

# 1897 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](http://www.measuringworth.com), 2011. The index used was the Gross Domestic Product Deflator, a measure of average prices covering a ‘bundle’ of all goods and services produced in an economy (making it broader than just the consumer goods in the Retail Price Index). Figures

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

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

## ***Correspondence***

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

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

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

## ***Abbreviations***

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

### **Names**

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

### **Organisations**

AAOS	American Agricultural Organisation Society	IH	<i>Irish Homestead</i>
AOS	Agricultural Organisation Society	IS	<i>Irish Statesman</i>
AOS & SHL	Allotments Organisations Society and Small Holders Ltd.	IIA	Irish Industries Association
BB Co	Berthon Boat Company	IRA	Irish Reconstruction Ass'n./ 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<sup>x</sup> is transcribed as Parl'y).

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

## 1897

### Events:

**15 Jan – Irish Agricultural Wholesale Society (IAWS); Plunkett first chairman**

**12 Feb – Sworn to Irish Privy Council**

May – Agriculture and Industries (Ireland) Bill 1897 withdrawn in favour of Irish Local Government Bill

**Nov – George William Russell (AE) recruited**

### Publications:

- “Financial Relations Commission” (letter), *Irish Times*, 7 Jan, p. 5
- “Ireland and the Rating Act” (letter), *The Times*, 14 May, p. 8
- *IAOS Annual Report*, pp. 34-6, 53-5
- “The Apologia of the Royal Dublin Society”, *New Ireland Review*, vol. 6, pp. 328-36
- *Memorandum of the Recess Committee on the Agriculture and Industries (Ireland) Bill* (Dublin) 15 pp.
- Attributed articles in *Irish Homestead*:
  - “The Apologia of the Royal Dublin Society”, II:49 (6 Feb 1897), pp. 810-11
  - Text of address at Society of Arts on “Two Elements of Irish Leadership”, II:50 (13 Feb 1897) pp. 819-20
  - Letter to Sir Henry Cochrane, III:5 (3 Apr 1897), p. 76
  - “The Recess Committee and the Agriculture and Industry Bill”, III:7 (17 Apr 1897), pp. 111-2
  - Letter to G.W. Balfour re Recess Committee and the Agricultural and Industries Bill, III:9 (1 May 1897), p. 156
  - Text of “Memorandum of the Recess Committee on the Agriculture and Industries Bill”, signatories Horace Plunkett, Thomas P. Gill, C. Litton Falkiner, James Musgrave, III:9 (1 May 1897), pp. 156-9
  - Text of “Irish Unionist Members – Appeal to the Government” (Plunkett one of 12 signatories), III:12 (22 May 1897) pp. 210-11
  - Text of address to IAOS annual meeting, III:13 (29 May 1897), pp. 229-31
  - Letter to Editor of *Irish Homestead*, “The New Irish Policy”, III:16 (19 Jun 1897), supplement
  - “How to Make an Industrial Population”, III:24 (14 Aug 1897), pp. 452-3
  - Text of address at Eyrecourt, III:27 (11 Sep 1897) pp. 554-5
  - Report of address to Clonmel conference, III:30 (25 Sep 1897), p. 589; text of address, pp. 592-3
  - Text of address to Omagh conference, III:31 (2 Oct 1897), pp. 612-4
  - Text of address to Sligo conference, III:31 (2 Oct 1897), pp. 611-2
  - Report of address to Tullamore conference, III:32 (9 Oct 1897), p. 636
  - Report of address to Urlingford conference, III:32 (9 Oct 1897), pp. 637-8
  - Text of address to Enniscorthy conference, III:32 (16 Oct 1897), pp. 657-9
  - Text of address to 3rd annual general conference of agricultural and dairy societies, III:36 (6 Nov 1897), pp. 729-31
  - Report of dinner speech at 3rd annual general conference of agricultural and dairy societies, III:36 (6 Nov 1897), pp. 741-2

### Government:

*Prime Minister*: 3rd Marquess of Salisbury (Conservative)

*Chief Secretary*: Gerald William Balfour

*Lord Lieutenant*: Earl Cadogan

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

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	1 Jan, Fri	Spent most of the day in IAOS office with Dunning struggling with its work and my own arrears of correspondence.  The New Year’s honours included two Irish Privy Councillors – Lord Dufferin and H.P. I liked the company more than honour. Lord Cadogan very anxious to see me. Dined at Viceregal and

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		had two hours talk on Irish affairs. He told me I was the Irish Leader! and let me into Cabinet secrets which I suppose must not even be set down here. My mental comment was – England <u>will never understand</u> Ireland.
	2 Jan, Sat	I have innumerable articles pamphlets &c on hand, also some speeches & lectures in prospect. I have to be at them continually & a day like this with American correspondence, general public & private affairs to be attended to works me too hard. Was glad to go down to Killeen with Dunning to work in quiet on Sunday.
	3 Jan, Sun	Rained all day. Worked at a letter to the papers on the Financial Relations question but got no inspiration & did no good.  Poor Daisy told me of her family troubles. She fears Fingall is fooling away his life in the City and ?----ing into bankruptcy. It looks as if he were. If he goes under he gets me for £5000 which I could not now meet. I am on his bill.
	4 Jan, Mon	Back to Dublin. Worrying correspondence & a meeting (annual) of the S. Dublin Registration Assoc'n. To them I had to talk on the questions of the day & pretty hard work it was. They are incapable of taking in any question beyond Home Rule.
	5 Jan, Tue	I.A.O.S. work chiefly. Also wrote a letter on Financial Rel[ation]'ns which I shall probably tear up tomorrow.
	6 Jan, Wed	Very hard-worked writing a letter on Financial Rel[atio]ns Question to Irish papers & sending an appeal to Americans to support I.A.O.S. Dined with La Touche, Fr. Finlay, Dr. & Mrs. Stopford being fellow guests.
[“Financial Relations Commission, <i>Irish Times</i> , p. 5]	7 Jan, Thu	My letter appeared in the Irish papers & fell decidedly flat as practical suggestions usually do in Ireland. However it will do good with some people worth thinking with.  I.A.O.S. work practically all day – except a long talk with Dunraven & a dinner with Anderson to meet T. Lough – an odious bounder. His brother is not polished but he is a thousand times preferable to this tea merchant.
	8 Jan, Fri	I.A.O.S. work again most of the day.  Dined with John G. Barton, Commissioner of Val[ua]tio[n] to meet 2 R.D.S. Council men. Did some good I think with them in explaining agric'l organ[isatio]n.  Dunraven lunched with me.
	9 Jan, Sat	Very busy morning for American post which now takes agricultural organisation literature besides business communications. Left by 2.45 train for Kilcooley. Found all Mary's family and Eddie there.
	10 Jan, Sun	A restful day which did me good. Talked family matters over with Mary who was in a frame of mind which makes me hope we may work together in future. I suppose at her time of life mental changes come as well as physical. Peter Fitzgerald turned up & I practically made up my mind that he is the best available agent vice Hussey & Townsend in a moribund firm. Tommy took me to a workman's club he has just started in a little lodge cottage towards the hills. Drafts, Fox & Goose which I taught – innocent literature – 50 members – prospects of continuing. I was very glad of this turn in Tommy's mind. But I fear he is indisposed for a

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		profession & rather hankers after Lord of the mannerism.
	11 Jan, Mon	Back to Dublin & dined with John Atkinson & a wife (appalling). Large official party.  Drove with Peter Fitzgerald to Thurles & had good talk over Estate affairs.
	12 Jan, Tue	Very busy day – American letters. Monteagle in Dublin – G W Balfour ditto. Saw him & told him could not support any bill for creation of Department of Agriculture unless it promised to enlist the cooperation of the people.
	13 Jan, Wed	C.D.B. & IAOS meetings. Letters writing &c &c. Then down with Col. Dease to Killeen to talk business with Daisy – i.e. to discuss poor Fingall's finances.
	14 Jan, Thu	C.D.B. morning. Then to Belfast & on to Comber for a symposium with T Sinclair & T. Andrews on the political situation, especially on the Financial Relations Com'n & the Recess Committee Report. Sat till after midnight & concluded that we must insist on the main recommendations of the Report. But he is a diplomat.
	15 Jan, Fri	Had to get back to Dublin to deal with a question of principle at C.D.B. i.e. whether we should advocate Cooperation & support the I.A.O.S. by paying expenses of its work in Congested Districts. G.W.B. negatived proposal in interests of shopkeepers or rather in fear of their oppos[iti]on.  Spent after dinner hours with Fr. Finlay. Very interesting.
	16 Jan, Sat	Packing up chiefly. Left Dublin for the Session of Parliament. I look forward to an interesting & important session for Ireland. The Recess C'tee will I think urge the Government to adopt a new policy towards Ireland & if I am not mistaken the conflict betw'n the old ideas & the new on the Irish Q'n will result in a considerable change in English opinion. Left by night Mail. Dunraven & Dufferin on Board.
[“The Apologia of the Royal Dublin Society”, <i>New Ireland Review</i> , vol. 6, pp. 328-36]	17 Jan, Sun	Arrived 6.15 & ‘biked’ in an inch of snow & darkness to 104B. Monteagle called. I spent two hours with Lady Betty in afternoon – dined Fingall & the Frank Plunketts at Wellington Club. Rest of day spent writing an article for Fr. Finlay's <i>New Ireland Review</i> in favor of I.A.O.S. vs R.D.S. & in reply to a pamphlet of latter body abusing Recess C'tee for not praising them in Report.
[indentments – sealed agreements between two or more parties]	18 Jan, Mon	Writing article on R.D.S. for Fr. Finlay. To City with Fingall about Daisy's & my indentments, also about Kiosques – dinner at Carlton & congratulations on R[igh]t Hon[oura]ble. Reception at Downshire House.
	19 Jan, Tue	Went down early to get a seat. Parl't opened very mildly. The Irish assembled in force but all the excitement was quelled by A Balfour's promise to give time for debating the Financial Relations. Queen's speech promised a Bd. of Agriculture for Ireland which was rec[eive]d with laughter by a few Dillonites – a laughter well deserved if G.W.B. does not come a little nearer to the Recess C'tee's ideas.  Vilely cold weather. I got a chill in the liver and vomited horribly at the House. Struggled home to bed.

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	20 Jan, Wed	Had to spend the day in bed.
	21 Jan, Thu	Out of bed but could not leave rooms. Dragged through piles of correspondence with Dunning. Largely replying to the communications of office seekers.
	22 Jan, Fri	Got down to the House: intended to speak on Irish University question. But Lecky made such a <u>splendid</u> speech that I could not in my state of health face the contrast. Party more than ever pledged to the concession but no actual promise.
	23 Jan, Sat	Letter writing all day nearly. Went to Womans Lib[eral] Unionist Assoc'n at St. Loe Strachey's House to debate Financial Rel'n's. Excused myself from speaking, not well enough. Tommy Ponsonby came to town. Could not find him.
	24 Jan, Sun	Tommy in morning & to lunch & afternoon walk. Johnny gets on well with boys – I badly. Called on Emily Lawless who gave me some good ideas on historical grievances of Ireland against Eng'd.
	25 Jan, Mon	Busy writing paper for Soc'y of Arts on Recess C'tee. Tommy Ponsonby to oculist. House through dreary sitting.
	26 Jan, Tue	House & dined with Alfred Lytteltons.
	27 Jan, Wed	Writing all day bar a constitutional in the morning.
	28 Jan, Thu	House – & writing Paper on R[ecess] C'tee.
	29 Jan, Fri	Do, Do.
	30 Jan, Sat	B B Co meeting – otherwise work work work.
	31 Jan, Sun	A day of work. Henry Burke (Ulick's cowboy son) called & gave me a slight touch of western fever. But back to the near, ever near, West – back to Irish work, & all else forgot.  Dunraven & Bernard Holland dined at Club.
	1 Feb, Mon	Henry Burke lunched with me. The House and work at Paper for Wed[nesda]y. Took T.B.P[onsonby]. to oculist & shipped him off to school.  Beau Watson looked in.
	2 Feb, Tue	T P Gill turned up & I worked hard at Paper. Dined him & Arnold Forster at Club. Funny the bringing together of two such uncongenial spirits. Good Champagne.
[Text of address at Society of Arts, "Two Elements of Irish Leadership" in <i>IH</i> , II:50 (13 Feb 1897), pp. 819-20]	3 Feb, Wed	Listened to a Womens Suffrage Bill debate (The principle & 2nd Reading carried by large majority) & tired went to House to speak but too nervous & seedy to get in. In evening read paper at Society of Arts, Bryce in Chair, to empty house, on The Recess Ctee's suggestions for developing the Agric'l & Indust[ria]l resources of Ireland. I suppose these exhausting efforts do me good.
	4 Feb, Thu	Tired out & accomplished nothing. Did House but went early to bed.
	5 Feb, Fri	House & dined with Lady Betty. Talked a good deal on Ireland with Miss Chamberlain. Went to City & saw a financial friend of Fingall "Meyer" about schemes for Ireland. He may do something

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		which would be helpful.
	6 Feb, Sat	Busy day. Called & had long talk with Emily Lawless. Lecky came in – “Good discourse”. Dined T. P. Gill and Swift Macneill at Wellington Club and went on to a delightful parlour discussion at the Alfred Lytteltons (B. Holland, Warkworth, G. Wyndham, Arnold Forster, R Vere OBrien, Monteagle) on the Financial Rel’ns.
	7 Feb, Sun	Rested. Lunched with Monteagles. Met Leonard Courtney. He poor fellow is blind for reading. He can just see his way about.
	8 Feb, Mon	Went to the City to attend meeting of the Kiosque schemes, “The Street Syndicate Ltd.” T P Gill, Fingall, Cuénod & the secretary present. Did a few formalities. Letters &c. The House – TP Gill & John Atkinson dining with me across the road at St. Stephens Club.  Tommy Ponsonby had to turn up in London as his tutor Garnier had diptheria in his family.
	9 Feb, Tue	Dunning & I went to Dublin & took Tommy. The latter went to Mary at 41 Merrion Square whence she is doing the season with daughters. I have to find a tutor for Tommy. I dined with Mary to talk it over. Mary is getting fat & looks very well. I hope she has got over the strange temper she has been in the last year or two due I believe to physical causes.
	10 Feb, Wed	CDB 4 hours IAOS & dined at Castle. General business. The accounts for most of the day.
	11 Feb, Thu	C.D.B. Went down to Killeen to meet ?Kogcy who did not turn up but who was in train fortunately. Tête a tête with Daisy.
[HP is 42.]	12 Feb, Fri	Back to Dublin. C.D.B. Sworn in a Privy Councillor. Had long talk with Cadogan at the Castle afterwards. He is very very small minded. Dinner & dance at Castle.  Legal & General Insurance office will only take me as at 50 years of age.
[“The Apologia of the Royal Dublin Society”, (responding to RDS criticism of Recess C’tee Report, <i>IH</i> , II:49 (13 Feb 1897), pp. 810-11]	13 Feb, Sat	Very busy day – Mary about Tommy – Langford about estate – Rolleston about Industries – Dunraven about public matters – Fr. Finlay & others about I.A.O.S.  Dined with Redington who assembled La Touche, Fitzgerald, Monteagles, Stopfords & Fr. Finlay at Metropole.
	14 Feb, Sun	Went to Killeen for 24 hours rest. Met Athlumny, Capts. Meyrick & Fielden from Staff (Viceregal) a sister of my old schoolfellow Cosmo Little, Mrs. Green & Lady Griffin. It did me good to loosen up & talk rot. Much better for it. Lovely day too. Gill arrived in morning in Dublin & had short interview.
	15 Feb, Mon	Up to Dublin where day passed with Gill, R.A.A., Fr. Finlay. Mary & Tommy got vetted by a much less inquisitive medico <del>about</del> for insurance.
	16 Feb, Tue	I.A.O.S. Levee, getting Tutor for Tommy (W H Classon 31 T.C.D.), packing & leaving by mail for London took the day. News came that Conny had given birth to a dead boy. One cannot mourn (she being well) over the death of what never lived.
	17 Feb, Wed	Arrived before “Sun up”. Breakfast behind a pile of letters. Then



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[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 46, col. 619, 623, 625]		House where Dublin Corporation Bill. Had to support a Womens Suffrage Instruction which was carried. Moved other instruction – out of order. Then letters many & dinner with speaker – Dull.
	18 Feb, Thu	Called on Raymond and heard all about Conny’s Confinement. She is doing splendidly & Raymond is in undisguised delight at the death of the superfluous son.  At House Davitt & I tried to make a scheme for working the stone quarries of Blacksod Point, with one J. Sheehan to be helped by C.D.B. Had talk with G.W.B. & Atkinson about Bd of Agriculture. They let out accidentally that they would not like me to accept the post which they seem to feel may be offered to me. Nothing of this was said. Dined with Miss Balfour 10 Downing St.
	19 Feb, Fri	Writing & House. Went to City between whiles on various business.
[ <i>The Geisha</i> – operetta by Owen Hall]	20 Feb, Sat	Work & a call or two. Then a theatre ‘The Geisha’ with Dunning. Very poor performance but has a big run I suppose for the wit which is very English.
	21 Feb, Sun	Called on the Gerald Balfours & had long talk without any definite result. Wrote a part of my address on Agric’l Coop’n to be delivered March 8th to Surveyors Institute. Dined with Mrs. Willie’s brother George Haig who has married an Astor & I suppose is “well fixed”.
	22 Feb, Mon	Getting up paper for Surveyors Institute – House. Went as guest of D C Stapleton to American Society in London’s Reception at Cecil Hotel. Birth of Washington. Deadly dull. ?Increasing etiquette. Evidently not the “smart” lot.
	23 Feb, Tue	House. Lunched with Lucys, Standish O’Grady dined with me & talked – rot. Went to Grafton Galleries to see exhib n of colour photography (magic lantern) given by Myring who is financing the inventor who comes from Cornwall.
	24 Feb, Wed	Went to Mitcham for a morning’s golf with Standish O’Grady. Played execrably, in fact have lost all the progress I had made from the start. I found too I am getting weaker. 1 round is all I can do & that not with comfort. Back to work at letters & writing my paper for Surveyors Institute. Went to a Division on the Burials Bill at House & dined quietly at Club. So home to bed.
	25 Feb, Thu	I am beginning to get savage letters from Orange & Prot bigots in the Constituency about the Govt’s liberality on educational questions in Ireland. The landlords are also bitter & altogether I think an Election would be rather dangerous to me. Abstention rather than oppos[itio]n is what I should fear.  House where I dined with JGB & “some lovely ladies”.
	26 Feb, Fri	Worked most of the day but attended a Levee as I found I had to be presented over again on my decoration.
	27 Feb, Sat	Was going out of town but Daisy had proposed to come through & go South. This she did not do so I was left to my rooms & work.
	28 Feb, Sun	Worked nearly all day at my Agric’l Coop’n paper. Think it will do good to our movement.

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[Erasmus Smith – 17th-century English benefactor of schools in Ireland]	1 Mar, Mon	Finished my Paper for printers. Then did the House & arrears of correspondence caused by the Paper.  Meeting of Irish Unionist party re Erasmus Smith schools. Found myself in minority of 1 in refusing to harrass [ <i>sic</i> ] G Balfour. He asked me to call him Gerald!
	2 Mar, Tue	My trusty & well beloved Anderson turned up. We went to a Deputation (re margarine &c) to Walter Long. Then House & much letter writing. Dined with Blumenthal & heard Plunket Greene sing. Clever people there as usual.
	3 Mar, Wed	Bilious attack after last nights dinner. Went with Anderson to Coop. Committee of Assoc[iate]d Chambers of Agric to instruct them in Coop principles.  Then House & lots of divisions.
	4 Mar, Thu	A bit seedy. Dined with Mrs. Crawley (née Augusta Butcher) dull party. House & general work.
[Chancellor – Sir Michael Edward Hicks-Beach]	5 Mar, Fri	A deputation for the “All Ireland C’tee” with me all day. They were a “body of nobodies” & I was heartily ashamed of having to present them to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Dillon hung around them & altogether they <del>were</del> did nothing but mischief.
	6 Mar, Sat	Conferred with Redmond & Bernard Holland as to Conference on Tuesday. We agreed on a line of action which it is hoped may tend to unity.  Dined at Lowther Lodge. Met stupid importances.  Had a talk with Castletown & was not impressed with his intellectual capacity.
	7 Mar, Sun	Liver. Was half asleep all day! Did nothing & saw nobody.
	8 Mar, Mon	Read my paper to Surveyors’ Institute. Very interesting discussion on it. I made a hit with the audience – some 80 land agents & others I think. But whether anything will come of it remains to be seen.  Housed all day with a debate to come off at midnight on one of the squabbles betw’n Prots & R.C.s over a Charitable Endowment school in Ireland. G.W.B. put his friends in an impossible position & did not vote himself, nor did I.
	9 Mar, Tue	Conference of Irish members in a committee room of House to discuss possibility of united action betw’n various sections. Saunderson, Carson, Lecky & self only Unionists who would consent to dirty themselves by attending. Long desultory discuss[io]n at which Dillon tried his utmost to prevent harmony & the other “leaders” to promote it. No final agreement.
[Photo of Sir Henry Cochrane in <i>IH</i> (17 Apr 1997), p. 107; article p. 118 notes he donated £5,000.]	10 Mar, Wed	Came over by morning Mail to Dublin Redmond being my fellow-traveller. Dined with Holmes at St. Grettans Blackrock to discuss with one Robson a business man the possibility of getting Sir H. Cochrane to make himself famous – & get a baronetcy (perhaps) – by subscribing a few thousands to the I.A.O.S.
	11 Mar, Thu	C.D.B. & I.A.O.S. meetings. Busy all day. Then banquet of Ld. Ashbournes (Kings Men) to meet Lord Halsbury. Party afterwards. Saw Constituents indignant & other. Saw Mary,

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		Daisy.
[ICAA – Irish Co-operative Aid Assn.] [I.A.A. – ? I.I.A.]	12 Mar, Fri	C.D.B., I.A.O.S., I.C.A.A., I.A.A. [ <i>sic</i> ] and a Nansen Lecture which was the most thrilling story of human endurance I ever read or listened to. Dined with Minnie Fitzgerald & met Daisy.
	13 Mar, Sat	Met Sir Henry Cochrane & we made a bargain. If he would give the I.A.O.S. a substantial donation (£5,000 or £10,000 was talked) I would try & get him a baronetcy. Fr. Finlay absolved me! If the aspirant takes the risk I have no doubt that a new era will dawn in Ireland.  The Jubilee banquet came off. It was a really fine sight. On the whole the elite of Irish – male – society in their fine feathers looked well. Some 250 of them. After dinner we had a military tattoo in the Castle yard.
[Ld. Mayor of Belfast – William James Pirrie]	14 Mar, Sun	The K St. Club full of landlords (indignant) & Dublin full of the guests of yestr'een. Ld. Mayor of Belfast, Musgrave & Sinclair lunched with me. T.P. Gill, R.A.A. &c took me up to late afternoon when I took Mary's girls to Kingstown tea at Club & went back to Eng'd myself. Travelled on new mail boats for first time. They are a real advance in Channel travel. Small liners.
	15 Mar, Mon	Arrived tired & spent day doing arrears of correspondence & little else. A fellow passenger from America – Campbell Hepworth – dined with me at the House. That's done.
	16 Mar, Tue	Saw Johnny fresh from Egypt. He is as eccentric as ever but in better health I thought though of course he must be failing fast. He was drugging himself & one never knows what influence stimulates him. I got him to arrange a meeting of his & Ernle's solicitors which I am to attend on Thursday.  Dined with Monteagles & met Lecky & Lady Gregory (widow of Sir Wm.) Leo Maxses, Miss Chamberlain & a Bartle Frere.  Interesting little party. Back to House where they sat till 3 A.M. I went 12.30.
	17 Mar, Wed	Daisy told me today Cadogan was <u>delighted</u> at a letter I wrote him to congratulate him on his banquet. It is funny what good little acts of thoughtfulness which cost no trouble sometimes do.  Chess match H. of C. vs Press Gallery. I bossed H. of C. team – & my men were Parnell, Strauss, Atherley Jones, Bonsor, Seton Karr & McKenna in order stated. We won 4 lost 2 drew 1. Sale at Chelsea House at which I bought a few trifles. Dined quietly with Poppy & her mother who was putting up Daisy.
	18 Mar, Thu	Sad interview betw'n Johnny & his solicitor Johnson. Farrer was to have represented Ernle but did not keep app[ointmen]t through mistake. J. evidently rapidly becoming non-compos. He is drugging himself to death – no servant will live with him. His friends will soon have to take charge of him.  Dined with R Vere O'Briens – met Lady Gregory again. Much interesting con[versation] with her.
	19 Mar, Fri	£2000 'donated' to I.A.O.S. by Sir H Cochrane on condition (not expressed) that I try to ?get him made a Baronet. Saw Cadogan about it. I think he will help. Down to House after an interview with Johnson over Johnny & Ernle's affairs. Took Fingalls &

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		Poppy Herbert to a stupid & very English play.
	20 Mar, Sat	<p>Played my Parl'y golf handicap tie &amp; never scored a hole! I am hopeless &amp; yet I like golf.</p> <p>Much to do an afternoon's work over the Cochrane negotiations. Anderson, Gill, Finlay, Holmes &amp; Robson all favouring the rejection with scorn of the £2000! I had already lodged it to the I.A.O.S. a/c. Wrote Cochrane &amp; the others that much more would be required to establish C's claim.</p> <p>Dined with Castletowns – dull party.</p>
	21 Mar, Sun	<p>Biked to Johnny at Savoy &amp; to Raymond (who had undergone operation for piles) in morning. In afternoon with Daisy to Betty Balfour.</p> <p>Dined with Lady Gregory &amp; met Yates [<i>sic</i>] the new Irish poet &amp; Barry O'Brien. We had a most interesting symposium on Ireland. My fellow-guests told me they &amp; many others like them had agreed that I was the only possible Irish leader.</p>
	22 Mar, Mon	<p>Got through little work. Dined from House with Darling Q.C. (MP for Deptford) &amp; his pretty nice wife in a prettily furnished &amp; interesting little house 36 Grosvenor Rd.</p> <p>Had a meeting of the "Street Syndicate" which looks like business now.</p>
	23 Mar, Tue	<p>Seedy rather – little work done. I had a stormy interview with poor Johnny who wanted me to put a question in the House about the regulations of the detective service in which he is deeply interested owing to his love of complications. He left for Dunsany at night which is really the best thing he could do.</p>
	24 Mar, Wed	<p>Most ?House business.</p> <p>John Clay lunched with me &amp; we talked Western 'shop'. I did my annual dinner with Ducie. Dull.</p>
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 47, col. 1428]	25 Mar, Thu	<p>A long day at House. Dined with Fingall to meet some uninteresting <del>people</del> business men.</p>
	26 Mar, Fri	<p>I went to House &amp; interviewed Dillon about Monday's debate. Decided I could not go in with Blake in the Dillonite Motion &amp; so drafted an amendment to it with help of Bernard Holland with whom &amp; his ?doll/dull wife – dear little clinging woman – I dined.</p>
	27 Mar, Sat	<p>Quiet day to collect material for my speech on Monday. I shant be ready I fear.</p>
	28 Mar, Sun	<p>All day trying to work up a good speech for tomorrow in support of my amendment. Bernard Holland helped me &amp; Dunning did his best.</p>
	29 Mar, Mon	<p>A day of disappointment. The Speaker deferred my amendment to Blake's motion to a radical's amendment which was a direct negative. This practically rules out my amendment – I could take no part in the Debate. I spent 3–12 in the House listening to an interesting debate. Hicks Beach spoke for the Gov't &amp; certainly made a strong anti-Irish case.</p>
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 48, col. 157-62]	30 Mar, Tue	<p>At House all day nearly. Very unwell &amp; yet had to get off my</p>

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		speech. Surely I ought to learn that (1) I should only prepare 10 minute speeches & know them by heart and (2) I should not speak unless I am well. I broke down miserably.
	31 Mar, Wed	The Financial Debate concluded & I voted with the Irish. Dane did same, other Irish Unionists either went with the Gov't or abstained.  Cochrane, Holmes, Anderson & I conclave over C's proposed purchase of my influence to get him a Baronetcy with a cheque for £5000 to the I.A.O.S.  Then we dined at 104B Fingalls & Lady Cochrane joined.
[Letter to Sir Henry Cochrane in <i>IH</i> , III:5 (3 Apr 1897), p. 76]	1 Apr, Thu	Finally closed with Cochrane & got his cheque for £3000 (£2000 from before). It took the morning to arrange matters. Then Beau Watson lunched & dined with me & went to a music Hall. I fitted in the House but did little work except Cochrane.
	2 Apr, Fri	Anderson & I had a long conference upon the future procedure of the I.A.O.S. & we agreed upon the best way to apply the £5000 to the development of the I.A.O.S. We agreed that it would be justifiable to spend all our now available resources in 2 years & trust to the impetus we had given to the movement to carry it on thereafter. The Homestead was under our plan to have £1000 for its development which will give T.P. Gill the opportunity he seeks of making a good property out of it.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	3 Apr, Sat	Came down to Esplanade Hotel Seaford with Daisy & Miss Angelica Keenan for 2 or 3 days rest from work & worry.
	4 Apr, Sun	Weather improved but cold & blowy – Too windy to “bike”. Walked a good bit with the two ladies & benefited by the air. Seaford is a bad place for everything except quiet golf & Hotel. The country is ugly – the roads are bad & lead to nowhere. There are no carriages boats horses niggers or other seaside delights.
	5 Apr, Mon	Got the bikes out in the morning & I did a round golfing with the “Pro” in the afternoon. Beau Watson promised to come but disappointed.
	6 Apr, Tue	Back to town. Did Parliament & correspondence – attended a meeting of Cooperative C'tee of Chambers of Agriculture & a directors meeting at Street Syndicate.
	7 Apr, Wed	Had to be at House to watch an Agric'l & an Irish Bill 12–5.30. Had dinner party at flat – Castletowns, Fingalls, Alfred Lytteltons, Atkinson, Lady Gregory & Miss Minnie Fitzgerald (vice John Oliver Hobbes disappointed last minute). Very cheery Irish evening.
	8 Apr, Thu	Mornings business then long day at House.
	9 Apr, Fri	Saw the Frenchmen in the Street Syndicate at the office in morning. That scheme looks hopeful.  Called on Farrer & Johnson about Johnny & Ernle. J. now refuses to keep his promise to settle £2000 for Ernle's use. The pos[iti]on is hopeless. Attended the whole sitting of Parl't.

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	10 Apr, Sat	Golfed at Eltham with Dunbar Barton – two duffers I the worse. Went to play with Dunraven, Lady Griffin & Daisy – talked kiosks with the two Frenchmen & Bassett Hopkins – all the frivolity after a good mornings letter writing on economic subjects &c.
[Kingston]	11 Apr, Sun	Biked with Lady Griffin, George Haig, Daisy & Dunraven to his house “Kenry” on Kingstown [ <i>sic</i> ] Hill. Had a delightful day’s exercise & rest (mental). In ev[enin]g entertained Evelyn Ashleys & G Balfours, Godkin, O’Conor Don, Dunraven & Daisy. Had asked Mrs. Craigie who disappointed quite at the last moment.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 48, col. 1052-3, 930, 952]	12 Apr, Mon	Pelton meeting in morning. Lady Connemara (recovering from influenza) told us she would not last long & urged a division of reserve capital as she had no heir! Gardiner protested & I decided against.  Kiosk meeting in afternoon.  Then in the house around midnight G Balfour introduced his <del>Bd</del> <del>of</del> Agriculture & Industries Bill. He generously acknowledged that it was based on Recess C’tee recommendations & I noticed in the Debate that Irish Nat[ionalis]t. opinion had veered round to the Recess C’tee & I.A.O.S.
[“The Recess Committee and the Agriculture and Industry Bill”, <i>IH</i> , III:7 (17 Apr 1897), pp. 111-2]	13 Apr, Tue	To bed 2 AM up 6 AM & off by morning mail 7.15 AM to Dublin with Dunning. At once plunged into I.A.O.S. work with Anderson & Gill. Dined (dreary party) with Colonel Plunkett. Indifferent cooking & bad wine.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	14 Apr, Wed	I.A.O.S. work practically all day.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	15 Apr, Thu	Seedy & did little, only muddled away at I.A.O.S. work.
	16 Apr, Fri	After a hard night Daisy & Fingall arrived & insisted on driving me to Killeen. A young Keenan had died on Wednesday & the F’s helped to bury him, they & the two sisters being the only followers to Glasnevin. It was a depressing day (after a rough passage from Eng’d) to have to start immediately on arrival for a funeral.
	17 Apr, Sat	A really easy day, Mary & her family (except Tommy) are at Dunsany. I had a talk with Johnny, which led to nothing, about Ernle. He has forgotten his row with me apparently. Came up to Dublin to keep my room at Club.
	18 Apr, Sun	Down to Dunsany. Mucous diarrhoea attack. Very uncomfortable. Mary & family except Tommy there. We talked family affairs & Poor Ernle’s unhappy lot. I got no good out of Johnny. I fear he has finally decided against doing any justice to his wife.
	19 Apr, Mon	Fairy House Races. The women folk went & I was to go too. But I was too seedy. I had some more talk with Johnny. Rogers turned up & we went into finance. J owes some £7000! He has no capital at all. He has only a life interest in certain funds & accumulations. He has a considerable income. But he fools & gives it away. He is quite hopeless & must I fear go bankrupt. Meanwhile poor Ernle!  Came to Dublin found invit[atio]n to dine at Viceregal. Too seedy.
	20 Apr, Tue	Much better today & got through great arrears of correspondence & some other work. Spring Show was on & I was a steward. The

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		enemy in the R.D.S. I suppose by way of a malicious joke made me Steward of the Home Made Bread exhibit! I had to stand over the Judge who decided betw'n the merits of 3 loaves, a Barm brack & a bun.
	21 Apr, Wed	I.A.O.S. – going though Spring Show – RDS C'tee of Agriculture meeting over Museum with Col. Plunkett. Dined quietly with Cadogan & had terribly hard work explaining his Agriculture & Industries Bill!
	22 Apr, Thu	Meetings of Farmers & I.A.O.S. C'tee work connected with IAOS or Recess C'tee all day.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	23 Apr, Fri	A good meeting of the Recess C'tee. Mayo mad. Redmond obstreperous. But we managed to get on fairly & tomorrow hope to arrive at sensible conclusions about the new Bill. A very difficult task we had to keep the team together.  F Barbour & Mayo dined with me at Club.
	24 Apr, Sat	More Recess C'tee morning & afternoon. Then to Killeen with the Fs when I heard Johnny had been very ill.
	25 Apr, Sun	Went over to see Johnny. He looked wretched. No new symptoms but progressive decay. He is drugging himself to death.
[Text of "Memorandum of the Recess Committee on the Agriculture and Industries Bill", signed by H. Plunkett, T.P. Gill, C. Litton Falkiner, J. Musgrave in <i>IH</i> , III:9 (1 May 1897), pp. 156-9]	26 Apr, Mon	The day was spent chiefly at Recess C'tee work & some I.A.O.S. work in Dublin. Went by night Mail with Fingall & John Atkinson to London.
	27 Apr, Tue	One effect of weakness is that I cannot get through my work after a Journey. Arrived early & the long day dragged on without leaving any work behind it.  I dined with Atkinson at the Carlton and had a confidential talk over the Bd of Agric Bill & my position with regard to the new ministry. I told him I should not take the post if offered because I should lose my influence as an organiser of self help.
	28 Apr, Wed	I wish I had gone on a holiday somewhere. I am not well or fit for work. But I am not ill & could get strong with rest & freedom from worry.  I got through a bit of IAORecess C'tee work.
	29 Apr, Thu	Went to the City to see a man who thought of investing in Beet sugar in Nebraska.  Budget speech in House. But so slack was everybody that the House was only half full. No changes in taxation. Some good post office Reform – no real help to Ireland.
[Letter to G.W. Balfour re the Recess Committee and the Agricultural and Industries Bill, in <i>IH</i> , III:9 (1 May 1897), p. 156]	30 Apr, Fri	After busy morning went to the City on some private business. Then to the House where I wrote my letters. Early count. Dinner at Carlton & home to bed. Got through some Recess C'tee & I.A.O.S. correspondence & work during the day.

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	1 May, Sat	Down to Brighton where that strange “adventurer” T H Myring put up Fingall & me at a House he has taken for 6 weeks for the sake of his 3 children & mother. His wife died a week or two ago. I did not know he had one until she thus became prominent. They are all very bourgeois. He is by far the most interesting personality – chivalrous clever – plausible – preternaturally.
	2 May, Sun	Brighton & Lewes & came back by train. The Myrings are certainly very second class. But T.H.M. interests me. He is Satanically clever. Clever by nature & the life of an adventurer has sharpened his wits. Today he showed me innumerable conjuring tricks – 3 card trick – half crown in purse trick – tricks in writing – forging signatures &c &c.
[Letter from G.W. Balfour in <i>IH</i> , III:10 (8 May 1897) p. 176]	3 May, Mon	Back from Brighton. Did House & dined with Monteagle, met S.H. Butcher who fought G.W.B.’s battle over the new Bill against Monteagle & me.
	4 May, Tue	A Count out at House at 4.50! I got through some work but Jim Power wasted a lot of time talking about the I.I.A. That dear worthy man takes more words to say what he means than any one I know. In action he is just the reverse. He goes straight to the point.
	5 May, Wed	Business 8 hours in the House. Did not listen to debate but voted against Bill. Spent day at sundry business & preparing myself to speak on important financial (Irish) question tomorrow. Took Mary & Dorothy to Palace Theatre Fingall being the fourth.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 48, col. 1631]	6 May, Thu	All day writing for & attending debate on Knox’s motion calling Gov’t. to pay ½ the rates of Irish farmers as they have done those of English farmers. Spoke briefly but I think fairly. All Irish M.P.s against Gov’t. & some English Tories. All English Liberals. Argument with us.
	7 May, Fri	Really resting after yesterday. Daisy came to town & told me the Irish news. She & Fingall dined quietly with me & we had an old time night. He slept & we two dossed! We were all tired.
	8 May, Sat	Worked & biked. Dunraven, Grant Lawson M.P. & the Fs dined with me at 104B. The MP was stupid we all thought.
	9 May, Sun	A lovely day at last. Daisy & I “biked” out to Kenry to lunch with Dunraven. Met my fellow lodger Major Hon Seymour Wynne Finch! & Arthur Paget. Both Society men & not without a leaven of snobbishness. Tried to write a letter to the Times. Failed. Try again tomorrow.
	10 May, Mon	Busy all day. Took Lady Betty Daisy & Dunraven to a play – dined two fours at 104B.
	11 May, Tue	An ordinary Parliamentary & business day. Had a Kiosk meeting & met the Chairman of a Ventry Works Committee at House.
	12 May, Wed	Sunday Closing Ireland Bill 2[nd]R[eading]. for which I voted. But all day taken up with a letter to the Cabinet (& 19 covering letters) on the Irish policy of the Gov’t. Tomorrow the Cabinet meets to settle the course of Irish business in Parl’t & very likely their decision would be fatal to all my & my Irish friends hopes. So I said my say & shall I suppose make them all angry.
	13 May, Thu	Lunched with Col. Plunkett at Science & Art S. Kensington.



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		House. Dined very cheery party Lady Betty's.
["Ireland and the Rating Act", <i>The Times</i> , p. 8]	14 May, Fri	Irish estimates – 9 hours in House. My letter on Rating Act appeared in <i>The Times</i> .
	15 May, Sat	Not well. Could accomplish nothing except clearing away arrears of correspondence.
	16 May, Sun	Train to Taplow with Arnold Forster who proposed to 'bike to Oxford. We got as far as Pangbourne 18 miles doing 12 miles an hour. I could do no more. He went on but did not get far as his machine broke down. It did me good I think.
	17 May, Mon	Dunning having an attack of his malarial fever was kept in bed & will be for a day or two. My whole day was taken up with correspondence & meetings. Dined with JG Butcher at House & met Lord & Lady Rothschild, a Ld. Wenlock & others.
[Cockran] [Text of "Irish Unionist Members – Appeal to the Government" (Plunkett one of 12 signatories) in <i>IH</i> , III:12 (22 May 1897) pp. 210-11]	18 May, Tue	Had a dinner at 104B of 8 friends to meet American Politician W. Bourke Cochrane [ <i>sic</i> ] – Lords Morris & Monteagle, GW Balfour, Saunderson, Arnold Forster, Jebb, Lucy & Lecky. Good discourse – I supplied grand liquor.  Meeting of Irish Unionist M.P.s passed strong resol[utio]ns in favour of Agriculture & Industries Bill & for justice re Rating Bill money.
	19 May, Wed	Erskine Booth turned up & I got him an interview with Chief Secretary re land Commissionership. He made a good impression.  Went out on my new bike. Just after I had jumped off it in a crowded street a wagon charged up, knocking it out of my hand & went over the middle of it. It has to go to New Castle [ <i>sic</i> ] for repairs.  C.D.B. met at Irish Office.  Kiosk meeting. Left by 10.15 PM new North Wall train. Slept <u>all the way</u> to Holyhead where got into comfortable boat.
	20 May, Thu	Arrived 7.30 AM. Comfortably to Club for breakfast. Delightful service.  Called on Cadogan. Evidently Agriculture & Industries Bill to be dropped.  Writing speech for the IAOS annual tomorrow all day.
[Text of address to IAOS annual meeting in <i>IH</i> , III:13 (29 May 1897), pp. 229-31]  [ <i>vis inertiae</i> – power of inertia]	21 May, Fri	I.A.O.S. annual. Good representative meeting. Farmers from all over Ireland. Spoke in favor of Agriculture & Industries Bill. While I was speaking Arthur Balfour was unfolding in the House a large & liberally financed policy of Local Gov't (including the withdrawal of the A & I Bill) which was received with a "chorus of approval". This is great policy but also a knockdown blow to our Economic policy. It redoubles my work. But I will force my policy against opposition & <i>vis inertiae</i> in Ireland upon the British Government. Oh for strength (physical).
	22 May, Sat	Tired. Went down to see Johnny. Much better physically. Some weight gained. But as unreasonable as ever. Won't treat Ernle decently. Won't let her use his (Peer's) seats for Jubilee procession. It "would complicate" his "position"!!! Night mail to London.
	23 May, Sun	Arrived early. Biked to Richmond with a party to meet with the

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		Dalziels. Called with Daisy on Lady Betty who was in wild glee at the triumph of the Government.
	24 May, Mon	Not at all well. The worry of events has upset me.  Went to the fine arts exhib'n & saw much work which might be, a little that was, done in Irish rural districts. Went also to see Victorian Era exhib'n. Mostly advertisements & "side shows". Then the House – Employers Liability. Dined with John Atkinson & wife!
	25 May, Tue	House. Letters (Dunning being absent). Daisy & Poppy to tea on Terrace. Dined with Dalziels & on to Blumenthals.
	26 May, Wed	Dined with the Loughs. Regular Home Rule party.
	27 May, Thu	House most of day. Dunning came back to me & I got through some arrears of correspondence.
	28 May, Fri	Half crazy with abscess in ear all day. Went to House to talk on Estimates but was too unwell to do anything.
	29 May, Sat	Still the abscess. Got through no work at all. Moped simply.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	30 May, Sun	Went on River – Maidenhead to Marlow with the Dalziels in steam launch – Fingalls, G. de Robeck, Proud, Eddy.
	31 May, Mon	Kiosk meeting. Inter Parliamentary chess match – 5 M.P.s self (Captain) J.H. Parnell, A Strauss, Atherley Jones, F.W. Wilson against 5 Congressmen in Washington. Direct wire over 4000 miles from Parliament of U.S. to Committee Room 12, H. of C. I played bishop's gambit & won in 16 moves, over which I took 5¼ minutes. Strauss beaten. Other three adjourned till Tuesday looked 1 even, 2 in favor of Yankees. Speed & accuracy marvellous. I played a second friendly game with my opponent & mated him in 18 moves in 1 hour and 15 minutes – and 4 other games – complimentary messages &c going on all the time.
	1 Jun, Tue	The chess match concluded – a draw. It looks as if it would become an annual function. I took chief part in consultation game, Strauss & Shaw being my confederates. We left it at end of sitting to arbitration. We had a cleanly won pawn ending.
	2 Jun, Wed	Went to T.?Mark ?Hoveld, throat & ear doctor. He advised me not to have my tonsils out and treated my ear successfully. His general advise was rest & air.  Dined with Sir H. Howarth with a cheerless but influential! party.
	3 Jun, Thu	The House has become dull & dreary for Irish politicians now. Took Dorothy, Conny, Raymond, Gerty de Robeck & D Lawless to an Adelphi melodrama.
	4 Jun, Fri	Packing up & getting away to Ireland. Left 10.15 train from Euston.  Spent most of day writing letter to Irish papers on economic policy of Irish people.
	5 Jun, Sat	Arrived early & spent the day with the IAOS folk. Then R.A.A. & I came down to Killeen where the Fs, Dalziel & daughter, Proud, Alice Keenan made the rest of party. Weather glorious & the Country at its best – and such a blessed quiet.

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	6 Jun, Sun	A quiet day with Anderson chiefly. But we went to Trim to see the Ruins. I biked back. Just enough exercise, & we are having splendid sleep.
	7 Jun, Mon	To Dublin & Baldoyle Races – the whole party except Anderson.
	8 Jun, Tue	To Dublin to see Fr. Finlay, T.P. Gill &c. Back by midday & the perfect rest – one can sleep better at Killeen than any place.
	9 Jun, Wed	The party left except Daisy & Alice Keenan. I stayed on for one more days “Laze”.
	10 Jun, Thu	Up to Dublin where work all day C.D.B., I.A.O.S. Dublin Express meeting of debenture holders. R.D.S. agric’l. C’tee &c &c. Dined with J G Barton & T P Gill to talk over College of Science building & other educational matters.
	11 Jun, Fri	Up 5.30 AM. Train to Lahinch 6.40 AM arrived 1.10 P.M. Very few at Club but fine day. Soft wind off sea – picked up at once. It is grand air. Had a gentle ½ round of golf.
	12 Jun, Sat	Golf
	13 Jun, Sun	Golf
	14 Jun, Mon	Golf. Today all the guests but two left – & they are building additional rooms. Hope springs eternal.
	15 Jun, Tue	Today the last two guests went & later there arrived a Mrs. Baker of Limerick & her daughter. And the weather has broken. Wind & rain all day & nothing but 3 holes at golf to relieve the Monotony. Also to add to the gloom the clerk of the works at the Hotel addition or ‘annex’ died of epilepsy and an English solicitor drank himself to death in the village.
	16 Jun, Wed	Left Lahinch – the Hotel in ?charge of an old Lady & her daughter – early. Biked from Ennis station to New Hall to see R.V. O’Brien. Only found Mrs. Had pleasant chat & on by mail to Dublin. R.A.A. joined at Limerick Junc[tio]n. Gathered things going well. But loose-ends a bit south. Must consolidate & improve rather than spread.
[Letter to Editor of <i>IH</i> , “The New Irish Policy”, III:16 (19 Jun 1897), supplement] [Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee]	17 Jun, Thu	C.D.B. & I.A.O.S. most of the day. Finished letter to Irish Papers urging people to claim agricultural & industrial policy promised by Gov’t. T. P. Gill, poor fellow buried a brother yesterday, & came to Dublin at 6 P.M. I had to work him hard at many things before he saw me off for England by the Mail from Westland Row. Boat crowded with people going to “Jubilaté”.
	18 Jun, Fri	Arrived early, wrote some 40 letters. Did the House. Made some Jubilee arrangements & went to bed with an abscess in the ear which stood between me & sleep.
	19 Jun, Sat	A sleepless night – last night – abscess prevented my doing anything worth doing all day.
	20 Jun, Sun	Wretched with abscess. Could not go River party asked to by Dalziels. Saw Johnny, more eccentric than ever & terribly nervous.
	21 Jun, Mon	House. Irish members behaving ungraciously about Congratulatory address to Queen. Herr Von Diefenbach collaborator with & successor to work of Steinbeis of Würt[t]emberg dined with me to meet Recess C’tee. Could only

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		<p>collect O'Conor Don. Got Geoffrey Drage, B. Holland, G.R. Redgrave, Science &amp; Art Dep't to meet him.</p> <p>Saw W.H.C. Staveley FRCS, 13 S. Eaton Place today, Monteagle's doctor. Advice animal diet to be tried, regular exercise essential.</p>
	22 Jun, Tue	Saw the Procession from Speaker's Pew where I took Mary & Dorothy. It was a grand sight.
[Tempes – times]	23 Jun, Wed	<p>Opened International Ladies Chess Congress at Hotel Cecil. Attended at Buckingham Palace at Presentation of address of Commons to Queen. Went in "Levee Dress" as Privy Councillors were so ordered[,] they having right to "know Her Majesty's Pleasure". Unhappily no other P.C.s were in any but P.C. uniform. So I kept in back ground with rush of M.P.s &amp; did not see Queen on Throne.</p> <p>In evening Mayos &amp; Wyndham Quins (Lady Eva failed) Fingalls, B. Hollands, Miss Fowler, Dorothy, Ralph Stuart Wortley dined with me &amp; I took them to see illuminations in 'Bus – out till 2 A.M. Tempes of most excellent.</p>
	24 Jun, Thu	<p>Dined with the Haigs to meet Mrs. Astor – the Mrs. A of N.Y. Society. I thought her not very interesting or refined but I only heard her speaking to others. Sat next Little Lady Hesketh. Knowing something of her life I was much touched to find her wrapped up in her two boys both at Eton &amp; determined that they shant fail in life through any fault of hers.</p> <p>Did the House. Spent afternoon showing constituents (over for Jubilee) round.</p>
	25 Jun, Fri	Johnny looked in at my rooms for first time since I have had them. Wasted day in small pottering business.
	26 Jun, Sat	Went with Denis Lawless to Naval Review on Cunarder Campania at Spithead. Slept on Board & saw the Illuminations. Most impressive sight by day & more so by night. The whole outline of the ships was delineated by electric lights & one could see the war ships better by night as one could distinguish them by the lights from other craft & see them all together. Slept on Board. Chartered by H. of C. for Review £5.5/- a head charged for nights lodging! Johnny & Eddy were on Board. He is a melancholy sight poor fellow now.
	27 Jun, Sun	<p>Terribly hot cabin – noisy too. No sleep to speak of &amp; up at 6.30. Back to town with Denis &amp; Eddy, poor Johnny staying in S'hampton for no reason I could understand.</p> <p>Met among passengers Oscar Browning &amp; had a very interesting chat.</p>
	28 Jun, Mon	Queen's Garden Party. Lovely day & lovely ladies. Gorgeous Indians &c. Meanwhile the Gov't got defeated by the Irish, who sat tight in three divisions!
	29 Jun, Tue	Johnny whom I left at S'hampton did not turn up today but is to arrive at the Savoy in the small hours. Fingall & I met an important Paddington vestryman at the House & hope it may lead to a Kiosk concession. Dined with the Fs to meet the Eugene Kellys – they are very rich – have made it out of the Irish Americans & may help our work. They have taken a house in St.

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[Kauffmann]		James Sq. No. 20 a lovely Angelica Kaufman [ <i>sic</i> ] work.
	30 Jun, Wed	Deadly dull dinner at Bannatynes. Did little all day. Too cheap.
	1 Jul, Thu	Military Review at Aldershot. A fine day & ~ pleasant company (party Ashtons, Daisy, Scarbrough, "Puff" Gore) was enjoyable.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 50, col. 955]	2 Jul, Fri	House 3.30 / 2. Irish Estimates. Lady Betty, Miss Bradley Lady Warwick's P. sec, Daisy, Capt. Sinclair tea'd on Terrace & we had an Industrial pow-wow.
	3 Jul, Sat	Went to Windsor with the whole House of Commons (except the Nationalists) & their wives to see the Queen. Queen's weather. Then with 4 changes got to Broadlands, Romsey for a very late dinner on B B Co business but Ashley & I were alone for Lady Alice was indisposed.
	4 Jul, Sun	Such an interesting House. Pictures, books, scrapbooks – endless letters from <del>every</del> celebrities of this & many former generations. But George Price & old Berthon were there all day & we talked Boat Company shop. Talking of celebrities Stead has me in the "Notables of the Empire" a Jubilee production of his.
	5 Jul, Mon	Back from Broadlands after Directors meeting at the works. Old Berthon so hopelessly wrong-headed & impracticable that little good was done. Evening at House with Ladies Chess Congress function thrown in.
	6 Jul, Tue	Treated myself to a game of golf with Col. Saunderson at Eltham – then did House.
	7 Jul, Wed	A wedding (Miss Maud Morris to Capt. Wynne), the House where Verminous Persons Bill & Plumbers Registration blocked Womens Suffrage Bill, a bicycle ride after dinner & many letters.
	8 Jul, Thu	After mornings work golfed at Wimbledon with Donkin v Platt Higgins M.P. I taking on these two with the "Pro" Taylor (ex champion). Enjoyed it much. Back to town & House after dinner with Beau Watson to meet the Pearsons.  Got a mad letter from Johnny saying he would not see me or open letters from me any more to avoid danger of complete estrangement.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 50, col. 1496-7]	9 Jul, Fri	Irish Estimates & 8 hours work at House. Most unhealthy.
	10 Jul, Sat	Got through correspondence – saw the boys from Eton for Eton & Harrow match, decided to go abroad, dined Tesche & had a great pow-wow over old Times.  Dalziel called in on way to train for Evian les Bains where I shall probably go & see him. He will, I think, buy up The Express if he gets it on proper terms & put editorial department in hands of self & friends – T.P. to be editor.
	11 Jul, Sun	Went on the River with the Toby Cairnes', Tesche & Daisy. Very enjoyable.
	12 Jul, Mon	Day at House getting pair & seeing sundry persons prior to winding up my session. Dined with Conny & Raymond & went to a "Drum" given by Lady Warwick to Educationalists.

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[Baron Tweedmouth was Lady A's brother.]	13 Jul, Tue	Tummy ache. House. Dinner with Tweedmouths to meet Lady Aberdeen.
[Reid and Gray – Reid (US diplomat) and Sen. Gray were to be Peace Commissioners re 1898 settlement of Spanish-American War] [query in original]	14 Jul, Wed	Presided at conference on “Education of Women in Agriculture” at Victorian Era Exhib'n” got up by Lady Warwick. Dreary performance. Some 200 people in a Theatre which might hold some 8000. Met Professor Robertson Dairy Commissioner in Canada who has persuaded his Government to adopt for Canada Recess Committee policy.  Women's Jubilee Dinner at Grafton Galleries “100 busy women invited 100 distinguished men” as they nicely put it. Most interesting result. I never enjoyed discourse so much. Whitelaw Reid special Jubilee envoy from U.S. and George Gray – most interesting man was ?
	15 Jul, Thu	Golfed at Wimbledon with Donkin, Platt Higgins & Bevan Edwards. Dined with Connemaras to meet some Royalties – ugh!
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 51, col. 349-50]	16 Jul, Fri	P.O. Estimates preparing therefor & 9 hours at House! took all day. I called Gov't attention to fact that large Irish Savings Bank business was done in London.
	17 Jul, Sat	Took tickets for Schwalbach. Wrote up arrears of correspondence & went to Wimbledon again to play golf with Donkin. Frieved with Fingall – a real ½ holiday.
	18 Jul, Sun	Went to Eton to see Harry's Tutor. Harry was away on “Exeat” at Dunstall. But Somerville had a long talk with me & enabled me to learn all there was to know about Harry & a good deal about S. I liked the latter. He is not brilliant but very sensible & thoroughly frank & straight. Harry was I gather doing well enough for a soldier. He won't be a man of intellect. He is a bit careless & unattentive. Discipline will put that right & I think he will pass his exams without difficulty.
	19 Jul, Mon	Shopping & packing. Chief event of day Prof. Robertson's dining with me & then coming on for a confab with the Chief Sect. on whom he seemed to make an impression.
	20 Jul, Tue	Pelton meeting. Then long meeting of I.I.A. seeing Bankers, Solicitors, writing many letters & off by 5.30 from Victoria for Schwalbach via Ostend Cologne Wiesbaden.
	21 Jul, Wed	Soon after midnight got into Wagon-Lit (mercifully cool evening) & got about 4 hours sleep when I was roused to pass my baggage on the Frontier at Herbestal. Changed at Cologne & got on to Wiesbaden where Daisy met me & we went after 2½ hours delay to Schwalbach where I found Mrs. Willie, Andrew Carden & her domiciled in the Hotel Continental & Miss Florence in Metropole. With the latter we supped and made plans for Switzerland. Saw a sensible doctor. Recommends waters & bathes but gives the well known advice Rest Rest Rest. He says neurazthemic [ <i>sic</i> ] patients from America & Eng'd greatly on increase.
	22 Jul, Thu – 26 Jul, Tue	Nothing to Record
	27 Jul, Tue	[No entry]
	28 Jul, Wed	I can now say this place agrees with me. I am so pulled down that it would take a long course of treatment (chiefly rest) to get me up

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		again & unhappily the movement in Ireland must be pushed forward at any sacrifice. Daisy, Miss Burke & I start for Switzerland tomorrow for a fortnight or so & then I must get back quick.
	29 Jul, Thu	We three started for Switzerland via Frankfurt (where we met & supped with Tesche) Basel, Bienne, Neufchatel & Lausanne to The Rochers de Naye, a Hotel 6700 feet above sea by funicular & cog railway from Territet (suburb of Montreux) via Glion & Caux.
	30 Jul, Fri	Basel for breakfast & beautiful slow journey through Switzerland. Naye is on top of a pinnacle of rocks – the immediate foreground not being equal at all to Murren & the grandeur being too distant. One can't go up to snow but must descend to get anywhere else. Hotel rough. Company all foreign very 2nd class. Nobody stays here. It is a place to see the sun set & rise from and then to leave. However it suits us. We seek health first & what else we can get in the way of enjoyment.
[ <i>assister</i> . . . – “help with the sunrise”; <i>se coucher</i> – put itself to bed]	31 Jul, Sat	A ruffian automatically thundered at our doors at 4.20 AM to invite us “ <i>assister au lever de soleil</i> ”. The ladies were furious. However we saw the sun <i>se coucher</i> & must certainly do the more severe ordeal before we go. I have a touch of lumbago which is rather a nuisance up here. But the air is life giving.
	1 Aug, Sun	Loafed.
	2 Aug, Mon	Ditto
	3 Aug, Tue	Went down early to Territet & took boat on Lake Léman via Vevey & Lausanne across to Evian Le[s] Bains in France. There we saw Dalziel & family almost the only English folk doing a French water cure. The place will I think be bought up by a Co headed by D. and will likely become a great success. We came back the opposite direction hugging the shore of the upper end of the lake where the Rhone rushes in. Delightful day.
	4 Aug, Wed	Daisy & I walked down to Chillon where we did the famous Chateau. Most interesting. The associations of the place are however horrible.
	5 Aug, Thu	Lunched – the three of us with the Blumenthals in their villa above Montreux. The villa is covered with flowers & creepers – rather too much sheltered by trees but gloriously situated about 1000 feet above the lake. They were nice & hospitable. The Dalziels came up to see the sun set & rise.
	6 Aug, Fri	The only bad day we have had. Rain & fog. Dalziels miserable. Went down again to Vevey.
	7 Aug, Sat	I left 7.7 AM for Zermatt Daisy & F[lorenc]e].B[urke]. following later. Dalziels with Mr. & Mrs. Kirkland – appalling Amer'ns – picked me up at Territet. Journey all the way up Rhone & when one gets into the upper waters the scenery is delightful. We had an observation car & greatly enjoyed it.  Zermatt delightful old Swiss Chalet mountain town not spoiled by the Hotels. The native life & the Tourism go on side by side.

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	8 Aug, Sun	I was rather seedy after long constipation inevitable diarrhoea supervening. However strolled about & enjoyed the scenery. Had long talks with Dalziel chiefly on his business affairs. He offered me a chance of going into a syndicate with him to float a Co which looks good sound business. I should be very glad to relieve my pos[iti]o[n] by lifting some of my Amer'n mortgages. With an assured income I could do great things in Ireland.
	9 Aug, Mon	Rode & walked up to the Riffel Alp Hotel about 7000 ft above the sea – lazy ride – good Hotel. But I was too seedy to enjoy it.
	10 Aug, Tue	We all walked except Daisy & the old Mrs. Dalziel who went by train to Randa about 7 or 8 miles down the Rhone. Back by train & more gentle exercise. Much better today.
	11 Aug, Wed	Took Daisy & Independent Anna as I call Miss Burke to The Gorner Grat a rocky eminence 10,000 ft above the sea from which a glorious view of the surrounding Peaks rewards a not very arduous climb & a very easy ride! D. had a very nasty roll on the snow trying to glissade down the mountain side but was not hurt. In evening a director of the Jura Simplon Railway came to see Dalziel & told us a lot about Switzerland.
	12 Aug, Thu	6.40 AM train to the Blumenthals at their villa. Reached for late lunch. Special train to Viège furnished by the friendly director. Daisy & I parted from the Dalziel crowd at Montreux, Miss Burke going on with them to Vevey. We two were dead tired & I was not sorry it rained cats & dogs so that we had no physical exercise. Mrs. Lyulph Stanley arrived at night.
	13 Aug, Fri	Rested all day with most restful host & hostess in most restful & really enjoyable surroundings.
[“How to Make an Industrial Population”, in <i>IH</i> , III:24 (14 Aug 1897), pp. 452-3]	14 Aug, Sat	Had to leave by night train for Paris with Daisy & Miss Burke.
	15 Aug, Sun	½ day in Paris ½ day at Dieppe. Then night boat to Newhaven.
	16 Aug, Mon	Arrived after a rather hot uncomfortable night 5.30 A.M. at Newhaven & 8 AM London. Spent day with Dunning dealing with arrears of correspondence & packing up for removal to Ireland. Took D Lawless, Dunning, Daisy, Miss Burke & Angelica Keenan to play.
	17 Aug, Tue	Still Packing up & helping Daisy to do same. We all went to Ireland, she by mail to Killeen, Miss Burke to Bray, Dunning to Leopardstown & I by N' Wall to K St. Club.
	18 Aug, Wed	Arrived early & went to Kingstown to be on the Pier to Receive D[uke]. of York who landed at noon. He had a very good reception. Times <u>are</u> better. Short day with Anderson at I.A.O.S. work. Feel much better for my Swiss trip though at the moment I have a heavy cold.
	19 Aug, Thu	Opening of the Textile Exhib'n. Great crowd to see D. of York saw & will advertise Exhib'n. Wonderful engine for good, high position. If only one could be a Royalty for five years in Ireland. However I have influence of a kind as plain H.P. & must make the most of it.
	20 Aug, Fri	A Privy Council at which I helped to make the D of York swear



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[KP – Knight of St. Patrick]		that he would not (among other crimes) disinherit the Queen. Then the Investiture of D of York & Ld. Roberts as K.P.s, a quaint & picturesque ceremonial which just escapes being ridiculous. Dined at Kingstown with a Pall Mall Gazette special correspondent to whom explained our movement.
	21 Aug, Sat	After morning answering correspondence & c down with D Lawless to Killeen for a dine & sleep. The Frank Plunketts (He she & Nelly) were there.
	22 Aug, Sun	Might have been a day of rest at Killeen (though Lady Plunkett is not restful) but that I had to drive up to dine with the Cadogans to meet the D. of York. There were other Royalties & one could not stand or sit anywhere without turning one's back on Royalty or vice R[oyalt]y. Lady Plunkett consulted me about Nelly's matrimonial prospects & asked me to try & help her to run the Earl of Westmeath to ground!
	23 Aug, Mon	Busy day at I.A.O.S. Then dined with Land Agents Assoc'n. & had to make a speech. Made a serious economic very before dinner oration. I hope it may do some good. Dinner did me much harm.
	24 Aug, Tue	A meeting of the Recess C'ttee to appoint a subcommittee to enquire into agric'l credit.  Had to lunch at Mansion House. Civic function – 2 hours at table! indigestion.  Went out to dine at Malahide with Gill to talk over our movement & plans. Too sleepy to arrive at any conclusions.
	25 Aug, Wed	Golfed with Anderson & Beau Watson. The Horse Show. Biggest crowd ever seen there to greet the D of York. Loyalty on increase. W.W. dined at Club with me. Then Textile Exhib'n again.
	26 Aug, Thu	Two meetings today – Irish Cattle Traders Assoc'n annual at which of course I advocated Bd of Agriculture & a lecture at Mansion House by Geo de Belle Ball on Coop'n in Irish Industries which I attended in order to ingratiate myself with a really good fellow worker & supporter of the I.A.O.S.
[Arrah na Pogue (The Wicklow Wedding), Dion Bouciacult, 1864]	27 Aug, Fri	Am wasting time through difficulty of making plans.  Took Mary & her girls to Arrah na Pogue at the Queen's Theatre. The audience were the chief interest though the spirit of the play was not at all badly kept up.
	28 Aug, Sat	Industrial meeting at Textile Exhib'n. Golf with R.A.A. & down to Killeen where the <del>Frank</del> May & Nelly Plunkett & Gradwells were staying. Ld. Westmeath was brought down too for Nelly Plunkett to try her hand on.
	29 Aug, Sun	Nothing to do – that is what I like – except to try and convert Westmeath to the new movement (I.A.O.S.). Mutton headed rather though he is musical and reads I think.
[chez lui – at home]	30 Aug, Mon	Back to Dublin & miscellaneous work at I.A.O.S. Dined with Ashbournes at Howth Castle. Met Judges W. O'Brien & Fitzgibbon. The former a great power of language – great & wide knowledge but singularly out of touch with actualities. Evidently lives a hermits life chez lui. Fitzgibbon clever & I should say not scrupulous.

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To Balfour, Lady Betty	31 Aug, Tue	A very important & well attended meeting of I.A.O.S. C'tee. Then biked to Kingstown where I dined Geo de Belle Ball. Did good work on him. H. Lee Dillon, son & heir of Ld. Dillon aetat 23 came to IAOS office. I explained our movement to him & I think he may turn out a very useful successor to the work of some of us.
<i>Fr Balfour, Lady Betty</i>	1 Sep, Wed	Ld. Cadogan sent for me & poured out his mind on Irish affairs to my sympathetic ear. He wanted my views as he has often done before, but he talked incessantly & could not bring himself to listen.
	2 Sep, Thu	Mucous diarrhoea aggravated by extraordinarily chilly weather for the time of year. Could get through no work, only did a little touting for I.A.O.S.
	3 Sep, Fri	After busy morning went by Killarney express (4½ hours to S.H. Butcher's where I met JGB, GWB & Lady Betty, & a Miss Hill from Donegal. There dined Professor Tyrrell (very clever & amusing) & wife dull & dowdy. Good discourse. GWB & I had the usual wrangle, my sentiment against his dry logic. Good exercise – no points gained on either side!
[GGB - GWB (Gerald William Balfour)]  [Report of interview in <i>London Daily Chronicle</i> , in <i>IH</i> , III:27 (4 Sep 1897), p. 536]	4 Sep, Sat	I had to go to Kilcooley. It was a heavenly day & I regretted necessity of again leaving Killarney without seeing the sights. But I gained my object which was to let Lady Betty know exactly what I felt towards G.B.B. [ <i>sic</i> ] She thought I had lost faith in him & was in fact a bit ungenerous.  At Kilcooley found whole family and some soldiers & a Mr. Thesiger. Boys – possibles but not desirables. Poor Mary has missed her ambition some how as regards her entourage. Hard for she works like a + mother for her girls.
	5 Sep, Sun	Rained all day & I felt depressed. Mary told me sad things about Alice. Her temper – troublesome enough when she was a child – is insufferable now. But whether she is provoked I cannot tell. De Courcy came to see me. He is bankrupt which does not increase his influence as an organiser. He told me that the societies were still true to their principles but were getting loose in their attendance & less keen. He wants me to attend his district conferences & stimulate them. I must do this.
	6 Sep, Mon	Up early & off at 7. 8.45 AM from Thurles to Dublin for heavy days writing before leaving for the organising trip in the south & west. Saw Daisy on her return from the Royal tour. She told me many interesting things about the Duke & D[uche]ss of York & their reception. She, poor little woman is unhappy – I fear not without reason at her financial prospects.
[Text of address at Eyrecourt in <i>IH</i> , III:27 (11 Sep 1897) pp. 554-5]	7 Sep, Tue	Left Dublin 9.15 with Bourne for Banagher (12.35) where we met PJ Hannon our Galway organiser. After lunch in a beastly Hotel went on to Eyre Court for a meeting. Several squires or squireens, 1 C.C., a few tenant farmers turned up & I hope we made a start in coop organ[isatio]n. Saw the "Castle" of the Eyres. Finest carved wood stair case I ever saw – but painted first white they say – & then to imitate the underlying oak.  Put up with John Gairdner, Lisbeg – a Scotch land agent &

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		gentleman farmer – good sort. Pleasant Scotch family. Very comfortable. Clean plain living.
[Hannon]	8 Sep, Wed	Left my kind host & hostess & drove to Banagher where I met Bourne (housed elsewhere) & took Shannon steamer to Mount Shannon for Scariff. Torrents of rain all the way made the 4½ hours trip uninteresting & uncomfortable. Food & service vile. At Portumna Shannon [ <i>sic</i> ]came on & we drove from Mt. Shannon to Scariff in time for a fine meeting in schoolhouse. Good attendance & creamery will result. I spoke well & effectively without notes for 45 minutes. Drove in close carriage to Ennis. But carriage broke down at Tulla & we were out till 3 AM before 2 cars landed us at County Club. Very cold east wind & some discomfort. Loss of sleep from chill. But glad of success of days work.
	9 Sep, Thu	Left the comfortable Club at Ennis, trained to Ardahan & drove with Bourne & <del>Hannon</del> to Kilcornan for a meeting at Oranmore. Redington & family sympathised coldly with our scheme & took no interest in our attempt to help their poorer neighbours. At the meeting Hannon told me he had found out that the P.P. had consulted D. Sheehy (his M.P.) & Dillon about the I.A.O.S. He was told to give it no countenance – that my object was my own political aggrandisement & his abasement & so on. This is worth knowing.
	10 Sep, Fri	Drove to Coole Park (Lady Gregory's) to spy out the land for I.A.O.S. She had a meeting of influential farmers & I gave them a discourse (Dull). However a Society will be formed I have no doubt. W. B. Yeats the young Poet, a rebel, a mystic & an ass, but really a genius in a queer way I believe, & Edward Martin [ <i>sic</i> ] a clever writer of the more masculine kind were fellow guests. It was amusing & not by any means a waste of time. Galway has been a great surprise to me.
	11 Sep, Sat	Saw the Gort Convent – promised them a loom (hand-woollen), went on to Limerick & attended meeting of I.C.A.S. at which it was decided to move to Dublin if arrangements could be made, & came to Lahinch with Anderson. Found the Hotel crowded to suffocation.
	12 Sep, Sun	Played one “foursome” the easiest day's golf possible & found I was too weak for it after the past week's work. I must rest more after work or I shall permanently weaken my constitution.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	13 Sep, Mon	Golfed mildly in glorious weather.
	14 Sep, Tue	Golfed & biked. Weather still glorious & doing me lots of good.
	15 Sep, Wed	Golf in morning & the weather broke, so we (R.A.A. & I) left without the sighs we should otherwise have let fall. We went to Limerick J[unctio]n where I slept or should have done but for the engines. On way through Limerick I paid a night visit to Peter Fitzgerald re Kilcooley estate a/cs &c.
[Report of address to Clonmel conference in <i>IH</i> , III:30 (25 Sep 1897), pp. 589; text of address, pp. 592-3]	16 Sep, Thu	Conference at Clonmel (Ormond Hotel apparently clean). Count Moore in chair some 6 societies represented. Chairman spoke well – I practical dreary sense – Anderson A1. Poole Wilson Gov't. dairy instructor attended & lectured on creamery management. On whole did good to cause & some harm to self as I was tired out. Came to Dublin by mail & got good sleep at K St.

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	17 Sep, Fri	Tired from yesterday. Wrote up arrears of letters & did little else. Organising work with Anderson off & on through the day however.
	18 Sep, Sat	Down to Nenagh with Anderson for another Conference. Spoke well I think & certainly made a good impression on the farmers who came (the best of them too) in fair weather. Another Capital P.P. Fr. John Gleeson spoke in favour of the movement. A Mr. Vaughan Grand Master of the King's Co. Orangemen was also much in evidence. The movement makes strange bedfellows.  Lunched at the Hotel of P.J. O'Brien M.P. Saw him & he of course would not come to the meeting. But he must have been struck with its success.
	19 Sep, Sun	To Killeen where Daisy, Will Dease & his new nice dull wife, Toby Cairnes & his lively ditto. Sad day with Johnny who is gradually approaching the stage of imbecility – a complete physical & mental breakdown.
[query in original]	20 Sep, Mon	Over with Nat Preston about Dunsany Stores – now 20 years old by the way – & apparently going down hill. The rest of day with Johnny. Terribly sad depressing experience. JG Butcher came to Killeen in evening. The others left in morning. The one cheering factor in home? life is Daisy's warm tactful sympathy.
	21 Sep, Tue	To Dublin & very busy day with Dunning, Anderson & Fr. Finlay.
	22 Sep, Wed	Up 5 AM down to Londonderry by Morning mail with R.A.A. & a rather dreary Englishman who poses as a flax expert. Lunch at a beastly hotel (Jury's – the best!) then a conference of 2 creameries & 1 agric'l soc'y (Londonderry). The latter mostly represented & were simply a body of strong farmers of the superior & quite selfish kind. A regular frost set in at the meeting & it was one of the many failures one has to go through in these meetings before one real success is achieved. R.A.A. & I slept at Buncrana to get sea air & perhaps golf. But an equinoctial was blowing & it was pouring.
	23 Sep, Thu	Early to Derry & on viâ Omagh to Pomeroy where a dull meeting to start a creamery. Then to Beragh next station to Omagh where an improvised meeting of local farmers. At this I was at my best & we thoroughly indoctrinated them. There will be a strong society. Then to Omagh where we put up at an excellent clean hotel Royal Arms.
[Text of address to Omagh conference in <i>IH</i> , III:31 (2 Oct 1897), pp. 612-4]	24 Sep, Fri	Excellent meeting – 10 societies represented about 80 strong. I spoke better & never was more appreciated. I felt for the first time that my work was understood. Anderson & I left Omagh in good spirits & came on to Bundoran where we put up in the G[reat].N[orthern].R[ailway]. Hotel.
[Johnston had a wooden leg. Wife-Annette Tredennick]	25 Sep, Sat	Blowing a S.W. gale so did not try to bike to Lissadell. Stayed at Bundoran & went to see a local Cooperator "Sainty" St. George R. Johns[t]on, Mount Prospect, Kinlough, a funny old wooden legged wife [ <i>sic</i> ] with a Cornish wife. Had a little golf over a bad 9 hole course.
	26 Sep, Sun	Set out in a waggonette with our Bikes aboard as it still blew "great furies" & we could not make our way to Lissadell

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		otherwise. Glorious views & perfect blue sky with scudding clouds & lovely view of Donegal bay. Lissadell – all Gore Booths at home & many guests. Delightfully situated house on the bay running up to Sligo.
[Text of address to Sligo conference in <i>IH</i> , III:31 (2 Oct 1897), pp. 611-2]	27 Sep, Mon	Conference at Sligo. Very good discussion. I eulogised Josslyn Gore Booth most deservedly when I saw the excellent work he had done. I spoke fairly.
	28 Sep, Tue	Left the Gore Booths early & drove – the same organising party as yesterday – to Sligo whence by rail to Ballymote. I did not do well, was tired & tiring. The people were not as nice as at Sligo.  Back to Dublin. Found that all my letters from the Club to Omagh had been forwarded to Armagh! by the Hall Porter. Great business inconvenience.
	29 Sep, Wed	IAOS work hard all day. Dined with Gerald Fitzgerald and had good talk on Land & other Irish questions.
[Report of address to Tullamore conference in <i>IH</i> , III:32 (9 Oct 1897), p. 636]	30 Sep, Thu	Went down with RAA to Conference at Tullamore. Then drove to Portarlinton where we met Moritz Bonn en route to Kilcooley. We there picked up Fr. Finlay at Thurles & went on arriving pretty late at night. Found Mary & girls – George de Belle Ball had done his best to make the Tullamore conf[eren]ce a success. It was a fair gathering & I think we spread the light a bit.
[Report of address to Urlingford conference in <i>IH</i> , III:32 (9 Oct 1897), pp. 637-8]	1 Oct, Fri	After busy morning writing & talking about I.A.O.S. went to Urlingford Conf'ce. About 60 farmers present & Fr. F. threw pearls of oratory to these swine. No I must not be bitter. Some of them appreciate the principles of the movement & they are not worse than the average farmer of this part of Ireland.
[Letter to Dillon and Harrington, M.P.s, replying to their circular re distress in some Irish districts in <i>IH</i> , III:32 (9 Oct 1897), p. 640 ]	2 Oct, Sat	Left Kilcooley with Anderson, held Conference at Thurles – badly organised 1½ hours late – but fairly satisfactory. Blandford of the Labour Copartnership Assoc'n. came over to it with one Lloyd American economist studying cooperation. Latter made excellent speech. To Dublin where met Dunning, H. Lee Dillon eldest son of Ld. Dillon dined with me at K. St. Club and finally swore allegiance to Plunkettism in Irish politics. He told me Ld. Ashbourne warned him strongly against me as a dangerous faddist. Wrote a public letter giving my reasons why I would not accept Harrington & Dillon's invit[atio]n to call on A Balfour to summon Parliament to deal with alleged famine.
	3 Oct, Sun	Down for Sunday at Dunsany. Johnny physically certainly better. But the mental ?inactivity bad as ever. Had a fairly restful day considering distressing surroundings. Was worn out with last weeks work. 5 conferences, 5 long hard speeches & all the travelling.
	4 Oct, Mon	Left Johnny all alone at Dunsany & drove to Navan with Dunning. Very poor meeting – about 30 persons. Had to work just as hard as if there had been 300. Hope did some good with the few however. Dunning went to Dublin. Loftus Bryan & I slept at Randlestown – went to see the example plot of the Donaghpatrick Society.
	5 Oct, Tue	To Dublin where very busy ½ day chiefly I.A.O.S. work. Then with Anderson to the Loughs at Killeshandra.

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		I lunched Maurice Hussey (son of the Kerry agent S. Hussey) Lord Dillon's Agent & thoroughly convinced him of the virtues of Coop'n in agriculture. In the train I think I converted Farnham. A good bag for one day.  Poor Anderson told me the story of his domestic life. The woman who bore him 3 boys bore a fourth to her paramoure – a dissolute (& diseased) scoundrel. She is now ruining him with extravagance.
	6 Oct, Wed	Fine meeting at Killeshandra. Spoke for an hour (too long as I encroached on Anderson's time, he having to leave by train) & rubbed in a lot of principles. Young Lee Dillon, Hussey & the surveyor on the Estate came to see for themselves. They must have been impressed.
	7 Oct, Thu	Up 6 AM to leave 7.15 AM train for Dublin. There busy day but too tired to get through work.
	8 Oct, Fri	I.A.O.S. again almost all day – wrote as many letters as poor Dunning again in form could stand. Attended meeting Debenture holders Daily Express & learned that the pos[itio]n of the paper was quite desperate. Must tell Dalziel. Went down with Loftus Bryan to his place Borrmount Manor, Enniscorthy for Conference Enniscorthy tomorrow.
[Text of address to Enniscorthy conference in <i>IH</i> , III:32 (16 Oct 1897), pp. 657-9]	9 Oct, Sat	Conference miserably attended. Spoke ¾ hour to intelligent audience & think I did some good. To Dublin by mail. There found a lot of letters & one from Dunning saying he was hors de combat again.
	10 Oct, Sun	Down to Dunsany where Johnny was entertaining Percy Creed as companion. Daisy was alone at Killeen – so I lunched with her & she dined at Dunsany.
	11 Oct, Mon	Up to Dublin by early train. Johnny was not able to see me off having been awake all night. Very busy day, after which long speech to Presbyterian Assoc'n. on Recess C'tee Report. Was well received & I think did good. But the effort was as stimulants & tomorrow I shall be unfit for the conference at Athenry.
	12 Oct, Tue	Down to Athenry by morning mail & back by evening mail with R.A.A. for a conference. Hannon was only able to muster a poor attendance. But we did 3 or 4 hours hard work on a dozen men of leading who wanted a little light & will I think spread it.
	13 Oct, Wed	I.C.A.S. & I.A.O.S. took nearly the whole day.
	14 Oct, Thu	Saw John Redmond in the morning & had a long talk with him about the political situation & other matters. Very busy with IAOS work. Then came to Belfast & had a dine & sleep at Drumglass House with James Musgrave, Sinclair & Andrews. Wolff, Reade, Ewart & Judge Andrews also dined. I gave them my views on Irish affairs & I think made an impression.
	15 Oct, Fri	Morning with the Musgraves, Sinclair & Andrews discussing the Deputation to the Gov't. in favor of reintroduction of Agriculture & Industries Bill. Then conference of Lower Lecale, Dromore & another society. Altogether too tired to speak well. Muddled it. Back to Dublin with R.A.A.
	16 Oct, Sat	Very busy day getting up Deputation to Irish Gov't pressing for reintroduction of Agriculture & Industries Bill. A very hard day's

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		work. Left by night mail for Euston. Rough passage.
	17 Oct, Sun	Not much good after hard work of last 3 weeks & nights traveling. Found the Fingalls in town. Harold Frederic N.Y. Times correspondent, author of X articles in Fortnightly Review 1893 dined quietly with Daisy & me. He knows Ireland & the Irish well. Is full of Irish sympathy – & despair – sees great hope in my movement & will I think support it.
[ <i>in articulo mortis</i> – at the point of death]	18 Oct, Mon	Seeing Railway Co's for I.A.O.S. & Dalziel about the proposed purchase of Daily Express ( <i>in articulo mortis</i> ). Then writing letters till dinner with R.A.A. & Fingall at my Club. Then a Music Hall “and so home to bed”.
	19 Oct, Tue	Another day – not wasted – but drearily spent. Dairy Show &c for I.A.O.S. Professor Long dined with me at Club & I hope I impressed this expert with the necessity of agricultural organisation.
	20 Oct, Wed	Seedy after the rush (& Champagne!) of yesterday. However had to buck up & go & speak for Ireland at a meeting at the Agric'l. Hall in favor of Food Products Adul[eratio]n legislation. Then back to see Goodbody (a poor creature) sec of Chamber of Commerce Dublin who told me he was bitterly opposed to the I.A.O.S. & its work. Then to City for a “Kiosk” meeting & off to Dublin by 10.15 PM train.
	21 Oct, Thu	Seedy & little good. Had 5 hours C.D.B. & much other work. Dunning on leave. Anderson & Gill away & all their work on my shoulders.
	22 Oct, Fri	Went to Chamber of Commerce & persuaded Chairman & secretary to convene Council for Monday & invite me. I will then make them do what I want – i.e. summon all the <u>business</u> bodies in Ireland to join in a deputation to Government to clamour for a reintroduction of the abandoned Agriculture & Industries Bill.
	23 Oct, Sat	American letters chiefly. Then lunch with Lady Betty at Lodge – where Sir H. Stephen, B[arone]t. & R N Webb. Down to Dunsany with Dunning. Johnny all alone – rather better I thought but smelling strong of ether.  Robert Fowler died suddenly. He will be a great loss – an honest practical country gentleman of the best type.
	24 Oct, Sun	Rested fairly. Lunched with Daisy & F. Wrote many letters. Slept well.
	25 Oct, Mon	To Dublin early train. There a very hard day. Had to convince the Council of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce that Agricultural & Industrial development was more desirable than local government. I got them to think my thoughts & then express my words a column long in the Irish press.  Dined with the Gerald Balfours with Moritz Bonn. Interesting evening. The prodigy admired the Chief Sec. Too logical. Takes the Irish members too seriously.
	26 Oct, Tue	After a busy day at Deputation arrangements & I.A.O.S. work ran down to Summerhill for poor R Fowler's funeral on the morrow. I like “Paddy” Langford. Good hearted, right thinking, a gentleman in every way, a bad temper & narrow understanding but with a

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[ <i>res augusta domi</i> – limited means; narrow resources]		certain instinctive breadth which guides him where his reason would fail. He has an ability in a way. He is a born housekeeper! It is the domestic economy of the rich man at which he shines. He would not tolerate survive the “ <i>res augusta</i> ”.
	27 Oct, Wed	The funeral was a very sad affair. It was large & sorrowful – real sorrow. Old Fowler was the very best type of the squire. He farmed largely himself, bought all his cattle from his own tenants, educated them by example in farming & attended to all country business besides R.D.S. & Gen'l Synod in Dublin. He was a keen & thorough sportsman.  Back to Dublin with a bad attack of heartburn.
	28 Oct, Thu	Preparing for the Conference – a very busy day.  Heard that the Dunsany Stores had lost a case against their late manager Raith which will cost them some £200 for expenses.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	29 Oct, Fri	Seedy & got through little work. Preparing for conference again.
	30 Oct, Sat	Busy morning. Then down to Killeen with Dunning, Daisy & F alone big party having fallen through. Had an hour with Johnny who was all alone at Dunsany and was in a very excited state.
	31 Oct, Sun	Spent day at speech for Conference and in visit to Johnny. Had a quarrel with him about nothing.
	1 Nov, Mon	Worked at Killeen at my Conference speeches most of the day. Then to Dublin by afternoon train. Slept at K St. Club.  Saw Johnny during day & he had quite calmed down & we were on the best of terms.
	2 Nov, Tue	Busy all day trying to make up a good speech for the morrow.
[Text of address to Dairy Societies conference in <i>IH</i> , III:36 (6 Nov 1897), pp. 729-31]  [Report of dinner speech in <i>IH</i> , III:36 (6 Nov 1897), pp. 741-2]	3 Nov, Wed	The annual general Conference of the Dairy Societies. I had an enormous speech prepared – or rather half prepared – which was difficult to get off but which will look all right in print. The meeting was good – about 120 present & a good discussion. Bernard Holland & Prof'r Long the “distinguished strangers”. In the evening a banquet for the former. We -e--ll--d down the Bill of fare. But the farmers did not come, only the ----- & we might just as well have had a decent dinner. I made speeches of fair quality. Fr. Finlay, W B Yeats the Irish Poet good speeches & two Priests useful speeches.
	4 Nov, Thu	Conf[eren]ce opened with a <u>magnificent</u> speech from Fr. Finlay. It went on to 7 P.M. The last hour I was quite worn out & lost my hold of the meeting. It got into hopeless confusion.  Dined & slept at Ch: Sec's Lodge. Met His Ex. at Dinner.
	5 Nov, Fri	Down to Dunsany by midday train where I met Mary & we had a sad talk about Johnny's condition. All the time poor Ernle writes in despair. Tradesmen & even servants unpaid. Property going to the dogs – no master or mistress. Johnny is clearly going rapidly down hill & I fear a sudden break up – perhaps a tragedy.
	6 Nov, Sat	Spent the day in Dublin I.A.O.S. work & ended up by coming to Killeen with the Gerald Balfours Jim Powers & Dalziels.
	7 Nov, Sun	Dunning who went to Dunsany (no room at Killeen) came over in



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		the morning telling of a very unpleasant though ridiculous scene with Johnny over night. So I had to go over to explain that Dunning was not sent to spy upon him though he would not do it if he were & so on. Party “biked” to Tara & tea’d at Dunsany. Then Dunsany party (Mary & girls & Eddy) dined at Killeen & we sat down 16. Reminded me of happier less serious days though the party was so different. Still it is nice to feel in any way as one has felt long ago.
[inst. – instant (current month)]	8 Nov, Mon	The whole party left. I spent a very busy day in Dublin doing IAOS work getting up the Deputation now arranged for 19th ins[ta]nt, & helping Dalziel to negotiate for Daily Express & make business Connections in Ireland. Then dined Dalziel & G.W.B. at Kingstown Club, thawed out the latter we went to London by night Mail Fingall, 3 Dalziels, Mary & Alice being of the party.
	9 Nov, Tue	Tired after the week’s work & did not sleep well in the train. Saw Johnson about Johnny’s affairs & agreed that we could do nothing. If Ernle’s solicitor can make a claim against Johnny let him make it & matters might be improved. Took it easy rest of day. Dined Monteagle, JG Butcher & Moritz Bonn at Wellington Club.
	10 Nov, Wed	Writing, arranging papers, Kiosque meeting in City, another business talk with Dalziel, then to Dunstall to dine & sleep with & talk over her woes with Poor Ernle. A melancholy night as I could suggest no settlement betw’n her & her unhappy husband.
	11 Nov, Thu	Rushing day. Back at 104B by 9.30 A.M. Letters. Beau Watson called & took up much of morning. Looked for Lecky & others in vain. More writing. Received acquaintance of Iveson who visited EK ranch with Charley Ellis years ago. Dined with Dalziel & discussed his Irish schemes.
[conseil de famille – family council]	12 Nov, Fri	Had to go to Ireland by night train for “Express” meeting tomorrow. So what with shopping, an office seeker calling, an interview with Bernard Holland, a lunch to Ld. Dillon (with C. P. Johnson <del>both our</del> solicitors to both) whom I tried to infuse with new ideas, interview with Dalziel on many matters, Mary arriving & a conseil de famille with her & Conny re Johnny & Ernle I had a high pressure day.  Ran about London on my bicycle all day & I think it enables one to get through much more work apart from the saving of time.
	13 Nov, Sat	Got to work early & wrote American & general letters. Interviewed Robert Gardner the Financier re Dalziel’s French scheme. Had long meeting of Express debenture holders at which I managed to get Dalziel given practically an option on the property. Then down to Killeen – was going to Johnny but he went to Kingstown – where Daisy put up Dunning & me for our week end. Fingall was away in Paris with Dalziel.
	14 Nov, Sun	Gill came down to Killeen & we spent a day talking over future plans for our Irish movement. He poor fellow stands or falls – socially financially, physically & mentally too I fear – by the success or failure.
	15 Nov, Mon	Busy day in Dublin. Gerald Balfour had wired <del>me on</del> Saturday but not to me – I only heard by letter today – that he had put off the Deput[atio]n till 30th when I shall be gone. This was unfair &

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		inconsiderate. I told him so in a letter.
	16 Nov, Tue	Gill did Interviewer to my interviewee from American papers (for Dalziel). This took most of the day. Went up to Chief Secretary's Lodge where Lady Betty made me do Master of the house for a dinner party, Gerald being in London.
	17 Nov, Wed	CDB, I.A.O.S., Chamber of Commerce about Deputation. This entailed coming down from Chief Sec's Lodge at 8 A.M. & working till 7.30 P.M. before starting back. Daisy & Lady de Vesci came to Lodge. Prof'r. Mahaffy dined & was less bumptious than usual.
[chez lui – at home]	18 Nov, Thu	CDB & IAOS again all day with IIA in between. Lady de Vesci came to Lodge & I think I interested her in cooperative principles. I must visit her chez lui & see her philanthropy.
	19 Nov, Fri	'Biked' down to K S Club for breakfast with Fingall who had come over to look after Dalziel's business. I found I had given him no definite instructions & so as D. could not come to Dublin I had to decide to go to London. There followed an extra hard day's work – (C.D.B. & I.A.O.S.). Saw one George Russell a £60 a year Clerk in Pim's but a poet, mystic, Theosophist &c. I am going to turn him on as an organiser & think he will be a success.
	20 Nov, Sat	Fingall & I breakfasted at 104B & Dalziel came in after. He told me that if he had got my letter of Thursday before Friday night – it arrived morning by 2nd post & he had gone to City – he would have gone to Dublin & saved me the journey. ½ hours talk arranged for him to come to Dublin Wednesday – day before I sail. Rest of day spent seeing Lecky, Lady Gregory & Gerald Balfour & Mary & Conny, so not altogether wasted.  Left by night on return to Dublin.
	21 Nov, Sun	Gill & Dunning came to Killeen. Got some rest. But Johnny madder than ever came over to dine & started a row with me about nothing. Then he went out of the room & injected morphia I suppose & came back at peace with all men. I shall not see him for some two months now & heaven knows what his state may be then.
	22 Nov, Mon	To Dublin early train with Dunning & Daisy (who went down to Granston for a week) and to meet Sinclair & Andrews from Belfast. They did splendid work at a conference of R.D.S. & Dublin Chamber re Deputation. We drew up a memorial which will I think unite all parties. When S & A left I had a long conference with Trustees of Debenture holders of Express. A very hard busy day.
	23 Nov, Tue	A day like the foregoing, but in the evening a terrible function, a dinner to Ion Hamilton on his election to the Peerage as Baron Holm Patrick. David Plunket spoke well as he always does, Ld. Ashbourne (in the chair) reeled out platitudes rotund enough. But it was dull – deadly dull.
	24 Nov, Wed	Dalziel & Fingall came over to Dublin for the day. I had to negotiate with the Express people, with T. Pim whom D wants to have on as Director in his French scheme, with others about Deputation, with IAOS people – to pack & write innumerable letters & generally to finish up my work before departure. I never had a busier day which indeed ran into the next day before I got to

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		bed.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	25 Nov, Thu	Not one wink of sleep before 5 AM when I was called to catch the 6 AM American Mail from Amiens St. Anderson who was going to an Agency meeting at Limerick accompanied me to Limerick Junction & we had a last talk. Came on board the Germanic to find quite the most uninteresting looking lot of passengers I have yet travelled with. But sometimes one is mistaken. Those who sit near me at table simply discuss the bill of fare. Possibly they will exhaust the subject & try another before the voyage ends. I am thoroughly tired out & were there cheery company & were the time of year more propitious, I daresay this experience would be beneficial. I must try & make the most of it physically.
	26 Nov, Fri	393
	27 Nov, Sat	395
	28 Nov, Sun	382
	29 Nov, Mon	407
	30 Nov, Tue	410. So far the weather was warm though a little rough at times. Today it turned suddenly cold.  Concert on Board at which I presided. A Music Hall Artiste & one Wilbur Greene a professional singer made it a great success.  The stupidest lot of passengers I ever crossed with. A W. Hart of Scotland & California a nice old gentleman & a Mr. Roper who plays good chess – I can only just beat him – were the only interesting people.
	1 Dec, Wed	400. 391 to Sandy Hook Light House.
[Fifth]	2 Dec, Thu	Landed 2 P.M. No news. Found & dined with Ralph Stuart Wortley. Put up at Cambridge Hotel 33rd & V. Ave. Quiet & nice (I think).
[G.W.]  [Cockran]	3 Dec, Fri	Called on A. S. Orr, E H Moeran (our lawyer in Tile Co days) Mrs. Bottomley, R.E.A. Dorr editor Mail & Express. Dined with Ralph Wortley at Delmonico's to meet DA Munro, Ed North American. Review & G K. [sic] Baxter, ex Governor of Wyo & Manager Western Union Beef Co.  T Burke Grant & Bourke Cochrane [sic] called on me. The latter said some good things. He described one politician as a man who "saw two sides of the truth".
[bons mots – clever sayings]	4 Dec, Sat	Lunched with Bourke Cockran. He lord of the bons mots. He talked of a militant politician who did not look upon bricks as being intended for building! I dined with T Sturgis & then we went on to Press Club annual dinner & I heard some very typical after dinner speeches a la Americans. B.C. thundered. His eloquence is great. But his audience should be a mob. Chauncey Depew I heard also. Anecdote. Very egotistical.
	5 Dec, Sun	Breakfasted with E. H. Moeran at Union League Club. One Horace B Fry Chairman of Club Library C'ttee interested me. He said America was conscious of failure in aesthetic development. Hence concentration on material progress. This accounts for the extraordinary development of the Hotel, transit, intelligence,

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		production & distribution &c sides of their 'civilisation'. Lunched with "Larry" Godkin. Called again on Mrs. Bottomley & decided to go to Canada if she thought after enquiring it was with [sic] while. Left for Washington at night.
	6 Dec, Mon	<p>Arrived for breakfast &amp; went to Arlington Hotel (insufferably hot &amp; stuffy). Maurice Egan of the Catholic University of America turned up &amp; promised to show me round. I was put up for the Metropolitan Club &amp; met Richmond Pearson my antagonist in the cable Chess match. Beat him many games. Egan took me to the Cosmos Club &amp; introduced me to innumerable people – all celebrities he said, whom I shant remember.</p> <p>Saw during day opening of Congress – from gallery of House of Rep[resentative]s. Amused to find that many of the Congressmen were provided in the House with bouquets &amp; baskets of flowers by their lady admirers. Proceedings dreary in extreme. No debating. Most informal.</p>
	7 Dec, Tue	<p>Taken over White House – didn't care much for it. Went to lunch at Catholic University with Egan. Saw several of the professors &amp; talked Irish question. Made some impression I think.</p> <p>Dined with R. Pearson at Metropolitan Club &amp; more chess.</p>
	8 Dec, Wed	<p>Senator Tom Platt took me to the Senate where I had the privilege of the floor. The same informality as in the House of Rep's. A little more self &amp; mutual respect except to the speakers who talk or read their speeches without apparently compelling the attention of any body connected with the assembly. I heard Senator Allen of Nebraska who beat the world's record by a 15 hour speech 2 years ago.</p> <p>Went to see the Congressional Library quite the finest modern building (inside) I have ever seen. Lunched with Pauncefotes.</p>
	9 Dec, Thu	<p>Up 6.30 AM to toil at my article. Then to the agricultural department where I had interesting talks with H E Alvord of the dairying bureau &amp; A.C. True director of Experiment Farms. Egan came in afternoon &amp; his wife &amp; boy to dinner. He told me useful things about Irish American feeling.</p> <p>The Speaker (Reed) called on me in the evening. He had all the air of a man for the post – a jovial offhand, no nonsense about it sort of manner. He was very frank about the defects of the assembly over which he presides.</p>
	10 Dec, Fri	Left Washington 10.50 AM for Omaha via Pennsylvania Limited.
	11 Dec, Sat	<p>Had 9 hours in Chicago. Saw Mrs. Annie White &amp; was glad to find her quite strong &amp; well &amp; doing a really prosperous business. Now that she is successful everyone is ready to help her. Also saw W. J Onahan who – so Egan told me is in with the better Irish crowd in Chicago. He was most sympathetic. Miss Maud Gonne has been exploited in Chicago &amp; elsewhere by the worst element as The Irish Joan of Arc.</p>
	12 Dec, Sun	<p>Arrived Omaha for breakfast &amp; found Windsor &amp; Chaplin working away at my a/cs. Put up in a most comfortable room at Omaha Club. Worked all day at my article &amp; the beginnings of business. Wrote some letters home among others one guaranteeing an overdraft of £1250 for poor Anderson who is</p>

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		never out of difficulties owing to a faithless extravagant wife.
	13 Dec, Mon	Business with Windsor & writing article for North American Review took up the day.
	14 Dec, Tue	Ditto except that Hitchcock of the World Herald took Windsor & me to a theatre at night. Very poor show.
[Peirce]	15 Dec, Wed	A nice warm thaw up to 1 P.M. when Windsor & I took train to Hiland. We rode two old cow ponies from the station up to the main farmstead in a North wind which rapidly reduced the temperature to the region of zero. It was 10° below at night. I could not stand much of it & soon had to "hunt shelter". I think the keen air though did me good – Windsor's management is excellent. He has got Johnny Pierce [ <i>sic</i> ] into good working order & money is being made. I was much pleased.
	16 Dec, Thu	8 below zero. I could not stand riding round the cattle, so I came back to Omaha & plunged again into business.
	17 Dec, Fri	Business.
	18 Dec, Sat	Office all day. Interviewed one L.L. Johnson whom Carey had suggested as a possible agent to sell Wyo Dev Co lands. Liked this man so much that I proposed that if terms could be arranged he & Windsor should go into partnership in selling the lands on commission.  Chaplin finished his work & went to Cheyenne. 12 below zero.
	19 Dec, Sun	Windsor took me to a man who had patented a wire fence which is the best invention of the kind I have seen. I may get the job of introducing it into Ireland.  Left for Cheyenne. Met Billy Irvine in the train & had an old time pow-wow.
	20 Dec, Mon	Arrived Cheyenne & put up with the Careys. The Club is too depressing, nothing but memories of ?rural glories lost ?forever. Of course was at business with Chaplin & Wyo Dev Co all day.
	21 Dec, Tue	Wyo Dev Co business & my own a/cs all day. After dinner a lecture in the Methodist Church by Carey on Alexander Hamilton. Henry Hay came in from Denver late & I just saw him before going to bed.
	22 Dec, Wed	7.40 A.M. with Carey to Wheatland where we spent most of our time addressing about 100 farmers – I on Agric'l Cooperation & he on their duties to us their landlords. Of course, as I told my audience, I was not the philanthropist now & then but the man of business. The facts & figures of the Colony's progress were fairly satisfactory. L.L.Johnson from Omaha was looking round the property. He & Windsor may go into partnership in selling lands on Comm'n. We shall have to spend another \$100,000 on this water system! Returned Cheyenne at midnight & decided to go on by night train.
	23 Dec, Thu	Overland Limited 2 hours late. Did not get away till 3.30 A.M. Made Omaha 5.30 P.M. i.e. 13 hours 516 miles. Very tired. Put up at Club again.
	24 Dec, Fri	Heavy day's business. Discussed opening an Eastern Agency of the Wyo Dev Co at Omaha whether L.L. Johnson who went to look at the Colony with a view to joining Windsor & me in the

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		project does so or not. One H. F. Band has a patent wire fence which I think very well of. I think of going in to its manufacture & sale both in America & at home – worked on this. Finished day with a dreadfully dull dinner with Colonel Pratt & some dowdy bores.
[Peirce]	25 Dec, Sat	A rather dreary Xmas – so far from Xmas associations. Windsor & I went to Hiland where we found Johnny Pierce [ <i>sic</i> ] who does not touch liquor was paralysed with an over gorge of turkey & was fast asleep when we arrived. Rode through the cattle & generally inspected the property.
	26 Dec, Sun	A second Sunday was too much for the Americans & I found them fortunately for myself, as I wished to get away, more than anxious to discuss business.  I was in the office all day. Inter alia Col. Pratt, A. E. Carter, Windsor & I agreed to take an interest in the Anchor Fence – the patent fence mentioned above. It may be a great enterprise.
	27 Dec, Mon	Due to leave for Chicago & N.Y. today. But I could not possibly get through. The Anchor Fence negotiations took up most of the day & I had to wire & put off Chicago negotiants.
[C&NW – Chicago & Northwestern]	28 Dec, Tue	Lucky I stayed. For even today I hardly finished necessary & important work. However finally got off by 6.30 C&NW train. Met W. Sturgis in the train & got some news of the W[estern] U[nion] Beef Co which is really going to liquidate. I shall get some £5500 which will help my finances immensely.
	29 Dec, Wed	Arrived in Chicago where W J Onahan was to bring me & prominent (& rich) Irishmen together. Complete fiasco. He got me interviewed by the papers, took me flying visits to a few very busy men & generally wasted his their & my time. In the evening L.Z. Leiter called on me & I had a long & interesting talk with this very shrewd Jew(?) His son ‘Joe’ is just now stirring up the whole world by cornering wheat. I believe it is a big thing. Some business of my own & a talk with Mrs. White about another Irish Village at Omaha.
	30 Dec, Thu	Up early & spent most of the day with Mrs. White & a lawyer T E Guerin who is in some way in with her discussing the possibility of our going in together in the Irish Village scheme. I don’t want to lose money but it certainly would do good selling & advertising Irish wares. Had a long talk with Henry Blair & I think made him see the necessity for agric’l organ[isatio]n. Left by Pennsylvania Limited – certainly the best train in the world for N.Y.
	31 Dec, Fri	Wrote 12 letters – mostly dictated to the “official stenographer” on train & 10 on arrival at hotel after dining with the Wortleys. Found it raining hard & warm in N.Y.! Night was made hideous until the New Year was rung, steam whistled, screamed, trumpeted & penny trumpeted in. Got a cheque for \$100 for my article in North American Review which won’t appear till Monday next 3rd.
[List (probably letters to write) inside back cover page]		Mary, Daisy, Ernle, T.P.G., R.A.A., Alvord, True, R----da-, Russell, Curtain, McKay, Grant, Roosevelt, Moeran, Sturgis, Boothby, Bottomley, Munro, Tolman, Franklin, Godkin