

1896 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.

1896

Events:

18 Feb – Dillon elected chairman of anti-Parnellites

29 May – Irish Socialist Republican Party formed in Dublin; James Connolly, secretary

August – Report of Recess Committee

1-3 Sep – Irish Race Convention in Dublin

Publications:

- “The Evicted Tenants” (letter), *The Times*, 12 Mar, p. 11

- *Report of the Recess Committee on the Establishment of a Department of Agriculture and Industries for Ireland* (Dublin, Belfast, London) viii, 419 pp.

- “The Recess Committee’s Report”, *New Ireland Review*, v. 5, pp. 329-38

- *IAOS Annual Report*, pp. 23-4

- “The Recess Committee Report” (letter), *Irish Times*, 14 Oct, p. 5

- Attributed articles in *Irish Homestead*:

Report of address at Ballybrittas, I:45 (11 Jan 1896), pp. 720-2

Letter to *Glasgow Herald*, I:45 (15 Feb 1896), p. 809

Text of address to District Conference of Committees of the Co-operative Dairy and Agricultural Societies, Cork, II:32 (10 Oct 1896), pp. 507-8

Government:

Prime Minister: 3rd Marquess of Salisbury (Conservative)

Chief Secretary: Gerald William Balfour

Lord Lieutenant: Earl Cadogan

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £108 ; \$1 = \$24

Correspondence [Notes]	1896	Diary Entry
	1 Jan, Wed	<p>Busy morning at I.A.O.S. work &c. Denis Lawless whom I had not seen for more than a year came up from Dunsany with a very melancholy account of poor Johnny’s state. Denis had done well in Westralia & told me a lot about it.</p> <p>Went by 2.50 train to Portarlinton & put up with Edmund Dease – Johnny Mulhalls there – for a[n] I.A.O.S. meeting on the morrow at Ballybrittas. The C.C. dined & was enlightened.</p>
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , I:45 (11 Jan 1896), pp. 720-2]	2 Jan, Thu	<p>The meeting was a great success. The C.C. Fr. Goring presided (in a Protestant schoolroom). Skeffington Smyth was there & strong farmers some 70 I should say. Fr. Finlay & R.A.A. both turned up & spoke admirably. It was the kind of meeting which showed what a great power the IAOS is going to be.</p> <p>Came to Dunsany where Johnny & Oliver B & Reggie – Eddy visiting Mary & M---lts. J. is failing fast mentally & physically. Terribly sad. Trained nurse in attendance of J.</p>
	3 Jan, Fri	<p>Hunted. Hounds at Dunsany. Cheery sight, beautiful day for hunting. Rode my roaring Chesnut. Got a fall but was carried very safely barring that one bad fence. Pace of galop (Baltrasna to Summerhill) too fast. Oliver Brighton & Mesdames B dined & slept. Percy Rogers whom J is making a confidant of turned up – Daisy dined.</p> <p>News came yesterday that Dr. Jameson had invaded Transvaal with 800 Chartered Co troops & today that he had been defeated & taken prisoner.</p>
	4 Jan, Sat	<p>Long talk with Rogers about Johnny & Ernle. Agreed with him it was best hope of arranging matters with E. that he R. should go</p>

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		into expenses at Dunstall with her & try to get her to reduce them so that the allowance which J is ready to give will meet the case. Talked over many other matters with J and wrote much of inaugural address to Recess Committee. Came with Dunning to Killeen for rest & quiet & to help Daisy to entertain Minnie Fitzgerald and her married sister. The house at Dunsany is too unsettling.
	5 Jan, Sun	Betw'n Dunsany & Killeen – writing an address for the Recess Committee meeting on Tuesday. Daisy, Miss Burke, Dunning & I dined at Dunsany.
	6 Jan, Mon	To Dublin early. Worked hard at address for the morrow. Monteagle came up by mail from South & dined with me. T. Andrews also from Belfast. But he stayed with his brother Judge Andrews.
	7 Jan, Tue	The Recess Committee – they won't change the name – met at the Mansion House. It was a busy day. I had to go to Redmond early & talk him into playing fair. He made an excellent & moderate speech. All the members present – and most came – did well. The spirit shown was excellent. It is a strong committee. The Belfast men will work in Belfast. We shall make some history. My inaugural address was I think good. One misses T.P. Gill. Monteagle is too slack.
	8 Jan, Wed	I was wearied today & the Round Table was heavy on hands. The attendance was slack. A stodgy lunch with Mgr. Molloy at Royal University College did not help. Count Moore & Dr. Kenny were hopelessly stupid. Redmond behaved well. Monteagle yawned. Poor fellow, I sympathise.
	9 Jan, Thu	The R[ecess]. C[tee]. sat again twice today. We got discursive & I was glad to adjourn to 21st in order to get some business better prepared.
	10 Jan, Fri	American correspondence. I.I.A. meeting. Recess Committee correspondence &c. Hard at work all day. Monteagle still here. Lady Betty to tea at Alexander Club.
	11 Jan, Sat	A tiring day. 7.20 AM mail to Limerick with Monteagle. Long meetings of I.C.A.S. Com'tee. Lots of good work done. Then train to Kilcooley where Anderson & I arrived 9 PM! Eddy & all the Ponsonbys there.
	12 Jan, Sun	Meetings at Moycarkey & Gortnahoe. Basely left R.A.A. to do former – long drive – & did latter with him. I noticed excellent spirit among the 100 farmers who attended – an earnest friendly & truly cooperative spirit. It is wonderful how the movement is growing.
	13 Jan, Mon	Up 6 AM. Started 7 AM arr[ived] Thurles 8.45 & then via Portarlinton & Athlone to Roscommon where WE Holmes (a land agent with 100 agencies & on excellent terms with tenant farmers) had organised a meeting of farmers who came some 800 strong to discuss Coop Bacon curing. I spoke well, so did Fr. Finlay & R.A.A. I think we launched the project. Fr. Finlay, Sir H Grattan Bellew & I drove in O'Conor Don's carriage to Castlerea where we put up in his villa built house Clonalis. O'C Don seedy --- ----- . The baronet [Bellew] talked so incessantly that he tired me & negatived all profitable discourse.

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	14 Jan, Tue	Meeting in Castlereagh – some 250 I should say. Good meeting. R.C. Bishop of Elphin Dr. Clancy took chair & made excellent <u>Cooperative</u> speech. I did not do as well. Finlay & R.A.A. better. Another success. Then on to Athlone where only traders turned up. However we enlisted their sympathy with a cooperative farmer's project, so our time was not lost. To Dublin at night. Poor Tuke died two nights ago I learned tonight.
To Balfour, Lady Betty (clear from context misdated 15 Jan 95)	15 Jan, Wed	Travelling, bad food & speaking at 4 meetings in 3 days was too much for me & today my stomach struck. I got through an infinity of work. 3 Committees of C.D.B. & big arrears of correspondence.
	16 Jan, Thu	C.D.B. in the morning. Correspondence &c rest of day. Very seedy from over work & saw folly of it.
	17 Jan, Fri	Called on Gerald Balfour in morning. Daisy came to the IAOS office & showed me letter from Fingall saying he was losing money gambling on Stock Exchange. C.D.B. monthly meeting passed vote of condolence on poor Tuke's death.
	18 Jan, Sat	A very busy morning. Then with Dunning to Killeen where Miss Burke, Daisy & the children, for a quiet Sat[urday] to Monday.
	19 Jan, Sun	Had to work pretty hard. But took the air a bit and gained as much as I took out of myself.
	20 Jan, Mon	Worked forenoon at Killeen writing a memo from I.A.O.S. for Recess C'tee. Then to Dublin with Dunning. Monteagle came up from South & I dined him, Falkiner, Brougham Leech & Fr. Finlay to indoctrinate them all in sound Recess C'tee principles.
	21 Jan, Tue	All day till 4 P.M. rushing backwards & forwards betw'n members of the Recess C'tee which then met. Monsignor Molloy tried to wreck us. He as usual talked incessantly. Monteagle was on ?beds for lunch & dinner & practically all day. Poor fellow he is weak physically & not at all active or helpful though he is so well educated that what work he does is good. But oh so little.
	22 Jan, Wed	Monteagle & I worked away at Recess C'tee interviewing Fr. Finlay, John Ross &c. I went up to Chief Secretary's Lodge with Gerald Balfour. His private Sect. Grant & Lady Emily Lytton being the only 'party'. Had interesting talk with G.B.
	23 Jan, Thu	Very busy working in town. Went by 2 o'clock train to ----- Lady Betty Balfour, Lady Emily Lytton & Grant. Back to sign letters. Then back to Chief Sec's where heavy party to dinner.
	24 Jan, Fri	Irish Industries Assoc'n, I.A.O.S. Committee & dined with C Litton Falkiner to talk Recess Committee. G.W.B. pressed me to stay on at Ch. Sec's Lodge & I gladly did.
[Dumb Crambo – a Victorian parlour game of rhyming and miming]	25 Jan, Sat	The usual Dublin day varied by a meeting at Kingstown Cottage Home where I presided & made a foolish speech. Daisy came to Ch. Sec's Lodge where they keep me on over Sunday. Official dinner again. Cheery evening at Dumbcrambo.
	26 Jan, Sun	Worked hard most of the day at Recess Committee. Professor Mahaffy lunched & talked Greek & Egyptian archaeology.

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		Outside these subjects he was dogmatic & absurd.
	27 Jan, Mon	In Dublin all day. Anderson came out & dined at Lodge.
	28 Jan, Tue	After hard days work in Dublin Sinclair arrived & I had dinner at Metropole to meet him. Party GWB wife & Lady Emily Lytton, Daisy, C La Touche, Grant (Private Sec). Dull party didn't go off though material good.
	29 Jan, Wed	Busy all the morning preparing for & the afternoon conducting the Recess C'tee meeting. We got on first rate. Sinclair told us Belfast was solid with us. G.W.B. is anxious about us. I will make him a great Chief Secretary. He need not fear. I hope to put him in a diff[eren]t category to the Cadogans & Ashbournes.
	30 Jan, Thu	Took a half holiday the 2 ladies, Grant & I "biking" from Bray to Greystones & back, Daisy & Miss Burke lunching & teasing us at Bray, the latter coming with us. My bike too heavy. Too hard work. Must get another if finances come right. Dull official dinner at Ch. Secs Lodge.
	31 Jan, Fri	Left Ch. Secs Lodge. I don't think I outstayed my welcome – certainly not my invit[at]ion. Another R. C'tee meeting. Alls satisfactory. Dined with Cadogans. They are all much worried over prospect of Irish uniting on Financial Relations Com'n & consequent exorbitant demand.
[Letter to <i>Glasgow Herald</i> in <i>IH</i> , I:50 (15 Feb 1896), p. 809]	1 Feb, Sat	Busy morning in Dublin & then down to Dunsany where Mary & her two girls were installed – Oliver Brighton breakfasted with me and brought back gloomy news of poor Johnny from Monte Carlo. He seems breaking down fast. It is too sad.
	2 Feb, Sun	A restful day – much needed.
	3 Feb, Mon	Dublin by early train. Usual work & down by 6.5 train to Newbridge. Put up with Willie Blacker & his good wife to talk over his not very satisfactory financial position. He told me he had paid £35000 for his "Rathmore" property shortly after he came of age. It now pays in about £300 a year! His investments with me will do better than this.
	4 Feb, Tue	Back to Dublin in time for 2 hours Recess Committee in afternoon. Mgr. Molloy launched forth on Tech Ed'n & did it well. Dined with Ch[ief]: Baron Palles to meet Archbishop. Walsh. Clever as Satan & as pleasant.
	5 Feb, Wed	Went to Belfast with Falkiner to meet the Ulster Consultative C'tee of the Recess Committee. Good attendance, good debate – all satisfactory. Musgrave lunched me to meet Wolff & Col. M'Calmont M.P.s & others. Sinclair put us up & had some Technical Education experts to meet us.
	6 Feb, Thu	Back to Dublin by breakfast train leaving Belfast 7 AM. I thought thus to save a day. But I was drowsy up to lunch & then fell asleep! Got through some work nevertheless.
	7 Feb, Fri	Another Recess Committee. Dined with Frank Jameson, Daisy & Minnie Fitzgerald at F.J.'s lodgings.

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	8 Feb, Sat	Worked the morning & then went to Sutton Station with Arnold Graves & played golf at a new club just forming. Felt the better for the outing.
	9 Feb, Sun	Bicycled to Kingstown. Trained to Ballybrack where lunched with Wrench. Bicycled to Chantilly (stud farm of C.D.B. which I had not before seen) & back to Ballybrack. Called on Micks & trained back to Dublin. One of the most glorious days I ever saw. Air cool but sun warm. Most "salubrisome".
	10 Feb, Mon	Micks, Redington, Falkiner, Rolleston, Fr. Finlay, Cox, Anderson – all interviewed gives idea of days activity. Took night boat for Eng'd. Tim Healy fellow traveler very amusing.
[pendente lite – pending litigation]	11 Feb, Tue	Arrived early. Bicycled from Euston. Day Fingalls. Lunched Carlton & then went to House where spent rest of day. Debate on address was not as exciting as was expected. The S. African disclosures await the "lite pendente".
	12 Feb, Wed	Rogers called about Ernle's affairs. Saw Monteagle, very seedy looking & unable to help R. C'tee. Wrote pile of letters, attended the House. Dined with Fingall & party & went to a Music Hall which I think took me a little out of myself.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 37, col. 228, 277-9]	13 Feb, Thu	T.P. Gill arrived from the Rest cure Bournemouth last night. I called early and had a long talk. He cannot help us yet but will I think when he comes back – Irish debate in the House. I spoke <u>very badly</u> but was well received. The House is indulgent to sincerity however in-eloquent – S African debate followed & Chamberlain was at his best. I have sat longer the last 3 days than is my wont in the House. It <u>is</u> interesting.
	14 Feb, Fri	Breakfasted & said goodbye to T.P. Gill, whom I am sending off to Egypt for his "after cure". When he comes back I must try & make a living for him in Ireland. He would be a great help to me. Long Parliamentary day – though mostly writing letters.
	15 Feb, Sat	Bicycled down to Leonard Courtney & Monteagle in Chelsea in the morning. Went to Motor Car exhib'n at Imperial Institute. Took Betty Balfour, Lady Emily Lytton & Daisy. Poor show. The motor did not look a formidable rival of the horse. But I suppose it bears as much resemblance to the motor of a few years hence as "Puffing Billy" did to the modern locomotive.
	16 Feb, Sun	Lunched with Gerald Balfour. Dined with Yerburghs. Thought about, read up the Dynamite prisoners with a view to speaking on them tomorrow. Met Denis & had long talk.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 37, col. 478-81, 487]	17 Feb, Mon	Spoke in House in favor of amnesty for "Political" prisoners. Both front Benches against me. But I had lots of private support. Lecky the historian made his maiden speech in support of me. Courtney was sympathetic.
	18 Feb, Tue	The effect of the amnesty speech seems to be – further alienation of old crusted Tory – better understanding with Nationalists & approval of all moderate men. Gov't bitter because they know they are in the wrong as White Ridley's position is untenable.
	19 Feb, Wed	?Mr. Mulhall turned up & I had to give him his marching orders. Monteagle, Daisy, Mrs. Mulhall, Redmond & I met him at dinner

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		at 104B.
[Tree – actor Herbert Beerbohm Tree]	20 Feb, Thu	Busy all day. My correspondence increases & I don't know how to control it. Went to "Trilby" with Mrs. Willie & Daisy. Tree splendid.
	21 Feb, Fri	Most of day spent in rubbishy but necessary correspondence.
[John Oliver Hobbes – pen-name of Mrs. Pearl Craigie]	22 Feb, Sat	Had a golf with George Baird M.P. at Mitcham. Went to stupid play with Fingalls. But nice party. Gerald Balfours & Lady Emily Lytton, J A Grant, John Oliver Hobbes.
	23 Feb, Sun	Easy day. Lunched Mrs. Willie, dined Denis Lawless.
	24 Feb, Mon	An awful accumul[atio]n of correspondence. Worked hard lobbying amnesty question &c.
	25 Feb, Tue	Ditto ditto
	26 Feb, Wed	Debate on Evicted Tenants. Parnellites had brought in a bill similar to the Gov't bill of /94 but without compulsion. I had in 94 declared I would vote for such a bill & I did so now. Gov't & Irish Unionists furious. Dined with Lady Betty where I took Gerald Balfour's place in his absence. Tennants, Alfred Lyttelton, Lady Frances Balfour &c.
	27 Feb, Thu	House to be scowled at for my yesterday vote. Dined Conny just come to town.
	28 Feb, Fri	Lunched with Bob Yerburch after heavy morning's work & then went feeling very seedy to Broadlands Romsey where Evelyn Ashley & his wife Lady Alice took me in. Most interesting house. Palmerston's – Ashley is now 60. Was "Pam's" private Sec. Knew everyone worth knowing in his day. Has unsuccessfully contested 6 consecutive elections. Hence has fallen out a bit.
	29 Feb, Sat	Morning with Ashley (who will be a director) at B.B.Co's works. Drove with Lady Alice. Then stayed in eating nothing & doing less, quite upset. Hon. W.F. Smith MP & wife, Hon. Lyulph Stanley & wife joined party.
	1 Mar, Sun	Quite sick to walk & do or enjoy anything.
	2 Mar, Mon	Back to town after a visit to B.B.Co's works. Heavy correspondence. Went to House & saw Gerald Balfour. He was very nice about my voting against Gov't. I showed him my proposed letter re Evic[ted] Tenants.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 38, col. 1262]	3 Mar, Tue	Lunched with Fingall, Myring & Denis Lawless. Gerald Balfour approved of & I sent letter to Irish Papers re Evicted Tenants.
	4 Mar, Wed	Negotiations with Irish members all day at House. Then quiet evening with the Fingalls at 68 S[outh].A[udley]. St.
	5 Mar, Thu	Was to have gone to Maidstone with Yerburch to start a Coop Agric'l Soc'y but O'Kelly M.P. put down an amendment to the Naval estimates objecting to strengthening of the Navy. I dared not be away from such a debate just now – so chucked my engagement. Then the Speaker ruled it all out of order!
	6 Mar, Fri	Myring & Fingall in with a new scheme. W. Alston turned up from Egypt. Has been made manager of Douglas Baird's racing

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		establishment Newmarket. Down to City to tell C. F. Kemp of F.A.K.s iniquities. Very unpleasant and unprofitable. Then long evening in House relieved by appearance of Tom Pim who told me of my constituent wrath.
	7 Mar, Sat	Indoors working nearly all day. Sent a letter of greeting to the "Boston Globe" at Editors request to appear on St. Patrick's Day.
	8 Mar, Sun	Busy nearly all day. Called on Lady Betty & found a musical afternoon going on. Came in during an interminable violin performance.
	9 Mar, Mon	Preparing all the morning & delivered in afternoon address to Women's Liberal Unionist Assoc'n at Lady Elizabeth Biddulph's House. The meeting was large & the best speakers were there. Subject, Ireland's Industrial Opportunity. I gave my views on Irish policy generally – was in best form & spoke fluently & connectedly for an hour. Made an impression. Dined with Alfred Lyttelton & wife close to Houses of Parl't.
	10 Mar, Tue	Left London 7.15 AM Mail. Breakfast car attached now which makes it pleasant going by day. Got to Kildare St. Club to find that they were less violent to my face than they had been by all reports behind my back. In the constituency they were very violent. Went to call on Fr. Finlay who helped me to write a letter to the Times to answer an attack by Colonel Saunderson.
	11 Mar, Wed	C.D.B. & I.A.O.S. all day. Latter simply 'booming'. Dined with Christopher La Touche & met Fr. Finlay & R.A.A.
["The Evicted Tenants", <i>The Times</i> , p. 11]	12 Mar, Thu	CDB again. Also Recess Committee at which only 3 members attended! Mary at Shelbourne for dinner at Castle.
	13 Mar, Fri	CDB & Recess Committee. Had an interview with Cadogan & found him utterly incapable of understanding the situation in Ireland. Had a long talk with Fr. Finlay. He is a Home Ruler because he says English never will be able to govern according to Irish ideas & that some day the Irish will force the situation. He admitted that at present it is not a possibility but thinks the I.A.O.S. is bringing people together in a way to make H.R. possible.
	14 Mar, Sat	Finished up in Dublin & returned by night mail to London.
	15 Mar, Sun	Arrived early. Worked with Dunning with arrears of correspondence – not as big as expected. Lunched with the Lowthers (Lowther Lodge) to meet Harold Lowther (back from Ranche & going to Rhodesia with Ld. Grey). Called on Gerald Balfours & dined quietly with Daisy & her sister.
	16 Mar, Mon	Office & House all day.
[Glos. – Gloucestershire]	17 Mar, Tue	<u>St. Patrick's Day</u> . Writing nearly all day. Looked in only at House and at Londonderry House sale (Irish Industries). Dined with Ducie, sat next Stafford Howard, Johnny's Glos' opponent whom I had never met. Evidence accumulates that my Constituents are furious with me.
[P.L. – Poor Law]	18 Mar, Wed	12–6 in House – a Bill (superan[nuatio]n P.L. officers) interesting Constituents & another (marking Foreign meat) being of

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[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 38, col. 1262]		importance to Ireland kept me in House. Then for my sins a Dinner of Surveyors Institute in Metropole Hotel – 6.30 to 10.30 & probably 2 hours more for I left. Oh the speeches!
[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 38, col. 1348]	19 Mar, Thu	Work & House. T.W. Rolleston dined with me & we talked over Irish politics. He describes himself as a Tory Home Ruler.
	20 Mar, Fri	Long day at House. Interesting Egyptian debate. It left me some qualms of conscience as to our continued occupation. I think we are bound by circumstances to stay & by honour to go. It seems to me that this new attack on the Soudan is an attempt at an ex post facto justification of occupation.
[<i>De gustibus, non disputandum est</i> – “there’s no arguing for taste”]	21 Mar, Sat	Made some calls & wrote up arrears of letters. But what good. By Monday they will be piled up as high as ever. I have the work of a State Department & no staff. It will kill me. Went to an At Home at the White Ridleys – awful – and some people do it nightly! <i>De gustibus</i> .
	22 Mar, Sun	Played Parliamentary Golf Handicap against Harold Finch Hatton M.P. (Winchelsea’s brother) at Byfleet. He beat me easily. The day was phenomenal – quite like July. One golfer fainted from the heat. Dined tête à tête with (Major now) Kincaid Smith at the Savoy. It was a terrible infliction. He is stupid beyond the capacity of an ordinary middle class Englishman. He would say same of me. I could not do my share.
[Mallet]	23 Mar, Mon	Dined with Monteagle & met Bernard Malet [<i>sic</i>] (A.J.B.’s secretary) Sir Alfred Milner the Egyptian authority. Glad to meet these people because I don’t want to be too long misunderstood. But missed chance of speaking in House on Importation of Cattle, a subject I understood.
	24 Mar, Tue	Saw T.P. Gill in the morning. He is looking far better but is not really well I fear. Our talk tired him. I hope he will throw in his lot with Anderson, Fr. Finlay, me in the regeneration of Ireland. Went to a play with Daisy – to a box of Mrs. Craigie’s at the Lyceum.
	25 Mar, Wed	Morning with T P Gill. He & Monteagle lunched with me at St. Stephens Club. I hung about the House but did not listen to debate – on “Pure Beer”. Dinner at lodgings – Daisy, “John Oliver Hobbes”, John & Mrs. Atkinson, T P Gill, J. Redmond, J A Grant, J.G. Butcher. Very cheery & interesting too. Went on to Speaker’s Levee.
	26 Mar, Thu	Parliament & Business all day.
[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 40, col. 447]	27 Mar, Fri	Tom Sinclair arrived in town & I had several talks with him. He is staunch to the new Irish policy. I had a dinner party in my rooms, Goschen, Daisy, “Fa” Conyngham, Julia Sturgis, Blumenthals, Tom Sinclair & Miss Balfour.
	28 Mar, Sat	Johnny arrived last night & today I spent some hours going to & from & being with him. This demoralised my whole day & I did nothing else. He looked better & Reggie who was with him much better & stronger. But oh how sad poor J’s state. Fresh & brilliant

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		in conversation as ever but as eccentric impracticable wrongheaded.
	29 Mar, Sun	Bicycled down to T.P. Gill & had long talk to him about I.A.O.S. work & Recess C'tee. Called on Lady Betty. Dined with Smith Barrys.
	30 Mar, Mon	Lunched with R. S. Gardiner who had a new wife – a spoilt child who will give him trouble I fear. Saw poor Conny who has a 2nd child with measles now. Her short time season in London is being sadly eaten into by infectious illness in the House.
	31 Mar, Tue	Education Bill introd[uce]d in House. Listened to Sir J. Gorst's very able expos[itio]n & learned a lot about Educ'n in Eng'd. Lunched the T. Sinclairs & Monteagle in House.
	1 Apr, Wed	Came down to Rye – a dear old village – got lodgings in connection with the Mermaid Inn where I board. Excellent golf. The Inn is hundreds of years old – all oak panelled. Gerald Balfours, Miss B, Alfred Lytteltons & Herbert Gladstone have taken a house. Graham Murray at Hotel. So there is company galore. I think too the golf 'boulder' is better than any other kind.
	2 Apr, Thu	Golf all day.
	3 Apr, Fri	Golf all day. Gerald Balfour gave me the Land Bill to read. Very technical and complicated & difficult to understand without other Bills to refer to.
[Winchelsea]	4 Apr, Sat	"Biked" out to Winchelsea [<i>sic</i>] the other "old town" & visited the most delightful old church I ever saw. There are 4 most interesting crusaders & the windows are lovely. Golfed with G.W.B. in afternoon & played a bit better.
	5 Apr, Sun	Church! Delightful old building icy cold. Pretty flowers, nice choir – dreary sermon. Biked in afternoon with Balfours, Lytteltons & H. Gladstone to Winchelsea [<i>sic</i>]. Back to dinner with the party.
	6 Apr, Mon	Golf & dined with the Golf Club. ?M---ich Q.C. whom I had last met at his ranch near Fort Macleod in Alberta in the Chair. Sat betw'n Alfred Lyttelton & Blackwell A.1. golfer. Pleasant enough.
	7 Apr, Tue	More golf. Played better. Sorry it was my last. But joined the Club & hope to come again. It is a good course – a healthy & quiet place.
	8 Apr, Wed	Left Rye early, did ½ day's writing in London with Dunning & went on to Paddockhurst for a visit to W. Watson.
	9 Apr, Thu	Golfed at Forest Row.
	10 Apr, Fri	Ditto.
	11 Apr, Sat	Ditto.
	12 Apr, Sun	Preparing a speech for 1st reading of Land Bill tomorrow.
	13 Apr, Mon	1st reading of Land Bill. Did not get chance of speaking. Was pleased with Gerald Balfour's speech (2¾ hours) & believe his

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		bill will be a distinct advance towards finality.
	14 Apr, Tue	Left London by 7.15 A.M. train & arrived in Dublin. Saw R.A.A. on arrival. Little else to report.
	15 Apr, Wed	Meeting of I.A.O.S. Cattle Show &c &c. Busy all day.
	16 Apr, Thu	C.D.B. Committees. Interviewing possible new manager for Dunsany stores. Down by 5.50 to Dunsany to attend to same. Johnny, Laffan, Barton, Reid, Murphy, Wilkinson had a little meeting after dinner for me. J. so maudling [<i>sic</i>] almost impossible do business. Mary, Dorothy & Harry entertaining Johnny & Reggie made a funny but far more comfortable menage than Johnny's housekeeping.
	17 Apr, Fri	C.D.B. & I.A.O.S. work all day. Dined Ball & Everard at Club & I think did some good for I.A.O.S.
	18 Apr, Sat	A day nearly wasted as I did not feel fit. Left by night mail for London.
	19 Apr, Sun	Arrived after an almost sleepless night no good for anything & did no good to any body all day.
	20 Apr, Mon	Visited Monteagle & T.P. Gill on my bicycle on I.A.O.S. & Recess C'tee business. Then letters & to House but got little done.
	21 Apr, Tue	T. Sinclair in town for the day – alas en route for America. Lunched with him. At House only dividing on Military Manoeuvres Bill. <u>I must make better use of my time</u> . It is not much, as most of the day is taken up with public work. But I ought to read a bit. I am getting more & more ignorant of things one finds in books.
	22 Apr, Wed	Long day 12–5.30 at House writing letters & consulting with T.P. Gill about Recess C'tee & I.A.O.S. Then to play[,] stupid[,] with Graham Murray Sol[icito]r Gen[eral] Scotland also stupid & 2 young girls dull & good. Miss Swindon Daisy's Masseuse came to massage me. She is a real expert – the first one I have seen & I hope to derive some good from her.
	23 Apr, Thu	“Tesche” turned up & I spent a good bit of the day – all I could spare from Parl'y & other public work – with him.
	24 Apr, Fri	Tom Pim & others came over for a Deput[atio]n to G.W.B. re Leasehold Enfranchisement. I had to give them most of the day. Then I also had Tesche to lunch, dine & take to a play. Back then to House till 1 AM.
	25 Apr, Sat	Dictated 3 American & many Recess C'tee & IAOS letters to Dunning in morning. Bicycled with JGB & some friends of his to Richmond & back in afternoon. Dined with the Fingalls to talk over W. Australian affairs with him.
	26 Apr, Sun	Seedy & drowsy with choked liver. Did nothing all day. Dined (&slept! after dinner) at Yerburghs.
	27 Apr, Mon	Parliament 3–12.
	28 Apr, Tue	Lunched with Lady Betty & walked all round Holland House. Most interesting. House for afternoon then dined with Sidney

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		Webbs & House again in evening. Got bad heart burn.
	29 Apr, Wed	Meeting to promote Irish Workhouse Reform Association at St. Martin's Town Hall at which I moved chief resol[utio]n very badly. J A Grant & new wife, Daisy & Mrs. Arthur Herbert to dinner.
	30 Apr, Thu	Another meeting to carry further the meeting of yesterday. The C.S. Roundells good people no doubt launched the movement – i.e. got up a big meeting – yesterday & now they retire saying I have brought ye all together – now do the work my children. I shall also retire: I cannot possibly carry more work on my shoulders. DC Stapleton a Labashean with a London office & a friend of his 'Barcus' by name dined at House with me.
	1 May, Fri	Dr. Laffan & other Drs came about a Bill in Parl't & took a good bit of time. I "divided" in the House but did not get through much work.
	2 May, Sat	Half a day's golf at Tooting with A.E. Hutton M.P. (Rad[ica]l). The better for it.
	3 May, Sun	Busy as usual. Dined Monteagle, Mary, the Fingalls at Wellington to talk over Poor Law Reform.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 40, col. 447]	4 May, Mon	T.P. Gill had had another attack of neurasthenia or head trouble. I met his wife "biking" & she took me to see him. Poor fellow he is glad enough now to come to the Irish work on any terms. Parliamentary afternoon and evening.
	5 May, Tue	At House for Committee on an Irish Bill 11.45. Waited an hour for quorum which did not turn up. Then house in afternoon where D J Wilson & wife took all my time. Dined with George Eustis & on to Blumenthals musical at Home with Daisy. Lovely music even to me. But a cruel deprivation to have no ear!
	6 May, Wed	The House but not to listen to debate but write letters. Dined with Speaker & sat betw'n a legislator aged 23 & Sir Wm Wedderburn! Very dull.
	7 May, Thu	Meeting at Hampden House (D[uke] of Abercorn's) of Irish Unionist Peers & M.P.s to discuss abolition of Viceroyalty, illiterate vote and reduction of Irish Representation. Monteagle, Lecky, Fingall, Arran!, self & 4 others voted against first item (only one discussed) & all others (17) against. Still the independence of 8 was a good sign. Dined Gerald Balfour & Lady Betty, Monteagles, Fingalls & Arrans to talk over Irish Poor house reform.
	8 May, Fri	The whole sitting in the House, after a Parl'y Committee – very short – in the morning. It was the S. African debate & to some extent cleared the air I think. Here as in Egypt the logic of events is over riding international obligations. We must be paramount but we cannot respect the Boer aspirations & our own position with one & the same policy. Hence we cannot treat our peccant countrymen Rhodes, Jameson & Co as they really deserve.
	9 May, Sat	Abscess in my ear. Could do nothing. Visited Johnny at Savoy &

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		dined with Mary.
	10 May, Sun	Still in some pain & useless.
	11 May, Mon	Parliament & attended a debate at Surveyors Institution on Landlord & Tenant in Ireland. Very poor – only the landlord's side.
	12 May, Tue	Lovely weather. Took a morning out at Mitcham with Buller & then had long afternoon & night at House. Enormous majority (267) for Gov't on 2nd Reading Education Bill.
	13 May, Wed	Bad news from Anderson. Scott of the Agency suspected of crooked work. Ditto Raith of Dunsany stores. Who is to be trusted? One Nightingale who has done work in organising agricultural cooperative supply in England called on me & I looked him over in view of his possibly taking the Managership vice Scott. Much petty business at House. Lunched S H Butcher & dined with Simeons.
	14 May, Thu	S H Butcher Mulhall lunched with me & I had Mulhall, T P Gill, Field (came in after) Mgr. Molloy & Alderman Meade to dinner to discuss Recess C'tee Report.
	15 May, Fri	Golfed with Buller at Mitcham in morning. Spent evening at House to please the Whips!
	16 May, Sat	Worked at letter to Coop News re Irish Section. Was rather seedy & slept most of afternoon.
	17 May, Sun	Dined with T Lough M.P. & met Arthur Lough of Co Cavan, his brother & a most hopeful organiser for his district.
	18 May, Mon	Parliament till dinner. Then dined with Mary. Colonel Pratt, my old Ranch friend & his daughter turned up at the House.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 40, col. 1753]	19 May, Tue	Yerburgh read a paper to Statistical Society on Agric'l Banks. I spoke against Wolff who attacked him. Dined Col. Pratt & his daughter at Wellington Club & took them to a play. Back to House in time to put in 3 divisions.
[Wurtemberg – agricultural college of Hohenheim, with large model farm]	20 May, Wed	Lunched with Mr. & Mrs. Harold Brown – awful infliction – & had most interesting dinner – T.P. Gill, <u>Rev. J B Paton D. D. & ?N.?S. Flower</u> & Standish O'Grady. The two new acquaintances were old advocates of technical Ed'n of the Wurtemberg kind for Ireland & told us much about it. Rest of day at House & packing for the morrow.
	21 May, Thu	Left by early morning mail & came to K St. Club. Very sleepy & tired. Dunning not with me, poor chap, return of liver (Tea planting) went to Strathpeffer N.B. to recruit.
	22 May, Fri	I.A.O.S., a dentist, a doctor (about a Parliamentary Bill), Falkiner about Recess C'tee. Lunched with Nugent Everard & dined with Anderson. That indicates the kind of day.
	23 May, Sat	Morning mail to Limerick with R.A.A. Half a day there. Scott the manager had left apparently having gone off his head. Geo de Belle Ball had volunteered to keep things straight & was doing so effectively, splendid fellow. Then we three went to Lahinch in time for a half round of golf before dinner at 8. Put up at the new Hotel, a Norwegian wood edifice. Suitable if it doesn't burn

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		down, location & air magnificent. Elite of Limerick the guests. But Edw O'Brien came down to talk I.A.O.S. & Agency.
	24 May, Sun	Writing speech for Annual meeting of IAOS Tuesday & much golf. Weather glorious.
	25 May, Mon	Early golf & off by midday train to Dublin. En route wrote a long address going over whole history & forecasting future of IAOS movement. Slept K St. Club. Henniker Heaton dined with Jimmy McCalmont at Club. I sat with them.
	26 May, Tue	Annual General Meeting of I.A.O.S. about 40 present. I read a long speech for the papers. In afternoon had a meeting of a few leading I.A.O.S. men to discuss the trouble we were in owing to the too rapid progress of the movement. Monteagle came up late to town & dined with me at Kingstown. Had Josslyn Gore Booth to meet him.
	27 May, Wed	Recess Committee met. Redmond & his men, the two priests, Monteagle, T.P. Gill now over from London, Leech & Meade attended. We got on a bit with our report. Henniker Heaton lunched & Monteagle dined with me.
	28 May, Thu	Better discussion at Recess C'tee today. Prof'r. Fitzgerald attended from Belfast & we came to some clear decisions on Technical Ed'n – far the most difficult subject with which we have to deal.
	29 May, Fri	Recess Committee practically all day. Dined T.P. Gill at Kingstown & had general political talk.
	30 May, Sat	Finished up Dublin work in the morning. Golfed with Arnold Graves in the afternoon and crossed over to England by night mail.
	31 May, Sun	Lunched with the Arthur Herberts. Tired all day. Called on a Miss Erline Davis who brought letter of introd[uctio]n from Senator Carey. A nice bright Amer'n girl – but whether of the kind to make a good wife – ? One could almost think she anticipates taking me on if found satisfactory. She was strikingly dressed. She sent me her "Romance of Guardamonte" a wishy washy little novelette before we met. She tells me Carey praised me. I think she seemed disappointed – or disillusioned.
	1 Jun, Mon	The House – petty correspondence – all day.
	2 Jun, Tue	Wrote 36 letters with help of shorthand & typewriter. Afternoon at House. Dined at Blumenthal's. Best Society & I was rather out of it. I get on when I know people. But I know very few.
	3 Jun, Wed	House about a Benefices Bill which was preferred to the Derby adjournment. (The Prince of Wales won the Derby.) Bill badly obstructed & won't get through. Fingalls gave a big dinner party (about 20 at Baths Club to Lord Milton (grandson & heir to Fitzwilliam) & Lady Maud Dundas, Capt'n. Noble & Miss Ethel Waters, 2 engaged pairs. Speeches in which Milton aetat 24 distinguished himself. I sat next Sir Herbert Stephen & liked him. I took in a Miss Gore Booth. Mad.
	4 Jun, Thu	Business & House. But at House instead of attending to Light Railway Bill I played in the Parl'y Chess match. I was the "leader

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		of the Government". John Parnell lead [<i>sic</i>] the Oppos[iti]o[n] so I played him. I won the first game. I took some trouble about it as it is just as well to please one's Constituents by winning. Played golf (1 round) with Cyril Coleridge at Mitcham. Enjoyed the ?spring with my old friend greatly.
	5 Jun, Fri	Estimates at House, so played another game with Parnell & I won it. So now I have won 2 out of 3 & may win the third.
	6 Jun, Sat	Worked all the morning & evening & played golf with Coleridge again in afternoon at Mitcham.
	7 Jun, Sun	Worked in morning. Saw Atkinson, Castletown & Monteagle about Land Bill. Dined large party at Wellington. Harry Fowler & Mrs. F, Johnny Fowler, Mrs. Davis & Miss Ditto (Senator Carey's friends) Fingalls, Sir Herbert Stephen, G[erty] de Robeck, Dorothy & Alice, Major (M.P.) Wyndham Quin & Lady Eva Coleridge.
[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 41, col. 677-81]	8 Jun, Mon	Deputation of College of Physicians (Ireland) to John Atkinson. Then lunched with Monteagles to meet Lord & Lady Stanford – cooperative enthusiasts. Then to House where 9 hours of it. 2nd Reading Irish Land Bill. Spoke for ½ hour, not very well because insufficiently prepared. But made a good attempt, advocated Compensation to Landlords.
	9 Jun, Tue	Terrribly fatigued by yesterday's debate. However got a mid day sleep & then spent afternoon & evening at House trying to work up case for compensation to landlords. Lady Betty Balfour, J Redmond(!) & Daisy Fingall dined with me at House.
	10 Jun, Wed	Had a dinner at my rooms which was to have been a symposium on Irish affairs. But it went not. Lecky (the chief difficulty) Monteagle, Alfred Lyttelton, St. Loe Strachey, JG Butcher, Arnold Forster, Bernard Holland, J Verschoyle, The O'Conor Don & Sir T Lea made a party deserving of a better fate. We got on the S. African Q'n & talked as if we all had ?slaves/shares.
	11 Jun, Thu	Alfred Harris, Dr. Paton & Monteagle dined with me. Otherwise I seemed to be nearly all day at the House where the Irish Landlords were drafting amendments for the Land Bill Committee tomorrow. Drafted an instruction mildly suggestive of compensation.
[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 41, col. 966-7; 977]	12 Jun, Fri	Land Bill first day in Committee. That took nearly my whole day, for I moved an "instruction" which was ruled out of order. But I had to prepare for the event of its being admissible. Then 9 hours of House.
	13 Jun, Sat	Went to Dr. S. Fenwick, 29 Harley St. – "Nervous exhaustion & digestion utterly demoralised – no organic disease" was the explanation of my state. He forbade massage. Drugged me for dyspepsia & told me to come again in a week. Drove Dorothy to Ranelagh. Too seedy to enjoy anything.
	14 Jun, Sun	Seedy. Lunched with Monteagle. Dined with J.G. Butcher. Too seedy at both to be tolerable to friends. A lady interviewer from Pall Mall Gazette swooped down upon me re agricultural cooperation.
	15 Jun, Mon	House & dined with Conny to meet Mary to talk over family

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		business affairs. At 12.30 a meeting of the Unionist party A.J.B. in the chair to discuss state of Public business. Seeing & hearing them all together I thought the stupid party was not misnamed.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 41, col. 1158]	16 Jun, Tue	Morning writing an interview of myself, the Lady mentioned in Sunday having sent me a terrible muddle of my supposed sayings. Then House & dined tête a tête with Verschoyle, a dreary performance. His Reverence is deep in the Stock exchange & can talk little else.
	17 Jun, Wed	2.25 A.M. Lord Killeen came into the world weighing 8¾ lbs. I was given a private view at 10 AM when I also saw Daisy looking as if nothing had happened. Very seedy myself & awfully depressed. After writing necessary letters &c came with Dunning to Esplanade Hotel, Seaford recommended by Carson as a health resort. I hope he is right.
	18 Jun, Thu	'Golfed' & 'biked'.
	19 Jun, Fri	Ditto. But too much & suffered a relapse into my condition of mucous discomfort in intestines.
	20 Jun, Sat	Edward Carson turned up. He is going to take or buy a house & after a long talk with him I concluded it was the place for me & that I would join the Golf Club. But I must be careful not to play too much. All the good of this rest was lost through too much exercise the first two days. I was prostrated with mucous diarrhoea.
	21 Jun, Sun	Still very weak but better.
	22 Jun, Mon	Back to town. 3 to 12.15 AM in House & consequent sharp attack of diarrhoea or rather dysentery.
	23 Jun, Tue	Went to Dr. Fenwick who said that my throat & general appearance had improved & that when I get rid of the dysentery I should quickly pull up. Half day at House & quietly to dinner & early bed.
	24 Jun, Wed	Very weak. Did nothing except attend a meeting of Irish Tourist Assoc'n at Imperial Institute. Everyone Irish was there except, as usual, the Dillonites.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 42, col. 61]	25 Jun, Thu	Did the House – simply dividing irrationally.
	26 Jun, Fri	After morning's work went & played 1 round of golf with Buller at Tooting. I was very weak & low. Dined with the Bullers. Rather dull party!
	27 Jun, Sat	Worked morning & then went in afternoon to Dunstall to see Ernle. Very sad talk with her. She is not unnaturally bitter against Johnny. But her bitterness is certainly beyond all decent bounds. She wishes him dead. Of course when he is persisting in separation there is no reason she should love him. But nature should modify the hatred of the father of her boys. Eddy was there. He is a fine boy.
	28 Jun, Sun	Did some calls. Emily Lawless among them. She seemed to me 'strange'. I do hope she is not going off her head. It would be too

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		sad. Lunched with Lady Betty.
[yclept – known as] [Sophie]	29 Jun, Mon	A Christening & a wedding! Stood godfather to Oliver James Horace Plunkett Lord Killeen at RC Church Warwick St. Had to respect the Creed & Lord's prayer but got off carrying the baby – this being done by Mrs. Browne yclept 'the Good'. Ah me! What a world! – The marriage was Lady Sophy [<i>sic</i>] Cadogan's to Sir Samuel Scott. Rank to money. But she had money too. It is beastly. Outwardly it was all gorgeous in the Church. I did not go to the House. I went to H of C & paired fearing an all night sitting.
	30 Jun, Tue	Getting slowly better. They had an all night sitting which I was very well out of. Did the House today & dined with John Atkinson at House. Met some intensely worldly fashionable women. Did not enjoy it.
	1 Jul, Wed	Saw Dr. Fenwick again. Gave me a nerve tonic, advised strongly complete rest in August. House, dined with O'Connor Don to meet Dr. Lyster & Blennerhasset[t] (ex M.P.) at Reform Club.
	2 Jul, Thu	House & business took all day. Dined with Fingall & all his relations. They went to a Play. I was too seedy.
	3 Jul, Fri	Early to Lady Betty about Foxford woollen Factory. Did House. Nothing interesting on. To bed early.
	4 Jul, Sat	Left town 7.15 AM mail for Dublin. Dined with T.P. Gill. Saw R.A.A. & went to bed.
	5 Jul, Sun	To Dunsany for the day. Lovely day otherwise most depressing visit. Johnny was all alone. He was very incoherent and frittering away his life among scientific toys which he pathetically complained he had to enjoy all to himself. Even his own boys outgrew them & wearied of them quicker than he did.
	6 Jul, Mon	With T P Gill about Recess C'tee report.
	7 Jul, Tue	Ditto & with Fr. Finlay. Went early to Howth – breakfasted & prospected over the hill for lodgings for Daisy's children. "Negative search."
	8 Jul, Wed	Feeling much better today. 4 hours C.D.B. and several hours mugging over the Recess C'tee Report did not upset me.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	9 Jul, Thu	Drafting Committee (Falkiner, Gill, Finlay, Leech & I) met & considered rough draft of report. Monteagle came up later & he joined T.P. Gill, R.A.A. at dinner with me at Kingstown. CDB Committees in the morning.
	10 Jul, Fri	CDB monthly meeting. That Recess Committee & I.A.O.S. took up the day. Left by night mail for London with Monteagle.
	11 Jul, Sat	Slept a good bit of the day. It was an Eton & Harrow match but I had no heart to go & join the crowd. I took Tommy & his sisters to the Earls Court Exhib'n.
	12 Jul, Sun	Lunched with Lady Betty. Dined quietly with Daisy & did many calls between – all out.

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	13 Jul, Mon	A busy day at Recess C'tee Report. Bad attack of mucous diarrhoea but no pain only weakness. Worked hard but did little in afternoon at House negotiating with Irish M.P.s to get Land Bill through. Dined with Lady Connemara, met Gillie Leigh Dudley Leigh whom I had not seen for a dozen years. We last met at Rock Creek station on the sad occasion of poor Gillie Leigh's remains being brought down from the Big Horn Mountains where he fell down a cañon & lost his life.
	14 Jul, Tue	Dysentery. No work done worth counting. Loafed about House. Dined with Fingall Daisy & Myring to talk over F's finances which are I fear in a bad way.
	15 Jul, Wed	Better. Spent 4 hours at House & did some useful correspondence for I.A.O.S.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 42, col. 1668, 1671] [<i>Nous verrons</i> – we shall see]	16 Jul, Thu	3 to 12 at House. Land Bill in Committee. I have prophesied against all the prospects that the Bill will pass. <i>Nous verrons</i> .
	17 Jul, Fri	Left town 7.15 AM mail & slept at K. St. Club Dublin. Tom Andrews & T.P. Gill dined with me at Royal Hotel & talked Recess C'tee.
	18 Jul, Sat	Recess Committee 11.30–1.30 & 2.30–5. Dr. Molloy, Andrews, Fitzgerald, Monteagle, Kenny, Falkiner, Gill, Leech, Dillon, Ross present. We practically agreed to draft report. It is a really fine policy for the good of Ireland. Micks breakfasted, Andrews & Fitzgerald lunched with me. I went to Kingstown to dine. Johnny, Eddie & J Hawkesley turned up 10 P.M. for supper.
	19 Jul, Sun	With T.P. Gill, Monteagle Johnny & Micks. Then to London by night mail.
	20 Jul, Mon	Arrived early & did tremendous days work on Recess C'tee report & attending debate (Land Bill C'tee).
	21 Jul, Tue	Over worked yesterday. Today ditto. Had to Lunch at Lowther Lodge & dine with JG Butcher at House which did not help to get over effects of over work.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 43, col. 386]	22 Jul, Wed	Tesche & Alston in morning. Then Londonderry meeting where I helped to smooth over matters. I never saw such a docile lot of shorn sheep in my life. I wish I were free to attack the shearers. But poor Fingall who is absolutely innocent was technically involved. Land Bill again & much work. Dined at new S. African assoc'n & heard excellent speeches by Lorne & G. Wyndham. Vile ones by the bishop of Mashonaland & Rider Haggard.
	23 Jul, Thu	Last day of Committee stage of Land Bill. Bill got through at 4.30 A.M. I stayed in House nearly all the time & very wearisome it was.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 43, col. 661, 665, 667]	24 Jul, Fri	Lunched with the Castletowns who are now civil to me, he calling me 'Horace'. The man is a poor creature – clever, vain – capricious. Irish estimates. I took some part in discussion. Too tired to be clear.

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	25 Jul, Sat	The last two days left me slack & useless for work. I did nothing. Daisy & Fingall went to Ireland.
	26 Jul, Sun	Went to Ranelagh to lunch with R.A. Yerburgh. Rained in torrents. Went at night by sleeping train to Newcastle with Bainbridge & Gardiner & put up at Station Hotel.
	27 Jul, Mon	Drove to Pelton and overhauled the property – above ground. After all one is entirely in the hands of the officials & I like these dour Northerners. They certainly are straight. Gardiner's manner is suspicious – too obsequious – but I am inclined to think he runs as straight as men selling large quantities for other people to the agent of equally confiding buyers ever do run. Left 11.15 PM for London in a sleeping car. Rather too much to allow of sleep.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 43, col. 861-2]	28 Jul, Tue	Back early. Spent day mostly at House but left at midnight as Land Bill was going smoothly through committee. Spoke shortly amid cries of Divide which were not fair on this occasion for I had a 2 minutes point to make.
	29 Jul, Wed	3rd Reading of Land Bill. Tried to speak. Did not get in. Dined with Fingalls & cheery party.
	30 Jul, Thu	House 3–7.30. Constituency Bill. Tesche dined with me. Every day I am promised R[ecess].C[ommittee]. report from Dublin for Press in Lobby. Every day I disappoint & they are sick of it. I fear the English Press won't help us.
	31 Jul, Fri	House 3–12. Dined with Finlay (Sol[icito]r General), G.W.B., Lady Frances & Lady Betty Balfour at House. Listened to Land Bill 2nd Reading debate in Lords.
	1 Aug, Sat	The House sat today 12 o'clock but rose early. I went to lunch & have a talk with Lady Betty about R[ecess].C[ommittee]. report. Then I went to Dunstall where I found poor Ernle all alone & miserable as usual. Returned late.
	2 Aug, Sun	T P Gill came from Ireland & called 6.45 AM. He Monteagle & I spent the day mostly over R[ecess].C[ommittee]. report.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 43, col. 1339-40]	3 Aug, Mon	Another Dublin Corporation Bill squabble in which I took an unsuccessful part. But spent most of day making final corrections Recess Committee Report.
	4 Aug, Tue	After a busy morning Daisy Fingall & I went to Inchmery, Southampton – 12 miles drive from Brockenhurst Station – on the Solent nearly opposite Cowes – to visit Mrs. Ashton. She is the grass widow of a rich man now yachting in the north seas – an acquaintance of Daisy's – who asked me at sight some days ago to go with D. & enjoy Cowes regatta week. The house is the De La Warr's lent for the regatta – only Lady Griffin, Miss & Mr. Dunn Gardner sister & brother of hostess. English papers generally favorable to Recess C'tee.
	5 Aug, Wed	With the house is let a little steamer which runs over to Cowes in about ½ hour. The regatta was a very pretty sight. I saw it for the first time & enjoyed it much, a grand change from London. A millionaire Major Shuttleworth took us round the fleet at Spithead in his 370 ton luxurious steam yacht.

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	6 Aug, Thu	More regatta. Back early to Inchmere [<i>sic</i>] where I composed part of a letter to the Times on Recess Committee. Met Lord Scarbrough who is pretty widely believed to be the father of my hostess' children – a charming little boy & girl. He is a charming fellow on first impressions & should I should say last.
	7 Aug, Fri	Another day of comparative peace – only disturbed by news that the Irish Landlords had beaten the Government badly on the Land Bill Committee stage. The prospect in Ireland is greatly clouded by this mad folly. It is splendid for the Home Rulers.
	8 Aug, Sat	Remained all day. Mrs. Ashton & Lady Ormonde steamed to S'hampton leaving Daisy & me to be picked up later at Cowes. They did not come till after dinner time & then we got Willie Jameson to take us across in his little oil launch. I saw Mrs. Jack Leslie after 12 years or so. Otherwise we simply put in the time. Saturday's papers (weekly) very favorably reviewed Recess Committee Report – some had read it!
	9 Aug, Sun	Such a delightfully restful day. I biked & walked & talked with Daisy, the other guests being paired off & and Miss Dunn Gardner, sister of Mrs. Ashton devoting herself to her painting which appears to me to be very good.
	10 Aug, Mon	Back to town & work. The Land Bill report stage in Lords. It will go through as I always said. I put in 9 miscellaneous divisions which will help my record. Not up to this.
	11 Aug, Tue	Did more divisions in House & sundry negotiations with Irishmen re Recess C'tee policy &c &c.
	12 Aug, Wed	The Lords amendments to the Land Bill in the House of Commons 12 to 10. Emly & Monteagle dined at House with me. I hope I did some good with former. Great pity he is not like his dear old father.
[<i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 44, col. 721]	13 Aug, Thu	The Dublin Corporation Bill in the Commons. I had to oppose it & in fact to kill it after £12000 had been spent on its promotion, in the interest of my constituents. Then the Lords considered the Commons reasons for disagreeing with six of their amendments and the Bill came back to the Commons & got through. Gerald Balfour told me the R[ecess]C[ommittee] report had taken the wind out of his Agric'l Dept. sails.
	14 Aug, Fri	Last day of Parliament. I looked in & then went home & packed up most of the day.
	15 Aug, Sat	Fingall & I went for a lark to Dieppe, only 1½ hours to Newhaven & 3½ hours sea. Holiday folks rather multitudinous ----- Dieppe it was the Holiday of the Assumption. But weather glorious & it was cheering to be in a French crowd. We dined with the George Gunnis's who had a lovely villa. Loafed about the Casino.
[<i>fa niente</i> – idleness]	16 Aug, Sun	Dejeunered with the Gunnis' & loafed all day. Weather quite glorious. I am so seedy & weak that this kind of <i>fa niente</i> is a real blessing to me.
	17 Aug, Mon	Back to London where Dunning & I packed up in the ev[en]ing for a departure for Ireland in the morning.

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	18 Aug, Tue	Left London morning mail with Dunning (Curtain following to Killeen night mail) & put up at K St. Club which I suppose will be my headquarters for the rest of the year if I live. To my intense annoyance I found that the Recess C'tee Report was still in the printers hands & likely to be for another week!
	19 Aug, Wed	Began the day with a row with Browne & Nolan the result of which will, I hope, be the expediting of the Report. Then I.A.O.S. took the rest of the day. We had a Committee meeting at which the proposal by which the I.A.O.S. $\frac{2}{3}$ & self $\frac{1}{3}$ were to guarantee T.P.G[ill]. £500 per annum for 3 years if he would edit the Homestead was discussed. The C'tee were not favorable. Went to Bray to see Daisy & her children at night. Dined with her at the Marine Hotel.
	20 Aug, Thu	Very busy day. I.I.A., I.A.O.S. &c. Went to Dunsany evening train & found Johnny with a 'borrowed' Eton boy, Rogers and wife. He looked fairly well but going down hill as indeed am I. He was, poor fellow, sorrowing over the loss of Reggie & Eddy who were not only his sons but his playfellows. Reggie has gone off to the Medit[erranea]n Squad[ro]n for 3 years, Eddie to a crammer en route to a military career.
	21 Aug, Fri	How hopeless to do anything but waste time with poor Johnny! We walked & talked. But he rambles so that we got 'no forrader' with his business which was of course all I attempted to deal with.
	22 Aug, Sat	Busy day writing for IAOS & Recess Committee. Then dined at Viceregal where I was pumped by Cadogan about latter.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	23 Aug, Sun	Seedy without cause. Came down to Dunsany again & had a tiring day with poor Johnny. Oliver Brighton passed through en route for England. He had got a living at last (£400 a year) in Devon. His school had dwindled down to 1 boy! His stipend depended on a contribution the parish could hardly afford & would not afford if he gave a single man a decent excuse for taking offense. I am glad of the release from such a position. His Reverance was an old friend, a good fellow & if he hadn't gone into the Church, a worthy citizen.
	24 Aug, Mon	Met Preston about Dunsany Stores at 8.30 AM. Then Dublin from Kilmessan. Meeting of IAOS & Newspaper Soc'y re Gill's salary & terms as Editor of Homestead. Still seedy & irritable – no definite complaint – only what Anderson & Gill call "The screech".
	25 Aug, Tue	First day of the Horse Show. But I was busy all day with I.A.O.S. & Recess C'tee work.
	26 Aug, Wed	At 11.30 A.M. the Foxford Fund Committee (Lady Arran President) met at the CDB's offices & we closed the whole matter. £1000 had been raised all told. After that spent much of day at Horse Show & went to Dance at Vice Regal. Mary cut me at the dance! I fear she & I cannot get on together. I fancy she is going through a period when women are hardly accountable.
	27 Aug, Thu	Meeting at Hotel by Cattle market of Cattle Traders Assoc'n to present Jim Power with testimonial. Went out of respect for Jim. Saw Beau Watson, but only for short while. Dined with Irish Land agents. Was very seedy & made bad

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		speech. Lunched with Mgr. Molloy. I mistrust that oily Ecclesiastic.
	28 Aug, Fri	Last day of Horse Show – always slack. Wrote a good many letters & “biked” out to Blackrock to dine with Anderson whose clever sister was with him. We talked about the artistic side of the Irish as regards industrial possibilities to try & draw her. She was shy but will I think give us some useful information later. Saw Nugent Everard during day & had cooperative talk with him.
	29 Aug, Sat	I.A.O.S. work. G W Balfour arrived & I saw him at Castle & met him & Lady Betty at dinner at Vice Regal. “Their Ex’s” are certainly very hospitable. They asked me again for Monday.
[Dalziel]	30 Aug, Sun	Down to Dunsany where Dunning went last night. Chez Johnny the Rogers’, JG Butcher & the borrowed Eton boy. At Killeen the Dalzells [<i>sic</i>] (Telegraph Agency) (He, wife & daughter) spent day mostly driving with the Killeen party biking & talking to Johnny.
	31 Aug, Mon	Cricket match at Dunsany in which I could not take part. Lovely day. Free Foresters vs Dunsany – (only knew 3 of latter). Revived old memories. To Dublin by afternoon train & another dinner with Cadogans & G.W.B. Good discourse on Irish politics.
	1 Sep, Tue	After busy morning lunched the Dalzells [<i>sic</i>], Fingalls, JG Butcher, R.A.A. & Dunning at Bray & drove the party the Dargle drive. Then had to lunch with Isaac Molloy, very Bourgeois constituent at Glenageary. During day explained fully I.A.O.S. & Recess C’tee projects to Dalzell [<i>sic</i>] who was much interested. I got him to promise to help the Homestead.
	2 Sep, Wed	Very busy morning. Off 4.20 train with Anderson to Killeshandra where we put up with T Lough M.P. & a much better fellow Arthur Lough, big brother, for the agric’l show which is to be combined with an important I.A.O.S. meeting. Fr. Finlay to join us tomorrow.
	3 Sep, Thu	A most satisfactory day. Gloriously fine cheery well organised little local agric’l show in grounds. Good lot of farmers there in the borderland. Southern enthusiasm & Northern business instincts combined. Tiring outdoor meeting. Fr. Finlay self & R.A.A. all at our best. Excellent impression on all clerics. This district will be easily organised.
	4 Sep, Fri	Left Killeshandra by 7.15 AM train well satisfied with visit. Got out at Enfield, R.A.A. & I & drove to Dunsany. Bought a horse from Stephen Kelly – or told Browne to buy him – for £50 – less £5 luck if obtainable – for Alice Ponsonby. Attended a Dunsany Stores meeting with R.A.A. Preston, Leonard, Murphy, Johnny FitzSimmons, J. Wilkinson present. Then to Dublin where letter writing till 11 P.M. & so to bed.
	5 Sep, Sat	7.20 AM train to Limerick where went into Agency Soc’y’s affairs with D. Roche the new manager. Then on to Lahinch with R.A.A. Gerald Balfour was to have met us there but wired he

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		could not be there till Tuesday. The delay will do me no harm.
	6 Sep, Sun	Two rounds of golf in glorious weather & felt all the better for it. I am sure I might live another 20 years in fair health if I could cultivate the latter.
	7 Sep, Mon	More golf.
[prob. Alexander W. Shaw, Lahinch co-founder]	8 Sep, Tue	The Balfours arrived. He she & Dowdall. He was on for golf at once. Two foursomes. I his partner against Anderson & Shaw & then against 2 others. Won both. We all dined together, R.A.A. self & the 3 newcomers on a veranda of the Hotel overlooking the sea.
	9 Sep, Wed	More golf. Greatly enjoying the air & exercise. A month of it would make a man of me. I am certainly better. Had a long after dinner discussion about the dynamiters which impressed Anderson & me sadly. B. won't succeed as we hoped. He will never understand the Irish & it will be another lost opportunity.
	10 Sep, Thu	Golfed & R.A.A. left. I decided to go back to Dublin Sat[urda]y to work at I.A.O.S. & Recess report.
	11 Sep, Fri	Wet all the morning, so wrote many letters. Golfed afternoon.
	12 Sep, Sat	Sorrowfully left Lahinch with the Balfours. At Limerick picked up R.A.A. Saloon carriage through from Ennis to Dublin. In this G.W.B. at last read Recess C'tee's report. His reception of it was unsatisfactory at first. But it grows on him & my conversation I think impressed him after he had read it. I explained the pos[itio]n very frankly to him & Lady Betty. Dined T P Gill, RAA & BSD[unning] at Kingstown. Johnny supped there.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	13 Sep, Sun	Charming letter from Lady Betty saying she had had a long talk with G.W.B. about Recess Report & he was all right. Came with Dunning & T P Gill to Killeen where Daisy was alone. Spent a sleepy restful day.
	14 Sep, Mon	Wrote hard all the morning. Walked with Dunning & Daisy in afternoon. T P Gill left. I fear he is not at all sound physically yet. His nerves are in a shocking condition & I doubt whether he will stand the work required for the realisation of our hopes regarding the Homestead.
	15 Sep, Tue	Cubhunted on a little Chesnut horse I bought for Alice. I liked him. Wrote hard till lunch & then went to Dublin. Dined at Kingstown with Johnny who is in terribly low state mentally & physically.
	16 Sep, Wed	Worked hard all day at usual pursuits. Monteagle came up in ev[en]ing and J Atkinson, John Ross & he dined at K St. Club.
	17 Sep, Thu	The same only some meetings. IAOS, R.D.S. & Irish Philanthropic Reform Assoc'n, a new society which Monteagle took me to see. Such a sight! Why are philanthropists such visionaries? Poor anthropy! M & T.P.G. dined with me at Kingstown.
	18 Sep, Fri	Added a game of golf to our days work for our stomachs sake, Anderson & I. It blew a gale, so I call it work & it was. However it did us both good.

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	19 Sep, Sat	To Dunsany by midday train for ½ annual meeting of Dunsany Stores. Miserable failure. It is the most hopelessly uncooperative concern I know! It is impossible to get people to take an interest in the institution. The Sergeant of Police attended to make things further impossible as he wants to get the management. He objected that the notice of meeting was too short – in which he was correct – & so the meeting could not be held. JG Butcher came down in ev[enin]g. Bigg Wither was staying with Johnny as also Charles Creed, son of Parson Creed of cricket memories. Johnny is getting <u>terribly thin</u> . He says Bigg Wither his di-----.
	20 Sep, Sun	A mornings work & an afternoon on the bike.
	21 Sep, Mon	Up early to talk to Hancock, Ernle’s gardener about Dunstall extravagances. This man has his bank a/c is bailiff, House Steward & general adviser. Fortunately he is I believe honest. His story of Ernle’s follies & the general confusion in house & estate management is very sad. To Dublin early train. Very busy day. JG Butcher to dinner – also John Atkinson, T.P. Gill.
[MacGennis]	22 Sep, Tue	Came down to Cavan by 9.15 train & held a meeting in a Hotel Anderson & I. Yerburgh met us from Scotland. We were to have had a public meeting but the shopkeepers managed to prevent it. The best farmers however found us out & we had an instructive conference. Dr. Magennis [<i>sic</i>] (R.C. Bp) came & saw us privately. He is favorable. Drove 4 miles to Bellanagh – pronounced Ballinyagh! – & had another meeting in a little thatched Court House. Very satisfactory also. Then drove to Crossdoney & thence by train to Killeshandra where RAA, RAY & self put up with Arthur Lough who had been with us all day. Sir H Bellew also came from Dublin to these meetings. We rather persuaded him not to come to Killeshandra as he is such a damnable bore & has such a loud voice – although he means well & gave the IAOS £200.
	23 Sep, Wed	Meeting at Killeshandra. Very good.
	24 Sep, Thu	Meeting at Belturbet. Market day. The usual “drunks” & shopkeepers. But an audience of 400 to 500 with a burly majority of farmers. I was tired & did not do so well. But the audience was on the whole impressed and a society will, I doubt not, result. Yerburgh left after the meeting for Scotland. Col. Saunderson 2½ miles off did not come but wrote a letter approving. His name was not well rec[eive]d. He asked Y. & me to stay the night at Castle-S.
	25 Sep, Fri	Finished our Cavan work with a meeting at Ballyconnell, about 140 farmers present. I spoke well I think for 1 hr. 10 min. The audience were very attentive & I think deeply impressed.
	26 Sep, Sat	Left by a 7.15 AM train for Dublin. We shed Bellew at Mullingar & he went to Mount Bellew of which we heard as much almost as of Bellew himself. He is a bore. But he means well & will when he grows older & wiser I hope do much good as he wants to benefit his fellows – & down to Killeen with Dunning, Johnny having gone to Kingstown over Sunday.

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	27 Sep, Sun	A quiet wet day. Wrote a letter to Iveagh trying to get him to use his splendid opportunity of conferring a real blessing on Ireland by enabling the I.A.O.S. to organise local effort and so force the Government to adopt the Recess Committee Report.
	28 Sep, Mon	Back to Dublin by ev[enin]g train. T.P.G. & I dined together at Kingstown & had a great pow-wow.
<i>Fr Balfour, Lady Betty</i>	29 Sep, Tue	Busy morning but got a golf in afternoon with R.A.A. Dined T.P.G. & him at Sackville St. Club & talked I.A.O.S. shop.
	30 Sep, Wed	After a busy day in Dublin went with Fr. Finlay & A. R. Bourne to a gentleman farmers House in Wicklow – Riversdale I think the name was – for a meeting next day to start a Coop dairy.
	1 Oct, Thu	Walked after pheasants & partridge in pouring rain with Fr. Finlay. Toiled hard & got 1 pheasant & 2 partridges. Then held a meeting at White Cross which will I think result in a Creamery.
	2 Oct, Fri	Very hard day's work – I.A.O.S., Recess C'tee about meeting of Workhouse Reform at Ancient Concert Rooms. If I get through tomorrow without "Jacking up" I shall be delighted to get to Lahinch. Sent off long letter to Iveagh asking him for a cool £10,000 for the I.A.O.S.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , II:32 (10 Oct 1896), pp. 507-8]	3 Oct, Sat	Down to Cork by 7.20 A.M. mail with T.P.G. & Dunning to attend District Conference of 9 Coop societies. I wrote a speech for the Press. Otherwise it was a useless expedition. Left Dunning with R.A.A. to try & learn to be useful at organising work and went with T.P.G. to Lahinch for a weeks rest in Atlantic air. They kept back the freight train for us at Ennis & allowed us to arrive at L'hinch at 10 P.M.
	4 Oct, Sun	Took a round at golf in a gale with T.P.G. looking on in the morning. "Paused" & walked in afternoon. Verily I ought to get a mighty organiser.
	5 Oct, Mon	Golfed under more difficult circumstances than yesterday even. A gale blowing & rain every now & then. T.P. Gill took a lesson. I went round with a caddy. Not much fun. Herr Moritz Bonn the precocious Jew Boy arrived to talk Irish economics to Gill & me. He is certainly a walking encyclopedia & only 23 years old. A Clare Landlord W. Fitzgerald arrived also.
	6 Oct, The	The guests at the Hotel all disappeared leaving Gill, Bonn & me in possession. Daisy wired she could not come over.
	7 Oct, Wed	Easterly gale & rain all day. Hotel constructed to face & defy the Atlantic gales & only to admit sunshine on the Eastern side. Consequence – we were nearly drowned out. Day miserably spent writing letters, only a walk after dark when rain stopped.
	8 Oct, Thu	Westerly gale & rain today. Moritz Bonn left.
	9 Oct, Fri	The gale stopped. It still rained a good deal. Still it was restful to have still air. T.P. & I went to Limerick where the Bannatynes put us up in great luxury. Such a relief from the Glentworth Hotel.
	10 Oct, Sat	Attended Agency Soc'y meeting at Limerick. The new manager doing very well. Called on Bp. O'Dwyer. He is mad I think. He

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		told me that he was going to try & get the Bishops to persistently oppose the government in everything they do, be it good or bad, until he gets his Catholic University measure carried through. He is going to denounce me in a speech soon he says! Came up to Dublin with T.P. Gill much better for holiday.
	11 Oct, Sun	Daisy came from Eng'd & I persuaded her to stop & see the Parnell Anniversary. Nothing could be more complete than the proof of the survival of the National sentiment as a force in politics than the persistence of this vast great function in spite of the disintegrating factionism in Nationalist politics. The Gills, Moritz Bonn & Daisy dined with me at Shelbourne. Saw Johnny – better but losing weight rapidly.
	12 Oct, Mon	After a busy day as Trustee (T[homas]B[rabazon]P[onsonby]) affairs & the usual Industrial work dined with Rolleston to meet Geo Coffey, Standish O'Grady, Dr. Sigerson & John O'Leary the old Fenian. The latter is doting and talked incessantly. The other men were interesting in their various ways.
	13 Oct, Tue	The papers were full of the Parnellists convention & the idiotic speech of John Redmond on the Recess Ctee. I had to spend a good deal of the day writing a letter to the Irish Times to undo the mischief he has done.
[“The Recess Committee Report”, <i>Irish Times</i> , p. 5]	14 Oct, Wed	At I.A.O.S. today William Plunket came and offered his services to the movement as a volunteer. He is a very nice young fellow, has been in the diplomatic service some years with Ld. Dufferin at Constantinople & Paris – is married to Lady Victoria Blackwood & is I think likely to be useful. Thomas Andrews came from Belfast and dined with T P Gill, Bonn & me at K St. Club. We discussed promotion of Recess C'tee policy.
	15 Oct, Thu	Dentist. I.A.O.S. C.D.B. Mary was in town & I tried to talk with her. She has been furious with me for some time because I don't go into society & take out her daughters & because I don't look after her boys. I don't get on with her because she wants me to give up my work or at any rate subordinate it to her childrens interests. I hope the air is cleared by the little row we had. Monteagle dined with me.
	16 Oct, Fri	Went down to Enniscorthy where I put up with Loftus Bryan 3 miles off for a conference of 5 Coop societies. The farmers in these parts were 'strong' & intelligent and will do good to the Movement. In the evening some locals dined & I talked cooperation a bit.
	17 Oct, Sat	Back to Dublin where after day of toothache & little business done in consequence, I went to “Contemporary Club” 116 Grafton St. in rooms of Prot[estant] Home Ruler's association to listen to & take part in a discussion on the Report of the Recess C'tee. T.W. Russell (with a bran [<i>sic</i>] new wife & certainly an improvement on the “late lamented”) John O'Leary, Moritz Bonn, Geo Coffey, TP Gill & some 30 to 40 men & women similarly mixed were crowded into a room which could comfortably accommodate say 20. Good debate 9 PM to 1 A.M. TP Gill & I were all along the line.
	18 Oct, Sun	Came to Killeen to meet Fingall and Dunraven who is to come on Monday. Rather seedy. Found Johnny very depressed at Dunsany

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		with one boy (Charlie Creed) as his sole companion. His health seems better. I explained to Fingall Gill's idea of having a syndicate to introduce the Advertising "Kiosks" which one sees in Foreign towns & which really cheer up a dreary street, in English towns. Good idea. If concessions could be obtained.
	19 Oct, Mon	Spent lazy day at Killeen & Dunsany. Dunraven came down in evening & I talked to him a bit on Irish affairs.
	20 Oct, Tue	Spent day in Dublin (Dentist & CDB) & returned to Killeen. Dunraven ditto. I saw a good deal of him in the train and found him as I had anticipated an intensely selfish rather clever man. He will never have much influence. His Character is unlovely.
	21 Oct, Wed	Came to Dublin & worked all day at IAOS & CDB. Dined with Ch[ief]: Secr[etary] at "Lodge". Talked over Irish question. He is getting broader.
	22 Oct, Thu	More dentist (& toothache). More CDB & I.A.O.S. & then off to England by night mail.
	23 Oct, Fri	Curtain & I arrived at my comfortable quarters (104B). I attended Pelton meeting, B B Co ditto. Gardiner & Langdale & ELB[erthon] present at Pelton & B B Co respectively. Prospects of both concerns good. Met M Cuénod (3 rue Laffitte, Paris) to discuss TP Gill's scheme for getting concessions to beautify streets of London & other English towns with "kiosks" a la Paris. I think it a good scheme. Francis Plunkett sought an interview & begged me to lend him another £1000. This is too bad. I can't do it. But may have to go security for £500. Mary in town. Saw her, more reasonable.
	24 Oct, Sat	Saw Frank Plunkett who pressed me most unpleasantly to help him to borrow – i.e. to back his bill for £1000. He lives above his income but is to be an ambassador some day when he can live below it. He is senior Minister. He asked me to see his brother George. This I did but found George would not or could not join me. I have agreed conditionally. Beau Watson lunched en route from P'[addock]hurst to Leweston. We had a talk. Wrote many letters.
	25 Oct, Sun	Thomas Lough all day! Golfed with him in the morning, lunched with him & dined with him. I was to meet all sorts of interesting people. But only Charles Russell barrister-at-law son of Ld. Chief Justice turned up to dinner.
	26 Oct, Mon	Fingall & T P Gill arrived. We went to the City about the "Kiosk" idea. F. is so hopelessly unbusinesslike & slack that my task of making money for him will be indeed hard. The rest of the day I worked at I.A.O.S. & Recess C'tee. Had Gill, Fingall & Humphrey s [<i>sic</i>] (of Dalzells [<i>sic</i>]) to dinner at Wellington. Went to Dentist also.
	27 Oct, Tue	Johnson about Johnny & Ernle's hopeless disagreement in the morning. Writing letters & dining with Bernard Holland to discuss Financial Rel'ns took the whole day.
	28 Oct, Wed	Off 9 A.M. to Paris with T.P. Gill via Boulogne to attend International Cooperative Congress in hopes of picking up some valuable experiences from France & Germany. Had M. Cuénod a

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		financial acquaintance of Fingall's & M. Beamish (grandfather from Cork) to dine. The latter is Managing Director of the "Kiosques" & T.P. Gill has an idea of starting them in English towns. Any plan of getting money for him & Fingall, with luck, both would take it up could be a great help to my general work. So I go into the scheme if it can be made to work out.
[<i>déjeuner</i> – lunch]	29 Oct, Thu	The Congress 9–11 & 2–4. Met many of the regular Cooperative English set. Heard much french [<i>sic</i>] gabbled. Got a little information. We all went & pumphandled the President – we <i>déjeunered</i> with Mr. Siegfried, late Ministre of Commerce & Industry. Interesting man.
	30 Oct, Fri	More Congress. Spent afternoon at office of M. Beamish (grandfather from Cork) & Cuénod at offices of "Société de publicité Diurne et Nocturne at 17 Rue Faubourg, Montmartre discussing Kiosque scheme. Then T.P. & I went to the Theatre Francaise & saw Hamlet. I thought Mounet Sully the best Hamlet I had seen.
	31 Oct, Sat	To London. Dined Fingall & T.P. to discuss kiosques further. I found some 50 letters awaiting me nearly all on other people's business.
	1 Nov, Sun	James Byrne & David Roche were over from Ireland & of course we had an Agency talk. Moritz Bonn came in too & T.P. Gill. I lunched Mary & Reggie, home from Mediterranean for repairs to HMS Revenge. Letters many – packing much – night mail to Dublin.
	2 Nov, Mon	Terrible arrears of work. Lady Betty & Ch: Sec & Daisy lunched with me to talk over Foxford as I had had a gloomy letter from Thompson of Huddersfield who had inspected the factory recently. Saw M[othe]r Bernard & Max Green later & was somewhat reassured. I.A.O.S. C'tee meeting & work to a late hour with Fr. Finlay for coming conference.
	3 Nov, Tue	A terrible rush of work & then off to Dunleer, R.A.A. Wm. Plunket & I. Geo de B Ball joined us at Drogheda & Everard was already at Barmeath Castle where we were to put up for the night. After an hour's wait at the house of a W Crilly one tradesman (who has hopes for the new Department & is a keen agricultural cooperator!) the meeting took place in an old mill. But the local shopkeepers had hired a gang of Drogheda coal-porters to shout us down. This they did in spite of 4 priests. We retired with the farmers to Crilly's house & had a good meeting. Ld. & Lady B are a funny little pair of mice. They have an old house & pictures.
	4 Nov, Wed	Left Barmeath for Castle Ward (6 miles from Downpatrick) with Wm. Plunket. An interesting house about 150 years old but with pictures which went back. Lord Bangor is a nonentity. His affairs are managed by a capable brother Somerset Ward. Lady B. is religious & the Misses Ward (2) are nice enough. We had a meeting of the L[owe]r Lecale Society which Anderson formed a year ago & which was very anaemic. The shopkeepers had frightened the farmers out of joining it & had created the "landlord" fiction. There was a good meeting & I was in good form for 40 minutes. I think I did good.

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	5 Nov, Thu	Wm. Plunket & I left Castle Ward in afternoon after a walk round the farm & came to Belfast where we put up at Tom Sinclairs. S. had one of his parties for me. Mrs. S the only lady, all the rest influential men to be educated in the new movement. It is very tiring giving these after dinner lectures. But it certainly does good.
	6 Nov, Fri	Preparing speech in the morning. Then Ld. Dufferin came to lunch & after a good talk with him I went to the meeting & made a good speech. Ld. D made a first class one and threw in his lot with the Recess C'tee or at any rate gave it his adherence. Andrews had a dinner party & introduced me to yet another batch of people well to know. He & Sinclair have truly been good friends. W. Plunket left for Clondeboye.
	7 Nov, Sat	7 AM train to Dublin. Wrench in train. Told me the rent reductions – supported by evidence – were simply ruin to northern landlords. Very busy day in Dublin. I.A.O.S. &c. Down ev[enin]g train to Dunsany where I found Johnny in fair health. Daisy dined.
	8 Nov, Sun	Having 2 important speeches Monday & Tuesday made Sunday a busy day. However I saw a good deal of poor Johnny & helped him with his business. Dunning & I returned last train to Dublin so as to be at work early tomorrow.
	9 Nov, Mon	Making (writing) & delivering speech to Public meeting in Dublin at Mansion Ho[use] to discuss Recess C'tee Report. I did fairly. The meeting was successful. Chamber of Commerce sitting same time passed unanimous resol[utio]n in favor Report. All looks well. Went with Daisy to Chief Sec's Lodge for couple of nights. Bernard Holland & Miss Chamberlain there.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , II:37 (14 Nov 1896), pp. 586-7]	10 Nov, Tue	Woke up very tired. Had to "scorch" down to Dublin for breakfast & then write a long address to be delivered at 12 o'clock to the Annual Conference of the I.A.O.S. societies. Splendid representation of the real workers in the movement. I had every reason to be proud.
	11 Nov, Wed	Had a talk with Gerald Balfour regarding Recess C'tee. Told him I would rather he did nothing than did a half job. Had to address a Charity meeting (Shipwrecked Mariners & fishermen's benevolent Society) and was one of the speakers at a debate on S. Africa (College Historical Society inaugural address) Lecky, Ross, T W Russell being the others. A terrible days work.
	12 Nov, Thu	Up at 5 A.M. & off by 6.40 train for Queenstown. Wrote in the train to both archbps of Dublin, GW Balfour, Lady Betty, T.P. Gill, Conny, Ernle, Mary, Col. Plunkett & C.P. Johnson. That gives an idea of my parting difficulties. Went on board Germanic where I had the deck cabin to console me for utter absence of interesting fellow passengers.
	13 Nov, Fri	379. Felt seedy after the over strain. Left off alcohol, & tonic & reduced tea to 1 cup at breakfast. This accentuated the reaction no doubt.
	14 Nov, Sat	302. Mad SW to NW gale. Heavy sea. Sea air beginning to tell. Feeling much better. Passengers don't improve – a dreary lot!
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	19 Nov, Thu	413 201 to Sandy Hook. Got there midnight. I benefited greatly by the voyage & looked quite a man. Deck cabin giving night air – long slow exercise on deck – no alcohol – only one glass port – <u>no</u> coffee – 5 o'clock tea the only indiscretion – bar 2 cigarettes a day.
[The Windsor was established in 1873.]	20 Nov, Fri	Full day in N.Y. Put up at Windsor Hotel. ?Old/?Cold & not very clean. But did well enough. Saw Ralph Wortley, W.C. Lane, E.L. Godkin, Ed[ito]r Post, dining with him Sunday, T Burke Grant who seems to have fallen a bit low. Was persecuted by reporters (6 papers) & made to tell lies in their reports.
	21 Nov, Sat	Alexander Orr large landlord in Ireland but left Ulster 45 years ago for business in U.S. now Pres't. Chamber of Commerce N.Y. called on me – Sinclair's introd[uctio]n. He is a very able & very well informed man. He is no longer active in his own business (Commission of some sort) but is director of many Railways & does much in way of charity. As a public man he puts economics before politics & is just the kind of man to appreciate my Irish policy. He is a little bitter over the land legisl[atio]n. But I think he will help. Dined with the Ralph Wortleys & talked old times.
	22 Nov, Sun	T.B. Grant called early. Then I took a walk in Central Park which is certainly well laid out & lunched with T. Sturgis. I dined with E. L. Godkin Editor of Evening Post, about the most reputable paper in N.Y. He too is Irish & very able. He writes in Fr. Finlay's style & is ?also bitter. Met Carter the leading buyer of the ?W.S. Very interesting chap.
	23 Nov, Mon	Another talk with Orr – then packed & went West on N.Y. Central.
	24 Nov, Tue	Met Harry Windsor in Chicago & went West with him. Prospects not improved so far as his observation goes. He gave me an interesting review of the economic situation in the West. The rapid opening up of the new Country – the Railroad construction & building of schools & the public buildings, stores offices & residences – the general equipment of the new country gave an enormity of work. This has ceased or at any rate abated. Then displacement of horses by bicycles & electric & cable power had great effect. Business is getting down to the A & N cooperative or Lipton stores – all displacing workers.
	25 Nov, Wed	Arrived early & put up with the Windsors. Went into the affairs of Windsor & Co & found to my dismay that poor Harry is hopelessly bankrupt. He must declare himself so which raises all sorts of problems as to my relations with him & the Firm's relations with its clients. It is a great worry & trouble. The country here is rich & all will come right. But I fear I shall not live (financially) to see the revival.
	26 Nov, Thu	Business with Windsor at the office. Col. Pratt dined us at the Club and we met Senator Manderson a War General and General Coppinger (commanding Platte district). The latter was a Cork man and kept up his Irish interest. He knew a lot about the history of Irish families, my own included.

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		The weather has suddenly changed & there is a young blizzard about.
	27 Nov, Fri	Busy again all day at W. & Co a/cs. The Omaha Bee an influential paper in the West sent a man to interview me. He was such an ass I decided to write the interview, his part & mine. I began it.
	28 Nov, Sat	Went with Windsor to S. Omaha & was pleased with the look of the place. We should come out on our property there I think in time. I wrote the rest of my interview which is to serve two purposes – to start the idea of agricultural cooperation in Nebraska & to publish the I.A.O.S. work in Ireland.
	29 Nov, Sun	Down by the 7.50 AM train with W. to Irvington where poor Boughton had a large farm now handed over to his creditors. We heard the cause of it from Sir Offley Wakeman, B's bro-in-law & we had some cattle on it by arrangement. It was biting cold – down about zero – and I realised that my circulation could not keep warmth in my hands & feet. Drove back to Benson about 4 miles drive & there got Electric Car into Omaha. Took afternoon train to Cheyenne.
	30 Nov, Mon	Arrived before breakfast in Cheyenne. The high altitude forbids blue devils, so I worked away fairly cheerfully. My a/cs which John Chaplin had already [<i>sic</i>] for me shows my position to be truly alarming. I see light but far ahead. Went to a trashy play with the Careys. Only Col. Pratt, Carey, W J Clarke of the old Ranche crowd in Cheyenne. The rest are of the John Harrington type.
	1 Dec, Tue	Left by 7.40 AM train for Wheatland with Carey & W. Sturgis. Drove over the lands with manager M R Johnston. There was progress to report. But the bad times prevented the payment of cash & the W[yoming]. D[velopment]. Co is in a bad way financially. Got back 1 AM making a very tiring 18 hours day.
	2 Dec, Wed	Work with John Chaplin – an informal meeting of Wyo Dev Co, an hour on a bike with Henry Hay & a dinner with the Careys – she is nearly deaf & very tiring – filled up the day. In this high air I don't sleep much at night & get very jumpy.
	3 Dec, Thu	Finished up at Cheyenne & took 2.40 train to Omaha.
	4 Dec, Fri	Omaha 10.20 A.M. Spent part of day enquiring into Sugar Beet industry. Its development could doubtless revive Omaha. Weather quite mild again – temperature 50° higher than when I left 5 days ago.
	5 Dec, Sat	Talking to Omaha people about the sugar beet industry – trying to get them to run an honest factory & give the foreign investor a “square deal” & so demonstrate the profitableness of the enterprise. G B Goodell had a long talk with me about a Flouring Mill at Wheatland – a necessary enterprise – but he has no money.
	6 Dec, Sun	Spent the day (drizzly raw – wet icy ground) on Hiland farm

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[Peirce]		where Johnny Pierce [<i>sic</i>], my old WP foreman was taking over the management from Van Ormer – a bad change for us. Windsor & I rode over the whole farm on cow ponies. The place was greatly changed since I saw it – some 700 acres being ploughed. The pastures (blue grass) were well sodded & all the place wants is capital to make it pay & pay well.
	7 Dec, Mon	John Chaplin came down from Cheyenne & went to work at my a/cs in our office. Poor Harry Windsor is in very low spirits at the inevitable insolvency which he must confess. He has fallen terribly into debt – I being by far the largest creditor & the chief loser. Still I am very sorry for him.
	8 Dec, Tue	“Toby” Cairnes came from Kansas City for the day to ask me to interest myself in a Trust company there which has all manner of schemes on its programme. I met also the Committee of the Commercial Club of Omaha & discoursed there on how to get Eastern & foreign Capital for the beet sugar industry. In substance my advice was conduct one honest factory for yourselves & show that it pays & others will come in.
	9 Dec, Wed	Business pure & simple all day long.
	10 Dec, Thu	Ditto.
	11 Dec, Fri	I had a straight talk with Harry Windsor today. I told him that he had financed in a way which was a great though unintentional wrong to his partners. He has been over worked & blind to the facts of the case. These are that he is bankrupt & that I am his chief creditor for some \$50,000. Today he went to McIntosh a wise attorney & made arrangements to protect me. Of course it means wiping out the smaller & later creditors. I dined with General Coppinger. He was rather interesting on Irish pedigrees & some Irish family history – But sugar promotion on all day.
	12 Dec, Sat	A heavy days work. Reported to Monteagle, Alston & Willie Blacker. Went at the Beet sugar factory again. Went with Chaplin, Carey & Windsor into the a/cs of Windsor & Co & discussed with attorney plan for settling with Windsor. It is all very sad.
[“lots” – (feedlots) intensive cattle fattening operations]	13 Dec, Sun	By the Union Pacific Limited to Ames (specially stopped there) & spent three hours looking over the Standard Cattle Co’s 6000 acre farm & cattle feeding barns & 25 “lots”. The Barns were disused like all the other big “fatteries” that we know of. The feeding was the simplest roughest & most wasteful. R M Allen the Manager showed me round. We then took train Fremont to Norfolk where we arrived for a late supper.
	14 Dec, Mon	Allen & I went over the Oxnard’s Sugar Factory – the object of our visit. It is a big undertaking. They can deal with 350 tons of beets a day. The process was interesting & I gained a good deal of information in my first look at it. I saw also a creamery but had no time to go thoroughly into it. Back to Omaha & spent the evening with a lawyer trying to square up with Harry.
	15 Dec, Tue	Seemed to spend most of the day signing transfers of property & other papers necessary to save myself from the wreck caused by the breakdown of my second bankrupt partner. Poor Harry is honest but he lost his head & his stupidity hits me about as hard as Kemp’s knavery. I made the best settlement I could with him. Left him in charge of my business as my agent – dissolved

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		Windsor & Co, made Hiland into a company & took train to Kansas City.
	16 Dec, Wed	During day was offered Irish Privy Council by cable. Arrived for breakfast with Toby Cairnes & his wife ("Boston") in their suburban villa. Then went to the Missouri Kansas & Texas Trust Co. (7th & Wyandotte Sts) where I was introduced to A E Stilwell the President & chief promoter of the various Railway & other schemes embraced in the Trusts operations. He is an interesting man – a philanthropist & "Christian Scientist" for all his shrewd business sense. I liked him. We went over a local Railway of his, the main terminal & I learnt a lot about the growth of Kansas City.
	17 Dec, Thu	Passed through Chicago spending some hours there writing letters &c. Also saw Mrs. White of the Irish Village in her "Irish Store". Poor plucky little woman, 3 months typhoid had broken even her spirit. She now fears failure. Took N.Y.C. Limited for N.Y. Cabled accepting the "Right Hon[our]able" as after sleeping over it cannot see that they can look upon it as bestowing me restricting my freedom in any way.
	18 Dec, Fri	Arrived at Windsor Hotel N.Y. 7 P.M. Letters from Dunning, T.P. Gill but no news. At T Sturgis' instance a representative of the Agricultural Committee of the American "New York Assoc'n for improving the Condition of the Poor" called to ask me to meet them before I sailed and tell them how to start agric'l coop'n in America. I hope this will lead to their helping me to run the movement in Ireland.
	19 Dec, Sat	Down town till 5 P.M. getting up a Report for the meeting of the Wyo Dev Co on Monday. Met & dined with Ralph Wortley. In my report to Wyo Dev Co I pointed out that the Colony offered exceptional opportunities for inaugurating Cooperation (agric'l) in America. This will hardly move the New Yorkers, I fear.
	20 Dec, Sun	Wretched cold & sore throat. Went to bed after lunch being unfit to do anything or see any body.
	21 Dec, Mon	Bad night. Sent for a doctor (F.P. Kinnicutt recommended by Ralph Wortley) & got various remedies. Had to attend meeting of New York Committee of Wyo Dev Co. J. M. Carey & his brother also came from outside so it was practically full meeting. Did nothing else. But this meeting opened a brighter prospect for the undertaking.
[Abram]	22 Dec, Tue	Wyo Dev Co meeting again. The N.Y. C'tee adopted a broad policy & put up the necessary money. Met few members of ICA A.I.C.P. (referred to above 18th inst[ant]) at Abraham [sic] Hewitt's House. They want to improve cond[itio]ns of rural life economically & socially, so as to stop rush to Towns. I layed [sic] out before them programme of I.A.O.S. & hope it may work if they try it in U.S. Of course I hoped to get money for I.A.O.S. but have so far failed. Dined with E L Godkin – interesting man.
[Billier]	23 Dec, Wed	Terrible rush. Up 6 AM. Packing, seeing F. de Billeir [sic], A E Orr, R. Wortley, TB Grant. Still may Looking for Bourke Cockran. Wrote dozen letters – packed & went on board Germanic. Very small passenger list. Bitterly cold. Ship covered

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		with snow. But I have deck cabin with steam heat & so have nothing to complain of. Must try & have Merry Xmas. Heavy cold on - still. Intend to try knocking off tea, coffee, tobacco & alcohol – two last nearly abandoned already – two first taken too much. Have got substitute for coffee. Some burnt grains I suppose. I will try a week of it if I find I can do necessary work on board without tea. Possibly 5 o'clock tea may be necessary. But I hope not.
	24 Dec, Thu	326 Bitterly cold N wind. 32° snow.
	25 Dec, Fri	350 Xmas weather. Xmas fare. I was still unwell & unfit for anything.
	26 Dec, Sat	372 Hon. W. French[,] de Freyne's brother, New Mexico Ranchman talked to me about Ireland. He is not brilliant by any means but has broad ideas. Promised to try & interest de Freyne & others in I.A.O.S. No other passengers of any interest.
	27 Dec, Sun	379
	28 Dec, Mon	385
	29 Dec, Tue	392. Usual concert. H.P in chair. I find I get through these boring functions with greater ease as I get older.
	30 Dec, Wed	388. 214 to Queenstown. 2806 in all. Last half of voyage very delightful. Warm westerly & S.W.'ly breezes. Heavy head cold stuck to me & is hardly well yet. But I am better for voyage. Drank health of ship in one glass of their Champagne Xmas. Otherwise tee totaled. Also drank Postum Cereal or Yankee imitation of coffee for breakfast. Tea at five before writing.
	31 Dec, Thu	Reached Queenstown 3 AM & went to bed in Hotel. Then to Cork where did some business at Hussey & Townsends & on to Dublin. There I saw Daisy F, Anderson & Gill who told me the political news, Bryan, Gore Booth, Bourne who talked I.A.O.S. till midnight & Dunning who told me of the business arrears he knew of.