

**About the Collection**

George Russell (AE): 7 letters (6 typed; 1 holograph) to T.F. O'Rahilly on Irish Statesman notepaper 17/2/1925 – 19/8/1927, dealing with the question of state financial support for Gaelic scholarship and with the setting up by Judge H. B. Higgins of Melbourne of a fund for the promotion of Irish studies. Enclosure included: ms 2pp. memorandum on the proposed administration of the fund signed by O. Bergin, T.F. O'Rahilly, R. Best, and E.J. Gwynn.

**Abbreviations used:**

**ALS:** autograph letter signed

**p. /pp.** page/pages

**TLS:** typewritten letter signed

**TLTS:** typewritten letter, typewritten signature

<b>MS1/236/1</b>	17/02/1925	The Irish Statesman Editorial Office, 84 Merrion Street, Dublin, official note paper. TLS 1p (Letter apologising for not including T. F. O'Rahilly's letter in this week's paper and stating that the rationale behind the article in question was to encourage people to think.)
<b>MS1/236/2</b>	06/03/1927	Deena, Malvern, Melbourne. TLTS 1p (Copy of a letter, from HY. B. Higgins, signed by G. W. Russell, requesting advice re the founding of a Chair for Irish, at the National University, Ireland or an alternative suggestion if this is not viable.)
<b>MS1/236/3</b>	13/03/1925	The Irish Statesman Editorial Office, 84 Merrion Street, Dublin, official note paper. TLS 1p (Letter offering to write a special article if O'Rahilly and Bergin talk over and agree what could be done by the State to help the cause of the Gaelic Scholarship)
<b>MS1/236/4</b>	19/03/1925	The Irish Statesman Editorial Office, 84 Merrion Street, Dublin, official note paper. TLS 1p (Letter suggesting a meeting between O'Rahilly and Bergin as a result of which A. E. would write an article for, The Irish Statesman)
<b>MS1/236/5</b>	12/04/192	The Irish Statesman Editorial Office, 84 Merrion Street, Dublin, official note paper. ALS 1p (Letter asking O'Rahilly to consider, meet with Bergin, and make suggestions as to how best to spend a sum of money to be bequeathed by Lord Justice Higgins in Australia for the promotion of Irish/Celtic Studies)

<b>MS1/236/6</b>	06/05/1927	The Irish Statesman Editorial Office, 84 Merrion Street, Dublin, official note paper TLS 1p (Letter thanking O'Rahilly for his letter and memorandum which included the suggestions of Bergin, Best and Gwynn. Reference is made to an article in the Irish Statesman in which such a scheme was proposed. A copy of the article had previously been sent to Lord Justice Higgins.)
<b>MS1/236/7</b>	19/08/1927	The Irish Statesman Editorial Office, 84 Merrion Street, Dublin official note paper. TLS 1p (Letter of thanks for O'Rahilly's previous letter. Once Bergin's comments have been received the notes will be passed to Lord Justice Higgins.)

Ms 2pp ALS. A draft memorandum, of the proposals, for the setting up of a fund for the promotion of Irish Studies. Signed by, O. Bergin, T.F. O'Rahilly, R. Best and E.J. Gwynn.

