

1893 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., Lt., 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, 2011. The index used was the Gross Domestic Product Deflator, a measure of average prices covering a ‘bundle’ of all goods and services produced in an economy (making it broader than just the consumer goods in the Retail Price Index). Figures rounded to the nearest £ or \$. See website for alternative and more detailed measures of relative worth.

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

Correspondence

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

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

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

Abbreviations

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

Names

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

Organisations

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

General

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

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

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

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Events:

Irish Co-operative Agency Society Ltd. (ICAS) established as federal wholesale body for Irish dairy co-operatives

13 Feb – Gladstone introduces second Home Rule Bill

25 Feb – Report of Evicted Tenants Commission

31 Jul – Gaelic League founded

Sep – Second Home Rule Bill passed by Commons; defeated by Lords

Publications:

- “The Three Southern Provinces of Ireland and Home Rule” (letter), *The Times*, 18 Mar, p. 5

- “The Case Against Home Rule”, *Pall Mall Gazette*, 27 Jul, pp. 1,2 (ghostwritten for Ld. Fingall)

- *Report of 25th Annual Co-operative Congress*, Bristol, p.121

- *Report of Congested Districts Board*, Cd.6908, lxxi, pp. 569-79

Government:

Prime Minister: William Gladstone (Liberal)

Chief Secretary: John Morley

Lord Lieutenant: Robert Crewe-Milnes, Baron Houghton

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

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['Croppies' – rebels of 1798 Battle of Clonard]	1 Jan, Sun	Began the year with the usual busy Sunday. Green came down & we worked nearly all day over our report re Fisheries to the C.D.B. In evening we got the Grange people & Col. Dyson Laurie & daughter to dine. We had a walk to the Croppy's [<i>sic</i>] grave in Tara & back in 1 hr 50 min. The weather is seasonable – i.e. vilely cold.
	2 Jan, Mon	Worked with Green till afternoon train & then had to go to Dublin on CDB business. Slept at K St. Club.
	3 Jan, Tue	Writing Report on Fisheries at C.D.B. office in the morning. Then I.I.A. business &c & back to Dunsany.
	4 Jan, Wed	A good days work at miscellaneous business & political correspondence. In the latter I wrote to JG Butcher urging him to try & get Ulick Burke appointed Times correspondent in Dublin. The poor supply of Irish news in the Thunderer has made it in things Irish the Blunderer. Oliver Brighton came over & dined.
	5 Jan, Thu	To Dublin by morning train. Busy all day & then went out to dine & sleep (at Killacoona Ballybrack) with the Wrench's.
	6 Jan, Fri	Back to Dublin. Dined & slept with the Ridgeways & heard that they were ordered off to Morocco on an important mission. Very glad to learn that it is only a temporary job & they take it on understanding that at expiry of 6 months they come back to Dublin.
	7 Jan, Sat	At K St. Club again. Dined with the Ld. Chief Justice Sir Peter O'Brien to meet Ld. Londonderry & Ld. Randolph Churchill next to whom I sat. Felt very seedy. But was greatly interested nonetheless. He & I agreed on the Irish Q'n. But his hope is in an <u>English</u> party roused into existence by the intolerable nuisance of the Irish representatives to give (him) an independent majority! He has the greatest contempt for the Tories & would be a Liberal

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		if Home Rule were not palpably impossible. He recommends <u>constant</u> attendance at the House, fluency when wanted rather than set speeches being the desideratum. You will do well to "abuse your adversaries & then apologise. They like that."
	8 Jan, Sun	Dined with Wolseley, to meet the two chief guests of yesterday. Was indoors all day with nasty liver attack. Got through dinner with difficulty by neither eating nor drinking.
	9 Jan, Mon	7.40 A.M. mail from B'[road]stone to Foxford accompanied by C Kennedy, P White & Dunning, W Smith woollen manufacturer from Caledon joining us at Athlone. Arrived at F. 12.30 & stayed till 10 P.M. when we took train to Castlerea where we got to the Hotel after midnight. I was wretchedly seedy with dysenteric diarrhoea & had great difficulty in getting through any work. The good vicar kept me supplied with boiled milk the only possible sustenance.
[Mother Morrogh Bernard]	10 Jan, Tue	Drove to Ballaghederin where the R.C. Bishop (Dr. Lyster) half a dozen priests & nuns showed us the knitting factory. It was, in spite of being a far easier business to run, a much less promising one to look at than the Foxford woollen mill. But the Mother Superior at Foxford is a woman in a thousand. Back to Dublin where I put up at K. St. Club again.
	11 Jan, Wed	C.D.B. Com'tee meeting 3 hours, I.I.A. 1 hour, met J.R. Wigham & Sec'y of Blackrock Township Com[missione]rs. Dined with Ulick Burke to meet Jonathan Hogg a most important constituent. Had to see Dr. Little who gave me mercury and a purge & said my liver & intestines were congested.
	12 Jan, Thu	C.D.B. work & monthly meeting all day. Very weak & seedy.
	13 Jan, Fri	Meaths at Kilmessan but had to stew in the Congested Districts Board nearly all day. Monteagle & Anderson came to Dublin & so I had a pretty busy day.
	14 Jan, Sat	C.D.B. all day. Christopher Redington lunched & told me a good deal about the Evicted Tenants Com'n. He admitted that Mathew was not impartial but had a strong bias against landlords. He thought they could suggest settlement but were perplexed about the "Planters". Did not seem sanguine as to prospects of settlement being accepted very generally. Returned ev[enin]g train to Dunsany.
	15 Jan, Sun,	Walked to Church. Otherwise business all day interrupted by a visit from Gussy Briscoe who came to talk about his coming suit.
	16 Jan, Mon	Went to Dublin for another day of C.D.B. Finished at last after a 4 days sitting. Had an interview with Gussy Briscoe & his solicitor. Read the case & strongly advised G.V.B. to settle if he could on reasonable terms. Had to stay in town for the night.
	17 Jan, Tue	Came down early train & had a hunt. Got two falls & so was very backward in a good run from Culmullin to Dollarstown on the border of Kildare.
	18 Jan, Wed	A very hard day's work. Some 30 letters at least.
	19 Jan, Thu	Ditto of yesterday. For recreation I called on the Rev'd. & Mrs.

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		Drought at Kilmessan Glebe.
	20 Jan, Fri	Hunted on South Dublin, Trim Station. Bad day. Had a wire from Gussy Briscoe that his case was settled. I heard afterwards he paid £12,500 to the next of kin or rather charged property with amount.
	21 Jan, Sat	To Dublin to do some constituency duties at Kingstown. Visited 2 hospitals, 2 libraries and a Men's Institute. Ulick Burke came down.
	22 Jan, Sun	A very interesting day with R. Holmes Treasury Remembrancer & Ulick Burke discussing politics & building speeches in accordance with the New Unionism. I wrote a ten minutes speech for the Banquet of Thursday next which I think ought to take.
	23 Jan, Mon	Packing up at Dunsany all day. Holmes & Ulick Burke left in morning.
	24 Jan, Tue	Packing still. Went up by afternoon train & had to go to a Ball at Gortmore, the villa palace of my richest constituent JG Nutting. Was bolting at midnight when I was caught & detained off to supper. Did not get to bed till 2.
	25 Jan, Wed	Meeting of C.D.B. Irish Industries Assoc'n held public meeting in Lecture Hall of Royal University (Earlsfort Terrace) Houghton in Chair & very representative platform. Attendance only fair. Made a business speech on Irish Village Chicago which meeting was called to promote. Then went off to Newry to address a Protest meeting, one of a series in an Ulster "Campaign" against Home Rule. Did only fairly, was saving myself for the far more important meeting of the morrow.
	26 Jan, Thu	Boots uncleaned. No hot water to shave. Called 7.15 for 7.56 train. Rushed back to Dublin. Banquet to 26 victors at late election to be faced. Felt very seedy. Sat betw'n Abercorn & Ashbourne. Couldn't talk. Dared not drink or indeed eat. Cocaine required to restore my voice. Well received – quite as well as any of them. My speech the only one that had anything new in it. The others better delivered – I must take lessons – My constituents will read the speech & will see that I think for them if not with them. Arnold Forster made best speech I thought.
	27 Jan, Fri	Went to Dunsany to lock up some papers & finally pack up. Had ½ day with Meaths at Lagore. Good run. In evening went to meeting to start a Technical Educ'n Assoc'n. Had to make a short speech. This makes 4 speeches & host of other work in 3 days. Usual consequences – played out. I left Dunsany with some gloomy reflections. It is no longer my home. Shall I take care of my health[?]. If not, may not see the dear old place again.
[infallible preventive – seasickness medication]	28 Jan, Sat	Irish Industries, C.D.B. work with Kennedy. Arnold Forster & Monteagle to lunch. Then a long session of Coop creamery pundits with Monteagle & Anderson. Crossed over with all kinds of MPs from Wm O'Brien to humble self. Rough passage but I have my sea legs now. Fingall had an infallible preventive which he discharged near the Kish lightship.
[Box and Cox – an 1847 farce in which two men	29 Jan, Sun	Arrived at 104B Mount St. Found my landlord in possession. The Box & Cox arrangement may not work well. It is very

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rent the same room, each believing himself to be the sole tenant.]		uncomfortable when Box & Cox meet. Lunched & dined at Carlton to meet M.P.s. The Club (first entered as member today) is as hotel vile, but gen[tlemen]s' club good. Members are sufficiently familiar.
	30 Jan, Mon	B.B. Co annual meeting, old B. more impracticable than ever. Met Prof James Long re Margarine Bill. Had meeting of Irish Unionist members at I.I.A. rooms 9 Bridge St., Westminster. I like not my colleagues. They are altogether too narrow & it is only a question of time how long they will exist as an active party. I must try & keep quiet & watch.
[query in original]	31 Jan, Tue	It was decided last night that we I[rish].U[nionist]. M.P.s should rush down to the House before 8 AM & scramble for seats. We went & found that drunken or mad? Buffoon Dr. Tanner in possession as he thought of some 60 seats. We managed to get ours but to me it meant some 14 hours in the House. The debate was a profitless wrangle.
	1 Feb, Wed	Only 3 hours of House today. Did Amer'n letters and a Pantomime with Daisy, her sister & Dunning. Frank Plunkett dined. A.H. Frere formerly partner of Ulick Burke called to corroborate Monteagle's statement that U.B. had a bad business record. His facts certainly are startling if true & I fear there is at least "something in it". My position as an old friend of U.B. is most difficult. Ought I to warn the Times against employing him? Or ought I to let them do so in order to enable U.B. if the facts alleged are correct to pay off his debts.
	2 Feb, Thu	Another long day's Parl't.
	3 Feb, Fri	3 to 12 in House. I had no idea the waste of time was so cold bloodedly indulged in. It really is outrageous. Our side is quite as bad as the worst section of the other.
	4 Feb, Sat	After a busy morning went down to Stowlangtoft for Sat[urday] to Monday with Mrs. Willie, Daisy & G. Haig for sole companions. Restful – intoxicating.
	5 Feb, Sun	A real rest today. Did me good.
	6 Feb, Mon	Back to London & down to House which however I evaded by pairing for most of the day as I had to see T P Gill who dined with me, Mary & Conny.
	7 Feb, Tue	My black horse South Dublin arrived. Parliament 3 to 12. JGB dined with me at St. Stephens Club & I indoctrinated him with New Unionism.
[<i>The Bauble Shop</i> – new Henry Arthur Jones play in which an MP's discovered dalliance is used by his opponent.]	8 Feb, Wed	12 to 5.30 only today. Had a ride in the morning & felt benefit of it. Took Daisy & sister, Mrs. Willie & Douglas Haig to political play at Criterion "The Bauble Shop".
	9 Feb, Thu	Took a lesson in elocution from a man who was deaf & couldn't talk English! Then the House from 3 PM to 3 AM! Pure Tory obstruction.
[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th series, vol.	10 Feb, Fri	The house again. My maiden speech but they (Dunbar Barton &

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2, col. 1101-4]		Macartney) put me on just before dinner to talk on an empty stomach to an almost empty house. I did fairly well but it was unfair treatment. Daisy & Mrs. Willie dined with me to hear me speak. But I of course spoke before they came.
	11 Feb, Sat	CDB meeting at Irish Office. Balfour & Morley both present & very friendly to each other. Mrs. Willie, Douglas Haig, Daisy & I went to Brighton (Metropole Hotel) for change of air.
	12 Feb, Sun	Lovely day. They had to return & so I came with them to London & said goodbye to Mary & Dorothy who were off in the morning to Continent.
[GOM – Grand Old Man – Gladstone]	13 Feb, Mon	A great day in Parl't. The M.P.'s had to crowd the closed doors like the gods at a popular melodrama. I had a C.D.B. meeting & could not be there till 1 P.M., the doors opening at 12. The G.O.M. introduced his bill. It is much like /86 only no settlement of the land question is provided for, & Irish members (80) to be retained in English Parliament.
	14 Feb, Tue	Rode, interviewed Fenwick about Pelton & Wm. Bear, the agricultural writer about margarine Bill, went to the House & dined with J W Lowther. That took all the day. Met at dinner the Rayleighs, Skelmersdale, Bromley Davenport M.P. & one or two others.
	15 Feb, Wed	Prof'r. James Long in morning to talk over margarine legislation. Lunched with David Arnott of Irish Times and dined with R Yerburch my contemporary at Univ[ersity] Coll[ege]. Oxon:
	16 Feb, Thu	Rode & worked up a speech for today or tomorrow. Dined with Mrs. Willie & did House to bitter end.
	17 Feb, Fri	Worked ?again at speech but did not get a chance of letting it off. Think I should have made a good one.
	18 Feb, Sat	Went down with Fingall to Bletchley (returning from Leighton Buzzard) & rode a charming mount of Fingall's with Whaddon Chase Foxhounds. Very bad day's sport. But enjoyed the ride & was interested in the new country. Dined at St. James Hall at dinner to Carson by United Club. Made a very good speech & was well received. But I made the blunder of being unfairly long & irritated the audience – spoiling the whole effect.
	19 Feb, Sun	Spent the day calling – Goschens, Ulick Burke, Jas Barclay, Monteagles, Courtneys. Dined with Fingalls.
	20 Feb, Mon	Rode in Park with Daisy, attended meetings of parties interested in R. Dutton's estate, went to B.B. Co. offices on Co business. Then dreary hours in House.
	21 Feb, Tue	Missed my ride as it rained all day. Had long afternoon at House but providentially a count out at 8.10 P.M. avoided necessity of going back to House. Dined Daisy F., Miss Burke & Mrs. Willie at Wellington Club.
	22 Feb, Wed	Dined at Londonderry's & had an at Home afterwards. Sat next Dudley – not a fool by any means though of course green. Went on to Arnold Forster's at home.

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[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 9, col. 201]	23 Feb, Thu	Morning ride. House 3 to 12.
	24 Feb, Fri	Mrs. Stephen Spring Rice & Miss Emily Fitzgerald (Knight of Kerry's sister) dined at House with me. Long day of Parl't.
	25 Feb, Sat	Went down to Brighton for a long 24 hours with Mrs. Willie, Douglas Haig & Daisy. The air is certainly bracing & does one good. We stopped (D.H. made the arrangements) at the Grand Hotel. I remember in my early Brighton days it was gorgeously gilt & frequented by Jews & was called Jerusalem the Golden.
	26 Feb, Sun	Rather cold blustery day & did not get as much air as I should have liked. But Daisy's society is a great pleasure to me & cheers me up. Ah me – the things I can't even write here!
	27 Feb, Mon	Parl't all day. Talk & obstruction for 3 hours – then Liquor Bill, local veto – 3 yrs notice but compensation. Major Gaskell called to discuss whether he could act as Parl'y Secretary for me. C.D.B. have unfortunately offered him better terms for 3 or 4 months. He is trying to get his job with them postponed for 1 month.
	28 Feb, Tue	Bimettalism in the House. But I did not listen to it or vote on it as I was busy all day. Gaskell had come over & agreed to work for me for a month. He goes first to Ireland to get up statistics.
	1 Mar, Wed	After full time in Parl't dined with Leonard Courtneys & met Sidney Webbs & some interesting people.
	2 Mar, Thu	Correspondence takes most of my day in Parl't & out. Then interruptions by constituents & others who somehow find one out & take up time, most unmercifully waste one's life here. Burnett of Crazy Woman, Wyoming an old Ranch acquaintance appeared & I had to be – & was – glad to see him. Daisy & Mrs. Willie dined. Such a day in Parl't. Time obstruction by our side.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 9, col. 961-2]	3 Mar, Fri	Ride & Parl't 'Obstruction' took whole day – dined with Lady Aberdeen to talk I.I.A.
[query in original]	4 Mar, Sat	Fenwick called, then had to see Miss Balfour to advise her brother about subscribing to I.I.A. Then C.D.B. land committee (Wrench & Tuke) in my rooms, a meeting of I.I.A. at 15 Carlton House Terrace lent by Hon ? W Astor, called on Simeons, dined with Emily Lawless, Cloncurry & his brother present.
	5 Mar, Sun	Breakfasted with Ld Emly & met Edmund Dease, Fingall & Ross of Bladensburg. Drew up for them a R.C. protest against Home Rule from Irish R.C.?! This <u>may</u> figure in the struggle. Called on Chamberlains, W. Lowthers, Henry Reeve & Iveagh whom I lectured on South of Ireland Unionism. Had the Sidney Webbs, Emily Lawless, TP Gill & Daisy Fingall to dinner.
	6 Mar, Mon	Parl't 9 hours. Had a long talk with Balfour in his private rooms & I think gave him a good impression of my knowledge of the situation in Ireland.
[Hansard, 4th Series,	7 Mar, Tue	Arnold Graves turned up about technical education. The mayor & Corporation of Dublin made me attend a deputation to the Sec for

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vol. 9, col. 1246]		?war. Then Parliament & dinner with Mrs. Willie.
	8 Mar, Wed	Left London by 7.15 Mail for Dublin. Then a gorge at Mrs. Tandy's & a meeting in Town Hall to protest against the Home Rule Bill. Real enthusiasm. The good folk are really stirred up & perhaps the position is saved. I spoke for an hour & did very fairly well.
	9 Mar, Thu	Such a long day. Very sleepy & tired. 2 Unionist Alliance meetings, C.D.B. monthly meeting. Anderson up from the Creameries and practically work all day.
	10 Mar, Fri	Crossed over by morning mail to Eng'd & went to Manchester where I attended meeting of United Board. Oh what dull worthy people. However I did good by explaining to them the progress of cooperation in Ireland. They are real business people & when one speaks to them one has to condense – excellent practice.
	11 Mar, Sat	To London where after writing up arrears of correspondence with Dunning I went on to Brighton with Daisy & Miss Burke. The air picks you up the moment you get into it.
	12 Mar, Sun	A glorious day. Fingall & a girl friend of his, a Miss Waters, came down for the day & later Beau Watson turned up. We spent the day in air & sunshine & went back to town.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 9, col. 1825]	13 Mar, Mon	The G.O.M. announced that the H.R. bill would not be read till after Easter. Then we had an evicted tenants debate which had been cooked before the above announcement had been made & had to be served up.
["Irish Roman Catholics and the Home Rule Bill", <i>The Times</i> , 15 Mar, p. 8]	14 Mar, Tue	The R.C. petition against H.R. which I organised had to be got into the papers for tomorrow. This was a day's work & I hardly attended to Parl'y duties. However it was a dull day ending in a count.
	15 Mar, Wed	House & then I was principal speaker at Mortlake Conservative Club. Unimportant audience & I spoke for an hour & spoke well. Good practice. Went on to speaker's Levee.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 10, col. 245, 251]	16 Mar, Thu	Parl't very dull. I wrote a letter to the Times but Monteagle sent one from Fingall which cut mine out & gave me some hours work for nothing.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 10, col. 387]	17 Mar, Fri	Dull day in Parl't again. Dunning & I went to the Gaiety at night for a laugh. Johnny & Ernle arrived from Egypt at night.
	18 Mar, Sat	Johnny lunched me at Jr. Carlton. He looked better than when he left but <u>not healthy</u> . Saw Ernle too for a moment. During my ride I called on Lecky to have a talk on the pos[iti]on in Ireland. I got very little out of him. He does not seem well informed on what is going on now. Went down to Brighton with Daisy & her sister. Stopped at Metropole. Had a good letter in Times about South of Ireland Unionism.
[Waters]	19 Mar, Sun	Johnny & Eddy[,] Fingall & Miss Walters [<i>sic</i>] came down to Brighton & the seven of us had an enjoyable day. Poor Johnny was miserably cold after Egypt. We all came up at night to town.
	20 Mar, Mon	Johnny took his seat as Representative Peer & loafed about the lobby all day. He was greeted warmly by all his old friends. Daisy

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		& Mrs. Willie & I dined with "Jimmy" McCalmont, also Burdett Coutts & J G Butcher.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 10, col. 676-7]	21 Mar, Tue	The dear old Major (Gaskell) arrived & went to work preparing notes for my political speeches. I was seedy, sore throat & stomach upset, had to see W. Broadbent (84 Brook St) & get medicine. Dined with Lady M. Domvile (30 Thurloe Sq.) a clever woman, R[oman].C[atholic]. Howth's sister – friend of Mary's.
	22 Mar, Wed	Went to H. of C. but did not attend in the House. Spent day riding, walking & trying to get well, also talking with Londonderry who was convalescent after influenza. The object of my visit was to get L. to pledge himself as an Ulster leader that never <u>under any circumstances</u> would he consent to a settlement of the Home Rule question which separated Ulster from the rest of Ireland. He was very strong upon his determination to stand or fall with the Southern Loyalists as well as the Northern. He is going to Cork to take a message from Ulster to this effect on April 12. Took. W. Watson, Daisy & Miss Burke to Becket at Lyceum.
	23 Mar, Thu	Parl't.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 10, col. 1040-1]	24 Mar, Fri	Parl't. Also attended meeting at Hackney for Sir A. Scoble & made a 55 minute speech against Home Rule Bill. I am improving in impromptu speaking certainly.
	25 Mar, Sat	A fairly lazy day. Tired after last night's speech.
	26 Mar, Sun	Lunched with the Lowthers, dined quietly with Daisy & did some calls. That was all my day.
	27 Mar, Mon	Tried to speak in the House & should I think have made a good debating speech if I had had a chance. But was elbowed out. Randolph Churchill spoke 1½ hours & said ½ hour's worth. Daisy, Miss Burke & Denis Lawless who returned from Egypt dined at House.
	28 Mar, Tue	Rode in morning with Miss Burke. Parliament 2-7, 9-12.
	29 Mar, Wed	Dentist in morning. Packed up & went by afternoon train to Chester & on by night mail to Dublin. Daisy & I occupied one carriage to Chester & Ernle & Eddy another, the latter two fearing infection of the "flu" from D. At Chester we left E & D and I crossed over, the Lady Mary Elizabeth coming on from London. Reggy joined at Chester having got lost in London, on his way from there.
	30 Mar, Thu	Arrived Dublin, attended I.U.A. meeting & went with Jim Power to various people to do business connected with Irish Village at Chicago. Then went down to Dalkey to see poor Peter White who lies at death's door with heart, lungs & liver all failing. Poor fellow he thought he had "turned the corner" & his poor wife was buoyed up with hope. I could not find it in my heart to tell them that the doctor gave no hope. Came down to Dunsany, Ernle & her boys meeting me at 5.50 train. Found Johnny with his old tame ?cat Capt. Stewart at D'[unsan]y.
	31 Mar, Fri	Did nothing at Dunsany. Had a rest & I hope laid in some working power.

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	1 Apr, Sat	Had a hunt with the Wards (Kilrue). Rode South Dublin who did splendidly in a very nice hunt. I was hardly strong enough for him though. Denis Lawless came in the ev[enin]g.
	2 Apr, Sun	Only ten letters but these made a ?wretched excuse for staying at home & enjoying a glorious day mostly in the open air. Ernle & Johnny were as usual on the worst of terms – she is too much for an angel & poor Johnny isn't that.
	3 Apr, Mon	Barber, Denis & I took the Fingalls to Fairyhouse. An absolutely perfect day & therefore enjoyable. I went back with the Langfords to Summerhill for a meeting at Mullingar tomorrow.
	4 Apr, Tue	Langford & I went to an open air meeting in a field close to Mullingar to protest against the H.R. Bill. Some 400 mostly farmers & I suppose mainly protestants attended – no oppos[iti]o[n]. I spoke badly. Don't like out door work. Lovely day. Back via Summerhill to Dunsany. Found Denis alone left of the party. He thinks an arrangement for living apart would greatly ameliorate relations betw'n J. & E. I entirely agree & must try to arrive at terms.
	5 Apr, Wed	C.D.B. & other work took me to Dublin for the day.
	6 Apr, Thu	Congested Districts Board – slept at K St. Club to meet Miss Balfour at dinner with Wrench.
	7 Apr, Fri	Went down to Dunsany, packed up, said goodbye to Johnny & Ernle, drove to Navan races with Denis Daisy & Miss Keenan[,] went to Dublin with Denis[,] stayed with the Iveaghs in the nest of houses behind their white façade. Balfour & many Irish of rank or brain were there. They did us too well. The house was a conservatory of flowers. Poor Peter White died.
	8 Apr, Sat	I.U.A. I.I.A. Balfour demonstration in Leinster Hall took the day. I was not able to give time as I particularly wanted to, to my 2nd Reading H.R. Bill speech.
	9 Apr, Sun	After Breakfast walked up to Glasnevin cemetery with Fr. Finlay & helped bury poor Peter White. Saw Parnell's grave covered with flowers – Danny O'Connell's coffin – what food for patriotic sentiment. Friends streamed into the lovely cemetery & saddened me – P White's friends showed up in some force. But what a rabble they looked! How a few years in his new post would have changed this! Spent afternoon at Kingstown with Daisy & left with Balfour, Gaskell & a score of M.P.s by night mail.
	10 Apr, Mon	Got back to breakfast with the Major. Did the House & found everyone speaking at enormous length on the Bill.
	11 Apr, Tue	Spent most of day preparing speech for 2nd reading.
	12 Apr, Wed	Anderson turned up in the morning about a Creamery society crisis. Monteagle & Edward O'Brien (Smith O'B's son) came to our counsels. Parliament 12 to 5.30. Then Anderson dined at Club. So ended.

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	13 Apr, Thu	Tried to speak in House & got no chance. Kept at high tension all the day. Very wearing. Lady Aberdeen is putting a lot of work & anxiety on me about this Exhib'n.
	14 Apr, Fri	The whips failing to do anything for me I went to the speaker & he promised to get me in on Monday.
	15 Apr, Sat	Worked at my speech & on miscellaneous business. In evening went to Paddockhurst where I found W Watson, Bertie & a friend of latter's. Had a game of golf.
	16 Apr, Sun	Another game of golf. Then came up to town & did more work on speech. If it were not all manner & not matter which tells, I should do well in this speech bar accidents. But it is no good having a good essay for the House of Commons.
	17 Apr, Mon	Spent the Parliamentary day rising to "catch the Speaker's eye". It was not to be caught & I was kept at a high tension all day for no purpose.
	18 Apr, Tue	Again. What a weariness of the flesh.
[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 11, col. 697-709]	19 Apr, Wed	Spoke a set speech of 53 min. It was a gem but it got out of the setting & fell flat I fear! The manner makes the man & I must get the manner if I am ever to succeed. But I was exhausted. Day after day I had tried to catch the Speaker's eye & when I did it was 'no great catch'!
	20 Apr, Thu	Dined with the Arthur Brands.
[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 11, col. 903]	21 Apr, Fri	The Irish delegates (1200) are swarming in London for the Anti Home Rule Demonstration in the Albert Hall on the Morrow. Shapland Tandy & T Leonard lunched with me. It was the night of the Division on the 2nd reading and the Government got their normal majority of 43 on an enormous division. Miss Balfour & Gerald & Lady Betty Balfour dined with me in the House.
	22 Apr, Sat	Albert Hall Demonstration. The scene was impressive, 12000 people in that vast assemblage. Poor Fingall who came over by the Mail & had to be provided with a speech read a page of Dunning's type unadubly. The Bp. of Derry made a really great speech. John Atkinson a good one. JG Butcher, Fingall & N. Everard dined with me at Wellington. Went to a political at Home at Westminster Town Hall.
	23 Apr, Sun	Called on various people. Dined with Leonard Courtneys. Met Mrs. Fawcett.
	24 Apr, Mon	Garden party at Hatfield – glorious day. Perfection of summer weather. Some 2000 unionists from Ireland. Champagne and speeches – grand old house. Too many semi intoxicated constituents present for enjoyment as far as I was concerned.
	25 Apr, Tue	Went with Irish Loyalists (chiefly commercial) to Mansion House. Sir Wm Ewart [Gladstone] – foolishly as I think, convinced that Ulster must resist by force & detailed arrangements, enrolling &c.
	26 Apr, Wed	After a meeting of Irish M.P.s, Peers & delegates from Ireland to Albert Hall dem[onstration], a look in at H. of C. I went to Tunbridge Wells with A.G. Boscawen (put up with his brother in law Williams at "Shirley") to address a Primrose League meeting.

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		Spoke 45 minutes on H.R. Bill.
	27 Apr, Thu	Back to town & Parliament.
	28 Apr, Fri	Irish Parl'y (Unionist) meeting. Tuke came up about Congested Dist[ri]ct's work. Had to take up Rathmines Township Bill & lobby for a majority to support me in trying to get it through third reading.
	29 Apr, Sat	Met Hutton (Ed[itor] Spectator) with Emly at Breakfast. Called on Lord Plunket to talk over the H.R. Bill from an Irish Church point of view. He is not clear headed. Worked at Rathmines Bill & did Amer'n correspondence.
	30 Apr, Sun	Seedy, dysentery. Lay down most of day but had to rouse myself at night & go to the Carlton to study Hansard for a debate – Rathmines & Rathgar Township Bill tomorrow.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 11, col. 1606-9] [poss. Tim – see 24 Aug 1893]	1 May, Mon	Awoke better but very weak. Rathmines Commission, 2 solicitors, Dunbar Barton came to my rooms to consult over the plan to meet -- Healys case against Bill. I had to lead off & spoke 22 minutes very badly. The Gov't, however, supported us & we won the case.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 11, col. 1745-6, 1739]	2 May, Tue	House. Close attendance – tried to speak.
	3 May, Wed	Seedy again, a dragging day at House.
	4 May, Thu	Parl't & a Primrose League meeting in Vestry Hall Paddington. Spoke for nearly an hour better than I had spoken before I think. More connected. About 300 knights & dames I should say.
	5 May, Fri	Very weak. Parl't. & dined with Montague Crackenthorpes.
[Castleconnell]	6 May, Sat	Went down to Forest Row Golf Club near East Grinstead. W. Watson & Bateson (P[addock]hurst neighbour) met me. Grand high air. Went round the 4½ miles. Cannot play but saw fascination of game – decided to join Club. It is the game of politicians. Slept at Paddockhurst where Bertie & Ernest Phelps (brother of J. Phelps of Waterpark, Castle Connwell [<i>sic</i>]) barrister were staying.
	7 May, Sun	Rest & lawn tennis.
	8 May, Mon	Back to London. Fingall had arrived the day before at 104B. The afternoon was spent in dividing on the Committee stage of the H.R. Bill. We did not get to the first word of the first clause.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 12, col. 457]	9 May, Tue	Watson breakfasted. Then many letters & a series of divisions in the House. Dined with Onslow (7 Richmond Terrace, Whitehall) asked morning or evening dress dinner 7.30 to 8.30. This excellent arrangement carried out by means of lots of small tables fitted in excellently with the exigencies of party warfare. Got to bed before 1 A.M. which I was glad enough to do as I had to be off again in the morning to Ireland.
	10 May, Wed	Over to Dunsany by morning mail. In Meath train met Daisy Fingall & had a pleasant chat with the brightest and friendliest little woman in the (or my at any rate) world. Found poor Johnny

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		all alone at Dunsany having been very ill but now happily in fair health.
	11 May, Thu	C.D.B. in Dublin practically all the Dublin Day. Came back to Dunsany. Johnny well & cheery with Oliver Brighton. Daisy to dinner.
	12 May, Fri	C.D.B., I.U.A., civil servants about putting their case to Committee on H.R. Bill – took day till 7.30 train to Malahide where I put up with J Jameson at St. Marnocks for the night. Daisy there. Mrs. J.J. sister of “Mrs. Willie”.
	13 May, Sat	Spent the day between trains at Dunsany returning at night to St. Marnocks. The Haigs & Jamesons &c all gone except Mrs. Willie, host & hostess & Daisy. Andrew Carden had come. A real quiet Sunday in prospect.
	14 May, Sun	A delightfully restful day. Loafing by the sea till train time when we went to Dublin. Mrs. Willie, Daisy & I caught the mail for Eng’d. Eva Wyndham Quin on board Very nice girl.
	15 May, Mon	Back to Parliament. Rather tired after my trip – some reaction possibly from its joys.
	16 May, Tue	Parl’t practically all day. I am not well & cannot work. I must have a rest out of doors.
	17 May, Wed	Parl’t but took no active part except declining to vote with my party on one vote – a tactical (i.e. false) issue in Committee on H.R. Bill. Dined with Pitt Club – some 40 politicians & others – a gorge – dull – sat betw’n Sir John Co--- & Forrest Fulton Q.C. late M.P., able ?young man.
[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 12, col. 1278-9] [‘Nitrate King’, John Thomas North]	18 May, Thu	Parl’t & dined with T H Myring at New Travellers Club (Piccadilly) to meet Col. North (Bounder, H. ---s but honest & rough). In House obstruction pure & simple.
	19 May, Fri	Parl’t adjourned at 5.30 P.M. for Whitsuntide. T.P. Gill dined with me at Wellington Club.
	20 May, Sat	Went to Forest Row & played golf with Beau Watson. In evening we went back to Paddockhurst where the Fingalls had arrived & we four laid ourselves out for a Sat[urda]y to Monday in rest & quiet.
	21 May, Sun	Real rest. Lovely weather. Lying on the grass, shooting in the woods, Lawn tennis (Beau & I) early to bed, real rest & enjoyment.
	22 May, Mon	Had to make my way to Bristol. In London picked up Monteagle & we went together 3rd Class in true Democratic fashion to Royal Hotel Bristol where we met the Sidney Webbs, Holyoake, Hughes (Tom Brown) & the heads of the Cooperative movement. Poor old Neale was sadly missed. Worst of all Anderson had gone back to Ireland his sister having died since he left and his boy being very ill.
	23 May, Tue	Disappointing day. Wretched chairman got the whole business into confusion & consequently Monteagle & I did not get our say

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		about Ireland. We hope to tomorrow.
	24 May, Wed	Addressed Congress in favour of creameries for 5 minutes. Monteagle did not get in at all, very unsatisfactory. Left Bristol for 104B where I found Beau Watson putting up with me for night. Both dined & did a play with Fingalls.
	25 May, Thu	Down to Forest Row by 9.30 from London Bridge with Beau Watson. Had 2 rounds of the links & back to Paddockhurst to sleep. Real enjoyment.
	26 May, Fri	Another day at Forest Row & back to P'hurst. A week of this would do me a world of good.
	27 May, Sat	Back to London & down with Daisy on an errand of charity to Dunstall. We wanted to try & cheer up poor Ernle. But alas she is past the social physician. Her doleful querulous voice renders her too depressing to old friends & inaccessible to new. It is a sad grass widowhood. She loves & respects nobody, nobody not even her children love or respect her. I don't know what can be done.
	28 May, Sun	Lovely weather. Loafed about with Ernle & Daisy.
[Streatfeild]	29 May, Mon	Parl't nearly all day, but before the House went to the Oratory Brompton & saw my old ranch friend Oswald Streatfield [<i>sic</i>] of Powder River & Superior married to the late Ld. Fitzgerald's daughter. Gorgeous wedding, no money – only mad love! Well they are both nice & they would have been unhappy apart. If they are unhappy together it is the lesser evil after all – ah me!
	30 May, Tue	House back again. Rode in [Rotten] Row. Parl't. HR Bill
	31 May, Wed	Parl't HR Bill. Anderson came & Monteagle, he & I dined together at Wellington to talk over the Coop Creamery affairs.
[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 12, col. 1765 (but not on these topics).]	1 Jun, Thu	Parl't. Kincaid Smith dined at House. I tried to speak on state of Kerry, Clare & Limerick & give my views on Irish crime. Worked on Margarine Bill with some experts who called on me.
	2 Jun, Fri	Parl't 2 to 7. Anderson left me in afternoon.
	3 Jun, Sat	Spent the day at Forest Row golfing with Watson. First round took 147 but second made my 'record' 121. I ought to get to 100 with practice. But probably shall not have leisure. Still it is not only a good player's game like cricket. The worse you play the more play you get.
	4 Jun, Sun	Drove with Daisy out to Dollis Hill to see the Aberdeens. Five miles from Marble Arch & almost country – quite country air. Aunt Isabella & Daisy dined with me at Wellington Club.
	5 Jun, Mon	Parl't & had Mary & Dorothy to dine at House. Did not get them in to hear debate.
[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 13, col. 345-6]	6 Jun, Tue	Parl't including a meeting of the Margarine Com'tee of the Central Chamber of Agriculture & then drafting of my Margarine Bill.
	7 Jun, Wed	After Parl't had to speak at Conservative dinner for Hayes Fisher, Town Hall Fulham. Very seedy but did fairly. Johnny came to town, looking miserably ill.

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[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 13, col. 560-2; 575]	8 Jun, Thu	Spoke twice in the House – first on an amendment prohibiting giving bounties to Irish Parl't, second about Irish harbours having imperial importance. Johnny & Monteagle dined with me at St. Stephens.
["Blei" – Poppy's brother Bleiddyn]	9 Jun, Fri	Very seedy again. But dieting made me better. I went after the morning sitting (2-7) to a play with Daisy "Blei" & "Poppy" Herbert (Second Mrs. Tanqueray at St. James' Theatre).
	10 Jun, Sat	Went down to Birmingham (Highbury Moor Green) to spend Sunday with the Chamberlains. They have a new, very new, house but delightful orchid houses opening into the drawing room – a perfect dream of color. The place is small but so cleverly laid out. Party D[uke] & Duchess of Devonshire, Sir Francis & Lady Grenfell, Cap't. Lugard (Uganda), W. Smith M.P. (son of W.H.), Lady Dorothy ---- – a little old picture – knows every one & flowers, a college friend of Austen Chamberlain, 3 Misses C. Politically interesting in the smoking room. Duke <u>not</u> clear headed. Lord Rowton I forgot & Wm. Adair.
	11 Jun, Sun	Loafing & lawn tennis. Real rest. Thorough enjoyment. Very well done. Mrs. C a perfectly charming hostess.
	12 Jun, Mon	Back to town. Attended the House from 4 to 12.30.
[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 13, col. 954, 899-900]	13 Jun, Tue	House all day. Rode in morning with Dorothy (on a hireling). She has no conversation I fear & will be rather a difficulty. Spoke shortly (5 minutes) in House. Oliver Brighton dined with me & gave rather a bad account of Johnny's last attack at Dunsany.
	14 Jun, Wed	Johnny came up and I dined him at Carlton to talk over his difficulties with Ernle. They are hopeless.
	15 Jun, Thu	Parl't relieved by having Joe Chamberlain, his wife & Daisy to dinner with me at the House.
[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 13, col. 1226-30, 1189-90, 1185]	16 Jun, Fri	Denis Lawless came to put up with me. He & W.L. Micks dined with me. I moved an amendment to the H.R. Bill protecting civil & other public servants not provided for in the Bill from dismissal without "just compensation". Did fairly well.
	17 Jun, Sat	C.D.B. meeting at Irish office. In afternoon went to Forest Row, played golf with Beau Watson & returned to Paddockhurst.
	18 Jun, Sun	Golfed all day in sweltering heat at Forest Row. Enjoyed it hugely, put up at Paddockhurst
	19 Jun, Mon	Returned to London – adjourned meeting of C.D.B. Parl't all day. Micks dined with me.
	20 Jun, Tue	Parl't.
	21 Jun, Wed	After Parl't dined with Trivy's sister Mrs. Bishop. Clever people bar the host.
	22 Jun, Thu	Anderson was up & Monteagle & I had a good pow wow with him over creamery movement & the "agency" troubles.
	23 Jun, Fri	Had the Arthur Herberts, Miss Winslow ("Boston") Daisy, John Dunvilles on Terrace to tea. Valentine & Denis dined with me & we went with the Fingalls to water show at Earls Court. Going down the chute on water toboggan I stupidly slipped off the seat & got a sickening jar to the spine. Went to bed very sick.

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	24 Jun, Sat	Had to see a doctor who barely allowed me to go to Paddockhurst with Daisy & Fingall. Spent day in bed & getting to P.
	25 Jun, Sun	Too seedy to do anything but loaf. However in agreeable society that was not too hard a fate.
	26 Jun, Mon	Not well enough to play golf. Fingall left. Daisy stayed. Loafed.
	27 Jun, Tue	Rained – when did it rain last – all day. My back was considerably concussed in that foolish water toboggan & it was as well perhaps that I could not play golf.
	28 Jun, Wed	Back to London with Daisy who was, I think, the better for country air. Denis had left me the Day before. Parl't. Gladstone announced a closing & guillotining programme. Dined quietly with Ernle to talk over her troubles.
	29 Jun, Thu	Parl't. Mrs. Willie, Daisy & Mary with Douglas Haig, Burdett Coutts, Brodrick, Sir E. Clarke dined at House with me. Then had an all night sitting. Got to bed 5 AM.
	30 Jun, Fri	Very tired. Ulick Burke came to breakfast 8.45. Did House & Queen's Ball. Dined with the Stibbards. He the solicitor of the Powder R Co, she sister of Lady Millais. Generally a ranching connection.
	1 Jul, Sat	9.30 train to Forest Row & then after 2 rounds with Watson, 127 & 120, back to P[addock]hurst for Sat[urda]y to Monday. The Derrys, ?C[ountes]s Hoyos & old Whitehead the party.
	2 Jul, Sun	Rested all day.
	3 Jul, Mon	Played golf at Forest Row with Bertie Whitehead. Got out in 54 (back in 66) in all 120. Back to Parl't.
	4 Jul, Tue	Rode out to Dollis Hill to breakfast. Then Parl't for 9 hours or so.
	5 Jul, Wed	Parl't & dined with the Boscawens. An awful nuisance having to dine out Wednesdays.
	6 Jul, Thu	The Gag and the Royal wedding. The latter I saw from the Burdett Coutts who were good enough to ask Mary also. The H. of C. went mad – all parties shrieking & behaving like lunatics “to make an impression on the country”. The streets were crowded to suffocation for the procession by day & illuminations by night. I was pleased to recognise nothing but the most loyal sentiments among the crowd.
	7 Jul, Fri	Parl't. Tea on Terrace to Daisy & Lady Hesketh. Dined with the Zetlands – a stupid party.
	8 Jul, Sat	Went by 9.30 AM train to Forest Row (took 3 hours nearly to get there) with A.G. Boscawen M.P. But in only 2 rounds W Watson came from P'hurst & took us back to dinner there. Got back late at night.
	9 Jul, Sun	Arnold Graves, one Braddell & Dr. Grimshaw met Wm Kenny & me at 104B to talk over the amendments to H.R. Bill for the protection of civil servants. Then the Fingalls & I lunched at Wellington and I dined Mary, Dorothy, the Boscawens,

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		Macartney M.P. & Fingalls at Wellington.
	10 Jul, Mon	House all day. George Murphy arrived to spend a few days as my guest. Parl't all day. Had to decline to vote with my party who advocated exclusion of Irish members from Rep[resentatio]n in Eng'd as because they thought English & Scotch Radicals would do same. They didn't.
	11 Jul, Tue	Sale of Killeen by auction at the Mart, Token House Yard. Great eloquence on part Mr. Lumley – no bids. Civil servants deputation over kept me busy. Frank Kemp in town. Debates interesting in House but could not attend. What with constituents & friends who visit me either to amuse themselves or to relieve the monotony of the M.P.'s life our whole time is sometimes & much of it often taken up. But I am very bilious just now.
	12 Jul, Wed	Gladstone announced that the Irish MPs were to be retained for all purposes. I tried several times to speak without success. Fogey Riddell, Fingalls, Murphys, F Kemps dined with me at Wellington & went to Music Hall.
	13 Jul, Thu	The Gag applied again. Ten divisions on clauses we were not allowed to discuss. Civil servants took most of my time.
	14 Jul, Fri	Civil servants & Parl't to 7. Then dined with the Fingalls & off to Paddockhurst by night.
	15 Jul, Sat	Played golf at Forest Row with Beau Watson. Got round in 115 which beats my record by 3. Back to 104B.
	16 Jul, Sun	With my old friend Teschy to Ramsgate (Granville Hotel) where we joined the Fingalls & a Miss Winstone. Rained most of the day. Still very bracing.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 14, col. 1729]	17 Jul, Mon	Back to town early. Civil servants, County officials & all manner of worries & business. Then the House & some 8 hours close attendance with a rotten amendment to move to protect Ulick Burke's pos[itio]n.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 14, col. 1769-70; 1879-82; 1901-3]	18 Jul, Tue	More amendments – & bad ones too. I had a poor case & conducted it badly – very discouraging. However I did my best.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 15, col. 4, 7, 24-5, 27, 29]	19 Jul, Wed	Civil servants still. But finished them off thank heaven!
	20 Jul, Thu	In pouring rain played golf with Boscawen at Tooting Bec Golf Club. Very tame after Forest Row. A few fields with artificial bunkers, furrows &c. Another guillotining night in Parl't.
	21 Jul, Fri	After my morning ride Mary came in with the sad news that poor Alice was consumptive – so says her doctor. A second opinion is to be taken. I dined Francis Plunkett at Wellington to talk over Fingall's article for Pall Mall. He begged me not to mention the subject! This is more diplomatic than nice.
	22 Jul, Sat	A great relief. Mary took Alice to Broadbent who said the family doctor had exaggerated the case. It is a feminine trouble I fancy – not uncommon at the age of puberty. Went in afternoon to Westgate on Sea & put up at the St.

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		Mildred's Hotel with Daisy & Poppy Herbert.
[?Arry - prob. ref. to Anthony Trollope's <i>The Three Clerks</i>]	23 Jul, Sun	A grand day. Took a boat & sailed to Margate where we saw 'Arry large as life & enjoying it. I think the English are getting to take their pleasures less sadly. The democracy is terribly in earnest, but it takes a pull occasionally & relaxes its severities.
	24 Jul, Mon	Back to town with Daisy & "Poppy" Herbert after a little golf practice & a swim in the swimming bath of the Hotel. Mary came to see me about her plans. She is happier now about Alice.
	25 Jul, Tue	A ride in the morning then a visit with Fenwick to K. Fleming in the City to discuss investment of Pelton reserve in American lands. Ernle came up to see me & talk over her affairs.
	26 Jul, Wed	Hancock, Ernle's gardener, called to give me some details of Dunstall expenditure. I learned from his books that Johnny has out of pure laziness I fear given him a cheque book bank account & carte blanche. Went to Farrer & had a talk with him. Down to the House where letters, callers, Mary & Daisy to lunch among many others took my whole day. Got Fingall's letter finally into shape for Pall Mall Gazette & then went to Forest Row & put up at the Brambletye Hotel for a game of golf on the morrow. Mary started with Alice for Sch-----.
["The Case Against Home Rule", <i>Pall Mall Gazette</i> , 27 Jul, pp. 1,2]	27 Jul, Thu	Sick & bilious. Could only get hard fried eggs for breakfast in spite of an appeal for soft poached. Took 2 rounds of the links – one with the professional & one with Watson, who came later. More sick. Eat nothing all day. In House till 2. Free fight adorned the final closing of the Committee stage. The row entirely between Irish M.P.s north vs south. What a prospect for the Irish Parliament. Fingall's article one of a series under title "The Case Against Home Rule" headed From a Catholic Point of View appeared in the Pall Mall Gazette. I wrote it for him & I think it was broad & original. I hope it will help him.
	28 Jul, Fri	Very seedy. Left London for a short holiday in Ireland. Only got to Chester, being too sick & tired to go further.
	29 Jul, Sat	Crossed by day mail which was too late to catch last train to Dunsany. Slept at Kildare St. Club.
	30 Jul, Sun	Down to Dunsany by early train. Johnny, Dunning & Johnny's "gentleman companion" Elrington apparently enjoying themselves. The Fingalls spent the day. I was getting better all day & felt happy accordingly.
	31 Jul, Mon	Getting better. Loafed. Oliver Brighton came over. I spent day with Daisy & Johnny about half and half.
	1 Aug, Tue	Got a wire from J.R. Wigham asking me to go to Dublin to go with a Deput[at]io[n] to Morley re Queenstown route for American mails. Went & spoke shortly. Also saw Morley privately about Kingstown & Blackrock Drainage Scheme. Think I got his support which will save my having to run back to London to look after it. Slept at Club. Dined at Kingstown Yacht Club.
	2 Aug, Wed	Back to Dunsany. Loafed.
	3 Aug, Thu	To Dublin. Various businesses. Anderson up from Mallow. Irish

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		section of Coop Union met – viz R.A.A., Husband & H.C.P. Had a game of golf at Dollymount with George Stewart. Got round in 133. Dined RAA & Stewart at Kingstown Yacht Club.
	4 Aug, Fri	To Dunsany with Johnny & two boys & Bigg Wither. Loafed all day. Johnny played cricket & looked a new man.
	5 Aug, Sat	To Dublin, game of golf with Geo Stewart out to T Fitzgerald's linked house at Dundrum. Daisy & sister there. Miss Minnie Fitzgerald excellent kind hostess. Other Fitz's less nice. The old man away.
	6 Aug, Sun	Church at Dundrum. Ld. Plunket in the pulpit – a very able sermon on what Xianity had done for women's pos[iti]o[n]. Previously male virtues extolled – our Lord's character half feminine. "Beatitudes" on feminine excellences. Called Nuttings.
	7 Aug, Mon	To Dublin, a game of golf at Dollymount with the professional, called on Mrs. Tandy, night mail to Eng'd. Had pow wow with Micks C.D.B. & with Jim Power on I.I.A.
	8 Aug, Tue	Back to London. A busy day with Constituents over about Blackrock & Kingstown drainage. Spoke briefly at a large deput[at]io[n] of Irish M.P.s re American Mails (Question route). F. Elrington Ball dined with me & I got him into House.
	9 Aug, Wed	Kingstown & Blackrock people about in lobby all day. Debates on Balfour's amendment to exclude Irish rep[resentatio]n in Imp[erial]. Parliament. Refused to support it. Carson told me he would denounce me in the Constituency through Irish Press – Reverend F.F. Sherman of Flagship Chicago, U.S.N. lunched with me & was in House for debate, sent by constituents to me. After the Division Burdett Coutts drove me & some others out to Holly Lodge, one of the most delightful suburban retreats I ever saw. The Baroness is charming & most hospitable.
	10 Aug, Thu	Back to 104B early. Then Kingstown & Blackrock people all day at the House.
	11 Aug, Fri	Ditto of yesterday.
	12 Aug, Sat	Came to Paddockhurst via Forest Row where Beau Watson & I golfed. The family has moved servants, horses, carriages & all. It is picnicky. I like it. But poor Beau must be dull.
	13 Aug, Sun	Spent whole day at Forest Row. Beat record 115 by 4. Record now 111. W.W. had to go to London. But I preferred solitude at Paddockhurst to a night unnecessarily sweated away in London.
	14 Aug, Mon	Back to 104B & had a busy day at Parl't with the Blackrock & Kingstown Drainage Commissioners. Attack of dysentery came on & I foresee trouble if I am not very careful.
	15 Aug, Tue	Seedy & kept in rooms all day. Ground out Blackrock case for Thursday. In evening in came J.R. Wigham to tell me the whole thing was going to be squared.
	16 Aug, Wed	Better but seedy enough. Saw a medico who said I was very near jaundice. But had to attend the House & look after the Blackrock compromise.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 16, col. 472-3]	17 Aug, Thu	Still very seedy. Bothered by Blackrock & Kingstown Drainage people. Spoke on an amendment about lotteries. Lived on milk

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		chiefly. Heat 92.7 in London! Hottest day I remember in England.
	18 Aug, Fri	Hotter!
	19 Aug, Sat	Went to P'[addock]hurst & lay out.
	20 Aug, Sun	Loafed & at last began to feel the great weakness going.
	21 Aug, Mon	Back to town & had to go to the Crystal Palace to preside at a meeting of Cooperative Production people. Did well considering. Then to the House where I loafed, played chess & finally voted at 12.15 A.M. Killeen was formally sold in Landed Estates Court. What a wrench. Everyone will feel it except Fingall.
	22 Aug, Tue	Parl't.
	23 Aug, Wed	Parl't. Still very weak. Nothing but rest, fresh air will pick me up. Dunning & I dined at Crystal Palace to get some fresh air. Not a great success.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 16, col. 961]	24 Aug, Thu	Blackrock people over again. Tim Healy had broken faith with us after the compromise we had made with him. So today I wrote a public letter & got a reply from him. I hope I shall have cause to publish both. It will illustrate the "honour" of T.H. & the like.
	25 Aug, Fri	Parliament & final closure of Report Stage. We were discussing 6th clause when the guillotine came down! Frank Kemp & wife dined at the House with me.
	26 Aug, Sat	To Forest Row for the afternoon & then Paddockhurst for air & complete rest.
	27 Aug, Sun	Should have gone to Forest Row but not feeling strong enough, had to loaf at P'[addock]hurst.
	28 Aug, Mon	Forest Row for half a day. After long constipation cascara & castor oil relieved me. Two Hoyos Boys turned up in evening.
	29 Aug, Tue	Played golf & beat my record scoring 108. The Hoyos boys also played. They are an amusing contrast with English public school boys. Very weak.
[9 stone, 5 lb. – 131 lb.]	30 Aug, Wed	Back to town. Found the Blackrock & Kingstown Drainage people over in force. Heard Gladstone at his best in moving 3 Reading of H.R. Bill. Could not attend house further. F. Jameson dined with me at Wellington. Weighed 9.5 at the Club!
	31 Aug, Thu	At last the Blackrock & Kingstown Bill was finally passed by the Lords & will now cease to trouble. I had difficulty enough with the stupid Blackrock Commissioners who still hoped to shut out the popular element from their Township Government. They took too much of my time to enable me to speak in the House, for which I was sorry as I had something to say. Monteagle turned up & dined with me.
	1 Sep, Fri	Tried to speak but could not get into the Debate. Had I succeeded I should have taken a very independent stand, disavowing the chief alleged dangers of Home Rule & setting up the alternative policy. I also wished to show without "insulting the Irish" that there are many reasons why we should be more successful in

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		commercial & industrial pursuits in partnership with Eng'd than on our own account. Of course the Third Reading was carried by the normal majority (about) amidst triumphant yells from the Irish.
	2 Sep, Sat	<p>Got away to Knighton, Norton Arms Hotel, today. There I met Thomas Ferne & his son and appointed them (Ferne & son) agents to my little Beguilty estate. They are not prepossessing & I should not have chosen them myself. But poor old Nixon so highly recommended Ferne senior that being rather pressed I shall try them.</p> <p>I called at Lumley's before leaving town & heard that the bid for Killeen was quite bogus. I could not wire that news but got it by train to Drumree for Fingall.</p> <p>Warner of Loft & Warner called & gave me an option on 104B till Dec. 31 at £250 unfurnished.</p>
	3 Sep, Sun	<p>Drove to Beguilty where I went to Church in the end of the old church which still stood up. A dreary young curate with a Welsh accent of the most rasping kind read badly & preached worse. We were 8 in all & one child just learning played a very bad harmonium, an old clerk doing choir. Old Abraham Thomas dabbles in farming – rabbit farming chiefly I believe – on land which he mortgaged for most of the purchase money. He neglects the congregation, who have all gone to the meeting houses & chapels. I never saw such practical argument for Disestablishment!</p> <p>Edward Price of Bedowlyd took me round the chief tenants after giving me an excellent dinner of mutton, bacon, vegetables & apple pudding washed down with rather bitter but quite innocent cider. Nice lot of tenants. I told them of my appointments & that I trusted Ferne to do justice between landlord and tenant. Splendid day. The ride round did me good.</p>
	4 Sep, Mon	Left Knighton 7 A.M. to catch Mail at Chester. Had to stay in Dublin to see Fingall about his affairs. Johnny taking Raines (valet) & Oliver Brighton (Chaplain I suppose) crossed the other way to speak & vote against the Home Rule Bill in the Lords.
	5 Sep, Tue	Arrived at Dunsany where Ernle and the two boys & Dunning were keeping house. Spent a day writing letters, talking to Daisy over the future &c &c.
	6 Sep, Wed	Up to town & out to Wykeham with Daisy & Miss Burke in afternoon. Saw Harrel about the Tandy persecution. H. will do all he can to put a stop to it.
	7 Sep, Thu	Dublin early. C.D.B. meeting at which I took the chair & pushed business a bit. Very seedy. Old complaint back again full force. Went with Dunning & Kennedy to Mullingar (Greville Arms) overnight in order to get a better night's sleep and have a shorter journey to Foxford next day.
	8 Sep, Fri	9.9 AM by mail from Mullingar, where Thompson (Woodhouse Mills, Huddersfield) joined us, & on to Foxford. The usual feed. I was seedy enough. But the air of those wild districts & the interest in the work braced me up. Thompson gave us light & hope. The convent may pull through & it is worth the risk to try & save them – we slept at Mellet's Hotel, Swineford. There a

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		deputation waited on old Kennedy & me & put before us all manner of wild plans, ending up after we had exploded them all, "Give us £1000 & ask no questions then."
	9 Sep, Sat	Up at 6 A.M. Breakfast provided at 7 A.M. arrived at 7.45. Started 8.15 for Ballagaderine. En route saw a model holding of the R.D.S. near Swineford. The man who was paid to work it under the instructions of the rep[resentativ]e of the R.D.Soc'y had the remainder of his holding in the usual condition of the local farmer – all weeds & dirt! Object lesson indeed! – While Thompson did Ballaghaderine Kennedy & I went with Rev. D O'Hara of Kiltimagh to see some of the tenants of the Edmonstown estate purchased by the tenants some 9 years ago. Rents ?later then half ownership in 35 (now 26) years. Moral & national effect excellent. Via Castlerea back to Dublin. I went back to Wykeham where Daisy still was. Nearly well again.
	10 Sep, Sun	Quiet out of doors day with Daisy. Delicious rest.
	11 Sep, Mon	Played golf at Dollymount in the morning and attended C.D.B. meeting in afternoon returning Dunsany night train.
	12 Sep, Tue	Writing all morning. Went to Killeen to talk over F's affairs with F and Daisy. George Murphy came in. The sale being done for[,] the question seems to be where to live with only a margin of £1500 per anno to live on – Killeen, London or where? Johnny took to his bed in the afternoon & got into a high fever followed by those cold sweats. After all manner of self inflicted drugs he sent for Laffan who by morphia injecting calmed him down. His state of health is most alarming.
	13 Sep, Wed	A cricket match. The colts of Meath – 16 boys of a generation I know not – against Dunsany – Trotter, Johnny Roberts, Oliver Brighton, Charlie Rothwell & Co. I made "cock score" – 41 by poking – too weak to hit – bad bowling. Johnny put up half a dozen boys. Ernle kept her bed – J. very ill looking. Such a picnic.
	14 Sep, Thu	Foolish playing so hard yesterday! Suffered for it today. Went in & made 0 in match (which glad to say the boys won) then went to Dublin where Denis dined with me at Club. Hard to sleep on a dose of castor oil.
	15 Sep, Fri	Started for Congested Districts creamery tour with Anderson who I met at Limerick by 9.15 AM train. There I saw the premises of the Coop: Agency Society now re opened in Limerick head quarters vice Manchester which is only to be a depôt. Everything going very well greatly to my joy. Monteagle & James Byrne came in to the only Committee meeting I have been able to attend since organisation of agency. R.A.A. & I went on to Cork where we slept.
[?Dudgeon] [brake]	16 Sep, Sat	9.20 AM Cork to Skibbereen where we arrived at 12 & inspected the creamery & learned a good deal about the way in which we may serve Congested D[istrict]s by Coop'n. Drove across to Bantry looking at intermediate districts. There Daisy Fingall, Willie Dugden & Miss Burke, F Jameson, Miss Minnie Fitzgerald joined us & we drove in the Tourist break [sic] to Glengarriff Eccles Hotel – for a rest on Sunday. Very lucky being able to have this cheery party of Tourists to help us rest from our work.

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	17 Sep, Sun	A day of rest fortunately, for mucous diarrhoea made me miserable. A cheery party & rest are the best of medicine however. Anderson went on to Kenmare at night so my seediness did not delay our operations.
	18 Sep, Mon	Drove with Daisy, who inspected the convent lace making, to Kenmare where I met Anderson who had enquired into butter business and after an enquiry into an application from one Lee who wanted working capital to start a woollen factory, drove to Waterville via Sneem where we made further enquiries. Glengarriff to Kenmare 22 miles on to Sneem 17 on to Waterville 25. 64 in the day. Met our local inspector (C.D.B.) J.E. Butler & got facts about milk & butter. Had a good sleep in good sleep in good westerly breeze.
	19 Sep, Tue	Had an early round at the Waterville golf links – 6 fair holes – no greens or Ts. Then off to business – butter, butter, butter. Caherciveen & much information thereon. The new Railway thru which BSD[unning] & I drove along 2 years ago while it was making, took us in comfort to Tralee. The scenery along Tralee Bay was very grand. At Tralee a comfortable put up at the Kerry Co. Club where we spent a sleepy evening with Kerry squireens & the like.
	20 Sep, Wed	Green, Parsons, CDB's consulting engineer & his assistant Keating came up early from S.S. Fingal at Fenit & we drove together to Ballyheige on the south & ?Brenagahane on the north side of the Kerry head promontory. Inspected 2 sites for harbours asked for & ships possible. The P.P. whom I met before at Garinish was now at Causeway & he came to the latter site. To him I propounded my new scheme of Cooperative butter factories (i.e. mixers & cleaners of home made lumps) as opposed to Creameries. Then on to Ballybunnion where Green & Co went back to Fenit via the electric Lantique R'y and where RAA who had done Dingle country joined me at night. If they changed the name – made golf links & carried the drain sewer beyond the bathing place Ballybunnion would attract tourists.
	21 Sep, Thu	Had a game of golf before Post came in on a course all bunkers – Lost 3 balls out of 4 we had with us doing 6 holes. Wrote up letters & drove to Ballylongford which is in a district apparently only technically Congested. Saw the P.P. Arranged for a future meeting. Back to Tralee via Listowel where we dined. Slept at Club.
	22 Sep, Fri	Off at 7 AM to Abbey-dorney to meet an old Scotch farmer who wanted to start a creamery with help of C.D.B. Back at 9 AM for breakfast. Then off to Castleisland to meet a lot of "strong" farmers. Unhappily Anderson had written to the "strongest" to summon the others & he had gone off his head some weeks ago. So we drove to Killarney where we had another applicant for C.D.B. assistance (i.e. money) to see. Monteagle arrived on a visit to SH Butcher & we had a talk. RAA and I put up at GS&W R'y Hotel.
	23 Sep, Sat	Left Killarney & spent most of day in train to Dublin. Stopped off at Newbridge to dine with Willie Blacker & talk over his Amer'n affairs in which he asked me to act for him giving me full powers.

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		<p>Slept at K. St. Club.</p> <p>At Mallow poor Charlie Coote's body arrived as I was passing through. Cut off at 46 by abscess or cancer in the liver. I didn't know him very intimately. But he was a good man of a not very broad kind.</p> <p>Letter from Mary asking me to give up the guardianship of her children because I was not doing my duty by them.</p>
[25 guineas – approx. £71 in modern currency]	24 Sep, Sun	<p>Dunsany by morning train. Johnny invalided with weak heart, swollen liver & the usual kidney disorder – a very bad case though no immediate danger. Gussy Briscoe, Ernle as nurse & Dunning in attendance. Laffan brought a medical friend to consult with him. Verdict no valvular disease of heart, no reason why not recover ?quick if certain abstinances from drink & drugs – <u>if</u>! It is too sad. Eddy running wild – ill mannered greedy selfish self indulgent. What degeneration! Spent part of afternoon with the Fingalls. Col. Dease came to meet me & talk over their plans. Castle let for winter. F. received 25 guineas for my article to Pall Mall Gazette.</p>
	25 Sep, Mon	<p>Busy with letters, Johnny's, Fingall's & Mary's affairs all day. Johnny decidedly better. I shall be able to leave him with less anxiety.</p>
	26 Sep, Tue	<p>After a morning chiefly at Johnny & Ernle's affairs I went to Dublin by the 4.25 train & slept at K St. Club. Dunning came up later and took Eddy to the boat en route for Eton.</p> <p>Johnny was better but one cannot help being constantly alarmed about him. If all the drugs he takes are necessary his condition must be critical. If unnecessary he will never give them up until they kill him.</p>
	27 Sep, Wed	<p>The I.I.A. & C.D.B. (special general meeting) took my morning. Then 3 PM train to Mallow where RAA put me up. In train I composed & at Mallow dictated to a shorthand writer a memorandum to my colleagues on C.D.B. urging them to assist the Irish Section of the Coop: Union in an attempt to introduce Coop Dairying in C[ongeste]d Districts.</p>
	28 Sep, Thu	<p>Left Mallow 8.45 AM for Cork where I saw Scott the auditor of the Coop Dairies. I instilled the <u>principles</u> of our work into him & I think made a propagandist of him. Then to Queenstown & on board the Majestic with R.A.A. Jim Power & wife were seeing off Miss Alexander of British Columbia, so Jim & I had a big talk about the I.I.A. whose affairs I am to investigate in Chicago. Hussey & Townsend's accountant was there to show me the a/cs of the T.B. Ponsonby & ?Winn's Trust. So I had busy last moments – on board J. Chamberlain & his wife, Austin [<i>sic</i>] Chamberlain and a younger brother. Also Frank Jameson, my hunting companion. Very rough start.</p>
	29 Sep, Fri	<p>332. Strong westerly gale. Everyone uncomfortable, most people sick. I was not affected in the slightest. The Fingal must have cured me.</p>
	30 Sep, Sat	<p>365 strong N.W. gale, violent squalls.</p>
	1 Oct, Sun	<p>480. Had the pleasure of an hour's talk with Chamberlain. Irish</p>

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		Question chiefly. Poorly satisfied with results of Session. Debate had brought out impossibility of situation for H. Rulers. If Ireland satisfied with financial settlement England would be ---ted & would not stand it. The greatest obj[ectio]n from Eng. p[oin]t of view certain hostility of Irish Gov't in event of war, for there would always be an unsatisfied demand. C at first would not admit necessity for alternative policy when Unionists came in. He would not repeat his offer now. Indeed any offer would be rejected with scorn. Finally I got him to admit that land purchase, private Bill legislation, higher education (& he said "Why not bring in for primary educ'n" a bill on the Scotch lines?) & Castle reforms badly ?needed. He sees great difficulty in finding a Chief Sec'y for Ireland & asked if I knew a really good business man in Ireland who could fill the post. I could not think of one unless Sinclair of Belfast. For Eng'd he was not afraid of manhood suffrage (? but residence & illiterate clause) would fight Parish Councils but Tories not on for fight (our side under great disadvantage of not being able to oppose on ground that bills don't go far enough) would go further with employers liability than other side.
	2 Oct, Mon	497. Taught Chamberlain poker.
	3 Oct, Tue	500.
	4 Oct, Wed	404. 118 to Sandy Hook. But too late to land when we got off Quarantine. Another long talk with Chamberlain to whom I explained my whole economic policy for Ireland.
	5 Oct, Thu	Agreed overnight to join Frank & some Americans in a trip to see the International Yacht race betw'n Vigilant (Amer'n millionaire Goodrich owners) & Dunraven's Valkyrie. Jim Power's girl lost her baggage on the wharf so I had to give up trip & look after her. Tried to find businessmen in the morning. All off to race. Drove Miss Alexander to Central Park &c – at night had my interview with Tom Sturgis.
	6 Oct, Fri	Busy day down town chiefly with Tom Sturgis. Then caught 3 P.M. Exposition Flyer for Chicago. This reduces the "Limited's" record by 5 hours! Albany 143 miles in exactly 2¾ hours or 52 miles an hour. No shaking though some sharp curves. Wonderful railroading.
	7 Oct, Sat	Arrived at Chicago (where I stopped at Richelieu Hotel) to the second 10 AM – 20 hours for 960 miles! Went to Irish Village at World's Fair. It was cleverly gotten up – not Ireland but a taking show enough as the turnstiles testify. Mrs. Peter White presides over 100 & more shop girls, lace makers, spinners, weavers, harpists, fiddlers, pipers, dancers, songsters, dairy maids &c &c. Money recklessly spent but seems to be coming back. One great secret of success the way in which Lady Aberdeen is advertised. Her name is all over the village. It is her village – the I.I.A. Jim Power & the rest of us – I'm not jealous – have given our work & money to make Lady A the best advertised lady in the world! Well she works hard herself too & her work is mostly good.
	8 Oct, Sun	Ferguson, Lady A's A.D.C. lunched with me. We were then to go to the Fair but I had another stomach attack & had to retire to bed after going to a doctor who nearly did for me – gave me a terrible

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		colic by way of stopping dysenteric diarrhoea.
[CM&St.P. – Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul]	9 Oct, Mon	“Chicago Day” at the World’s Fair. Biggest crowd I ever saw – some 700,000 people – perfectly orderly. Attended to Irish Village affairs. But crowd made it impossible to do anything. Left for Omaha by 5.30 CM&St.P. train.
	10 Oct, Tue	Arrived Omaha feeling sick enough & put up with the Frank Kemps. I found Harry & Frank, Fred Hesse (out of a job) & Conrad attached to the office. Not up to much work.
	11 Oct, Wed	Sick & had to see a doctor. Loafed about the office – transacted some business badly. Came to the conclusion that a rigid & painful self denial at table – so rigid as to be annoying to my hosts & guests & fellow-travellers was the only way of saving my health from a rapid break up.
	12 Oct, Thu	A Gilchrist turned up & F.K. & I talked Wyo Dev Co affairs at length. In evening I got more & more dyspeptic and had to retire immediately after a dinner of partners & their wives in which I could take no part. A very bad stomach & liver attack is on me.
	13 Oct, Fri	Was to have gone to Hiland but had to do invalid. Drove to South Omaha with Windsor. Finally had to send for doctor who told me I was unquestionably suffering from a bad attack of <u>intestinal dyspepsia</u> . He said a few days on my back with slop food would be the best remedy!
	14 Oct, Sat	Stayed in bed half the day – got no business done worth mentioning.
	15 Oct, Sun	Much better today owing to rest and starvation – mutton broth, very little toast & milk diet. Finished up business with partners. Spoke seriously to Harry Windsor about his position & urged him to be more methodical in his work. Left by Milwaukee RR for Chicago.
	16 Oct, Mon	Put back a bit by the journey. But care got me through the day without fresh attack. Found F Jameson, Jeffrey & “Toby” Cairnes at Richelieu where I put up. Went to Village & found Lady Aberdeen & also her staff (including Lord A). She is most difficult & makes my position so too.
	17 Oct, Tue	Irish Village nearly all day. As I feared a row threatens with Lady A. She wants to haul down the English flag (which is hoisted on her cottage on acc’t of Viceroyalty) when she goes on Sat[urda]y. I object. She cries. I do hope she is not going to destroy my faith in her motives. Had a look into the a/cs & a long interview with the administration’s auditor. I had to defend many pious frauds. Did the illuminations in a steam launch. Beautiful.
	18 Oct, Wed	Ralph Stuart Wortley turned up. Spent the day at the Irish Village. I wished it at the bottom of the Lake as I wanted to see the Exhibition.
	19 Oct, Thu	Had a meeting of the Chicago Com’ttee of the I.I.A. at the Chicago National Bank – Lady A, Mrs. White, J.R. Walsh, lawyer Hines, ‘Jim’ Sullivan, Sexton[,] Egan & myself being chief persons present decided to open a depôt for sale of Irish work in Chicago, also to pay off creditors myself included (\$4860) at once. In afternoon Lady A held a reception at Irish

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		Village. The Royal Standard was stolen by some person or persons unknown. Another was put up & God Save the Queen was played by the Band. Ralph Wortley turned up.
	20 Oct, Fri	Another day at the Village. Finally arranged matters re closing it up. Frank Kemp arrived & we had some business talk. The night was spent at a dinner at the Chicago Athletic Club got up by John Clay & Henry Blair at which all the busted cattle kings we could collect assembled. Very few were obtainable as it was a badly chosen night. The occasion was too valedictory to be quite enjoyable.
	21 Oct, Sat	Ralph Wortley & I left for N.Y. and Washington respectively. He poor fellow heard of his father's death just before starting. Frank Jameson had to stay behind to nurse Toby Cairnes who had an attack of quinsy.
	22 Oct, Sun	Arrived at Washington and had an afternoon with Senator Carey on the affairs of the Wyo. Dev. Co. I think I may have braced him up a bit & got him into a business frame of mind. If so we may get something out of that concern yet. Saw no one else nor any sights. Had to go away for N.Y. by night as I must work hard at the scheme and the Cattle Trust next three days in N.Y.
	23 Oct, Mon	N.Y. early. Put up at Brunswick Hotel. My enemy Moreton Frewen there also. Went down town & saw three of the N.Y. shareholders in Wyo Dev Co. Gilchrist was there also. I hope we may come to an amiable agreement & not go on trying to get the better of each other to the ruin of all. Dined with Ralph Wortley. He poor boy is in moderate health I fear. He looks as worn as I do & he is 10 years younger.
	24 Oct, Tue	A very busy day. Carey came along from Washington & he, Sturgis, Gilchrist, Ladenburg, R. Fulton Cutting & self met & practically agreed to a scheme of reorganisation of the Wyo Dev Co. I also saw McGhee and gave him my views about liquidating the Western Union Beef Co. Gilchrist & Carey dined with me.
	25 Oct, Wed	Busy morning. Ralph Hickox turned up at Brunswick Hotel & we talked of possible Mediterranean trip together in the winter. Went to see the Cattle Trust secretary – wrote large number of letters &c. Then came on board Teutonic which sailed out on a calm sea at 4 P.M. Frank Jameson came back with me.
	26 Oct, Thu	326. Not very interesting passengers. H. Yates Thompson & wife (late proprietor Pall Mall Gazette) the most interesting so far. Had long talks on Home Rule with him. Ardent Gladstonian. No great knowledge of question. Father, now Monsignor Nugent of Liverpool – not an able but a very broadminded Irishman interested in philanthropic Irish work, emigration &c. I was glad to meet again.
	27 Oct, Fri	443. Sitting at dinner next Watson, designer of the Valkyrie just defeated by the Amer'n yacht Vigilant in International race at N.Y. No doubt the Americans can build a better boat at home for home waters & light breezes than we can build with the Atlantic to cross.
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	30 Oct, Mon	463. Finest passage I ever had up to this. High & lowly rising glass all this way. Concert on Board. Fr. Nugent & Lady Henry Somerset notably the latter delivered eloquent addresses. £57.10/- collected for Marine Charities. I briefly proposed the various votes of thanks & spoke highly of the two named.
[Mayor Carter Harrison]	31 Oct, Tue	457. 225 to Queenstown. Landed midnight six days & 40 minutes Sandy H. to Q[ueenstow]n. News on landing consisted of Johnny better, J. Bunbury dead, as also Daisy's Father (she & F. burying him Thursday at Galway). Public Silver Bill defeated & Mayor of Chicago shot on day before close of Exhib'n by lunatic. Was introduced to Lady Henry Somerset. Liked her & must try to meet again.
	1 Nov, Wed	Up 5.45 AM. Train for Dublin 7 AM reached Dublin 3 PM! Met Anderson at Mallow & he travelled to Sallins with me & told me all the Coop: news. A couple of hours in Dublin, made plans &c. Went to Dunsany where I found Johnny better but practically committing suicide with drink! Mary was with him & Dunning had taken care of him ever since I left. Indeed he had saved his life by his care.
	2 Nov, Thu	A sad day with Johnny & Mary. Consulted nurse, valet & Dunning. All aware of Johnny's real ailment. The doctor (Laffan) hopeless about him taking a pull. The other doctors all say "they never do". I will see what can be done.
	3 Nov, Fri	To Dublin with Mary. Had a square talk with her about her boys & my guardianship. We shall understand each other better henceforth I hope. Meeting of Finance Committee of C.D.B. Micks still ill & office work getting into confusion. Started for Donegal. T.P. Cairnes put me up at Stameen, Drogheda en route. Large good dull family. Kind people.
	4 Nov, Sat	Up 6.45. From Drogheda 7.30 AM. R.A.A. in train. On to Letterkenny via Londonderry. Entertained to lunch to Bp. O'Donnell. Then a meeting at Kilmacrenan, Priests, 2 parsons, a doctor & 200 people about. Explained Coop dairying. Districts probably unsuitable but people capable of combination for similar purposes. Dr. O'D thoroughly grasps my ideas & will be a great help. He dined us well with priests a ?wine ?cask &c. Gahan met us at dinner.
	5 Nov, Sun	Cold feet kept me awake most of the night. But I was able to speak fairly well at Glenswilly to a crowd at the Chapel gates in a bitter N.W. wind. I think a creamery will probably result. These Donegal men are more enterprising than the Southerners – a hardier lot with a good sprinkling of Protestants among them with whom the R.C.s live in amity. Called on way back on a W. Boyd, son-in-law of the Col. Dopping whom we saw. At eventide Bp. O'Donnell again entertained us at a party of priests. A grating fiddle, songs sentimental mainly & a good but too too solid dinner.
	6 Nov, Mon	Sharp frost at night. Cold drive via Glenfin where we held another meeting & hope for a Creamery & to Stranorlar. There after a heavy feed with the P.P. at 5 P.M. (oh these huge meals at

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		ungodly hours!) we came by train to Donegal where we put up for the night at Timolin's Hotel. Letters from Dunning. Good news of Johnny. Sad news of poor old Nixon's death.
	7 Nov, Tue	Poor Anderson was in a high fever last night & half delirious. Today the Dr. kept him in bed where I had to leave him at night as I had to get back to Johnny & C.D.B. meetings. During the day I, backed by Dr. O'Donnell, addressed two meetings firstly at Donegal a few strong farmers, shopkeepers &c, then about 350 small farmers at Inver Parish schools. At the latter I was at my best and was glad to feel that I really made an impression. I am hopeful about the future of my industrial doctrine. At night the Bishop & I went by train to Dublin via Stranorlar & Strabane where we got into the night mail & by paying 5/- got blankets & pillows on very narrow seats of old 1st class carriages. No way of obscuring the light – no warmth. No chance of sleep.
	8 Nov, Wed	C.D.B. meeting at 11. At 12.30 I left for Dunsany wanting to write arrears of letters & see Johnny. He was much better having "taken a pull". A letter from Mary suggested a massage course as the only possible control under which to keep him. I had thought of the same plan curiously in Donegal. He ought to go to a hospital for inebriates. But he would not do that. Got a look only at Daisy.
	9 Nov, Thu	Daisy & I up by morning train. Heard all about the F's affairs. Went to 3 CDB committee meetings, and an important IIA meeting. Back to Dunsany.
	10 Nov, Fri	Monthly meeting C.D.B. took most of day. Poor Anderson got up to Dublin & was pronounced suffering from typhoid. This places me in a terrible difficulty. How on earth to keep the Creameries & Agency Soc'y going is indeed a problem. Wrote a big batch of letters.
	11 Nov, Sat	A terribly busy day. Anderson to get to a private hospital. C.D.B. meeting to attend. Anderson's correspondence & Scott our cooperative organiser (who came up to see me) to attend to, a meeting of cottage ?tenants Kingstown &c &c. Dunning came up from Dunsany or I should have got through nothing.
[In <i>Seventy Years Young</i> Elizabeth Fingall spells this Curtin; in subsequent entries and in his will, HP spells it Curtain]	12 Nov, Sun	Drove to Dunsany for the day only. Back to K St. Club. Engaged Fingall's servant Curtin [<i>sic</i>] as valet £50 a year, 28/- Bd wages while finding his own lodgings near Mount St. Johnny ill looking. Ernle in bed. Depressing very. Saw Laffan & got him to have another try to cure Johnny of his ailment – alcohol. A course of massage in a massage home is the plan. Anderson better.
	13 Nov, Mon	Up at 6 AM. Limerick by 7.20 AM mail. There met Monteagle, F O'Brien, Scott (auditor), O'Callaghan manager of Irish Coop Agency Soc'y on premises of latter. Talked over Agency & Coop Union affairs for 4½ hours & then returned to Dublin. Found Anderson better but <u>hot</u> 102.4 degrees.
	14 Nov, Tue	A day of sundry work in Dublin writing chiefly letters re Anderson's business, Dunning helping. Lunched with Redington who interests me. Drove out to Dr. Ball (ex chancellor) at Taney House, Dundrum & sat through a big stuffy rather bourgeois dinner. Very seedy after it.

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	15 Nov, Wed	A sick day. Fisheries Committee & general meeting of C.D.B. Then to Dunsany where poor Johnny was looking horribly wrecked evidently having drunk hard during my absence.
[9 stone, 10 lb. = 136 lb.]	16 Nov, Thu	Weighed 9.10! Spent morning at Dunsany preparing speech for meeting at Kingstown where I subsequently made a poor attempt. It is terrible work speaking when one is not fit & well. The speech was well written. Poor Johnny is drinking hard again. He is not long for this world unless he can be forcibly broken from his suicidal habit.
	17 Nov, Fri	Spent day preparing speech which I delivered at Rathmines Town Hall to a dead audience. If it had been an intelligent audience I should have succeeded. I was dead tired – but a little stimulant brought me into fair form.
	18 Nov, Sat	Woke up played out. Spent day seeing various people especially Lady Ridgeway with whom I lunched & heard about the Govt's behaviour to her husband who is being sent either to Isle of Man as governor or turned adrift. This (2) is bad for Ireland I think. Saw also Calhoun traffic mg'r of G.S. & W.R. re article against Railways in Fortnightly. Urged him to reply as most important to ventilate whole question. Went to Dunsany to find Johnny ill after another resort to drink as an escape from boredom.
	19 Nov, Sun	Packed all day snatching intervals for final arrangements about poor Johnny. Told Ernle the real cause of his many & ever increasing ailments. Left Dunning to look after him & went to Dublin for night en route to Eng'd. In D[ubli]n saw Anderson – the other anxiety – happily going on splendidly. Final arrangements made for his treatment. Saw Fr. Finlay & talked over Agricul'l organis'n. Saw Dr. Little & put my brother's case before him. He will try & induce him to go into a private hospital in Dublin. Under treatment he <u>may</u> do something with him.
	20 Nov, Mon	Rough passage to Eng'd. Arrived London. Found Blundell in possession. Went into 104B with Curt[a]in as my dry nurse! Dined with Daisy alone. She is very sick, poor little woman, with mal de mere! Extra sickness portends a boy they tell her. Went to House. Dreary debates on Parish Councils Bill! Went to bed very tired.
	21 Nov, Tue	Oh so Dreary! Everyone bored to death at the House. I got through a good bit of business correspondence &c during the day & did not go nearer the debates than the division lobbies.
	22 Nov, Wed	W. Watson came up from P'[addock]hurst & visited me at H. of C. Told me that P'hurst was sure to be sold, that his position would come to an end and that he proposed to go in with his sister Mrs. Bunbury in a horse dealing business if he could raise his share of the capital. He would like me to advance him 1/3rd, to invest 1/3rd myself, his sister putting up the other 1/3rd. He is straight, energetic, business like. She would be a great help & has a good horse connection. I am anxious to see him on his feet & shall go in. "Poppy" Herbert, the Fingall's & F Jameson dined at Wellington with me & went to a play.
	23 Nov, Thu	Very uncomfortable with mucous diarrhoea or Bowel catarrh. Lunched West Ridgeway at St. James Club & heard the story of his banishment to the Isle of Man. Drowsily did the House.

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[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 18, col. 1749]	24 Nov, Fri	Better. Still seedy enough. I amused the House by a few impromptu remarks on the woman suffrage question which fitted into the Parish Councils (Committee) debate, out of my Wyoming reminiscences.
	25 Nov, Sat	After a morning's letter writing went to Brighton with Frank Jameson, Miss Fitzgerald & Daisy. At night we all felt seedy. Vile food.
	26 Nov, Sun	Fingall joined us & we all went back to London, the weather being cold & wet and the whole party more or less seedy. Daisy especially. I dined F & Miss Fitz[gerald]: at Wellington Club in order to leave Daisy quiet. Got a bad attack of indigestion.
	27 Nov, Mon	Had to send for a medico F Manly Sims. He after a very cursory glance at me gave me some medicine which did not do me much good. Meanwhile Daisy had recovered & was most kind visiting me & helping me to get invalid food &c. West Ridgeway called & spent an hour telling me of his affairs.
[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 18, col. 1906]	28 Nov, Tue	Wandered about the House unfit for work. Better however. Begin to see it is absolutely necessary to take a rest & bask in the sun somewhere until my circulation is restored.
	29 Nov, Wed	Far better. But unable to get through any work.
	30 Nov, Thu	Getting myself again. Old Tuke came to the House & we talked over C.D.B. affairs. I dined sans ceremonie with Elsie Pease & her Jack.
	1 Dec, Fri	Well again thank God. Saw John Abercrombie M.D., 23 Up'r Wimpole St., supposed to be specialist for bowel troubles. He ordered rest, air & sun!
	2 Dec, Sat	After a day at letters &c went to Paddockhurst where I found W Watson & his widowed sister Myra Bunbury. Object of visit to talk over a proposal that he should go into the horse dealing business with his sister in Cheshire probably, & that I should lend him 1/3rd capital & subscribe 1/3rd myself. I don't like it at all. But I daresay I shall be able to get my money out & I know no better way of putting that very helpful & satisfactory protégé of mine on his legs.
	3 Dec, Sun	Got a little out of door exercise. Came up in afternoon to see Ernle & be ready for work early Monday.
	4 Dec, Mon	Determined to pair for rest of Session, do my Irish work & go to the Cape or somewhere away for 6 weeks or 2 months. Sent for a lady typewriter and made complicated arrangements for carrying out these plans. Dined with the Arnold Forsters.
	5 Dec, Tue	Got a pair for the rest of the Session. Took a last day at the House so far as regular attendance goes.
	6 Dec, Wed	Business for Johnny with Johnson – spent much time trying to get information about the Cape trip & almost decided to go there. Frank Jameson decided by letter not to go there & counter-proposed West Indies. I think the Cape will be far the best for health restoration & so shall go alone. Dined with 'Bob' Yerburgh & talked over People's Banks, Cooperative organisation for agriculturists &c &c. He will I think

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		help in Ireland if I call upon him.
	7 Dec, Thu	After a busy morning went by 4.10 train to Chester where I met Johnny who had been frightened into moderate drinking & drugging & was the beginning of a new man. Went on by North Wall train & boarded the mail in time to get to sleep before we started. However there was a westerly gale which soon woke me up. We had a six hours passage! I was not sick.
	8 Dec, Fri	Rather upset by the journey. Dunning met me. Did much letter writing and attended monthly meeting of C.D.B. Worked at industrial propaganda works with various individuals. Had to give up all the work about the country I intended to do as evidently I am not strong enough. Decided to sail on 16th as the sooner I get away the better.
	9 Dec, Sat	Lucky I decided not to go to Limerick as I was seedy enough. However got through 2 meetings of C.D.B., saw West Ridgeway, wrote many letters with Dunning's help &c &c. Anderson getting rapidly better.
	10 Dec, Sun	Went down to Dunsany to try & arrange important estate matters for Johnny. Saw Wilkinson & Barton, tried to see H Cullen but he was in L'[iver]pool for Xmas market. Called on Killeen tenants but not at home. Oh what a dreary country. Population gone – no amusements, social gatherings, stupid beefy people – hunting of course.
	11 Dec, Mon	Penultimate day in Dublin. Long talks with Fr. Finlay, Anderson, Dr. Wright, Micks & others took up much of the day. Denis dined with me. I saw Cloncurry & he fired up rather at mention of "compulsory purchase".
	12 Dec, Tue	Said goodbye to poor Anderson. He feels our kindness to him. C.D.B. meeting & meeting of my Registration Assoc'n at which I said I was ready to stand again if really required. But they must take me as I am by my past utterances & impose no new tests. I explained that I could not abandon my other Irish work and that therefore I could not devote my whole time to Parliamentary business. I was received kindly, respectfully & without enthusiasm as heretofore. I think they want me to stand. Some goodbyes & took the steamer to Holyhead. It was a dead calm at K[ingstown]. though Daisy wired me that there was a gale in London.
	13 Dec, Wed	Arrived tired & not well. Got through very little business as Johnny was to meet me & failed. Looking for him, visiting the Pembroke Castle, some shopping & letters took the whole day.
	14 Dec, Thu	Beau Watson breakfasted with me. I made him & the brothers Johnson of Markby Wilde & J[ohnson] co executors & trustees of my will & so told W.W. my <u>most</u> private affairs. Lunched at Junior Carlton with Johnny who is really recovering fast. Dined with Yerburch & met Winchilsea, promoter of the National Agricultural Union. He is clever & not as narrow as I had expected.
	15 Dec, Fri	Very busy packing & making final arrangements. T P Gill lunched with me. I made my will. I dined with Mrs. Willie & met 'Fa' Conyngham & Daisy. A sad night in some ways.

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[<i>père et fils</i> – father and son] [Journalist Henry W. Lucy – pen name ‘Toby, MP’ in <i>Punch</i>]	16 Dec, Sat	Left Waterloo 11.40 A.M. & went to Southampton where Berthon pere et fils saw me off on to the tender. Daisy, good little soul came to W’loo. She wanted to come on to S’hampton. But I could not let her. On board such passengers! Lucy & wife (Toby M.P.) & TW Russell & wife. T.W. on the temperance question or the Irish question can be admired. Otherwise no interest. Wife provincial very. Steamer not comfortable according to modern ideas. No elec light, no bells in cabin. Food poor.
	17 Dec, Sun	Genial air for time of year. Increasing swell rolling in from west. 226 to noon. Got round NW corner of France & began going S.W. A nice army medical staff surgeon Captain Blenkinsop made another “possible” re the passenger list. Found T.W. Russell had no more general conversation (rather less) than I have.
	18 Dec, Mon	282
	19 Dec, Tue	287
	20 Dec, Wed	304. Amusements committee organised, self Chairman.
	21 Dec, Thu	223. Arrived 5 AM Funchal. Struggled out of my cabin in the dark. The passage was like the river Styx, a double stream of screaming Portuguese running up & down with loaded & emptied coal trucks. Such all pervading filth I never saw. Went ashore with Lucys, Russells, Blenkinsop. The most lovely island I ever saw. Mounted the hill in “Carros” – quaint sleighs drawn by oxen & after a circuitous route on the side of the mountain tobogganed down to one of Reid’s Hotels where we breakfasted. The toboggan was a lighter sleigh held back by two bearfooted [<i>sic</i>] boys who run down hanging on to ropes from the two hind corners of the little basket vehicle. Such lovely flowers & foliage plants. It was a glorious couple of hours. But oh the hot house atmosphere. Poor invalids. It may preserve the lungs but must enervate living. Back to ship after buying tables, chairs &c – good & cheap basket work – where we amused ourselves making the boys dive for coppers & 6 ^d s. I cabled home “Much better”.
	22 Dec, Fri	Passed through the Canaries. Not near enough to any to see anything of the islands. 312.
	23 Dec, Sat	313
	24 Dec, Sun	308
	25 Dec, Mon	305. Xmas at sea. Cricket match 1st vs 2nd class. Very good fun & exercise. Then at night a Concert in the saloon – all classes crowded in, 80 degrees at least. I told stories of ranch life, jokes convulsed 1/3rd, bored 1/3rd, & filled 1/3rd of the audience with apparent bewilderment. T.W.R. did well as chairman. Lucy read something about the “Queen at Home” which he had written for an American Paper. But the dinner, Roast beef & plum pudding, turkeys added to an elaborate dinner of many courses, the Cap’n supplying Champagne & sherry ad lib.
	26 Dec, Tue	294
	27 Dec, Wed	281

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	28 Dec, Thu	268. Lat 0.5 N so we crossed the Equator just before noon.
	29 Dec, Fri	278
	30 Dec, Sat	286
[8 stone, 10 lb. = 122 lb]	31 Dec, Sun	287. Still a week from the Cape. Very seedy & weak. Temperature back at 96.6, weight I fear at 8st. 10 lbs.
	Year-end Summary	<p>The year /93 – my first in Parliament has been interesting but exhausting. I have had several stomach attacks, mucous diarrhoea – arising out of acute dyspepsia generally – being the exact complaint every time. At the end of the year I find myself 8st. 10lbs naked weight with temperature of 96.6°, about 2° below normal. All my work was spoiled by ill health & how to get stronger becomes the all important question in view of future usefulness. I am not hypochondriacal I am sure, as I am too busy. But one cannot help having a rapid decline of vitality forced upon one’s attention when it is becoming an ever present bar to a useful existence.</p> <p>I think I have helped the Congested Districts Board in spite of my absence from Ireland so many months at Westminster. I have also greatly forwarded my Cooperative organisation in Ireland though Anderson’s being ill with typhoid early in November greatly handicapped me at an important crisis in the work.</p> <p>In Parliament I have not done much from inability to work more than from natural incapacity. My speaking is fair when I am fairly well – very bad when I am not – hence more often very bad than fair. I spoke often enough in the House & was not badly received. I made no mark.</p> <p>In the constituency I am not popular but am respected. I have run straight. The Nationalists do not seem to have any great antipathy for me.</p> <p>Socially I have done little. New acquaintances in Parliament of course but not with M.P.s wives & daughters. In London I never “went out”. I suppose they know I won’t marry, or else don’t know that I could support a wife.</p> <p>Family matters have been rather sad owing to Johnny’s having taken again to drink & having almost killed himself. A trip to Egypt in middle of December with a very straight report on his condition from Dr. Little is our last hope for the poor fellow. His constitution is still good for many years.</p> <p>My own wanderings took me to Chicago in October where I attended the Great Exhib’n on behalf of Irish Industries. I had £1000 in the Irish Industries Association’s Village & was fortunate enough to get it back. I attended a little to my Omaha & Wyoming business – only however going to the former. In the end of the year I had to go for a health trip & I determined to go for health & nothing else. So the year ended in an old Castle Line ship, the “Pembroke Castle” in the tropics en route for Cape Town.</p>