

1889 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	Teachtaí 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.

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Events:

20-22 Feb – Forgeries of Parnell letters exposed by special commission
22 Feb – Father (16th Baron Dunsany) dies; succeeded by HP’s elder brother, John William Plunkett
9-12 Jun – Attends his first annual Co-operative Congress at Ipswich
Sep – Launches co-operative campaign in Ireland
Nov – Organises co-operative store in Doneraile, Co. Cork

CWS establishes first Irish co-operative creamery at Drumcollogher, Co. Limerick

8-9 Dec – Parnell and Gladstone at Hawarden (discussion on home rule)
 24 Dec – Captain O’Shea files divorce petition citing Parnell as co-respondent

Publications:

- *Report of 21st Annual Co-operative Congress, Ipswich* (Co-operative Union Ltd., Manchester) pp. 45, 90-1
 - “Is This ‘Moral Torture’”, (letter by HP over signature of George E. Murphy), *Irish Times*, 29 Jul, p. 6

Government:

Prime Minister: 3rd Marquess of Salisbury (Conservative)
Chief Secretary: Arthur James Balfour
Lord Lieutenant: Marquess of Londonderry to 5 Oct, Marquess of Zetland

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £107; \$1 = \$23

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	1 Jan, Tue	Woke to the New Year at Dunstall. Breakfasted alone, got a glimpse only of Johnny & left by 11.25 train. Lunched with Mary. Went to City to Whitehead’s solicitors on his affairs. Called at Carlton on Ranfurly, who was just home from Australia. Dined him at New Club & tried to get him to help my cooperatives movement in Ireland. But nothing to be got out of him or into him as far as making him understand anything went.
	2 Jan, Wed	Went to Paddockhurst & worked away at a/cs with Watson. Got a letter from Countess Hoyos deprecating any false impressions about wrong goings in the house, her deportment which was irreproachable & impressing on me to beware of Abbott.
	3 Jan, Thu	Worked the whole morning at the house steward’s a/cs. These he had refused to show before & I had got special instructions sent to him by Mr. Whitehead to make him show everything. He then gave in & poured out his griefs & told the history of the family since he had known them. It is a strange tale of a lot of people pitchforked from poverty into affluence & not knowing how to behave in their new feathers. I am writing pretty strongly to them & am wondering how they will take it.
	4 Jan, Fri	Worked very hard all the morning at Paddockhurst affairs & in afternoon returned to Hastings.
	5 Jan, Sat	Ditto.
	6 Jan, Sun	Ditto.
	7 Jan, Mon	Went to London in afternoon, called on Mrs. Drury & talked about Paddockhurst affairs & tried to get some further insight into personal relations of the family. Dined with Mary & went into the Minors’ financial affairs.
	8 Jan, Tue	Breakfast with the Drurys. Then Pelton meeting. Bainbridge, Fenwick & Stephens present. I begin to take an interest in the

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		colliery affairs. The family finances mainly depend on it and there is no 'business' owner. My father cannot take an active part any more. Lunched with Mary. Dined at Garrick Club with Fenwick & met several business people, among them May, Chief Cashier of Bank of England. Eat too much or drank too much, sick at night.
[NWL&I – Northern Wyoming Loan & Investment Co.]	9 Jan, Wed	Watson came to town. I was to lunch with Mary to meet Charlie Dutton, a cousin I had never seen. So I took Watson. C.D. wanted to see me to ask if I knew of an appointment that would suit him. He has 6 children & is just about to lose staff appointment which he has held some 20 years. I could not help him. Went with Watson to City to see old Kemp. Arranged with C.W.M. Kemp to run the Powder R. Co through the N.W.L. & I. Co with view to a sale.
	10 Jan, Thu	Had Raymond to walk with which was far better than a lonely ramble in the ?accts of ?Mary. I am very busy now with Pater's accounts, The Kilcooley accounts, which I am trying to master, the Paddockhurst estate affairs, my American correspondence and the Irish Cooperative movement. The worst of being so busy is that I get no time to read & make up for past philistinism.
	11 Jan, Fri	Business. Had a good long walk with Raymond.
	12 Jan, Sat	Business all day. In evening Denis Lawless, the nicest of men, came to spend Sunday. Raymond left in the morning. Denis gives very good news of Emily which is cheering indeed.
	13 Jan, Sun	Walked with Denis & worked at Pater's a/cs. I got out his cash a/c for 1888. It is not very satisfactory. His expenditure has been out of all proportion to what he has enjoyed. Denis seems to be a happier man than he was a year ago & I hope my attempt to cheer him up then is bearing some fruit. I like him very much.
	14 Jan, Mon	Denis stayed on. But I had to work most of the day at Mary's accounts & saw less of him than I should have wished.
[Oswald Streatfeild]	15 Jan, Tue	Denis & I went to London by 9 AM train. I did business all day & dined with some cowpunchers – "Streaty", Frank Kemp, Wortley, C. Wyndham-Quin, Sam Chandos Pole (the greatest blackguard I ever met in society! but an interesting type of westernised Englishman) & self made the party. Called on Emily Lawless and was delighted to find that she was convalescent. I had a very pleasant hour & a half with her. Old Lady Cloncurry – old only in years – came in.
	16 Jan, Wed	Breakfasted with J.G. Butcher. Then business in the city & Berthon Boat Co. meeting. Called on Mrs. Adair & found that there was no hope of getting Frank Kemp her business. Dined with Mary. Met Lady Mayo (dowager), Col. & Mrs. Napier, Gen'l. Julian & Mrs. Hall & a Mr. Sing. After dinner went to Naval & Military & met Wynne of the Tile Co. with Denis. Poor fellow, after all his misfortunes he got malaria and now has bought a small practice in the suburbs.
	17 Jan, Thu	Breakfasted with Mary & returned to Hastings, where I found Pater & Conny.

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	18 Jan, Fri	Worked hard all day at a/cs &c.
	19 Jan, Sat	Left in afternoon for Paddockhurst for a final spurt before leaving it for six weeks.
	20 Jan, Sun	Not a day of rest. Worked very hard all day with Watson at a/cs & various estate matters.
	21 Jan, Mon	The ditto of yesterday only more so. More of the family confidences were poured out by Taverner. He is a schemer from way back, as they say West. The whole history of the splurge of the torpedo millionaire & his family would make a grand novel.
	22 Jan, The	London by morning train. Business all day & Dunstall in evening. There I saw Eddy on his last night before going to school, the wild excitement of the final romp, today unrestricted, alternating with the gloomy prospect of 13 long weeks – will they ever end? – of the Easter term recalled the sensations I so well remember. Eddy is a far stronger boy than ever I was & I hope does not feel so keenly. Besides, schools have changed.
	23 Jan, Wed	Returned 7 Gros[venor] Pl[ace]. My father seems to have a good buyer for his London house at £20,000.
	24 Jan, Thu	Johnny came up to help sell No. 7. I dined with JG Butcher & met Monteagle with whom I discussed my cooperative hobby.
	25 Jan, Fri	Selling 7 Grosvenor Place all day. Johnny distressed me a good deal by hinting most unmistakably that I was feathering my nest with my father at his expense. I dined with Conny & Raymond.
	26 Jan, Sat	Busy all morning & came on to Pater in evening to Hastings. Pater had had a nasty bilious attack & was rather low. Mary was with him.
	27 Jan, Sun	A quiet day with Mary, her children & Pater.
	28 Jan, Mon	London early. Business all day. The buyer of 7 Grosvenor Place backed out so I left for Ireland. I was very bilious & so went to Chester only for the night.
	29 Jan, Tue	Went over to Kildare St. Club.
	30 Jan, Wed	Down to Dunsany by early train. Hunted Domino with Wards – very fast gallop in which I was outpaced. Dined with Fingall.
	31 Jan, Thu	Cullen of Liscarten & John Wilkinson both with me most of the day. Wrote a long letter to Johnny to ask him to say definitely whether he really believed, as he had hinted, that I was injuring his prospects with Pater. If I have been a friend to anyone I have to him.
	1 Feb, Fri	Meaths at Trim station, very poor day. Fingall is not lucky.
	2 Feb, Sat	Went up to Dublin & dined with “Liberal Union of Ireland” who entertained Balfour. Feeling was running very high over the treatment of O’Brien in jail. This was a sort of “counter demonstration”. Balfour made a very statesmanlike speech.
	3 Feb, Sun	Returned to Dunsany. Church at Kilmessan. Called on Fingalls. Business.

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	4 Feb, Mon	Business all day. Got a very nice letter from Johnny & Ernle disavowing ever having entertained any suspicions as to my behaviour towards the former (see back Thursday 31st Jan).
	5 Feb, Tue	Johnny came looking very well. Rode Silo with the Meaths at Kilmessan. Very bad day's sport. But they eat & drank everything there was in the house.
	6 Feb, Wed	Had a hunt with Wards. Very bad hunt indeed, one deer ran into a quarry hole, swam about & refused to come out. A fallow then broke its neck. Then we came back & had to lasso the red deer in the quarry. Several people tried. I finally succeeded but I made very bad work & missed many times before catching.
	7 Feb, Thu	Harry Fowler, J. Wilkinson, 3 Murphys, GV Briscoe, Johnny & self shot Dunsany for cock. Got 3 brace! J. Wilkinson was replaced by T. Leonard at dinner.
	8 Feb, Fri	A very hard day's business at Whitehead's affairs, American business, Pater's estate business &c &c. Oliver Brighton dined.
	9 Feb, Sat	Hunted with Wards at Priestown on Silo. Had a very nice gallop to Dunshaughlin which I saw very well. In evening drove to Hayes where I found the Lord Chief Justice Sir Michael Morris, wife & daughter among the guests. Sir Michael is a famous Irish wit, has a jaw-breaking brogue & appears to me to owe his eminence to natural ability & I suppose knowledge of the law. He appeared to me to have ----- literary attainments.
	10 Feb, Sun	Snowed all day & there was 6 to 8 inches by night. Took a walk with Charlie Bourke & talked to Langford & the Chief Justice all the rest of the day.
	11 Feb, Mon	Browne stupidly decided that it was impossible to send for me. Johnny had driven the waggonette with top on to Skryne the day before & had to send the horse back without the waggonette & walk home. (This did him lots of good). Fortunately Fingall was at Hayes & drove me home.
	12 Feb, Tue	Went to Dublin & did Levée & hunt meeting. The former out of loyalty. Ld. Londonderry shook hands with me. So it would have been awkward meeting him if I had not gone.
	13 Feb, Wed	3 Murphys, G Briscoe, Johnny & I took advantage of the severe weather to look for cock. But we only got 4 & 4 hares. The shooters dined. In the morning there was a good 6 inches of the snow on the ground. At midnight it was practically <u>all</u> gone – except in drifts. This beats the “Chinook” record.
	14 Feb, Thu	Harvest home again. Business & this function took up the whole day & an hour or so of tomorrow. Johnny made a good short speech but unfortunately followed it up with a second & a third. The last being very long.
	15 Feb, Fri	Hunted Silo with Meaths at Dunboyne. Very find day's sport. Went up to Dublin & dined at Castle. Had to take Lady Gough into dinner for my sins. Johnny went over to England.
	16 Feb, Sat	Townsend, Langford & I had a meeting at Langford's house at Castle & settled all Mary's & Tommy's affairs. T[ownsend]. says /89 settlement will show a brighter state of things on the Kilcooley estate.

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		Drove to Kilrue & hunted Domino, not a nice run. Domino hurt his foot & came home very lame.
	17 Feb, Sun	Church at Kilmessan, dined at Killeen.
	18 Feb, Mon	Business all the morning. Then went to Sion for a meet next day. Lady Fanny Lambart dined and I really think she is the most remarkable instance of perpetual youth. She is vivacious & even girlish. She looks the picture of health & strength & she has given birth to some dozen children & must be well 60 anyhow. I noticed she eats very sparingly. But these secrets of long life all pale before hereditary strength of constitution.
	19 Feb, Tue	Hunted at Hayes & had a very fine run from Slator's Gorse via Corbalton & Rathfeigh to Garristown Hill where we killed. Went back to Sion. The Heskeths dined. Lady Hesketh after dinner performed the antics of the western American variety artiste or song and dance lady. Most gracefully, however, which seems to redeem the extraordinary performance. Her conversational antics are also endowed by freshness & humour of the Californian kind.
	20 Feb, Wed	Back to Dunsany. But I had no horse for the Wards & so went to business. Had rather a dull reaction coming back from the sumptuous living of the Dunvilles to the loneliness of the old Castle.
	21 Feb, Thu	I was at business all the morning – at noon a telegram came from Johnny "Pater seriously ill. Doctor advises your coming". So I packed up & went to Dublin. There a worse telegram awaited me & I had a dreary night in the Irish mail.
[Entry edged in black]	22 Feb, Fri	Arrived early at 7 Grosvenor Place & waited in suspense for the news. At 8 a telegram came from Johnny telling me that all was over. My first feeling was one of bitter regret that I was not there to comfort my dearest friend on earth & of course my oldest. I went on to Hastings where all the family were assembled – saw the body & heard the story of the death from Johnny & the doctor. It appears my poor father knew no one for the last 12 hours & never knew he was seriously ill. He died under the weight of four score years. We passed a sad day, less sad for Raymond, Johnny & me than for my poor sisters who had nothing to do but nurse their sorrow. We of course were busy, which is always a relief in sorrow. Raymond was very kind & helpful.
	23 Feb, Sat	Funeral arrangements & innumerable letters to friends & relatives made another dreary day. Raymond most kindly went to Down Lodge & made the arrangements for the funeral on Monday, the day we chose. Barton wrote asking to be allowed to attend & I telegraphed him to come.
	24 Feb, Sun	A sad day of mourning relieved by the business of packing up. Writing letters & transacting necessary business took the whole day.
[previously spelled Hosking]	25 Feb, Mon	The funeral. Johnny, Raymond & I took the coffin by train to Three Bridges. There we were met by Barton whose good heart was heavy at the sad occasion. We drove quietly to the grave in Copthorne church yard where happily the wishes of my poor father were respected by all except one or two neighbours. Dr. Hoskyns [<i>sic</i>] attended by request. The sad & solemn goodbye to my dearest friend was too much for me. I cried like a schoolgirl. We left the Churchyard & went to Down Lodge for lunch, then

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		back to Three Bridges & London. Mary & Conny had gone to London in the morning. Johnny, Ernle & I dined with Conny & Raymond.
	26 Feb, Tue	Went with Raymond & Johnny to Markby's office to hear the will read. It turned out a great disappointment to Johnny, who found himself left with 4 Pelton shares, the Irish property & 7 Grosvenor Place, live & dead stock at Dunsany & the plate, but no ready cash. The heritage was a goodly one but it was tightly tied up. I got 2 Pelton shares, Down Lodge, Beguilty & residue; Conny & Mary ½ share Pelton. I got too large a share. But if Johnny pluckily fights his battle I will try & help him.
	27 Feb, Wed	Breakfasted with Drury on P[addock]hurst business. Then spent day at Executor's business, which is frightfully onerous. Watson came from P[addock]hurst & helped me with clerical assistance.
	28 Feb, Thu	[No entry]
	1 Mar, Fri	[No entry]
	2 Mar, Sat	Went to Down Lodge by early train & looked after things there. Watson met me & took me for a Saturday till Monday at Paddockhurst.
	3 Mar, Sun	Walked about Paddockhurst estate & breathed icy wind but country air. Called on Hosking.
	4 Mar, Mon	Returned to London & Executor's business, dined with Mary.
	5 Mar, Tue	Business all day, dined with Conny.
	6 Mar, Wed	Watson came to London & went with me to Kemp's office. We had a morning at Powder River affairs.
	7 Mar, Thu	Business all the morning & afternoon. In evening went to Romsey & put up with old Berthon.
	8 Mar, Fri	Spent the early part of the day at the works. Prospects brighter than ever before. Went on in afternoon to Downton College of Agriculture or rather to Downton 1½ miles off, only an hour via Salisbury from Romsey. There I found Bertie Whitehead in lodgings of a humble kind in a most rustic village. I spent the evening with him trying to fire his ambition. He was nice & hospitable & has responded well to the trouble I have taken over him.
	9 Mar, Sat	Walked with Bertie to Downton College & saw Professor Wrightson, who took me over College & farm. The pupils seemed a very nice lot. The farm, I gathered, did not pay! But things were well if not economically done & the education seemed to be thorough as far as choice of subjects went. Returned to London & found a pile of letters. Answered them & went down to Dunstall to Johnny & Ernle. Found the former in a melancholy fit declaring that he would repudiate, abdicate – give up – collapse – anything except fight through his difficulties. I tried to brace him up.
	10 Mar, Sun	Spent the day trying to improve relations betw'n Johnny & Ernle. The despondency of last night disappeared after sleep & went with Johnny and he talked less discontentedly about his future. I had long talks with Ernle & she gradually became sensible. But it

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		is a sad marriage & nothing can make it a success.
	11 Mar, Mon	Abbott called from P[addock]hurst. He had kindly consented to help me to look after Down Lodge & to try & get a tenant. Poor fellow, he is very grateful to me for finding out his good qualities & making his employers see them.
	12 Mar, Tue	Very busy all day. Lunched with Mary & dined with Ralph Wortley & Frank Kemp at Wellington Club.
	13 Mar, Wed	Finally arranged with Frank Kemp to represent me in America at £400 for the season. Telegraphed for Arthur Barton to come & do clerical work as I am overworked. Dined at No. 7 with Ernle & had a talk with her on future plans & relations betw'n Johnny & her.
[Henry Irving]	14 Mar, Thu	Breakfasted with the Drurys. He was just off for 3 years as captain on West Indian (& North American) station. Took Dorothy to "Macbeth", Lyceum. Glorious scenery, Irving good in murder scene & occasionally after. But on the whole not my idea at all. Ellen Terry quite an unnatural Lady M. Good in the sleep walking scene & charming all the time. But not the cold cruel Lady M. of Shakespeare.
	15 Mar, Fri	Business all day & dined Frank Kemp & Ralph Wortley at St. James Club. After dinner late when Ralph had gone Frank Kemp talked business. He was "feeling good" & talked his mind. He told me a good deal about the iniquities of Western business even I had been associated with & showed that he knew them a good deal better than I did. Valentine called on me. Johnny, it seems, has been talking very foolishly about his inheritance in the House, saying he had been cut off with a shilling. I showed Valentine J's position & it appears that Johnny is a much richer man than Valentine!
	16 Mar, Sat	Business all day & down to Dunstall in evening.
	17 Mar, Sun	Spent the day walking about the place & in afternoon got Johnny out for a 6 miles walk. He dripped with sweat while I was cool enough. All he wants is rigorous training. Difficult a/cs between Johnny & Ernle all day, which I could bring to no settlement. How sad that husband & wife should have to debit & credit each other at all.
	18 Mar, Mon	Business all day. In evening went to Society for Psychical research with Conny & Mary who are members. I never heard such bosh in my life, though doubtless some of the men were clever.
	19 Mar, Tue	Business in morning. In afternoon went with Fenwick to Newcastle to do Pelton. Arrived after midnight.
	20 Mar, Wed	Went to office early and overhauled a/cs. In afternoon went to the colliery with Fenwick & met Armstrong, the "Viewer". Went down one of the pits and picked up a little information & no end of jargon. Got filthy with coal dust. Went back to Armstrong's house for the night. He entertained me royally.
	21 Mar, Thu	Spent the day at Colliery & at night went to Hotel in Newcastle. It is an enormous business – some 1400 men now employed – yearly output some 600,000 tons. Prospects good. But permanent charges enormous – far too big I think – e.g. Fenwick 2500, Reay

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		800, Armstrong £800 & a host of other salaries.
	22 Mar, Fri	Went early to the docks in hopes of seeing some of the Pelton steamships of which I am to be a shareholder. None in – the newest, SS Sinlo” being a day overdue. Got to know the process of loading &c. Learnt some more jargon & went again to the office. Then went to London by the “Scotchman”.
	23 Mar, Sat	Business all day. Ralph Wortley entertained Alston, his brother & me at Wellington Club to dinner.
	24 Mar, Sun	Lunched with Wharncliffe, dined with Aunt Isabella. After dinner tried table turning. But I am hopeless. I <u>can't</u> be a medium.
	25 Mar, Mon	Breakfasted with Ralph Stuart Wortley's people. Spent morning & early afternoon with Markby & Langdale. Decided to give back arrears of rent on Irish property to Johnny to help him out of his shocking difficulties. Made other concessions on the will, carrying out what was possibly if not probably Pater's intentions (see letter to Johnny this date). Dined with Frank Sartoris, my old schoolfellow, who feels grateful to me for helping him out of a scrape at Eton.
	26 Mar, Tue	Lunched with Mrs. Adair. Dined F. Kemp, A J Winn & Beau Watson at St. James Club. Had a good Western talk.
	27 Mar, Wed	Beau Watson, Abbott & I had a good Paddockhurst confab in morning. Then I did the B.B. Co. at 50 Holborn Viaduct. Slept at Euston Square Hotel not being able to catch night mail.
	28 Mar, Thu	Spent day getting to Dublin. Slept at K. St.
	29 Mar, Fri	Went down to Dunsany & spent day at Estate business. In evening walked over to Killeen & began the Hunting a/cs for Fingall. He, poor fellow, is much embarrassed. He would be wretched if he gave up the hounds & he can't afford to keep them. I found that they had cost some £800 more than he got.
	30 Mar, Sat	Johnny arrived looking well. He & I pottered about most of the day.
	31 Mar, Sun	Booth (Dude) arrived by early train to consult me about his affairs. I seem to be a regular “wrecker”. We all have our worries & he has his. I think I helped him a little. Walked to church. Gussy B. walked home with me. Spent afternoon & evening at Fingall's a/cs.
	1 Apr, Mon	Rode over to Hayes to catch Harry Bourke at breakfast & tell him the state of Fingall's accounts so that his friends might know how he stood. Booth left. Spent day at Estate a/cs. In evening Cooperative meeting at which Johnny spoke sensibly to the men & was elected a Director by acclamation. Murphy, Leonard & Fingall dined & we talked over cattle prospects. Guaranteed a Wilkinson's borrowings from Ulster Bank up to £900 to enable him to stock Clushagh.
	2 Apr, Tue	Went to Killeen for an 8 o'clock breakfast & then worked up Fingall's a/cs. Made out a statement of good business form. This took all morning & early afternoon. Left by night boat for London leaving Johnny at Dunsany.

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	3 Apr, Wed	Arrived early at 7 Gros[venor] Pl[ace]. Spent most of morning with Markby on testamentary & other business.
	4 Apr, Thu	Met Markby at Rawsons & Kinnaird & I swore to probate of my father's will. Went in evening to Dunstall to see Ernle about sundry little troubles betw'n her & Johnny. Returned to town last train.
	5 Apr, Fri	Breakfasted with Mackenzie at Metropole. Then Powder R Co meeting at 12 in which I advised the Pref[erence] holders to get out before a greater calamity befel [<i>sic</i>] them. Played chess match St. Georges vs British in ev[enin]g – won my game.
	6 Apr, Sat	Very busy morning at letters in which Mary helped me. Then spent day at Paddockhurst & Down Lodge returning late.
	7 Apr, Sun	Lunched with the Lowthers (Lowther Lodge) and went in afternoon to Nostell where I was to see the colliery. Arrived & was hospitably received by Ld. & Lady St. O, Jim & Willy Winn & Maud Winn.
	8 Apr, Mon	Spent the day at the colliery. The Winn boys took great interest in showing me everything. Enjoyed the day in the pit & ?seeing the machinery – a pleasant change from the desk.
	9 Apr, Tue	Drove with Jim & Willy to the office in Wakefield & looked over a/cs. Then returned to London arriving in time for dinner.
	10 Apr, Wed	Pelton meeting at 11.30 at No. 7. Bainbridge, Fenwick & Stephens present with me. Got through some routine work & decided to start a reserve fund. J.G.B. dined with me at St. James Club.
	11 Apr, Thu	Mixed business & dined in ev[enin]g with Ernle in hopes of making her happier. Mary joined us after dinner & poor Ernle poured out her woes to us. Johnny married her for her money, never loved her, hates all women, is absolutely selfish, doesn't try to be even considerate to her. For eleven years she has borne it & has been, in spite of occasional outbursts of temper, a devoted wife. Can't bear it longer. The worst of it all is that it is so near the truth. Of course she is impracticable & eccentric. But if she had been loved there is no telling what she might be now. It is too sad.
	12 Apr, Fri	Business all day. Harold Lowther, Raymond, Johnny & ?Dennis dined with me at St. James Club.
	13 Apr, Sat	Spent the morning with Hugh Cullen, who prosed away on the important subject of Johnny's cattle affairs. About Johnny's affairs I have fully made up my mind to make large concessions on the legal interpretation of the will to help Johnny to get into a sound & comfortable financial state. Then I must try and keep him to business & save him from entire waste of future & time.
	14 Apr, Sun	A Sunday in London. Dined at the Millais.
	15 Apr, Mon	Busy all day. Dined at Lowther Lodge. Met de Bunsen, who came to our Ranche in /80. I cruelly recalled the incident of his shooting a "WP" bull in mistake for a buffalo! Met Alfred Lyttelton, Ld. Carlisle & 2 daughters. Didn't know the others.

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		The Lowthers were very friendly.
	16 Apr, Tue	<p>Breakfasted with Mary. Dined with J.G. Butcher & went to a play.</p> <p>Pelton formal meeting in which I vis-à-vised old Stephens at 10 A.M. Then B B Co meeting 12 to 2.30. First dividend 5% declared!</p> <p>Met Denis Lawless & had a business talk over his affairs. Poor chap, he has lost nearly all his capital through speculation.</p>
	17 Apr, Wed	Spent the whole day writing letters except a couple of hours spent with Edward Stuart Wortley raising £1800 for a "Superior" investment of Ralph's. Wrote a long report to Pref[erence] holders of P[owder].R[iver].C[attle].Co who meet in Dundee tomorrow advising them to get out of the business. Dined with Mary to meet Ralph Dutton & a Miss Springrice [sic] I had met at Rhianva 11 years ago. She was young, pretty & very clever. Why on earth did my sex let her waste her charms in old maidhood.
	18 Apr, Thu	Busy all morning & afternoon. Ed Stuart Wortley "Jock" Rider introduced by S.W. at Club. Denis Lawless dined with me at St. James Club.
	19 Apr, Fri	Dined with Conny.
	20 Apr, Sat	Went to Paddockhurst for Sat till Monday. Felt very seedy. Beau Watson said I looked it.
	21 Apr, Sun	Spent the whole day out of doors & felt better at end of it.
	22 Apr, Mon	[No entry]
[Chancellor – George Joachim Goschen]	23 Apr, Tue	Business all morning. Then went to Seacox Heath, Hawkhurst, the Goschen's house to see the last of Alexis Roche bachelor. Found a party of 30 about 3/5ths Goschens, 2/5 Roche's counting 2 Castletowns, Tom Hare (best man) & self as Roches. Danced in evening (I dance very badly.) Liked the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The rest rather second rate – but good sterling people.
	24 Apr, Wed	Dreary functions weddings. Gaping & yawning hours away. Sunday feel. Show of gaiety. Heaviness of heart, uncertainty, anxiety, to those interested. Boredom for those who come socially. The gay part very well done. Lots of smart people from London, Ld. Wolseley being the Lion. Pretty church service. Alexis, expected to amuse the throng by stammering, fluent as the parson. Then a gorge – slippers & rice. Sighs of relief from the social contingent. Sighs of anguish from the bereaved family. The tone of the Goschens is "She is old enough to know her mind, we can't object." We the Roches think we have the best of it. Well, Alexis is charming while things go smooth. May they never force him to show his seamy side!
	25 Apr, Thu	Returned to town. Found usual accum[ulation] of letters. Dined with Mary.
	26 Apr, Fri	<p>Busy all day. T. Hare & D. Lawless dined at St. Jas Club. Two real good enjoyable friends.</p> <p>Got telegram from Hesse that he could sell P[owder] R[iver] herd for [\$]18.50, horses same price del[ivered]d in Montana</p> <p>Telegraphed Scotch shareholders for approval.</p>

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	27 Apr, Sat	American mail day. Was to dine with "Tottie" Bevan but she wired from Folkestone that she was unwell. So went to Paddockhurst for a Sunday in the country, there being a good business excuse in Whiteheads & Down Lodge affairs. Found Bertie & Beau Watson at P[addock]hurst. Cabled Hesse to close deal.
	28 Apr, Sun	Day spent mostly in open air. Went over to Down Lodge with Abbott.
	29 Apr, Mon	Back to London. Dined Cloncurry, Castletowns, Lady Lister Kaye, Denis Lawless & Tom Hare at New Club & took them to a good play at Garrick Theatre.
	30 Apr, Tue	Breakfasted Conny, who started in ev[en]ing to Ireland. Then had an interview with Ld. Arthur Hill to arbitrate on a dispute re some sheep &c betw'n old Whitehead & his [Hill's] mother Lady Downshire. Lunched G. Price to discuss B.B.Co affairs.
	1 May, Wed	Dined Lowther Lodge 7.15. They took me to "Wealth" at the Haymarket. Good play.
	2 May, Thu	Watson came up on P[addock]hurst business & I spent evening with him.
	3 May, Fri	Dined with Aunt Isabella & met Henry James (Amer[ica]n novelist), Mrs. Clifford, widow of Prof. C., & several other very learned people.
	4 May, Sat	Johnny was in town. But we did little business. He was restless. I dined at a very dull party at "Tottie" Bevan's. A most tiring woman absolutely devoid of humour & of great argumentative staying power.
	5 May, Sun	Lunched with D Lawless at Naval & Military.
	6 May, Mon	Busy all day.
[Capt. 'Mary' Matthews, so-called because of his 'pretty' face.]	7 May, Tue	Had to turn out of 7 Grosvenor Place today as the new tenants come in tomorrow. I moved temporarily into Mary's house 9 Chapel St. Dined D Lawless, H Magniac, "Mary" Matthews at St. James Club.
	8 May, Wed	Met Colonel Dease & had a good talk with him over Fingall's affairs. Told him I had written very strongly to Daisy urging economy & agreed with him for a joint campaign against extravagance. Dined Lowther Lodge, met the north of Ireland Mulhollands.
	9 May, Thu	Breakfasted with Alexis & his bride. They go to Ireland today. He is greatly improved by having married a nice & good wife. Went to a charity morning performance with the Lowthers. Went to Bishopstoke by a night train to do B.B.Co in the morning.
	10 May, Fri	Visited B.B.Co. Told the workmen assembled at dinner time that we had decided to give them 1/- in the £ on the profits for the year. I complimented them on their general character & work & they seemed pleased. Dined with JG Butcher at 22 Collingham Place. Met S.H. & Mrs. S.H. Butcher. Went on to Psychological Society & listened to a paper

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		on crystal-gazing!
[prob. Johnson, C.P.]	11 May, Sat	<p>Attended a conference of Counsel (Druce, JG Butcher & Johnston) [<i>sic</i>] re Moreton Frewen's debt to us, whether I could safely reopen the Peters Alston arbitration so as to get the matter settled finally in an English court & stop Frewen's mouth. They thought that after this lapse of time with all the chance of conflicting evidence the old "honorable" arbitration might be upset on technical grounds.</p> <p>Col. Graves Sawle brought over the Fingall diamonds & I left them at Garrards.</p>
	12 May, Sun	Colonel Sawle & Alston lunched with me & I spent afternoon calling on Mrs. Adair, the Magniacs, Goschens, Wyndham Quins, Sartoris', Monteagles. Dined at St. James Club with Buller to meet Jack Simeon, who gave what might be called a secular turn to our Sabbath conversation.
	13 May, Mon	Final packing up & disposition of goods left in 7 Gros[venor] Pl[ac]e, 9 Chapel St. & the cloak room at Victoria Station. Then off by 2 PM train to Liverpool to see Hugh Cullen with whom I spent from 6.20 to 10.5. Then to Ireland by night mail.
	14 May, Tue	Arrived Dublin & after wash & change at K St. Club came on to Dunsany where I found Conny, Raymond & their children in possession. The country looks grand in its spring clothing. The oak & ash are still half naked, but the other trees are a lovely fresh green and the grass is at its best, the first old country spring I have seen since /79! I enjoy it like a child.
	15 May, Wed	Busy in the morning. Played lawn tennis with Raymond & Oliver Brighton in afternoon. Raymond is much better than I am. But I can play well enough to "make it interesting" for him. Eleven years since I was on the old cricket ground & it seems ?by yesterday. I don't feel a day older thank God. But I never felt really young.
	16 May, Thu	Took a holiday. Oliver Brighton came to lunch & Murphy came over in afternoon. So we had some lawn tennis on the cricket ground & enjoyed it.
	17 May, Fri	Very stiff from 2 days at the unaccustomed effort of lawn tennis. Took a rest bodily & didn't do much mentally.
	18 May, Sat	<p>Conny, Raymond & I went over to Skryne to Oliver Brighton's for lawn tennis & a little practice at cricket. I dined at Killeen to talk business with Fingall, who went fast asleep the moment dinner was over.</p> <p>In morning I attended Road Session at Dunshaughlin. It is not often I am able to do my duty as a J.P.</p>
[M & S - Mowbray & Stourton]	19 May, Sun	Church at Kilmessan. Dined at Corbalton. Met a nice Ld. & Lady Harries. Ld. M & S does himself too well & looks bloated & unhealthy. He is a cheery soul after dinner – sleepy before.
	20 May, Mon	Business & lawn tennis.
	21 May, Tue	Ditto. Ditto.
	22 May, Wed	Busy with America letters. Dined & slept with family party at Rahinston.

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	23 May, Thu	Drove back to Dunsany via R[ock]. Lodge. Daisy Fingall, 2 Fowler girls, Mesdames Brighton, Gussy Briscoe & wife came & played lawn tennis.
	24 May, Fri	After a morning's business went up to Dublin by afternoon train. Langford & Coleridge dined with me at K St. Club.
[Ernest Renshaw was 1888 Wimbledon champion]	25 May, Sat	Much worried by Powder River Co. correspondence, the sale of the Powder R. herd having given much alarm to the shareholders over here on account of the contract being vague & unsatisfactory. Telegraphing & cabling all the morning. Went with Coleridge to see the championship finals in the lawn tennis tournament at Fitzwilliam Square. Saw E. Renshaw beaten by an Irishman Hamilton. First time I have seen first class tennis. It is a fine game. Arrived late at night at Kilcooley.
	26 May, Sun	A very long church & dreary sermon. Then a quiet restful Sunday with Mary & the children. They are growing into perfect mannered little people & it is a pleasure to be with them.
	27 May, Mon	Walked the estate with Campbell the steward. Found everything going satisfactorily. Thought more of the land might have been let. The garden management is bad, the gardener being hereditary & incompetent. Mary & I called on Father Kennedy & then Langleys up in the hills S.W. of K[ilcooly]. Fine bracing air, fine wild country. Father K. was drawn for cooperative enterprise. But he is too old & stupid.
[V.F. – Vicar Forane: dean; priest with limited jurisdiction over clergy in a district]	28 May, Tue	After a business morning went with Campbell to Ballingarry to see a cooperative creamery got up by the parish priest, Canon Jas. Cantwell, PP V.F. Called on the canon & had a long talk with him on cooperation. Tried to persuade him to start a cooperative store & to join the Coop Union. Hope to bring him into the fold.
	29 May, Wed	Spent the day at Kilcooley estate a/cs, rough draft of which written up to March 31, '89 arrived today. Result that Tommy is some £700 richer than a year ago which is satisfactory. Rode with Dorothy in afternoon.
	30 May, Thu	Left Kilcooley about noon & went to Lyons. Found Valentine, Bee & Rose. All very nice & friendly. Saw Valentine's two daughters. Like no one as far as I can see unless it is the late Ld. Cloncurry. In train met an American who with 29 others was on a bicycle tour through Eur- <u>rope</u> . He had been drenched 3 days running. In Boston it was 95° when he left. He felt & looked wretched in the cold damp of Irish summer,
	31 May, Fri	An agricultural day with Valentine. We talked over many things. He is convinced that the tide of democracy is stemmed. The most interesting fact in support which he told me was that Ld. Salisbury & Mr. W H Smith are selling out of London property & buying agricultural lands.
	1 Jun, Sat	Moved to Castlemartin where I found Willie and Louie Blacker.
	2 Jun, Sun	Went to church at the "Gallow bog": After lunch went to Kilcullen to meet Father Langan, a philanthropic priest who was

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		trying to get up a cooperative society to improve the condition of a most difficult flock. I talked his scheme over with him & urged him strongly to join the Cooperative Union & only act under their advice. Heard an excellent ghost story from Miss Blacker. Close to Castlemartin & am to get written details from her.
	3 Jun, Mon	Left Castlemartin early & went by midday train to Dunsany. There found Conny & Raymond & Tom Parr (on a visit).
	4 Jun, Tue	Spent a busy day & in afternoon played tennis.
	5 Jun, Wed	Busy all day. Tom Parr left & Johnny came looking better than I have seen him for a long time.
	6 Jun, Thu	About the place with Johnny most of the day.
	7 Jun, Fri	Busy all the morning. In afternoon the neighbours came to tea & tennis. Coleridge arrived by evening train. The Fingalls, Miss Burke & a Miss Keenan dined. We had a jolly evening.
	8 Jun, Sat	Business & packing till afternoon train took me to Dublin, where I went across by night mail to Holyhead.
	9 Jun, Sun	Arrived early at 33 St. James Place where my dear friend Denis had got rooms for me. Went on in afternoon to Ipswich & put up at White Horse Hotel where some scenes in Pickwick are laid. Met the leading men of the cooperative movement & at once plunged into cooperative thought. Met Miss Beatrice Potter, who has already made a name as a student of sociology. I was much struck by her brilliant intellect.
	10 Jun, Mon	Congress opened with a very able address from Professor Marshall. Then followed general debates, a paper on "credit" &c. I was greatly impressed with the tone of the arguments used by the representatives of the working men. Moderate, dignified speaking – always to the point. No one can realise what the working man has done for himself until they are heard speaking of their aims & ambitions. These are indeed high. I never before realised how much the working man is doing for himself compared with what is being done for him.
[Address in <i>Report of 21st Annual Co-operative Congress</i> (Ipswich), pp. 90-1]	11 Jun, Tue	The Irish question came up today & on the proposal that the Cooperative Union should constitute Ireland a separate section I spoke for some 15 minutes. I relied <u>very largely</u> on notes but I don't think I did badly. I gained my point which was to get the English cooperators to consent to treat Ireland, in spite of all their Home Rule preconceptions, as an almost hopelessly impracticable country.
	12 Jun, Wed	Walked around a huge agricultural implement maker's yards (Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies) with Miss Beatrice Potter, Prof. Marshall & wife & some others. Said goodbye to cooperators & came to London.
	13 Jun, Thu	Simply business.
	14 Jun, Fri	W. Watson & "Dude" Booth breakfasted with me. D[enis].L[awless]. dined with me. Day with lawyers & brokers.
	15 Jun, Sat	Busy day. Lunched with Denis & met the Tile Company fellow Victor Wynne. Talked a new venture in Cumberland Gap district

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		Tennessee. Dined at Army & Navy Club with John Watson.
	16 Jun, Sun	Called on Ducies, Moretons, Aunt Isabella, Castletowns (dined with them), Verneys, St. Oswalds, Wharncliffes, & Lowthers. Had a very nice talk with dear old Sir Harry Verney, now 88. He is very feeble & can't, I fear, live much longer. Such a chivalrous flower of the old school I never met. Lady Verney was calling on Florence Nightingale.
	17 Jun, Mon	Got a telegram from Fingall accepting an invit[atio]n to bed & breakfast with me during his stay in London. Busy most of the day.
	18 Jun, Tue	Had a long talk with that most interesting woman Lady Verney on several matters.
	19 Jun, Wed	Fingall arrived early & I had to go to Down Lodge. In the ev[enin]g Fingall & I dined St. James Club and went on to Empire.
	20 Jun, Thu	Fingall & I went to Ascot – Cup Day – I saw many male acquaintances & fairly enjoyed it. F was bored to extinction. In the ev[enin]g I dined with the Ducies, the entertainment being very dull. Shaw Lefevres, Aberdares &c there.
	21 Jun, Fri	Went to minor shows with Fingall. Denis Lawless, he & I dined at Evan's Club (late New Club) & went to Paul Jones at Prince of Wales.
[J.L. Toole, Sims Reeves and M. Coquelin in <i>Domestic Economy</i> ; benefit for Actors' Benevolent Fund]	22 Jun, Sat	Went to Hurlingham with Fingall & then to the Lyceum to see Irving in The Bells, Toole, M. Coquelin & Sims Reeves. Charity performance.
	23 Jun, Sun	Lunched Lowther Lodge, dined Aunt Isabella.
[Joseph Charlton Parr, Parr's Banking Co. Ltd.]	24 Jun, Mon	Went to The Cedars, Upper Tooting! to see Tom Parr & his brother, the President of the Bank to try & get some advice as to best means of learning about colliery management. Went on to Royal Agric'l show at Windsor. Dined with Lady Verney in hopes of meeting Balfour. But he didn't turn up.
	25 Jun, Tue	[No entry]
	26 Jun, Wed	JG Butcher, Alston, Murphy & Fingall dined with me at Evan's Club.
	27 Jun, Thu	[No entry]
	28 Jun, Fri	Business all day. Went to an "At Home" at Lowther Lodge. Knew nobody & didn't enjoy it.
	29 Jun, Sat	Went to Dunstall & found Johnny in his usually unhealthy state. He had a painful abscess in the jaw & the poor fellow suffered agonies. Got better at night. Fingall departed & was glad to return. London doesn't suit him any more than it does me.
	30 Jun, Sun	Johnny appeared to have recovered. Ernle & I returned to town together – she en route for Paris.
	1 Jul, Mon	Dined at Conservative Club with Coppinger, a Meath Hunt

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		acquaintance.
	2 Jul, Tue	Went to Paddockhurst to help Watson with old Whitehead's business.
	3 Jul, Wed	<p>Played lawn tennis before breakfast. Then had an hour or so in Watson's office & left for London.</p> <p>In evening attended at the opening of University College house in Battersea, a workman's social Club got up by some worthy fellow collegiates at Oxford. Met Herbert Gladstone, who didn't know me, & Bradley (Dean of Westminster) who pretended that he did when I told him my name.</p>
	4 Jul, Thu	Dined with the Verneys and met Lecky the historian. Got very little talk with him unhappily.
	5 Jul, Fri	Left London by early mail train. Slept in Dublin. Coleridge dined with me at K St. Club.
	6 Jul, Sat	Came to Dunsany via Navan where I played my first cricket match for 10 years. Played very badly naturally. But I have a great liking for the game & should practise if I had time. Found Conny & her children at Dunsany.
	7 Jul, Sun	Coleridge came down for the day. We did Kilmessan for Church & the afternoon walk to Killeen, a programme not unknown at Dunsany.
	8 Jul, Mon	Went to Dublin to see the doctor. Suffering from acute urethritis. He gave me good advice. In the evening Mary turned up at Broadstone & we went to Dunsany together.
	9 Jul, Tue	A wet day after a long drought. Greatly wanted. I was seedy and did no good indoors. But I got much better in health.
	10 Jul, Wed	Went to the doctor again in Dublin & got good value. He seems a sensible man. Fingalls dined.
	11 Jul, Thu	Conny, Mary & I drove over to Langford's wedding at Summerhill. There were about 80 guests and what with flowers, beautiful presents & pretty bridesmaids it was a pleasing wedding. It was a strange freak of fortune Langford letting his house to Lady Sutton & marrying his tenant's daughter.
	12 Jul, Fri	Mary & I left Dunsany & after doing some shopping in Dublin went on to Kilcooley. At the Park gates Dorothy & Alice met us driving their donkeys, Dynamite & Jessie, tandem. They looked pretty, healthy & happy.
	13 Jul, Sat	Campbell & I worked up matters for the Monday meeting a bit. In evening Tom Leonard & Mrs. Leonard arrived.
	14 Jul, Sun	Church at Kilcooley. Tom Leonard & I had a good game of lawn tennis, afterwards at which to my horror a crowd of sightseers congregated. I was glad to see them enjoying their picnic in Kilcooley Park & very glad that Mary makes them welcome. I think it one of the duties of large property owners.
	15 Jul, Mon	The event of the day was a meeting in the village of Johnstown – some 6 statute miles from Kilcooley – to promote a Light Railway (under Balfour's Bill) in the district. We had a priest, a dispensary doctor, some substantial farmers & various ratepayers, in all some 40 to 50 persons in the court house where we met. I

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		kept the meeting to the point & I think pleased Mary who was present & who is the chief person interested. Tom Leonard & I in afternoon drove up to Ballingarry Creamery.
	16 Jul, Tue	Moved quarters to Old Court, Doneraile where I found Alexis Roche, my first cattle partner, married & settled down in a house that with ornamental presents innumerable and one useful one of £1000 in cash they had made very pretty & comfortable. I don't see why they should not get on unless they have a poor couple's family.
	17 Jul, Wed	Rode about with Alexis over his farms & had long talks over his affairs. His marriage seems to be a quite happy one. His wife is nice & devoted to him. I think she has good influence over him – the poor fellow can get along now & I am glad of it.
	18 Jul, Thu	Rode about with Alexis seeing influential neighbours & talking over the feasibility of starting a cooperative movement in the district. This is what I came to Doneraile for and I hope to succeed. A Catholic priest dined with us. He was uncouth to a degree but very amusing.
	19 Jul, Fri	Talked to a narrowminded protestant clergyman about the proposed coop movement at Doneraile. Then spent rest of day getting to Dublin where I stayed the night with the Coleridges. Coleridge had bought a horse for me. I tried & liked him. In the train I met an English Catholic priest with whom I talked on the state of the country. He was clever but wilfully blind, as when he declared that the Irish Priests were not more political than the English clergy.
	20 Jul, Sat	Played for Co Meath C.C. vs Fitzwilliam Club at Navan. Made 10 runs rather to my astonishment. Conny returned from Castle ?H--- -t & I from Navan for dinner at Dunsany.
	21 Jul, Sun	Church at Kilmessan, afternoon at Killeen. George Murphy told me of an announcement made by his priest in chapel at Boycetown by order of the bishops stopping football, because (1) of its danger – drink & c (2) the Gov't were employing the Gaelic Association in organising fenianism for purposes of prejudicing Englishmen against Home Rule. Decided that I was to write a letter for George to send to Times.
	22 Jul, Mon	Like old times! A cricket match at Dunsany. We rigged up a pavilion out of some sheets of corrugated iron, got out the Telegraph board with the figure "Duck" painted 12 years ago by Johnny & had a jolly match. I had a strong country team. Coleridge brought down the RIC to oppose us. We won after an exciting match – the RIC having beaten us in the first innings. I only made 1 run. No 0 so far!
	23 Jul, Tue	Spent a good bit of the day at Fingall's Hunt a/cs. Dined thereon at Killeen.
	24 Jul, Wed	A wet busy indoors day except that old & young Cullens came & looked over the cattle.
	25 Jul, Thu	Cricket match at Dunsany. Athboy C.C. vs Dunsany C.C. We made 135 to 102 about. I made 13 & played fairly.
	26 Jul, Fri	Fingall breakfasted with me to go over Hunt a/cs. At 12.30 I drove to Drogheda, Fingall sending me to Duleek where I got a

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		car & went on to Drogheda. Went up to Belfast & drove out to Redburn, Holywood, the Dunville's suburban residence for a cricket match next day. Of course everything was done well. Dunville is made of money & his wife is an excellent host. Had a nice party & liked the place. Good view of the Belfast Lough.
	27 Jul, Sat	Cricket match – Redburn vs Holywood – well done – not very good cricket but good fun. I played very badly. 3 & 0! We won. It was an annual affair & rather amusing.
	28 Jul, Sun	A pleasant restful Sunday, looking over Dunville's place, horses &c. A son of Ld. Dufferin's, Ld. Terence Blackwood, arrived. He is quite young but decidedly clever & told us some interesting stories of Indian life – sport, magic, &c. A Col. & Mrs. Hamilton were among the guests & she was also interesting. I should like to meet her again. We argued some points & she argued like a man.
[‘Is This ‘Moral Torture?’’, <i>Irish Times</i> , p. 6]	29 Jul, Mon	Went over Harland & Wolff's yards. Saw shell of the Majestic (sister ship to the Teutonic just launched – the longest ship afloat, 570 feet I think). Our guide told me they expect the new monster to “beat the record”. Only expense prevents the Atlantic being crossed in 4 days he said. What are we coming to? Got back to Dunsany at night & found a telegram from JG Butcher to effect that Murphy's letter (which I wrote) was in today's Times. John Watson came to sleep & look over Rock Lodge.
	30 Jul, Tue	Drove John Watson over to Rock Lodge which he examined & liked. I hope he will take it & get it off Johnny's hands. Dined with Fingall to finally write up his Hunt a/cs. He went to sleep of course & I didn't do very much.
	31 Jul, Wed	Packing & doing sundry business. Then off to London – The Freeman's Journal is greatly exercised over the letter I wrote for George Murphy. They have interviewed Archbp Walsh on the subject & he too seems puzzled. The stupid editor of the Evening Mail quite fails to enter into the spirit of the letter & abuses George Murphy!
	1 Aug, Thu	Arrived in London (33 St. James Place). London in August is not enjoyable from any point of view & I determined to get out of it as quickly as possible. Only came over on Johnny's Trust business. Dined with JG Butcher to meet Monteagle at 2 Collingham Place. We had a good deal of political talk which interested me much.
	2 Aug, Fri	Day spent with solicitors, who broke all my plans by preventing my sailing before October for America. It seems that it is impossible to unravel the complications of my father's testamentary dispositions without having me present on a/c of my position as Ex[ecut]or & Trustee. Saw Johnny en route to Dunsany but could not get him to settle down to business.
	3 Aug, Sat	Spent most of the day with Denis Lawless discussing our proposed investigation into Dot Cuffe's new coal & iron regime in Tennessee & other matters. Nixon, the Beguildy agent also came up for the day. He, poor old man, is now 80 years of age and as keen as ever at his business.

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		He is a first class agent.
	4 Aug, Sun	Went to Paddockhurst on old Whitehead's business, albeit being incapacitated by a horse accident & my protégé's responsibilities being thereby the heavier.
	5 Aug, Mon	Cricket match Paddockhurst vs Tradesmen of East Grinstead. I made top score (30) which is sufficient indication of the class of cricket played. After the match I drove with "Beau" to Down Lodge to see how my tenant Mrs. Gibbes was getting on. Very comfortable, she said.
	6 Aug, Tue	To London & had another interview with Markby. The upshot of it was that he can let me sail Oct. 2nd, which I shall try & do. Dined Buller & Oliver Brighton at St. James club.
	7 Aug, Wed	Spent day getting to Dublin where I slept at K St. Club. Dined at Club with John Watson & Andrew Carden.
	8 Aug, Thu	Came to Dunsany. Found Johnny & his 2 children added to the family party. Raymond still away.
	9 Aug, Fri	Letter writing all day.
	10 Aug, Sat	Saw the local doctor for eczema. He suggested massage for my emaciation & I am half inclined to try it. I should do something. My extremely low condition at 35 makes it certain that I should be an old man before 50.
	11 Aug, Sun	Went to Dollanstown to dine & sleep. Met the Langfords & thought her rather dull, though nice enough.
	12 Aug, Mon	Returned Dunsany. Went to work on a pamphlet designed to propagate cooperation in Ireland on a plan of my own viz: to adopt the English model beginning with coop stores but get it started by the upper classes leaving the door wide open for lower classes to join in.
	13 Aug, Tue	Coop pamphlet all day.
	14 Aug, Wed	Went over to Lismullin to play lawn tennis.
	15 Aug, Thu	Lady Day or some Catholic holiday. Got up a game of cricket after 11 years during which the Gaelic Assoc'n have tabooed cricket & taken to football. Now football is discouraged by the Church.
	16 Aug, Fri	[No entry]
	17 Aug, Sat	Johnny gave the annual school feast. There was also the usual race of the Dunsany Bicycle Club and a meeting of the cooperative stores directors. So we had a very busy day.
	18 Aug, Sun	[No entry]
	19 Aug, Mon	Spent the morning at Ross Dispensary where the Dispensary Committee met to decide upon a site for the doctor's house. I helped to reduce the talk to ?some shape.
	20 Aug, Tue	Dunshaughlin Poor House 4 hours! An important meeting of guardians, 35 present. T. Leonard & I then went back to Warrenstown & had a set to at tennis. In evening Arthur Tisdall came down to dine & sleep. He is home from Texas for a short holiday.

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	21 Aug, Wed	Went into Navan for a cricket match. I am taking a regular holiday now. Stopped by rain.
[RICCC – Royal Irish Constabulary Cricket Club]	22 Aug, Thu	Dunsany CC played R.I.C.C.C. in Phoenix Park Dublin. Had a fair team but got beaten. I got 4 both innings.
	23 Aug, Fri	Gussy Briscoe brought a team to play Dunsany C.C. whom we beat. We returned from Dublin in the morning, Johnny having neuralgia & being unable to play.
	24 Aug, Sat	Dunsany CC vs Athboy C.C. Former lost by 1 run. Played at Athboy. Wretched wet weather.
	25 Aug, Sun	The usual combination of Kilmessan & Killeen – though I spent most of the day at business & reading. I read a striking article “The Papacy a revelation & a prophecy” in the Contemporary of this month & heard it was by our old neighbour Mrs. (Lizzie) Lynch. It showed grasp of the subject, but blind bias. The argument was that the Pope’s 2 ideals – temporal rule in the Eternal City and – the grand ideal – universal spiritual authority were incompatible. The latter idea only possible by occidentalising the Papacy anglicising or Americanising it. Future head quarters London.
	26 Aug, Mon	Father Healy of Johnstown Kilkenny, whom I met in connection with Mary’s Light Railway came to stay a night with us. He is a great antiquarian & was delighted with the hobby horse. Johnny took him in to dine.
	27 Aug, Tue	Went up to Horse Show & saw all my Irish acquaintances which was pleasant enough. I am full just now of my cooperative scheme for the improvement of the Irish.
	28 Aug, Wed	Horse Show.
	29 Aug, Thu	Horse Show. Dined at Maretimo where the Lawlesses are again assembled. The place was unchanged. What a Paradise it was once. It formed a pleasant last remembrance of the holiday, we used to go there en route on our return to school & endless was the trouble our good cousins used to take to sweeten the bitter cup. Dear old Maretimo! Johnny went to England with his boys.
	30 Aug, Fri	Went to an informal levée at Dublin Castle to say goodbye to Ld. Londonderry. Went on to the Horse Show & back to Dunsany.
	31 Aug, Sat	Business, farming (a fine day at last to get the oats cut) lawn tennis at Warrenstown, dinner at Killeen where Harry Bourke was staying.
	1 Sep, Sun	As per usual!
	2 Sep, Mon	Packing & business. Left by night boat for Holyhead. Harry Bourke, General Taylores, Harry White & an enormous crowd on board. Slept at Chester.
	3 Sep, Tue	Spent most of the day in the train. Left Chester 11.40, changed at Birmingham & Cheltenham & got to Charfield at 6.20. Cab to Ducie’s where I found large party for Gloucester Musical Festival. They were mostly in Gloucester having gone in early &

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		not getting back till 9 o'clock. Dinner 9.30. A General & Lady Victoria Fielding with daughter, a brother & sister of Ada's (not interesting), a Mr. Clifford (who visited & wrote about Father Damien & so was the lion), some Hanburys, Oakleys, &c.
	4 Sep, Wed	Walked about all day with Ducie & General Fielding listening to them talking of trees & fishes. Ducie is a walking dictionary of trees & he has got thousands of varieties at Tortworth. The place is really beautiful, one of the finest I have been in.
	5 Sep, Thu	Went into the Gloucester Musical Festival & heard Sullivan's Prodigal Son & the Messe Solonnelle of Gounod. The riotous living of the Prodigal was wonderfully suggested even to my blunt taste.
	6 Sep, Fri	Came to London & put up at 7 Grosvenor Place for the last time I suppose. Johnny came up & we talked some business.
	7 Sep, Sat	Morning with Johnny & Wilde (Markby's partner). To Paddockhurst in afternoon. Found Bertie back at home. This is the ruin of the boy. It was very weak of his father to allow it.
	8 Sep, Sun	A/cs & lawn tennis. Visited my tenants (Mrs. Gibbes & family) at Down Lodge. They are nice people, not quite first rate but not pretentious. Beau came with me. It is evident that he likes the eldest Miss Gibbes & she likes him.
[drawing shaped like a t-shirt]	9 Sep, Mon	Returned London. Dyson, owner of the "chimmy" (i.e. Chemise [drawing] Brand) in Big Horn Basin came to London to see me. He dined me at Bristol Hotel.
	10 Sep, Tue	Busy all day. In the evening went to Bishopstoke where I slept so as to have a good day at Romsey next day. Went to consult Dr. Thos. Stretch Dowse, whose hobby is massage. My extreme emaciation & debility annoy me. I must try any reasonably possible means of increasing my capacity for enjoying life & making others enjoy it.
	11 Sep, Wed	To Romsey early with E.P.B[erthon]. His Reverence was away on a holiday which I think was all the better for business. Went with E.P.B. to Southampton & saw the B B Co boats on several steamers. Unhappily they were so stowed as to be quite useless in emergency. During the day decided to try & start cooperation in Romsey.
	12 Sep, Thu	Went down to Paddockhurst for a day's outing this time. Played a cricket match. Made 3 & 6 only against very indifferent bowling.
	13 Sep, Fri	Returned to 7 Grosvenor Place & found Johnny in hands of doctor & nurse looking very seedy just recovering from a violent bilious attack. Dined D. Lawless & Dot Cuffe at White's.
	14 Sep, Sat	7 Grosvenor Place most of day packing up & removing. Slept at Dunstall.
	15 Sep, Sun	Returned to 7 Grosvenor Place & worked away at the books, furniture &c.
	16 Sep, Mon	Went via Stafford & Shrewsbury to Knighton. Met Nixon at Craven Arms & put up at Norton Arms, Knighton for the night.

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	17 Sep, Tue	Breakfast 8 & off to Beguilty. Saw my Welsh property for first time. Rode over most of the farms on a pony borrowed from a tenant escorted by Rev. A. Thomas – very rustic divine. Liked the tenants, but thought they must have a hard struggle as most of the land seemed light. Must learn more about the property so as to be able to do what is right between landlord & tenant. Returned to London, arriving 11.15 at St. James Club where I had engaged a room.
	18 Sep, Wed	Very sick all day with bilious headache owing to drinking beer probably on my Welsh trip. Johnny still working at the removal of Grosvenor Place furniture.
	19 Sep, Thu	Better today but far from well. Tommy Ponsonby came through London en route to school & I had to look after them. Johnny's good nature relieved me & they were made happy. Had a meeting with Watson & Abbott to whom I delegated the management of Down Lodge in my absence in America and spent afternoon with Markby talking over my own & Johnny's finances. Both Johnny & Ernle "fritter away" money & get no good from it.
	20 Sep, Fri	Feeling sick still. Had a busy day prior to departure for Ireland which I managed to carry out. Went with Johnny. We dined at Chester & went over by night mail.
	21 Sep, Sat	Arrived Dunsany. Johnny very seedy from journey & all the stimulants & drugs necessary? to help him through it. The 7 Gros[venor] Place furniture was arriving and a curious look it gives the old place being crammed with 20th Century style furniture. New wine in old bottles surely.
	22 Sep, Sun	Spent the day nursing Johnny who was, if not dangerously ill, in a state of extreme discomfort & much nervous apprehension. The doctor came to see him in the morning and had to be sent for again in the afternoon He told me Johnny's liver was much enlarged and that his state of health was very unsatisfactory. I took the opportunity of trying again to impress on Johnny the necessity of making some sacrifice for his health. I fear he is getting weaker in his will and has less power of resistance. That unhappy love of drugging himself will ruin his constitution. He is taking to "nipping" again – if indeed, poor fellow, he ever gave it up. It is very very sad.
	23 Sep, Mon	Packing. How -a-y in the year am I at this time-wasting work!
	24 Sep, Tue	Left Johnny & went to Dublin where I dined with Langford & wife in his official residence in the Castle. He has married a brainless but amiable wife who is cheery & bright & loves him dearly.
	25 Sep, Wed	Went to Kilcooley where I found Mary alone, all the children being gone.
	26 Sep, Thu	To Johnstown where we had an open air meeting nominally to support a Light Railway, but really to air local eloquence – notably that of Mulhallen Marum M.P. (nationalist) for Kilkenny. I too spoke & was well received – better than my speech deserved.
	27 Sep, Fri	Spent a quiet day at Kilcooley.
	28 Sep, Sat	Went to Mt. Trenchard, Foynes. Met a Miss Augusta Butcher

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		with the Monteagles. Found the latter living in the quietest way possible for a gentleman in a large house. Evidently they are very hard up. Monteagle has assigned his property to ?Munster because it does not pay the charges.
	29 Sep, Sun	Spent Sunday working up cooperative enthusiasm with 6 or 7 leading working men. Was completely successful as far as those present went. I hope it may spread.
	30 Sep, Mon	Went to Old Court where I found Alexis alone, his wife having gone to S. H. Butcher's at Killarney to meet Goschen. In the train Monteagle & I converted 2 priests to cooperation.
	1 Oct, Tue	Rode about the country in the morning trying to get up a cooperative preliminary meeting in afternoon. We got a small meeting & after some rather hard talking I managed to get those assembled (mostly squireens) to take an interest in my movement. I was on the whole pleased with the prospect.
	2 Oct, Wed	Left Mallow for Cork, where I went through the Kilcooley a/cs with Hussey & Townsend's accountant, and Queenstown where I slept. I dined with Tom Hare at Marino, a ?little house a mile or so on the Cork side belonging to an old deaf & dumb uncle whom I met.
	3 Oct, Thu	Wrote innumerable letters & went on board Teutonic (new White Star SS), Tom Hare seeing me off. Found Fred Verney & wife on board. 300 passengers (saloon). This ship is the largest afloat now that the Great Eastern is broken up. She is expected to do the passage in much under the 6 days. Her fittings & decoration make her a real floating palace.
	4 Oct, Fri	407 – 2 hours off. We started from Queenstown behind City of Rome & City of New York. Today both are left behind.
	5 Oct, Sat	456 – Passage made interesting by the N.Y. agent W[hite].S[ar]. Line (young Ismay) one of the builders of the ship, Wolff & minor officials of the W.S. Line being on board. I am quite convinced that this ocean Racing must end in a terrible disaster before many years.
	6 Oct, Sun	431. Last night we "slowed down" for rough weather. There was a high head sea which amply accounts for the shortness of the run.
	7 Oct, Mon	471
	8 Oct, Tue	469
	9 Oct, Wed	460. 88 from Sandy Hook. Arrived at dock ?6.00. Too late to get baggage off. Slept on board.
	10 Oct, Thu	Landed N.Y. Went to Hoffman House, Thence to John Paton & Co. Dined with some fellow passengers at Delmonicos.
	11 Oct, Fri	Left N.Y. for Cleveland in a luxurious train.
	12 Oct, Sat	Arrived at the smoky city of Cleveland, Ohio, 10.45 AM. Met by R.W. Hickox who took me out to his place Westwood, a very

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		comfortable villa on the lake shore with a good view. Here, rather to my astonishment, he lives in great simplicity – except that he has a butler, coachman & several “hired girls” besides the cook. His house is well furnished. Went to the Cleveland Theatre to see Edwin Booth & Mary ?Eastlake. Not good play & execrable support.
	13 Oct, Sun	Got a good deal of walking exercise. A dull restful Sunday which is good for me. Walked through several vineyards & drank the wine of one grower. Not bad & <u>pure</u> .
	14 Oct, Mon	Went with Ralph Hickox into Cleveland & talked various schemes which we might go into together – coal in W[est].V[irgini]a. & a lawsuit over a large Mexican grant in Colorado especially. Took train for Chicago.
	15 Oct, Tue	Went to Leland Hotel & met Ralph Stuart Wortley with whom, after looking round Chicago & talking some business, I went west by C & ?W.R.R.
	16 Oct, Wed	Arrived at Omaha where I met Windsor with whom I spent a day over our joint affairs. All seems going smoothly & my succession enables me to hold my breath a while which is a great help, this being no time for realisations.
	17 Oct, Thu	Went to stock yards & spent more time with Windsor. Unearthed Evelyn Booth in a saloon where he had been living the life of a “lowdown” “sport” – whiskey, gambling, women &c. I tackled him about the debts he had left in Wyoming, greatly to the discredit of the English contingent and shamed him into making an assignment of all he professed to have in England & Ireland to his brother & Stuart Wortley, progress for the creditors. Went West on Union Pacific. Dining cars attached to train for first time.
	18 Oct, Fri	Arrived Cheyenne & found Gilchrist, Chaplin & my representative Frank Kemp & a few other acquaintances. Cheyenne dull & doleful. Surely the glory has departed. The cattle kings are gone & Cheyenne must settle down to the humdrum life of a farmer town – unless mineral wealth takes the place of the cattle wealth.
	19 Oct, Sat	Plunged into my work. Also wrote a circular about Women Suffrage to ascertain views of Wyoming citizens who have tried it for 20 years.
	20 Oct, Sun	Business!
	21 Oct, Mon	Ditto
	22 Oct, Tue	Ditto. Gilchrist gave me a dinner to which he invited the leading men of the place. Lasted till 3 AM! But I was royally treated & well received generally. Frank Kemp told me he was engaged to Miss Ida Bergman, a bright but impecunious little denizen of Cheyenne. I must do what I can to make him turn over a new leaf.
	23 Oct, Wed	Went to Iron Mountain with Frank Kemp. Rode about the place. Then slept the two of us in such a bed!
	24 Oct, Thu	Helped to round up the North pasture. Cold rain & sleet made it very unpleasant & I am not acclimatised this year. After a hard day’s work returned to Cheyenne & plunged into the comforts of the Club.

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	25 Oct, Fri	Business
	26 Oct, Sat	Business. My questions on Woman's Suffrage have puzzled the Wyomingites.
	27 Oct, Sun	[No entry]
	28 Oct, Mon – 30 Oct, Wed	Busy
	31 Oct, Thu	Jim Winn, R. Stuart Wortley & Fred Hesse arrived at last. I have been waiting for them for several days and their late arrival prevents to my going to Washington & other places I had intended to. I now have several days' business with these three and Jim gets terribly "full" & so won't be able to do any. He has filled Fred Hesse. In his cups he got it into his head I was some relative of his (through Bee). He tried all known affinities & finally dubbed me his cousin on toast!
	1 Nov, Fri	Business all day.
	2 Nov, Sat	Jim Winn gave a dinner to some 14 of us and he made an excellent host. I was not at all on for dining after a hard day's business.
	3 Nov, Sun	Windsor arrived to transact some business.
	4 Nov, Mon	Business.
	5 Nov, Tue	Election in Cheyenne and throughout the Territory on the question whether if Wyo is made a state the Constitution recently drafted by the Constitutional Convention shall be accepted by the people. I had a letter on the subject in the Cheyenne "Leader" this morning which I will enclose in my diary. [Not found.] 700-odd women polled in Cheyenne, I took notes.
	6 Nov, Wed	Said goodbye to the good folks of Cheyenne and went to Laramie City by afternoon train arriving for supper. Trudged off through the snow to M C Brown's house where I found a large gathering of Laramie ladies assembled in a "literary circle". I had come to get some information about Woman's Suffrage and I saw several citizens who had their opinion on the subject and who also had their memories of women on juries & the early days of the movement.
	7 Nov, Thu	1 A.M. left Laramie City. Arrived Omaha night & went on to Chicago.
<i>[à l'anglaise – in English style]</i>	8 Nov, Fri	Arrived Chicago 1.30. Failed to find anyone I wanted to see. Went with G.W. Clark to the Horse Show. "Nobby rigs", Tandems, broughams with coachman & footman very much a l'anglaise with silver harness & all money could do in horses were on show. Some jumping by ponies which was good.
	9 Nov, Sat	Saw John Clay & had a business talk. D.H. Andrews & Hudson turned up. From the former I heard the latest news from Alberta which interested me. Left by 7.45 PM for Cleveland.
	10 Nov, Sun	Spent the morning at Cleveland with Ralph Hickox with whom I discussed investment in W. Virginia coal & iron lands. He was to come on to N.Y. Tuesday, so I went on 3 PM.

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	11 Nov, Mon	<p>Arrived N.Y. 9.45 A.M. Went quickly to John Paton & Co. for letters. Then on the Cattle Trust & other businesses. Telegram in evening from R Hickox to say he would not come.</p> <p>2 cables from Raymond repeated from Cheyenne. (1) "John ill at Naples with typhoid" and (2) John better, well looked after". Replied at once "Sailing Teutonic Wednesday cable news tomorrow". This makes me very anxious. Poor Johnny will be a bad patient. Please God he will pull through & take better care of himself. Found Rev. E.L. Berthon, who had come out to N.Y. because he had magnified a few words in a letter of mine into a boom in his boats in America.</p>
	12 Nov, Tue	<p>Cable from Raymond "John's illness taking favourable course at present, must be long". Can typhoid take a favourable turn so early?</p> <p>Very busy all day. Had a long debate with the Cattle Trust on reorganisation into a company. There is a dividend in sight. That is the only hopeful thing about it.</p>
	13 Nov, Wed	Went on board the Teutonic. Found some people I knew – a few ranchmen, old Berthon, Stavely Hill &c.
	14 Nov, Thu	359
	15 Nov, Fri	422
	16 Nov, Sat	437
	17 Nov, Sun	430
	18 Nov, Mon	444
	19 Nov, Tue	443 – 270 to Queenstown.
	20 Nov, Wed	<p>2 A.M. Stopped off Queenstown. After some delay landed & went to bed. In afternoon went on to Doneraile to try & organise a cooperative store. Found Alexis & his wife entertaining a house full including Tom Hare.</p> <p>Got good news of Johnny. But he cabled me to get through necessary business & go to him.</p>
	21 Nov, Thu	Two meetings at Doneraile Court House, one at 3 P.M. attended by a few protestants, another at 6.30 by a house full of labourers, some 80 at a guess. J.C. Gray had come over from Eng'd to help me and we both addressed both meetings – I think with success. The general abstention of R.C. squireens was the disheartening feature.
	22 Nov, Fri	Left Old Court with Gray 6.30 AM & missed 7 AM train to Charleville. Waited 2 hours at Buttevant. Should have seen the sun rise on that burg but felt the rain fall – it evoked washing more than warming. Went on at 9 A.M. Met one Stokes, buyer for Coop Wholesale Manchester & drove out to see Creameries. Inspected 2 when I had to take a separate car back to the R'y & leave for Dublin where I slept.
	23 Nov, Sat	Morning train to Dunsany. Busy all day with Wilkinson & Barton.
	24 Nov, Sun	Busy all day. Had to go to Rock Lodge to see the Watsons. Dined at the Grange where the Fingalls were stopping pending the finishing of the improvements at "The Glebe", the Heskeths being

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		installed as tenants at Killeen.
	25 Nov, Mon	Worked hard at Johnny's affairs with Wilkinson & H Cullen jun[ior] & packed up for uncertain stay in uncertain latitudes. Left by afternoon train for London.
	26 Nov, Tue	Arrived London & had a regular busy day. Innumerable letters, shopping &c &c.
	27 Nov, Wed	Busy all day. Dined with JG Butcher & met a very interesting Catholic Priest, Father Klein who had (to my thinking) the best knowledge of Ireland of any man I ever met. Also met a Crackenthorpe Q.C. and a Haldane M.P. Both crossed swords with Father Klein and came off very badly. Afternoon with Markby over Johnny's affairs.
	28 Nov, Thu	After a busy morning went down to Romsey to look after the B. Boat Co. affairs – Found old B. & his son who stayed the night at the vicarage. They had to attend a meeting of the Conservative Assoc'n which was to be addressed by a General Petrie (Commissary General!). I went with them & heard the most ridiculous of all the ridiculous proposals ever suggested for the improvement of the condition of the poor. Old Berthon & I both spoke strongly against the "general's" utopia.
	29 Nov, Fri	Returned to London. Wrote hard & long to clear up my correspondence & tell correspondents I was going I didn't know where for I didn't know how long.
	30 Nov, Sat	Left Victoria 11 A.M. for Dover where Denis Lawless saw me off en board the Calais Boat. Arrived at Calais. I took train for Basle. Le sleeping car! My reminiscence of French was little good to me. I was in the hands of the interpreter. Much amused by the Americans who would insist on speaking French, yelling out to garsong [<i>sic</i>] at the restaurants to cherchez du poulet et du ?ham" & the like. It soon got dark so I saw little of France.
	1 Dec, Sun	6.15 AM Basle, 10 inches fresh snow on the ground. 7 AM off again for Milan, went through the lake region. The scenery was beautiful – more colour than the Rocky Mountain scenery. On the Italian side of the St. Gottard there was little snow and the mountains & lakes looked far prettier. Lake Lugano I liked best. Como too built round. Dined at Milano. Too dark to see Cathedral. Looked a comparatively new town. Left 8 o'clock for Rome.
	2 Dec, Mon	Through Genoa & Pisa at night. Flat country to Civitavecchia & Rome by day light. The deciduous trees were only beginning to turn their colors. The olives are evergreen & in many groves you never could have known it was winter. Only saw a glimpse of the Eternal City. I could see it was greatly changed in the last 22 years – new houses, omnibuses & tramways, &c. It looked semi-Americanised. Went on to Naples & arrived at Johnny's Hotel (Bristol) about 8 o'clock PM very tired. Found Johnny very weak, my arrival giving him palpitations. But from all accounts, however, quite on the mend.
	3 Dec, Tue	A wet day and the glorious Bay – invisible. Johnny far better than he had been before.

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	4 Dec, Wed	The doctor without any interrogation from me told me that Johnny had come ashore Nov. 9 with bad Brights disease in add[iti]o[n] to typhoid. He said the cause was unquestionably <u>alcohol</u> and that he did not believe Johnny would ever abstain. I had given him no clue & what gave him this impression I do not know. Well now the family course is clear. Johnny must be watched & he will be a fine strong man – a resurrection indeed! Johnny foolishly went to the Naples Museum. Saw nothing – suffered from the cold & fatigue & did himself no good.
[Richard Quain, author of <i>Quain's Medical Dictionary</i>]	5 Dec, Thu	Yesterday's indiscretion brought on rheumatism in one leg. The muscular exercise brought on some pain in the calf which Johnny, having studied Quain, said was strombosis but which the doctor said was no such thing. Johnny is a wretched bad patient. Heard from Mrs. Lynch who is living at Amalfi & whom I should have liked to have seen but could not leave Johnny.
	6 Dec, Fri	Johnny better again. He has a most excellent nurse from an American school of nurses which sends annually 2 of its number to an institution in Rome. This young lady – a “high school graduate” I should say – knows far more apparently than a young doctor & is one of those marvels of helpfulness which the thorough system of education of these days produces.
	7 Dec, Sat	A very long day. The P&O steamer Robilla which was to take us off at 4 o'clock did not arrive till 8 P.M. Johnny was much tired with waiting. He was heartily sick of the scene of his misery & longing to get away. Finally we started down to the harbour where a little steam launch surrounded by a rabble of tip hunters & blackmailers of sorts with no organisation & under no control took us off uncomfortably to the Robilla in the Bay. The Naples doctor came on board & saw the ship's doctor, who was about 2/5ths drunk. I began rather to dread the voyage. Sailed at midnight.
	8 Dec, Sun	144. A fine view of Stromboli & the Lipari islands – then through the Straits of Messina & out into the open sea again. The south of Italy & Sicily looked poor, barren & rugged. Johnny is much better on board. His health is improving fast. But he is very lame in his left knee.
	9 Dec, Mon	303. Saw Crete in the distance, otherwise the barren sea. T. Legh MP & wife about the nicest passengers. The majority had been together since London & were clannish somewhat. Ld. Cremorne seemed a nice fellow.
	10 Dec, Tue	303. Johnny doing well. Still very lame. Getting sunny & hot now. Very pleasant.
	11 Dec, Wed	312. About 5 o'clock got to Port Said & went ashore while the Robilla coaled. First view of Africa. Cries of Backsheesh from the horde of arabs & black men worse than the Shamrock women at Queenstown, which is saying a good deal. Picturesque dresses. Silks, embroidery silk & china in rather picturesque shops. Went to café & heard French & English songs well sung. Bought excellent cigarettes for 3/- per 100. Crept by night into the Suez Canal.
	12 Dec, Thu	Woke in that great ditch through the desert Isthmus called the Suez Canal. Through this dreary cut the big ships proceed at 4

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		miles an hour, immense delays being caused by the necessary precautions as to passing and by miles of red tape. Arrived at Ismailia at noon just in time to miss the Cairo train. So we walked about this burg, the hind quarters of the Canal Company for some ten hours. The Palms, acacias, poinsettias & some beautiful flowering trees were enjoyable enough at this time of year. The Leghs, who also landed, & I went through the old town of Ismailia, the native village – such squalor & wretchedness, such apparent poverty! Can the Arabs <u>ever</u> enter into <u>western</u> ideas of social progress.
	13 Dec, Fri	Arrived Cairo 3 AM & went to Sheph[e]ards Hotel. Slept till Breakfast & woke to a gay city. The population is a curious mixture of natives, officials, the army of occupation – & tourists – all nations especially Americans. We hired a dragoman & I did some of the sights – the Nilometer, the Coptic Church – some mosques &c &c. Terrible sand winds outside Cairo.
	14 Dec, Sat	Johnny & I drove about in the town through the bazaars, where we made a few purchases & got pretty well done. We saw the mosque of Mohammed Ali and the view of the city from the capitol which certainly is grand. But Johnny hates sightseeing & as I am here to look after him I can only do as he does except on rare occasions.
	15 Dec, Sun	Walked in the largest public gardens in the morning & in the afternoon went out to the Shubra Palace & gardens guided by “Murray”. The drive was interesting. But the Palace & gardens were miserable specimens of careless work, want of taste, disorderly management. I begin to think the beauty of the Eastern work where such exists is due simply to the wretched wages paid & the enormous amount of time given to a little material. Where they spread themselves out to do a large job, to build a mosque &c, they spoil their work by laziness – patching it with shoddy.
	16 Dec, Mon	Johnny & I drove to the Big Pyramids at Mena & saw the whole show, Sphinx & all. I climbed the highest pyramid, which is a most exhausting piece of exercise, the ‘courses’ being 2½ to 3½ ft. high. This staircase is 470 feet vertically, so it is “a grind”. Inside the Pyramids one is harder worked than in a coal mine & there is nothing of interest. The desert air is extraordinarily invigorating. Johnny is to go out to the Mena Hotel when I go & I doubt not it will do wonders for him in a short time. The Leghs dined with us at a restaurant. Went in evening to Arab Theatre, a most dreary performance.
	17 Dec, Tue	We were quite tired after the Pyramids & took it easy. The Leghs returned our invitation & got us to dine with them at their Hotel. After dinner they drove me round the bazaars, which were all illuminated & busily thronged, the occasion being a religious festival. We saw some dancing of the dervish kind but were not admitted into the mosques, being unclean I suppose.
	18 Dec, Wed	Spent the day in the Bazaars buying little knicknacks & studying the picturesque interesting people. Johnny is now getting stronger daily. His lameness is going fast. Prudence & self control will make a man of him yet.
[DCL – Doctor of Civil Law]	19 Dec, Thu	Started at 7.30 AM with one Porges, a German DCL (Hotel acquaintance) to do the Sakkarah Pyramids & tombs. ½ hour

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		<p>carriage – ½ hour train in which we put a Dragoman, 2 donkeys & 1 donkey boy. Arrived at the nearest station we cantered off on our donkeys – an hour & ½ through the Palm groves & corn fields of the Nile Valley (in which we saw on the site of Memphis two well preserved colossi) then through a mile or so of desert brought us to some very interesting caves & tombs with some beautiful hieroglyphics on the walls. We then galloped back to the Nile which we crossed in a little ferry boat, the donkeys being lifted on bodily by the Arabs. Sailed across and after lunching on the desert east bank, rode to Helowan to look at the hotel & sulphur baths for Johnny. Train from Helowan back to Cairo. The most enjoyable sight of the day was the country population with their simple wares coming in on camels & asses to fair day in the Cairo Bazaars.</p>
	20 Dec, Fri	<p>Spent the day getting to and looking over Alexandria, a sightless disagreeable place. The people are not nearly as picturesque as the Egyptians, the port having mixed them with -----ing elements. The irrigated valley of the Nile interested me while in the train, comparing it with the irrigation I had practiced so far away.</p>
	21 Dec, Sat	<p>Went on board SS Sindh (Messagerie Maritimes) bound for Marseilles. Was rather sick in stomach at starting & struck bad weather immediately outside the harbour. Got very much upset. Only 8 or 9 passengers for we were to be at sea Xmas day! A rather brainless “gunner” from India, a Yankee millionaire who dredged 17 miles of Suez Canal & the widow of Laurence Oliphant, granddaughter of Robert Owen being the sole English-speaking companions.</p>
	22 Dec, Sun	<p>Very sick. French cooking good but bilious beyond description on board ship. Don’t like French ships if this is a specimen. Officers don’t inspire confidence, meals at impossible hours, bad ventilation, disgusting sanitary arrangements & barbarous accommodation for 4th! class passengers. They don’t put up the run or give any information.</p>
	23 Dec, Mon	<p>Talked a good deal to Mrs. L. Oliphant & was much interested in her history & experiences: She was coming home from Haifa in Syria, the scene of her husband’s attempt to found a colony of Jews & a new religion. She was full of a strange mysticism, a belief in powers of spirit over matter & over other spirits obviously traceable to nervous states. But she is sincere and in many ways a remarkable woman. She seems to have had wonderful influence over an Arab community and was very interesting to me. Through Straits of Messina at night.</p>
	24 Dec, Tue	<p>Through S[traits] of Bonifacio by night. Still very sick. Bilious diarrhoea, not vomiting. Another passenger turns up – an orange merchant from Jaffa who has apparently travelled the whole world. a quite second class man in every way. But he had apparently an inventive genius & was much excited over the prospects of a hydraulic coal barge which he expected to bring in a fortune. More talk with Mrs. Oliphant with whom I tried to reason on the impossibility of dissociating spiritual manifestations from nervous states. For I feared that a useful life was being worn away by consistent excitement over a delusion which might vanish & leave her broken in health & desolate in spirit.</p>

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[Mistral]	25 Dec, Wed	Xmas on board! We had a well known gale called the “Mistrale” [sic] which turns up the Gulf of Lyons every now & then. I never saw such a sea except in the Atlantic. Vessel, however, behaved well. Landed at Marseilles at 8 PM, was too sick to go on straight, so slept in a hotel, the Yankee & Armitage doing ditto.
	26 Dec, Thu	8 AM to 11 PM in the train from Marseilles to Paris. I was sick & uncomfortable. The Yankee told me his history which was largely the history of the Panama Canal. It was most interesting. He thinks both canals will be built some day. The French seem to have collected 250 millions of dollars & to have only got value for some \$8,000,000! The Yankee’s early career was amusing. Clerk in a drug store – then owner of one in San Francisco. Went to Panama with a brother who was mechanical genius. Invented dredging machine & took huge contract, &c.
	27 Dec, Fri	Woke up in Bristol Hotel where the Yankee took the rooms usually taken to Prince of Wales. Armitage & I said goodbyes to our strange acquaintance & went to London – I had telegraphed Mary to get me rooms in Chapel St. as I was too seedy to go to St. Jas Club as I had intended. So I stopped at 9 Chapel St. where I found her children & Conny at dinner. Went on to 49 L[owe]r Belgrave St. where they had taken lodgings. My trip has cost me £104.18.
	28 Dec, Sat	Diarrhoea continued. Had to call in a doctor who put me on boiled milk as the only food & indoor life until he comes again on Sunday – pills & physic also of course. Found some 40 letters awaiting me mostly requiring answers – several letters that it was very unfortunate not having got before, several letters asking me for loans. Frank Kemp called on me & we had a good talk on the Windsor Kemp Plunkett combination to do an Omaha real estate business, I of course being sleeping partner barring what I can do over here.
	29 Dec, Sun	Mary & Conny came to see me as also Monteagle. Black fog & lamp light all day. Got through some letters.
	30 Dec, Mon	Still kept in the house. Black fog all day.
	31 Dec, Tue	Went to the doctor & got some fresh physic. It seems that dysentery & not diarrhoea was the complaint. It has weakened me terribly.
	Year-end Summary	The chief event of my year was the death of our father on Feb. 22. This left the family without a head, Johnny being in no sense a leader. After my father’s death I found myself in possession of a fortune which made further hard work in America unnecessary and burdened with trusteeships which compelled me to be most of my time in Eng’d & Ireland. I turned my attention to social problems as far as I could with all the work I had on hand and did some good work in calling the attention of the English “Cooperators” to the needs of Ireland. If my health holds out, I think I may have some success in the same direction in years to come.