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 August 25, 1939

Dear Mr. Barry-Walsh-

 Thank you very much

for your letter of August 21st, in reply

to my enquiry. Yes, I should very

much like to meet you. The trouble

at present is, of course, the “war crisis”.

I do not feel able to suggest a date

until we know where we are. If things

go well, and no conflict breaks out,

perhaps you might care for me to

call on you after Sept ~~August~~ 3rd?

I must tell you frankly that on

religious matters there are certain

differences of opinion between me

and Catholics; but I do not think

this affects the question of Irish

political claims. Those claims are

based not on denominational needs,

but on their own merits.

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The acts of the I.R.A. do not seem

to me to affect the Irish claims either

favourably or adversely. Right

claims are not invalidated by the

mere use of wrong methods of trying

to promote them. No doubt prejudice

is aroused - but the essential

problem remains as before.

 Yours sincerely,

 G.W. Poynter

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