*:P126/208-209 4 pp
- 159 24 June 1928 Expresses his appreciation of James' visit and of being told so much about what was going on in Ireland. Proceeds with a philosophical discussion about wearing clothes and the problem of natural shame, grace and the combination of Bible stories and church tradition and outlines why he thinks Theo is wrong about nature worship. Comments on the desire of [Trinity College, Dublin] to give Myles a permanent post and that his own work is nearing completion. He will return to his studies on early Christian civilisation in Ireland. Comments on a new Irish paper *An Tir*. 8 pp
- 160 14 July 1928 Points out that it is not the first time that Theo has been considered 'at death's door' and gives a detailed account of his own medical condition. Comments on an article he is getting ready for publication and on his continuing discussions with his Dutch Benedictine friend. Has started to read a work on mysticism according to the scholastic method comparing it to that of Plato and Blondel. 12 pp

- 161 29 July 1928 Discusses Theo's proposition that 'genus and species are logical realities ... "and as such purely arbitrary"' and the relationship between genus and matter and species and form. Disagrees with him about medieval philosophers.
4 pp
- 162 6 Oct 1928 Points out the difficulties of carrying out such discussions at a distance. Recommends the purchase of J. Marechal's la Point de *Depart de la Metaphysique* to convince him of his arguments concerning objectivity and the laws of being.
4 pp
- 163 22 May 1929 Written in Irish, which he says is his only aim in writing that day. Comments that his wife, Mary, is very happy with her work. Says that Shawn will visit him on his return from Rome and asks if he still likes the Viennese as much as he did at the beginning.
4 pp

b. from Dublin, 1936 - 44

- 164 4 March 1936 From 11 Royal Terrace East, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin, telling him that he has been working on the development of the Finn cycle of stories and correcting term exams. Comments on the Moy fishery case and the dispute between the two Celtic scholars Dan Binchy and John McNeill, saying the whole case arises out of a misinterpretation of the *Magna Carta*.
8 pp
- 165 17 March 1936 Informing him that Marie Martin [Mary Martin, foundress of the Medical Missionaries of Mary] visited him on the sixteenth of the month and that she is in Dublin to consult the Papal Nuncio 'about the next step.' Discusses the situation between the Abbey at Glenstal, Limerick and Gorey, Wexford. Goes on to deal with philosophical issues raised by Theo in his last letter.
14 pp
- 166 27 May 1936 From Dun Laoghaire, poem entitled *To Theo* by Gerard Murphy beginning "There is no sun, there are no stars/ Since you are gone ..."
1 p
- 167 2 July 1944 From 4 Palmerstown Park, Rathmines. Dublin, informing him that his health has much improved and goes on to discuss 'some of the matters we discussed last night' regarding sensation and knowledge and

- 167 contd pleasure and pain and the relationship of consciousness to
both these areas. 2 pp

III. Other letters, 1929 - 44

- 168 5 May 1928 Postcard written in French from Madame Pichon (Paris, 41 Rue Poussin - XVI) to Theo and Marie Dillon, glad that they are having a good holiday and that her journey went well. She has seen a specialist and an operation may be necessary. 1 item

Four letters written in French, to Theo 'my dear friend' from Fenand Cardiz, Leysin, Switzerland, discussing their correspondence with each other and family and medical matters.

- 169 26 March 1929 2 pp
- 170 18 July 1929 2 pp
- 171 29 Nov. 1929 4 pp
- 172 21 May 19[31] 6 pp
- 173 4 July 1929 Letter written in German, from Gabriele Petrasorris, Vienna saying a mutual acquaintance has suggested she contact him about an unpublished manuscript of a play Petrasorris has written about Robert Emmet and in which he expressed an interest, discussing the play, its content and historical background, seeking his opinion of it. 4 pp
- 174 28 Aug 1932 Letter from Harry Meade informing him that he had to operate on his daughter to remove her appendix but that he expects everything to be fine, giving the medical details. Note in German on the reverse side of the letter to Marie written by Theo. 2 pp
- 175 6 July 1937 Letter written in French from [Père] Bossaert acknowledging his letter and wishing his thanks to be conveyed to Theo's 'brother' and comments that it has long been a dream of his to set up some form of trust. Card enclosed regarding the underwriting of a sum of £200. 7 pp

- 176 21 Jan 1938 Letter from Bossaert, Villa de la Vierge, Herault, France, describing the loveliness of Amelie in the Pyrenees and his holiday in general. Enquires after Gerard Murphy. 4 pp
- 177 5 Jan 1941 Letter from Maurice [Collis], Bradford Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, thanking him for his kind comments about his book and all his help and advice. Discusses the common ground they hold with regard to the development of western civilisation. Thinks that he should have avoided comparing the rigidity of the medieval church to Confucianism. Agrees that there is 'a great difference between a scientific hypothesis and a philosophical truth.', developing the idea a little. Note attached with the name of his [book?] *The Great Within*. 7 pp
- 178 20 March 1943 Maurice [Collis]. Thanks him for his letter, 'the kind of letter a writer likes to get but seldom receives.' Glad that he appreciates his book and the fact that Collis writes 'not to impart information so much as [his] own astonishment and delight.' Has had a good press with some critics aware of what he was trying to do but some 'minor and rather inarticulate scholars in oriental studies' have taken to sending him articles and so on which he finds a little uncomfortable. 2 pp
- 179 22 Dec 1942 Letter from John [former schoolteacher], Alderwasley hall, Whatstandwell near Matlock, expressing regret that Marie has been unwell and commenting on his own wife's state of health. Describes setting up the school and returning to teaching, detailing the effect of the war on the school. Asks Theo to pass on his regards to Gerard and expresses his hope that he will see them both again 'in more peaceful times.' 7 pp
- 180 1944 Letter from Fr. Doolan, St. Mary's Priory, Co. Dublin, thanking him for his kind appreciation of his book and proceeds to continue a debate between them about free will. Discusses citations sent to him by Theo and apologies for cancelling their appointment the next Saturday. 2 pp

C. Matters relating to Theo Dillon and his wife Marie, 1926-29

- 181 1 July 1926 Marriage certificate witnessing the marriage of Dr. Theobald Dillon to Marie Benninger at Leysin, Switzerland, according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church. Written in Latin, by hand, signed and stamped.
1 item
- 182 26 March 1929 Letter from Jeanne Cardiz, to Madame [Marie Dillon] warmly thanking her and her husband for recent communications and for a present for her son. Exchanges family news and hopes to meet again in the future. Refers to their mutual enthusiasm for the city of Vienna. 2 pp

D. Matters relating to the Life and Work of Theo Dillon

I. University College, Dublin, 1922-40

a. Administration and general University matters,

- 183 30 Oct 1922 Typescript letter from J. McGrath, Registrar, N.U.I. offering Theo a travelling studentship awarded by the University Senate and noting the provisions of Statute 1., Chap. XLVIII.12 of the University's constitution concerning studentships offered to students already holding a scholarship or prize. 1 p
- 184 10 Dec 1940 Copy of a draft letter from Dillon to [Arthur Conway] President of U.C.D. concerning the re-arrangement of his and Dr. Conway's duties and the need to regularise his employment situation. 2 pp
- 185 File containing material relating to the publication of articles by lecturers in the Institute for Advanced Studies (3 June 1943), hand-written notes by Theo Dillon entitled *What the University Gives to the Student* and on *Universities and the Truth* and a contribution to an obituary on Denis Joseph Coffey, former president of U.C.D. and Vice-Chancellor of the N.U.I., written by Dillon. 4 items

b. Letters from Professor Conway

- 186 22 Feb 1934 From Edward J. Conway, Professor of Biochemistry and Parmachology, Department of Physiology, University College Dublin, concerning philosophical reading, going into a detailed discussion of realism and outlining the reason why £100 has to come out of Dillon's salary. Asks his opinion about space allocation in the Department.
4 pp
- 187 29 Sept 1935 Concerning 'most peculiar facts' he discovered while researching a paper on blood ammonia, giving the scientific details. Comments on contemporary politics.
3 pp
- 188 21 Feb 1936 Thanks him for references to literature useful to the work being done in U.C.D. and gives recommendations to Dillon concerning the publication of his work. Refers to his continuing investigations concerning blood ammonia.
5 pp

II. Research notes, printed articles and related matters, 1938-46

- 189 1938-46 File containing material relating to printed articles by Dillon, *Vocational Organization and the Medical Profession* (1944), with notes included; articles from the Spectator sent to Dillon by 'P.J.C.' of *Studies*; and other notes relating to these. Copy of *Bulletin*, official publication of the Red Cross containing an article on tuberculosis. c. 12 items
- 190 1940-44 File containing printed articles, some by Dillon, on various medical issues: *FreudAdler and Jung* (Dillon, 1940), *Concept of Psychosomatic Affection* (James Haliday, 1943), *Psychological Medicine and the Family Doctor* (R.D. Gillespie, 1944) and a copy of a typescript draft of a lecture entitled *An Aristotelian Approach to Medical Psychology* (Dillon, undated).
4 items
- 191 [1941] File containing material relating to research, including a printed leaflet about the Irish Central Library for Students, 32 Merrion Square, a copy of the *Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland* (30 Sept 1941) and handwritten notes from F. de Coulanges *Histoire des Institutions Politiques de l'Ancienne France*.
4 items

- 192 1942-44 File containing printed articles concerning various medical problems, but particularly tuberculosis, including *The Statistics of Tuberculosis* (Dillon, 1942), *Tuberculosis and the General Practitioner* (Dillon, 1943) and *Irish Tuberculosis Death Rates* (Dillon & Connihan 1943).
9 items
- 193 File containing two cards possibly relevant to conferences.
2 items

III. Religious and social concerns, 1943-45

a. General religious concerns

- 194 [1943-45] File containing a hand-written lecture on the issue of 'Catholic action', a letter from Frank [Duff] of the Legion of Mary referring to a project which will have to be postponed for a year; a typescript note giving details of the numbers of graduates from All Hallows College, Dublin from 1928-38; a letter from John Blowick, Maynooth Mission to China, St. Columban's, Navan, regretting that he cannot give any information concerning missionaries outside of his own order, suggesting where he can find such information.
4 items

b. Letters concerning a student's agnosticism

- 195 8 Nov 1945 Letter from Raymond Oliver, Ailesbury Villa, Ailesbury Road, Dublin, to Theo Dillon thanking him for his letter and 'the kind interest that you have taken in my disbelief'.
2 pp
- 196 12 Nov 1945 Typescript letter from [Fr.] E.J. Coyne S.J., Milltown Park, Dublin, to Dillon discussing the problem of Raymond Oliver and how he thinks they should best deal with the situation.
6 pp

c. General social concerns

- 197 [1944] File containing printed articles on social issues, including *The Refugee Problem* (Dillon), *Slum Clearance: Past and Future* (Dillon) and *The Mother and Child Service* (Fr. E.J. Coyne S.J.). 5 items

d. St. Vincent de Paul

- 198 18 Sept 1942 Typescript letter from Thomas A Murphy, Honorary Secretary, St. Vincent de Paul, Council of Ireland, Dublin) to Dillon regarding the application by 'Miss Barry' for a grant, outlining her circumstances. 2 pp
- 199 1945 Printed article by Dillon, *The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Ireland 1845-1945* in celebration of the centenary of their foundation. Printed in *Studies* 7 pp

IV. Literary Matters, 1927-44

a. London School of Journalism

- 200 [1927] File containing tutor articles from the London School of Journalism, commentaries on work sent in by Dillon and notices of competitions. 9 items

b. Material concerning Dillon's novel *Toomvara*

- 201 26 Feb 1935 Letter from Eimar [O'Duffy], Liberal Publication Department, London, congratulating Dillon on finishing his novel. His agent will arrange to have it typed and recommends that he register his novel. 3 pp
- 202 Typescript copy of a novel *Toomvara* by Philip Burke [Theo Dillon]. 347 pp

c. Material concerning Dillon's book *Mind and Matter*

- 203 File containing a manuscript draft of *Mind and Matter; What is Man?* (15 Feb 1944), notes enclosed by Sean O'Sullivan, Irish Folklore Commission, U.C.D, on births, marriages, sickness and death and a photocopy of a hand-written letter in Irish from Beartle O' Flaitbheartais, Aran Islands (1926). 3 items
- 204 File containing hand-written notes and printed material from a variety of sources, for his book *Mind and Matter*. c. 15 items

V. Material concerning Dillon's time in Leysin, Switzerland, 1923-6

- 205 Printed flyer *Bonner Ferien-Kurs*, Ostern 1925, for a series of lectures on the Irish Literary Movement. 1 item
- 206 4 July 1923 Bill from Clinique La Vallerette, Leysin totalling 74.80 Fr. giving details of the individual charges. 1 item
- 207 14 June 1926 Typescript letter from Laurence A. Waldren & Co., Stockbrokers, to John Dillon regarding the sale of war bonds and enclosing receipt. 2 pp

E. Material Concerning Gerard Murphy, 1943

- 208 14 Jan 1943 Typescript report from the Departments of Pathology, Bacteriology and Public Health, U.C.D. about a urine sample given by Gerard Murphy and taken by Professor Dillon, giving the analysis. 1 item
- 209 Bibliography of the publications of Gerard Murphy, published in remembrance of him, listing articles, reviews, books and poems in chronological order. 10 pp

F. Material Relating to Dillon's Death, 1946

I. Material in remembrance of Dillon

- 210 Memorial card in remembrance of Dr. Theo Dillon, d. 27 March 1946 aged 48. Text of the *De Profundis* printed on the front of the card.
1 item
- 211 Printed leaflet announcing the proposed setting up of the *Dillon Commemoration Fund*, with a brief text about Dillon as a man and a enclosed scholar. Outlines the committee members. Subscription form.
4 pp
- 212 Printed article from *Studies*, Theobald Wolfe Tone Dillon 1898-1946, by Gerard Murphy, giving a broad outline of Dillon's life and work.
8 pp

II. Letters to Marie Dillon on the death of her husband

Series of letters to Marie Dillon expressing sorrow on the death of her husband and extending sympathy to her.

- 213 27 Mar 1946 From Mr. Doolin, St. Vincent de Paul.
1 p
- 214 28 Mar 1946 From Patrick F. Donovan, U.C.D.
2 pp
- 215 28 Mar 1946 From Bob Collis mentioning the appreciation he wrote about Dillon in the *Irish Times*.
2 pp
- 216 28 Mar 1946 From Jeannie O' Sullivan, Foxrock, Dublin.
2 pp
- 217 3 April 1946 From J.J. Hogan, [Professor of English, Registrar and President, U.C.D.] Greystones, county Wicklow.
3 pp
- 218 5 April 1946 From Maurice Collis, Maidenhead, England; his shock on learning by accident of the death of Dillon.
2 pp

G. Photographs and Other Material, 1923-7

- 219 4 Feb 1923 Portrait photograph of Mohamad
[Arzinz], inscribed in French and in the
form of a postcard.
- 220 12 Dec 1927 Photograph of [Francis] Benedict and
Cornelia Benedict.
- 221 1921-27 File containing thirty one envelopes
mostly from letters written by Theo Dillon
to his father John Dillon and fifteen sheets of paper written on by John
Dillon mostly detailing when he wrote letters to Theo and Myles.
46 pp