

# 1892 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’ (ſ) 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](http://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./<br>Irish Republican Army<br>(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/<br>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<br>(usu. Lord Lieutenant) | TD                | Teachtai Delai<br>(representatives in lower<br>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<sup>x</sup> 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<sup>d</sup>"). If the same usage occurs in close proximity, the expanded version is generally not repeated.

## 1892

### Events:

17 Jun – Ulster Convention in Belfast; 12,000 delegates resolve to oppose any Home Rule parliament

**7 Jul – Elected Unionist MP representing South Dublin**

29 Sep – Belfast Labour party formed (first Labour party in Ireland)

### Publications:

- *Report of 24th Annual Co-operative Congress*, Rochdale, pp. 8-9, 111

- *Third Report of the Royal Commission on Crofters, Cottars and Colonisation*, Cd. 6693, xxvii, pp. 351-363

- “Report on Emigration to Canada to the Members of the Congested Districts Board”, 15 May 1892 in Morrissey, J. ed., *On the Verge of Want* (Crannóg Books, Dublin) 2001, pp. 221-8

### Government:

*Prime Minister*: 3rd Marquess of Salisbury (Conservative) to 18 Aug; William Gladstone (Liberal)

*Chief Secretary*: William Lawies Jackson (to 18 Aug), John Morley

*Lord Lieutenant*: Marquess of Zetland (to 18 Aug), Robert Crewe-Milnes, Baron Houghton

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £108 ; \$1 = \$23

| Correspondence<br>[Notes]                                 | 1892       | Diary Entry  |
|---|------------|--|
|   |            |  |
|   | 1 Jan, Fri | Cap Martin Hotel, Mentone. Sat on the cliffs all day & did nothing. Good for the nerves but not exhilarating. Good for me I daresay. Our party, I should say as this is the first entry in the book, consisted of Fingall & Daisy, Mary Murphy & self.   |
| [CB – Companion of The Most Honourable Order of the Bath] | 2 Jan, Sat | Walked into Mentone with F. & met Thos Browning C.B., private sec’y to Balfour. Called on Mrs. Lynch & had a long talk on Irish & other matters.   |
|   | 3 Jan, Sun | Browning came to dejeuner with us & I walked back to Monte Carlo with him and had a good talk on Irish affairs.  |
|   | 4 Jan, Mon | Fingall – bored to death & consequently very cross left for home. We were all glad as his boredom was infectious. Sir C. Hall Q.C. M.P. & Christopher Sykes (snob) came to the Cap Martin Hotel. The former was interesting on the subject of the Marine conference at Washington held in /89/90. I had met him on the way out. The way the Yankees got hold of the English suggestions & put them forward as their own was amusing. He made all the interviewers and press men call together – a good hint. |
|   | 5 Jan, Tue | Mrs. Herbert of Llanarth & “Fogey” Riddell came to our Hotel. After dinner we all drove into Monte Carlo and had a mild gamble.  |
|   | 6 Jan, Wed | Daisy & I went to Nice – she to shop, I to call on the Ducies. They were out & we went back to Monte Carlo where we picked up the Herberts & drove back to Cap Martin.   |
|   | 7 Jan, Thu | Mrs. Herbert & Fogey left.   |
| [Roquebrune or Roguegrune]                                | 8 Jan, Fri | Mary, Daisy & I got 2 donkeys & went up to the hills above Roquebruin [ <i>sic</i> ], a charming old world little hamlet in strange contrast to the gorgeous novelty of Monte Carlo nearby. After dinner Daisy & I went into Monte Carlo & had a mild gamble.  |
|   | 9 Jan, Sat | Daisy & I went to Monte Carlo in the afternoon. Mary not strong enough to run about so much.   |

| Correspondence<br>[Notes]              | 1892        | Diary Entry   |
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|  | 10 Jan, Sun | We all went via Cannes where we dined with the Herberts to Grasse where we arrived at the only Hotel (“Grand”) at midnight. It was 1100 feet above the sea & we expected to be a bit braced before going home. I was much better in stomach but my throat was ulcerated & sore and my general strength low.   |
|  | 11 Jan, Mon | Found cuisine bad but air certainly bracing. Daisy & I found we could climb about the mountains all the waking hours of the day. Here Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, aetat 75 a “Young Irishman” who had gone to Victoria when Keogh & Sadleir blasted the hopes of the Irish party of the day. He had, prior to ten years ago when he retired to rest, been prominent in Victoria politics – Prime Minister or leader of oppos[ition] for some 15 or 20 years. He had been a boon friend of Carlyle and was certainly a very interesting man. He seemed gloomy about the Irish cause, though he refused to admit that the “national aspirations” would ever be damped. |
|  | 12 Jan, Tue | Mountain climbing in the rain Daisy & I both happy. Mary not able to do so much hard exercise.<br><br>A long talk with Gavan Duffy. He told me he had arranged the Parnell interview with Ld. Carnarvon & that to his certain knowledge Ld. C. had promised to concede a scheme of Home Rule if his colleagues would consent. Lord Salisbury, G.D. thought would have consented if the Lib[eral] Unionists had not offered a more tempting alliance at the critical moment.   |
|  | 13 Jan, Wed | D & I went to Cannes to make arrangements for our journey home with Thos Cook & Son.  |
|  | 14 Jan, Thu | The English all the world over saddened by the news of the sudden & unexpected death of the Duke of Clarence, the P[rin]ce of Wales’ eldest boy. We had all just subscribed for wedding presents to him & the Princess Victoria (May) of Teck when the marriage bells are suddenly changed to the funeral tolling.  |
|  | 15 Jan, Fri | Left Grasse 2.30 train. It had rained most of the time & the sun had only shown [ <i>sic</i> ] once for a second. Still we were much the better for our trip. At Cannes we delivered up Mary whose cure was to be continued to the Riddells & the Herberts. Then Daisy & I took the wagon-lit in the “Train de luxe” to Paris, Wass & Mrs. Jones having gone on an hour or two ahead in the Nice Express to make ready for us in Paris.   |
|  | 16 Jan, Sat | Arrived in Paris Daisy & I & rested most of the day, the journey having tired us both a bit.  |
|  | 17 Jan, Sun | A Paris Sunday is certainly less dreary than a London one! The life & spirit of the people keeps one cheery – merely the sight of them. Saw John Dunville & his wife honeymooning. Very happy apparently but not an interesting couple. Daisy & I saw a bit of bourgeois life in Paris at the casino in the evening.  |
|  | 18 Jan, Mon | A little shopping in the luxurious Club train Paris to London. I went to Burlington Hotel, Cork St., Daisy to 19 Dover St. So ended our cousinly honeymoon!   |
| [ <i>mis en scene</i> – stage setting] | 19 Jan, Tue | Busy of course all day & missed Dunning’s help. In evening took Daisy to Henry VIII at Lyceum. Splendid “ <i>mis en scene</i> ”, Irving inaudible – Ellen Terry at her best.  |
|  | 20 Jan, Wed | Spent two hours with Mrs. Ernest Hart at Donegal Industrial   |

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|                               |             | <p>Fund, 43 Wigmore St., an active useful vulgar egotistic woman. Fenwick called &amp; told me that Markby had died day before. He will be a great loss. He was a really good man &amp; a family friend. Saw E O Greening of the Agric'l &amp; Hortic'l Society – the cooperative agric'l assoc'n. Had a talk about creameries &amp; gen'l pos[iti]on of coop movement towards agriculture. He told me a lot about the tyranny of the Wholesale in their attempt to get everything done for the consumers. Saw Daisy out of her hotel en route for Ireland &amp; dined with Conny.</p> <p>B.B.Co. annual meeting. Berthon failed at last moment and George Price only looked in for 20 minutes. Nothing settled.</p> |
|                               | 21 Jan, Thu | <p>Pelton meeting at Wm. Coleman's house, 40 Grosvenor St. All partners present. Declared £1500 per sha[re] &amp; div[iden]d. Visited poor Markby's partners. Saw Colmer re Colonisation Board. Saw Dunning nearly convalescent. JG Butcher called on &amp; reported sick. Rest of day writing letters &amp;c.</p>   |
|                               | 22 Jan, Fri | <p>Saw Dr. Broadbent (W.H., M.D.) 34 Seymour St. He gave a poor account of my physical cond[iti]on &amp; urged me to rest – Nux Vomica &amp; arsenic as Laffan had prescribed for 3 or 4 months with interval of 3 or 4 days every 3 weeks or so. Milk &amp; whiskey first thing in morning &amp; beef tea last thing at night. Left London at night for Ireland.</p>  |
| [His wife had recently died.] | 23 Jan, Sat | <p>Arrived Dublin &amp; spent day with Tuke picking up threads of C.D.B. Then went down to Lyons where Denis &amp; Emily were both fighting their sorrow in concern for the greater sorrow of poor Valentine. All looked in first rate physical cond[iti]on.</p>   |
|                               | 24 Jan, Sun | <p>Spent the day walking about the place.</p>  |
|                               | 25 Jan, Mon | <p>Came to Dunsany by midday train. Busy fortunately till Johnny &amp; Dunning arrived by evening train.</p>   |
|                               | 26 Jan, Tue | <p>Had to spend the day in Dublin for a CDB Committee (Land).</p>  |
|                               | 27 Jan, Wed | <p>Tried a hunt with the Wards. Too weak &amp; fell off at a down fence at which chestnut "freaked". Good hunt though &amp; I got some pleasure for my indiscretion.</p> <p>I am unhappy about Johnny. He insists in nipping &amp; drugging himself into invalidism. He is undoubtedly threatened with Bright's disease and will succumb to it if he does not live a life of self denial. A sad prospect for one so weak.</p>  |
| [8 stone, 13 lb. = 125 lb.]   | 28 Jan, Thu | <p>Weighed 8 st 13 lb naked. Hugh Cullen &amp; Langley, Johnny's Kilkenny agent came &amp; prosed all day. Dr. Laffan also came and "vetted" me. He did not give a very good account of me, but he has told me of many little recipes for adding bulk to my stature.</p>   |
|                               | 29 Jan, Fri | <p>Cullen &amp; Langley went. I had half a day on the Chesnut with the Meaths – good run from Colistown, which I saw badly, being too weak to ride hard.</p> <p>My dear friend Denis Lawless came by midday train.</p> <p>Had to talk with Johnny about his life &amp; prospects &amp; tried to make him face that he was fooling away life &amp; health while he might be making much of both. He in return told me that Daisy was being talked about in connection with me. Fortunately D. &amp; I fully understand each other &amp; F. understands both.</p>  |

| <b>Correspondence<br/>[Notes]</b>                                       | <b>1892</b> | <b>Diary Entry</b>   |
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|   | 30 Jan, Sat | Denis, Johnny, Dunning & I walked the place for cock. We only got a couple. Wrote letters most of the day.   |
|   | 31 Jan, Sun | Work & rest all day Falkiner being seedy in Dublin. The Fingalls dined. Denis makes a charming companion and really helps poor Johnny.   |
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| [SJ FRUI – Society of Jesus; Fellow of the Royal University of Ireland] | 1 Feb, Mon  | CDB meeting in Dublin. Also had a long conversation with Rev. T Finlay S.J. F.R.U.I. on agric'l cooperation. He had studied it in Germany & France & was quite an expert. He will attend the coming agric'l conference in Limerick.  |
|   | 2 Feb, Tue  | Denis & I went to 4.25 train, he home, I to Abbotstown to Ion Hamilton, the chairman of the Regist[ration] Assoc'n of South Dublin County. He had "Bobbo" Staples, Somerset Maxwell & C.P. Coote staying with him, also 2 old ladies. I liked Lady Victoria – a strong sensible woman who was bringing up 6 strong sensible looking children.  |
|   | 3 Feb, Wed  | Hunted with the Wards by train coming back to Abbotstown. Nice gallop on Laceman. Mrs. Jackson (Mrs. Chief Secretary) dined. A stout substantial sensible businessy motherly woman, not a society leader.  |
|   | 4 Feb, Thu  | Spent day in Dublin returning to Abbotstown. Met my chief supporters in S Dublin at the Regist[ration] Office in Dawson St. Made a short speech thanking them & outlining my politics. Well received.  |
|   | 5 Feb, Fri  | Left Ion Hamilton's – stopped Special at Blanchardstown & hunted at Black Bull, Chesnut. Cold wind – no scent. Returned Dunsany.   |
|   | 6 Feb, Sat  | A day at the desk.   |
|   | 7 Feb, Sun  | Ditto. But we dined at Killeen where Richard Farrell one of my constituents was staying to talk over South Dublin affairs.   |
|   | 8 Feb, Mon  | Denis Lawless came. I worked at the Report of my Amer'n trip all day.  |
|   | 9 Feb, Tue  | Gave Denis a mount on the Bay & rode Laceman at Trim Station. The Bay bolted with D. and he fell on the hard road at the meet & got a bit of a shake. I went on & had a poor run from Newhaggard to Rahinston. Went up to K St. Club by last train.  |
|   | 10 Feb, Wed | Went to Limerick by morning mail & spent the day with Stokes, Gibson & Anderson preparing for the conference of creamery delegates. Met Bp. O'Dwyer who told me that he regretted my going into politics, that Fr. Finlay was the ablest man in Ireland, that Kerry girls employed by Limerick farmers went wrong – were considered fair game – that the creameries kept boys away from school but that he wished success to our organisation. |
|   | 11 Feb, Thu | Conference only brought together about a dozen delegates & some 6 or 7 more. We had a really good business discussion and thrashed out the cooperative agency scheme. I presided successfully & I think harmonised the proceedings. Returned to Dublin where I stayed the night.   |
|   | 12 Feb, Fri | Came down by morning train to Kilmessan & hunted at Bellinter.   |

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|                           |             | Nice hunt from Ross Plantation to Corbalton via Gerardstown. Returned to Dunsany whence I found Denis still invalided by his fall on Tuesday. Johnny had gouty throat but was much better.  |
|                           | 13 Feb, Sat | Beau Watson came. Johnny played with his magic lantern – the newest toy and I worked at my Report of Amer'n trip – & so the day went by.  |
|                           | 14 Feb, Sun | Shirked Church. Fingall, Watson & I drove to Bective where we lunched with John Watson & talked horses & hounds. The Fingalls dined with us.  |
|                           | 15 Feb, Mon | Did some work. Sold my bay horse to a very nice dealer who came to look at him for a good price. Went to Dublin (K. St. Club) & spent the evening with Shannon, my agent in South Dublin looking over the registry. If I liked to be a rabid Orangeman I could get in. As I won't it is problematical.  |
|                           | 16 Feb, Tue | Levée day but I did not attend as I had to go to the second Levée, being engaged to stay at the Castle for it. I worked all day at the Congested Districts work & in the evening went out to the Under Secretary's Lodge to stay the night with Sir West Ridgeway. He is a nice fellow & knows his official work well. He is a good judge of men. His wife is painted & perfumed, very affected & a bad housekeeper. Great show & little to eat & that bad.   |
|                           | 17 Feb, Wed | Was to have hunted home but the Wards did not go out. It snowed hard. So stayed in Dublin all day, did more C.D.B. work and had a long talk with Daisy who was staying with "good" Mrs. Browne.   |
|                           | 18 Feb, Thu | Felt very seedy though I was most careful while I was away. My throat remains ulcerated and inflamed & evidently I am in very bad condition internally. I <u>must</u> give up work & yet it crowds on me. Two days away have piled up arrears.<br><br>Beau Watson left. He told me after pressing me as to whether I had any idea of marrying the Countess Maggie that she would marry me but loved him. No one ever behaved more honorably than he has throughout and I will do all I can to get the old man to finance the match. |
|                           | 19 Feb, Fri | Worked all day. It was too hard to hunt. Weather quite arctic.  |
|                           | 20 Feb, Sat | Was going to Dublin for C.D.B. & Meath Hunt meeting. Former put off & as it was snowing & blowing I did not go up for latter. Day mostly in house.  |
|                           | 21 Feb, Sun | Too wretchedly wet for Church. Walked over to Killeen & stayed for dinner.  |
|                           | 22 Feb, Mon | To Dublin for C.D.B. Agricultural Com'tee meeting. Called on a couple of constituents, Sir E Verner (K. St. Club & Bray) and J. Barnardo the fur seller who is a member of the registration assoc'n council. Called also on Ed[itor] "Express."   |
|                           | 23 Feb, Tue | Hounds met at Killeen & I took half a day. Poor sport though I left them going to a good covert Brush Farm at 2 & I hope they had a good gallop as there was the largest field I ever saw in these parts.   |
|                           | 24 Feb, Wed | Had a good gallop with Wards on Chestnut. I have nearly made up my mind to sell my horses & hunt no more as fear I am not   |



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|                           |                     | strong enough for physical and mental work & I shall never give up the latter. But it is a wrench.<br><br>Johnny had Oliver Brighton, his wife, daughter & school over & amused himself & them with his scientific toys.   |
|                           | 25 Feb, Thu         | To Dublin for C.D.B. meeting and back to Ferrans Lock where the Fowlers sent for me & put me up for a meet. I was much shocked in the morning by being told by Laffan that Johnny's urine analysed showed symptoms of Bright's Disease, or rather 'cirrhosis' of the kidneys. This is inevitable. The mischief has probably not gone far & may be arrested – would be by very careful living. But what hope of that!                                   |
|                           | 26 Feb, Fri         | Hunted Laceman with Meaths at Summerhill. Left before any sport to see Johnny before he left for England. Had a good talk with him about his state & begged him to give up everything for his health.  |
|                           | 27 Feb, Sat         | Dublin for C.D.B. 2½ hours meeting at Castle to consult with Crown Solicitor & try and get out of the muddle many of our affairs are in.   |
|                           | 28 Feb, Sun         | Managed to get to Kilmessan for Church. Otherwise the regular Sunday betw'n Dunsany & Killeen.   |
|                           | 29 Feb, Mon         | Went to Trim to attend a <del>Unionist</del> meeting of subscribers to the Meath Unionist fund for next gen'l election. Saw grand jury for first time Gradwell Sheriff – we decided to leave the disposition of the funds to a com'tee of which I am to be one and not unless under special circumstances to run a candidate.<br><br>Half yearly meeting of Dunsany Coop Stores. A/cs showed that Dublin competition was lowering our sales & profits. |
|                           |                     |  |
|                           | 1 Mar, Tue          | Hunted in a bitter east wind. Met at Carrolstown. Bad long day. No scent. Rode Laceman. Dined Killeen.   |
|                           | 2 Mar, (Ash)<br>Wed | Did penance in shape of business. Worked most of the day at speech making, preparing impromptus &c &c.   |
|                           | 3 Mar, Thu          | Went to Dublin for various Industrial meetings. Slept at 8 Merrion Square with Mrs. Browne who dined some constituents. Oh what people.  |
|                           | 4 Mar, Fri          | Busy all day visiting out & in evening made my first South Dublin speech. Almost 200 of the Rathmines people were the victims. It was a success. I was very moderate – decided on the Union – open on other questions. Put up the night at 8 Merrion Square exhausted with the effort.   |
|                           | 5 Mar, Sat          | Speech seems to have pleased Express & Irish Times praised it much & editor of former means to back me up.<br><br>In evening returned to Dunsany bringing Stokes, Anderson & J Blount with me to have a creamery conference.   |
|                           | 6 Mar, Sun          | Father Finlay came down for the day and I had very interesting talks with him. He (a Nationalist) quite approves of my attitude in South Dublin. We talked cooperation all day and I have every hope we shall progress with our organisation rapidly now.  |
|                           | 7 Mar, Mon          | Hounds met at Dunsany but I had to come up to Dublin for a   |

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|                           |             | C.D.B. meeting. I heard in evening that the Royal Meaths “found” Mrs. Leonard’s tame deer & hunted it into to the Boyne, the waters of which saved it. Went out to Dundrum to a big dinner with J.G. Nutting (Gortmore Dundrum) and made a bona fide extempore speech for 25 minutes. It was not very successful. Slept at the Castle where I was to put up for the week. Dunning came up with me.   |
|                           | 8 Mar, Tue  | Levee at the Castle. C.D.B. (Industries) Home Industries Assoc’n &c took all the day. Stupid fashionable people at Castle.   |
|                           | 9 Mar, Wed  | Worked most of day at speech for Kingstown on the morrow. At night Drawing room at Castle. Dreary function but dazzling enough to a cross between a country bumpkin & a hermit.  |
|                           | 10 Mar, Thu | Monthly C.D.B. meeting. Working at speech. I find I am above the heads of the audience & must come down. I am glad however I have shown that I think. The Kingstown audience was 600 to 700 strong & received me well in spite of the arctic weather which is the worst of the year so far. I spoke very badly, that is I had a good speech in my pocket but my wretched memory spoiled it. After the meeting I had to attend a Ball at the Castle. A hard day’s work. |
|                           | 11 Mar, Fri | Father Conway of Carraroe, Tuke & Rut[t]ledge Fair lunched with me at “The Royal Hotel”. I interviewed a Blackrock constituent for a long hour, took Fr. Conway to tea with their Ex’s & attended the State Ball.  |
| [Ormonde]                 | 12 Mar, Sat | Their Ex’s asked me to stay over Sunday which I accepted. I worked all day in Dublin & was on the whole cheered as to my prospects in South Dublin. The Spectator of today calls my Rathmines speech “masterly” and myself a very able man!<br><br>The Ormonds [ <i>sic</i> ], Lady Mary Grosvenor, Hon. Hamilton-Russell & self only guests outside staff household & family.   |
|                           | 13 Mar, Sun | Worked at next speech for Tuesday. Walked with His Ex from Castle to V[ice].R[egal]. Lodge. A very limited intellect but some common sense & great caution. One could not help thinking of Ld. F. Cavendish while walking alone with the representative of the hated Anglosaxon.   |
|                           | 14 Mar, Mon | Returned to Dunsany by afternoon train – dined at Killeen. Monteagle down for the night to talk over creameries & Irish politics.  |
|                           | 15 Mar, Tue | Worked all day making a speech to be delivered at night at Blackrock. Put up with George Orr Wilson (Dunardagh, Temple Road, Blackrock). He is I believe very rich. His wife is ambitious & she told me she had a son who could have bought Killeen if it had only been on the market a little earlier. She had always had her “eye on the old Castle”. This was a stab but I did not wince. I spoke the speech or as much as I could remember!                        |
|                           | 16 Mar, Wed | Returned to Dunsany by Ward Special and hunted Laceman, mounting “Tommy” Dundas on the Chesnut. Had Wilkinson to dinner to do Dunsany estate a/cs for the year.  |
|                           | 17 Mar, Thu | Writing a speech for the morrow most of the day. Dined at Killeen.   |
|                           | 18 Mar, Fri | Meaths at Kilmessan. Glorious day. Enjoyed my ride. Whole hunt   |

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|                           |             | came into lunch! Dunning & I went to afternoon train to Dublin & on to Thornhill, Bray where R. Farrell put us up for a meeting of the Cabinteely District voters. I made a long dull agric'l speech. They bore it well.  |
|                           | 19 Mar, Sat | Returned to Dublin for a I.I.A. meeting and went back to R. Farrell's to canvass in the neighbourhood. Converted one voter & possibly more. Returned to Dublin again & put up at K St. Club.  |
|                           | 20 Mar, Sun | Walked to Ion Hamilton's to lunch & back via Under Secretary's Lodge to Club. Dined with Wolseleys at Royal Hospital to meet Burdett Coutts M.P. Mahaffy was there & offered to do ½ hour on a platform for me when the Election comes on. Lord Wolseley is a charming host & his wife is clever too. They had a Miss Moore (now professional) staying there & she sang hymns, Scotch songs & the Wearing of the Green quite beautifully.                   |
|                           | 21 Mar, Mon | Returned morning train to Dunsany and worked at letters most of the day.  |
|                           | 22 Mar, Tue | Spent day in Dublin – C.D.B. Agric'l Com'tee & Chicago Exhib'n com'tee at City Hall.<br><br>I was attacked by the Irish members in Commons last night & ably defended by Balfour upon my candidature which they Irish intimated I was using my pos[ition] on CDB to forward.  |
| [enceinte – pregnant]     | 23 Mar, Wed | Hunted with Wards. Rode Black, well carried. Fingall told me privately Daisy was 'enceinte'. Dined at Killeen.  |
|                           | 24 Mar, Thu | I rode & mounted West Ridgeway with Meaths at Batterstown. Some good gallops – short & sweet. Ridgeway put up with me for the evening.  |
|                           | 25 Mar, Fri | Went to Dublin for C.D.B. meeting (Industrial Com'tee) 2½ hours. Did some canvassing in Rathmines house to house & found the villa people stupid beyond belief. Some did not seem to know they had votes or what constituency they were in. If Home Rule passed they would not know it for 5 years. Stayed at Royal Hotel & put up Daisy & her sister. Took them to the Theatre. Got a heavy cold.  |
|                           | 26 Mar, Sat | Called on Fr. Finlay & had a politico industrial talk with him. He told me the Priests in Dublin had no political power. In the country they had & would have for many years to come as they were the only people who had any educ'n & could be consulted about everything. The red-hot curate was getting less & less influence. C.D.B. meeting to meet Mrs. Hart who did not turn up. Wrote some letters & did some more canvassing. Returned to Dunsany. |
|                           | 27 Mar, Sun | A very busy day writing letters and doing Cooperative Dairying work. Among my other duties I am one of 3 parochial nominators for Kilmessan & I had to go & consult with N. Preston about filling vacancy. Nothing very promising applied yet.  |
|                           | 28 Mar, Mon | Got up early & got through a good deal of writing. Then rode Chesnut & Laceman with Meaths at Bellinter. Bitter cold day. Dined & slept with the Dunvilles, nominally for a meet at Sion next day. But have to go Dublin.   |
|                           | 29 Mar, Tue | Dublin early train & back to Dunsany. Mrs. Ernest Hart took up most of the day asking assistance from C.D.B. and discussing   |

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|                           |             | amalgam[atio]n of Donegal Industrial Fund & I[rish].H[ome].I[ndustries].A[ssoc'n]. at Chicago Exhibition.   |
|                           | 30 Mar, Wed | Busy in the morning. Then hunted with Wards – outlying deer in ?Crokes' wood. Nice gallop in lovely weather. Off to Dublin by afternoon train. Met Mrs. Ernest Hart with Peter White & Prof'r. F Wright & finally arranged terms of joint exhib'n at Chicago betw'n Donegal Industrial Fund & Irish Industries Assoc'n. Rev. John Verschoyle came to dinner at Club. He is still acting ed[ito]r of Fortnightly [Review].   |
|                           | 31 Mar, Thu | Drove to Milford, Carlow by mail with Anderson (who arrived last night in Dublin) & back by mail. Held a meeting of farmers, only a dozen or so attended in town of Carlow & made a good speech & impression. Hope something may come of it.  |
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|                           | 1 Apr, Fri  | Dublin all day. Back to Dunsany for dinner at Killeen where a cheery party Lady Conyngham, Burrows, Carden & Mrs. "Willie" & brother George were assembled.   |
|                           | 2 Apr, Sat  | Dublin again to see Lady Zetland who had asked me to [go] to Donegal with her. Found her private sec'y against it & not having time decided not to go. Had interview with Jackson – an hour's talk – on dairy instructors, what a change from Balfour. Such common clay! Verschoyle came down to stay till Tuesday & suggested that I should take a further departure on the lines of my other speeches – viz a truce & postponement of H.R. in favor of material development of country.                               |
|                           | 3 Apr, Sun  | Church in morning. Kitruie in afternoon, 3 Murphys including Lady Mary returned from abroad, Fingalls & 3 Eustis' from Lagore dined here.   |
|                           | 4 Apr, Mon  | Spent whole day working up speech for the morrow with Verchoyle's help.   |
|                           | 5 Apr, Tue  | Worked hard with Verschoyle all day over my Dalkey speech & went to Dublin by 4.25 train to deliver it. Saw Editor of Irish Times & got his support for the line I am taking. Meeting crowded & I was in fair form.   |
|                           | 6 Apr, Wed  | Canvassed in morning Rathmines.<br><br>John Preston died. 77 years old at least & looked 60 within a few weeks of his death. A fine sportsman, an honorable uneducated gentleman. A link with the past I suppose happily ended.<br><br>General meeting I.I.A. Lady Aberdeen in chair. Had a good talk with her about H. Rule. She thought my line would have worked 6 years ago but now it was too late. The trend towards H.R. was too strong in Scotland. Dined with Charles Martin, met Lady O'Hagan & Father Healy. |
|                           | 7 Apr, Thu  | Canvassing Rathmines. C.D.B. work with Kennedy, I.I.A. meeting & back to Dunsany dining Killeen en route to talk over governorship of Tasmania with Fingall.  |
|                           | 8 Apr, Fri  | Rested. Hounds were to have met here but J. Preston's death has practically ended the season.   |
|                           | 9 Apr, Sat  | Attended poor John Preston's funeral. It was a sad sight as the "whole country side" were there to see the last of one of the old   |

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|                           |                       | school of squires – a man nobody’s enemy except his own.<br>We walked from Bellinter to Kilmessan, a dreary custom in Irish obsequies. “Trivy” & Fingall came for Sunday till Monday, Daisy having gone to the Londonderrys.   |
|                           | 10 Apr, Sun           | Of all the bores that ever lived poor “Trivy” is the greatest. I was seedy with a threatened return of dysentery & his ceaseless talk was quite killing.<br>He & I did Kilmessan & poor Falkiner had a sad sermon to preach. He had buried the ‘squire’ the day before & this was his goodbye sermon.  |
|                           | 11 Apr, Mon           | Still seedy. Trivy left afternoon train & Fingall after dinner.  |
|                           | 12 Apr, Tue           | Still seedy but better. Rode over to Bellinter & found poor Gussy still very lugubrious. He begs me to be one of his 3 ex[ecut]ors “to give a tone to the thing”!  |
|                           | 13 Apr, Wed           | To Dublin. Very seedy. Cold day made me worse. 4½ hours C.D.B.   |
|                           | 14 Apr, Thu           | Saw Dr. Little again. He took a good deal of trouble & found as he said a “Congested District” in the upper bowels. He prescribed a rather aperient course of drugs – with salicylic acid to disinfect my inside.<br>C.D.B. monthly meeting.   |
|                           | 15 Apr,<br>(Good) Fri | Business at Dunsany all day – chiefly C.D.B. papers. Daisy came back last night from Mount Stewart & told me a lot of Irish political news. I walked over to N. Preston’s & learnt that he was going to join in a general litigation over the Bellinter property. I thank my stars that owing to a blunder in the will I am not an executor.                               |
|                           | 16 Apr, Sat           | Spent day in Dublin canvassing in Rathmines chiefly. A dreary profitless task!<br>I was asked by the Alexis Roches to put up at Old Court to meet old Goschen and to address a Primrose League meeting at Mallow.  |
|                           | 17 Apr, Sun           | Walked to church where a curate (applicant for Kilmessan Parish) preached a fluent sermon which greatly pleased the congregation I believe. Gussy came to lunch & talked over Bellinter affairs. Dunning & I dined at Killeen where they had a cheery Fairyhouse party.  |
|                           | 18 Apr, Mon           | Very cold by withal enjoyable day at Fairyhouse. The coach went. But Daisy asked me to drive her as in her condition “alarms, excursions &c” are undesirable. Crowd of the usual people. No new faces that I could see.  |
|                           | 19 Apr, Tue           | Busy all morning at Dunsany at my desk. A horse dealer came to buy Laceman but said he was at least 15 years old & would not buy. Went to Dublin with Dunning afternoon train & on to the Shapland Tandys at Kingstown. These energetic people had a meeting of 35 of the local committee for taking districts & allocating for the voters in them. Put up at Royal Hotel. |
|                           | 20 Apr, Wed           | Canvassed in morning. Did Spring cattle show. Dined at Royal Hospital to meet Goschen. Told latter I had good chance in S.   |

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|                                   |             | Dublin & urged him to send over good speaker to support my candidature. He seemed interested in me.<br><br>Meath Unionist Fund met at Morrison's Hotel & I attended & took part.   |
|                                   | 21 Apr, Thu | Canvassing & various business in Dublin. Had long interview with J A Scott, editor Irish Times on Unionist situation in Ireland (outside Ulster). Had a talk with Jackson upon impolicy of English Conservative & Liberal Unionist organisations determining to contest all Irish seats Local opinion notwithstanding. He seemed to 'catch on'.<br><br>Left by night mail for London.      |
|                                   | 22 Apr, Fri | Arrived at cock crow & put up at Burlington Hotel. Saw Johnny (looking much better) Mary & Conny. Monteagle Lumley (about sale of Paddockhurst & Killeen) & failed to find several political people – all out for Easter. Dined with Verschoyle at Grosvenor Club (late Gallery).  |
|                                   | 23 Apr, Sat | Called on Lady Monteagle. Beau Watson came up to consult me about his love affair & I gave much time to it. Dear Denis came from Winchester to see me and lunched with me. I did some shopping, attended the Pelton quarterly meeting called at 7 PM for my convenience and left London by night Irish mail. Slept at Chester.   |
|                                   | 24 Apr, Sun | Left Chester & crossed to Dublin via Kingstown. Found invit[atio]n to Chief Secretary. Went out very tired to find him gone and his fat wife trying to dispose of difficult daughters to young soldiers!<br><br>Saw & had long talk with Ashbourne about impolicy of contesting hopeless seats in Ireland.   |
|                                   | 25 Apr, Mon | Busy in Dublin all the morning & afternoon. Among other things the Kilmessan Parish Board of Nominations met at Hammam Hotel & we unanimously elected a Mr. Drought parson for Kilmessan. Then I went to Gowran Grange for Puchestown. Droghedas, "Hammy" Stubbers & de Robecks chief constituents of party.   |
|                                   | 26 Apr, Tue | Rather seedy. But the day was enjoyable enough. I see the great majority of my Irish acquaintances always at Puchestown.   |
|                                   | 27 Apr, Wed | Another day at Puchestown. But I had an important speech for the morrow to make which cut into my day. Then I had to come up to Dublin & dine with Ld. Plunket to meet nearly all the bishops of Ireland and at an At Home all the parsons available. Such a black squash. But Rev'd. Gentlemen fit into narrow space. Slept at Shelbourne Hotel where Daisy & her sister were putting up. |
|                                   | 28 Apr, Thu | Meetings all day. Meath Hunt 11.30, Unionist Alliance Council 12, IIA 3.30 & then a great meeting of Unionist Alliance at Round Room Rotunda, Londonderry in chair (Saunderson expected) & self among leading local speakers. I made myself heard but not understood. I spoke to the thinking people – spoke well I think – was appreciated by them & taken on trust by the Orange mob.    |
|                                   | 29 Apr, Fri | I.I.A. Chicago Committee & 3 com'tees of C.D.B. took nearly  |

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|   |             | <p>whole day. Surely I am being overworked.</p> <p>News keeps coming from Wyoming of the expedition made by my old friends – Hesse, “Tesche”, Billy Irvine, Frank Canton, de Billier &amp; many others against the rustlers who have taken charge hold of the whole Johnson County and stolen most of the cattle. It is a sad story. Their force some 50 strong was completely outnumbered &amp; would have been exterminated had it not been for the arrival of the U.S. Cavalry.</p>                                     |
|   | 30 Apr, Sat | <p>Canvassed early in Rathmines. Then committee meeting of Unionist Alliance to <del>urge</del> discuss question of holding Convention for rest of Ireland about time of Ulster Convention.</p> <p>In afternoon went to the laying of foundation stones (5!) of Methodist Chapel in Charleston Road Rathmines. Returned to Dunsany – but not to rest.</p>  |
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|   | 1 May, Sun  | At my desk nearly all day. Dictating to Dunning, which I do more fluently now, I can certainly get through a great deal of work. Did no devotions & only walked to Killeen & back.   |
|   | 2 May, Mon  | An early start for the Mail at Enfield. Met in train C. Kennedy & Peter White with whom I went on to Foxford. There we looked over Sister Bernard’s woollen factory & industrial school in connection with the Convent of Mercy & I showed Kennedy & White some specimens of Congested District poverty. We took up Father Denis O’Hara of Kiltimagh, a rather political but good feeling priest & drove to Swineford where we all put up at Mrs. Mellet’s excellent Hotel. Very tired – slept well.                       |
| [Plunkett variously spells this Ballaghadereen, Ballaghadereen, Ballaghaderein and Ballaghadetine.] | 3 May, Tue  | At cock crow off to Ballaghadereen (via Charleston where we interviewed Canon Loftus) & at once visited the Convent of Mercy where a knitting industry was in full swing. We had a long conference with the managers, the Bishop of Achonry and many priests as to how such an industry could be economically helped by the C.D.B. I think we solved the question. Drove to Castlereagh & came home via Enfield. Cold driving all day, but Green in the train & heard a good deal about Fishery experiments in Galway Bay. |
|   | 4 May, Wed  | Busy in morning writing letters & preparing a speech. Then went to Dublin where the Beaconsfield Habitation of the Primrose League had a dance in the Leinster Hall which I had to address. They talked about making their engagements & the band tuned up while I spoke. Only a few could hear me. It was an ordeal.  |
|   | 5 May, Thu  | Worked at many things in Dublin in the morning, all political & industrial. Then went out to Dundrum where Ball drove me round canvassing & finally brought me to Dinner with his father the Ex chancellor. Then I went to a committee meeting at the Town Hall Rathmines & tried to get workers for the coming struggle.  |
|   | 6 May, Fri  | Canvassed in Rathmines & came across 3 Plymouth brethren of the “Exclusive” sect whose kingdom was not of this world & who could not vote. Most of day then Unionist Alliance work. Came back to Dunsany to take it easy, but with big arrears of work on hand.  |
|   | 7 May, Sat  | Arrears of correspondence took nearly the whole day.   |

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|                                   |             | Lord Salisbury made a rabid speech to the Primrose League yesterday saying H. Rule meant religious civil war. My moderate position will I fear be more & more difficult as the time of the Election draws near.  |
|                                   | 8 May, Sun  | Monteagle came by morning train to spend the day & sleep at Dunsany. We talked politics galore. Walked about & went to tea & dinner at Killeen.  |
|                                   | 9 May, Mon  | Canvassing all day. Dined at St. Georges Yacht Club, Kingstown, my first appearance since election.  |
|                                   | 10 May, Tue | Canvassed 4 hours in morning & spent afternoon at Unionist Alliance working at Convention for June 23.   |
|                                   | 11 May, Wed | CDB Fisheries & Finance committee meetings almost whole day. Did some canvassing – another attack of dysenteric diarrhoea coming on.   |
|                                   | 12 May, Thu | C.D.B. most of day. Christopher Redington & old Tuke dined with Dunning & me at Royal Hotel. I was very seedy. But I had a long talk on Irish affairs & politics with C.R. who is a very able exponent of Morley's Home Rule theories. When confined to abstract discussion the Home Rulers certainly have the best of it.   |
|                                   | 13 May, Fri | C.D.B. Fisheries, Finance & whole Board. Very seedy & so got through little else.  |
|                                   | 14 May, Sat | After a sick day in Dublin in which I did little except attend a meeting of the Unionist Alliance re the Convention to be held June 23, I returned with Dunning to Dunsany.  |
|                                   | 15 May, Sun | Seedy. Very busy day as usual in arrears of correspondence.  |
|                                   | 16 May, Mon | Day in Dublin for C.D.B. committee meetings, doctor (Little told me I was wretchedly low, pulse 56 and very weak, rest absolutely necessary) Unionist Alliance, Anderson up from Doneraile & altogether a hard day for which I was quite unfit.  |
|                                   | 17 May, Tue | Navan Races. I was seedy & determined to spend the day wholesomely. Went with the Killeen party. Dined at home. Strict wholesome 7 hours in open air & immunity from work did me much good.  |
|                                   | 18 May, Wed | Went to Dublin for a conference at Leinster Lecture Hall to get up the Convention of June 23. It came off (Fingall in the chair) & was fairly satisfactory. The moderate basis was propounded & accepted but not liked. I was going on to Galway for an inspection of the Fishery experiments of the C.D.B. but Tuke went instead which gives me a chance of getting well before going away. Came back to Dunsany with Dunning & Anderson who was up to talk creameries. |
|                                   | 19 May, Thu | Dublin again for CDB business & meetings of IUA re Convention June 23. Getting gradually over my dysenteric attack.  |
|                                   | 20 May, Fri | Arrears of correspondence. Heard from & wrote to Hesse about the war with the "rustlers" in Wyoming. Dined Killeen.  |
|                                   | 21 May, Sat | Dublin by early train. Canvassing Unionist Alliance &c. Then at 2 P.M. lunch & I, taking Dunning as Sec'y, start for a week in Donegal on C.D.B. business. 7½ hours train to Londonderry where we slept at Imperial Hotel. Of course we saw nothing of the historic town. But the streets were full of people wandering  |



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|   |             | about after their day's work – so much more like any other country than Ireland.   |
| ['Irish mile' – 1.27 English statute miles (not an official measure after Jan. 1826)] | 22 May, Sun | Drove 18 Irish miles to Carndonagh where we went to Church, saw a station, interviewed 2 priests. Then on to Buncrana (10 more [Irish]. miles) in a driving rain storm where we found ourselves in a capital watering place Hotel – evidently we were on the tourist route. Alas my dysentery is threatening. Nothing but a long health holiday will ever cure me.   |
|   | 23 May, Mon | Left Buncrana 9.15 & drove to Fahan up Lough Swilly, 20 minutes across in a Ferry to Rathmullen & drove to Milford where we attended the cattle & horse fair. On to Dunfanaghy where we made further enquiries & slept in a fair hotel. Passed Glenveagh, my old acquaintance the late John Adair's place in the distance. Drove through wild mountain & bog scenery.<br><br>I am getting better in this fine air but my stomach is very sensitive to bad food.  |
|   | 24 May, Tue | Called on P.P., engaged. D[istrict].I[n]spector. not up. Edmund Murphy, Receiver General whom we saw over night but wanted more infor[matio]n from, also in bed, 9 AM Drove to Gweedore having a long interview en route with old Olphert of Falcarragh fame & then "good" Father (James) McFadden. At Gweedore found Micks & spent the day with him inspecting Mrs. Hart's factory, a harbour &c &c. Spent comfortable evening in clean comfortable Hotel.  |
|   | 25 May, Wed | Drove with Micks to Dunglow where we saw Miss Sinclair who showed us a sewing class – part of Mrs. Sinclair's work – saw a station. Then drove through Conyngham's property mostly – past Valentine's fishing lodge & Glenties where we met many local people & Gahan our Inspector. We went through bona fide Congested Districts & wild rugged scenery. Still seedy but better. Micks returned from Dunglow to Gweedore.   |
|   | 26 May, Thu | Adding Gahan to our party, we drove to Ardara (where the biggest, monthly, flannel market is held). Here I went on with luggage on separate car to Carrick as the rest of the party were going to take a walk round the coast too long for me. I spent the afternoon examining Teelin harbour & pier & picking up information with a view to forming an opinion as to the suitability of the locality for a fishing station. Wrench & Dunning returned late with Gahan who had taken them a walk which would have killed me. |
|   | 27 May, Fri | Wrench much too fond of scenery to investigate Congested Districts. Today we were scenery hunting – successfully – most of the day, at any rate all the morning we were climbing Slieve League. Grand scenery truly. In afternoon made our way to Killybegs where we inspected the harbour &c. with the P.P. who thought Killybegs would be the harbour for American steamers in the near future. Stayed at Killybegs in a fairly good hotel.  |
|   | 28 May, Sat | Drove from Killybegs to Donegal through a flourishing country mostly and largely through further estates of that wretched little Marquis. Woke up seedy after the too long & arduous climb of the previous day. Light R'y to Stranorlar, broad gauge to Strabane (to be reduced to narrow!) & then took lunch and got letters. Returned to Drogheda & Navan. At latter I put up with Mrs.  |

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|   |             | Willie to stay over Sunday. Dunning returned to Dunsany. Found Daisy, Marchioness of C. Andrew Carden & two Haigs (male).  |
| [Household of the 4th Marquis (Henry Francis) and Lady 'Fa' (Frances) Conyngham.] | 29 May, Sun | A quiet Sunday. Daisy & I drove to Slane where I saw the splendor of those noble parvenues for the first time! It is a fine place in many ways & there are interesting relics of the Fourth Georgian Harem in it. Saw two nice children one of whom took a bit after her. The rest of the brood (6 in all) I fear take after the dipsomaniacal sire. It is a sad history – came in with women & looks as if it might go out with wine. She however is a strong woman if a bit passionate & will improve the chances of the line. |
|   | 30 May, Mon | Back to Dunsany morning train and busy all day writing letters political, social, industrial &c &c.  |
|   | 31 May, Tue | To Dublin, canvassing &c. Then out to Kingstown for a meeting of the local organising com'tee – the best organising committee – “don't care where the other is” in the United Kingdom – preceded by dinner with Mrs. Tandy. Put up at Anglesea Arms Hotel leaving Dunning in Royal Hotel   |
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|   | 1 Jun, Wed  | Canvassing most of the day. In evening had a meeting of working men in Parochial Hall, Harolds Cross. ½ hour impromptu – not very successful. But audience small attentive & nice. Slept at Kingstown which is worth the waste of time by its trains ½ hour, on account of better air.   |
|   | 2 Jun, Thu  | The same work in Dublin. Shannon came down to Dunsany with D. & me for the night. He thinks my election almost a certainty.  |
|   | 3 Jun, Fri  | Dunsany till afternoon train. Then Dublin & across to Chester. Met John Dillon M.P. on the steamer & talked about the Congested Districts. Anderson was with me. He poor fellow was seedy enough from over work. His brain is I fear slightly injured. He complains of violent headaches.  |
|   | 4 Jun, Sat  | To Manchester & Rochdale where the Central Board held its meeting at 10.30. Then a co-operative gorge, a co-operative exhibition, meeting cooperators & trying to remember names & all the usual Saturday Congress work. Back after I had had as much as I could stand – Anderson more, for he left quite early – to the Grand Hotel, Manchester where we are putting up.  |
|   | 5 Jun, Sun  | Poor Anderson better, but very seedy. Monteagle & I went out to Staleybridge to visit his friend J.F. Cheetham (Eastwood) Gladstonian candidate for High Peak dis[tric]t of Derbyshire. Continuous smoky town to Staleybridge [ <i>sic</i> ]. Then a wild country which we climbed about. Back to Hotel in afternoon not liking to leave Anderson too long.  |
|   | 6 Jun, Mon  | Mitchell Pres't Wholesale Soc'y gave inaugural address to Congress. Never heard such a failure. Day's proceedings flat & unprofitable in consequence. Was sorry I came. Sidney Webb, Miss B Potter, Gray, Wilkinson of Manchester Guardian, Sir Hickman Bacon (Etonian friend) & some others, 12 in all dined with me at Hotel.  |
|   | 7 Jun, Tue  | At today's Congress Anderson, Monteagle & I said a few words each about our work in Ireland. We were all well received. I made Tom Mann's acquaintance. I liked the man. He is the best kind of  |

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|                           |             | labour leader. Honest & strong – even violent where he scents injustice. Very able in argument and withal fair. Weather very hot. A[nderson] & I made our way to Holyhead & there slept as far as is possible with all the modern improvements in steam rooms going on all round.   |
|                           | 8 Jun, Wed  | Crossed over on a smooth sea & cloudless sky, a really enjoyable passage. Met Dunning in Dublin & off to a small meeting at Dundrum after a feed with the Nuttings. I am getting to speak without such difficulty as heretofore.  |
|                           | 9 Jun, Thu  | High pressure today. Up early & in to Dublin. There met Monteagle & Anderson & conversed on politics & cooperative matters. Wrote large arrears of correspondence, attended Unionist Alliance meeting. Then 2½ hours at C.D.B. and after dining & seeing off Daisy at Mail “Boat” a meeting at Kingstown & another at Killiney! Then to bed.  |
|                           | 10 Jun, Fri | Canvassing. I.U.A. meeting and convention arrangements meeting in Blackrock & Dalkey (2 speeches) at night.   |
| [Harolds Cross]           | 11 Jun, Sat | A long day’s canvassing with a Unionist Alliance (Convention arrangements) meeting & a meeting at Harolds + (organisation) at night – very tiring. Moved from Kingstown to K. St. Club. Thoroughly worn out.  |
|                           | 12 Jun, Sun | Came down by morning train & found poor Johnny alone at Dunsany. I was with him as much as possible though I had much writing to do. He is in low spirits about himself & thinking that he cannot live long, a sad sad life.  |
|                           | 13 Jun, Mon | Canvassed in Dublin all day & at night made my worst speech more effectively than I had spoken before – at Rathmines Town Hall. Johnny talked for 20 min[utes] very amusingly & indiscreetly & brought down the house which was well filled & overflowing.  |
|                           | 14 Jun, Tue | Another weary day’s canvassing. Moved out to Kingstown at night. Rather seedy from previous night’s excitement.   |
|                           | 15 Jun, Wed | Canvassed in Law Courts. Worked up Convention. Canvassed at Killiney – attended meeting of supporters at Sunnybank (Little Bray) called at 10.30 to the Counsel with Mrs. Tandy & wrote many letters.   |
|                           | 16 Jun, Thu | Day spent in Irish Mail getting to London. Called on Mary & Daisy put up at Burlington.   |
|                           | 17 Jun, Fri | C.D.B. meeting at 10 Downing St. All members present except Fr. Davis. Saw Balfour at H. of C. & called on Conservative & Lib[eral] Unionist assoc’ns to get help for canvass. Blank draw.<br><br>Had Fingalls, Wrench, Mary and Denis to dine at Wellington. Poor Beau Watson called late having been asked to the wedding of Countess Maggie whom he loved to Herbert Bismark in Vienna. I advised him not to go. |
| [Dorée]                   | 18 Jun, Sat | Making calls & writing a speech for Fingall for Convention on 23rd took most of day. In evening dined Mrs. Willie, Andrew Carden & Daisy at Maison Doree Club which I have joined. You pay a small subs[cription] for sake of having an excellent French dinner utterly ruinous to digestion.   |

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|                           | 19 Jun, Sun | Still at speech for Fingall with whom I breakfasted. Dined at Mrs. Willie's flat. Did some calls.   |
|                           | 20 Jun, Mon | Left London by morning mail after being up late night before & arrived at Anglesea Arms, Kingstown. Found that the McCarthyites had put up Esmond[e] (Sir Thomas Grattan MP) against me. If he runs I ought to win easy. Had to address Conservative working men in evening.  |
|                           | 21 Jun, Tue | Canvassing & attended meeting at old Shannon's (13 Leeson Park) in evening.   |
|                           | 22 Jun, Wed | Canvassing & trying to prepare for work of two following days. Fingall arrived from London in morning and I had to spend much of the day coaching him for his ordeal on the morrow.   |
|                           | 23 Jun, Thu | Dublin full of delegates from every county for the great 3 southern provinces convention. We filled the Leinster Hall & annexe. D Plunket was the chief speaker, others being representative S of Ireland Unionists. Fingall presided in the chief Hall & read a striking speech which I wrote for him. It will have historic interest I think. I moved the vote of thanks to him, was audible & effective as far as matter went. But manner still shocking. Johnny was up. Never saw the K. St. Club half as full. |
|                           | 24 Jun, Fri | Canvassing, then in ev[enin]g spoke at large meeting – 20 min – & overflow meeting about 40 min. Did pretty well but made some enemies by indiscrete remarks. Johnny, D Plunket, Tom Pim, S. H. Butcher & Fingall spoke for me.<br><br>The Convention has done good I think. The English papers hardly notice it! Stupid stupid unionists.  |
|                           | 25 Jun, Sat | Canvassing all morning. Then a meeting at Protestant Hall Up[pe]r Rathmines & another at City & Co Conservative Club, 42 Dawson St. Spoke fairly well extempore at latter.  |
|                           | 26 Jun, Sun | Quiet day at Dunsany going down by morning train. Knocked up by work of last few days. Johnny looked pretty well.   |
|                           | 27 Jun, Mon | Came back to Dublin. Very seedy. Did a little canvassing – saw Dr. Little but got no advice worth much. Take it easy was all he could say & possibly that was the only cure.  |
|                           | 28 Jun, Tue | Very seedy soar [ <i>sic</i> ] throat & general inflam[matio]n of mucous membranes. Spent day mostly in writing my election address which was out of the common if not very good. At night addressed the Rathmines Thrift Society on the dangerous subject of Cooper[atio]n.  |
|                           | 29 Jun, Wed | Canvassing all day. Had two horses up yesterday & so took a ride in evening. Very seedy still.  |
|                           | 30 Jun, Thu | Rode on Sandymount strand before b[reak]fast – a good beginning to a day's "personal canvass". In afternoon canvassed with Tandy at Kingstown and at night had another meeting of the K. Committee.<br><br>I made a slight concession towards tax[atio]n of ground values in one of my speeches. That was the only mistake I made. The matter is not ripe or sufficiently worked out in my own mind to deal with. At Kingstown it did me harm I think.  |

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|                                   | 1 Jul, Fri  | Canvassing all day.   |
| [QC – Queen’s Counsel]            | 2 Jul, Sat  | Canvassing after a ride on the sands where my companion was John Atkinson Q.C. (yesterday made Attorney General) & who told me a good deal about the Parnell Commission. In evening down to Dunsany for a quiet Sunday – quiet only in order that I may get up a speech.  |
| [8 stone, 11 lb – 123 lb]         | 3 Jul, Sun  | Worked all day nearly at preparing my speech for Tuesday. Johnny was in desperate low spirits which rather depressed me. Weighed 8 st. 11 lbs naked.  |
|                                   | 4 Jul, Mon  | Early to Dublin. Went down to nomination at Kingstown. Went through ?fuss without hitch or row. Other candidates did not appear. Canvassed in city in day & out at Dundrum with Ball at night.  |
|                                   | 5 Jul, Tue  | A little canvassing – then meeting & learning up my speech. Then a good meeting at Rathmines sporting club where I was backed by David Plunket, Thos. Pim Jr., Col. Waring, J.H. Campbell Q.C. & Ion Hamilton (in the chair) all of whom spoke well & in order of merit as above except that Campbell was better than Waring.   |
|                                   | 6 Jul, Wed  | Breakfasted after ride in Park with Iveagh. Met Sir F. Leighton & Ld. Rowton. In afternoon with Daisy, Mary Murphy, Miss Keene & Henrietta Gradwell to Garden Party at Vice Regal. Never saw such a funny collection of people. The wise men of Europe seemed to be assembled in their funny academical robes & extraordinary academic hats. Met many interesting people – all kind to me. Had a talk with Lecky.   |
|                                   | 7 Jul, Thu  | The polling day. From morning till 8 P.M. was rushing from one polling station to another shaking hands with supporters and trying to guess how people voted. JG Nutting drove me in his coach from Dublin to Dundrum, Cabinteely, Kingstown & Blackrock. He drives erratically & the Blackrock Nationalist folk started a rumour that the coach had upset & I was killed! I finished up at Dundrum where, although the labourers were coming up in their hundreds, I received an ovation & was carried up Rathmines Road on the shoulders of my supporters without having my head broken. At Committee rooms at night, I hearing I have won hands down.  |
|                                   | 8 Jul, Fri  | At 10 AM we had a gathering of the chief supporters of all the candidates for the count at Kingstown. It soon became evident that my papers were far in excess of either of the others & finally when the figures were declared it came out Plunkett 4371, French Mullen 2261, Esmonde 1452, a majority of 658 over both combined as against 1700 and HR majority in /86. A grand victory. Mary & Monteagle came to hear figures announced. I refused to address the mob for fear my supporters might get hurt. Back to Dublin where I received congratulations every few minutes by wire and many shakes of the hand. Dined at Kings Inns, big function of Ld. Chancellor with T.C.D. Tercentenary distinguished guests. A tiring triumphant day, an epoch in my career. |
|                                   | 9 Jul, Sat  | Wedding of Lady Hilda Dundas to Southampton, a bidden guest,  |

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|                                   |             | Levée dress, St. Patrick's Cathedral & after to Viceregal Lodge. Many more congratulations. Every one pleased. In evening brought Mr. & Mrs. Tandy down to Dunsany to have a quiet Sunday. They are my chief supporters in Kingstown. On arrival at Dunsany the labourers who had celebrated victory with a bonfire the night before met the wagonette & dragged it up to the Castle from half way up the avenue.   |
|                                   | 10 Jul, Sun | Wrote 28 letters in answer to congratulations. Went to Kilmessan with the Tandys, first time since new parson "Drought" came – very mediocre except the brogue. Fingalls & Murphy's dined here.   |
|                                   | 11 Jul, Mon | Left for Dublin in the morning. Hard at work writing letters of thanks for congratulations &c. In evening decided to go over to Beguilty to vote in what was expected to be a close contest, so left by night mail & slept at Chester.  |
|                                   | 12 Jul, Tue | To Knighton where I was driven out to Beguilty & voted for Joseph Bradney C. against Frank Edwards (C.-L.) Had lunch with Rev'd. Abraham Thomas. All very quiet. Back to Chester where at the Queens I found Rev. Theobald Butler who had come from Windermere to vote for me!  |
|                                   | 13 Jul, Wed | Back to Dublin by day Irish mail. The Sol[icito]r-General (Carson) was fellow passenger – not a quite first class man. At night I spoke to a large Orange Demonstration in Leinster Hall. I was told the R.C.'s would never vote for me again if I did so. But I had more fear of the Orangemen as I was determined to plead for tolerance towards tolerant R.C.s. This I did I think successfully. It was a rather restless meeting by the time I spoke as some speakers had greatly exceeded their share of the time. |
|                                   | 14 Jul, Thu | Wrote many letters. Got one from Balfour congratulating & published it. Went down to Dunsany by midday returning by afternoon train. Spent most of time at Killeen with Daisy whom I found alone and rather depressed. Returning to Dublin I dined with old Reichel, son and daughter, meeting Sir John Banks who asked me to dine on Wednesday next and Dr. Ball, ex Chancellor. Interesting evening.  |
|                                   | 15 Jul, Fri | Letters. letters. letters!  |
|                                   | 16 Jul, Sat | More letters! I have nearly done thanking people now. I was going this morning to Galway to cruise about in the Congested Districts Boat. But Green sent such muddled telegrams that I could not make up my mind & decided to wait till after monthly meeting of Board on 21st.   |
|                                   | 17 Jul, Sun | Came down to Dunsany morning train & spent most of day at Killeen. Throat bad. Rest necessary.  |
|                                   | 18 Jul, Mon | Took a ride with Fingall in the morning. Did a lot of letter writing, played lawn tennis with Dunning who seemed to be just my match, neither of us having played much last two years, & generally did too much. Fingalls went off to Galway & I lunched with them to talk future plans. In this solitary district it is dismal enough when one's only cheery neighbour goes. I felt blue.  |
|                                   | 19 Jul, Tue | Very seedy again with dysentery. Possibly in the warm weather – though it does not feel very warm to me – I may shake it off easily But tomorrow & next day I have C.D.B. meetings, have to   |

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|                           |             | dine out tomorrow with Sir John Banks, M.D. who would not excuse illness about which he had not been consulted. If I get through next two days I shall go to the West Coast & try to recuperate.  |
|                           | 20 Jul, Wed | Left Dunsany early with nasty attack of dysenteric diarrhoea. Had day of weakness & wretchedness during which I tried to get through a meeting of C.D.B. com'tees. Had to dine with Sir John Banks – large stuffy party – managed, though frequently assaulted with table hospitality, to get off with few mouthfuls of food & ½ glass port. Felt better at night.  |
|                           | 21 Jul, Thu | Much better today. Had Dunning up to write some letters &c. C.D.B. monthly meeting. Then off to Galway where I arrived at 10 P.M., called on the Fingalls – he had gone to a ball! & found Daisy. Talked over their plans and went on board the S.S. Fingal, chartered by C.D.B., at midnight. Had comfortable cabin. Crew consisted of “W.S. Green” Master, a friend of his & a boy just through T.C.D., 1st & 2nd mates as far as I could hear & 6 others all told. Very amateurish! Green had taken on sister-in-law Miss Butler as passenger. Rather a drag on work chiefly on her a/c – she wanting to land at Valencia we are going round the coast S. instead of N. where I think more important work had to be done by C.D.B. |
|                           | 22 Jul, Fri | After a somewhat disturbed night got up to an 8 o’c breakfast to find the Fingal anchored in Killeany Bay in the Big Aran Island. Went ashore to see the water supply which we are to improve & then went on in a rather upsetting swell to Ballyheige where we inspected a proposed harbour site & finally anchored in Limerick harbour for the night. Already better.   |
| [Cuas Crom]               | 23 Jul, Sat | Went back on our course to Brandon Creek (about 2 miles) before breakfast. Inspected proposed works there. Then steamed across Dingle Bay to Cooscrown [ <i>sic</i> ] & Coonanna taking the Great Blasket on the way, & on by Valencia where we got letters to Ballinskelligs Bay. We anchored at Waterville where we supped with J. Butler one of the CDB’s inspectors, a fishing squire, high sheriff, land agent, many spinster sisters (getting on), an aunt or two &c. We left Miss Butler at home there. Greens had 2 children visiting them but did not bring them off glad to say. Nice little girls. Beginning to feel benefit of sea air.   |
|                           | 24 Jul, Sun | Took it easy to give the crew a rest. Went ashore & talked to J Butler – saw another Butler (R[esident].M[agistrate]. I believe) whom I had met here last year. All the party went to church except this heathen who preferred to meditate & bask. At 1.30 we went on board. There was a little trawler anchored beside the Fingal & who should emerge from it but Johnny’s friend ?Pike & his wife, John Alexander & some others I did not know. Went into the Kenmare River, inspected a few points & made our way round to Crookhaven where we anchored. Weather quite perfect.  |
|                           | 25 Jul, Mon | Early off to Dunmanus Bay where we went back to see some fishing villages which wanted help. There we steamed into Skull – saw Horace Townsend who was enthusiastic at the prospects of the place – “another Glengarriff <u>if</u> it only had the trees” (& the mountains, Cap[ital] I. But you have the necessary faith) & on to Baltimore where we felt sure we should find Fr. Davis as there was a mission there. But he had not got back from Dublin where  |

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|   |             | he attended the Board meeting Thursday last! Started 5 PM for Dublin.   |
|   | 26 Jul, Tue | A horrid tossing in the night. Choppy head sea 5½ miles an hour. Got into Dublin 11 P.M. & went to K St. Club. Found 40 odd letters, slept over there.  |
|   | 27 Jul, Wed | Kept all day in Dublin Dunning having come up to answer the letters, wrote up report of trips &c &c. Dined with West Ridgeways to meet Wolseleys &c.  |
|   | 28 Jul, Thu | Dunsany by midday train. Spent day betw'n Killeen & Dunsany.  |
|   | 29 Jul, Fri | Went to Dublin on a fool's errand – Jackson having wired from London that he would like to see creameries, I went up to try & arrange to show them to him. Then he wired late today that he could not come till Sunday & probably could not go south at all, but could I see him Tuesday.<br><br>Johnny came down to Dunsany with his two boys & Bigg Wither – all looking well except poor Johnny, whose troubles with his wife were evidently telling on him. |
|   | 30 Jul, Sat | Oliver Brighton came over. Anderson came to stay over Sunday. I rested & enjoyed the fine weather though my inside is horrid sore.  |
|   | 31 Jul, Sun | A quiet day but no Church.  |
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|   | 1 Aug, Mon  | Went to Dublin with Anderson in the morning to see Jackson & try & get him to come & see some of the creameries. We succeeded & got him off by the 2.50 PM train to Buttevant whence after inspecting Doneraile creamery & dining with the Alexis Roches we put up in Central Hotel, Mallow.  |
| [Eliot]                                       | 2 Aug, Tue  | 8.55 AM train to Lombardstown. Then back to Mallow, train to Kilmallock, car to Ardpatrick & Bulgaden – stopped mail at Kilmallock & back to Dublin. I was to dine & sleep at Dundrum but the Bishop was ill & I was put off. Jackson is nothing more or less than a thoroughly trained tradesman. He has “that narrow imagination” which is admiringly called the practical mind” as George Elliot [ <i>sic</i> ] hath it.                                     |
|   | 3 Aug, Wed  | Among letters found an invit[atio]n to Viceregal Lodge “for a few days” to say goodbye to their Excellencies. Of course accepted. So went to Dunsany to see Johnny & Dunning & came up to Lodge for dinner. Found Fingalls, Inchiquins (she was Ellen White whom I admired 22 years ago!) Garrett & a very few others.  |
|   | 4 Aug, Thu  | Did some business in Dublin – saw a good polo match – played lawn tennis with His Excellency & had an enjoyable day.<br><br>Parliament met. But only to begin swearing in members & elect Speaker. Shan't put in appearance till Monday when business begins.   |
| [ <i>hic et ubique</i> – here and everywhere] | 5 Aug, Fri  | Left Viceregal & went to Dunsany where Gussy Briscoe had got up a cricket match Dunsany vs “Bog of Allen”! The latter team contained the two best bowlers in Ireland. Of course no one supposes that there are cricketers in the Bog & the name is no more absurd than Finnegan's “Hic et ubique” &c. We got 85 to  |



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|  |             | <p>their 132 which was not bad.</p> <p>Sir Charles Gavan Duffy dined &amp; slept. The old man was very interesting &amp; I greatly regretted his meeting a cricket party.</p>  |
|  | 6 Aug, Sat  | <p>Had to go early to Dublin to see Carroll at Glasnevin farm about Dairy instructor to be sent to creameries, so left Gavan Duffy to Johnny to be turned over to the Fingalls when they get back to Killeen tonight. Busy all day in Dublin &amp; went over by night mail with some other M.P.s.</p>  |
|  | 7 Aug, Sun  | <p>Arrived early &amp; went to 15 Park Lane. London deserted, went to call on the only relative in town Aunt Isabella who is watching poor Uncle Ralph rapidly dying of some bowel complaint. Went out in evening to Dunstall for dinner &amp; found Ernle in her usual state of misery &amp; in a hot quarrel with Johnny. It is hopeless to decide which is most in the wrong betw'n two such incompatibles.</p>   |
|  | 8 Aug, Mon  | <p>My first day in the House. A barren "no confidence" debate. House crowded to utmost capacity. Speaking good – Asquith, J. Redmond especially. Too busy to write much diary.</p>   |
|  | 9 Aug, Tue  | <p>3 PM to 12M[idnight] takes up more than the legislative 8 hours! We had Ireland all the time. How little the English understand the question! I shan't speak. But if I did I should electrify some of them!</p> <p>West Ridgeway &amp; J.G. Butcher dined at S[t.] Stephens Club with me.</p>   |
|  | 10 Aug, Wed | <p>No House today. Poor Uncle Ralph, who is dying rapidly of some horrible internal cancer, all his organs and brain being unimpaired, sent for me to tell me he had made me his Ex[ecut]or. It was a sad interview. He dies bravely &amp; uncomplainingly. "I have lived 71 years &amp; lived every year of it. My affairs are all arranged, you will have no difficulty. Goodbye my dear Horace. May you have a long and successful Parliamentary career. Goodbye". I was greatly affected. I asked him if he had absolute confidence in his solicitors. He said yes. They were Crawley Arnold &amp; Co, 20 Whitehall Place, S.W.</p> <p>Lunched with Lady Aberdeen &amp; met Lord A. for first time. They don't know whether they go to Ireland. They hope so. Looked over 104B Mount St., J. Weld Blundell's lodgings. Said I would take them most likely for rest of his lease furnished.</p> |
| [teller – person appointed to count votes] | 11 Aug, Thu | <p>Out of a House of 670 we today divided 660 exclusive of 4 tellers! 310 ag[ain]st no confidence vote, 350 for, HR majority as at Gen'l Election 40. So exit Ld. Salisbury &amp; Balfour. The excitement was great considering everyone knew result beforehand. The Irish Home Rulers behaved abominably.</p> <p>Colonisation Board meeting at 4. Did nothing. But was introduced to my colleagues.</p>   |
|  | 12 Aug, Fri | <p>The I.I.A. took nearly my whole day. A meeting with Mrs. Hart, Peter White &amp; Lady Aberdeen in the morning &amp; a long meeting with Lady A, P. White &amp; Sinclair in afternoon. Saw something of Aberdeen. He is a muff – good amicable creature but physically weak.</p> <p>Dined with Sinclair to meet Monkswell. S. is a Toynbee Hall</p>  |

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|  |             | radical – the other I think a place hunting one. Didn't like M. No principles I should say.   |
| [ <i>modus vivendi</i> – way of living, usu. a compromise] | 13 Aug, Sat | Saw Ernle on her way through London to Eastbourne where she was to “brace up” for a few days with an old lady. Tried hard to get her to come to Dunsany & let me try & discover a <i>modus vivendi</i> . No avail. She is wounded by Johnny's treatment of her & says she will never stand it again. I fear intervention of [ <i>sic</i> is] hopeless. Went by 4.10 train to Chester where I dined & took the North Wall train on to the mail boat. This is the best way to do the journey I find.  |
|  | 14 Aug, Sun | Went to Dunsany by morning train & returned to Dublin to sleep. Spent day chiefly talking over with Johnny his future plans & the relations betw'n him & his wife. I would give worlds to make things better betw'n them & have slight hopes that my influence may do good.   |
|  | 15 Aug, Mon | Left Dublin by 6.45 AM train for Donegal where I found Daisy & Miss Angelica Keenan with the Marchioness at The Hall, Mount Charles. Came here to have a complete rest for few days. I met Micks in train. He went on to Carrick from Donegal – Mount Charles is on the south side of the promontory on north side of Donegal Bay & is not at all a bracing place. We are to go on to Carrick. But we have to wait till Harry Burroughs comes on Wednesday.   |
|  | 16 Aug, Tue | A grand day's loafing & I felt much the better for it. With Daisy as a companion one needs no occupation. We boated & drove to see Donegal castle a 15th century ruin with a few beautiful windows, Fireplaces &c. Otherwise we existed, Daisy & I happily, the Marchioness I think contentedly as he Harry Burroughs was coming in the morning. Miss Angelica Keenan was happy with the children, having an instinct that way.   |
|  | 17 Aug, Wed | Harry Burroughs arrived with about 10 pieces of baggage & a valet. The latter & some of the former took an extra car. But we all drove via Killybegs where we lunched to Carrick where we slept. It was a glorious day & we all enjoyed the scenery. We were rather annoyed by the way H.B. & the Marchioness displayed their want of tact with the country people. They insisted on supplementing the local dietary, which is quite good enough, & in many other ways, well failed to show the true instincts of good breeding. But their history explains this, I fear, with the House of Conyngham & H.B. is I suppose a parvenu.<br><br>Micks was at the Glencolumbkille Hotel in Carrick & he & I visited the C.D.B.'s curing station at Teelin. |
|  | 18 Aug, Thu | We all went up Slieve League & down by Bunglass, a slow 6 hours walk with much sitting on heather, breathing of mountain air (cold north wind) & altogether a really wholesome & most enjoyable day.<br><br>James Musgrave called on me & I on him at his shooting lodge. He is a self-made Belfast city magnate – very sensible and philanthropic & worth cultivating.   |
|  | 19 Aug, Fri | Drove back from Carrick to Mount Charles. Another glorious day & I gained strength.   |
|  | 20 Aug, Sat | Daisy & I left Donegal station at 11 AM & travelling via  |

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|                           |             | Stranolar, Strabane, Omagh, Portadown, Drogheda & Kilmessan got home to Killeen & Dunsany after about 10 hours traveling. Met Emily de Burgh & ?May/Mayo on train. Found Johnny & four boys & Dunning at Dunsany all rather depressed by muggy damp weather.   |
|                           | 21 Aug, Sun | Rested. Oliver Brighton came to sleep. Went & managed to get Johnny to go to Kilmessan.<br><br>Saw T. Hewitt Myring at Killeen. He has a Tasmanian mine to sell and Fingall seems much struck with his honesty & ability. I am putting in £500 but I much dislike the first appearance of the promoter. He is however intimately known by Col. Dease who becomes Chairman of Company and is satisfied after very full enquiry that things are as stated in which case we must have a good thing. |
|                           | 22 Aug, Mon | Letters & some cricket with Oliver Brighton at Dunsany. Then to Dublin & back to Abbottstown where I am to stay for the Horse Show. Charlie Egerton & wife, a Miss Robertson or Robinson, Ld. Digby, Col. Denison & wife, J. Naper & G Fowler make the party. Dull!  |
|                           | 23 Aug, Tue | Horse Show all day. I was exhibiting my black Horse "South Dublin". He was placed 5th in a class (12 to 13.7 hunters) of 250 & was then spun for lameness. I was riding him in the ring most of the day. The judges were untiring in their work. I thought they should have placed my horse 2nd or 3rd. Met many friends. Anderson up.   |
|                           | 24 Aug, Wed | Horse Show again. Many friends seen. My horse which it appears would have had 3rd prize yesterday was passed sound by Allen the best V[eterinary]. S[urgeon]. in Ireland. Saw Mary at Show.  |
|                           | 25 Aug, Thu | 3 Committees of C.D.B., 2 political committees & 2 other meetings on my list today. 3 hours of C.D.B. work was all I could manage with Horse Show & Ball at Royal Hospital at night. Seedy.  |
|                           | 26 Aug, Fri | Left Ion Hamilton's having hardly done more than dine there since Monday! Lunched W. Ridgeways.<br><br>I.U.A. meeting. I.I.A. work with Peter White. Dined Dickson, Duchess of Hamilton's Swedish friend who is helping us re creamery inspector, at Club.   |
|                           | 27 Aug, Sat | 7.40 Mail to Newcastle West with Anderson. Inspected creamery there, at Ardagh & Shanagolden. All going on fairly well. Stayed night at Monteagle's where we met the unsuccessful candidate for High Peak dis[tric]t of Derbyshire & wife (Mr & Mrs. Cheetham) whom Monteagle & I had visited from Manchester on the Coop Congress Sunday.   |
|                           | 28 Aug, Sun | Drove to Athea – 1.5 miles & had a long meeting of the new society which had built its factory but doubted whether to buy the machinery. Confirmed the waverers & drove back via Ballyhahill where we saw some dozen shareholders to Mt. Trenchard.  |
|                           | 29 Aug, Mon | Early start for Castlemahon where we criticised the management & I think healed some sores. They were fighting and paying for it. Then to Limerick where we met Stokes who promised to act as head of the Coop: selling agency (if it could be organised) from March 1, 93. Went on to Kilcooley leaving Anderson at   |

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|  |             | Lim[eric]k Jun[ction] where he met Dunning whom he took to Mallow to help him. Found Johnny with his boys & James Dutton (Charlie D's eldest son) just arrived.  |
|  | 30 Aug, Tue | Shocking weather & I was not well. Wet feet brought on dysenteric attack. Kilcooley a/cts & letters all day nearly. Johnny had brought a big load of toys & was quite happy firing off day fireworks & giving magic lantern displays to the workmen.   |
| [j'y suis, j'y reste – here I am, here I stay] | 31 Aug, Wed | Wrote a lot of letters on Creamery & industrial subjects &c. Father Healy came over from Johnstown to see Johnny who was too seedy to give him much time. Anderson promised to wire me plans but did not. Hence I was in doubt all day what to do on the morrow. J'y suis j'y reste only course.   |
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|  | 1 Sep, Thu  | Some farmers (5) came to interview me about starting a creamery. They regret not having taken advantage of my offered help 2 years ago. They will now approach the question in the right spirit I think.<br><br>Johnny was looking wretchedly ill today. I fear there is poor chance of his exercising the self control which alone can save his life. How strange that he & I should both fool away our lives and in such opposite ways.  |
|  | 2 Sep, Fri  | Left Kilcooley 9 AM & drove to Laffan's Bridge, thence via Clonmel to Waterford. There Anderson & Dunning met me & we 3 went by river to New Ross & on by rail to Gorey where we put up at a fairly comfortable Inn. Found an intelligent Wexford farmer (a retired Q.C. no less) in the hotel with a wife laid up with rheumatic fever & got a good deal of information from him.   |
|  | 3 Sep, Sat  | The Fair in Gorey was our opportunity to find out whether we were in a possible creamery district. Lord Courtown had a meeting for us in the court house which proved rather a fiasco. He only gave people notice on the day of the meeting though he had 5 days' notice. Anderson & I dined at Courtown House with a very uninteresting party except the Dean of St. Paul who was a shining light among his surroundings.   |
|  | 4 Sep, Sun  | All efforts to get up a meeting or utilise our Sunday for creamery purposes having failed & there being no train to Dublin till night we all drove to Woodenbridge Hotel whence we looked over three of the abandoned Wicklow mines at Newbridge. I had no idea such an industry had existed. The output of iron, sulphur, ochre must have been at one time extensive. We were told by a native that 700 men used to be employed in the mines we were looking at. Dunning & I went to Dublin leaving Anderson to have a meeting at Shelton tomorrow. |
|  | 5 Sep, Mon  | Arrived Dunsany to work up arrears of correspondence. In afternoon J.E.H. Gordon (Johnny's old Cambridge friend "Jimbo" Gordon) and wife arrived. He is an electrician of some eminence & she is also clever I believe – or at any rate knows & benefits by knowing clever people.   |
|  | 6 Sep, Tue  | We were to have had cubhunting but Johnny had been too lazy to tell John Watson in time that he might come. I dined & slept at Athlumney with Daisy. I told Mrs. Willie many things in order that she might help my little friend if necessity arose.  |

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|                                   | 7 Sep, Wed  | Returned Dunsany & did correspondence, looked into coop store affairs &c &c.   |
|                                   | 8 Sep, Thu  | Came to Dublin after cubhunting at Killeen 6.30 A.M. (Rode Chesnut, mounted Jimbo Gordon on "South Dublin") to attend meetings of C.D.B. This took nearly all day. In evening called on Lady Aberdeen at Shelbourne & discussed I.I.A. affairs with her & Peter White. The latter has taken service under the I.I.A., Lady A doing for him what I do for Anderson except that she pays £500, I only £250. Stayed with Dunning at Royal Hotel. Saw S.S. Fingal in dock.   |
|                                   | 9 Sep, Fri  | I.I.A. meetings nearly all day. Came back at night to Dunsany to keep Johnny company as SS Fingal was not ready to start.  |
|                                   | 10 Sep, Sat | Left Dunsany morning train. After doing some business in Dublin left Custom House Dock in S.S. Fingal for Moville, our first anchorage. Beamish, Green, T. Shimmin, a Manxman who came as Fishery expert, Dunning & I being the saloon portion of the crew. Lovely weather & a comfortable night to start with.  |
|                                   | 11 Sep, Sun | Green & I inspected Culdaff harbour & Greencastle harbour by car.<br><br>We arrived about 10 AM at Moville & anchored there. Weather showery but calm. Rather a nasty swell off Donegal coast made Dunning & me feel uncomfortable.  |
|                                   | 12 Sep, Mon | Weather got a bit dirty & poor Dunning was very sick. It rained all day & there was a heavy sea in places. We worked round to Lough Swilly anchoring at Portsalon, having inspected fishing places at Malin Head & Dunaff Bay en route. A very civilised hotel has been started here. It pays! Mr. Henry Hart, a naturalist, geologist &c arctic explorer, on geological survey of Palestine &c &c offered to entertain us at his little house near here. But we preferred to do our writing & reading on board.   |
|                                   | 13 Sep, Tue | N.W. cold wind, roughish sea but weather improving all day. Off at 7 AM up Lough Swilly to inspect a proposed pier site. Then picked up Hart who came with us to two other inspections down the Lough. Steamed to Dunfanaghy where we got our letters, newspapers &c and anchored in Sheephaven Bay at Downies.  |
|                                   | 14 Sep, Wed | Green in bed all day with a heavy cold. The rest of us did local inspections. In evening I went over to the large wooden hotel ordered from Norway by late Ld. Leitrim in Sand Hills on the reach of land betw'n Sheephaven & Mulroy Bays, & called on C.J. Stewart. Found his wife Lady Mary (née Toler-(Norbury)) who kept me to dinner as he was out. Interested Leitrim estate in C.D.B. I had an adventurous night as when I got back to the pier at 10.30 Green had decided that I was going to sleep out. So after hollering for ½ hour I spent the next 2 hours trying to wake natives to put me ashore. Some could not be woken. Some were drunk, others afraid to open to an unexpected visitor. Some said the weather was "too coarse" to launch a boat. So I struggled up to the Coast Guard station and at 1.15 AM got a comfortable bed. The best boatman in the village was sitting asleep by his fire. I pulled out the coat which stopped up the broken pane and threw it over his head. Still no sign of life. I got an old man to come & roar at him in Irish through the window. At last a female voice admitted that her father was drunk & it would not be safe to go to |

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|                           |             | sea with him.  |
|                           | 15 Sep, Thu | On the way to Dunfanaghy to see Micks & O'Brien who came to meet us & go on to Tory we broke down, the injector aperture being choked with weed & cinders. Beamish dived over & pulled out part of the obstruction but only part. So Green tried to beach her & failed. The weather was getting worse all day & we had to go back to Downies for safe anchorage. Stewart & Manning (agent) dined on board & it was too wild for them to go ashore so they had to sleep. We arranged details of curing st[atio]n with them. Drove during day to Ards where we saw a fine dilapidated house & demesne & were entertained by the summer tenant's (The Master of the Roll's) wife (Mrs Porter) & family for lunch. |
|                           | 16 Sep, Fri | Weather very boisterous & possibly our lives were saved by not being able to go to Tory. Micks was very anxious to go at all hazards yesterday. Green & I decided to lay at anchor all today. We went & saw Stewart again & went on to see Lady Leitrim at Mulroy House. We were rather anxious about our (2) anchors dragging. But we were all right.   |
|                           | 17 Sep, Sat | Left Downies Bay & got two days' mail at Dunfanaghy. Then tried to go to Gola Roads. But when we got out into the open Atlantic we could not face it in our small craft & had to put back into Sheephaven Bay this time stopping aground off Ards house. We called (Green & I) on the Master of the Rolls.   |
|                           | 18 Sep, Sun | Weather still too bad to go to sea so Green & I determined to go south along the coast & make some inspections by land. Got a car & drove to Dunfanaghy where we got a wagonette & went on to Falcarragh & thence to Ballyness where we inspected a pier. The rain poured down all day & the wind fell so we came back to the ship – dined with the Master of the Rolls at Ards.   |
|                           | 19 Sep, Mon | Up at 5 to make our start. But unhappily the tide had been miscalculated & the chance of floating the ship was lost. Another 24 hours must now elapse – so we did some scraping & painting & Dunning & I went in to Dunfanaghy & got out some coats. This took most of the day & tomorrow we hope to start. In Dunfanaghy got a good & a bad telegram – the first from Daisy saying she had arrived safe & the second from Gussy asking me to attend poor E.V. Neale's funeral. This was the first news of his death – the end of a truly noble career.  |
|                           | 20 Sep, Tue | At last we got away from Sheephaven Bay at 5 AM. We did Tory, Innishowen and Gola Islands, Mrs. Hart's school & factory & Bunbeg harbour ?grocery where we heard that the storm of last week was one to be out of. We anchored at night in Gola Roads.   |
|                           | 21 Sep, Wed | Starting at 8 AM we did Gortnasate (Cruit Bay), Owey Island, Aranmore, Burton Port & Inishhoo. We are working hard now as the weather has cleared up & the wind is westerly & sea calm. But the work is too hard for health & the overexertion is telling against the sea cure – at Gortnasate R.C. Bishop of Raphoe, O'Donnell met us and I had a big talk with him on the C.D. problem in general. He is evidently prepared to be hostile if that pays best.   |
|                           | 22 Sep, Thu | Before 6 AM we were under weigh and worked all day making inspections, finally anchoring in Teeling [ <i>sic</i> ] Harbor. It has been such a busy day I have no time for diary. Suffice it to say that the  |

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|                           |             | work is getting into great confusion, poor Green being the most rattle brained man of business I ever say [ <i>sic</i> saw]. A glorious day though rather cold. Wind easterly, sky clear.  |
|                           | 23 Sep, Fri | 5.25 A.M. Started & worked round to Sligo by night after hard day's inspections. We had a narrow escape of losing our mast. I was steering & Green navigating in Inver Bay. He seemed worried and preoccupied so I asked him if he was sure of the course. He said it was all right & then went down to wash his hands. We touched a rock & the fishermen in the Bay all thought we were lost & came rowing & sailing up for the wreck. We just missed. Sligo (even for first time) is a dirty dreary town. We only came here for coal & water.                          |
|                           | 24 Sep, Sat | Left Sligo in a S.W. gale & went into Killala bay where we had to stay for the night. An engineer (Fraser) from Dublin met us with the P.P., an archdeacon, Town Commissioners &c in Killala to urge upon the C.D.B. the importance of making a harbour. Rather seedy having been so nearly sick. Dunning was quite turned inside out.   |
|                           | 25 Sep, Sun | Could not get out by the morning tide as a strong NW gale was blowing. So Green & I drove 18 miles (there & back 36) to Belderrig, a creek on our way south where improvements for fishery purposes were suggested. The last 8 miles were through a wild congested district & we found on the road side a little house built by an English retired businessman (I would say) named A -- d-- round which there was land reclaimed from the bay & fenced in. We called in to get information & got some from himself & wife, both of whom fear a bad winter with the poor. |
|                           | 26 Sep, Mon | Got out of Killala & coasted round in a gale (fortunately a bit off the land) to Broadhaven where it blew so violently that we could do nothing but look after the ship & go to the one spot in the curragh of the natives. They are entirely wonderful boats. A cormorant flew against our masts in the gale & dropped dead on the deck. Govertson, Norwegian fish curer of C.D.B. with us today. He has been roughing it with these wild natives & his account of their manners & customs is very entertaining.  |
|                           | 27 Sep, Tue | Another wild day. We got soused in landing and then had 54 miles drive in a gale & showers to see Portacloy, a cove in the coast of N Mayo as near the back of God speed as may be. Could not get back to the ship, so had to put up at night in Belmullet Hotel ("Erris" Hotel). Certainly Erris is one of the poorest parts of Ireland & the people are little removed from savages.   |
|                           | 28 Sep, Wed | Still blowing – a real bad streak of weather and our cruise again unfortunate. For Green left the Hotel at 6 AM to bring the ship through the canal. The local pilot was engaged & put us on a mud bank where we seem likely to stay till a favorable tide takes us off. I never remember such an unlucky attempt to get good work done. I got a chill yesterday & so did not attempt to ride anywhere but made some local enquiries of Priests, shopkeepers &c.   |
|                           | 29 Sep, Thu | Got off one mud bank & on to another. Thence we were stranded for another 24 hours! Green & I inspected a very poor district and promised to give a much needed road ?'pace' our colleagues. We saw a grand Atlantic sea breaking on a rocky shore – the finest surf I ever saw.   |

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|                           | 30 Sep, Fri | Today we failed to move the Fingal from her mud berth. So I suggested unloading her coal, anchors, cables &c and Green consented. Time was lost & up to time I was going to bed very little is off on the hooker drawn up alongside. We did not quite lose our day as we had a talk with a very good priest.   |
|                           | 1 Oct, Sat  | At last we got off our mudbank but it took us most of the day & we did little else. The weather looks as bad as bad can be & we may be unable to get to sea for days. But we shall make a bolt of it tomorrow unless it is quite impracticable.  |
| [Killary]                 | 2 Oct, Sun  | With great joy steamed out of Broadhaven harbour. Got a dusting as we expected but not as bad as most of us feared. Visited Inishkea North and South, Dooagh & anchored at Killaries [ <i>sic</i> ] Bay. This is a narrow inlet through some of the most beautiful Mayo and Connemara mountains. It is a perfect dream of lovely coloring. Met Rutledge Fair & Father Michael Farragher C.C. & had a long talk over a large scheme of immigration. Found 32 letters at Leenane.  |
|                           | 3 Oct, Mon  | Off by day break again to Boffin. Outside Killary Bay Green said he would give me a scrape of the trawl to initiate me into that part of the fishing industry. The great beam was "shot". But the net was torn to pieces, so on we went on the real business of the day & "did" Boffin, Shark & on to Clifden harbour. Saw the C.C. in absence of the P.P. & dined with Miss Mansfield, who is philanthropically & with great business ability undertaking the manning of fishing boats, curing stations &c. She & a spinster friend have taken a little house to be near their self imposed work. |
| [Berridge]                | 4 Oct, Tue  | Miss Mansfield & female friend & Father Flatley C.C. (the latter two of whom were very sick) accompanied us round Slyne Head & did some inspections with us. We left them at Bunowen and anchored in Roundstone where Green & I visited Franciscans who had schemes for technical instruction, & dined with Robinson, agent of Buridge [ <i>sic</i> ] estate.  |
|                           | 5 Oct, Wed  | Roundstone to Costello Bay. Saw during day Colonel Nolan M.P. (who reminded me of Mulhallen Marum) Father Conway of Carraroe. The weather was stormy & wet. But the course was landlocked & we were comfortable.   |
|                           | 6 Oct, Thu  | Spent the day mostly at Arran Islands (Killeany Bay) where I had to master the intricacies (always unnecessarily intricate) of Green's arrangements. Then we got into Galway by night where I at last heard from Johnny that Ernle was with him.   |
|                           | 7 Oct, Fri  | Left SS Fingal for Dublin. Dunning going to Dunsany via Enfield. At Ballinasloe George Murphy, Hugh Cullen, & others from the big fair joined the train and told us of a big drop in cattle from last year. C. Redington & T.P. Gill dined with me. I luckily remembered to order an orthodox dinner of nasty carp fish & eggs. An awful accumulation of letters!  |
|                           | 8 Oct, Sat  | I.I.A., C.D.B. & correspondence all day. Called at Castle & saw West Ridgeway who told me that Morley was going fairly straight. Went to Dunsany by ev[enin]g train where Johnny & Ernle were fairly happy together apparently.  |
|                           | 9 Oct, Sun  | Green came down & we worked up Fishery business for the  |



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|                                |             | C.D.B. meetings this week all day. Hence Johnny & Ernle had none of my time for which I was sorry.  |
|                                | 10 Oct, Mon | Went to Dublin early train & spent whole day at C.D.B. and I.I.A. meetings. Heard that poor Uncle Ralph had died on Saturday. Heard too that Daisy had given birth to a <u>daughter</u> ! Poor little woman, how I felt for her in her trials. How I longed to be with her. Dined with West Ridgeways & met the William Lowthers. Slept at Royal Hotel, Kildare Street.   |
|                                | 11 Oct, Tue | C.D.B. again all day nearly & got back to Dunsany at night. Heard constantly from Fingall. Daisy doing splendidly. This was a great relief to me. I felt miserably anxious.   |
|                                | 12 Oct, Wed | Returned to have a day's rest at Dunsany but had to work up a speech for a big Primrose League meeting at Kingstown on the morrow.  |
| [Viceroy – Lord<br>Lieutenant] | 13 Oct, Thu | To Dublin in the morning. Committee of CDB & CDB monthly meeting kept me from 11 to 5. Then off to Kingstown with Johnny & Dunning to address a crowded Primrose League meeting. I was tired out & did not do well. But I had written a speech which I gave to the papers on the proper relations betw'n the Loyalists & the Viceroy. It may do me some good.   |
|                                | 14 Oct, Fri | The CDB meeting was adjourned till today & I had several more hours of it. Old Berthon came over by the mail. But I have to go off in the morning to Limerick & was dead tired, so I did little company business.   |
|                                | 15 Oct, Sat | 7.40 mail to Limerick with Dunning. Met Anderson. They stayed in Limerick & T.P. Gill & I went to Mount Trenchard with Monteagle. I am seedy again. Dyspepsia & mucous irritation.  |
|                                | 16 Oct, Sun | Seedy all day – so sat over the fire & talked to Lady Monteagle & T.P. Gill. The latter is a rather interesting man.  |
|                                | 17 Oct, Mon | To Limerick early where I rejoined Anderson & Dunning at Glentworth Hotel and held the Fourth Conference of Coop Dairy Societies. Delegates from 18 societies came & we had a most businesslike & interesting discussion. I presided I think fairly well & was well received. They respect me if they don't like my politics. The Coop agency scheme was further advanced & I cooperated by promising to guarantee the Bank which was to advance £2000 O/D for the purposes of the Agency. Slept at Glentworth. |
|                                | 18 Oct, Tue | Tired out mentally & made little use of a morning with Anderson & Monteagle and came back to Dublin by the mail. Dined at Sackville St. Club where I met some landlords up about Evicted Tenants Commission. I am advising all I meet to try & agree as to procedure which will give them a fair hearing & then to cooperate with Commission with all their might.  |
| [GOM – Grand Old<br>Man]       | 19 Oct, Wed | To Dunsany by morning train. Johnny, Ernle & Old Berthon (G.O.M. of 80) welcomed us back again. Johnny took B. to Trim & gave me an opportunity to get some things together for my coming departure for the Congested Districts coast S of Galway & America.  |
|                                | 20 Oct, Thu | Had to leave Berthon at Dunsany and go to Dublin to meet Morley by appointment. I was to see him on Coop Creamery   |

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|                           |             | <p>business &amp;c, but he kept me busy talking over general Irish politics &amp; administration. He talked to me with the greatest frankness &amp; I liked the man. Had a long talk also with West Ridgeway. Saw Peter White, had a tooth stopped, hair cut &amp; did much shopping.</p> <p>The interesting points about Morley were his utter despair of solving the Irish question &amp; his statement that a fine opportunity would come to his successors. I gathered that these were to be very advanced Unionists.</p> |
|                           | 21 Oct, Fri | <p>Hunted "South Dublin" with Meath Hounds as they met Kilmessan &amp; were at Dunsany most of the day. Packed for the Congested Districts Boat and America. A busy day indeed as I had to write a dozen letters and make all manner of arrangements for Johnny &amp; Ernle into the bargain.</p>   |
|                           | 22 Oct, Sat | <p>Left Dunsany with Dunning 6.30 for Enfield. Took mail to Galway. In train met Percy Bernard, Ld. Ashtown (aetat 23) about County Inspector, O Milling (Co. Mayo) who told me he feared trouble next winter and Father Conway of Carraroe. At Galway found Green ready to start &amp; so went on board Fingal &amp; after a rough voyage put into the Shannon (Carrigaholt) for anchorage.</p>  |
|                           | 23 Oct, Sun | <p>Off at 7 A.M. &amp; inspected various places along coast of Kerry finally anchoring in Ventry Harbour, Dingle Bay. Weather cold. North wind. The worst of it is the choice seems to lie between cold fine &amp; warm wet &amp; rough weather at this time of year.</p>   |
| [1854]                    | 24 Oct, Mon | <p>[Newspaper item from Oct. 19 <i>World</i> pasted in:]</p> <p>Many Happy Returns of the Day! . . . Monday, October 24th, to the Hon. Horace Curzon Plunkett, M.P., born 1855 [<i>sic</i>] . . .</p> <p>Came to Dingle and made enquiries all day. Here there is a roaring mackerel curing trade for the American market, so we studied it in hopes that we might know how to get same trade started further north. Bitter cold east wind which made it rather uncomfortable.</p>  |
|                           | 25 Oct, Tue | <p>Left Dingle early &amp; came to Derrynane where we saw Dan O'Connell's grandson &amp; talked over local matters with him. He is a deaf bankrupt squire(en?) of a rough order. He has tried unionism &amp; nationalism but has succeeded at neither.</p> <p>En route stopped at Valencia where Green &amp; I looked in at the Knight of Kerry's between inspections &amp; saw old Lady Fitzgerald &amp; Miss F. who was greatly interested in the improvement of the people. I sent her coop Dairy literature.</p>          |
|                           | 26 Oct, Wed | <p>Too rough to land at Darrynane [<i>sic</i>] so we went straight up to Drumquinna &amp; anchored off Sir John Colomb's house. He took Green &amp; me in for the night. Nice wife &amp; family, comfortable house. He was Member for Tower Hamlets last Parl't but fell a victim to the march of socialism last Gen. Elec[tio]n.</p>   |
|                           | 27 Oct, Thu | <p>Left the Colombs, did some inspections, weather too dirty &amp; dark to do others. Anchored in Collorus Harbour on South shore of Kenmare river for night.</p>   |
|                           | 28 Oct, Fri | <p>Steamed over to Sneem harbour, a really lovely spot, &amp; drove to West Cove it being too rough to go by sea. We had to go back to Collorus again as Green would not trust any other anchorage. The</p>   |

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|                           |             | weather looked as bad as possible.   |
|                           | 29 Oct, Sat | Rather a rough passage down the Kenmare River, through Dursey Sound & up to Castletown Berehaven, some 30 miles. Dunning wisely walked 16 miles over land. Drove in afternoon to the mines Crookhaven & saw the melancholy sight of disused shafts with their gaunt chimneys, large dumps, roofless houses & all the signs of a decayed industry. It was a beautiful spot & to a member of the C.D.B. could be further beautified by a revival of the copper mining. We called on Fr. McCarthy P.P. about Fishery matters.   |
|                           | 30 Oct, Sun | My usual hard work. Wrote Report of Cruise all day except when we were inspecting Bear island and receiving a deputation on the pier.  |
|                           | 31 Oct, Mon | From Castletown Bere to Crookhaven & many inspections along a beautiful poverty stricken coast. Had a very hard day trying to write report of cruise.  |
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|                           | 1 Nov, Tue  | Too rough to inspect. So we looked in at Baltimore where we found Sir Thomas Brady installed in the house of poor Father Davis. Sir T.B. is a typical patriot who has combined patriotism with long service under the English administration in Ireland. Dunning went to Queenstown by rail to avoid a rough passage & the rest of us had a great bucketing. We arrived just after dark in the harbour & anchored at Monkstown.  |
|                           | 2 Nov, Wed  | Early to Cork, met Peter White & lunched with Lady Arnott re Irish Industries. She & Sir John are Bourgeois royalties & a heavy lunch was inevitable. Col. Turner was doing Demigod among them & was getting great sympathy on his dismissal. I cannot say I think very highly of the man. Monteagle, Atkinson of Glenwilliam, Anderson & Stokes came to me about the Agency scheme. This took most of the day. I slept at Imperial Hotel.   |
|                           | 3 Nov, Thu  | Up at 6 AM. 7 AM train & boat to Monkstown. Then on board Fingal & had a great rush to pack up, finish Report of cruise and get on board S.S. Majestic. The change to 10,000 tons from 160, to 20 knots from 8 was agreeable. But the passengers were mostly sick, my roommate especially so. I was sorry to say goodbye to the crew of the little white yacht and to see her steam away from the side of the Monster Liner.<br><br>Sir Julian Pauncefote & family on board. Otherwise no one of note if indeed he comes under that category. Peter White was with me. Dunning went back to Dunsany. |
|                           | 4 Nov, Fri  | 384. Strong gale W.S.W. heavy seas. Some interesting talk with Brodrick Cloete (90 Piccadilly) a rich contemporary of Randal's at Oxford, who races yachts, ranches in Mexico and finances Maxim of gun fame. He told me what they were doing with the new flying machine which M. hopes to have ready for Chicago Exhib'n. When C. suggested to M. one day that he should turn his inventive genius to solving the problem of aerial navig[at]ion, M exploded "If a damn goose can fly, surely a man can."  |
|                           | 5 Nov, Sat  | 429. Strong gale WNW for first 10 hours of run!  |
|                           | 6 Nov, Sun  | 480  |

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|                                   | 7 Nov, Mon  | 468   |
|                                   | 8 Nov, Tue  | 483 – 534 to Sandy Hook. I won the auction pool on the run. I got two numbers 483 which bought in for 10/- & 501 which I sold for 36/-. I got £54 which I must devote to charitable purposes. Gave skipper £10 for Liverpool seaman's orphanage.  |
|                                   | 9 Nov, Wed  | We arrived in a snowstorm & could not get up the river in time to land.   |
|                                   | 10 Nov, Thu | Landed early & had a very busy day in N.Y. Saw T Sturgis & learned that the Wyo Dev Co was in as bad a way as ever, the sale having completely fallen through & the Western Union Beef Co (late Amer'n Cattle Trust) was quoted at \$5 for \$100 share! Did some work for I.I.A. & enquired about -i- & prospect of introducing it into America. Stayed at Brunswick Hotel. |
|                                   | 11 Nov, Fri | Left N.Y. by Pennsylvania Limited. Had an abscess at root of left upper back tooth & suffered agonies all day. Peter White more than kind.  |
|                                   | 12 Nov, Sat | After a sleepless feverish night got to Chicago & went to bed at Auditorium Hotel prostrate. Doctor came & reduced fever but I had to keep my bed all day & could not see dentist. Peter White was more than kind.  |
|                                   | 13 Nov, Sun | Managed to get out to see W.J. Onahan & a priest re Irish village. Being Sunday, had to postpone removal of tooth till Monday. Most of pain gone.<br><br>Mrs. Ernest Hart is lecturing & doing all she knows to get the Public to recognise her and repudiate the I.I.A. as representative of Irish Industries at Exhib'n.  |
|                                   | 14 Nov, Mon | Had my tooth out by a Painless extractor who stupefied me with nitrous oxide gas. The pain stayed a bit but will gradually disappear. I did a good deal of work, saw the Chicago Exhib'n authorities & many possible lenders of money for the village, architects &c &c.  |
|                                   | 15 Nov, Tue | Finished up the IIA business & left for Omaha at night. H Teschemacher came along on his way East and told me the story of the Rustler war.   |
|                                   | 16 Nov, Wed | Arrived Omaha & put up at Paxton House – viler than ever. Found Harry Windsor, F. Kemp at Cheyenne till tomorrow. Plunged into Omaha business with Harry Windsor. Boughton has come to Irvington & will winter betw'n there & our office!   |
|                                   | 17 Nov, Thu | Frank Kemp returned & I stuck to business all day.  |
|                                   | 18 Nov, Fri | Business. I moved up to Windsor's house (S.E. cor[ner] 32nd & Davenport)  |
|                                   | 19 Nov, Sat | Dysentery! or at any rate regular catarrh of bowels. Lived on milk toast which I hope will effect a cure. But it is hard to nurse myself properly in a strange land.  |
|                                   | 20 Nov, Sun | Milk toast seems to have cured me. I shall be well by tomorrow I hope. Looked in at office but had quiet day at Harry Windsor's.  |
|                                   | 21 Nov, Mon | Better today & got on with business. Omaha Real Estate is dull – no dealing in it at all. Still I am quite confident that it has a great & near future. Took the Windsors & Kemps to dinner at a  |

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|  |             | “resturunt” & to an amateur performance of Ben Hur – “grand spectacular Pantomime[?]”. It was not too badly done. Fred Hesse came in from North Platte where he lives an exile from Crazy Woman to see me. He told me the tale of the rustler war.  |
|  | 22 Nov, Tue | Left Omaha with Boughton for Cheyenne by the 2.15 PM “Overland Flyer”   |
|  | 23 Nov, Wed | Arrived Cheyenne 6.55 A.M. & spent busy day with Chaplin, Gilchrist & Carey chiefly over Wyo. Dev. Co. affairs – Cheyenne was enough to give me the “Blue Devils”. All the old crowd were gone except a few financial prisoners. The Club was frequented by tradesmen, railroad men, attorneys, doctors &c. The talk of the town was the Cattleman’s raid & the general opinion was that the case would hardly be proceeded with. I called on Mrs. Hay out of compliment to the only straight man I know now in Cheyenne, & Mrs. Carey for my own amusement.  |
|  | 24 Nov, Thu | Finished up my business & got away by U.P. 4.20 P.M. with Gilchrist who accompanies me to Chicago where those trying to negotiate a sale of the Wyo. Dev. Co. are to be seen. I found that friend Gilchrist had behaved very shabbily to me in the several small matters where we were in more or less of a partnership. When we share the office & John Chaplin’s services I pay nearly all the expense & only get half the use.<br><br>The weather was fine & the high bracing air kept me up amid rather gloomy surroundings.  |
|  | 25 Nov, Fri | Arrived with Gilchrist in Omaha where I finished up business with Fred Hesse, W[indsor].K[emp]. & Co. Gilchrist & I left by night for Chicago.  |
| [pour encourager les autres – to encourage others] | 26 Nov, Sat | Arrived Chicago (Auditorium Hotel) at a comfortable hour in the morning. Professor A.A. Johnson Pres’t of the Wyoming University who is trying to work up a scheme for the sale of the Wyo Dev Co property & Professor Wiley, U.S. agricultural chemist met us & we went into details of their scheme. It seemed honest & to have merit. They propose to grow beets & manufacture sugar. Peter White & I went at the World’s Fair authorities again about the Irish Village. As I expected the funds were not really obtainable & I had to subscribe \$5000 “pour encourager les autres”.<br><br>Charlie Wyndham Quin came to see me. I lunched with Henry Blair to talk over the Stockmen’s trial. |
|  | 27 Nov, Sun | Winding up yesterday’s business, left for N.Y on N.Y.C. Limited.  |
|  | 28 Nov, Mon | Got to N.Y. Found Mrs. Hickox at Brunswick. But Ralph Hickox coming tomorrow. Called on Sturgis & had a talk over Johnson & Wiley’s scheme.   |
|  | 29 Nov, Tue | Col. McGhee about the Trust & other business took the day. Learned that Moreton Frewen, my only real enemy, is to sail with me on Teutonic & Ralph Hickox turned up at Brunswick Hotel & very glad I was to see him. He is a really nice Amer’n.  |
|  | 30 Nov, Wed | Poor Ralph Wortley was seedy over at Staten Island & I tried my best to go & see him. But my time was taken up fully till 2 P.M. when I went on board the Teutonic. My old friend Irving was no longer skipper of which I was very sorry. Cameron has succeeded him & is nice enough. Not very interesting party on board. Jim  |

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|   |             | Power has entrusted a Miss Alexander, Canadian to me. She is dull. Moreton Frewen is on board & it is unpleasant cutting him ?twenty times a day.   |
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|   | 1 Dec, Thu  | 349 – D[aily].R[un].  |
|   | 2 Dec, Fri  | 442 – D.R.  |
|   | 3 Dec, Sat  | 457 – DR  |
|   | 4 Dec, Sun  | 435 – DR  |
|   | 5 Dec, Mon  | 444 Sun.  |
|   | 6 Dec, Tue  | 464. 206 to Queenstown. A little after midnight we landed & met Jim Power on the Quay. He is certainly the kindest man I ever met. He had come down to meet his girl friend from Vancouver – no startling news. The S. Meath election petition had gone against the R.C. clergy & Jay Gould was dead. Of family news, only that Johnny had sailed for Ismailia in the Austral & Ernle was to join him at Naples. Slept at Queens Hotel Queenstown which was crowded by the passengers of the German S.S. Spree (7000 tons) which had been towed in from 500 miles at sea with 3 compartments full. The passengers had 3 days of intense anxiety before they were sighted. |
|   | 7 Dec, Wed  | Early to Cork where Anderson met me and told me the Coop Dairying news. Stokes had refused to take the management of the Agency. Went to Dublin by mail & met Dunning at Royal Hotel.   |
|   | 8 Dec, Thu  | C.D.B. nearly all day. Found new colleague – R.C. Bishop of Raphoe. Evident that Morley is determined to make popular appointments. He asked Davitt who fortunately refused as I heard privately. Michael Davitt in a public speech had stated that the sole object of the late Gov't in forming the C.D.B. was the booming of H.C.P. in South Dublin! How could I serve with such a knave or fool?   |
|   | 9 Dec, Fri  | C.D.B. all day & then to Dunsany with Dunning. In the train I met Erskine Booth whose father had a week or so ago <del>dropped</del> died suddenly at Bective staying with the John Watsons. Erskine B., whose money had all been lost out West unhappily, is now owner of his father's place in Wicklow which is stripped of all outdoor & indoor movables & subject to a head rent. Poor fellow – he is in a bad way.   |
|   | 10 Dec, Sat | Very busy all day making up arrears of correspondence. Fingall came to dinner & did not sleep after. In fact he is a changed man since I have knocked him about a bit.  |
|   | 11 Dec, Sun | F. to lunch & dinner. Called Warrenstown & Grange. Too busy for Church.   |
| <i>(Fr Leonard, Tom to Messrs Windsor &amp; Kemp)</i> | 12 Dec, Mon | To Dublin morning train & C.D.B. most of day, Morley in Chair. Morley puzzles me. He made a speech at Newcastle last week which was not quite honest. But today he went peculiarly straight against Bp. O'Donnell when the latter advocated the popular as against the right course in certain proposed expenditures. Had a meeting also of I.I.A. Sent Dunning down to Anderson & went over to London by night mail.   |

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| [ <i>Box and Cox</i> – an 1849 farce by John Maddison Morton about a room simultaneously let to two occupants] | 13 Dec, Tue | <p>Arrived to find H. Weld Blundell in my new lodgings, 104B Mount Street W. He left however late in the day &amp; I hope our Box &amp; Cox arrangement will work.</p> <p>Went to see my – god help me – cousin and the child at 45 Albert Gate where they had a flat above Mrs. Willie’s. D. looked rather ill but assured me she was wonderful for only 2 months over confinement.</p> <p>I saw Aunt Isabella re exec. business &amp; did many other little pieces of business.</p>  |
|  | 14 Dec, Wed | <p>Met my co-executor John Mansfield with Arnold the solicitor &amp; did much exec. business. Had a creamery conference with Monteagle &amp; a colliery chat with Fenwick. Then took Daisy down to Stowlangtoft Hall for a visit to Mrs. Willie, <del>my</del> <u>our</u> best of friends.</p> <p>Found Capt. Douglas Haig – aetat 30 – VII Hussars a real keen soldier who works at his profession, Frank Jameson, Andrew Carden, more waifs &amp; Miss Winslow nicknamed Boston, a precocious American of 21. Charming house &amp; really well done of course.</p> |
|  | 15 Dec, Thu | <p>We went a’ shooting, Mrs. Willie being one of the guns (&amp; a right good shot). It was by way of being a scratch day – no coverts except an outlying spinney. But there were lots of partridges which were driven – my first partridge drive. I hit 3 pheasants &amp; no partridges! In fact I cannot shoot. They all had 2 guns &amp; a loader – I declined assistance with my one gun for fear the beater told off to me might have a sense of humour. I enjoyed the day.</p>   |
|  | 16 Dec, Fri | <p>Another restful day. Shot as badly as ever, only 1 partridge &amp; 2 pheasants to about 50 cartridges! Still I enjoyed it immensely.</p>  |
|  | 17 Dec, Sat | <p>Left Stowlangtoft after a really enjoyable visit. Had a hurried ½ day in London, saw W. Watson &amp; Denis Lawless &amp; left for Chester where I slept.</p>  |
|  | 18 Dec, Sun | <p>Journeyed to K. St. Club. Roughish passage but what of that!</p>  |
| [?Mountifort Longfield]  | 19 Dec, Mon | <p>Drove by morning mail to Cork where I had a conference with Anderson &amp; Dunning. Then on to Smith Barry’s at Fota Island, a charming spot with Riviera vegetation &amp; deliciously soft climate. Castletowns, Bandons, Montague Longfields &amp; Alexis Roche my fellow guests. Had a Primrose League meeting at Cork at which I made I think a good speech. But Castletown overshadowed me. He had the advantage of the title &amp; better delivery.</p>   |
|  | 20 Dec, Tue | <p>We all went to see the German Lloyd steamer Spree (some 7000 tons, 19 knots finely fitted up) which had been towed into Cork harbour after a terrible breakdown 500 miles west of Ireland – shaft broken. She was lying in the Haulbowline docks, a great government folly now derelict. Spent afternoon among Smith Barry’s conifers.</p>  |
|  | 21 Dec, Wed | <p>Most of day getting to Dublin where I dined &amp; slept at the Viceregal to have a talk “by appointment” with Ld. Houghton. We were alone bar A.D.C. &amp; private sec’y. We talked Industries. He will help. He is clever decidedly – head a little turned I think. He acts the king a bit.</p>  |
|  | 22 Dec, Thu | <p>Left Viceregal &amp; did a day’s work in Dublin. Then down to</p>   |

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|                           |                  | <p>Dunsany for a hunt on the morrow.</p> <p>During day had to attend general meeting of the Louth County Loyalist Registration Assoc'n, my constituency bosses. To my great annoyance Dunbar Barton came &amp; made a clever attack on me in speaking (at his own request) to a resolution of congratulation on my victory. He brought in the snubbing of the Chamber of Commerce by the Ld. Lieutenant in a way calculated to accentuate the mistake I had made in suggesting that the Loyalists should not retaliate.</p> |
|                           | 23 Dec, Fri      | <p>My second hunt. Rode South Dublin at Bective. Lots of galloping about &amp; jumping. Cold east wind on returning to Dunsany for West Ridgeway, who had lamed his horse coming to meet. Had a long talk with him about his relations with Morley. The Gov't want to get rid of him and get in a Home Rule Under Secretary. He is sitting tight. Came up to Dublin by afternoon train.</p>   |
|                           | 24 Dec, Sat      | <p>Spent the morning buying Xmas presents for the nephews &amp; nieces at Kilcooley and writing report of my cruise with Green for the CDB. Then took an excellent new train at 3 P.M. for Munster, which is reached 5.10, &amp; went on to Kilcooley where I found Mary, her four children &amp; Johnny's two. Dunning did not meet me as Anderson wired to ask a loan of him till Monday.</p>   |
|                           | 25 Dec, Sun      | <p>A pouring cold wet day. But the children made themselves happy which was all one could want. Rather a dreary service in Church somewhat spoiled the day.</p>   |
|                           | 26 Dec, Mon      | <p>Amusing children. Dunning arrived after Post time when I had written many letters. Servants' ball in evening.</p>  |
|                           | 27 Dec, Tue      | <p>Had a day's shooting. I shot 4 cock, 2 pheasants, 4 hares &amp; many rabbits. The other guns were young ?Ashby, Dunning, Eddy, Reggie &amp; Tommy, only two of the latter being allowed to endanger our lives at a time.</p>   |
|                           | 28 Dec, Wed      | <p>Left Kilcooley for Dublin. Slept at Club. Had Ulick Burke to dine with me &amp; discuss the possibility of getting up a Unionism which might succeed as an acceptable alternative to Home Rule.</p>  |
|                           | 29 Dec, Thu      | <p>Day in Dublin. I.I.A. &amp;c. Down to Dunsany by evening train.</p>  |
|                           | 30 Dec, Fri      | <p>A day at Dunsany writing up arrears of correspondence accumulated during my absence for Xmas at Kilcooley. Hounds due here. Ground like iron though it was just thawing most of night. A few sportsmen arrived &amp; all the ?wreckers.</p>  |
|                           | 31 Dec, Sat      | <p>Hounds met here today in lieu of yesterday. A dozen or two came. But we had to give it up as there was a terrible bone in the ground. So I changed my clothes &amp; wrote with Dunning's help 20 letters. In afternoon walked to Killeen Glebe &amp; called on the Dyson Lauries. It is hard to find an object for a walk when Killeen is empty.</p>   |
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|                           | Year-end Summary | <p>1892 has been the most eventful year of my life. I have become a public man and have acquitted myself creditably I think. As a speaker I have not shown any ability. But my political instincts have I think been fairly good. Whether I shall succeed in Parliamentary life remains to be seen. Those who do are very few &amp; success is often the reward of those who are least expected to</p>  |



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|                           |      | <p>succeed. My chances in all walks of life seem to depend mainly on my health. The year closes with me better in this respect than it began. The weeks spent at sea have done me some good and I am less subject to dysenteric attacks than I was. The same anaemic condition and the “tinnitus aurium” warn me that rest is essential to duration.</p> <p>My Irish work in the creameries &amp; Congested Districts prospers and will I think end in a gratifying success. I have had little time for reading – that is the worst feature in my year. But I have done lots of work. I have never been idle except when it became a physical impossibility to work.</p> <p>I am still unmarried &amp; likely to be so till my dying day. The year has decided this. I can say no more out of justice to my memory. To write all would be hard on a friend. To write less would be cruel to those who respected me.</p> |