MARRIAGES.

BRENNEN—EARLS—December 20, 1939, at Carlisle Memorial Methodist Church, Belfast, by the Rev. J. Frith Little, assisted by the Rev. Dr. J. B. Woodburn, Wilfred Macaulay Brennen, F.R.C.S., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Brennen, 23 University Avenue, Belfast, to Muriel Maud Earls, youngest daughter of the late Professor and Mrs. John Earls, Belfast.

Glenshira
Crichton Rd
Rothesay
Tues: 1

Dear Spiers,

I was very glad to hear from you today. Several times lately Biddy + I have been talking about our holiday + saying how it all now seems like a dream. If we get any holidays next year I should think the Free State will be about the only possible place.

It is quite all right about the money. In these times however, as you apparently appreciate, one never knows what may happen either to oneself or to the currency position, + as I am anxious to safeguard the position of my family as far as possible against any contingency that may arise, I suggest that you might agree that if there is a serious depreciation in the value of currency between now + when you repay the loan, your repayment would be an amount which would have approximately

the same purchasing power then as £300 has now. If money appreciates, the converse would apply, but I can't see it doing this. I suggest this as a "gentleman's agreement" not a business contract, & if you don't like it we can agree to omit it.

I suggest that you consider the loan to be for a nominal period of five years. This should enable you to clear off your other obligations before you start worrying about this. Unless I am short of money in the meantime, I would prefer to be repaid in a lump sum, otherwise I might only flutter it away if repaid in instalments. If at the end of five years it is still not convenient for you to repay it, then you could pay interest on it at the rate then current for bank overdraft.

Perhaps I should explain further my views about inflation. If I were not lending you this money

I worked at the present time they invest it in house property, possibly by buying Glenshira. If the same happens as in the last war, then in 3 or 4 years time £300 worth of house property may then be worth say £500, but the same cause should create a corresponding increase in the money value of your income (apart altogether from increase due to your progress in your profession) so that repaying £500 would only mean the same to you in real value as repaying £300 if the inflation had not occurred (and perhaps it won't, for the govt seem to be taking better control of these things than they did the last time, in fact some of their moves are almost Social Credit.)

Do you want me to send you the money now or not until you actually decide the wedding day? The Savings Bank may want about a weeks notice for me to withdraw it. Let me know when you want it.

So far I can't say I have been terribly busy. We have had A.R.P. stuff & course but electricity on Wednesday, between the blackout & all the visitors on the leaving or not arriving, pictures etc shut, has simply flopped. The load on the last Sat in August was 900 K.W, on Sat and Sept the corresponding figure was 290 K.W. Also all extensions, wiring work etc is practically stopped. All the members of the S.S.L. were asked some time ago to volunteer for N.S., the same idea of a central register as the B.M.A, & apart from leaving the family I won't be sorry if they send me somewhere where there is a bit more doing. By the way, is the wedding to be in a registry or what, & do I hire over my bowler hat & give the bride away?

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Carlisle Memorial Methodist Church
Belfast

Marriage

of

Miss Muriel Earls

and

Mr. Wilfred Brennen

Wednesday, December 20th, 1939
Ceremony 12 noon

Order of Service

BRIDAL MARCH "Lohengrin" ... Wagner

HYMN

THE Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still,

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.
Amen.

THE MARRIAGE

HYMN

O PERFECT Love, all human
thought transcending,
Lowly we kneel in prayer before
Thy throne,
That theirs may be the love which
knows no ending,
Whom Thou for evermore dost
join in one.

O Perfect Life, be Thou their full
assurance
Of tender charity and steadfast
faith,
Of patient hope, and quiet, brave
endurance,
With childlike trust that fears nor
pain nor death.

Grant them the joy which brightens
earthly sorrow,
Grant them the peace which calms
all earthly strife;
And to life's day, the glorious
unknown morrow
That dawns upon eternal love and
life.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

CHORALE

WEDDING MARCH ... ... Mendelssohn

WEDDING AT CARLISLE MEMORIAL CHURCH, BELFAST. — Mr. Wilfred Macauley Brennen, M.B., B.Ch., F.R.C.S. (eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Brennen, University Avenue, Belfast), and his bride, Miss Muriel Maud Earls (youngest daughter of the late Professor and Mrs. John Earls, Belfast). Miss Jean O. Elliott was bridesmaid, and Mr. R. Gibson Brennen acted as best man.

CARLISLE MEMORIAL CHURCH.