

1894 Diary of Sir Horace Curzon Plunkett (1854–1932)

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NOTES

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

Horace Plunkett, *Irish Homestead*, 30 July 1910

Conventions

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

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

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

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

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

5) Punctuation (or lack of)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Correspondence

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

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

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

Abbreviations

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

Names

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

Organisations

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

General

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

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

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

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Events:

18 Apr – *Irish Agricultural Organisation Society (IAOS) formed; 33 affiliated co-operative societies, total turnover £150,000; HP elected president*

27-28 Apr – First Irish Trade Union Congress

26 May – Childers Commission appointed to inquire into financial relations between GB and Ireland

Publications:

- “Agricultural Organisation”, *New Ireland Review*, Jun, pp. 197-205

- “Ireland Today and Tomorrow”, *Fortnightly Review*, new series, v.55, pp. 277-293

- *The Irish Agricultural Organisation Society and Its Aims* (Dublin, undated) 4 pp.

Government:

Prime Minister: William Gladstone (Liberal) to 3 Mar, Earl of Rosebery (Liberal)

Chief Secretary: John Morley

Lord Lieutenant: Robert Crewe-Milnes, Baron Houghton

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £107; \$1 = \$24

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	1 Jan, Mon	284. My year opens in the tropics 6 days from Cape Town in the Pembroke Castle. I have had a nasty stomach attack on the voyage. It would however have been far more troublesome ashore and I am sure the trip has in spite of this set me up a bit. My temperature is 96.6 and I have little energy. I have read little & not felt up to writing on the voyage so far.
	2 Jan, Tue	284
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	4 Jan, Thu	222 We got up a debate on “The best settlement of the Matabeleland question” to try & get information out of those who had been either there or among others who knew the Country. Only one man had been there & few others would talk. The general drift of opinion was that the less the Imp[erial]: Govt. had to do actively with the matter, the less blundering was likely to be committed. (Our past actions in S Africa give good reason to think this.) The Chartered Company should at any rate pull the chesnuts [<i>sic</i>] out of the fire & be well paid for doing so. But the Imp: Govt. should impose such terms as would prevent unjust monopolies.
	5 Jan, Fri	226
	6 Jan, Sat	260
[Vineyard] [Metcalf]	7 Jan, Sun	At 6 AM the journey of nearly 6000 miles came to an end. We were 2 days overdue & some anxiety seems to have been felt. The Lucys & I went off to the International Hotel at the top of the town, T W Russell & wife going to Seapoint in the suburbs. After unpacking &c I lunched with Blenkinsop at City Club, saw Parliament House (outside) & the botanical gardens. The latter very fine old Dutch plantation. Then went out by rail to Newlands to see Sir Henry Loch with whom the Lucys were to lunch and meet Rhodes. Found Lucys gone – no message left. Loch too ill to see me. No train back for 2½ hours, so went to Vineyards [<i>sic</i>] Hotel to look at it with view of possible transfer there. Found old Univ friend Charles Metcalfe [<i>sic</i>] (now Sir C.M.) who had been

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		engineering in Mashonaland. He & his mother were going to call on Lady Loch. Took me to tea there. Then went with C.M. to the Rudds (he Rhodes' partner in de Beers concession) & met Rhodes who asked me to stay with him on the morrow. The wooded slopes of the hills at the back & around Capetown were quite lovely. The mountain too grows on me. At first the far famed Table Mountain looked like an old prairie bluff!
	8 Jan, Mon	90° in the shade. The Hotel caught it all. Glad to pack up & go out to Rhodes' charming house at Rondebosch with the Lucys. The house is only half remodelled on the old Dutch plan of the 200 year old original farm house. The workmen are in possession. But there are one or two rooms & with a charming hospitality we were most comfortably put up. To dinner came Metcalf & a Dr. Harris who had done much of the Chartered Company's pioneer work. We had a most interesting evening. No room to record it here. I shall on other paper. I cabled home that I should sail by the Pembroke Castle (Jan. 24) & that I was improving.
[Ripon – Colonial Secretary]	9 Jan, Tue	Out in the cool early morning on one of R's horses for a delightful ride through the woods at the foot of the mountains. Perfect happiness. R. a charming companion. We had another long talk. I never met such a single minded man. He was nicer than ever al fresco. At half past 8 breakfast & off he went to his official quarters for the day. The Lucys & I then went by train across the Cape peninsula to Simonstown to see the Naval Station. The admiral (Bedford) & his wife entertained us ashore. They were not very interesting. We went over the ships but got little information. Lovely coast. Lovely day. Back to our delightful retreat at Rondebosch & I dined at the Governor's, Sir H. Loch. Colonial party. Loch & his wife both talked S African affairs. He poor fellow evidently finds the difficulty of his position between the strong Rhodes & weak Ripon. I was amused at the way Loch claimed the initiative in acts most obviously of Rhodes' suggestion & part of R's policy.
	10 Jan, Wed	Went into Capetown & had a long talk with a prominent Trade politician "----es".
	11 Jan, Thu	A garden party at Newlands House (the Lochs) so the Lucys & I took it easy all day at The Grange and did nothing but the party. We ought to have had stovepipe hats. What an absurdity – but one should never go anywhere without!
[Fortunate, as Major Alan Wilson and 30 men were all killed pursuing Zulu King Lobengula.]	12 Jan, Fri	Early morning ride with Rhodes. Then off early again to Simonstown to see the Naval station. The admiral had gone & Capt. Marx was in command. I had met him chez Mrs. Tandy when he was on the ?Belli--sh at Kingstown harbour. We could now see what we wanted. Rhodes went off to Kimberly begging us not to "annoy him" by leaving before he came back. We gladly consented to accept this princely hospitality which is really meant. Dined with the Lochs. I sat between Lady L and Mrs. Bowen who is daughter of Bp. of Derry (Alexander). The missing Major Wilson took Bowen (Mining Commissioner) to the Frontier & then remembering his young wife made an excuse for leaving him behind.
	13 Jan, Sat	A picnic at "Groot Constantia" the Government vineyard & Farm with the Lochs. Some pretty colonial girls – some English visitors

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[“eat” was acceptable contemporary past tense usage.]		globe trotting including Sir John Lister Kaye looking very ill & Metcalfe [<i>sic</i>]. Sampled Government experimental wines, eat & drank all sorts of things & generally enjoyed ourselves. The wines were mostly sweet. A dry hock ‘Stein’ is quite drinkable. The “Cape Liqueur” is excellent.
	14 Jan, Sun	Read and wrote all the morning. In the afternoon Lucy & I went in to Cape Town to call on a dear old Dutch Lady who had the prettiest manners I ever met. She told me a lot about the native labour difficulty. Their low standard of comfort makes them indifferent to money as an inducement to toil beyond the “living wage”. Hence while the white labourer finds unlimited competition the black is no proper substitute. The labour difficulty in fact destroys Cape Colony agriculture.
	15 Jan, Mon	Mrs. Lucy not very well. But Lucy & I were driven by John the ?matey coachman in a cape cart drawn by 4 greys round the 35 mile Kloof road, i.e. through Capetown by Seapoint, Camps Bay, Hout Bay, back by Constantia. It is a lovely sea coast drive to Hout’s bay & then a charming mountain & vineyard drive home. Dined with Sir Graham Bower to meet Selous, the great African hunter & explorer – a very modest Englishman of the quiet determined type. He gave us much information upon the Matabele war. He thinks it is practically over. The natives know the game is up.
[“Lo-Ben” (Lobengula) died, possibly by suicide, in January.]	16 Jan, Tue	Done out of sleep by indigestible viands of the night before. Early ride on Rhodes’ favorite mare. Then some writing & in to town where I saw Hofmeyr, the chief man in S.A. politics, the political adviser of Rhodes. Dined at Vineyards Hotel with the Metcalfs, Selous, Sir ? Franklin and Lister Kaye. More about Lions and the Dark Continent. S. thinks Lo Ben will settle north of the Zambese & raise up a new kingdom as his father did when he was driven out of Zululand & reign unmolested until history repeats itself with the gospel, the fire & sword.
	17 Jan, Wed	Got Dr. Muir, chief of Educ’n Department, a Scotch importation whom I interviewed in C[ap]e T[ow]n to come out & dine. He told me a good deal about the country & the leaders of Colonial opinion. His greatest difficulty is the crass conservatism of the Boers. They don’t want their children to be over educated. Geography must not be taught. It interferes with biblical conceptions &c &c.
[MLA – Member of the Legislative Assembly]	18 Jan, Thu	Left “the Rhodes Arms” as Lucy calls it at 7 A.M. for Salt River Junction. Took train for Stellenbosch 30 miles from Cape Town. We found a pretty Dutch country town with the usual churches & seasonal boarding houses, some educational establishments &c. We visited a Vineyard close by owned by a wealthy Dutch speaking Huguenot who showed us around his lovely garden. The phylloxera is playing havoc with all the vineyards. It is hoped California vines may be safe from the pest. After a vile lunch we chartered a “Cart” & four & drove through the mountains to Paarl. Lovely drive. En route we called on Merriman M.L.A. who has bought a farm which he hopes to make pay its way & enlighten two neighbours. Paarl is a single lovely street or avenue of Firs with intermittent housing 9 miles long. Royal Hotel very good.
	19 Jan, Fri	Left Paarl in a “cart” & four 9.15 A.M. & after a long very hot

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[Bain's] [outspan – camp]		drive arrived a[t] Ceres 7.30. The road laid through two mountain passes or kloofs “Baine’s” [sic] and Mitchell’s and the scenery was really grand. Awfully tiring dusty jolty slow progress. But well worth enduring. Cannot think why more is not made of S African scenery – equal to anything in Colorado. Hotels vile – suppose that’s it. Put up at The Ceres Sanatorium Hotel talked about far and wide – started by a doctor & his son. Atrocious. Hotel at Paarl, by the way, excellent. Betw’n the two passes we made our second “outspan” at a farm house where a poor woman of English parentage told us she & her husband (English birth) had 12 children & were the only English speaking people round. Others all Dutch. She delighted in a talk with Mrs. Lucy in her own tongue.
	20 Jan, Sat	Back through Mitchell’s Kloof to Ceres Road Station down in the plain. There after a wait of ¾ hour a terribly slow train to Salt River. We were delighted to get back to “The Rhodes Arms”, Groot Schuur as it is to be called more consistently with its architecture & surroundings. R. not back, no word of him. We may not see him. If we write our thanks he probably won’t open the letter!
	21 Jan, Sun	Lunched with Sir Henry Loch. Tea’d with the Rudds. No fresh information. But one soaks in more than one chronicles in a new country.
	22 Jan, Mon	Spent most of the day helping one Gedge (correspondent for Times) who arrived by Pembroke Castle from East Coast invalided, & came to stay chez Rhodes. Lunched with Sir H. Loch at Govt House. Made some sailing arrangements &c &c.
	23 Jan, Tue	A day of good byes. After a morning in Cape Town where I went to see the English papers by yesterdays mail I went to the Lochs where at a Lady’s [sic] cricket match we saw most of our Cape Town acquaintances. Sir Frederick Carrington and Mr. Smuts of ?Gortruns clerical staff dined with us & we learned a good deal about the wars of South Africa.
	24 Jan, Wed	Packed up & regretfully left Chateau Rhodes. Said goodbye to a few Cape Town acquaintances, saw the museum – chiefly Rhodes’ gift – & took ship for Eng’d. The old Pembroke Castle again. A small passenger list. A young Guardsman (Earle) nephew of Sir H. Loch, Hussey Walsh, brother of Valentine, of that ilk supplemented our own Lucy Russell Plunkett combination. What interest may develop in the others remains to be seen. There was an unusually lovely “Table Cloth” on Table Mountain. This is a white covering of clouds which form out of the blue sky as the S.E. breeze is cooled by the flat topped mountain. Very lovely.
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	4 Feb, Sun	321
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	6 Feb, Tue	306
	7 Feb, Wed	303
	8 Feb, Thu	327. About 4 PM got to Madeira & went ashore. Climbed up the hill & had a look over the quaint Portuguese town of Funchal. Letters from home – Johnny had been ill – drink again I fear – at Mena. A telegram said “John recovered”. Conny had also been ill. Daisy not very well. But all was rather vague & I am anxious to get home.
	9 Feb, Fri	271
	10 Feb, Sat	303. A storm set in. But it blew us along & sea sickness being an unknown sensation now I was not bothered. The rolling at night disturbed sleep, that’s all.
	11 Feb, Sun	302
	12 Feb, Mon	312 and 75 to Plymouth which we reached about 6 PM & only landed by 8.45. There was a special to London. But anxious as I was to get on I decided not to make a bad beginning by sitting up for a night.
	13 Feb, Tue	By 3.15 I was at 104B where Dunning & Curt[a]in were ready for me. Daisy called soon after & I went with her to tea to see Fingall who was rather seedy from a shake at hunting. Nothing serious. Went to House in time for a division on Employers Liability Bill (Lords amendments) Gov’t only won by 2. Sorry for this. It will spur the Lords on to anti popular attitude.
	14 Feb, Wed	No House. Spent most of day at Correspondence. Fenwick called. Met G. Price & EPB[erthon] at B.B. Co. Dined Daisy, F. Jameson, “Boston” & Miss Kernow & Dunning at Wellington & took them to a stupid play. Called on Conny.
["Ireland Today and Tomorrow", <i>Fortnightly Review</i> , new series, v.55, pp. 277-93]	15 Feb, Thu	Worked most of day at article for March <i>Fortnightly</i> . Saw Monteagle, very seedy looking, en route to Bath for health. Dined with Conny, Did House.
	16 Feb, Fri	House. Saw Tuke about CDB matters.
	17 Feb, Sat	Went down to “Evelyn’s” Worsley’s school at West Drayton where Harry Ponsonby & Bertram Parr seem to be well ?cared & taught. The buildings & general equipment seem faultless.
	18 Feb, Sun	Did some calls. Lunched with T.P. Gill & read over my article. He was delighted & will help it to bear its fruit. Visited Emily Lawless, Conny & Aunt Isabella.

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	19 Feb, Mon	Mary arrived chez Conny. Dined with them.
[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 21, col. 843-4]	20 Feb, Tue	On Monday attended House & wrote piles of letters. So uneventful that I missed the day & chronicled Tuesday's doings on its page. [Arrow from previous day] Verschoyle breakfasted & spent the morning with me correcting proof of my article. Lunched with Lucys met Dilke. Afternoon at House finishing corrections of article.
	21 Feb, Wed	No Parl't. Business – a meeting of 2nd Div[isio]n Clerks Civil Service – in afternoon.
	22 Feb, Thu	Packing. Many letters, chiefly about my “movement”. Lunched at Carlton & heard wild rumours about impending dissolution. The T P Gills, Daisy, Mrs. Lucy & Countess Hoyos dined with me.
	23 Feb, Fri	Day Mail to Dublin. Very rough passage & after 6 weeks at sea I was nearly sick. Tried to keep on deck but a wave came clean over the paddle box & drenched me. Had a long talk with Fr. Finlay about the dairy movement. Saw Verschoyle about the article.
	24 Feb, Sat	Another early start 7.20 from Kingsbridge to Limerick. There found Anderson waiting for me – looking well & with a beard. Glad to meet him. I had come from an important meeting of the agency soc'y which had to face a lost lawsuit & £250 to pay. It was necessary to brace up the delegates from the shareholding coop: Dairy societies. They turned up fairly & I harangued them earnestly upon the principles which we were contending for & I think made an impression. Came on to Clonmel with R.A.A. & put up at Ormond Hotel whence a meeting on the morrow.
	25 Feb, Sun	A meeting about 10 miles (Irish) at Grange Mockler. The soc'y had been started by O'Callaghan from the Depot & we found £600 capital subscribed, ample cows, good site & fairly intelligent lot of farmers. Back to Clonmel & dined with the R. Bagwells at Marlfield. I talked him over to our principles. Mrs. R.B. so gentle a few years ago now shouts like her husband “as the husband in the &c”
	26 Feb, Mon	The usual difficulty of an early start. Off at last with a wagonette & pair, a wild Irish coachman who didn't know his way – S.W. ?warm gale. Horses starting for a hunt over a lovely country & we off to butter talk. Mullinahone met Committee & general meeting. Good talk – apparent effect. RAA stayed behind to continue & I go off to Wind Gap (Co Kilkenny). Canon Phelan good priest. Make an impression at good meeting. Both these places creamery built & at work. Very hopeful. Rejoin RAA at Mullinahone where the “committee” are all drunk & drive off to Kilcooley where Dorothy & Alice are keeping house with Blanche & Kath Ponsonby – 4 -----.
[GS&WR – Great Southern & Western]	27 Feb, Tue	A morning with Campbell looking over Kilcooley demesne &c. Then to Dublin with R.A.A. A long talk with R.G. Colhoun, Traffic Manager of G.S.&W.R'y about Dairy Trade & assistance to our organisers. Then dine R.A.A. & sleep at K St. Club.
	28 Feb, Wed	C.D.B. offices for talk with Micks. I.U.A. meeting of executive

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		council. Meeting of Irish section of Coop: Union after which I explained to Stokes what I anticipated would be the result of the struggle betw'n our Cooperative principles & the Wholesale's Irish establishment. Micks dined with me at the Royal Marine Hotel, Kingstown & I left by mail boat for London.
	1 Mar, Thu	Arrived early. Might as well have stayed in Ireland as Parliament was not important. Gladstone made as one said his last speech as Prime Minister, a bitter attack on the Lords. He will probably retire rather than lead the onslaught. Saw Monteagle looking better. Dined with Fingalls at Savoy Hotel & went to a play. W. Watson came to stay a couple of nights with me.
	2 Mar, Fri	Letters &c, walking & talking with Beau Watson. Dined quietly tete a tete with Daisy at a Hotel. I am never tired of talking over my work which she <u>really</u> believes in with that little woman.
	3 Mar, Sat	St. Paul's Cathedral – unveiling of memorial tablet in crypt in memory of E.V. Neale. Large gathering of "Cooperators". Down to Eton & saw A C Benson about Tommy Ponsonby & E L Vaughan (of Oscar Browning's – contemporary) about Eddy. Liked both. The former understands boys. The latter has moistened greatly since I knew him. He is much more boyish than he was at 18! Tommy nice – rather idle – not <u>very</u> manly – will improve. Eddy dirty careless clever straight self-indulgent, good qualities predominating – 6 ft, aetat 16! Dined with Vaughan & had something of the old life. Ah what memories. How it comes back!
	4 Mar, Sun	Lunched with Fingalls, dined Denis Lawless at St. James Club and did many calls. W. Lowthers, Goschens, Bryces (not at home) R.A. Yerburgh.
	5 Mar, Mon	Letters galore. Hung about Carlton a bit to pick up rumours. Not worth picking up. The Club is a blind asylum. The session at last came to an end. I did not go to the House having mistaken the hour.
	6 Mar, Tue	Morning taken up with Central Chamber of Agriculture meeting to discuss Margarine legislation & People's Banks. The latter would be helpful in Ireland I think. Afternoon writing letters when came a cable from Chaplin "Gilchrist dead"! Awful & sudden. In N.Y. I left him late in the autumn in the prime of life & never so vigorous. Dined with the Lucy's. Met Mrs. Craigie (John Oliver Hobbes), Sir Wm Harcourt & Lady H, FC Selous & many others of his note. Delightful evening. Harcourt was bubbling over with boyish fun.
	7 Mar, Wed	Left 7.15 AM Irish Mail. Put up at K. St. Club.
	8 Mar, Thu	Called on Professor Geo[rge] F Fitzgerald at T.C.D. about Technical Educ'n Assoc'n. ¾ hours talk. Then C.D.B. for 5 hours, then I.I.A. 1 hour. Ulick Burke wanted a long talk about his affairs and after dinner I had to talk to Father Finlay for an hour or more on co-operative agricultural scheme. A real heavy day.
	9 Mar, Fri	Anderson came up and the CDB monthly general meeting & business with him in connection with the Irish Industrial (or agricultural) organisation soc'y which I want to form took up the

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		whole day.
	10 Mar, Sat	CDB again. It is quite clear to me that the present constitution of the Board cannot work. A few unpaid busy men who can only give their spare time to the business cannot possibly manage or control so vast a work – Spoke to many about my agric'l organisation ideas. Left by night mail for London.
	11 Mar, Sun	Arrived early. Found pile of correspondence. Lunched with Daisy who was being worshipped by Blumenthal the composer. Very sleepy all day. Boughton turned up & we had a talk. He poor fellow gave a gloomy account of Wyoming & his own affairs. Johnny arrived home at Dunstall.
	12 Mar, Mon	Meeting of Irish Unionist party. Farce. Parliament met for new session. No freshness or interest – virtually continuation of old session. Rosebery showed himself capable of profiting by the splendid opportunities of his position in his speech in the Lords. Commons proceedings tame. Secunder of address labour member in ordinary clothes. He made much of his selection for the honour. Dined at 22 Collingham Place with Monteagles & Misses Butcher.
	13 Mar, Tue	An exciting time in the House “Lobby” defeated the Gov't 147 to 145 in an anti House of Lords amendment to the Address. It is only serious in a Parl'y sense because the Irish members all voted against the Gov't. Wild rumours of Dissol[utio]n in which I take no stock. However the popular movement against the H of L is certainly strengthened outside the House. Sat to 1.30 AM trying to get out of the muddle.
	14 Mar, Wed	Times says Dissol[utio]n inevitable. Alexis Roche called from Goschen's & said Goschen said ditto. Harcourt refused to treat the matter other wise than as a Parl'y accident. -----d the rejection of the address as amended & moved the address as originally worded in its place. Went down to dine & sleep at Dunstall PM. Johnny was so glad to see me – so nice such a thorough gentleman – but evidently still under the curse of alcohol.
	15 Mar, Thu	House got onto estimates. I was busy most of the day with my scheme writing to possible subscribers &c. Went to a play with JG Butcher for recreation.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 22, col. 441]	16 Mar, Fri	H E Teschemacher, A C Roche & W C Alston met in my rooms in the morning. Therefore no business done but old times pleasantly recalled. A busy afternoon at House as it was day for introducing margarine Bills. I had a margarine Bill which I missed chance of bringing in stupidly. Dined with R V O'Brien and went to party at Lowther Lodge.
	17 Mar, Sat	Breakfasted with “Tesche” at his Hotel & saw him off for America. Good soul. Then busy morning, lunch at Carlton & down to Cheam to see Reggy by agreement with Johnny. R. however had come up to see J. in London! School again after 27 years. So little changed. All the old feelings came back. Well let us practise what we preach & not reject the past. Dined with Conny. Sat betw'n a blasé old bourgeois widow who did London the year round & a bread & butter Miss who despised all forms of amusement except balls and all occupations without exception.
	18 Mar, Sun	Went with Daisy & F[ingall] & Miss Waters (F's “best girl”) to

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		Hampton Court. In ev[en]ing dined Goschen, Alexis Roche, Mrs. Craigie, Aunt Isabella, Cloncurry, Daisy, Emily Lawless & the Bob Yerburchs at the Wellington. Very interesting party.
	19 Mar, Mon	Letters all the morning chiefly about the "new scheme". Then the House for rest of day except that I dined with the Fs. . .
	20 Mar, Tue	After a busy morning had to go to Ely to address a meeting at Littleport in support of the candidate for Wisbech div[isio]n of Cambridgeshire Stopford Sackville. He was a man of some 55, had been in Parliament two sessions. He broke down miserably in his speech & I had a hard job to try & revive interest with an audience of some 600 not very intelligent free & independents. Strong tea before meeting, supper with chairman 11 P.M. Drive back 5 miles to Ely. Feather bed in Lamb Hotel.
	21 Mar, Wed	Came back to town quite knocked up. Had to call in a doctor – or rather Daisy called one in for me. Dr. Bezly Thorne came and thoroughly vetted me. Wretchedly anemic. Low temperature. Bowels utterly demoralised. Careful diet – prescribed – absolutely necessary. I must try & follow it. I was to go to Ireland tonight. Had to give it up.
	22 Mar, Thu	Better. Seedy enough though. Nothing for it but care & rest. Left rather unwisely by night mail for Dunsany. To try & reclaim Johnny & to start my new scheme are two objects too near my heart to be lightly postponed.
	23 Mar, Fri	Arrived early at K St. Club & came down to Dunsany. Bright sunshine made the inexpressible dreariness of Johnny's condition bearable. There he was with the doctor (who well knew that the old habit still dominated him, that he could never get well & yet who has not the manliness to speak the truth to him) setting a sad example to his two boys. Reggy is hopeful. He has sense & application – lots of brains. He is inclined to priggishness but is going into the Navy which will remedy that. 3 Brighton family called. I got better as the day went on & shall I think get well in a couple of days.
	24 Mar, Sat	A complete rest. Loafed all day & felt better. But my stomach is upset & now it takes far longer to recuperate than formerly. Moral[:] when well take more trouble to keep well & don't over work.
	25 Mar, Sun	Church at Kilmessan with Johnny's two boys. Then a call at Warrenstown & so the dregs of Dunsany dullness were drunk.
	26 Mar, Mon	Fairyhouse Races. A bright cold day. Enjoyed 5 or 6 hours in the open air. Saw some old hunting friends but never saw so many strange faces at this meeting. Johnny was much better in the morning. When I got back he was ----y & drowsy. Oliver Brighton & all his boys had come over, the former to write some letters for J. the latter to amuse him. It is terribly sad to see him frittering life away & his two boys looking on evidently despising him.
	27 Mar, Tue	Certainly if I had nothing else to do it would be a clear duty to stay & look after Johnny. He is worlds better since I have been here. In fact I am substitute for champagne! But my life is ordered ever more usefully & tomorrow I must go off again. Poor fellow. I did all I could to help him with his business today which was

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		hard as I had a big correspondence to attend to.
	28 Mar, Wed	Johnny & his boys came to Dublin the latter to be “vetted” for crooked ankles. I stayed up & gave a dinner at Metropole to JA Scott, Ed[itor]. Irish Times., J.P. Maunsell pro[prieto]r Express, T P Cairnes, Micks, G Stewart, Rolleston, Ulick Burke, Andrew Jameson, C Digges La Touche and R.A.A. who came up today to confer with me over the new scheme. I prepared for the ordeal – the explanation of my whole plan – by a game of golf. But it was a heavy task & I shall suffer I fear.
	29 Mar, Thu	Seedy enough after the efforts of last night. Moped through the day with R.A.A. Got through some organisation work. Crossed over to Eng’d. Morley dined at St. Georges Yacht Club & was pleasant enough. He talked with extraordinary frankness as he always does.
	30 Mar, Fri	Arrived early & had to go to rather uncomfortable quarters on 15 Park Lane as 104B is in the hands of the renovators. Dreary day at the House. But wrote piles of correspondence & advanced the scheme a bit. Walked about the Park with Daisy who is getting decidedly big, poor little woman.
	31 Mar, Sat	Wrote a big American correspondence & some of my “scheme” ditto. Then loafed – not very well.
	1 Apr, Sun	Fingalls & I talked his business over prior to his departure for Australia. I lunched with him & he they dined with me at the Criterion, none of us wanting to make plans beforehand & they not wanting to dress. I wrote a good deal for the I.A.O.S. during the day.
	2 Apr, Mon	Day chiefly at House.
	3 Apr, Tue	Ditto but dined with Yerburgh to meet some agriculturists at Wellington Club. Time & thought absorbed by the I.A.O.S.
[P.]	4 Apr, Wed	After a hard mornings work at the scheme took French leave from Parliament although old age Pensions was on, & went for my stomach’s & brain’s sake to Tooting Bec where I played in the Parl’y Handicap against H.B. [<i>sic</i>] St. John, winner of last year. I was defeated with ease of course. Dined with the Fingalls at Orleans Club & went to a variety show.
	5 Apr, Thu	Gray came up from Coop: Union Manchester to talk over the new scheme. Boughton turned up at St. James Club & Frank Jameson & he lunched with me. Day almost entirely spent writing circulars &c.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 22, col. 1515]	6 Apr, Fri	Fingall sailed for Australia – rather lacrymose poor fellow – to be away 5 or 6 months & I hope to return more of a man of the world. I promised to look after his wife & family during his absence. Busy all day & dined Daisy at a Hotel at night. She has moved into the new flat & has not a stick of furniture except in her bedroom!
	7 Apr, Sat	After busy morning took Daisy down to Leweston House, Sherborne where the Whitehead-cum-Hoyos menage has taken charge of venue from Paddockhurst. A much nicer place – further from London (3 hours by rail) but a charming country and real

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		country. The old man was sick & did not appear today. Count & Countess Hoyos with rapidly growing daughters & a son at Oxford & another who might be there entertained us.
	8 Apr, Sun	A delightfully restful Sunday. I did a little work on a speech for the meeting of the I.A.O.S. on 18th but spent most of the day loafing out of doors. I ought to do this all through the summer on Sundays.
	9 Apr, Mon	Back to town. A dreary fight on procedure in the House. Rumours of government resignation &c &c &c.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 23, col. 15]	10 Apr, Tue	C.D.B. at 12. House for afternoon. Much work circularising &c for I.A.O.S.
	11 Apr, Wed	C.D.B. again. Then House till 6 P.M. Dined Burdett Coutts, Emily Lawless, Daisy Fingall, Beau Watson & Miss Amy Winslow at Wellington & took them to Criterion theatre.
	12 Apr, Thu	Hickoxs turned up & I took them to a play. Also Beau Watson had a long talk about his affairs & Monteagle about I.A.O.S.
	13 Apr, Fri	House from 2 to 7 doing nothing but get worried by strangers. Saw Dr. Bezly Thorne 5 Gledhow Gardens, S. Kensington for bowel catarrh. More milk, most careful dieting & general hygienic observance absolutely necessary to cure what must take years in any case & what nearly killed the doctor himself one year ago.
	14 Apr, Sat	Worked at speech for Wednesday next when I am to inaugurate the Irish Agricultural Organisation Soc'y Ltd. in Dublin. The Irish Papers have taken it up & it will be an event.
	15 Apr, Sun	Very seedy from no apparent cause. Stomach utterly demoralised. However I know the truth now & may be able to fight the disease. Worked very hard at my forthcoming speech. Dined Conny & Raymond & Daisy at Wellington.
	16 Apr, Mon	Packing up to go back to 104B on my return from Ireland whence I set out by night mail after hearing Budget speech. Harcourt has I think shown very great ability. He has made just the necessary concession to the new radicalism by a progressive system scale of death duties which treat realty & personalty alike. The income tax is made lighter on small incomes. Beer & spirits are slightly taxed.
	17 Apr, Tue	Arrived morning mail. No room in Club. Kearns Hotel. Rather seedy. Worked hard all day at speech & seeing many people.
	18 Apr, Wed	The meeting to inaugurate the I.A.O.S. came off & was brilliantly successful. About 250 present & thoroughly representative of all sides of Irish life. I spoke for 1¼ hours & spoke well. The movement is now started. It has pulled me down a bit and I must now leave it more to others.
[Primrose Day – anniversary of death of Benjamin Disraeli, 1881; Habitation – a branch of Primrose League]	19 Apr, Thu	Primrose Day & big meeting of Dublin Habitation. Ardilaun in Chair, Castletown & self chief speakers. Too tired by yesterday's work & much serving during day on I.A.O.S. organisation.
	20 Apr, Fri	Arnold Graves on Technical Ed'n, Fr. Finlay about the I.A.O.S. details and meeting of a Soc'y for Prevention of Cruelty to

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		Children took the day. Left Dublin for London night Mail, having started an industrial revolution, I believe.
	21 Apr, Sat	Arrived by early mail & put up at Daisy's flat 68 South Audley St. mine not being ready, of course. Spent the day letter writing & resting after my labours. Letters pour in from all parts of Ireland showing clearly that my scheme is taking hold. Very glad I am.
	22 Apr, Sun	Such a delightful day. After a quiet morning with Daisy we lunched at the Wellington & drove out lazily to Kew where we wandered away an hour or so & drove back. I then saw Mary & Dorothy at 16 Halkin St. (Aunt Isabella's). Then Daisy & I dined at 1 Stratton St., Baroness Burdett Coutts' where we met the Duke of York & Princess May, Princess Mary of Teck & her Duke, "Josh" Bagot & wife, the Sandersons, J.G.B. & an A.D.C. The affair was delightfully informal. P[rince]. George will make a good bluff English King. He is not intellectual but certainly manly. I delighted him with not the most reputable after-dinner stories! The Baroness is a dear. Daisy's social tact is phenomenal.
	23 Apr, Mon	Not very fit. But ?sat carefully paired after dinner – dined quietly with Daisy & slept like a pig. Attended meeting of I.U. party and undertook to look after Regis[tra]tion Bill. Glad to let others fight for landlords. Scheme going on well.
	24 Apr, Tue	House & scheme all day.
	25 Apr, Wed	Anderson arrived to defend the Irish Coop Agency vs ----- who brings suit for breach of contract entered into by their former manager Moores. Case did not come on. I dined Emily Lawless, F. Mildmay, Lady Blake & Daisy and TP Gill at Wellington. Voted with some misgivings against Miners 8 hours Bill.
[A bill to disestablish and disendow the Church of England in Wales had been introduced.]	26 Apr, Thu	The Irish Coop Agency Soc'y lost its case in spite of so favourable charge by judge that we meditate an appeal. A jury of tradesmen will always give verdicts against cooperative enterprise. I took Dorothy to the big show at Olympia in the evening & cut some hours of the attack on Welsh church which is I fear tottering. R.A.A. returned to Ireland.
	27 Apr, Fri	Dined with Aunt Isabella. Otherwise a dull Parliamentary & business day.
	28 Apr, Sat	Went out with Daisy to Egham (near Staines) to buy furniture from a local undertaker! Saw a huge mass of rubbish & got some nice chairs &c. Went to speak for Herbert Robertson, candidate for S. Hackney and had to speak last (after Cavendish & Sir Richard Webster) to a noisy 6 or 7 hundred. Not in good form at all.
	29 Apr, Sun	A restful day. Called on the Courtneys & Emily Lawless & the Lochs (out). Dined Daisy, 2 Haigs, "Boston" & Colonel Mackenzie whom she ("Boston") is looking over with a view to matrimony & I think won't have.
	30 Apr, Mon	Deputation to Shaw Lefevre (Local Govt Board) about Margarine fraud & milk adulteration. The House & I.A.O.S. correspondence took up my day.
	1 May, Tue	Went with Monteagle to Solicitors for the Agency & decided not to appeal. Then letters & the House. In lobby met Michael Davitt

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		& asked him why he was attacking my scheme. He was very bitter about it & evidently felt that I should undermine his influence by setting up useful work against agitation.
	2 May, Wed	A lot of odds & ends of bills in the House. Did not listen to debates but worked away at my Irish business. Dined with Conny & went to speaker's levée.
	3 May, Thu	Saw Bezly Thorne. He is rather alarmed about my condition. In spite of most careful dieting & his medicine I seem to be getting thinner & thinner & he evidently foresees a near break down if I don't quickly mend.
	4 May, Fri	After a busy morning had an afternoon at the House. Lunched with Yerburgh. Dined Dunbar Barton, Wolff, JG Butcher, W. Kenny, G. Stewart, Monteagle at Wellington & worked them into the Cooperative idea. Government only had 14 majority today on their chief measure Registration Bill.
	5 May, Sat	Went to Brighton with Daisy & put up at Metropole Hotel where Johnny & that odd gentleman companion of his Capt. Stewart R.N. were staying. Poor Johnny was evidently tipping a little. But he took a <u>long</u> walk with me which he could not have stood at all last year. I was greatly delighted at his progress.
	6 May, Sun	Loafed about – really rested. But weather too cold for loafing & not much good achieved. But Johnny's great improvement is a real joy to me.
	7 May, Mon	Back to London. Had to see Bezly Thorne again as no motion of bowels for 6 days. Mildest possible aperient & enemata recommended. Both hateful. Enormous correspondence nowadays. Did House & a deputation (re Limerick Clothing Factory) to Campbell Bannerman. Then a quiet dinner with Daisy.
	8 May, Tue	Packing, looking for furniture, business at House. Lunched with Johnny (Junior Carlton) & found him not as well as at Brighton. Left by Irish Mail.
	9 May, Wed	Arrived 6.30 AM & went to bed at K St. Club. Slept an hour. Then a languid day worrying R.A.A. with questions – trying to get through work & failing to do so. Went to see Houghton in hopes of getting him to join the I.A.O.S. The Duchess of Leinster asked me to Carton. Emily & Denis Lawless there – sorry can't go.
	10 May, Thu	CDB Committees. Then all the afternoon & evening (for I dined the Committees at the Metropole) the I.A.O.S. The first public meeting of the now formed society was a great success. All looks well but I don't.
	11 May, Fri	C.D.B. & IAOS all day. Then to Dunsany to get a few things, dined & slept. Cold damp depressing. Old Pat the gardener dying.
	12 May, Sat	Back to Dublin where IAOS & I.I.A. work took up my day. Then I went to London by night mail. Got a wire from Daisy just before starting saying that her confinement might come any time & so my proposed party to Eastbourne (Daisy, Poppy Herbert & self) was knocked on the head.
	13 May, Sun	Arrived by morning mail. Spent day with poor dear little Daisy. A

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		slight strain had hurried on this confinement had brought on the premonitory symptoms. She had to keep quiet all day & much of it I spent with her.
	14 May, Mon	Daisy's labour began today at 4 P.M. when I had her out in the Park in a bath chair. I brought her in & the pains came on frequently & severely. It is a ghastly experience. I am glad I have not to see much of it. Dunning came back. I saw Carson & proposed to go away somewhere with him later in the week. At 4.30 I got Daisy home. At 6.50 her second girl was born. How unlucky that no heir can be got by all the prayers of the family's many friends. I care not now that she is safe & out of pain.
	15 May, Tue	After doing business for Daisy went to Mitcham with Raymond & had a game of golf at the Club which I wish I had never joined as trains are bad, it is a great open common covered with gorse & altogether bad ?wake. Then went to Johnny at Dunstall. He told and Ernle seemed to be getting on better. She, he told me, fears that she is in family way! He is better by far & evidently has taken a pull.
	16 May, Wed	Back at 104B. Then after much writing down to Malvern (Imperial Hotel) with Edward Carson. Not an interesting man. Very clever lawyer. Lately made an English Q.C. & making a good practice for himself. He told me that his all round practice in England made him, he thought, a btter man in Court than the English barristers who are all specialists.
["Agricultural Organisation", <i>New Ireland Review</i> , Jun, pp. 197-205]	17 May, Thu	Had to get up early to finish an article for Fr. Finlay for the <i>New Ireland Review</i> . But walked about in the day, played some golf & was better I think for it. Hotel comfortable, but too low down to get the real good of Malvern in.
	18 May, Fri	Golf & rest. Went over Sherborne School grounds. Very nice. Took a drive round the hills. Mr. House master Harry Carson's Malvern school tutor dined with us. Good sort.
	19 May, Sat	Rest & golf. But a bitter east wind made us feel rather seedy. News of Daisy excellent.
	20 May, Sun	The same but no golf. A walk to the highest point of the Malvern Hills instead. Rather too much for us both.
	21 May, Mon	Left Malvern very pleased with our visit & determined to try it in warmer weather. Back to Parl't. House dull. Lull before storm they say. I still hardly expect election this year.
	22 May, Tue	Began by a ride in the Park. Then letters, the House & back to sup in my rooms & bed. Beau Watson called in the day with Ernest Phelps of whom I hope to make an organiser. Daisy going on well.
	23 May, Wed	Very bad sore throat. Diet & no medicine tried. Had to take Minnie Murphy, Conny & Raymond to a play which did not help. But ?wintry week going & shall get right I hope. Parl't dull & dragging. Fight to begin tomorrow. Monteagle called & spent the morning. He is now off to Germany for some weeks whither I ought to go too if I could.
	24 May, Thu	Parl't crowded. Crisis expected. 40 majority! The Unionists are stupid surely.

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	25 May, Fri	Parl't in afternoon & then went to Romsey with Beau Watson putting up over night at Spires & Ponds vile little hotel at Eastleigh.
	26 May, Sat	Beau & I went to B.B.Co. & then went on to Sherborne, Leweston, where the Herbert Bismarcks were staying. I was anxious to see Maggie again. She looked very poorly & I thought was bored. He is a hulking loud voiced oaf of a fellow with great qualities if one is to believe the Hoyos'. I didn't take to him but we speak different languages & that makes it hard to know the real man. Poor Beau was very unhappy. From what he told me today I have no doubt that they told Maggie he was in love with another girl & only by that means managed to break the real attachment.
	27 May, Sun	Loafed all day. But weather bitterly cold so we could not loaf comfortably.
	28 May, Mon	Returned to town. Daisy got up on sofa. Dined with Yerburgh tête a tête and talked People's Banks. House got late & I paired at 11. I shall do this as often as possible.
	29 May, Tue	Long day at House doing next to nothing. Heard Repeal of Crimes act was coming up tomorrow & got C E Roche a literary hack to try and get me inform[atio]n at B[ritish] Museum.
	30 May, Wed	The Repeal of the Crimes act was the 2nd order for today. I had prepared to speak on it & should I think have made a broad statement. But unhappily obstruction pure & simple made the report step of another private Bill occupy all the time of the House. Dined with the Simeons, the Childers, Galtons (Sir Douglas & Lady) Aunt Isabella[,] Milman (chief clerk House of Commons) & his daughter made the party 'influential'. Went on to the Bryces & saw a collection of 'lean' looking under-grown people mostly of the new Radical line!
	31 May, Thu	Work easier & I did next to nothing. House given up to Finance Bill for whole of June! I ought to study financial questions. But I don't. However the Irish work goes ahead merrily. Dined with Sidney Webbs, Leonard Courtneys present only other guests. Hard, clever, interesting people.
	1 Jun, Fri	Went to Burdett Coutt's sale of Hackneys at the Brookfield Stud, Highgate to try & buy a cob on which Ernle had set her heart. I valued it at £80: it was brought in at £240. ----- was rather a sight. It was made a social event & the bidding was I thought wild. Then Parliament & to bed.
	2 Jun, Sat	Went with Watson to Forest Row, had a good days golfing in a westerly gale & put up for night at the little house P'[addock]hurst. Poor Beau. I cheered him I think & so cheered myself too.
[County Down MP Col. Thomas Waring]	3 Jun, Sun	Back by a very slow train to London. Looked after Daisy. Meeting with Buller whom I wanted to get into the I.A.O.S. but met Waring M.P. who roared with Orange zeal. Called on T.P. Gill & found Ion Hamiltons, & Herbert Bismarcks not at home.

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	4 Jun, Mon	Did a Levee at the House a meeting of Irish Unionist <u>MPs</u> & Land Corporation Guarantee Co.
	5 Jun, Tue	Meeting of Agric'l Banks assoc'n & engaged HW Wolff to come to Dublin to instruct com'tee of I.A.O.S. Dined Carson at St. Stephens. Went to matinee of John Oliver Hobbes' play. Slight.
	6 Jun, Wed	By day mail to Dublin & Dunsany. Found Johnny & Capt. Stewart. Former in only fair health.
[8-8½ stone = 120½ lb]	7 Jun, Thu	Naked weight 8-8½! Left Dunsany early & spent the day mostly at IAOS business with R.A.A. Had a meeting of the Irish Section of Coop Union also. H.W. Wolff came over on my invit[atio]n to explain principles of popular Banking. I had a dinner party at Hotel Metropole to meet him. 3 Press men, R.A.A., Bp. O'Donnell, Judge Fitzgerald, Col. Dease, TA Dickson, & others, 14 in all.
	8 Jun, Fri	Monthly meeting of IAOS at 11, 2 CDB committees. Innumerable calls from constituents & others & off to London by night mail – worn out.
	9 Jun, Sat	Arrived early mail after a good night's sleep in the train. My prescription for obtaining this is 1. Lots of exercise – physical if possible during day 2. <u>Light</u> dinner before going on board. 3) Cup hot milk with soupçon of spirits before turning in. Daisy not looking well but cheered up during day. I spent most of day writing letters & loafing.
	10 Jun, Sun	Loafed & glad to. Drove with Daisy to Holly Lodge. Not at home. Dined quietly with her at 68 S[outh] A[udley] St. Rest, early to bed absolutely necessary.
	11 Jun, Mon	Saw Mrs. Willie looking ever so much better for Trip to India. Worries at House. Feel seedy. Pill.
	12 Jun, Tue	Paired early and had a long chat at dinner with T P Gill at Wellington. He feels rather out of it over here politically, socially & I fear financially. He thinks of going to New York. I hope he won't.
	13 Jun, Wed	C.D.B. at Irish Office. Fisheries Committee took most of morning. Then did some calls & finally dined D. Lawless & Daisy at Wellington. Got through a good bit of I.A.O.S. correspondence &c &c.
[<i>La Dame aux Camélias</i> , Alexandre Dumas, <i>films</i> .]	14 Jun, Thu	C.D.B. monthly meeting at Irish Office. Went to see Eleonora Duse act in Italian, a real actress. Dame aux Camélias.
[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 25, col. 1225]	15 Jun, Fri	Busy day having to see Bd of Trade about Westport disaster – shocking case of overcrowding hooker with migrants from Achill to Eng'd and drowning 30. Asked question in House as to whether this irregular passenger traffic could be regulated. Dublin W[ickow] & W[exford] R'y bill to be looked after. Got through all right. Dined at Wellington Yerburchs, Lucys, West Ridgeway, Arnold Forster, John Oliver Hobbes (Mrs. Craigie) Daisy & "Fogey" Riddell.
	16 Jun, Sat	Morning's correspondence & then to Forest Row where I played a fairly good round with Watson. Back to P'[addock]hurst picking up Daisy at East Grinstead.
	17 Jun, Sun	A restful loafing day. Country beautiful, weather raw &

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		uncomfortable. But scenery, life & company delightful.
	18 Jun, Mon	Back to town and work. Paired early & dined with Daisy & Col. Dease.
	19 Jun, Tue	Paired to make up speech for the morrow.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 25, col. 1579-84; 1592]	20 Jun, Wed	Spoke in House – very badly – on Crime in Ireland on vote to reduce Morley’s salary. Dined & [sic] with Daisy & took her & “Fogey” Riddell to Palace Theatre.
	21 Jun, Thu	Moped about feeling ill. Went to lunch with Lady Zetland to talk over an Irish sale at her house & then went to the House. There got ill & came home, went to bed & sent for Bezly Thorne – stoppage in bowels. He sent for nurse & what with castor oil poultices enemata &c made life miserable enough.
	22 Jun, Fri	Bed all day – sick feverish – pain in stomach & all over.
	23 Jun, Sat	Ditto.
	24 Jun, Sun	Better today.
	25 Jun, Mon	Better but still in bed. Bezly Thorne told me straight that he could not cure me (except temporarily) & that if I wanted ever to enjoy good health again I must give up all work & go to German waters followed by Switzerland & try to restore my strength & constitution. I decided to try it.
	26 Jun, Tue	Well enough to leave the bed today & even to sit out in the garden behind the house a while. But was too weak to walk as far as the Park. Beau Watson came up & insisted on taking me to Bad Nauheim – my destination in Germany. He & Daisy dined in my rooms.
	27 Jun, Wed	B.B.Co. meeting in my rooms. Sec’y Auditor, Manager Beau Watson & Dunning besides Price & self. Result will be storm with Berthon as we decided to put an end to his interference at the works. Walked out a little & began to feel alive again. London full. Weather has been heavenly since I have been ill. In fact I have lost the only summer we have had so far. Fr. Gerard S.J. called with G. Murphy on me.
	28 Jun, Thu	Big correspondence prior to departure. Made some calls. Went to House & got pair for session. TP Gill & Daisy dined at 104B.
	29 Jun, Fri	Packing. Goodbye to Bezly Thorne & final instructions, correspondence, calls &c took whole day.
	30 Jun, Sat	Still Packing & leaving things behind or worrying over the possibility of this error & then taking twice as much as required. 5.30 Vict[oria] to Dover. Boat to Ostend, sleeping car to Cologne. Took Stephen Spring Rice out for Monteagle. Beau Watson coming to take care of me.
[Plessen-Cronstern]	1 Jul, Sun	At Cologne a mouthful of bread & café au lait. Then 4 horses to Frankfurt where Countess Hoyos on platform. I missed connexions. Slow train at 1. Left Beau to look after Countess, lunch her & send her back to Darmstadt (Plessens) and come on

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family related by marriage to Hoyos'.]		to join the Monteagles at Hotel du Nord, Bad Nauheim. Too tired for first impressions. Hotel evidently 3rd rate. Prospect not very pleasing & man vile vulgar tongue unknown to me not heard.
	2 Jul, Mon	Trial day of the Kur. Dr. Schott, Thorne's correspondent, "the best doctor" because the only one who speaks English receives 7.30 to 9.30. I went the latter hour & was 47th caller – 11 there before me. The 11 were disposed of in about 20 minutes & in I went. The rapidity of the diagnosis was amusing. A blow in the stomach hurt, therefore massage. Heart weak therefore Bath no. 7. I must have a fixed hour for my bath as I was "evidently too nervous to wait my turn" so Bath house 5. Temperature 34° Celsius, about 90 Fahr I should say. Tomorrow the Dr. would call at the hotel and see about diet. Meanwhile bath (& sleep after it for an hour!) only immediate treatment except massage of stomach.
	3 Jul, Tue	Beau went to Darmstadt today to see the Plessens. Another bath. Bowels frightfully constipated. A German who could not speak a word of English or French massaged my stomach. Dr. Schott came in later in the day & prescribed heart exercise which the masseur is to inflict. S. says I look much better than I am. I have "the face of a man but the heart of a child". This is not cheerful hearing at 40! Well I am at Bad Nauheim. I can do no more.
	4 Jul, Wed	Today heart exercise – slow parlour gymnastics was added to the cure. The doctor said my heart was very weak & must be strengthened. The cure may take 3 weeks or 3 months for all he knew! I had to take medicine for constipation. A 'pause' in the baths ordered for tomorrow.
	5 Jul, Thu	The Monteagles left us rather lonely. I was feeling seedy & felt the loss of sympathetic people. Lady Collins (wife of a judge) and 3 daughters (2 eligible) are evidently determined to give us all the comfort we need. 2nd raters. The doctor & masseur with his stomach rubbing at 6AM & Heart exercise at 3.30 P.M. took up or rather broke up the day. The former refused to stop more than ¾ minute. I tried to get him to advise as to troublesome dyspepsia – the result of vilely unwholesome diet. But in vain.
	6 Jul, Fri	No variety beyond the absence of the Monteagles. The doctor said I was better. I asked him if he could not heal the stomach as well as the heart. He said next week I should 'inhale', that I was too weak to do so yet. I am gaining weight I think. But my stomach & all my mucous membranes are being sore tried by the vile cookery.
	7 Jul, Sat	Diarrhoea. The diet is impossible & the doctor won't help – won't recognise any wrong going except heart affection. They say he is clever. Possibly the baths will do the rest. He is making the latter a bit stronger by the addition of brine.
	8 Jul, Sun	Called on Miss Georgie Blgrave a friend of Poppy's & Daisy's in next room & balcony. She arrived 6 weeks ago (with a hospital nurse & maid) more dead than alive with heart affection. She had lived rapidly I believe. Heart still bad but marvellously better. I felt wretched enough, as whatever good my heart might otherwise derive seemed likely to be denied by my wretched stomach. But they cheered me up & declared that the cure could be relied upon.
	9 Jul, Mon	Mary came, quite an event. I was very well in the morning. But I

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		am so weak that the little excitement seemed to collapse me.
	10 Jul, Tue	Beau went to Darmstadt for the day. I added brain massage – a German lesson – to the Kür. Miss Blagrave & her nurse joined Mary & me at supper.
[9 stone – 126 lb]	11 Jul, Wed	Had to take medicine & was ‘cheap’. Weighed & found I had lost 2 lbs since 6th. Weighed 9 stone exactly in <u>light</u> clothes.
	12 Jul, Thu	Found my temperature was 97°. I think when doing the cure there is no harm studying symptoms.
	13 Jul, Fri	Mary went & Beau also spent the day away. I foregathered with Miss Blagrave & her nurse. We drove, supped & went to the opera at the Kurhaus together.
	14 Jul, Sat	Wet all day & cold into bargain. Am getting gradually better. But stomach quite wrong. Throat sore.
[balneology – hydrotherapy]	15 Jul, Sun	Practically no movement of bowels since 11th. Liver congested. Felt pretty seedy. But Doctor Schott evidently thinks the heart when improved will be a better stomach doctor than he is. A doctor, said Voltaire, is a man who pours drugs of which he knows little into a stomach of which he knows less. So thinks Schott apparently. His hertz gymnastik & his balneology he is confident of.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	16 Jul, Mon	We moved, Beau & I, into a villa. The Villa Hirpfeld close to the Baths. We have taken the whole first floor, 6 rooms & W.C. rather than have strangers inside our enclosure, £6.10 per week. I suppered Lady Collins at the Kurhaus, Beau going off to Frankfurt to see a female acquaintance whom he had met while attending old Whitehead at Carlsbad.
	17 Jul, Tue	Rest from baths. ‘Pause’ ‘powser’ as Dr. Schott calls it. It is hard to say how one gets through the day, but one does.
	18 Jul, Wed	Took a drive to a village I forget name of, & Friedberg where the poor Princess Alice spent so much of her life in gloomy poverty. The German villagers smell like the Irish minus the turf. How much better this village life than the isolated farms. The country here is a vast fertile plain undivided except by the arbitrary acreage of the different croppings – houseless except for the scattered agricultural villages.
	19 Jul, Thu	To my great joy Daisy & Poppy Herbert arrived. They looked tired but well. Beau met them at Frankfurt.
	20 Jul, Fri	Daisy & Poppy began the cure. Miss Blagrave departed. Felt seedy in the ev[enin]g – the least excitement seems to tire me. But one has ups & downs – the weather was chilly.
	21 Jul, Sat	Better decidedly though no gain in weight last 5 days – only 11¾ pfund or say 128 lbs or 9.2 in my clothes (light). It is a mystery how so much food can go in with so very much less solid discharge & no gain in weight.
	22 Jul, Sun	Sunday differs in no respect from every other day here. Rev’d Hudson sent me a special invitation to attend his ministrations for British guests. I did not go as the cure took all my time. Meanwhile my bodily welfare certainly goes ahead. I can eat more butter & drink more milk without biliousness. The amount of food I eat & the absence of solid discharge is certainly hard to

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		square with my stationary weight.
	23 Jul, Mon	First fine day for 2 weeks I verily believe. Really hot which – though Dr. Schott says the contrary – I think is favorable to the cure. I felt slack but well.
	24 Jul, Tue	Beau Watson left having outdone the Good Samaritan. Weather hot again & to me enjoyable. I took my own, Poppy's & Beau's temperature – all 98½. We are all generally subnormal, Beau 97.9° & I 97 to 97.5°. Poppy very low she says. It seems that in the hot weather it is easy to be normal.
	25 Jul, Wed	One of the worst thunder storms I ever saw. It frightened Daisy almost into a fit & affected Poppy. One flash struck close to our villa & really was enough to appall the strongest-nerved.
	26 Jul, Thu	Rained all day. I weighed 116¼ pfund with about 1 pf more clothes than on 21st. So I have gained 2 lbs in 5 days. This is good though a dose of castor oil would put me back more. I am however much better. Today I walked about 6 miles (2¼ hours) with Daisy in mud & up hills holding up umbrella. I was tired but not too much so.
	27 Jul, Fri	Temperature carefully taken at night 96.8°. This is disheartening. I thought I had grown warmer blooded but find I am only warm when the weather is hot.
	28 Jul, Sat	Perfect weather & warmed up a bit again. Schott now threatens to send me off & make me come back here again!
	29 Jul, Sun	Certainly better & stronger. Stomach irritation – sore throat &c.
	30 Jul, Mon	A very quiet day. Sore throat. Slight set back.
	31 Jul, Tue	Weighed 115 4/5 pfund. Same clothes as 26th.
[Prince – prob. Alfred of Edinburgh & Saxe-Coburg]	1 Aug, Wed	Thorne yesterday arrived & we practically arranged to go away in a week. Schott said my heart was a “miraculous cure”. Daisy & I drove over to Homburg. We lunched with the Arthur Herberts – he a selfish dyspeptic sucking diplomat, she a very nice adorer of his who has given him money, beauty & love for what in return? – We bought Homburg hats but saw little of Homburg. What I did see did not impress me. The ?court is a farce. Society crawls on its belly around the Duke of Coburg & the Prince.
	2 Aug, Thu	Thorne who dined with us bringing the dreariest of wives & sickliest of daughters. He ‘vetted’ me. My heart actually has contracted – or whatever the opposite of dilation is – 1½ inches. Thorne confirms Schott's dictum that it is ‘miraculous’. It was always held better to be said that this contraction could not take place. My liver is out of order & that upsets my whole inside – keeps the mucous membrane sore. It is a question of diet I suspect.
	3 Aug, Fri	‘Tesché’ came & spent the day (Daisy & Poppy going to Wiesbaden to see Pagenstecher, the great oculist & only joining us at supper.) So I live my Wyoming life over again. The ranche

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		fever was on me – the pulse beat faster again. Ah well – the life cannot be lived over – it is all changed. It was an epoch – not really a regrettable one. But it had its charm. I learnt a good deal about Amer'n business.												
	4 Aug, Sat	The Arthur Herberts came from Homburg & spent the afternoon. My first weigh, 9 st 4 in light clothes, showing gain of 2¼ lbs since July 6 first time I weighed. Thin underclothes, flannel coat & trousers, heavy tan boots.												
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[Heidelberg had a tradition of student duelling.]	6 Aug, Mon	Left Bad Nauheim 8.40, had 2 hours in Frankfurt, came on via Heidelberg (where we stopped 2 hours & saw the grandest ruin of a castle I ever saw in my life – but had no time to see it properly – saw students with slashed faces & eat a vile meal) to Basel where we stopped for the night Hotel Suisse. Heat in train great – all rather exhausted.												
	7 Aug, Tue	Innumerable changes, r’y at Thun with a steamer to Interlaken (where a train from the pier to the Town) at Interlaken into a train to Lauterbrunnen. Then into an electric railway up a mountain almost perpendicularly & then another railway to Mürren. Scenery grand off & on all day. Unhappily Mürren was in the Clouds so we have seen nothing of it yet. The Hotel (Grand H des Alpes) is crowded with typical tourists – great discomfort. Our rooms are small & far apart – we cannot even sit together at table d’hôte. However we are 5200 feet above the sea – a good tonic.												
	8 Aug, Wed	Stomach completely upset by journey. But the air was the air of my ranching days, the scenery was simply glorious changing all day as the clouds lifted or fell back upon the mountains in their struggle with the warm August sun. So I shall I think get better here. But my circulation is not improved as my feet & hands get cold the minute the air is cool.												
	9 Aug, Thu	I walked at least 12 miles today & eat voraciously. Stomach resented the breakout a little. But I am visibly better.												
	10 Aug, Fri	Yesterdays over exercise (most foolish) upset me today. I am losing a golden opportunity of laying in health. It is hard being so delicate but how fortunate to be able to afford it!												
	11 Aug, Sat	A cold wet wintry day made us begin to question the advantages of Mürren as an after cure!												
[“Hope springs eternal in the human breast: Man never is, but always to be blest. The soul, uneasy and confined from home, Rests and expatiates in a life to come.” Alexander Pope, <i>Essay on Man</i>]	12 Aug, Sun	Went to Church & was nearly frozen. The weather is awful & I feel getting lower & lower. I am not strong enough yet to get braced up. But I daresay another fortnight at Bad Nauheim will help me. Man never is &c. Daisy & I walked down to Lauterbrunnen & drove to the falls of the Trümmelbach. This little river comes down through a hole it has bored for itself in the precipitous cliff on right side of valley.												
	13 Aug, Mon	Wet all day. I felt seedy enough with the cold. Daisy & Poppy went into Interlaken because Poppy who had been in bed for days												

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		nearly all day “felt like an expedition”.
	14 Aug, Tue	Daisy & I went down to Lauterbrunnen & up the other side of the valley on the little mountain Railway to Scheidegg where we could see Mürren on one side, Grindelwald on the other. At Scheidegg we saw & went into a cave in our first glacier. I got too tired & was rather seedy at night. But the mountain air must do some good. We were in it from 9.45 to 6.40 altitude varying from 2 to 7 thousand feet above.
	15 Aug, Wed	Rested. Did too much yesterday.
	16 Aug, Thu	Poppy left for Bad Nauheim & Daisy & I took another day’s rest.
	17 Aug, Fri	Daisy was laid up. I spent my last day at Mürren on a long walk up into the Clouds. With a Clergyman the Rector of Twickenham (I forget his name) I walked to the foot of the Schilthorn. We got up into snow & were snowed on. But it was so thick we could not see the way ahead to come back having done most of the climb.
	18 Aug, Sat	Left Mürren 6.15 in a terrible rush, poor Daisy being rather seedy & having overslept. Lauterbrunnen – Interlaken – Boat to Brienz & train to Meiringen where we saw the finest cañon I have yet seen – the gorge of the Aar[e]. The Falls of the Reichenbach we saw also, not much. Then the Brunig Railway to Lucerne. One gets over feasted with scenery. Put up at Hotel National. Very comfortable. Saw the Lion & were <u>greatly impressed</u> . Glacier Garden also <u>most interesting</u> .
	19 Aug, Sun	Did the Rigi. Bitterly cold – October weather.
	20 Aug, Mon	Daisy & I worked our way from Lucerne to Bad Nauheim where we found Poppy in the depths of despair about the weather, the cure, the doctors, our landlords & everybody & everything all having gone wrong & she being tired & unstrung. The weather certainly is vile & we all feel pretty depressed. Tomorrow we must see about future plans.
	21 Aug, Tue	The day cleared up. Poppy brightened & I think we shall all stay out our “Cure”. Mary Murphy wired she would come tomorrow to us. I had a bath & arranged for stomach massage & hertz gymnastiks.
	22 Aug, Wed	After my bath spent day in Frankfurt, Minnie Murphy having wired that she would arrive at 2.14 & then having arrived at 12 & crossed me betw’n Bad Nauheim & F[rankfur]t. I got back to find her here. I have now 3 ladies on my hands.
	23 Aug, Thu	Weather mending a little. If only we could get harvest weather in Ireland I should have great hopes of better times. With bad weather I fear a bitter bad ?feeling in the winter.
	24 Aug, Fri	Daisy & I drove over to Homburg & saw West Ridgeway & John Atkinson. We saw a little of the ‘sassiety’ & were no more charmed than on our former visit. Too much dressing & snobbery. We agreed that the quiet of Bad Nauheim was preferable.
	25 Aug, Sat	Did nothing.
	26 Aug, Sun	John Atkinson, West Ridgeway, one ?Lehan Harris a great traveller in out of the way parts drove over from Homburg & lunched with us. Sir Edward Thornton & his daughter Mary a stale sour clever girl also lunched.

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	27 Aug, Mon	Spent the day in Frankfurt. Lunched at the British consulate with Lady Oppenheimer – dreadful party & awfully unwholesome lunch – saw the Ariadne – 20 pictures of Rosa Bonheur’s in a shop & the Rothschild Collection – all interesting especially the first two to me.
	28 Aug, Tue	The Thorntons tea’d us & we met de Stael the Russian ambassador to England, a very charming old gentleman. Daisy & I drove out in the morning to the agricultural school at Friedburg. The pupils do not attend in the outdoor months. But we saw the paraphernalia of instruction which was certainly thorough. No kindred scheme was neglected. The diagrams & models – often many times enlarged struck me most. There were models of cows & other farm stock – & one cow with all the faults especially amused us.
[strom – circulating; sprudel – sparkling mineral water]	29 Aug, Wed	A party came over from Homburg & tea’d with us. Sir Gerald Fitzgerald & his wife (Houghton’s sister) & others I did not know. I had a strom sprudel bath – i.e. a bath in which the “sprudel” water rushed in all the time & ran out so that one was in an invigorating fizzing stream. It is a unique sensation.
[kur gast – cure guest]	30 Aug, Thu	The director of the agric’l school Friedburg came in to be cross examined through an interpreter (whom he promised to but did not bring along – Mrs. Schott being the substitute) upon agric’l coop’n &c. The interpretation broke down utterly & we strained hard for 1½ hours & learnt next to nothing. Talked to W H Williams an English Kur gast – a very nice young fellow of literary taste & a considerable writer on social subjects. Took his address, 3 Whitehall Court.
[“other sister” – probably Lady Florence Ellen Hungerford Milnes, author]	31 Aug, Fri	Daisy & I went again to Homburg for the day. The Fitzgeralds lunched us. I like Sir Gerald & his wife too – the latter better than the other sister of Houghtons who is so much more clever. Spent the ev[enin]g settling a/cts, paying Dr. Schott, masseur & masseuse, tipping & generally getting under weigh.
	1 Sep, Sat	Spent the day getting to Brussels Poppy, Daisy & I. Put up at Hotel de l’Europe.
	2 Sep, Sun	Saw the Arthur Herberts who dined with us. Daisy & I did the Cathedral & then went to Antwerp where we did the Exhib’n & the Cathedral. In both Rubens predominated. The Descent from the Cross in the Cathedral greatly impressed me.
	3 Sep, Mon	Most of the day spent shopping furniture &c. The Halton Lambrechts (Chateau Beyssen par Velthaus Brabant, 13 m[iles] from Brussels) came to dine & told me all about his work in Belgian agric’l coop’n. In a short talk the chief points I learned were – 1. The farmers were mostly small proprietors 2. Their societies embraced peoples Banks (Raiffeisen system) which were started with no capital but liability only limited by the am[oun]t of business the soc’y could do & which were helped by the Gov’t Savings Bank taking their deposits at any time at 3% when they were not lent out at 3¼, mutual assurance. Manure purchase & analysis, creameries &c &c. 3) They were all of one political party – the Clerical, the Liberals holding altogether

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		aloof. (The Socialists go in for Stores sometimes but no other coop'n.)
	4 Sep, Tue	Up early & round furniture shops with Daisy. Bought some things & got off by 9 AM train via Ostend for London. Found Dunning awaiting me looking very fit. Dined quietly he, Daisy & I at lodgings.
[9st 4½ lb = 130½ lb.]	5 Sep, Wed	American mail day – some important letters. Then went with Daisy to Egham to buy furniture. T.P. Gill & Daisy dined with me at Wellington. Only weighed 9.4½ at Carlton in lightest clothes. This is disappointing very.
[Robert S. Gardiner became Pelton manager 4 June 1895]	6 Sep, Thu	Ernie came to see me & gave a sad account of Johnny's health. She is much concerned – & I do not blame her – for her own future in event of J's decease. Fenwick got me to dine at the Garrick to meet one Gardner [<i>sic</i>], his suggestion for his successor to the management of Pelton. F. gives G. the highest character. I was not impressed. But I must see him at his work before I can judge. Got vaccinated as smallpox is raging in Dublin.
	7 Sep, Fri	Went to P'[addock]hurst & golfed at Forest Row.
	8 Sep, Sat	Daisy joined Beau & me & went round Forest Row with us.
	9 Sep, Sun	Went to Brighton with Daisy who went to see her mother there.
	10 Sep, Mon	Back from P'hurst to London & intended to go over tonight. But afraid to go back to Dunsany until a little more after cure & so finding by wire that Johnny could spare me from his business I determined to have a few more days golf at Forest Row. Dunning & Daisy both went over tonight.
	11 Sep, Tue	After a mornings packing &c I went to Forest Row again fearing to go to Ireland for a few days yet. I am not braced up after the baths – in fact am rather weak. Wholesome food, quiet golf for a few days may do wonders if the weather is <u>passable</u> .
	12 Sep, Wed	Did a little, very little, work in the morning & then idled the afternoon away at Forest Row. Felt much better in evening & hope to be off to Ireland tomorrow night.
	13 Sep, Thu	Woke up intending to golf. Letters from Ireland however decided me that I ought to be in Cork on Saturday for an important conference betw'n the I.A.O.S. & the Cork Agricultural Soc'y. So I went off early to London on to Bristol where I got onto the vilest of cattle boats. The cattle don't go west but the drivers return first class on deck tickets. Cowboys one could be familiar with & at ease. But these creatures drank & smelt horribly. Their talk was of cattle only – fortunately.
	14 Sep, Fri	Arrived Cork 2 P.M. & found it difficult to put in the day. Could not find anyone who was interested in what I came about. So went to Hussey & Townsend's and went into the Kilcooley a/cs which seemed in a fairly flourishing condition.
	15 Sep, Sat	Met some 20 to 25 Cork Agric'l Soc'y people & realised that our Cooperative agric'l movement is beginning to be understood all round. Hence it is opposed by all interests who have hitherto preyed upon the farmers – Railways, Banks, Gombeen men,

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		Tradesmen &c. Anderson & I met the Committee & did I fear little good. The papers (Cork) will probably be all against us.
	16 Sep, Sun	Dunsany by early train. Dunning, Johnny, Eddy & J Hawksley & JG Butcher there. J. was much better than he had been but was decidedly thinner & more despondent about himself. I greatly fear the will power which alone can save him is getting rapidly weaker. I fear the worst. Daisy & Florence Burke dined.
	17 Sep, Mon	A cricket match – Dunsany vs Colts of Meath. Eddy made 15 for latter & I 23 but out for former! JGB left. Johnny's nurse (now a permanent institution I should say) spoke about his case to me. Less alcohol & morphia taken but less now can be stood. No reason J should not live 10 or 15 years in fair health. But he won't try – that is the sum of what she said.
	18 Sep, Tue	Anderson came down to attend a meeting of Stores Committee. Preston, Wilkinson & Barton present. The concern is in a complicated position & it needs careful handling to bring it into line with modern cooperation. Walked over to Killeen. F. is coming home. He has been out in the Western Australian gold fields in a boom & if I mistake not Myring has put him into a "good thing".
	19 Sep, Wed	After a busy morning went to Dublin, attended a Com'tee meeting of the IAOS & slept at K St. Club.
	20 Sep, Thu	Left at 10 AM & got back 10 PM from Gorey where Anderson & I went to address a farming society annual dinner on the I.A.O.S. proposals. They put off[f] my speech until it was nearly time for me to go for the last train & as I was feeling very seedy (liver attack & bilious diarrhoea) I did not feel up to staying out the night in a bad hotel with no luggage.
[Bible (King James), Numbers 14:18]	21 Sep, Fri	Fr. Finlay interviewed, also Rolleston & Micks. Then Dunsany by morning train where I found Johnny much better. Eddy left for a Private tutor's in Norfolk. I learnt today that the poor boy is addicted to the accursed solitary vice which he can no more resist than his father can resist morphia. And we are told that it is unto the third & fourth generation!
	22 Sep, Sat	Much cheered by marked improvement in J's condition. He is well cheery & quite clear in his head. Alas how long can we hope it will last. I suppose he has his grain of morphia & full a big dose of alcohol – though not enough to knock him over. The sale of Killeen is off, it being rumoured that F. has got into a good thing in Western Australia and his biggest mortgage having been taken up by a mortgagee who won't press.
	23 Sep, Sun	Anderson spent the day at Dunsany & we had a big cooperative pow-wow. Also went to see Langford about organising the Summerhill district, George Murphy about Dunsany cattle affairs. I am sick again – bilious diarrhoea – liver very much out of order. I fear I was only temporarily patched up at Bad Nauheim. Daisy & Florence Burke dined. Anderson slept.
	24 Sep, Mon	Went to Dublin & was very seedy with torrents of bile from the liver. Went to a Dr. Sir Philip Smyly whom I thought a good man but found was a surgeon. Has prescribed a horrid tonic Sig. Stillingia compositions and Ipecacuanha. The latter I suppose I

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		ought to have tried long ago to counteract the tendency to catarrh of the bowel.
	25 Sep, Tue	Johnny still very well, self better. Went to lunch with Oliver Brighton. Otherwise business.
	26 Sep, Wed	Went to Dublin & on to Kilcooley with R.A.A. Put up comfortably in the empty House the carpenter doing valet & butler. Had de Courcy JP & Fr. Burke P.P. to dine & drummed Coop agriculture into their heads. I seemed to get better as the day went on.
	27 Sep, Thu	Estate matters brought by 2 tenants & by Campbell. At 1 addressed Urlingford Bd. of Guardians & some 30 farmers & others on programme of Agric'l Org. Soc'y. Very attentive & apparently convinced. I heard curiously that a National M.P. had said I should be Unionist Ch. Sec for Ireland. Absurd as I have no political claims. But I like being respected. Shows I have some influence too. Got back to Dublin at midnight rather over tired.
[Widow Gertrude Knight Lawrence Coleman marrying Robert Bourke, Baron Connemara]	28 Sep, Fri	Meeting of Irish Section Coop Union, Stokes, Husband & Davidson present. Dunning came up & I worked off arrears correspondence. Fenwick lunched with me at K St. Club. I sent a wedding present to Mrs. Coleman. Went to Summerhill for meeting of a Coop society. Paddy Langford put me up. I spoke to a stupid warm crowd for 40 minutes.
	29 Sep, Sat	Back to the depressing surroundings of my poor brother. I had to go to Killeen to talk over the sale negotiations. The Amer'n contractor – ex Meath labourer – has been & wants to buy. But now the biggest mortgage is taken up by a more pressing creditor & a sale is not imperative. Besides F. may have found gold Australia. I advise them make the purchaser wait till F comes home.
	30 Sep, Sun	Packing for a week in Scotland. Daisy, Miss Burke, Dunning & I drove up to Tara to look over the old hill. Lovely clear cool day.
	1 Oct, Mon	Left Dunsany 7.30AM & went via Belfast to Larne & Stranraer to Yerburgh's (Bārwhillanty Parton N.B.) where I arrived at 12 Midnight. At Belfast I met J. Musgrave & he lunched me & got me to meet a few people who might help the I.A.O.S. Had no success. But am to meet some more people on my way back.
	2 Oct, Tue	At breakfast met mine hostess & the party & saw the country for first time. Party a Miss Trelawney, Mr. & Mrs. Hornsby (great agriculturist) Mr. & Mrs. Scott Gatley, Major Trollop & Hayes Fisher M.P. Not interesting but nice enough. House nice & all well done. Country pretty though tame. We shot partridge all day. Too much for me. Very fine day. Could not hit anything.
	3 Oct, Wed	Shot worse than ever! However it was a fine day & I benefited. The only drawback was I had a stiff bit of writing to do for the I.A.O.S. & had to do it off & on at the 'butts' while waiting for the grouse. Mr. Scott Gatley goes in for palmistry. He told me my Danger

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		was over work.
	4 Oct, Thu	Shot all the morning. Did a little better. Then went by train from Parton to Dromore whence 4 miles drive took me to Rusko, an improved farm house which Raymond's brother gave them a 70 years lease of some 5 years ago. Country not very interesting. Shooting fairly good. I got up at 6.30 AM & by working hard got off a letter to R.A.A. to be read at Cork Agric'l Soc'y meeting on Sat[urda]y. Hope it will get there as I went pretty fully into I.A.O.S. programme.
	5 Oct, Fri	Raymond & I walked after game all day. Plenty about – nicely mixed black cock partridge, grouse & pheasants, rabbits, hares, woodcock all assaulted with next to no results as far as I was concerned & not much falling to R's gun either.
	6 Oct, Sat	½ day's shooting today the morning being given up to IAOS writing. Shot worse than ever. The agent of Raymond's landlord & nice wife dined, also a Miss Comrie a nice country girl dined.
	7 Oct, Sun	After a morning spent mostly at IAOS writing drove 20 miles to Newton Stewart in order to be at a station where the one mail of the day to Belfast stops at 5.40 A.M.! The drive was mostly along the sea. It is said to be very beautiful. The haze spoilt the view.
	8 Oct, Mon	Up at 4.30 AM off by train 5.45 to Stranraer. On board excellent breakfast. Belfast before 10A.M. Met Musgrave at Ulster Club. Saw Bank directors at Belfast National & Ulster Banks – lunched with Musgrave & met Arnold Forster. Saw Black & one Lee of great influence with tenant farmers I was told, T. Sinclair, M'Geagh & the Pres't of the B'fast Lib[eral] Unionists. I forget his name. Back to Dunsany then where I found Johnny guarded by Emily Hawksley, her son Jimmy & daughter Muriel. Daisy came to dinner. Johnny much better.
	9 Oct, Tue	Very busy writing up arrears of correspondence. Saw Daisy about sale of Killeen and went into Johnny's affairs. Denis Lawless & Oliver Brighton joined the Dunsany party. The Cork Examiner (Parnellite I think) had an excellent article in support of the I.A.O.S. butter tussle of the latter with the Cork agricultural society we have evidently won. My letter written from Yerburgh's was a hit.
	10 Oct, Wed	Committees of CDB nearly all day in Dublin. Morley & I did all the work being alone most of the time. We rushed it through in good shape.
	11 Oct, Thu	CDB 11 to 3. Then I.A.O.S. Did good work at both. Dined Monteagle, James Musgrave & R.A.A. Slept at K St. Club. Had a very discouraging letter from Kemp.
	12 Oct, Fri	C.D.B. 4 hours. I A O S work 3 hours & miscellaneous the rest. Went to England by night mail after dining Major Gaskell at St. Georges Club to discuss his appointment as organiser in Congested Districts. Met Tandy on train to Kingstown. He told me pretty frankly that the constituents were growling & bit at my neglect of them. They want to see more of me according to him & don't mean to let me excuse local neglect by national work. Exactly what they want me

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		to do did not transpire.
	13 Oct, Sat	Arrived tired. Chief business of day the Pelton meeting at which Fenwick formally announced his resignation but offered to continue until one Gard[i]ner who is to succeed him is worked into the harness. Did a lot of correspondence & some IAOS writing.
	14 Oct, Sun	Breakfasted with Mary & saw Tommy who was up for his "Exeat", looking well. Then went down to Hitchin to spend the day with old Tuke who was seedy enough & was pleased to talk Congested Districts with me.
	15 Oct, Mon	Came down to Paddockhurst via Forest Row. Daisy came to spend a few quiet days before F's return also. Poor little thing. Her grass widowhood was a rest for her. Her worthy lord loves her though she has the pluck not to show it.
	16 Oct, Tue	Golf again. Daisy came round the links today & we all enjoyed it largely.
	17 Oct, Wed	More golf. Daisy went to Brighton to visit her mother.
	18 Oct, Thu	Back with Daisy to London. She dined quietly with me at 104B. She is sad at the approaching end of 6 pleasant months we have had of purest friendship. Poor little woman, she <u>is</u> a friend. Saw Mary & her 3 eldest children.
[GOM (Grand Old Man) – Gladstone] [The productions of Augustus "Druriolanus" Harris involved huge casts, fantastical sets, and vast budgets.]	19 Oct, Fri	Business B.B.Co. &c. Dentist & oculist during day. Went to Nettleship (5 Wimpole St.) who operated on the G.O.M. & I suppose the top soreyes of the profession. Glasses for reading & long distance were prescribed. The only hint for sight preservation was don't sit up late at night "which however I don't practice myself" added the eye man. Took Dorothy & Alice after dinner at Wellington to Drury Lane where they saw a real Druriolanian melodrama
	20 Oct, Sat	Fingall arrived. I met him & Myring at Charing Cross. F. has bought a big gold mine, only stands to lose £5000 in worst event & thinks he is sure to make a very big fortune. I hope he may poor fellow.
	21 Oct, Sun	Saw something of Fingall today. He certainly has got a good thing in the "Londonderry Mine". His name has been skilfully used & he has I think satisfied himself – & he is no fool – that the property is good. He says he & Myring are going to stock it for what it is really worth & no more. JG Butcher & John Atkinson lunched with me at the Carlton.
	22 Oct, Mon	At my solicitors – writing letters &c all day. Left by night mail for Ireland. Saw more of Fingall & am quite convinced that he has a fortune in store for him. It was a really enterprising undertaking buying that mine. He could sell it at once for £100,000 more than he & 3 others gave for it.
	23 Oct, Tue	Arrived at unearthly hour in Dublin. Spent day at IAOS work with Dunning & Anderson & came to Dunsany by ev[enin]g train. Emily & Muriel Hawkesley still taking care of the brother who is all the better for this petticoat restraint. He told me that his nurse had told Barton & Wilkinson that I advised their discharge. This won't make things easier for me at

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		Dunsany.
	24 Oct, Wed	After a very busy morning went to Dublin & met my constituency bosses. Arranged a lot of meetings to join the "Fight in South Dublin" as the National papers headline the speeches on the other side.
	25 Oct, Thu	Limerick by 7.20 AM mail for a Dairy show, an Irish Agency Soc'y meeting and an address on coop: agriculture in the Athenaeum. Spoke for 1 hour & kept attention of audience. E.O. Greening was present & spoke well. Slept at Glentworth.
	26 Oct, Fri	Up at 6 AM off for Dublin at 7. Arrived about noon & IAOS work took rest of day. Slept at Club.
	27 Oct, Sat	Returned to Dunsany morning. Had meeting at Dunsany stores. W. Macartney M.P. came evening train. Very landlord & Tory.
	28 Oct, Sun	Kilmessan Church with Macartney. The parson preached at politicians – schemers under the guise of philanthropy & so forth! I must ask him if he really meant to go for me! The Murphys dined – she looks quite cured by Bad Nauheim.
	29 Oct, Mon	Anderson & Major Gaskell came down by midday train, the latter stopping the night & we had a meeting at Kilmessan to inaugurate an agric'l soc'y, Fr. Barry in the chair & some 60 farmers from far & near. I spoke an hour – well I think – & they all seemed convinced & determined to brace up for a great effort. I hope it may come to something.
	30 Oct, Tue	Left Dunsany early train & worked at I.A.O.S. & constituency jobs all day. Then dined with Mrs. Tandy and met a few important constituents to discuss leasehold enfranchisement – most difficult subject. My debating power is I think much greater than it was.
	31 Oct, Wed	I.A.O.S. Sending out Gaskell the last apostle to the Congested Districts. Writing the Legislative Assoc'n drawing Maretime Blank &c took up the whole day.
	1 Nov, Thu	To Dunsany by morning train & busy with arrears of correspondence, Johnny, cattle business (both Cullens came) &c &c.
	2 Nov, Fri	Wrote innumerable letters. Johnny took up the rest of the day with his business.
	3 Nov, Sat	Worked pretty hard all day at IAOS work & Johnny's affairs.
	4 Nov, Sun	Mostly wet – had to take my modicum of exercise in a downpour – got through lots of my work & I think helped Johnny a bit in his.
	5 Nov, Mon	To Dublin, sent a carriage to Sir P. Keenan's funeral. Went to a meeting of the solicitor apprentices debating society – large, partly hostile, audience – to speak on a paper to be read by their auditor on agriculture in Ireland. Slept at K St. Club.
	6 Nov, Tue	Down to Dunsany. After morning's work went to look for hounds. Just as well perhaps didn't find them as wasn't very fit.
	7 Nov, Wed	To Dublin again for C.D.B. 5 hours of it!

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	8 Nov, Thu	More C.D.B. A City Hall meeting to back up Mayo's arts & crafts exhib'n scheme – a journey out to Glasnevin to see the poor Keenan girls left penniless, almost. I.A.O.S. & worlds of small miscellaneous work. Hence little done to prepare for coming eruption of speeches.
	9 Nov, Fri	C.D.B. again. Also the first of a series of Constituency meetings. Spoke fairly well in Rathmines on the text Home Rule is not Dead. John Ross Q.C.M.P. supported me.
	10 Nov, Sat	Down by morning train. Found Johnny, Ranfurly & D. Lawless – the first named very well. It was the day of the first auction of grazing lands & as J won't look to his own business I had to troop round all the lands for him. The prices fetched were enormous, an average of over £4 for 11 months grass! Poor men took the lands too. The trouble is there is no other outlet for their energies & savings. Went to Kilmessan & held another meeting in the school house for the I.A.O.S. Fr. Barry again flew the tracks & went into the question of grass lettings in particular & the aggregation of large tracts of land in general.
	11 Nov, Sun	Writing a speech for the morrow all day nearly. Daisy & the Murphys with whom she is staying dined. Ranfurly left.
	12 Nov, Mon	Came by morning train to Dublin. Went down to Palmerston to see Lady Connemara about Pelton affairs. Back to Dublin & made a speech at Kingstown to a crowded audience which was the best of my life. Atkinson QC, A.D. Kennedy & others backed me up splendidly. Even the Tandy function did not put me off – and the subject was Leasehold Enfranchisement!! Daisy, Minnie Fitzgerald & Minnie Murphy were all there, also Anderson & D. Lawless. So I was conscious of the presence of friends which helps – Johnny too spoke amusingly but not very well. He came on too late & was tired.
	13 Nov, Tue	Very tired. Got through no work. In evening had to go & talk on the H[ouse], of Lords to a little meeting (chiefly female) at Rathmines. Tea & cakes & indigestion.
	14 Nov, Wed	Another speech tomorrow. So tried to work up some ideas. Not much success. Spent afternoon looking for furniture & came down to Dunsany in evening, with Denis Lawless.
	15 Nov, Thu	Writing out speech all morning at Dunsany. To Dublin by afternoon train & then a very depressing meeting at Dalkey where I did as badly as I had done well at Kingstown. Slept at Club.
	16 Nov, Fri	Col. Dease arrived from London with D[ra]ft prospectus reports &c of Fingall's mine. I did not like to join & so wired F. However on hearing that my refusal would play the mischief with the Co & would postpone its coming out I consented. The thing looks good. Monthly meeting of IAOS committee. Daisy went to London. Denis & I had a quiet evening at Club.
	17 Nov, Sat	From Dublin by morning train (full of people going to hunt at Bellinter – tantalising) to Kilmessan whence to Rock Lodge & on to the auction of the lands there. Complete failure – no very small attendance. 1/3 lands let fairly. But the rest will be all the harder to handle or let. Back to Dunsany.
	18 Nov, Sun	Another hard working Sunday. Had to prepare a speech for

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		Blackrock on the morrow – got telegrams which made it necessary to try & get out of my engagement to speak at Dundrum on Wednesday. Wired to Ball & got off. Had to come up to Dublin by night train. The business putting me thus about is Fingall's mine!
<i>[in partibus infidelium – in parts inhabited by unbelievers]</i>	19 Nov, Mon	Dunning came up. Preparing speech, correspondence &c. Then down to Maretimeo with Denis. Lady C[loncurry]. invisible but reported well. Emily & Fred at home. Former came to meeting at Blackrock Town Hall where I called on Unionists to support the cause in partibus infidelium – in Ld. Salisbury's south and west.
	20 Nov, Tue	A very busy day in Dublin finishing up I.A.O.S. & other work – then left by night mail for London with Dunning.
	21 Nov, Wed	Arrived early. Spent day mostly at Col. North's office with de Grey, Fingall, Myring, Col. North, Sir George Irwin. Awful muddle they have got everything in. A Bear raid has been made & the thing has not been taken up.
	22 Nov, Thu	More Londonderry Mine. I wish I was out of it.
	23 Nov, Fri	Ditto. Dined with Fingall & Myring to go into F's relations with M & North.
	24 Nov, Sat	Rather seedy. Fenwick, Denis Lawless, Boughton took up the morning with calls. Had to go to the City with F. about insurance of his life. Then walked with Daisy, did a little furnishing &c.
	25 Nov, Sun	A quiet day. Alston called & had a long talk over his affairs. Tried to find Cecil Rhodes at home in vain. Dined with the F's.
	26 Nov, Mon	Another Londonderry mine meeting. Did a bit of political & I.A.O.S. correspondence.
	27 Nov, Tue	Londonderry.
	28 Nov, Wed	Londonderry all day. Fingall has made a terrible mess of it. It now appears that the lease for "25 acres" only contains 16 acres! I dined Mrs. Willie, the Fingalls, D. Lawless, Georgina Blagrove, D. Haig at Wellington. Not at all well & the worry of the Londonderry is doing me no good.
	29 Nov, Thu	My holiday is being spoilt by this infernal mine. Things look better. But such a mess as F. has got himself into I never saw in my somewhat varied business experience. He is helpless in the City & drifts along wherever the sharks lead him.
	30 Nov, Fri	A heavy cold. After a morning in the city came down to Norfolk Hotel Brighton with Beau Watson for a couple of days golf.
	1 Dec, Sat	Golf at the Dyke Golf Club. Crowded. Nice easy links. But I was very seedy – bowel catarrh & did not enjoy it.
	2 Dec, Sun	Daisy & sister came to fetch me back to town. Fingall had gone to Dublin. Daisy dined me wholesomely at 68 S. A[udley]. St.
	3 Dec, Mon	Londonderry. Dined Fingalls, "Boston" Miss Burke, JG Butcher & Beau Watson & took them to a play at the Criterion.
	4 Dec, Tue	After morning correspondence – chiefly I.A.O.S. went to Agricultural Banks Assoc'n meeting which took most of

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		afternoon. Then went to Chess Club & finally dined with Mrs. Willie at her Club.
["With the Hon. Horace Plunkett, MP", <i>Commerce</i> , 16 Jan 1895, pp. 79-80]	5 Dec, Wed	Interviewed by editor of "Commerce" on I.A.O.S. He will make a mess of it I should say. What a nuisance this Gombeenism is! Fenwick also called. Monteagle lunched with me. Dined with Myring (some mining Australians, that fine arrival Lady de Grey & the Fingalls) at Savoy & went on to a burlesque at Savoy Theatre.
[Ld. Winchilsea]	6 Dec, Thu	To city with Fingall. Lunched Bath Club with Henniker Heaton. Spent afternoon with Agricultural Banks Assoc'n. Dined with Yerburch to meet Winchelsea [<i>sic</i>]. We talked over our respective schemes. He is clever but a bit wild in business matters.
	7 Dec, Fri	Left at 10 AM for Manchester. I went to 18-A Worthy Grove, the Irish agency's depôt for butter & had a long talk with Ford the agent. Then attended the United Board meeting and spoke in favor of a continuance of the subsidy for Irish Cooperative organisation. Midnight train to London.
	8 Dec, Sat	Arrived early. Busy morning & then a new doctor! Victor Horsley, 25 Cavendish Sq. renowned for nerves. He told me I was suffering from nervous exhaustion and recommended a "rest cure" at Bournemouth. This means 3 weeks in bed & then 3 weeks imprisonment – complete isolation – no correspondence with outer world. Massage, electricity & so forth. I feel I am failing. Perhaps this terrible ordeal would enable me to pull through my life's work creditably. Dined with Fingalls to meet Sir Francis Plunkett.
	9 Dec, Sun	Tried to do some work, but Alston came in to talk to me all the morning. In afternoon called on sundry people & in evening dined Daisy, Schomberg McDonnell & the Arnold Forsters to talk over our Irish Unionist propoganda in Home Rule districts.
	10 Dec, Mon	Londonderry Mine. T.P. Gill lunched. Letters innumerable. Dined quietly with Daisy.
	11 Dec, Tue	Another Londonderry meeting. Also a B.B. Co. meeting with George Price at the office. Then letters letters letters – and at night off to Ireland.
	12 Dec, Wed	I arrived at the unholy hour of 6.45 & went to bed at K St. Club. Then two Committees of C.D.B. & monthly I.A.O.S. Johnny up to dine & sleep at Club & talk business, many letters & a speech for Friday &c &c. Well indeed that I am going to retire to rest.
	13 Dec, Thu	Congested Districts Bd. most of day. Went out to Carrickmines to a dreary dinner with Dr. Grimshaw to meet Ld. Welby.
	14 Dec, Fri	Another terribly tiring day. At 11 AM a conference betw'n IAOS & CDB, at 12 conference betw'n CDB & RDS. Then hours of CDB mostly & off to Dundrum for a meeting at of constituents which wore me out. Dined with Geo Kinchin a good bourgeois.
	15 Dec, Sat	A full day – I.A.O.S. – studying leasehold enfranchisement for meeting of L.E. Assoc'n of Kingstown – a visit & meeting & then a dinner 6.15(!) at Mrs. Tandy's and the meeting in the Board room of the Town Hall. I was thoroughly tired out.
	16 Dec, Sun	Down to Dunsany to see poor Johnny who was all alone. He had not apparently been drinking & was rather well. Discussed his

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		family & business affairs. Returned to Kildare St. Club.
	17 Dec, Mon	<p>At 10 A.M. a little conference which I got together & which may exercise some influence on Irish history. T W Russell, John Atkinson, Dunbar Barton, Col. Dease & a few others let me urge them to press the Unionist Alliance boldly to preach the economic arguments against Home Rule in the Nationalist parties of Ireland. They approved principle details to be brought before IUA executive leaders. Lunched Professor and Mrs. Hartley, Emily Lawless, Prof. Barrett, a Col. Plunkett secretary Royal College Science, Col. Dease, Maunsell of Express & Dunning at Metropole.</p> <p>Annual meeting of Regist[ratio]n Assoc'n. They seemed to be cordial & kindly disposed in spite of my unorthodox views. Left for Eng'd night mail.</p>
	18 Dec, Tue	<p>Cockcrow arrival. Very busy day writing a letter to I.U.A. for their meeting tomorrow urging them to adopt suggestions agreed to at yesterday's conference.</p> <p>Meeting Londonderry Bd.</p> <p>Saw Horsley again & he told me more about the Rest Cure.</p>
	19 Dec, Wed	Winding up my business before leaving for Bournemouth. Much to think of. Dined with Fingall to meet that Bounder Col. North who never turned up.
	20 Dec, Thu	Finished up all my affairs in London and came to Bournemouth where I entered the "Home" to undergo the Rest Cure. The Home is all right. Miss Stewart the matron too ?needy & ?Pensive for my nerves in their present state & the local medico in charge rather coarse of countenance. But I will go through it. Nothing to be done tonight – all to begin tomorrow. I wish I had come down later as I am in the dolefullest dumps imaginable. Here ends my year. It began in the Southern Hemisphere near the Cape – I broke down when Parl't was half through its work & now I am in this asylum! Well a day!
	21 Dec, Fri	Office work including a long letter to Fingall in the morning. Then to the City to try & sell some Londonderry shares. To House to give Mary & Dorothy tea. Dined Daisy, George Eustis & wife at Wellington & took them to The Empire.
	22 Dec, Sat – 31 Dec, Mon	[No entry]
	Year-end Summary	<p>1 March 95. SS Massilia. Left London yesterday with Frank Jameson for a fortnight's cruise to Egypt & 3 weeks more of various cures or "after cures". This is the first opportunity I have had of summarising /94. For <u>all</u> work has been forbidden from Dec. 20 till now.</p> <p>It has been an important year of my life, perhaps the most important. As in some previous years health was the predominating factor in my actions. I began the year nearing the Cape after a breakdown from my first Parliamentary year[,] the famous Home Rule debate. The voyage did me good for the time. But in the summer I was repeatedly ill from stomach attacks of various kinds and finally towards the end of June I was bad enough to be ordered off to Bad Nauheim for a course. It did me good. But I didn't understand then that over work was the cause</p>

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<p>[“The Agricultural Movement in Ireland”, <i>The Agricultural Annual</i> (Mark Lane Express, London, 1895)]</p>		<p>of my illness & complete rest the only possible cure. So I quickly used up the little health I had laid in and was by the end of the year as bad as ever. On Dec. 20 by Victor Horsley’s advice I went into a Home of Rest at Bournemouth & the result of which must be left for /95 to demonstrate. The end of the year found me after 10 days rest in as low a condition as a man can well be with any hopes of future usefulness.</p> <p>The event of my year was the foundation of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society. I may say the inception & elaboration of the scheme was my own & I may as well briefly describe it.</p> <p>The chief industry of Ireland is agriculture. The welfare of the country may be said to depend almost entirely on the welfare of the agricultural industry. This has been hard hit by foreign competition. On the other hand the relations betw’n landlord & tenant had been greatly improved so much so that peace reigned almost throughout Ireland and the opportunity for improvement in the actual conduct of farming had arrived. Among all the remedies suggested to deal with the depression of agriculture none seemed to offer any real aid to the farmers except Protection & that was unattainable. No one had suggested Combination on the lines of cooperative enterprise in all other trades in [<i>sic</i> and] in the agriculture of various foreign countries. The idea prevailed that farmers were uncombinable atoms – more especially the Irish farmer. This proposition I had been combating for some five years. The creamery movement had demonstrated its falsity. I now proposed to extend this movement and to to [<i>sic</i>] apply combination to every branch of the farmers business. This I held to be a mere question of propoganda[,] and propoganda a question of money and influential backing. I propounded a scheme for the formation of a society (The I.A.O.S.) to send paid organisers to organise coop: societies throughout Ireland and generally to instruct the farming community upon what can be done by cooperation.</p> <p>This was successfully carried out by a very vigorous personal canvass of influential people. The big fish I captured are to be seen in the records – the share list – of the I.A.O.S. The scheme was to run for 5 years after which work of the further organ’n was to be taken up by the farmers themselves who would by that time be educated up to the duty and advantage of promoting combined action. Some £7000 in shares (payable in 5 ½-yearly instalments & giving an income of £1400 a year) were subscribed. My invaluable henchman RAAnderson was made head of the organising staff & the committee of 12 with Redington Vice Pres & self Pres’t contained representative men of both creeds & all sections of politics in the country. By the end of the year the success of the movement was assured. For wherever the propoganda was actively at work societies were forming and displaying a practical earnestness which promised rapid development and showed all the signs of permanence.</p> <p>An article in the March Fortnightly Review, my speech at the inaugural meeting in Dublin, an article in the June New Ireland Review & the 1895 Annual Register of the Mark Lane Express are the chief among many writings which show how I had <u>thought out</u> the scheme.</p> <p>I owe the scheme one grudge. It broke down my health & very</p>

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		<p>nearly killed me. Still if the effect is what I expect I can gladly suffer in the cause.</p> <p>In Parliament I did little owing to ill health. I spoke little but did some good I think in the lobby. I have been on good terms with the Nationalist members for they know that while I disagree in toto with their Irish policy I am always anxious to cooperate with them for the good of our common country.</p> <p>In April Fingall went to Australia with T.H. Myring who had a sort of roving commission from Col. North to send home anything good. They went to Coolgardie at the beginning of the West Australia gold mining boom and negotiated for & got an option for £100,000 and 1/6th of the shares of a Co to be formed[,] a much talked of "Londonderry Mine" near Coolgardie. They came home in October and Col. North & Fingall floated a company unfortunately enormously over capitalising the concern (capital £700,000). Late in November F. asked me to go on the Board & to back him up. I did much against my inclination. When I was able to pay any attention to it I found that the whole business was in a terrible muddle[,] not a man connected with it having both business capacity & time to devote to the affairs of the Co. I think I helped them to get straight. But I was locked up at Bournemouth before I had half done with it. The shares were eagerly sought before the thing came out – then a bear raid was made & they receded below par. Then the favorable expert opinions (probably squared) not being contravened by any responsible honest experts and the lode beyond question being apparently very rich, the shares advanced & things looked brighter. I mention this at length because the Fingall fortunes depend entirely on this venture. In the middle of the summer came one Nevins, a Yankee contractor raised in Meath stables to buy & he very nearly did buy Killeen from the Court. Now if this mine 'pans out' the family is saved.</p> <p>Anent this branch of the Plunketts – the year records the birth on Whit Monday of another girl! A sad disappointment. A lady of Daisy's acquaintance has told her how sex can be controlled. So the mistake is not to happen again!</p> <p>She poor little woman is the best friend I ever had or ever shall have. She looked after me whenever I was ill, made me do the right thing to get well – came to me at Bad Nauheim and visited me in my prison at Bournemouth when allowed in /95. Her sympathy & shrewd advice certainly saved my life.</p> <p>Society (Society with a big S) I made no figure in for I had no time or thought for it or ?her. In family matters things went smoothly & well. Mary is getting more tired of Kilcooley solitude. Conny is settling down into Raymond's tastes, Johnny is better decidedly Eddy is very unsatisfactory in his growing thoughtlessness, but Reggie passed into the Britannia brilliantly and has the makings of a really fine man in time.</p> <p>For the first time since /79 I did not go to America. The terrible financial depression has complicated & seriously injured my interests & those of my friends out there. The only bright spot is my old Wyoming Development Co's revival. Those lands are really being bought up – on long credit it is fine – and improved. I cannot come out square. But it will be a joy to get back some of the money tied up so many years. Early in the year Gilchrist died.</p>

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		<p>He had been a partner of mine in many ventures. Latterly we had quarrelled as he had I thought not gone quite straight in some small transactions. But he was a fine man in some ways. Beginning life as a life guardsman (private) he emigrated penniless & at one time must have been worth £30000 to £100,000. He over invested in cattle & land & died insolvent.</p> <p>I was too absorbed in what I regard as <u>the</u> Irish question to take much part in extra-Parliamentary politics. I ended the year with 5 speeches round the Constituency which I think pressed forward my views as to the importance of treating Irish politics from an economic point of view. I laid it down in my I.A.O.S. inaugural address on April 18 that “The more business in politics & the less politics in business the better for both”. This sums up my advice to Irish politicians all & sundry.</p> <p>If 1895 brings me health I ought to reap a good harvest from seed sown in 1894.</p>