

June 6, 1939

Dear Mr. Ward,

It was very good of you to have responded so promptly and generously to my letter of June 4 and it will give me great pleasure to announce your £5 contribution at the meeting of our Council next Thursday. Friends of the "old days" in particular will be glad to learn of your kind interest in our efforts to secure the removal of that wholly artificial barrier to the unity of our country.

Partition is surely a grotesque anomaly in a country of the size of Ireland, a country too which is one of the oldest nations in Europe and whose boundaries were drawn not by mere man but by the Almighty Himself. Its perpetuation by subsidies and financial guarantees at the expense of the British taxpayer is inconsistent with the British Government's avowed adherence to the ideals of democracy. It is also inconsistent with Britain's real interests in the unsettled world conditions of to-day.

Our purpose is to put these and other facts before all fair-minded people in this country. Our programme is perfectly constitutional and our methods unobjectionable.. We are grateful for the financial assistance which you and other well-wishers give us in carrying out our task.

Yours sincerely,