

1888 Diary of Sir Horace Curzon Plunkett (1854–1932)

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NOTES

‘There was nothing wrong with my head, but only with my handwriting, which has often caused difficulties.’

Horace Plunkett, *Irish Homestead*, 30 July 1910

Conventions

In order to reflect the manuscript as completely and accurately as possible and to retain its original ‘flavour’, Plunkett’s spelling, punctuation, capitalisation and amendments have been reproduced unless otherwise indicated. The conventions adopted for transcription are outlined below.

1) Common titles (usually with an underscored superscript in the original) have been standardised with full stops: Archbp. (Archbishop), Bp. (Bishop), Capt./Capt’n., Col., Fr. (Father), Gen./Gen’l, Gov./Gov’r (Governor), Hon. (Honourable), Jr., Ld., Mr., Mrs., Mgr. (Monsignor), Dr., Prof./Prof’r., Rev’d.

2) Unclear words for which there is a ‘best guess’ are preceded by a query (e.g. ?battle) in transcription; alternative transcriptions are expressed as ?bond/band.

3) Illegible letters are represented, as nearly as possible, by hyphens (e.g. b----t)

4) Any query (?) that does not *immediately* precede a word appears in the original manuscript unless otherwise indicated.

5) Punctuation (or lack of)

- Commas have been inserted only to reduce ambiguity. ‘Best guess’ additions appear as [,].
- Apostrophes have been inserted in:
 - surnames beginning with O (e.g. O’Hara)
 - negative contractions (e.g. can’t, don’t, won’t, didn’t)
 - possessives, to clarify context (e.g. Adams’ house; Adam’s house). However, Plunkett commonly indicates the plural of surnames ending in ‘s’ by an apostrophe (e.g. Yeats’).
- Initials preceding names reflect the original as nearly as possible (e.g. TP Gill, T.P. Gill, T P Gill, T. P. Gill).
- Plunkett’s symbols for ‘about’, ‘therefore’ and the ‘long (double) s’ have been expanded.

6) Text in parentheses () is Plunkett’s; text in brackets [] is editorial.

7) Capitalisation, particularly of the letter C and common nouns, is inconsistent and has been retained if unambiguous.

8) Words crossed out in the original are usually reproduced in the transcript, as their frequency or content may indicate Plunkett’s thinking at the time.

9) Cd (could), wd (would), wh: (which) and Plunkett’s symbol for ‘about’ and ‘therefore’ have been expanded; the ‘long f’ (J) has been expanded to ‘ss’.

10) Approximate monetary equivalents were derived and adapted from Lawrence H. Officer and Samuel H. Williamson, “Five Ways to Compute the Relative Value of a UK Pound Amount, 1830 to Present”, and Samuel H. Williamson, “Seven Ways to Compute the Relative Value of a U.S. Dollar Amount, 1774 to Present”, www.measuringworth.com, 2011. The index used was the Gross Domestic Product Deflator, a measure of average prices covering a ‘bundle’ of all goods and services produced in an economy (making it broader than just the consumer goods in the Retail Price Index). Figures

rounded to the nearest £ or \$. See website for alternative and more detailed measures of relative worth.

Although great care has been taken to ensure accuracy, some misinterpretations will inevitably have occurred in transcription. For clarification, readers are advised to consult microfilm copies of the diaries available in several libraries.

Correspondence

The diaries are associated with, and cross-referenced to, an alphabetical indexed collection of nearly 4000 items of correspondence donated to the Plunkett Foundation in the years following Sir Horace's death.

- Letters with an identifiable date are noted beside the diary entry for the corresponding day. Letters attributable to only a particular year or month are indicated at the beginning of the relevant section.
- Letters sent by Plunkett appear in Roman type, alphabetically by addressee (e.g. To Balfour, Arthur); letters received by Plunkett appear in italics, alphabetically by sender (e.g. *Fr Balfour, Arthur*).
- Letters between correspondents other than Plunkett appear in parenthesis and are filed with the letters of the first-named correspondent: (*Fr Balfour, Arthur to House, E.M.*).
- If, for some reason, a letter between two correspondents is filed with neither recipient nor sender, the file location is indicated: (*Fr Anderson, R.A. [BAL]*).

For additional holdings, see <http://www.nra.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra/searches/> (National Register of Archives) and Archives in 'Plunkett, Sir Horace Curzon (1854–1932)', Bull, P., *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford University Press) 2006.

Abbreviations

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

Names

Æ	George William Russell	JGB	John George Butcher
AJB	Arthur James Balfour	KW	Karl Walter
EVL	Ernest V. Longworth	Lady B	Lady Elizabeth (Betty) Balfour
F / Fs	Fingall / Fingalls	LI.G.	David Lloyd George
GBS	George Bernard Shaw	RAA	Robert Andrew Anderson
GH	Gerald Heard	SHB	Samuel Henry Butcher
GWB	Gerald William Balfour		

Organisations

AAOS	American Agricultural Organisation Society	IH	<i>Irish Homestead</i>
AOS	Agricultural Organisation Society	IS	<i>Irish Statesman</i>
AOS & SHL	Allotments Organisations Society and Small Holders Ltd.	IIA	Irish Industries Association
BB Co	Berthon Boat Company	IRA	Irish Reconstruction Ass'n./ Irish Republican Army (depending on context)
CDB	Congested Districts Board	IUA	Irish Unionist Alliance
CWS	Co-operative Wholesale Society	K St Club/K.S.C.	Kildare Street Club
DATI	Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction	NAOS	National Agricultural Organization Society
FO	Foreign Office	NFU	National Farmers Union
H of C	House of Commons	RDS	Royal Dublin Society
HPF	Horace Plunkett Foundation	RIC	Royal Irish Constabulary
IAOS	Irish Agricultural Organisation Society	TCD	Trinity College, Dublin
IAWS	Irish Agricultural Wholesale Society	UAOS	Ulster Agricultural Organisation Society
ICAS	Irish Co-operative Agency Society	UI	United Irishwomen
IDL	Irish Dominion League	UP	Union Pacific
		Wyo Dev Co	Wyoming Development
		WO	War Office

General

&c	etcetera (etc.)	Gt	Great
a/c a/cs	account/s	HR	Home Rule
ADC	aide-de-camp	Inst/Inst:/Inst'n	Instruction
agricl / agric'l	agricultural	I.Q.	Irish Question
ag / agric're	agriculture	legisl'n	legislation
Amer'n	American	Ltd.	Limited
ass'n / assoc'n	association	moted	motored
ass't	assistant	MP	Member of Parliament
betw'n	between	Mov't	movement
bd	board	Nat / Nat'l	National
CC (by context)	Catholic curate	Nat's	Nationalists
	Cricket Club	o'c	o'clock
	County Councillor	Parl / Parl't	Parliament
Ch: Sec	Chief Secretary	parl'y	parliamentary
coll / coll:	college	PP	parish priest
co / co.	company or county	Powder R	Powder River
com'n/comm'n	commission	Pres't	President
Conv'n/Conv'tn	Convention	Prot	Protestant
coop/coop:	co-operative	Qn	Question
coop'n	co-operation	RC	Roman Catholic
ct'e/c'tee/c'tte/ com'tee	committee	Rel'n / Rel'ns	Relation/s
DD	Doctor of Divinity	RR	Railroad
dep't	department	R'y	Railway
Do / do	ditto	Sec / Sec'y	Secretary
ed'n / educ'n	education	Soc'y	Society
Eng'd	England	SS	steamship
Ex / Exs	Excellency/ Excellencies (usu. Lord Lieutenant)	TD	Teachtai Delai (representatives in lower house of Dail)
exhib'n	exhibition	Tech/Tech:/Tec'l	technical
gen'l	general		
gov't	government		

N.B. The apostrophe in a contraction usually indicates that in Plunkett's handwriting the word ended with underscored superscript letters (e.g. Parl^x is transcribed as Parl'y).

2) Less frequent or ambiguous contractions are expanded in brackets for clarity and easier reading (e.g. rec[eive]d, originally handwritten "rec^d"). If the same usage occurs in close proximity, the expanded version is generally not repeated.

1888

Events:

20 Apr – Papal circular condemning Plan of Campaign and boycotting

3 Aug – Special commission appointed to investigate charges against Parnell and others

Publications:

“A Rustic Co-operative Store – Help Versus Money”, *The Union*, 17 Mar 1888, p. 1, (HP’s first co-operative article)

“Co-operative Stores for Ireland”, *Nineteenth Century*, vol. 24 (Sep), pp. 410-18

Government:

Prime Minister: 3rd Marquess of Salisbury (Conservative)

Chief Secretary: Arthur James Balfour

Lord Lieutenant: Marquess of Londonderry

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £109 ; \$1 = \$23

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	1 Jan, Sun	Walked to Church. Lunched with Falkiners. Dined at home alone & wrote letters.
	2 Jan, Mon	Coleridge came for a week. JG Butcher returned. Hunted Domino at Somerville. Bad day.
	3 Jan, Tue	Hunted the cob at Killeen with Meaths, very poor day’s sport but saw lots of friends. Dined at Killeen where there were several sportsmen staying. Sat down 16 to dinner, the first time I had dined in the big dining room since poor Ld. Fingall died.
	4 Jan, Wed	Rode Domino with the Wards. A wild day. The storm had torn a large quantity of ivy off the old castle & made it more unsightly than ever. In a hurricane we had a grand run Batterstown to Kilcock via Larch Hill. So far I have seen no evidence of hostility to the hunt – very much the reverse. Dined at Warrenstown.
	5 Jan, Thu	Spent the day at business. In the evening we had a concert got up by Mrs. J. Wilkinson for the parochial expenses. She got singers from Dublin & it was a very fair but terribly long performance. I gave the Library for the evening. I dined Brightons, Falkiners & [Sir John F.] Dillons.
	6 Jan, Fri	Shot Dunsany. GV Briscoe, JG Butcher, 2 Murphys, [Sir John] Dillon were the guns. Saw very few pheasants, about 15 cock and a good many rabbits. Mostly stopped for dinner. Poor Coleridge had a wretched bilious attack & was kept indoors.
	7 Jan, Sat	J.G.B., Coleridge & I hunted at Sion. Jolly company out. But poor day’s sport. I rode Silo. Warrenstown, Grange & Killeen dined in good old fashioned style.
	8 Jan, Sun	Church at Kilmessan, lunched with the S. Frewens at R[ock]. Lodge. Had a talk about Moreton with Stephen Frewen. S.F. is moderate in his views. Coleridge left by ev[enin]g train. JGB & I were left at D[unsan]y alone.
	9 Jan, Mon	Johnny arrived early train looking far better than when I saw him before. I mean to keep him all I can out of doors in hopes of reducing his flesh. J.G.B. hunted with Wards & then went to a dance at Hilltown with the Killeen & Grange people. I refused,

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		not being up to night as well as day work.
	10 Jan, Tue	Hunted the cob at Drumree. Had a good gallop from Waringstown to Cultromer to ground & was well carried. J.G.B. left, his short holiday being over. I dined at Lismullin.
[screaming – very strong scent that arouses hounds]	11 Jan, Wed	Hunted with Wards. Thick fog & very twisty deer. Screaming scent & pace hot, was very well carried by Domino.
	12 Jan, Thu	Shot at Dunsany, S Frewen, 2 Murphys, Johnny, J Wilkinson, J. Fowler, J [F] Dillon, GV Briscoe & self. About 20 head game, 9 guns!
	13 Jan, Fri	Hunted with Meaths at Rahinstown. Had a good gallop in evening. Rode Silo. Well carried but wasn't feeling well. Dined & slept at Bective. The old general was alone with a Mrs. & Miss Armitage Moore. Awful women. She a beauty of the most conscious kind. Mrs. a grandmother playing 18. Johnny had one Moore, a fledgling politician who had helped him in his constituency drive. Moore writes J's letters apparently & so must be very useful.
	14 Jan, Sat	Domino with the Wards. Got thrown out in the crowd. Ulick Burke & wife came to stay over Sunday.
	15 Jan, Sun	Fingalls & Miss Burke dined.
	16 Jan, Mon	Burke's left. I went to Dublin for day's shopping &c.
	17 Jan, Tue	Hunted Cob with Meaths at Lismullin. Bad day. Johnny & I dined at Killeen.
	18 Jan, Wed	Hunted Silo with Wards. Ran a view most of the way & I got behind in the crowd. Drove Fingall over to dine & sleep at Hayes with the Harry Bourke's. Met Trotter, Miss Fowler & her affiancé Babington. Harry B. is evidently rich. He has nice things & does you well.
	19 Jan, Thu	Hunted back from Beuparc. Very unfit to ride with frost & so came home early. No sport up to time I left. Had annual Harvest Home (so called). Fingalls, Capt. Hammond (husband of Milly Anderton) George & Mary Murphy dined with us & attended. Great enthusiasm & very good feeling especially, I was glad to see, towards Johnny.
	20 Jan, Fri	Spent the day doing business at Dunsany. Johnny was very unwell owing to his exertions of night before.
	21 Jan, Sat	Johnny left to make some speeches in north of Eng'd en route for Dunstall. I hunted the cob with Wards & had a very good gallop about 40 minutes with select field with fallow deer in evening. Dined at Killeen. Had an interview with Goodman & Hanbury, the two chief tenants of this estate & made temporary reduction in their rent.
	22 Jan, Sun	Took Mesdames Frewen & Dugdale & B Haig to Kilmessan Church from Killeen where they were staying. Falkiner stayed to dine with me.
	23 Jan, Mon	Farm business at Dunsany all day. At 5 PM meeting at Coop Stores of Directors □ T. Leonard, Barton, G. Murphy, J Wilkinson present. Business in most satisfactory state. But had to

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		reorganise van business.
	24 Jan, Tue	Hunted Silo with Meaths at Bellinter. Found in Arlington ran to Bellinter & back to Swainstown, back to Hill of Tara & round to ground in Arlington near our ?--earn. Dined at Killeen.
[res augustae domi – modest; limited resources]	25 Jan, Wed	Hunted with Wards on Domino at Drumree. Fairly good hunt, was well carried. Went by ev[enin]g train to Dublin & slept at Coleridge’s (Island Bridge House). His sisters were very hospitable to me and took great pains to enlarge the “res augustae domi” for me. Met Capt’n. (XVI Lancers) Oswald, late Director of Dakota Company. He told me he altogether opposed the Frewens.
	26 Jan, Thu	Crossed over by early boat. Weather very rough but was not sick. Walked the deck, got wet & cold but resisted the motion. Talked on deck with an Austrian a very intelligent fellow who had been in Ireland several times on business. He had persuaded himself that Home Rule was Ireland’s only chance and believed that it could succeed. Even the present agitators could be sobered down & made conservative if given power. Looking at the question from the outside, his opinion was quite interesting. Dined with Mary.
	27 Jan, Fri	Met Alston at breakfast at St. James Club. Went on to 8 Walbrook for meeting of Powder River creditors. Alston & B. Haig dined with me.
[Geoffroy]	28 Jan, Sat	Alston & Geoffrey [sic] Millais breakfasted with me. Then I went with A. to city & went into his affairs with Gray. Lunched with Denis Lawless whom I found in a bad state of health & very much down on his luck. He had had a bad year in speculations. He talked of going away to some far portion of the earth for 7 or 8 years. Came down in afternoon to Pater at St. Leonards. He is wonderfully well & fresh in intellect.
	29 Jan, Sun	Business letters all day.
	30 Jan, Mon	Business with Pater & many business letters.
	31 Jan, Tue	Very busy all day, chiefly on Peters & Alston’s affairs. In the ev[enin]g O Streatfeild, Alston, Frank Kemp & D Lawless dined with me & we had a “western” talk. Nothing could have been more gloomy than our forecast of Western business.
	1 Feb, Wed	Business, chiefly Peters & Alston, in morning. Breakfasted with Charlie Egerton at Club. Dined with Mary & met rather a ?bare party of which the Monteagles were the liveliest. Called in afternoon on old Mrs. North widow of Rev. H North my tutor in Brighton some 16 years ago. She is chiefly memorable as the heroine of my Gambols in the Moon story.
	2 Feb, Thu	Business all day. Offered 7 Grosvenor Place to 3 house agents for sale at £25,000 for Pater. Had conference with Berthon Boat Co. secretary. Arranged for codicil to my will erasing name of TW Peters from my executors & other alterations. Dined with Sir John Millais to talk over affairs of Geoffroy. Sir J. was very nice to me evidently appreciating what I had done for Geoffroy.

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	3 Feb, Fri	Intended to go to St. Leonards. But Teschemacher arrived in London & as he had the last news I had to see something of him. So, Kemp, 2 Winns, Alston & I dined him at Blue Posts & after going round talked business at St. James Club till 2 A.M.
	4 Feb, Sat	Came by early train with Denis Lawless to St. Leonards. He poor fellow was in bad health & very depressed. He came to pick up. Letters came giving full details of Union Cattle Co. failure and of my liability thereon. Also a proposition from Windsor to assume my liability if I would give him \$2000 and my share in the WP herd which is deeded over to him & me to secure the notes.
	5 Feb, Sun	Denis & I drove over to Charlie Egerton to lunch (The Banks, Robertsbridge) and then went on to Normanhurst to see the Kennels. Went on to the house where I saw Lord Brassey in all his magnificence brought from all parts of the world. Rather too gaudy & over crowded □ too museum like. Far the richest house I was ever in. Charlie Egerton is engaged to eldest Miss B. She seems nice.
	6 Feb, Mon	Cabled accepting Windsor's proposition. Sincerely hope it will be carried out. Business letters most of the day & slow constitutional with Denis Lawless.
	7 Feb, Tue	Wrote bushels of letters.
	8 Feb, Wed	Ditto. Ditto.
[query in original]	9 Feb, Thu	Rode a £2.2/- hireling with E. Sussex hounds. Had, I was told, a splendid day's sport. We certainly kept hunting all day & occasionally ran well for a field or two in the open. But much the greater part of the sport(?) was in the woods & invisible.
	10 Feb, Fri	Rather a lazy day. But did some business correspondence.
	11 Feb, Sat	Rode a hack to Normanhurst where I got a very nice thoroughbred mount from Charlie Egerton & had a capital hunt with his hounds. Got wet to the skin & rode home very cold. Expected to be the worse for it but was not.
	12 Feb, Sun	A quiet day Denis, Pater & I. Dr. ?Ga-ger called on Pater to talk about Johnny's symptoms. No organic injury but complete nervous breakdown was the sum & substance of what he said. I followed him to the door & he told me privately that drink would account for the symptoms & that it would shortly kill him if he didn't desist.
	13 Feb, Mon	Was just starting out for a hunt on a hireling when a telegram came from Johnny to go & see him at once as he was "very unwell". I went off to Sevenoaks where his trap met me. Found him out & about but apparently frightened & completely demoralised by another of those horrible fits. I had a long interview with Dr. Worship whom Johnny swears by. He seemed a careful & very sensible man. His verdict was very simple, He is killing himself rapidly with drink.
	14 Feb, Tue	Lay awake much of last night devising a scheme to break Johnny of his secret vice & save his life. I told Ernle the truth but decided not to tell Johnny because he would persuade himself that it was not true. Decided also to tell to Pater because otherwise there would be no certainty of Johnny's taking a long sea trip which I consider (& so does Worship[]) essential to his salvation. Came to

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		London & saw Valentine, asked him to see St. Oswald & get Johnny leave for a couple of months from the House.
	15 Feb, Wed	Breakfasted with Conny & Raymond & went by 11.15 train to Romsey with Denis. Showed him the works, talked with both Berthons & went on to Southampton where we dined young Berthon. My wish was to interest Denis in the boats & get him to travel for the Co & try & get in ahead of Shepherd, the inventors of a rival canvas collapsible boat with the passenger trade. Slept at Radley's Hotel.
[Pairing – arrangement between MPs of opposing parties enabling both to miss a vote.]	16 Feb, Thu	Returned to No. 7 and did business. Saw Valentine. He had learnt from St. Oswald that Johnny could get sick leave but that it would be far better for him to pair.
	17 Feb, Fri	Returned to Pater at St. Leonards with Denis.
	18 Feb, Sat	A quiet day. Went to the Hastings Chess Club & beat their best man a game.
	19 Feb, Sun	[No entry]
	20 Feb, Mon	Started off to Johnny's. Train to Sevenoaks & bitterly cold snowy drive on to Dunstall. Found Johnny fairly well. He was ordered to stick to 1½ bot[tle]s of Claret. But he was drinking Champagne. His nerves must be in a frightful state. He told me when his tame rabbits came running up to greet him he had to turn & run away from them.
	21 Feb, Tue	Drove early to Riverhead to see Worship, Johnny's doctor. Had a thorough discussion as to best plan to adopt to cure him. Worship was positive that drink was the cause of all the symptoms & said there was no reason why J. should not recover on land but that he probably would never do so. Fear of Pater, Worship said, was the only deterrent. Clearly a sea trip & a new physical nature bringing, let us hope, a new moral nature was only chance. Spent day looking for a doctor to go with & found none.
[sal volatile – spirits of ammonia; smelling salts]	22 Feb, Wed	Johnny, Denis & I went to the City to engage berths on board SS Tainui (Shaw Savill & Albion) going round the world. J. when he heard the proposed trip had a threatening of a fit & had to fly to the chemist for a strong dose of sal volatile & then to a restaurant where he had a pint of Champagne & glass of brandy. I got him home with difficulty & then interviewed another doctor who did not suit. Slept at Dunstall where Johnny had another fit.
[query in original]	23 Feb, Thu	J. woke up suffering horribly from delirium (tremens?). I went very early to London still hoping to find a doctor & spent the whole day in the search. Finally had to give up sailing in Tainui. In course of day Dr. McLagan whom I asked to recommend a doctor sent me to a Dr. Acland. I asked him if he could go & he said he was consulting physician to 3 Hospitals &c &c. However he helped me to find a man and I interviewed some.
	24 Feb, Fri	Whole day again spent hunting doctors. Found one at last who would suit. He did not know for certain if he could go. So went down to Dunstall to make further arrangements. Thought time had come to speak seriously to Johnny & so told him everything I knew & also told him I had told Pater. He promised that he would teetotal as soon as he got well. I

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		acknowledged that he had made a beast of himself. He took it well.
	25 Feb, Sat	Up to town again. Found telegram from suitable doctor blackmailing me for double fees. So wrote I didn't want him. Came down to St. Leonards where I found Pater alone & rather low at Johnny's sad state. Cheered him up with my hopes of J. I really think he will get over the drinking though I don't think he will ever be as useful a man as he ought to be from his abilities.
	26 Feb, Sun	From Johnny comes a long letter for Pater promising complete reform & acknowledging the real cause of all his troubles. Pater wrote back a temperate letter which while firm was most kind.
	27 Feb, Mon	Returned to town. Helped make final arrangements for Johnny and went down with the ship's doctor to Dunstall for night. J. had gone to Pater & spent some hours with him & confessed all. He had promised faithfully to reform and Pater writes his last words were "I will so help me God"! Pater much impressed and cheered.
	28 Feb, Tue	Drove early with Ship's doctor to Worship's. The two had a pow-wow. Worship is positive J. is quite sound & will recover with sea air & be physically a good specimen. Returned to London
	29 Feb, Wed	Mary & I saw Johnny & Ernle the (latter companioned to Madeira & back by Emmy James) on board SS Pembroke Castle. The day was bitter. NE wind & snow & we envied those going south. Johnny renewed the most solemn promises of reform. He had abstained for 3 days & was a new man already. Poor dear Ernle would not take advice from us who had travelled. Result - her little cabin was so crammed with unnecessary luggage that she could not move in it - a row follows of course. I lunched with the Wharnclyffes, nice kind people both.
	1 Mar, Thu	Was going to Ireland but heard that Pater was not feeling quite well. So went to St. Leonards at night & found him fairly well.
	2 Mar, Fri	Pater quite well again. We have had the severest spell of weather I remember at this time of year. The driest NE wind with snow every day. It has lasted some 3 weeks & now it is veering to the N.W. Left Pater & came to London. Cannot travel by night as poor Pater thinks it dangerous so go over tomorrow by day. Got a most satisfactory private telegram from ship's doctor about Johnny from Dartmouth. I am confident he is saved.
	3 Mar, Sat	Spent day in Train en route for Ireland. Slept at K St. Club. Saw Col. Foster who told me the latest from Meath. Trotter hopelessly broke letting in everybody & generally behaving badly. Another idol dethroned! Brave stupid but sterling we all thought.
	4 Mar, Sun	Arrived by early train. Lunched at Killeen where Daisy told me that Fingall who was away was thinking of taking the Meath Hounds. Dined at Warrenstown.
	5 Mar, Mon	Business at Dunsany. Oliver Brighton called & talked over old times for most of afternoon. Dined at Killeen.
	6 Mar, Tue	Coleridge came to me. We hunted at Philpotstown & had a capital gallop from Trimleston. I rode Domino & was well carried, a dear old horse.

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	7 Mar, Wed	Rode Silo with Wards. Bad day.
	8 Mar, Thu	Business at Dunsany all day. Dined at Warrenstown.
	9 Mar, Fri	Hunted at Somerville (cob). Bad, wild wet day. No sport.
	10 Mar, Sat	Hunted Domino with Boylan's harriers in Arlington. Miserable fiasco. The boy knows nothing about it. Dined at Killeen to meet Col. Dease who did not come, promised to dine tomorrow.
	11 Mar, Sun	A wild wet day. Walked to Church at Kilmessan in a downpour. Parson & wife, sexton & one other the only congregation. Dined Killeen. Met Col. Dease & urged him to prevent Fingall ruining himself over the hounds.
['A Rustic Co-operative Store - Help Versus Money', The Union, 17 Mar, 1888, p. 1]	12 Mar, Mon	Business at Dunsany all day. Went to Sion for a couple of days for hunt & Ball. Party A.J. Macneil & wife & niece. Miss Fowler, O'Shaughnessy (Royals). Finished & sent to Philip Bagenal an article "Help versus Money" for Union newspaper. It was suggestions to the Rich to help the poor by doing their trading with them by means of cooperative stores. I think the article good & likely to do good.
[MFH – Master of Fox Hounds]	13 Mar, Tue	Hunted at Kilcairne. Ran in a wild snowstorm from Ardsallagh to Philpotstown. Did no more, snow too heavy. Rode back to Dunsany & drove back to Sion. Went to Meaths Bachelors' ball at Stackallen. Was one of the hosts. Kept it up till 5.30 AM. A great success. But I don't enjoy turning night into day. Fingall told me at the hunt today that Gerrard had promised to see that he did not lose by his MFH-ship.
	14 Mar, Wed	Went to bed 6.30 AM. Rose 10 AM. Drove to Dunsany & hunted Domino with Wards. Deer came back along beside road & most of field went after him. Committee ?enlarged another deer. So I got no hunt! Dined with Fingall to talk over the financial aspect of him taking the hounds.
	15 Mar, Thu	Business all day. Dined again with Fingall to discuss finance of M.F.H.-ship.
	16 Mar, Fri	Hunted Domino with Wards. Good run. Then drove to Dollarstown (A J Macneil's) for Kildare meet next day.
	17 Mar, Sat	Drove to meet at Painestown Xroads. Hunted Silo. Long bad day. But there was a world of old friends out. de Robecks, Eddy Lawless, de Burghs &c &c. Drove to Castlemartin in Willie Blacker's trap. Found Willie & Louie Blacker at home alone. Found cable from Frank Kemp asking me to invest £500 in Salt Lake City which he said was booming.
	18 Mar, Sun	Talked business with Willie all day. Explained what had happened to his money & what I hoped to do for him. At the least I hope to make his loan to me safe and I told him that my father's intention to leave me some property made me feel that he (Willie) was secure. Willie decided to invest £250 & to lend me £250 to invest in Salt Lake City.
	19 Mar, Mon	Left Castlemartin early with agent. Had a good mount for Dunlavin meet but had to go to Dublin to send off Willie Blacker's £500 to Frank Kemp for investment in Salt Lake City.

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		Dined with Henry Maxwell & his father at Sackville St. Club.
	20 Mar, Tue	Morning train to Drumree. Rode the cob with Meaths at Prieststown. Had a grand gallop from Pelletstown to Kilrue & was carried A1. Thoroughly enjoyed it. Dined at Killeen. Found a very nice letter from Gerty de Robeck nobly exonerating me from all blame in the unhappy affair of last spring when I asked her not to marry Harry Mitchell whom she said she did not care for.
	21 Mar, Wed	Wrote a pile of American letters & then went out on old Domino for a ride with the Wards at Dunshaughlin. Had the run of the season: took the deer at Leixlip Station. Was splendidly carried. Poor old horse had palpitations of the heart when he got home. H.P. Maxwell & Hugh Cullen came by evening train.
	22 Mar, Thu	Hugh Cullen & I talked & walked business. Hugh Cullen left.
	23 Mar, Fri	H. Maxwell left. J.W. & I drove to Rock Lodge & thoroughly did the place. Philip Bagenal came to Dunsany to inspect the Stores & he & I had a great pow-wow on Irish politics. I am a pessimist about Unionism. But I don't think Home Rule means such a collapse as some people think.
	24 Mar, Sat	Business in the morning. Then off to Prieststown for a gallop with the Wards. Goodish gallop for my last this season. Drove over to Rahinston to dine & sleep with my good friends the Fowlers.
	25 Mar, Sun	Drove to Dunsany for breakfast. Spent morning packing & writing letters. Fingalls, Miss Burke & Grange people came to luncheon to say goodbye if such it should be. Then drove to Westland Row & took the Irish Mail over.
	26 Mar, Mon	Arrived early at 7 Grosvenor Place. Breakfasted with Mackenzie arrived from Dundee and went with him to City.
	27 Mar, Tue	Powder River Co meetings all day. Managed to get an offer of \$230,000 for Alberta land from Sir J Lister Kaye.
	28 Mar, Wed	Came to St. Leonards by early train. Found Pater in excellent health.
	29 Mar, Thu	Pater moved to Down Lodge. I went with him to Three Bridges & then went on to London to dine Hickox at St. James Club.
	30 Mar, Fri	Took Tommy Ponsonby to Down Lodge to convalesce from Mumps. Spent day helping Pater to unpack & arrange papers, etc.
	31 Mar, Sat	Business letters for American mail in morning. Then looking after Pater & amusing Tommy by rowing him on the "Lake" &c.
	1 Apr, Sun	To Church at Crawley Down Church, toddled round the place with Pater & took Tommy on the lake.
	2 Apr, Mon	Went to see a stag hunt at Copthorne Surrey stag. Very mild after Ward Union. But I should have liked to have had a mount all the same though a good trapper would have seen most of it I think. People rode on the roads mostly.
	3 Apr, Tue	Rowed Tommy on the lake.
	4 Apr, Wed	Took Tommy home to his mother in London. Business all day.

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		Dined with the Hickoxs at the Bristol.
	5 Apr, Thu	Returned to Down Lodge. Saw Denny & had a long talk on his & my affairs. Friendship grows between us. Raymond slept at D.L. having ridden his tricycle from Tooting.
	6 Apr, Fri	Raymond left on his tricycle for Worthing.
	7 Apr, Sat	Raymond sent his tricycle which slightly relieves monotony of D. Lodge existence.
	8 Apr, Sun	Snowed most of the day. Went for a solitary constitutional!
	9 Apr, Mon	Business correspondence & tricycle.
	10 Apr, Tue	Business correspondence & Tricycle.
	11 Apr, Wed	Spent day in London. Signed H. Dutton & his wife's settlements as Trustee. Interviewed FAK Bennet & CF Kemp on Powder R Co matters. Called on Mrs. Adair who wished to consult me on her affairs.
	12 Apr, Thu	Down Lodge. Business & tricycle.
	13 Apr, Fri	Denis Lawless came for a couple of days. Great relief.
	14 Apr, Sat	Day with Denis boating &c.
	15 Apr, Sun	[No entry]
	16 Apr, Mon	Meeting of Powder River Pref[erence]: holders. Usual wrangle & no result.
	17 Apr, Tue	Saw Dr. Mortimer Granville of 14 Hanover Square and was more thoroughly examined than I ever was before. Verdict Full of gout. Liver terribly oppressed. Nerves on left side (acting on right side of body) deranged. Thus right eye weaker than left. Right hand ditto. Should be much the reverse. Ordered more red meat. Indication nitrogenous foods □ usual tonic & call again. But I like the Dr.
	18 Apr, Wed	Business letters &c at D. Lodge.
	19 Apr, Thu	A dreary day of low spirits for some cause or other. Very busy with Pater's a/cs which I am getting into such shape that he will have some idea how he stands.
	20 Apr, Fri	Went to London & dined with JG Butcher. On way to station horse ran away in brougham & crashed against railway gates. Very lucky Pater was not in it.
	21 Apr, Sat	Went to dentist & to Mortimer Granville. The latter said I had improved – in 4 days! Did lots of business & returned to D. Lodge.
	22 Apr, Sun	Wet day. Spent it in doors doing business & preparing for my departure on the morrow.
	23 Apr, Mon	Business, packing & a sad goodbye to my poor father now in his 80th year and fond of my company. I said God bless you & he said ask him to bless you. No father ever loved his son more dearly & I fear the return has been slight indeed. Dined with Richardson in London.
	24 Apr, Tue	Business all day. Saw Stibbard & C.F.K[emp]. on Powder R Co

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		affairs.
	25 Apr, Wed	Arrived at Northwall & having over slept in the boat found my portmanteau had been taken to the Ship St. Barracks. Sent after it & got back a message that Cap'tn. Macadam had my baggage & would not give it up till I gave up his. Wrote an angry letter & went on to Gowran Grange with what I had left. Found Droghedas & Fowler girls & George F. Did second day of Punchestown & saw some old friends.
[MFH – Master of Fox Hounds]	26 Apr, Thu	Went up to Dublin to Meath Hunt meeting where we elected Fingall M.F.H. He is to be financially seen through by T. Gerrard, Dunville, Harry Bourke. He will be popular with the people. But it will tell on him physically & possibly spoil his amiability a bit. He will soon find that after getting from the guarantors all he can fairly claim as hunting expenses that his way of life has drifted into extravagance beyond his means. Then he will hold on rather than confess that he was wrong to take the hounds & his Consulship will end later than it should in disappointment & disgust. I hope I may be wrong for I admire his pluck & his determination to tackle a position which in other spheres seems denied. Booth came to Dunsany.
	27 Apr, Fri	Busy all day. Talked over Ranch affairs with J.E.W.B[ooth]. Coleridge came in evening. GVB[riscoe] dined.
	28 Apr, Sat	Coleridge & Booth went to IX Hussars races at Fairyhouse. I stuck to farming. Coleridge & I dined at Killeen, Booth not returning for races.
	29 Apr, Sun	Walked to Church at Kilmessan. In afternoon drove to Clushagh to see Tripod's progeny. Fingalls came to tea. Coleridge left for Dublin & I dined with George Murphy & talked over estate affairs.
	30 Apr, Mon	Business at Dunsany all day. Then drove over to Rahinston my most hospitable neighbours, barring perhaps the other Plunketts. The Fowlers are a sterling good family. Not a false note in the whole lot of them, and so healthy & cheery. It is a sight to see old Fowler, his daughter & 3 sons all competing over the obstacles & intricacies of ?Meath. I called on Mrs. Leonard & she showed me her estates a/cs confidentially. The Leonards have done little better than us of late.
	1 May, Tue	Returned to Dunsany & spent the day with Wilkinson. Hugh Cullen came in the ev[enin]g. Dined to say goodbye at Killeen.
	2 May, Wed	Went early to Dublin & after a day's business went on to Castlemartin to say goodbye to Willie Blacker. He was alone save Johnny Blakeney, an old schoolfellow (Cheam).
	3 May, Thu	Left Castlemartin early to catch the mail at Kildare. Willie was sad about his finances as his old attachment waxes warm with him. Poor chap. I promised I would do the best I could for him. Went to Queenstown & saw Townsend. The mails left by a later train & did not arrive till 3 o'clock. Went on board 3.45 on RMS Celtic where I had the deck cabin all to myself for £25, a most liberal concession of the White Star Co. Passengers mostly the

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		usual business lot.
	4 May, Fri	Sat at table next one Charles Priestley, a dry goods manufacturer from North of England. We had a topic in common: cooperative stores. He told me a lot about the movement in the north & has promised to help me in getting good managers & c if I carry on the movement in Ireland. Weather getting fine.
	5 May, Sat – 9 May, Wed	[No entry]
	10 May, Thu	Played 3 games chess blindfold. When we stopped was winning two and losing one. But in the latter I had twice given back the queen.
	11 May, Fri	[No entry]
	12 May, Sat	Arrived at noon after a very pleasant trip which did me much good. Went to Paton's for letters & found a long one from Chaplin with the news up to May 7 from Cheyenne. Not very cheery. Went on to American Cattle Trust offices and found Tom Sturgis dethroned from presidency & Lane no longer secretary. Nels Morris had broken loose though they say without loss to the Trust. Saw Dick Head, the present Western manager, & appointed a meeting for the morrow.
[hair branding – burning only the hair, not the hide, so a different brand could subsequently be marked.]	13 May, Sun	Met Dick Head. He told me that reports had come to him that our boys had turned in many cattle to the Trust which did not belong to us, hair branded others & so on. I told him that if the accusation was made with proofs we would deal with the latter. Then had a long talk about the Trust in which he I think somewhat reassured me. Lunched with Moeran & appointed interview to sign away our Tile Co. mortgage & take \$16000 for our \$68000 debentures. This closes the sad history of the International Tile Co. Dined with Sturgis at his house & met Lane.
	14 May, Mon	Business all day. Priestley dined & came with me to a play.
	15 May, Tue	Business all day. Chiefly Powder River finances. Was trying hard to milk John Paton & Co. for another loan for them.
	16 May, Wed	Delayed by cables from England till now. However I get off tonight by 6.00 N.Y. Central. Goes to Chicago 28½ hours.
	17 May, Thu	At about 7 AM we stop at the Falls of Niagara to have a look at this wonder of the world. Then on to Chicago where I change trains & go west by Rock Island R.R.
	18 May, Fri	Arrived in Omaha where I stop for the night.
	19 May, Sat	Called at Neb[raska]. Nat[ional]. Bank to have a talk with Yates. He told me the whole history of the Union Cattle Co Notes & it is evident that I was in great luck getting anything at all. Went to Herman in ev[enin]g to meet W. Watson, now bookkeeper to Powder River Cattle Co. Sent off my article on cooperative stores as a relief to Ireland under the title "Help for Ireland without Legislation" to Pater to be sent to XIX Century. Sent copy also to Tom Leonard and asked him to have it published as pamphlet if Pater could not get it into XIX Century.
	20 May, Sun	Spent a day at Powder River books with Watson. Weather pleasant & we had time for about an hour's walking, so on the

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		whole the Sunday in the country was pleasant after 2 days in train & one in Omaha. Herman cattle feeding on dry meal has done better than the cooked food. But the floor & roof of barns is in bad shape & it looks like endless expenditure in the future.
	21 May, Mon	Went early to Omaha where I met Gilchrist. Had a couple of hours with him & learnt a good deal about the not very cheery situation out west. Then came on by train leaving Omaha 12.20 composed only of "sleepers" & bearing the modest title of the "Overland Flyer". Met in the train one E.M. Gibson, a large cattleman who told me a most harrowing story of his cattle investments.
	22 May, Tue	Arrived Cheyenne 4.45 A.M. A cold foggy morning. Chaplin had sent me a latch key of Club, so I went to bed and slept for an hour or two. Got up to find every one very glad to see me. I never was any use socially. Yet they seem to like me. The poor Cheyennites are at low water. But they are happy in their incomparable air notwithstanding. Windsor was here & Boughton & the faithful John. Frank Kemp and Jim Winn. Many Americans also.
	23 May, Wed	Worked hard all day chiefly at Powder R. Co. correspondence. Had a long talk with Windsor about Coble's merits & demerits as a partner. He & I both wish to dissolve with Coble & we may do it in any way we can.
	24 May, Thu	Business. Dick Head & GW Baxter gave me the inside history of the Cattle Trust. It appears that Sturgis got up the Trust to save the Union Cattle Co. & if he had succeeded he would have absolutely have wrecked the whole concern. Few men can stand the temptation of saving their fortunes & reputations as businessmen by a cleverly disguised and non-indictable swindle.
	25 May, Fri	Business
	26 May, Sat	Business all day. Finally arranged with R Head, Western manager of American Cattle Trust, to take \$15000 cash down for ungathered cattle of Frontier Land & Cattle Co. There may be many more & probably are. But cash down is a great inducement.
	27 May, Sun	Business as normal.
	28 May, Mon – 1 Jun, Fri	Business.
	2 Jun, Sat – 7 Jun, Thu	Cheyenne business.
	8 Jun, Fri	Still waiting in Cheyenne to hear from CF Kemp that finances are arranged. The Powder River Co's work is at the height & no funds available.
	9 Jun, Sat	Finally dissolved partnership with Coble by making extensive purchases & sales by contract with him. I am now ½ partner with Windsor in WP herd & Hiland & I own Coble's share of live stock at Iron Mountain. I lease his half of Iron Mountain lands, Windsor owning the other half.
	10 Jun, Sun	A very busy day as I intended to leave for the North Monday morning. But I could not finish my work & so stay till Monday.
	11 Jun, Mon	Business all day & thought it lucky I did not leave today for Powder River.

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	12 Jun, Tue	Left by 7A.M. train on Cheyenne & Northern with J Winn. Chaplin came to square up the late deals with Windsor & Coble. Windsor got in at Iron Mountain & travelled to Chug station. Windsor approved of all my contracts, admitted that they expressed his intentions & promised to sign them. Coble is already committed. So I have, I think, placed my affairs in far better shape than they were before. Rough stage from near Wendover to Douglas. Arrived 11 P.M. Stage had gone north & was glad to go to bed.
	13 Jun, Wed	Telegram from Chaplin that Coble & Windsor had both signed all papers. So that deal is settled. Found an attorney named Adams who played an excellent game of chess. Played 5 games, won 3, lost one & should have lost one unfinished game. Took stage for Powder River. Had two passengers besides ourselves & were made very uncomfortable. Very hot by day & coldish at night. Only made 4½ miles an hour. An old man going to Buffalo to make bricks came from Co. Meath forty years ago and knew all places & people of that day.
	14 Jun, Thu	Arrived Powder River 4 PM. 22 hours for 98 miles. Awfully tired. But Fred Hesse was waiting & we went on in his buck board up to Home Ranche. Had a great talk over all that had happened in the last 8 months. Found grass excellent. It was seeding well and was as good as in /82 except that the weeds which grew in the dry years still showed strong. We hope that the seeds now being scattered will predominate over them. Went to bed early and slept the sleep of the weary.
	15 Jun, Fri	Rested all day. Wrote letters & talked over plans with Fred Hesse.
	16 Jun, Sat	Rode to the Powder River round up on Murphy Creek. Found cattle doing well, pens excellent, calf herd booming. If it had not been for that awful winter of /86/87 we should have come out fairly well.
	17 Jun, Sun	Ralph Wortley, Fred Hesse & I drove via Crazy Woman, where I greeted Mrs. Hesse, to Buffalo where we had to go on tax & land matters for 76 & EK.
	18 Jun, Mon	Business in Buffalo all day. Then drove out to Crazy Woman with Wortley.
	19 Jun, Tue	Wortley drove me to Bar C Ranch where I found Jim Winn waiting. This was mail night, so I got my letters. Lunched at John Nolan's. He & his wife are struggling at the old K.C. ranch doing a Hotel business. John is fairly honest & I hope he will do well.
[Bull]	20 Jun, Wed	Jim Winn & I drove in his buck board across the mountains. We were perished by a drenching cold rain & snowstorm in our faces. We suffered much not being clad for such weather. When we got to the bottom of the mountains Jim Winn's Home Ranch being abandoned, we went to the cabin of Frank Buell, [sic] his old ranch keeper. F.B's wife warmed us up with good food & a blazing fire. We went on to Tensleep nearly dry in the afternoon where we slept.
[Peirce]	21 Jun, Thu	Rode to Paint Rock & found the Round-up. Pierce [sic] very hopeful about the outcome of the WP herd. The Roundup is going to Big Horn Cañon where there are no WP cattle. So I shall come over the mountains again in a week or 10 days. First night in

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		camp & I strike a wet one. So don't sleep.
[Probably Paint Rock Creek]	22 Jun, Fri	Left Round up at Painted Rock □ went to Ed Carruthers & "Dude's" ranch & on to Tensleep where I found Jim Winn & his foreman wearing out the seats of their breeches in comfortable chairs. The last 3 days have been abnormally cold & have illustrated the uncertainty of this climate. The fact is every one who can afford it should have winter clothes on hand the year round.
	23 Jun, Sat	Crossed the mountains again and rode into Buffalo. Charlie Carter & I were horseback & Jim Winn in his buckboard. I sat in the latter part of the way. It snowed on us again & we were most of the time in a thick cold white fog. We were glad at noon to build a huge bonfire & warm ourselves. In the evening at the Buffalo "Business Club" a man named Shoemaker called on me & told me that he intended to contest the filing of W.H. Moore on N. Fork Powder River but that if I paid him what he was out on the contest he would take no further action. I told him to go ahead, that I was only interested in the improvements and should protect my rights with regard to them. I judged from his demeanour & appearance that he is not the bona fide settler but a blackmailer pure & simple, though I think he is pulling the chestnuts out of the fire for a Buffalo attorney.
	24 Jun, Sun	Spent a quiet Sunday in Buffalo resting & writing business letters.
	25 Jun, Mon	Rode out to Fred Hesse's at night after finishing up some 76 & EK business in Buffalo.
	26 Jun, Tue	Got the mail, 15 letters, one from Mary asking whether I approved of her getting Emmy de Burgh to take Harry off her hands for a while, he being a great difficulty at home. The alternative, she said, was a baby school. I replied urging her strongly to add Harry to her burden & try and bring him up as well as she had done the others. Long letter from Johnny. The same Johnny. He has abandoned stimulants. But his smallness of aim crops out the same as ever.
	27 Jun, Wed	Spent the day answering letters & going over 76 affairs with Hesse. In afternoon Hesse was called off to Buffalo to give evidence on a cattle stealing case before the grand jury. So I had to delay my intended departure.
	28 Jun, Thu	Had to wait at Crazy Woman for Hesse's return.
	29 Jun, Fri	Drove over to the Home Ranch with Fred Hesse.
	30 Jun, Sat	Drove with Hesse up North Fork to do some surveying, When I got to work found some one had during the winter destroyed my instrument. So went on to old Pete Griffin to learn the gossip about the jumping of the Frontier claims. Got a good deal of useful information. Stuart Wortley & Hudson of Andrews & Hudson, a north country Englishman, put up for the night at the Home Ranch. It was like old times in the cattle business!
	1 Jul, Sun	Rode to Bar C ranch where I spent a restful afternoon with Wortley & Hudson.

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	2 Jul, Mon	Rode over the mountains. Went by sun & description & made a fairly good short cut. Frank Bull had a change of horses for me & I got on to Tensleep where I found Charlie Carter & no news of the round up.
	3 Jul, Tue	Started towards Paintrock but met some men who reported that the round up would not arrive till the morrow.
	4 Jul, Wed	Went to Paintrock & found the round up. There is a "saloon" at this "city" (2 houses) and in it is sold whiskey of the deadliest. One man says he bought a bottle of it to rub on a bruise & the remainder he threw on the camp fire, which it promptly extinguished. What it is made of I don't know. But it being the Glorious Fourth it is the duty of good citizens to celebrate somehow & our cook & some cowboys celebrated on this whiskey. They were paralyzed. We got a good many calves this round up and I think we shall get some 700 all told.
	5 Jul, Thu	Rounded up on Buffalo flats & camped at night on Broken Back. The WP got 97 calves today.
	6 Jul, Fri	Did not move camp today but worked the main herd & drove cattle into the mountains. I did not do much. How long a round up day seems. You have been up & had breakfast 6 hours ago & you look at your watch & it is still only 10 o'clock AM. By 3 PM you have had all the day you want. But then at sunset you can go to sleep.
	7 Jul, Sat	2 A.M. went out to night herd as the previous day's work had been pretty hard on our boys. I seldom do this as it is too much for me with all the day work I have. Moved camp & rounded up at mouth of Tensleep. I went & slept at the Bar X Bar ranch to escape the mosquitoes. At nightfall Jim Winn appeared, just having got back from Cheyenne. He had sold 500 cows & calves for \$22½ and all his beef at 28½ delivered Rock Creek. His chief news was that the beef boom had collapsed.
	8 Jul, Sun	Round up moved to Spring Creek. Jim Winn & I leisurely rode to the round up & then Evelyn Booth & I went over the Mountains to the Bar C. We had a long ride arriving 11 P.M. very tired. We had some difficulty getting down off the mountain in the dark.
	9 Jul, Mon	Rode to 76 ranch on Crazy Woman via KC where I had to see John Nolan. Extremely hot day & this 48 miles made me very slack after rather a hard trip in the Basin. Had a delicious plunge into the creek on arrival at Crazy Woman.
To Dunsany, Edward, 16th Baron (father)	10 Jul, Tue	Fred Hesse & I drove to Buffalo to look after land & tax matters & other business. I was rather upset in health by over riding in the terribly hot weather we have had last few days.
[Given name Menardi, but often written as Menard.]	11 Jul, Wed	Sent two important telegrams. But the line was not up so got no reply. Determined to wait few days. Meantime went to work to get up a Loan & investment Co. to do business in Johnson County where there is a very good opening. So we organised as the "Northern Wyoming Loan & Investment Co." Geo[rge] T. Beck Pres't, Fred Hesse Vice Pres't; JB Menard [sic] Sec'y & self Treasurer. As yet we are little more than an organisation. Money is not yet. But the time will come when money will come out here & then we shall be in a way to handle it.
	12 Jul, Thu	Still waiting. Played lawn tennis on a very rough ground at the Fort. The officers played fairly & Beck & I had the worst of it

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		against them. After play we were treated to mint juleps of a very sugary & potent order.
	13 Jul, Fri	No wire. Very weary work waiting in Buffalo.
	14 Jul, Sat	Left Buffalo at 3 PM not having rec[eive]d any reply to my telegrams. The delay in Buffalo pulled me together again. I was thoroughly tired out before this rest.
	15 Jul, Sun	Rode over to Bar C Ranch. Found Jim Winn just arrived from other side of range. Had intended going across mountains. But found it unnecessary.
	16 Jul, Mon	Evelyn Booth came over and we discussed Erskine's affairs. We decided to cable him either to come out or to send power attorney to Evelyn & me jointly & alternatively to represent him in his partnership with Carruthers.
	17 Jul, Tue	Laid over at Bar C. Wrote a pamphlet for the Northern Wyoming Loan & Invest[men]t Co.
	18 Jul, Wed	Another restful day. Good food, good water □ not too many flies □ what more could a man want.
	19 Jul, Thu	Rode to 76 Home Ranch. Wortley came up from P.O. & Baxter, manager of Trust Cattle in Wyo, arrived also. So I had lots to do making arrangements with Baxter for co-operation on range.
	20 Jul, Fri	Governor Moonlight of Wyo Terr[itor]y stopped at noon at Home Ranch & we had a talk over the affairs of Wyo. He had with him Ricketts, Territorial geologist, from whom I learnt that the minerals of Wyoming were abundant but so far not valuable. A strike may be made at any time. But that is all that is known. Spent rest of day posting Baxter on range matters.
	21 Jul, Sat	Hesse, H.R. Mann a Buffalo attorney and I drove over the North Fork EK claims to look over the situation prior to the "contest" to be commenced on Monday. In evening we came over to 76 Ranch on Crazy Woman.
	22 Jul, Sun	Drove with Jim Winn into Buffalo. Got a letter from Pater saying my article on Co-operative Stores for Ireland was accepted by Nineteenth Century. But the editor insists on calling it Irish Coop Stores which, considering that my contention is "There are no coop stores in Ireland more's the pity", is rather a misnomer.
	23 Jul, Mon	Attended a land contest instituted against the Frontier Co's lands above the "cow camp". The contestant was a man (Wilson) who we had treated extremely well. Our case was very bad. Gilchrist, who took charge of the land filings of the Frontier in /85 got our witnesses to swear to all manner of absurdities which were moreover quite unnecessary for compliance with the law.
	24 Jul, Tue	Land contest likely to last a week. Proceedings being quite informal, the court having no power over litigants. No such thing as contempt of court. Hence irrelevant questions & answers ad lib. Went out of town to 76 ranch on Crazy Woman as had to go over mountains via Bar C.
	25 Jul, Wed	Drove with Jim Winn to Bar C Ranch.
[Peirce]	26 Jul, Thu	Left Bar C Ranch early & rode to Otter Creek. Jim Winn & Ralph Wortley went over in a buggy & went on to Tensleep. Pierce [sic]

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		was camped on Otter Creek at Dyson's ranch.
[Peirce]	27 Jul, Fri	Went on to Tensleep & spent the day at accounts with Johnny Pierce [sic]. While there one of those hail storms one reads about came down. The hail bounded off the ground 6 ft. into air. Killed chickens & would have killed young children. Killed a calf & colt on Crazy Woman. Hail stones found 24 hours after.
	28 Jul, Sat	In morning rode to Broken Back with Evelyn Booth to look into the affairs of Booth & Carruthers, having rec[eive]d cabled authority from Erskine Booth. Found their affairs in most unsatisfactory condition. Rode to Richards' place at Red Bank. 94° in shade & cloudy. Most oppressive.
	29 Jul, Sun	Rode over the mountains to Bar C Ranch to dinner & then on to Home Ranch for supper & bed. 96° in shade. But had good horses so did not suffer much.
	30 Jul, Mon	Met Hesse at Home Ranch & saw the 76 beef on N. Fork. Then rode to 76 ranch on Crazy Woman en route for Buffalo.
	31 Jul, Tue	Rode into Buffalo & spent day at Northern Wyo Loan & Invest[men]t Co affairs. A torrent of rain fell which deluged the whole country in the afternoon. Never saw the likes in July out here before. Got a letter from Pater asking me to give up all round up work & cable him "agree" if I consented. Shall do so tomorrow.
	1 Aug, Wed	Cabled Pater "agree" explaining in letter that I could not absolutely promise never to sleep out of doors but promising not to stay more than a night or so with the round up. Worked hard all day.
	2 Aug, Thu	Worked at WP, 76 and Loan & Invest. Co business all day.
	3 Aug, Fri	Worked all day at correspondence &c & at night rode to the 76 on Crazy Woman. Wanted to see Frank Canton on the way but lost my way in the dark. This is a hard country to ride on a dark night however well you know it by day.
[Peirce]	4 Aug, Sat	Rode to Home Ranch where I met Hesse & decided on work to be done during my absence. Changed horses & went on to Bar C ranch. 53 miles ride. Met Johnny Pierce [sic], who believed he could get the foremanship of EK herd which would be a fine permanent job. But would not apply unless I thoroughly approved. Of course I had to approve thoroughly as Johnny deserves well of me. He recommended John Garrison, a man in WP outfit as his successor very highly.
[Peirce]	5 Aug, Sun	Rode with Johnny Pierce [sic] over to N.H. Found Baxter just having purged the outfit of the foreman & 3 mavericking cowboys. He hired Johnny & I appointed John Garrison foreman of WP outfit & wrote him letter of appointment. Then took Ralph Wortley's buggy down to Home Ranch. Most awkward not being able to go & see my new foreman. But undoubtedly I must hasten to Alberta.
	6 Aug, Mon	Drove to Powder River P.O. Passed my old foreman Jack Donahue who was going down with the Bay State outfit to fetch another herd into Big Horn Basin. Jack warned me to look out for Fred Hesse as many had determined to kill him on account of the

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		plucky fight he has made against maverickers. Wrote Hesse. Waited at Powder River. A stage came in from north. But the driver, who had just come in from south refused to turn back till he had had a night's sleep.
	7 Aug, Tue	Left Powder River 9 AM on stage. Day was cool & the journey was not quite as informal as usual.
[/- the 'Blocker 7' brand of John Rufus Blocker]	8 Aug, Wed	Arrived at Douglas 4.30 AM. Stage for Cottonwood on Cheyenne Northern had pulled out at 4 AM. So Blocker of the /- brand & I hired a buggy & team & got to Cottonwood 50 miles in 7 hours in time to catch the train. Went on to Iron Mountain & met Windsor. Went into our joint affairs.
	9 Aug, Thu	Rode over Iron Mountain all day and came on to Cheyenne in evening. Drought has robbed us of 2/3rds hay crop & 3/4ths grass which we might have had. Cattle look small & stunted. But still I think I made a good "trade" with Coble. Learned in Cheyenne that DH Andrews was appointed agent to receive Alberta cattle & that he wished to go to Alberta at once. Andrews is coming in tomorrow. Cable from London orders me deliver possession.
	10 Aug, Fri	Had an immense accumulation of business. Chiefly letters on all subjects & finances to arrange. Worked very hard all day.
	11 Aug, Sat	Ditto, ditto. Windsor came in & I went over business with him.
	12 Aug, Sun	Not a day of rest. Am anxious to get started tomorrow or next day for Alberta.
	13 Aug, Mon	Worked hard from sunrise to sunset & on to 10 PM when I took the "Overland Flyer" en route for Alberta, D.H. Andrews accompanying me. Winn returned from Ranch just before I left.
	14 Aug, Tue	After a 17 hour broiling in the "Sleeper", arrived Omaha 3.00 PM. Our ears, noses & eyes were full of flacks [sic] & dust & we took a luxurious pair of bedrooms with a bath & washed & changed with great relish.
	15 Aug, Wed	Business in Omaha all morning & then went to Herman to Watson to talk over Powder River affairs.
	16 Aug, Thu	Spent the day at Herman & Hiland, at Herman going over Powder River a/cs, at Hiland looking over the farm I hold with Windsor. Things pretty prosperous at our farm except that Windsor had overcrowded the cattle & they were not doing very well. Took train at Blair & went to St. Paul by night. Andrews came on from Omaha same train.
	17 Aug, Fri	St. Paul 9.30 AM. Spent the day washing, changing clothes & walking about. Went on 8.20 PM to Winnipeg.
[query in original]	18 Aug, Sat	Arrived Winnipeg 5.25 P.M. & went to the Queen's Hotel. Found note from Sir John Lister Kaye that he wanted to see me at once on arrival. Found him & his faithful plucky wife at another Hotel. They were going West for 14 hours with us & so we talked but little business. Saw a squadron? of the Salvation Army in the streets. Poor people, they certainly are ridiculously sincere.
	19 Aug, Sun	Left Winnipeg 10.25 AM. Spent the day discussing theology with

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		Lady Kaye, & talking business with Sir John. He, poor fellow, is another Moreton Frewen but honest & well principled. Not quite so able & far more facile. I fear he will be robbed. He has a huge scheme on hands & has \$1,000,000 capital to scatter in the name of the Canadian Agriculture, Coal & Colonisation Co. If his lands advance in value or his coal is developed he may grow out of all the money he will lose "company farming".
	20 Aug, Mon	The whole 24 hours in train going through the dreary plains, houseless, almost treeless lone & uninhabited. The air is inhabited by birds of prey, but where is the prey?
	21 Aug, Tue	1 A.M. deposited at Calgary. Go to Royal Hotel & sleep, or try to, till breakfast 7.30. Can't get it earlier in this "Denver of Canada"! Murphy is waiting [for] me & at once shows fight. He is in possession of the property & after the manner of Frewen's employees refuses to give up until he gets his blackmail. Fight him hard & go through every feature of the case with another solicitor & find that possession is 9/10ths here & it is possible he may prove the sale to Lister Kaye illegal on ground of the Liquidation of P R Co not being properly recorded out here.
	22 Aug, Wed	Fought Murphy all day. Finally persuaded him that we would fight to the end & managed to force him to a compromise which we can well afford.
	23 Aug, Thu	All day settling accounts with Murphy. In evening drove out in 6 hours the 52 miles to Mosquito Creek □ arrived 1 A.M.
	24 Aug, Fri	Delivered possession to Andrews & made arrangements for carrying on the freehold property.
	25 Aug, Sat	Rode to Samson & Hartford's ranch on Little Bear 11 miles to dinner & then to Sheep Creek 22 miles further to supper & to Pine Creek 11 miles on to bed. Murphy & Andrews drove into Calgary.
	26 Aug, Sun	Rode 15 miles to breakfast in Calgary. Then settled up accounts betw'n the two companies with Andrews all day. At night got a cable which shocked me greatly. Raymond cabled me Cheyenne that our father was very ill & he would cable again tomorrow. A wretched night I spent. At 1 AM I got up to meet Lister Kaye & wife at the train & found it hard to sleep again. I am afraid of bad news. Very ill at 80! Alas, what can we hope?
	27 Aug, Mon	Raymond cabled no change & I cabled to ask for full particulars. Busy all day P. River a/cs &c.
	28 Aug, Tue	Johnny cabled that our poor father's case was "almost hopeless" bronchitis & congestion. He thought my coming home would prolong his life. Mary cabled me to come home. Decided to go. But no train till 3 AM Thursday morning. A day of wretched suspense. Cabled my father Expect arrive twelfth. God bless you.
	29 Aug, Wed	A grand relief. Johnny cabled "Certainly better, but come". I felt a new man.
	30 Aug, Thu	Was practically up all night seeing the Lister Kayes off West at 1 AM & then expecting to start myself East at 3 AM. Got up then train 3 hours late. Never slept more. Train came along crowded to the last berth. However got a berth by pushing & cursing. At night got another cable "Decidedly better" & slept easy thereon.

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	31 Aug, Fri	Arrived Winnipeg 8 PM about. Got another good cable & began to feel in high spirits. Must go home however as poor Pater cannot possibly attend to his business affairs & will want me badly. Glad of a sleep in a stationary bed.
	1 Sep, Sat	Left Winnipeg for St. Paul 9.05 AM. Very slow traveling all day.
	2 Sep, Sun	Arrived St. Paul for breakfast & took a room & wrote a good many letters on business matters. No train out till 2 & the Limited 7.30 Mon as well. So I spend a day at business letters & get that off my mind before I go further East. Left by night for Chicago.
	3 Sep, Mon	Arrived Chicago in morning. Met Watson & gave him full instructions for conduct with Hesse of P River affairs. Wrote Hesse, Chaplin & others parting instructions & left by Pennsylvania Limited for New York. Cable from Johnny most satisfactory.
	4 Sep, Tue	Arrived at night. Something I eat in the train brought on violent vomiting & before I reached N.Y. I was almost too weak to stand up. I went to the Hoffman house where I had a wretched night. No cable.
	5 Sep, Wed	Cable came with the best news yet. I believe I may hope for really good news on my arrival at Queenstown. I had a good deal of business to get through, but I was too sick to be any good at it. However I went through the motions & got on board the Celtic, my old favorite at 4 P.M. Only 27 saloon passengers. I had a deck cabin & looked forward to a great gain in health on the voyage in spite of the bad start.
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	12 Sep, Wed	368 Had a mock trial on board in which I was counsel for prosecution. Against me was a Dublin lawyer, Holmes, who was very amusing & A1 at cross examination of my witnesses. I made a fair speech on opening the case. But I was no good at sharp repartee &c.
	13 Sep, Thu	334. 199 to Queenstown
	14 Sep, Fri	At 5 AM got letters at Queenstown. Pater's health greatly improved & all looking favorable for recovery. A great weight was lifted from my mind. Got to Liverpool 10 PM & went to 11.20 train to London.
	15 Sep, Sat	Arrived 7 Gros[venor] Place 8.30 AM. Found Johnny. Smelt brandy in his room. But he explained that it was only an occasional medicinal resource. Went by 10.5 AM train to Grange Road. Found my father, weak but otherwise doing splendidly. He was sincerely glad to see me & from what the doctor told me of the crisis I have little doubt my coming home helped him to

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		recovery. He had been at death's door. My article had come out in the XIX Century for September. I have no doubt from letters I got about it that it will help to get cooperative stores for Ireland. Mary & Conny were at Down Lodge.
	16 Sep, Sun	With my father most of the day.
	17 Sep, Mon	Began business again & wrote many letters for self & my father. Doctor Hosking, the local medico who has successfully brought Pater through, dined. In an after dinner smoke I gathered that Johnny had consulted him for a nervous break up which was undoubtedly due to nipping. It looks now as if a dark future lay before the family which he is to be the head of.
	18 Sep, Tue	No events except that Johnny came to Down Lodge for a few hours.
	19 Sep, Wed	Went in early afternoon to London. Met Denis Lawless, my favorite cousin, & found him altogether in a healthier tone of mind.
	20 Sep, Thu	Shopping all morning. Called on Kemp. Came down to Crawley Down in afternoon & found Pater up & downstairs, looking better than he has by a long way. He is thinner which the doctor looks on as a great gain.
	21 Sep, Fri	Rec[eive]d cheque for £10 from Nineteenth Century. I didn't write my article "for the pot". But it is a great satisfaction to me to have written what is of value to the leading magazine. It is the only money I ever earned in this way.
	22 Sep, Sat	Mary left. Pater steadily gaining.
[?Perry Keene, cf 20 Dec]	23 Sep, Sun	Went to church at Crawley Down. Wretched sermon. Walked over to Parry Keane's [sic] farm & saw some 8 month lambs which I should have guessed at 2-yr-olds at least.
	24 Sep, Mon	Conny & I went to Hastings to look for a house for winter quarters for Pater. Decided to try & tempt him to go into a Hotel (quite private) and escape the domination of his household. Conny taught me her shorthand, which I seemed to pick up quick as I wrote to Mary in it.
	25 Sep, Tue	Returned to Down Lodge & found Pater much better.
	26 Sep, Wed	Went to Hastings & finally engaged rooms in the Albany Hotel.
	27 Sep, Thu	Returned to Down Lodge. Pater goes on marvelously. He is good for many years if appearances can be believed.
	28 Sep, Fri	Went at night to Bishopstoke so as to do a day at the B. Boat Co. on the morrow.
[cestui que trust – trust beneficiary]	29 Sep, Sat	Spent the morning at the B.B.Co & found them doing better than heretofore. No huge orders but a steady trade springing up. Then went on to Timsbury & found Mary & her children, Henry & Mrs. Henry Dutton, 2 Needham children & one Bouring "a namby pamby ass with a pretty face, conversational powers! and a high voice. Henry Dutton, my first cousin, & "cestui que trust" is dull but nice. His wife a good woman but not very lively.
[Melchizedek – Old]	30 Sep, Sun	Went to Romsey Abbey & heard Berthon preach a fairly good sermon about Melchizedek. What a grand voice he has! Spent a

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Testament priest/king of Jerusalem]		quiet & enjoyable Sunday with Mary & her children & Aunt Isabella.
[Co-operative Wholesale Society]	1 Oct, Mon	Left Timsbury early. Saw EP Berthon at station and came on to London. Met one WH Hall, who had been sent by the "Irish industrial cooperative aid assoc'n" to look over the ground. Found he was a windbag. Went with him to B. Jones, manager of the London branch of the Cooperative Wholesale Assoc'n [sic] & had a long talk with him. Went through Whitechapel, the scene of the late horrible murders & called on but did not find Mrs. Barnett, who had just returned from Ireland.
	2 Oct, Tue	Came down to Down Lodge & found Conny gone so I am alone with Pater. He is getting stronger visibly. In evening I went to Canon Hodgson's to play his brother at chess. I found him a very good player. But I could just beat him. I won one hard fought game first & then beat him the next easily.
	3 Oct, Wed	Wet all day & I wrote letters all day. Oh my liver! After dinner I went again to Canon Hodgson's to play chess with a supposed champion (of Horsham). I played two games & won both.
	4 Oct, Thu	Raymond came down by train to fetch one of his tricycles & rode back on it to Tooting. This was the event of the day.
	5 Oct, Fri	Down Lodge
	6 Oct, Sat	Down Lodge
	7 Oct, Sun	Down Lodge
	8 Oct, Mon	Spent day at my father's business. The more I see of it the more absolutely necessary does it appear for me to help him in his affairs. And yet how I hate it. I feel that Johnny ought to be in charge of it all. I know my father would not ever get on with him & that in any case he is no business man. I have my business in America to look after & I am being ruined by having to look after business at home, two quite incompatible occupations. If I had not come home my father would not have rallied. If I go he will be unhappy & ill. I don't know what to do.
	9 Oct, Tue	Spent most of the day packing. Late in afternoon went over to Paddockhurst, the fine house of old Whitehead the torpedo inventor. His daughter Countess Hoyos wanted me to advise her about a ne'er do well brother whom the family wanted to get off their hands. I saw the youth. He is altogether over bodied in the proportioning of physical & mental endowments I should say.
	10 Oct, Wed	Brought Pater to 12 Robertson Terrace, Hastings, where he is to be done for by the Albany Hotel, of which his house is a part shut off. This breaks up his housekeeping, which is a great annoyance to & (such is human nature) a big financial drain upon him. He stood the journey very well & is none the worse for the change.
	11 Oct, Thu	Hastings is better than Down Lodge. I know no one at either place. But one can be gregarious at Hastings even if only to the satisfaction of decent ?as[is]tants.
	12 Oct, Fri	Mary & her children came to relieve the monotony.
	13 Oct, Sat	[No entry]

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	14 Oct, Sun	Pater getting better all the time. He really is a better man than he was a year ago.
	15 Oct, Mon	Went to London. Dined Alston at St. James Club.
	16 Oct, Tue	Business in London. Went with Alston to City. Saw Kemp re Powder River Co., Stibbard & Gray. In afternoon saw B. Jones of the Wholesale Cooperative again and J J Dent of the Irish Cooperative Industries &c. Soc'y relative to cooperative effort in Ireland. Pelton meeting in morning which I attended on behalf of Pater.
	17 Oct, Wed	Returned to 12 Robertson Terrace, Hastings.
	18 Oct, Thu – 23 Oct, Tue	[No entry]
	24 Oct, Wed	I am 34 today. I left Hastings & came to 7 Grosvenor Place for a little business en route for Ireland where I am going for a month's holiday(?). I already see enough work to occupy 2 weeks.
	25 Oct, Thu	Breakfasted with JG Butcher & shopped all day. Then took midnight train to Liverpool.
	26 Oct, Fri	Breakfasted with Hugh Cullen at Oakhill Park & talked cattle shop. Then took afternoon mail for Dublin. Was very sick. Coleridge dined with me at Kildare St. Club where we had a great pow-wow.
	27 Oct, Sat	Went to Dunsany by early train. Found Johnny & Ernle installed & family happy. Both were unwell. Johnny especially. I fear his constitution is broken & he cannot resist drugs & doctors, so it will never get well, whether he nips I cannot say. But I hope not.
	28 Oct, Sun	Walked to Church at Kilmessan. Wet day & only saw the Prestons & Falkiners.
	29 Oct, Mon	Young Cullen came over & I spent the day in cattle & farm business. J. & E. don't get on together at all. Ernle is impracticable & certainly doesn't do her part in reconciling two such difficult people. But Johnny is distinctly unkind to her in the way women feel most <input type="checkbox"/> he never shows the least appreciation of her. It is a union without love. But Ernle would love Johnny if he would forget & forgive her oddities and let her love him. It is a sad case.
	30 Oct, Tue	Hunted Silo with Meaths at Corbalton. First time of seeing Fingall's ménage. He is turning them out very well. Johnny, Ernle & I dined at Killeen.
	31 Oct, Wed	Pottered about the place with Johnny. Drove Ernle to Dunshaughlin to see Supple's Irish Terriers.
	1 Nov, Thu	Ditto, ditto. Leonards & K Supple dined.
	2 Nov, Fri	Hunted with Meaths at Philpotstown. Rode Domino & found him in great heart <input type="checkbox"/> jumping in his unrivalled style & fairly sound. I do hope he will do another season.
	3 Nov, Sat	Spent the day writing American letters chiefly.
	4 Nov, Sun	I walked to Church at Kilmessan & brought Gussy Briscoe back. Johnny & Ernle attended afternoon service at Castle. The Killeen

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		& Grange people came to say goodbye to J & E.
	5 Nov, Mon	Johnny & Ernle, Reggy & Miss Baker & three servants left. J.C. Gray of the Cooperative Central Board came & overhauled the Coop Stores. In evening a Dr. Knox Dunham, who is struggling with a store in Dublin, a very clever & philanthropic person as I judge, came also. In ev[enin]g J Wilkinson, T Leonard & G Murphy dined. We thoroughly went into the question of cooperative effort in Ireland. The visitors pointed out that our great defect was that the Dunsany people consumed instead of saving profits.
	6 Nov, Tue	J.C. Gray & Dr. Knox Dunham both left. I hunted Silo with Meaths at Killeen. Fair day. Came back to an empty house & felt rather gloomy.
	7 Nov, Wed	Had a grand gallop with Wards from Rathbeggan. Ran a half circle for about a half hour & then had a burst across the Bush Farm through Parsonstown, Ribstown, Mooretown to village of Warrenstown □ only self & two others in the best of the run. I rode old Domino, who was quite at his best & thoroughly enjoyed myself. What a pity the old horse is so nearly done.
	8 Nov, Thu	[No entry]
	9 Nov, Fri	Hunted Silo with Meaths at Pelletstown & had a good gallop from Churchtown Close to Navan. Very well carried & enjoyed it.
	10 Nov, Sat	Drove with Fingall to Courtown where he gave me an excellent mount with the Kildares. A wild kind of a day but very fair hunting. Took car from Kilcock to Sallins train, thence to Newbridge & car to Castlemartin where I found Willie & Louie Blacker & the old Commander Ford.
	11 Nov, Sun	A quiet Sunday with Willie Blacker.
[Letter to Gray, J.C., in 1889 Co-operative Congress Report.]	12 Nov, Mon	To Dublin in the morning & to Rahinston via Drumree in evening. Met Nugent Everard at Rahinston.
	13 Nov, Tue	Hunted Silo with Meaths at Agher & rode back to Dunsany. Not very good sport.
	14 Nov, Wed	Hunted Domino with Wards. Fair run.
	15 Nov, Thu	Went carefully into state funding farming &c. at Dunsany all day. In evening Nugent Everard came & we had a good talk on the Irish Land question, which interested me.
	16 Nov, Fri	Rode Silo with Meaths at Drumree. Moderate sport. N Everard & I dined at Killeen.
	17 Nov, Sat	Went to Dublin chiefly to look for horse for Alston in his approaching visit.
	18 Nov, Sun	Church Kilmessan, dined Warrenstown.
	19 Nov, Mon	Business of sorts. Family &c all day.
	20 Nov, Tue	In the night the wind turned to the north. It has been blowing a gale for the last 2 weeks & all today it blew & snowed. Consequently it was a wretched day for hunting. I rode Silo Trim meet. No sport.
	21 Nov, Wed	Alston arrived by morning train. I mounted him at Flathouse on a

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		hireling and rode Domino. Had a baddish day. But he went on to the end, which was rather curious. The hounds ran into the Phoenix Park & chased the deer. Alston & Fingall were the only two who went on to help the huntsman & whip to collect the hounds, which they did after considerable trouble.
	22 Nov, Thu	Drove to Rock Lodge. Then schooled the colt (Tripod's first born) at Grange.
	23 Nov, Fri	Meaths at Prieststown. Most unlucky day. Killed 3 foxes, no sport at all.
	24 Nov, Sat	We hunted with stag, at Prieststown stag went towards Dublin through Hollywood country. No sport. The Fingall's, Misses Burke & Herbert, GV Briscoe & wife dined.
	25 Nov, Sun	Alston & I did Fingall's stud, Murphy & Fingall dined to talk over Meath Hunt matters.
	26 Nov, Mon	At 8.30 AM Fingall called for me & drove me to Mountainstown where we got on our horses & rode to Bengerstown. We had 3 hours 20 mins hunting in a perfect country. Rather like hare hunting as the foxes could not go straight. Fingall mounted me & I enjoyed myself. In evening Pollock & Athlumney & Everard came to dine & sleep. Also Coleridge. We had a very jolly night.
	27 Nov, Tue	Meet at Dunsany. It poured & poured. Everybody got drenched before noon. We found lots of foxes in Dunsany but no sport. My party left & Alston & I entertained H H Townsend, who came on Mary's business.
	28 Nov, Wed	Alston & I (on Domino) had a very nice gallop with the Wards from Rathbeggan to Kilbride via Kilrue.
	29 Nov, Thu	Spent the morning packing & then took train & ship for Manchester. By arrangement of the most neighbourly kind Fingall took Alston off my hands, I having provided him with mounts & trappers.
	30 Nov, Fri	Arrived Queen's Hotel Manchester 4 A.M. J.C. Gray, Assistant Sec Central Co-operative Board showed me around cooperative stores & introduced me to prominent cooperators. In the evening I attended by request before the Cooperative Board who were at their quarterly meeting, to discuss the question of the extension of cooperative principles to Ireland. I addressed the Central Board □ some 15 men of great cooperative experience & wisdom & I think appealed for Ireland with success. Took midnight train for London.
	1 Dec, Sat	Arrived London 5.30 AM. Breakfasted with Mary. Saw Johnny at No. 7 looking well but wearied with 4 consecutive late nights at House. Came on to Hastings where I found my father surprisingly well □ far stronger than when I left.
	2 Dec, Sun	A restful day with my father. His health & strength are 50% above last year & I don't see why he should not live to be 87 to 90 years old.
	3 Dec, Mon	Wrote letters all morning & at 5.5 PM took train for Paddockhurst. Countess Hoyos had written & telegraphed for me

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		to come most urgently as a great personal favor. It turned out that they wanted me partly to suggest a suitable form of emigration for the ne'er do well son but more especially to consult with the family over a serious financial trouble in the family affairs. Old Whitehead like Old Berthon was an inventor but not a business man. He had taken a gentleman farming craze & had spent some £200,000 in it the last few years. He never went into accounts, trusted an agent and now begins to fear that he is being robbed. His family fear ruin & want me to advise. I took the matter under advisement.
	4 Dec, Tue	Up at 7.30 AM & rode over 2 of the farms with the eldest son. The most ridiculous expenditures I ever saw. Had to go to London to meet Mackenzie & Stibbard & report Powder River affairs. Agreed with them for salary £500 for year's work. Then in evening came back to Paddockhurst & had another consultation with Whitehead père & fils & Countess Hoyos. The son goes to Brazil (diplomatically) for a year tomorrow & old Whitehead & family move to Hungary for 6 months on Monday next. I promised to do all I could & to see family solicitors on Thursday. Nice party, mostly young diplomats at Paddockhurst. They know the Francis Plunketts intimately.
	5 Dec, Wed	<p>Another night thinking over the affairs of the Whitehead family. It is an awkward business all round. They have called me □ a stranger to them all □ to help them to get out of a mess they are in owing to business inability. I am already overburdened with work & there is no saying what trouble might not arise out of the complications which are sure to arise from an investigation. And yet one does not like to refuse to help them. It is a funny appeal certainly: but a touching one. False pride prevents most families making such requests.</p> <p>The house is full of young diplomats. How out of it I feel among travelled & polyglot Europeans!</p> <p>Came back by a morning train to Pater. Found Ernle & Reggie with him. He is wonderfully well & strong.</p>
	6 Dec, Thu	Edward Hawes of Ware & H., solicitors to Whitehead came to dine & sleep to talk over the Whitehead affairs with me. H. was rather a wooden man & while I should say he was thoroughly honest he was not at all my idea of a family adviser. No man wants a friend in his solicitors more than old W.
	7 Dec, Fri	Spent day in London firstly with Alston & Stuart Wortley (with whom I subsequently dined & went to a play) talking over Peters & Alston affairs & then went into Whitehead's a/cs at his solicitors. Found the a/cs in the usual unsatisfactory state. They were kept practically on no system & it was impossible to make out any proper balance sheet & profit & loss from them.
	8 Dec, Sat	Left Victoria 7.35 AM. Paddockhurst for breakfast. Then rode with Abbott the manager of the estate agent & c over the farms. A. struck me as honest on first impressions. He is clearly very hardworking but not a business man. However he has been "rushed" by Mr. Whitehead & has clearly been given a position far beyond his capabilities, which under proper control would not be too limited. In evening I went over the whole matter with the family. I advised them to leave me to make an investigation through my deputy & not to take any sudden & radical action

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		<p>until we knew exactly how matters stood.</p> <p>The day closed with an offer on their part to pay me £1000 a year to act as private secretary and on my explaining the impracticality of that, on their offering me payment for friendly offices. All this through Countess Hoyos, who besides being a good woman of business can handle such delicate matters with the nicest tact. I declined all payment. My work is purely friendly. I like their confidence in me & if I succeed in helping them I shall be more than paid. Sir Oswald Thornton fellow guest.</p>
	9 Dec, Sun	<p>Another cock crow journey to get back to my father at St. Leonards. Found him well & just going to church □ the first time since illness. Telegraphed & wrote Watson to meet me in London Wednesday morning.</p>
	10 Dec, Mon	<p>Had a talk about my business prospects with my father. I told him I feared I could not repay the money I owed him as I had been able to do little with my America business owing to weight of his affairs on my shoulders. He said the money was a gift and for fear of its ever being disputed he wrote me a letter to that effect. Came to Brighton to play chess for Hastings vs Brighton. Won the only game for our side.</p>
	11 Dec, Tue	<p>London by a morning train. Took Mary's children to dentist. Dined with Ducie & met the affiancée of Moreton. She is neither good looking nor clever. But I believe she is a really good girl. Met a crowd of Moreton's & among others, Evelyn whom I don't think I have seen for 25 years!</p>
	12 Dec, Wed	<p>Beau Watson arrived by early train from Ireland and he & I went together to Paddockhurst to see if we could institute the kind of investigation which is required. Rode about the place with Abbott. Then came in & figured the possibilities of farming on one of the farms, 250 acres. We took Abbott's figures & showed that on paper there was a loss. What are we to expect in reality.</p>
	13 Dec, Thu	<p>Spent day on estate. I returned to London late at night.</p>
<p>[Toynbee Hall – first university settlement, founded 1884 by Canon Samuel Barnett & his wife Henrietta (see 1 Oct.). Named for Balliol historian Arnold Toynbee.]</p>	14 Dec, Fri	<p>Met J.C. Gray of the Central Cooperative Board & B. Jones at Wholesale Cooperative, Leman St., Whitechapel. Discussed the cooperative campaign to be pushed in Ireland. Met a Capt'n. Sinclair, a Toynbee Hall worker who threw much light on the subject. Lunched at Toynbee Hall, saw the workers, university men who devote their lives to it. Had no time to see the work.</p> <p>Played at St. George's Chess Club against Brighton again. Lost through an oversight after a good game in which I had a won position. Came late to Hastings.</p>
	15 Dec, Sat	<p>A quiet day at business & cooperative (Irish) propaganda work.</p>
	16 Dec, Sun	<p>Spent most of the day working up a Cooperative Congress for Ireland.</p>
	17 Dec, Mon	<p>Business letters all day long.</p>
	18 Dec, Tue	<p>To London by early train. Met Watson & talked Paddockhurst affairs. Went to dentist, who kept me an hour & then said it was too foggy to do anything. Just got to Moreton's wedding as the pair were emerging from the church □ in fact passed them in the porch!</p> <p>Dined with Cap'n. Drury RN to talk over Whitehead family</p>

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		affairs.
	19 Dec, Wed	Up 6.30 AM & down to Romsey 8.5 train with Langdale for a board meeting & general supervision of B.B.Co. Back to London in time to dine Capt. John Sinclair at New Club. Had a thorough cooperative talk with him. He is intimate with the Aberdeens & takes his politics from them I gather.
	20 Dec, Thu	Breakfasted with JG Butcher & then went to Paddockhurst & got to work again on estate affairs. Drury came with me. In evening Watson, Bertie Whitehead & I dined with Hosking to meet Perry Keene, a great local agriculturist to judge whether he was of the calibre to help Whitehead in any capacity. Hosking recommended him as a business adviser. Beau & I decided that he was not the man. Sat up till 1 A.M. talking to Bertie about his future & advising him to eschew all costly pleasures so as to establish a claim on his father's generosity in case he fails to make his own way.
	21 Dec, Fri	Rode round with Abbott & Beau Watson all morning & left by a 2.30 train for Hastings. Found Pater alone but very well.
	22 Dec, Sat	A busy day at cooperative work &c.
	23 Dec, Sun	Business, cooperative work, a constitutional & reading my political prophet the Spectator occupied the day.
	24 Dec, Mon	Business & constitutionals - an invalid life with my old father. I can hardly believe he is 80, his mind is as fresh as ever.
	25 Dec, Tue	Xmas without children's voices, us two. My father annually mourns the loss of his hope in life, poor Randal. So I mourned with him though for joy or grief I have a business like horror of anniversaries. It poured nearly all day.
	26 Dec, Wed	Business.
	27 Dec, Thu	Ditto.
	28 Dec, Fri	Ditto. Pater showed me his will as I was to be his executor & he wanted me to know my duties should I survive him. He had read it to me once before 2 years ago I think. But I had got lost in its verbiage & did not understand its purport. I now made him an abstract of it & I don't think he quite understood its detail before. He leaves me well off <input type="checkbox"/> very well if he lives long enough to pay off some charges which otherwise might have to come out of my share.
	29 Dec, Sat	Business & "cooperative movement in Ireland" work.
	30 Dec, Sun	Worked nearly all day on Paddockhurst estate affairs.
[Cimmerii – mythical people described by Homer as living in perpetual darkness]	31 Dec, Mon	Left by early train for London. Met Drury at 7 Gros[venor] Pl[ace] & talked over Paddockhurst affairs. Lunched with Mary whose house was upset by Dorothy & Tommy being taken with measles. Called on Mrs. Drury. Had tea with Cap'tn. Sinclair (44 Park Lane) with whom I discussed the cooperative conference in Dublin. Then went to Johnny at Dunstall. Found him & Ernle quarrelling - a sad outlook for the boys. In London there was the blackest fog I ever saw. Cimmerian darkness the papers called it. Something must be done as it threatens to asphyxiate the population if it gets worse.

Correspondence [Notes]	1888	Diary Entry
	Year-end Summary	<p>Not a very happy year. It began with me with the usual Dunsany & seaside with my father existence. Then a spring & summer in America, very hard thankless profitless work suddenly put an end to by my father's supposed fatal illness. I hurried home & he redeemed my year by getting well. I had a small literary triumph in the publication of an article in the September Nineteenth Century on "Cooperative Stores for Ireland". This got me into correspondence with the Cooperative Union of Great Britain with whom I tried to work up a scheme for propagating the cooperative system in Ireland. 89 will see whether it can be done. The end of the year finds me engaged in trying to pull the Whitehead family out of a financial mess. The whole family threw their troubles into my hands, went off to Fiume in Hungary and begged me to save them from impending ruin by remodelling their affairs. It was the strangest confidence. My health has not changed. I am no stronger certainly physically. Mentally - well I have lived another year, that's all.</p>