

# 1898 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.

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### Events:

#### Daily Express purchased

**243 co-operative societies affiliated to IAOS; total turnover £675,000**

23 Jan – William O’Brien launches United Irish League at Westport to agitate for division of grazing lands among small farmers

**24 Jun – Plunkett’s Private Member’s Bill, “The Societies’ Borrowing Powers Act, 1898” enacted**

27 Jun–1 Jul – Ancient Order of Hibernians (Board of Erin) unites with A.O.H. of America

2 Aug – Local Government Act provides for creation of elected county and district councils

3 Aug – First issue of Connolly’s *Workers’ Republic*

3-26 Sep – Queen Victoria in Ireland

### Publications:

- *IAOS Annual Report*, pp. 46-9, 61-2,86-8, 96-101

- *The Irish Agricultural Organisation Society and its Aims* (Dublin) 4 pp.

- *Help for Self-Help in Ireland* (Dublin) 15 pp.

- “The Irish Question in a New Light”, *North American Review*, v.166, pp. 107-20

- “The Relationship between Organised State Aid and Self-Help in Ireland”, *North American Review*, v. 167, pp. 497-8

- *Report of Select Committee on Money Lending*, Cd. 260, x, 101, pp. 99-109

- “The Irish Policy of the Government” (letter), *The Times*, 31 Mar, p. 10

- “The Irish Question at the Grimsby Election” (letter), *The Times*, 30 Jul, p. 12

- Attributed articles in *Irish Homestead*:

Report of evidence to Money-Lending Enquiry, IV:162 (9 Apr 1898), pp. 315-6

Text of “The Societies’ Borrowing Powers Act, 1898”, IV:174 (2 Jul 1898), p. 559

Letter to Collooney Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society, IV:175 (9 Jul 1898), p. 585

Report of address to District Conference, Tralee, IV:180 (13 Aug 1898), p. 685

Text of address to IAOS annual meeting, IV:183 (3 Sep 1898), pp. 737-9

Report of address to Ardrahan Co-operative Agricultural Society, IV:186 (24 Sep 1898), p.

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Report of address to Killinney Co-operative Society, IV:186 (24 Sep 1898), p. 804

Report of address to Beagh and Kiltartan Co-operative Societies, IV:186 (24 Sep 1898), p. 804

“The New Economic Movement in Ireland”, IV:195 (5 Nov 1898), pp. 928-30

### Government:

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

*Chief Secretary*: Gerald William Balfour

*Lord Lieutenant*: Earl Cadogan

**Approximate monetary equivalents (2010):** £1= £106 ; \$1 = \$24

Correspondence [Notes]	1898	Diary Entry
	1 Jan, Sat	New Year’s Day, as in Scotland a “Bank holiday”, finds me in New York. At dinner with the Godkins I heard of the old customs. The ladies used to ‘receive’ all day & as every man tried to call on every woman of his acquaintance ladies used to receive in syndicates. The men registered their names in the book of the lady they were calling on & the lady’s tally at the end of the day was a social asset. Evening dress was worn all day by both sexes. This is all done away with. The Clubs – I visited two – have free lunches. I lunched with Bourke Cockran at the Metropolitan Club the costliest gaudiest & least used big city Club in the world. It is called The Millionaires Club & was built by the class I believe.
	2 Jan, Sun	Lunched with Abram Hewitt. He talked about China, which he looks upon as the scene of the future struggle of nations for commercial supremacy. Coal & Iron in juxtaposition as nowhere

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		<p>else in the world. Hewitt had always foreseen the supremacy of the North Amer'n Continent. Now he sees for them. Dined with Wm. E Dodge a prominent member of the Assoc'n for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor &amp; a warm advocate of friendly relations betw'n America &amp; Gt. Britain.</p> <p>Called on Mrs. Bottomley (Father Finlay's friend née Miss K. Madeleine Barry).</p>
[Ottawa]  [Lloyd S. Bryce]	3 Jan, Mon	<p>Wyo Dev Co meeting. Only Thalmann, Sturgis &amp; self there. Lady Aberdeen wired <u>beseeching</u> me to go to Otterway [<i>sic</i>]. Nuisance, want to get home, but must go as she says she has important I.I.A. matters to discuss.</p> <p>Dined with David Munro, editor of North Amer'n Review. He drank too much Scotch whiskey but is a real good chap. General Brice [<i>sic</i>] past editor of N.A.R. dined – “good discourse”.</p>
	4 Jan, Tue	Another Wyo Dev Co meeting. Dined T Sturgis, Godkins & Stuart Wortleys at Astoria.
	5 Jan, Wed	Sundry business all day. Then off for Otterway [ <i>sic</i> ] by night train.
	6 Jan, Thu	Arrived Ottawa 11.30. First sight of “Our Lady of the Snows” in her white attire. Met at station by sleigh & heavily furred domestics. Tried hockey & failed. Hit one native in the eye. Was initiated into curling & tobogganing His Excellency, Haddo & Archie Gordon taking me down in turns. Easy slide. Heard Chinese description of the pastime “whiskit — & walkee miles.” Robertson, Fisher (Minister of Agriculture[?]) & Scarth whom Fingall & I met in Winnipeg in 91 dined. Useful talk.
[Laurier - Canadian Prime Minister 1896-1911] [Bishop Frederick Courtney]	7 Jan, Fri	After breakfast (10.15 AM!) off with Robertson to experimental farm where Dr. Saunders showed me the modus operandi of Canadian Government exposition. Of course the farm was deep under snow & we only saw the stock feeding experiments, laboratory work on seeds manures soils &c. The way they use the G.P.O. for distributing information struck me. Fisher asked me to lunch at Rideau Club to meet Laurier & other ministers. Conversation did not go. Fisher told me that his political success was entirely due to the interest he had taken in organisation of farmers. Back to Government House where the Bp. of Nova Scotia who had arrived talked so incessantly that Lady A. & I could not discuss IIA matters as we wished. In evening a deferred children's Xmas dinner & games which I enjoyed.
	8 Jan, Sat	Left 3 P.M. for N.Y. Aberdeen told me they would like the Irish Viceroyalty if the party returned to power.
[According to his biographer James McGurrin, Cockran's origins were far less humble.]	9 Jan, Sun	<p>B[rea]kf[a]st at 763 Fifth Ave where I put up at the luxurious flat of my new Irish friend Hon. W Bourke Cockran. He interests me greatly. Of lowest origin, barefooted in Sligo I believe in his early days, he worked his way to name &amp; fame in law &amp; politics in America. The real feat of his life was conquering himself. His rapid rise was accompanied with drink &amp; debauchery. He married twice – the second wife ?redeeming him &amp; then dying. He is a teetotaller today.</p> <p>Today he had to preside over a meeting to be addressed by John Redmond on the Rebellion of /98. I excused myself &amp; went to dinner with E H Moeran, a bore.</p>

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	10 Jan, Mon	6 hours of Wyo Dev Co meeting, the Careys having turned up. B. Cockran had a large dinner party including Redmond & Dr. Corrigan, R.C. Archbp. of N.Y. A strange mixture.
[P.P.C. ( <i>pour prendre congé</i> ) – lit. “for leave-taking”]	11 Jan, Tue	Breakfast & walk down town with Cockran. Long talk with Tolman about agric'l Coop'n. Wyo Dev Co meeting again. Many letters, calls p.p.c., a dinner party – ladies this time at B. Cockrans & so to bed.
	12 Jan, Wed	T. Burke Grant came early. I had engaged him for charity – for the poor fellow is out of work & has no prospects – to collect some agric'l statistics &c. I gave him \$25 & told him I might possibly find organising work for him in Ireland. I said I feared he might not be practical or amenable to discipline which I explained was essential in workers for the IAOS. He protested earnestly that he would do anything & everything I wanted if I would only get him a job.  Calling en route on the Archbp. Cockran & I went to the Teutonic where we parted. We moved out into the river & lay in the fog all night.
	13 Jan, Thu	At noon today only 70 miles instead of some 400!
	14 Jan, Fri	440. Icy cold
<i>Fr O'Brien, C.D.</i>	15 Jan, Sat	453 bitter
	16 Jan, Sun	462 ditto
	17 Jan, Mon	460
	18 Jan, Tue	443
	19 Jan, Wed	458 – 22 miles from Queenstown at noon. To Dublin. Saw Fr. Finlay & got the news.
To Balfour, Lady Betty  [Duke of Devonshire – presiding officer of the Privy Council]	20 Jan, Thu	Some 150 letters as Dunning had been away at St. Moritz. He looked much better. Met John Atkinson who told me he had heard that I had been turning the government against him while pretending to be his friend. It appears that a circumstantial story is widely circulated that I wrote to the Duke of Devonshire “I hope you won't make that fellow John Atkinson a judge. He has caries in the ear & one deaf judge on the Irish Bench is enough.” The whole story is a malicious lie which I will be able to prove when I get the letter in question.
	21 Jan, Fri	C.D.B. in morning & I.A.O.S. Committee in afternoon. These & letters took whole day.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	22 Jan, Sat	Lunched with the G Balfours – Miss Alice there – & met Sir J Colomb & His Ex[cellency]. Little chance to deal with any subject. Wrote some letters &c. T. Burke Grant was yesterday offered a position on the staff of the I.A.O.S. by the Committee. I was to convey the message. Today came a letter & post card from him showing that he must be going off his head. Great escape.  Another talk with John Atkinson who now realises that I <u>could</u> not have written to the Duke of Devonshire abusing him. Dunning & I came down to Killeen to talk business with Fingall.
	23 Jan, Sun	Fingall arrived in the morning & left in the evening. We had a long business talk which is all he came from London for. Dalziel sent him over to talk Express details. Johnny in his mysterious

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		way was announced to be in Dublin. We found him unexpectedly at Dunsany. He is getting more incoherent & is very near insanity. It is horribly sad.
	24 Jan, Mon	Back to Dublin where work, work, work.
	25 Jan, Tue	Another busy day.
	26 Jan, Wed	Meeting of Regist[ration] Assoc'n. Such a stupid affair! Worked hard at I.A.O.S. & Daily Express which I believe I can get control of. The greatest difficulty is to get T.P. Gill into the editorship without arousing Orange hostility. Went to the Chief Sec's Lodge as a night boarder. Gerald has gone over to London & Lady Betty, Miss Balfour & a delightful Mrs. Earle (aunt) were there alone. Air at night most beneficial.
	27 Jan, Thu	Madly busy preparing for Dalziel's threatened arrival on the morrow. He wired putting off 24 hours & I dare say won't come at all.
	28 Jan, Fri	Another wire from Fingall (for Dalziel) postponing visit & suggesting my going to London. I offered to go if necessary & went on with my work. Miss Stokes the octogenarian came to the Lodge. I had a delightful evening – this time with 4 ladies.  My letter to Gerald Balfour 14/10/96 out of which arose the lying rumor about Atkinson arrived from the Duke's secretaries. Its writing exposed the malicious slander of my enemies & satisfied Atkinson.
	29 Jan, Sat	Waiting for wire from Fingall whether to go to London. Late in afternoon he wired it was unnecessary. Fr. Finlay & I dined at Lodge to talk over relations betw'n IIA & IAOS with Lady Betty.
	30 Jan, Sun	A day of rest. Went to Dunsany early train. Dorothy & Alice & Miss Farqharrison there. Did nothing except visit Johnny – the whole party went – & for an audience to see him play with his steam engines (models).
	31 Jan, Mon	To Dublin – a hunt near Drumree brought hunters (human & equine) to the station while I waited for the train. The old spirit began to rise in me. But soon I was in I.A.O.S., I.I.A., C.D.B. & constituency affairs. Sinclair (Tom) dined with me & we had a great pow-wow.
	1 Feb, Tue	The Levee. I attended as in duty bound. "The West of Ireland Distress Fund" of Manchester sent over a deputation of members of C'tee to Dublin to confer with several "prominent Irishmen" self included upon the question what is to be done with the money.
	2 Feb, Wed	Professor Long in Dublin. I was billious [ <i>sic</i> ] yesterday & rather rude to him. The fact is he is a charlatan but can be used to get money for good work in Ireland. He has been writing sensational famine letters to English papers & the English heart & pocket is touched. Today I lunched him & made my peace. Horribly rushed all day. Got a very nice letter from an Irish American from St. Paul, Minn[esota] highly approving my article.
	3 Feb, Thu	Barton came to Dublin by special train (ordered for Johnny) to get two detectives for Dunsany where poor J. thinks the world is

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		<p>conspiring to pilfer him. Of course Castle officials would not send them.</p> <p>Dined at Castle – took in Lady Morris. Very busy day.</p> <p>Made £160 on Fish oils. Shall devote it to some Irish benevolent purpose.</p>
	4 Feb, Fri	<p>Down by morning train to Navan (Meath Hounds met at Dunsany &amp; train was full of the old crowd) for meeting of Financial Reform League. I was well received in a bad speech.</p> <p>Back to Dublin where I attended Debating Society of University College, Fr. Finlay introducing the Priest in Cooperation. Spoke at length on this too. Bishop Healy took the view that Land Reform should come first, but we had best of argument.</p>
	5 Feb, Sat	<p>Went to Kingstown to see some roads about the Harbour which the Gov't are going to hand over to the Town Com'n. Then back to write &amp; work &amp; attend a long meeting of the West of Ireland Distress Fund. Then down to Killeen where young Lee Dillon, Miss Gibson (about to be bracketed I think), Mrs. ?N-- ----, Natty O--ey &amp; Athlumney made my fellow guests for the Sat[urday] to Monday.</p>
	6 Feb, Sun	<p>Spent a good part of the day with Johnny. Mary &amp; her girls are now domiciled with him &amp; I am advising him to go away. He imagines that everyone around him is involved in a deep conspiracy against him poor fellow. It is most painful &amp; I fear acute madness must soon develop.</p>
	7 Feb, Mon	<p>Back to Dublin. Heard poor Ion Hamilton (HolmPatrick) is dying. Breakdown of internal organs – cancer I think.</p> <p>Very busy day with West of Ireland Fund, I.A.O.S. &amp;c. Then to London with Dunning for Parl'y session – 6 dreary months.</p>
	8 Feb, Tue	<p>Arrived early. Very tired. Arranging papers &amp; writing letters with Dunning. Then debates – address in Lords &amp; Commons. Dined at House to help “Keep a House” &amp; then early to bed.</p>
[ <i>Hansard</i> , HC, 4th series, v.53, col. 193]  [Herbert Beerbohm Tree]	9 Feb, Wed	<p>Had much to do but the Irish M.P.s discussed Irish distress &amp; I had to sit close &amp; speak.</p> <p>Dined with Mayo &amp; went to Julius Caesar at Her Majesty's. Tree's Anthony is magnificent.</p>
	10 Feb, Thu	<p>A long day at House on Irish distress again. Myring &amp; a Mrs. &amp; Miss Schuyler (the latter engaged to Myring) dined at House.</p>
	11 Feb, Fri	<p>Another long Irish day at House. Very little accomplished.</p>
[? Sir Herbert and Lady Agnes Jekyll]	12 Feb, Sat	<p>Spent nearly whole day writing letters to America &amp; elsewhere. Called on Arnold Forsters, Courtneys, Leckys, Jekyls [<i>sic</i>] – all out except Mrs. A.F.</p>
	13 Feb, Sun	<p>Working &amp; calling. Lady Betty says she “knows” the Gov't will reintroduce the Agriculture &amp; Industries Bill next year.</p>
	14 Feb, Mon	<p>Listened in House to debate on Indian Frontier policy which was to be <u>the</u> attack on the Gov't. Fell flat.</p> <p>Irish M.P.s met to try &amp; agree upon line to be taken on Financial grievance. Saunderson presided – only formalities. No chance of agreeing or disagreeing, adjourned till tomorrow.</p>



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	15 Feb, Tue	After morning letters went to City to see Stibbard (of Powder R Co memories) about a bill he had sent me for services rendered in connection with that unhappy business. He remitted his a/c I having paid his out of pocket expenses – on to a Kiosk meeting with Fingall – then the house & another conference of M.P.s. Then to Ireland by 10.15 train.
[L&NWR – London & North Western Railway]	16 Feb, Wed	Crossed in new North-wall L&NWR Twin steam Cambria. Very luxurious. Horribly busy day. C.D.B., I.A.O.S. 7 hours consecutively & much else.
	17 Feb, Thu	A mad rush all day to get through C.D.B., annual meeting I.I.A. at which I had to speak, West of Ireland Distress Fund, negotiations re Express & so on till late at night when just as I was going to bed Johnny turned up at K St. Club & rambled along poor fellow about the conspiracies going on around him at Dunsany.
	18 Feb, Fri	Morning mail to Preston where I was housed in a dreary bachelor vicarage (St. Paul's) by Rev. Henry Henn (brother of Mitchell Henry's son in law) for the night. Had a large meeting to raise funds for the Irish Distress. I shall probably address others & try in all cases to make it understood that the funds are required to enable us to start fair with a system of permanent improvement.
	19 Feb, Sat	Left Preston after breakfast & attended in Manchester meeting of Executive C'tee of Distress Fund. Found them very appreciative of the new ideas & quite open to the truth that the I.A.O.S. programme offers the only permanent remedy. To London by an afternoon Express. Found huge correspondence awaiting me.
	20 Feb, Sun	Wearied by last weeks travelling speeches & work, got little done today though my arrears of correspondence are appalling. Had Dunning hard at work all day.
	21 Feb, Mon	Gerald Balfour introduced the Local Government Bill & had a regular triumph. The Nationalists got a big slice of Home Rule. The landlords a big bribe from the Treasury. How it will all work out remains to be seen. It is not a substitute for Home Rule. That they will find out later, when depends upon the unforeseen. The National spirit only sleeps. Meanwhile the "alternative" experiment is brilliantly tried by G.W.B.
	22 Feb, Tue	Busy day in office & at House. Then had an Irish night, with W B Yeats & Lady Gregory, chez the latter. Fingall & Daisy arrived in town.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 53, col. 1446-50]	23 Feb, (Ash) Wed	The Nationalists had a Congested Districts Board Compulsory Purchase Powers Bill which I incautiously backed. The Bill was ludicrously drafted & I was made rather a fool of as I had to support the principle in speech when an objectionable proposal was before the House. Gov't much annoyed.
	24 Feb, Thu	After busy morning long day at House. Col. Plunkett dined there with me.
[In 1919 (then Sir) A. Daniel Hall a founding Trustee of the Horace Plunkett Foundation]	25 Feb, Fri	Hall of the Wye College (Sussex Co[unty] Council) lunched with me & talked over the improvement of the barley industry. Dined with the Fingalls & went to a play – The Liars at Criterion. <u>Very</u> good acting.
	26 Feb, Sat	American mail & other correspondence. Lunched with Lady Betty to meet Warkworth & talk Ireland. But Gerald was present

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		& insisted on monopolising Warkworth. Smallness.
	27 Feb, Sun	With the exception of an Encounter with Lady Arran over Irish Industries loafed & rested. Dined with M. Cuénod, Beamish & Fingall to consult about Kiosks.
	28 Feb, Mon	Dalziel called early & then to the City for Kiosk meeting. Then House & dinner with Conny & Raymond.
	1 Mar, Tue	Dalziel in City about Express. Alston called about Omaha affairs, W. Watson called about private affairs. House & meeting of Cooperative C'tee of Central Chamber of Agric're.
	2 Mar, Wed	Oliver Brighton turned up on a visit to Johnny who is to accompany him to Devonshire tomorrow. I had a visit to the City on old Londonderry disputes & Kiosk business – a call only at the House. Then Henry Hay turned up but I had to go to Ireland with Dalziel at night.
	3 Mar, Thu	Arrived after rough passage & almost sleepless night feeling very seedy. Devoted day almost exclusively to Express which I think Dalziel will get all right.  I.A.O.S. movement progressing splendidly. Cadogan told me the Gov't would bring in Agriculture & Industries Bill next year and that he didn't think they could deal with the Catholic University Qn.
	4 Mar, Fri	Struggled with business all day – then a deputation from Rathmines Town Commissioners about Local Gov't Bill. Then collapse & to bed. Dr. John Moore who pulled Anderson through Typhoid sent for. Influenza. So I thought for I ached all over & of course it went straight for the weak spot the digestive organs. Dalziel had to go back without me. Temperature 102°
	5 Mar, Sat	Doctor turned on a night nurse which will mitigate the discomfort of the long restless night. Horrid weakness.
[White wine whey – liquid strained from a mixture of boiling milk and wine]	6 Mar, Sun	Anderson – good soul – came in & relieved me of all my correspondence. He wrote 24 letters for me without giving me trouble enough to raise my temperature.  White wine whey I find an excellent food. I can hardly touch any other & this is quite digestible. Even soda & milk sticks.  Poor HolmPatrick died. A good man according to his lights. He had his idea of duty (which was firstly to his party) & did it.
	7 Mar, Mon	Fever going only about 99 today. Fear shall be very weak for some time & quite unfit for work.  Jim Power, Anderson, Gill, Fr. Finlay, Daisy & Trivy called on me & several cards were left.
	8 Mar, The	Normal temperature but very weak.
	9 Mar, Wed	Subnormal ditto
	10 Mar, Thu	Allowed out of bed but not out of room.
	11 Mar, Fri	Mild weather & went out for a short walk with Dunning in Stephens Green. Then sat about the Club.
	12 Mar, Sat	Moved out to Leopardstown Park where the Jim Powers most

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		kindly housed me. Dunning is quite at home there being treated as one of the family. <u>Very comfortable &amp; plain.</u>
	13 Mar, Sun	A delightful day's rest. Strolled up towards the Hills with Dunning. A very pretty country.  Oliver Brighton reports Johnny quite reformed. He is quiet & sensible again.
	14 Mar, Mon	Another day mostly in the open air by which I was greatly benefited. It is lucky I did not go back to work, for giving myself <u>every</u> chance strength comes back but slowly.
	15 Mar, Tue	A last days rest & holiday. Mrs. Jim drove Dunning & me about Wicklow. It rained but was mild. We lunched under trees!  Alas the lucid interval did not last with poor Johnny. He has had a row with Oliver & left him suddenly going off with a new & untrustworthy valet goodness knows where.
	16 Mar, Wed	Attended C.D.B., I.A.O.S. & Irish Committee of Royal Commission for Paris Exhib'n 1900. Then left my kind host & hostess for London. I felt a very different man after the rest at Leopardstown. But the influenza takes a lot out of one & how long it may be before I am restored is hard to say.
	17 Mar, Thu	Arrived early & had a hard day with Dunning getting through arrears of correspondence. Attended House to meet constituents over about Local Gov't Bill. Had Henry Hay of Cheyenne on my hands. Dined Daisy & Fingall at Wellington. During day Thompson (tailor) reported Johnny, who had turned up at Savoy Hotel, mad. A servant he had employed as valet came to him. He could not get paid & Johnny would not see him.
	18 Mar, Fri	Went to Oxford to see Tommy's Tutor about his university career. Took Hay with me & showed him what I remembered of Oxford after 20 years absence. Tommy is at Ch[rist]: Ch[urch]: & the glimpse at the undergraduate life brought back assoc'ns.  Monteagles, Fingalls, B. Holland & Hay dined with me.
	19 Mar, Sat	Went down to Radway Grange near Kineton a delightful little hunting box of Mrs. Willie Jameson's hundreds of years old, on the battlefield of Edgehill with Daisy, George & Mrs. Haig.  In morning addressed the Irish Industries ladies on the applic[atio]n of Cooperation to their industries. Large & horribly fashionable audience. I was not strong enough to do good.
	20 Mar, Sun	Went to Compton Verney for tea where the Weasel (J Orr Ewing) gave us tea. Old place, not very nice house, though some nice things in it. In morning walked about the battlefield.
	21 Mar, Mon	Back to London. I spoiled my holiday yesterday preparing a speech for 2nd reading of Local Gov't Bill. Sat out debate, rose many times – never got in.
	22 Mar, Tue	Very busy day writing letters & also writing to the Times on the Local Gov't policy.  Saw Johnny who was quiet but in a miserable physical & mental condition, at Jr. Carlton Club.  Had Henry Hay on my hands, dined him & took him to a play,

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		Merchant of Venice at Lyceum.
	23 Mar, Wed	Writing most of day. Kiosk Street Syndicate meeting in afternoon. Saw Johnny at my rooms. He was quite calm but alas it is only a lucid interval. Dunning fell sick with influenza & left me in a great difficulty. Went to a play with Fingalls to save myself from night work.
	24 Mar, Thu	Saw a good deal more of Johnny. Had a talk about his affairs with Johnson & got advice as to course to pursue if it becomes necessary to exercise some control over the poor fellow. He is calm now but wretchedly depressed.  Did afternoon in H of C & then dined with J. at Carlton & spent long evening with him.
	25 Mar, Fri	More of Johnny. Much writing, Dunning being still unavailable. Kiosk meeting – business talk with Dalziel about Express &c &c.
	26 Mar, Sat	Worked all day & dined with Lecky. Blue party.
	27 Mar, Sun	Lunched with G Balfours, dined with F. Jameson & worked. Sent off letter to Times on Local Gov't Bill which is so long that they probably won't publish it.
[Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 55, col. 1151]	28 Mar, Mon	Dunning came back to me & I got through some arrears of correspondence. Had great trouble about Johnny who left his Hotel without any luggage last night & went to the Langham Hotel. The manager of the latter telephoned about the extraordinary condition of his new guest to the house steward of the Carlton, whom he knew. So I heard of J's whereabouts. Dined with J.G. Butcher and his fiancée. It really is sad to see him tied to such a motherly lady – & he so boyish!
[Henry Maudsley, psychiatrist]  [Hansard, 4th Series, vol. 55, col. 1234-5]	29 Mar, Tue	Raymond & I consulted Dr. Maudsley about poor Johnny's case. His view was that the sooner treatment could be applied the better. But he could not advise us to proceed by a commission. He said the best thing that could happen would be an arrest for some very eccentric – possibly dangerous behaviour – a magistrates committal – examination by a doctor &c. The Queen & not the family would then appear.  Dined with Yerburch & a lot of Chinese experts – Col[qu]houn &c. Interesting. But rather depressing view of our diplomacy.
	30 Mar, Wed	G. Russell & PJ Hannon two I.A.O.S. organisers turned up to give evidence tomorrow before Money Lending C'tee of H. of C. Johnny again much on my mind & hands. House. Dined with T Lough.
[Report of evidence to Money-Lending Enquiry in <i>IH</i> , IV:162 (9 Apr 1898), pp. 315-6] [“The Irish Policy of the Government”, <i>The Times</i> , p. 10]	31 Mar, Thu	Up early to prepare evidence for Money Lending C'tee with Hannon & Russell which I subsequently delivered.  My letter appeared in Times. They abused it. But evening papers pleased. Lecky told me it was excellent & well written & I believe it will do good.  Dined informally with Alfred Lytteltons. Brodrick (warden of Merton Oxford) there. Strange old man. Interested me.
	1 Apr, Fri	Johnny had again disappeared, leaving instructions that I was not to be told where he had gone. His idea is a visit to Weston super

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		Mare with Gurney I believe. House, dinner Lowther Lodge. Both dull.
	2 Apr, Sat	Worked at various private & industrial undertakings. Dined with the Leonard Courtneys.
	3 Apr, Sun	Ditto & dined with Dalziel. Called on Lady Betty who told me my letter was regarded as an attack on the Gov't & that she thought it ungenerous.
	4 Apr, Mon	City with Dalziel in morning re Express & his Foreign ?Mine Syndicate in which I had £400 which I have got back & may get a few hundreds more. Then writing & personal business. A Paris Exhib'n meeting. The House & off to Ireland with Fingall for a holiday??
	5 Apr, Tue	Wild rush of the usual Dublin business. Then to Killeen to dine & sleep & to see Mary & Dorothy (who has been rather seedy) at Dunsany.
	6 Apr, Wed	Another day in Dublin finishing up before a real holiday.
[GS&WR – Great Southern and Western Railway; Waterford & Limerick Railway]	7 Apr, Thu	Up at 5.45 AM to go to Lahinch. At Limerick J[unctio]n the GS&WR train being late the W&LR did not wait & I had to spend 3 hours in this delightful spot! I biked to see New Tipperary – already old. But -----ing did not fill 3 weary hours. Another 3 hours at Limerick where I saw Peter Fitzgerald & David Roche & was not so lost. Arrived Lahinch 8 P.M. Curtis the excellent manager replaced by a Manageress. Hotel much enlarged & improved.
[Serjeant]	8 Apr, Fri	Blew a S gale all day. Golfed a little. Not an interesting Easter crowd. Sergeant [ <i>sic</i> ] Dodd Q.C. the only man of any interest at all & he & I don't hit it off somehow.
	9 Apr, Sat	Ditto – except that it poured as well as blew all the afternoon.
	10 Apr, Sun	Went to the little Church in the morning & golfed in the afternoon. I am sensibly weaker than I have been. Indeed I am aging! I must take it easy & get back my strength somehow before it is too late. I have used myself up. I don't quite know how. The fact is I had not much strength to start with. I don't know why when Reggie, Julia & Randal were taken I was left. However I have not altogether cumbered the ground.
	11 Apr, Mon	Today came melancholy news of Johnny. The Mr. Gurney I had hoped great things from reports that his influence has not lasted & that Johnny will have to be put under restraint & the sooner the better.  Storm & rain. But fine weather between & golf.
	12 Apr, Tue	Ditto
	13 Apr, Wed	Ditto
	14 Apr, Thu	Anderson & I golfed in the morning & left by the mail for Dublin. It was a grand week's holiday. Unfortunately the weather was bad till the day I left when it was summer like & glorious.
	15 Apr, Fri	What a change from Lahinch laziness! Wildly busy all day. Paris Exhib'n 1900 meeting at Castle. Local Gov't Bill meeting at Registration Assoc'n. Medical Council – ditto. Fr. Finlay about Distress. R.A.A. about organisation – office seekers –

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		correspondence (Dunning away on holiday) & finally dinner with Ld. Ashbourne.
	16 Apr, Sat	Much of other peoples business in Dublin. Then to Killeen where Eddy, whom I was glad to see was staying.
	17 Apr, Sun	Johnny & Gurney turned up at Dunsany. J. declares (to Gurney & to Wilkinson) that he is going to pull himself together, that drugs “don’t give him the pleasure people think” & that in 3 weeks he could be quite well. He is out with me. However I took Eddy, to whom I had talked quite frankly about his father’s condition, & went to see him. The reform had not commenced. He was under the old influences. But he had ?parlér [ <i>sic</i> ] & I hope the change will be noticeable soon.
	18 Apr, Mon	Busy day in Dublin & inter alia presided over Co. Dublin ratepayers meeting & spoke on Local Gov’t Bill. Then to England by night mail. Telegram called me to Manchester to give evidence in a stupid libel suit brought by Cooperative Union against “Truth”.
	19 Apr, Tue	To bed 4.30 AM – no sleep – up 7.30AM. Court at 10 A.M. Folly calling me as I had nothing to say – or rather Counsel (Sir E Clarke) was not briefed so as to enable me to give useful testimony.  Back to town & a night at House.
	20 Apr, Wed	Went down with Duke of Marlborough (nice boy considering & capable but not I think brilliant) to speak for Gerald L--er at a Primrose Meeting in the Dome. Spoke for ¾ hour & fairly well. Chiefly on Ireland.
	21 Apr, Thu	Up early from Brighton & down to Sheffield for an Irish Distress Fund meeting. Grand platform Mayor ?was ?to --- -- &c, poor attendance. Spoke 1 hour! & not well.
	22 Apr, Fri	Up at 7 & back to town. Then long afternoon – & night in House chiefly to put in divisions. Saw callers, wrote letters &c.
	23 Apr, Sat	Worked nearly all day – various. Lunched with Lady Betty.  At night came a letter from Mary saying Alice had had a riding accident & had concussion of the brain. Her nerves are so good & fresh that no harm will result. But it makes one anxious all the same. She is a dear girl though the relations betw’n Mary (who resents my public preoccupations and consequent family neglectfulness) prevent my seeing as much of her as I should like.
	24 Apr, Sun	Busy most of the day writing a circular for the I.I.A. with the object of interesting “influential” landlords through their wives in the cause of self help in Ireland.
	25 Apr, Mon	Worked at Local Government Bill amendments, at Industrial propaganda (I.I.A.) writings, attended Royal Com’n Paris Exhib’n (Educ’n C’ttee[!]) & House.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 56, col. 1254, 1257-8]	26 Apr, Tue	Shock by morning post. Poor old Reid has blown off his left hand with a cartridge of Johnny’s brass cannon. Why some accident has not happened before with these toys is hard to understand. Telegraphed & got very good report of progress. Parl’y C’ttee on Irish Bill 2 hours morning. Lunched Tesche – bound for U.S. as volunteer (hope he won’t be accepted) at Club. Local Gov’t Bill

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		C'tee began in House.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 56, col. 1294-5]	27 Apr, Wed	Early day at House. But even the shortened hours are wearisome. And at night we had a meeting of the I.U.A., Heaven knows why, at which Lecky, Carson, Campbell & I had to speak. I had nothing to say.
	28 Apr, Thu	Sir John Keane & Fred[eric]k Pim dined with me at House, otherwise absolute dreariness. B.B. Co. meeting in morning.
	29 Apr, Fri	House for afternoon chiefly with deputation of Poor Law officers. Then at night went to a concert at Pioneer Club to raise funds for Irish distress. Proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman in a rather funny speech. I am not often funny.
	30 Apr, Sat	Work & letters.
	1 May, Sun	Ditto!
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 57, col. 67-8, 84]	2 May, Mon	House. Local Gov't Bill. Kept in close attendance.
[Henry Chaplin – pres. Board of Agriculture] [ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 57, col. 256-8]	3 May, Tue	Royal Com'n Paris Exhib'n Social Finance C'tee. Deputation to Chaplin re adulteration of milk products in which I spoke for Ireland. House during whole sitting.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 56m col. 328-31]	4 May, Wed	Evidence before a select C'tee on Dublin Electric Tramways. I want them to go faster.  Then House. Took part in debate as I have to do nearly every day on this Bill.
	5 May, Thu	Kincaid Smith (home from India) quite the most tedious conversationalist I know came & took me for a walk to talk politics! I knew of the proposal & got up an hour earlier to offset this intrusion. The House till 10.15 train for North Wall.
	6 May, Fri	The day in Dublin. Arnold Forster & I attended Paris Exhib'n C'tee. I had long interview with Fr. Finlay on Irish Industrial matters & came to Killeen where Daisy & F & I had a quiet evening together.  My chief object in coming over was to see Johnny & try & get him to do some necessary business. To my chagrin he had left Dublin for London the same time I left London for Dublin.
	7 May, Sat	Rained all day. Walked over to Dunsany & saw poor Reid who is in bed still healing the wounds of his inflicted by Johnny's brass cannon. The Will Deases came over – he to collect rent & stayed the night.
	8 May, Sun	Another restful day. The W. Deases left. F. went to see poor Donaldson who is dying. Daisy & I called on Mary Murphy who is in bed from utter loss of spirit after the 'Flu', the D[octo]rs saying there is nothing wrong with her except that she won't "make an effort". Saw poor Reid again. He is as cheery as possible & full of pluck. Also saw Barton who is in bed from the kick of a horse on the knee. A day of 'sick calls'.
	9 May, Mon	To Dublin & over to Eng'd by night mail with Fingall.  Spent day in Dublin with R.A.A., Gill, Fr. Finlay & Micks. That sufficiently indicates my occupation.

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[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 57, col. 929-30]	10 May, Tue	House took all the day nearly (3–12 ) & I was deadily tired as I did not sleep in the train after it got light.
	11 May, Wed	12–6 at House. Then a long interview with Johnny who is less mad & may be cured I think. Gurney was with him and I think is hopeful.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 57, col. 1129-30]	12 May, Thu	Local Gov't Bill.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 57, col. 1245-50, 1295-6]	13 May, Fri	Street Syndicate meeting at 12, Irish Estimates & debate on Distress. I defended G.W.B. which did me no good in Ireland. But it was the right thing to do.
[William J. Pirrie, chairman of Harland & Wolff]	14 May, Sat	Busy all day. Dined with the Piries [ <i>sic</i> ] of Belfast at Grand Hotel. A private dinner & 90 guests! What idiotic hospitality. Personality of host & hostess absolutely suppressed.
	15 May, Sun	Biked to Johnny in the morning. Then lunched with Lady Betty. Johnny & I dined together at Carlton. We were to dine at 8, he came at 9. But I sat with him. He is now calm & may reform under Gurney who will really look after him.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 57, col. 1460-1]	16 May, Mon	Long day at House.
	17 May, Tue	Breakfasted with the Bryces to meet T. Hodgkin, a real philanthropist – a “Friend” & a correspondent hitherto on Irish development schemes. I made great friends with him.  The House 3–12.
	18 May, Wed	House. After L[ocal].G[overnment].Bill got my Societies Borrowing Powers Bill to a second reading with the help of Irish members. Deputation from Dublin & a day full of very little. Dined with Jack Simeon & Ella.
	19 May, Thu	Gladstone died.  Long dreary dragging day, poured & poured. House adjourned out of respect for Gladstone. Kiosk meeting in morning. Dined with Dalziel on business.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 58, col. 140-1, 208-9]	20 May, Fri	Lunched with Lady Betty to meet Miss Sturge of Letterfrack basket industry fame. Talked baskets. Mrs. Earle also there. Enthusiastic vegetarian. Holds that there is no difficulty in getting vegetable food in Society at Clubs & Hotels & no bother. Strongly against all drink at meals & any except water at other times.  House – Funeral orations on Gladstone. Local Gov't Bill till 2.30 AM. At dinner time went to a dreary meeting at a Passmore Edwards settlement to talk to on Coop: People's Bank.
[Mrs. Bishop – travel writer Isabella Lucy Bird]	21 May, Sat	Only adjourned at 2.40 AM. I was thoroughly tired out & did little during day. Hodgkin breakfasted with me & interested me as much as he bored Fingall. I lunched with J. Grant Lawson & met Mrs. Bishop the traveller. Very interesting. Saw Johnny & did Home Arts Exhib'n at Albert Gate.
	22 May, Sun	Still tired. T.P. Gill arrived & I spent a good bit of the day with him. Did little else.
	23 May, Mon	Busy morning. Then 12 hours on end at House trying to rush through Local Gov't Bill. Got to bed 4 A.M.



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[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 58, col. 564-5, 611, 613, 653-4]	24 May, Tue	Met again at 12 & fought for amendments up till 9. Left 10.15 train for Dublin, Bill going through Committee by arrangement – many questions being left over for Report stage. I was 21 hours out of 30 in H of C yesterday & today.
	25 May, Wed	Down to Dunsany by midday train. Johnny now has Gurney & wife in charge of him. He was heavily drugged & I fear our hopes are not to be fulfilled.
	26 May, Thu	To Dublin early. Much I.A.O.S. work.
	27 May, Fri	More I.A.O.S. work. Warkworth & Sir J. Maxwell M.P. came to do a Congested Districts tour. Spent day showing them round & mapping out tour for them. Lunched & dined them.
	28 May, Sat	7 AM mail to Galway. Hannon & Bellew joined me at Co. Galway points & Russell at Galway Town. The RC Bishop (McCormac[k] D.D.) fresh from combined retreat & cure at Lisdoonvarna & 3 Congested Districts priests lunched with me & I indoctrinated these peasants with cooperative ideas. Then Russell & I drove in a waggonette along the dreary rocky shore of Galway Bay via Spiddal, where we saw Lady Morris & a very intelligent small farmer about the Agricultural Bank. At Costello men just squeezed in. Met Father (now Monsignor) Nugent of Emigration fame. I knew him as a co worker of Tuke's. He and a Liverpool business man are over investigating & are to report to Liverpool rich men who will subscribe to permanent remedy in their report. So we worked hard on them. Russell a delightful companion.
	29 May, Sun	Drove to Bealadangan & took canoe to Rossmuck. Some hours with Fr. Cassidy who told us a great deal about the economy of the poor in his parish. Drove on to Carna via Kilkerrin. Spent evening with Fr. McHugh with whom was Miss Southern & her father. Middle class English ideas poured out by latter. Very useful as showing us the far greater task we have before us of getting these philanthropists to understand the doctrine of self help (organised). Russell's conversation truly elevating & inspiring. He is a splendid fellow.
[Geoghegan]	30 May, Mon	A good deal of talk with Henry Doran, who is doing splendid work for the C.D.B. in carrying out emigration schemes, & who quite understands our social & economic ideas. With him visited Knockboy where we have tried a big reforestation experiment with disastrous results. £7000 spent & no trees prospering. The Granuaile brought Kennedy, Green, Geohegan [ <i>sic</i> ], Sheridan (clerk) & Oliver, engineer. After going over Leonard & Thompson estates which we have bought for emigration & enlargement of holdings purposes we steamed away to Roundstone & Cleggan for night. Very rough round Slyne Head. I was not sick. The others mostly went by land.
[buckeen – second-rate gentry]	31 May, Tue	Steamed to Keel (Achill) where again all but Green, Kennedy & I funk'd the open sea with heavy head sea round Achill head. They preferred over 40 mile drive to Belmullet. Inspected Keel, the granite quarries now derelict at Blacksod Point & on to Elly Bay. I drove to Erris Hotel, Belmullet where the rest of the party joined me at 11 P.M. Drove through a dreary country with gaunt new ruins. Some Bingham's thought to build up the country & Lord it over a prosperous people! They are busted buckeens. One of them

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		has a "castle".
	1 Jun, Wed	Visited Monsignor Hewson & Fr. Quin. The latter has taken Fr. Hegarty's place in the Belmullet Bank. We afterwards drove to Aghoos. Saw Fr. Hegarty & were joined by Fr. Munnelly of Kilmore Erris where there is to be another Bank. All four & John Nolan to boot testified to the marvellous effect of these institutions. If they were developed there would be no more famines. All agreed that the relief was most demoralising. Saw & learned much.
[Naboth's vineyard – Old Testament, 1 Kings, 21-2; highly desired property]	2 Jun, Thu	At 4 AM left our sheltered Bay & ploughed a roughish sea to Killybegs, where we arrived at 11 AM. The P.P. (Fr. Sweeney) met us & told story about the Bank prospect. It was not in operation but was "passed sound" & would work admirably. We took him to Dunkineely whence we drove over the Bustard Estate a Naboth's vineyard of the C.D.B. Fine wild grazing land cleared after the Famine & half derelict in hands of eccentric owner. Would settle 100 families nicely. Fr. Boyle CC of Inver & Fr. McCafferty C.C. of Frosses enthusiastic about Banks. There will be a good one at the latter, which is in parish of Inver. Train to Stranorlar & car with Geohegan [ <i>sic</i> ] & Russell to Letterkenny.
	3 Jun, Fri	After a conference with Dr. O'Donnell drove to Glenswilly & saw Maguire P.P. & some Committee men of the Glenswilly Bank. All enthusiastic about success of scheme. Back to lunch with Dr. O'D & many P.P.s & C.C.s & then drove to Stranorlar & by train to Killybegs. Geoghegan left the ship to go back by mail in morning. This afternoon Russell got, while driving, on to his own subjects mysticism &c. He was most interesting.
	4 Jun, Sat	Landed at Rosses Point (Sligo) & went to join RAA at a Conference between a lot of Dairy Soc[ietie]s wrangling over the overlapping question at Sligo. There were priests on each side of the disputes & from an R.C. point of view it certainly was most lamentable. The rival parties abused each other most unjustly, the Priests leading. Back with R.A.A. & Russell to Dublin where I dined with, chez T.P., Gill, J.F. Taylor, one Ennis & Coyne & Mrs. G. making the party.
	5 Jun, Sun	Wrote letters & discussed IAOS matters with R.A.A. & GW Russell during morning. Then to lunch with JG Barton, Foxrock where T P Gill & W Macartney Filgate. Then to Eng'd by night mail.
	6 Jun, Mon	Arrived to find 104B packed with arrears of correspondence. Worked them off during day & did some other various work. Many hours at House putting in divisions but unable to attend to debate.
	7 Jun, Tue	House & dinner with "Mrs Willie" took up the day & night.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 58, col. 989, 1091]	8 Jun, Wed	Got Societies Borrowing Powers Bill through House. Attended conference of Educational bodies re Educ'n Exhibit at Paris Exhib'n 1900. Dined Mrs. Jim Power, Daisy & Dunning at Club & on to an amusing farce at Comedy Theatre.
	9 Jun, Thu	Anderson arrived to give evidence re Irish Railways & I.A.O.S. societies trade.

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		Kiosk meeting. Dined with Mrs. Willie.
	10 Jun, Fri	C.D.B. met in London to appoint a new Secretary. Gerald Balfour tried to rush the Bd into appointing Mitchell of the Land Com'n whom neither he, I or any member of the Bd except Wrench ever saw! The R.C. members furious. The matter had to be postponed. I looked in at a Ball at "Cissie" Ashton's.
	11 Jun, Sat	To Manchester with Daisy & back in the day, to attend a garden party got up by Miss Grattan to provide a permanent remedy Fund for Irish Distress! One could not help giving to back up such generosity to one's country. But no definite scheme was suggested or even thought out. It was an awful experience. Not an 'L' in the whole crowd.
	12 Jun, Sun	Got a horrid cold yesterday. Hence little work done & day unprofitable.
	13 Jun, Mon	Fingall turned up & took Iveson's room. After a busy day we dined together & did a play.
	14 Jun, Tue	Busy all day. Then a large meeting St. Martin's Town Hall. Irish Financial Rel[atio]ns, Castletown (chair) Mayo, Lough, Knox, A. O'Connor & self speakers. Wild uneconomic talk. After meeting had a walk with Moritz Bonn.
	15 Jun, Wed	After a day of various engagements dined 9 interesting friends at the flat, Dunraven & Daisy, Lady Bective, Willie Plunket, "John Oliver Hobbes", the Alfred Lytteltons & SH Butchers.  Dalziel asked me to go yachting with him for 4 or 5 days tomorrow. Rather awkward from a business & duty point of view. But it would lay in a stock of health which I could utilise to advantage.
[Furness (ship-builder)] [I.W. – Isle of Wight]	16 Jun, Thu	Decided to go to sea. So after making such arrangements as were possible for Dunning to carry on in my absence went down with D, Dalziel, G. Dalziel, B. Van ?Praag, Fingall & Dormer, a South African financier, to Southampton & went on board S.S. Tunstall, property of Sir Christopher Furniss [ <i>sic</i> ].  Steamed to Yarmouth I.W. & anchored for night.
	17 Jun, Fri	Sailed to Falmouth. En route passed R.M.S. Britain aground on The Shambles a sandbank off Portland. Was going to get help for her when tugs appeared in the offing much to Dalziel's disgust. He thought he had a real hit for the news.  Falmouth prettily situated. Lazy looking people – compatible.
	18 Jun, Sat	Started for a 24 hours run to Kingstown. After rounding Lands End the sea became a bit bumpy & Fingall & Dalziel were sick. Van ?Praag scared to death. Finally we had to put back to Falmouth & abandon the trip via Kingstown to Glasgow which I looked forward to with great pleasure.
	19 Jun, Sun	In glorious weather we went to Dartmouth, the prettiest harbour & town I have seen for some time. Rowed after dinner round the Britannia. They have added repeatedly to the old hulk till now it looks ridiculous. They can have a house on shore (as they mean to) which will be just as much a ship – all except the bilge!
	20 Jun, Mon	By train to London. Stopped at Exeter 3 hours. I went out &

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		lunched with my old friend Cyril Coleridge who lives in a roadside house – very nice – with 3 sisters. The best of brothers, as confirmed an old bachelor as I & a good Chief Constable I believe. I enjoyed my chat on old times.
	21 Jun, Tue	Chiefly writing letters accumulated during my 4 days absence.
	22 Jun, Wed	Bernard Holland lunched & I talked to him about Financial Rel[atio]ns Debate to come on Tuesday. I had wanted to second the motion but Lecky has claimed the privilege.  Dined at Castle with Langford & A J McNeill & hope infused a little sense into some Irish landlords thereby.
	23 Jun, Thu	One of those fits of irritability which sometimes come over me & prevent my doing anything worth doing. I spent my whole day running about from one job to another & accomplishing nought. Gerald Balfour taken sick with sore throat. Irish business in House postponed from next week to week after next.
[Plunkett's Private Member's Bill, "The Societies' Borrowing Powers Act, 1898" enacted; text in <i>IH</i> , IV:174 (2 Jul 1898), p. 559]	24 Jun, Fri	Blackrock Commissioners over about Local Government Bill took the morning. House in afternoon. Then a dinner party at 104B. Lady Hesketh & Lucy, Mrs. Craigie, Daisy, Mrs. Willie, Dalziel & daughter, Hugo Dupré (Mrs Willie's niece & Ld. Milton failed at last moment.[]) Lady Hesketh was as frisky as usual. She certainly can go further without shocking people than any woman I ever knew. Before she had known Lucy 20 minutes she was stroking his hair to try & make it lie down.
	25 Jun, Sat	Busy morning & then down viâ Oxford where I saw Tommy by appointment at the Station to Ditchley to do a week end with the Dillons. The O'Conor Don, Sir H. Howarth & wife, Miss Stanley (Lylph's daughter) & a Miss Hamilton with young Dillon & the old people made the party.
	26 Jun, Sun	A nice place – good trees. Grounds ill kept. Charming House. Fine old pictures from the Indus to the Ganges. Interesting family history splendidly illustrated by the portraits on the walls.  I rested. Could not get alone to work. Perhaps better so. But I am greatly in arrears.
	27 Jun, Mon	Day largely at House where I dined with JG Butcher to meet Rothschilds (pa ma & miss) Chamberlain &c.  In train from Ditchley had a good talk with O'Conor Don & found him not very satisfactory as a practical politician.
	28 Jun, Tue	Lunched with Lucy & met Lions as usual. Dined with Eugene Kellys & had a most delightful musical evening. "In a Persian Garden" was sung by a first class quartet. Words beautiful. Music easily understood. The rest of the day uneventful.
[poss. Frederick William Holls]	29 Jun, Wed	Attended Parliament for divisions on Criminal Evidence Bill. Played during afternoon Chess match, M.P.s against Press Gallery, in which I beat their best man. Lunched with Yerburch to meet one Holls from N.Y. a most interesting American. Sat next Joe Chamberlain & had a talk about Ireland. He was furious at our begging but admitted that it would pay Eng'd to develop the country.
	30 Jun, Thu	Sundry business & correspondence. Then to Dublin by 10.15 P.M. with Dalziel to look into Daily Express.

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	1 Jul, Fri	Dalziel & Gill at it all day & I trying to keep the peace betw'n them. That is the sum total of my days doings.
[Letter to Collooney Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society in <i>IH</i> , IV:175 (9 Jul 1898), p. 585]	2 Jul, Sat	Express office, I.A.O.S. then an afternoons rest driving Dalkey way with Dalziel. Then dinner at St. Georges Club. Ashbourne joined us & over to London by night mail.
	3 Jul, Sun	Preparing a speech for the morrow after a rather restless night in the train.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 60, col. 1044-55]	4 Jul, Mon	The Debate came on & I spent my time when I should have been calmly preparing my speech whipping up other speakers to keep the debate going. I spoke ¾ hour very badly. I had a well prepared speech but I was tired & confused. I think I ought to give up speaking – to leave it to others & to be a wire puller myself only expressing my ideas on paper.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 60, col. 1243]	5 Jul, Tue	Spent most of the day at the House lobbying for Ireland. I got Butcher, Beckett, Yerburch & one other Englishman to support our claim. The debate ended with a brilliant speech from AJ Balfour & a big majority defeated the Irish case.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 61, col. 12]	6 Jul, Wed	Local Govt Bill in House. Dined with Fingalls & went to a stupid play.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 61, col. 272]	7 Jul, Thu	Local Gov't Bill in House again. Hard at it.
	8 Jul, Fri	Irish Estimates – other work – and a State Ball!
	9 Jul, Sat	Seedy. Did very little. Eton & Harrow match. But I no stomach for it.
	10 Jul, Sun	Still upset. After trying to work in the morning biked to Hampton Court in afternoon with Daisy returning from Richmond to Vauxhall by train. This did me a little good I think.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 61, col. 523, 553-5, 563, 576-7]	11 Jul, Mon	Busy with amendments to Local Gov't Bill in House.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 61, col. 703-5, 709, 755-6, 769-70]	12 Jul, Tue	Ditto. Lunched with Kellys.
	13 Jul, Wed	Welsh members went in for barefaced obstruction & we practically did nothing.
[ <i>Hansard</i> , 4th Series, vol. 61, col. 1062, 1086, 1093]	14 Jul, Thu	An all night sitting to finish the Report stage of Local Govt Bill. Got to bed 8.30 A.M.
	15 Jul, Fri	Tried to work But got through nothing. Left London for Dublin by 10.15 PM train.
	16 Jul, Sat	Arrived fresh after a glorious sleep. C.D.B. meeting to elect Secretary very unpleasant. O'Brien R.C. supported vigorously by the 3 R.C. members O'Donnell, O'Hara & Kennedy, Mitchell accountant of Land Com'n by 5 Prot's Wrench, Geoghegan, Green, de Vesci & self. Harrel in chair.  I.A.O.S. C'tee in afternoon went over draft Report & most gratifying record of fruits of my work. In evening went with Daisy to Minnie Fitzgerald's Dalguise, Monkstown for week end

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[Psalm 14.1: "And the fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."]	17 Jul, Sun	Out of doors all day. Went with Gill, Daisy & T Fitzgerald on board Daily Express's chartered tug with Signor Marconi aetat 23 to see his wireless telegraphy. We went out about 10 miles & telegraphed backwards & forwards to the land by this strange contrivance. And the fool hath said in his heart!!
	18 Jul, Mon	In to Dublin early and worked all day at I.A.O.S. Fourth Annual Report. I was to have gone down to Dunsany to see Johnny but he wired he would come to Dublin & after the midday train had left wired he would not. Had a good business talk with Fr. Finlay, did other business & left by mail for London.
	19 Jul, Tue	Subpoenaed to give evidence at Londonderry Mine Case. Wasted half day & told to "come tomorrow". Then House & a dinner to Wm E Dodge (104B[]). Dorothy hostess – Simeons, Leckys, JG Butchers.
	20 Jul, Wed	Waiting in Court again & not called. Then House. Went with Anderson to Spring Rice of the Treasury & explained Irish needs of the Treasury. Parl'y dinner at Mansion House. Who enjoys these gaudy functions.[?]
	21 Jul, Thu	Kiosk meeting. Busy with R.A.A. over I.A.O.S. matters. House for afternoon. Then Fisher Minister of Agriculture & Robertson Dairy & agric'l Com[missione]r dined at 104B. I had to meet them R.A.A., Bonn, Saunderson MP, Colomb M.P., Drage M.P., Esmonde M.P., Bernard Holland.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	22 Jul, Fri	Stupefied by three successive dinners. Have a pair from Monday for Session & so spent a good deal of time at House.
	23 Jul, Sat	After morning at Amer'n correspondence & other work went to Hatfield garden party. Whole house thrown open. Really grand old place. Emperor of Germany has presented Ld. Salisbury with a portrait of himself on Quarter Deck which looks odd among Elizabethan ancestors of the Cecils!  Denis & I dined together at Club for sake of old times.
	24 Jul, Sun	Morning with Dalziel about Express.  Lunched with Lady Cranborne to talk about poultry cooperation in England. Large paper scheme. Won't come to much. Dined with Mrs. Wetzlar to meet Moritz Bonn & sister, a nice little girl not at all the Jew type of the brother. Mrs. W. too interesting.
	25 Jul, Mon	Sat for pencil drawing for Lady Gregory to J.B Yeats (father of the Poet W.B.Y.). There was a fog & it was so dark that the drawing was a complete failure.  Dined with Lough to talk Financial Rel[atio]ns &c.
	26 Jul, Tue	Called with Lough on Lipton (now Sir Thomas) with object of interesting him in I.A.O.S. I think I 'hooked' him all right. Then I went to Forest Row, had a game of golf with Beau Watson & spent the night with him at Paddockhurst.
[The entries for 26 & 27 June are on separate pages; HP apparently unaware of repetition]	27 Jul, Wed	Called on Sir Thomas Lipton with T. Lough in order to <u>interest</u> him in the I.A.O.S. movement. Hooked him I think. Then to Paddockhurst via Forest Row. Had a ½ day & night there with Beau Watson to talk over his affairs.

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	28 Jul, Thu	Back early to town. Kiosk meeting. Local Gov't Bill in Lords. Wrote a letter to Times. Dined Dalziel.  Gave Bonn & sister tea on Terrace.
To Balfour, Lady Betty  [Reproduction of drawing of HP in <i>IH</i> , IV:182 (27 Aug 1898), supp.]	29 Jul, Fri	Sat to JB Yeats again. He finished a pencil portrait of me which I thought good. Then packing & off to my Irish work by the 10.15 night train.
["The Irish Question at the Grimsby Election", <i>The Times</i> , p. 12]	30 Jul, Sat	Crowd. Took hour to get luggage. Then I.A.O.S. I.A.W.S. Thornley Stoker, Gill &c & down to Killeen for my Sat[urda]y to Monday or Tuesday as of old.  A letter of mine appeared in the Times which may do good. It was a protest against the attitude of Geo Doughty of Grimsby, Liberal, who is going over to the Liberal Unionists because of the Financial Relations Claim.
	31 Jul, Sun	An old time Killeen Sunday. Just F. Daisy & I. Johnny came over to lunch with Eddy & his new (medical) secretary. He was in a bad humour but certainly less ugly than in his former cantankerous fits. We spent the afternoon with him at Dunsany where things seemed to be more quiescent. The ?Grey's were there from Sat[urda]y to Monday.
	1 Aug, Mon	Spent day in Dublin. Got a letter from Falkiner throwing me over politically & threatening me with all sorts of pains & penalties in the Constituency. I.A.O.S. work & back to Killeen.
	2 Aug, Tue	All day at Killeen & Dunsany. F left so Daisy & I dined with Johnny. He was in great form with his old flashes of wit e.g. Daisy hesitates to ---- more raspberry ice. Johnny aside "She's afraid there be a ?crust in the thaw". But alas no sure reform yet. However patience. Wrote a long apologia to Litton Falkiner & he replied in a dignified rebuke.
	3 Aug, Wed	To Dublin morning train. I.A.O.S. all day. Dined & slept at Viceregal Lodge. Long talk with Cadogan. As usual he talked too much, I never heard a worse listener.
	4 Aug, Thu	A rather aimless day, not being very well. Stayed at Kildare St. Club.
	5 Aug, Fri	I.A.O.S. office all day except a Financial Reform meeting at Mansion House.
[Report of address to District Conference, Tralee in <i>IH</i> , IV:180 (13 Aug 1898), p. 685]	6 Aug, Sat	6.40 Mail (breakfast car now) to Tralee with Anderson for a Conference of Dairy Societies on the old Trade federation (support of Agency) question. Did good. Put up with Butchers at Danesfort at night, only a sister of Mrs. B there. He is a delightful personality.
	7 Aug, Sun	A partially restful day. Had to do a good deal of hard talking with H.S.B. & the Kenmares & Castlerosses with whom we dined. Rather sad to see the splendour of that grandly situated house in the hands of creditors.
	8 Aug, Mon	Looked over Lady Castlerosse's Carving & Cabinet making school to which I lent £200 to be repaid after the I.I.A. sale at

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		Liverpool. Then went through the gardens at Kenmare House – beautiful in themselves & commanding the most beautiful views in Ireland. Then to Mallow where I addressed the C'tee of a poultry society which looked promising. Anderson & I then went back to Dublin.
	9 Aug, Tue	A conference with “Their Excellencies” over IIA affairs. Horrid fit of dyspepsia. Went out to sleep at HolmPatrick House, Skerries with Daisy & her bairns.
	10 Aug, Wed	CDB & I.A.O.S. all day, but too seedy to do any good. Slept again at Skerries. Had to put off dinner at Vice Regal.
	11 Aug, Thu	CDB & I.I.A. meetings nearly all day – a lot of I.A.O.S. work in between. Then off to London by night mail to join Dalziel at Fronville he promising to land me at Kingstown 18th.
	12 Aug, Fri	Arrived in town feeling very seedy. Lough & I lunched with Lipton at “Lipton’s” & had an interesting conversation with this multimillionaire. Felt worse & sent for Dr. Only Manly Sims could be found at home & he forbade me to go to Fronville tonight as I had intended, my temperature being 103. I was put to bed after a hot bath & hot soup which after some hours of restlessness & neuralgic pain brought the respite of perspiration. It is influenza again but taken in time.
	13 Aug, Sat	All day in bed. But the fever went & worst of the pain. Sore throat. Dr. said I had tonsilitis [ <i>sic</i> ].
	14 Aug, Sun	Cured but desperate weak. Wrote a few letters, spent afternoon with Lady Betty. No news from Dalziel.
	15 Aug, Mon	Not a word from Dalziel though I wired him Friday & Sat[urday]. So I went by a new 11 A.M. fast North Wall train to Dublin arriving 8.30 – a very good service.
	16 Aug, Tue	Morning at letters with Dunning then out to Skerries where I spent a peaceful afternoon & evening with Daisy tête à tête. Felt low & depressed after influenza.
	17 Aug, Wed	A glorious day with Daisy & her children at Skerries. Then back to Dublin to keep my room at Club for Horse Show.
	18 Aug, Thu	After busy morning a terrible lunch (600 guests) in honour of delegates to Health Congress. The wit was the wit of a plumber, the humour municipal. Then a garden party at Vice Regal Lodge. Dined with Their Excellencies.
	19 Aug, Fri	Mornings work in Dublin. Then down to Dunsany by 12.30. Found Johnny physically better but mentally as impossible as ever. Back to Dublin & late in Express office helping Gill to declare the new policy of the Express.
	20 Aug, Sat	The announcement of the new policy of the Express reads well. Hard mornings work at IAOS. Then down to Skerries for an afternoon’s biking with Daisy.
	21 Aug, Sun	Biked to St.Marnocks where J Jameson & wife, Toby Cairnes & ditto. Then Daisy went back to Skerries & I on to Kingstown to await arrival of Dalziel & party in yacht. Turned up late.
	22 Aug, Mon	I.A.O.S. morning. Then garden party at Sir Henry Cochrane’s. Then Dalziel & his friend Dormer, Fingall & Farnham helped me



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		to entertain Sir Thomas Lipton at the K St. Club. He is a veritable bounder. Elated by the enormous fortune he has made out of enterprising distribution with his head turned by the “swells” who have swarmed round him he talks of nothing but himself. However he may give money to the I.A.O.S. & with that possibility in view I suffer bounders gladly.
	23 Aug, Tue	First day of the Horse Show. But I am unable to enjoy it as I used to. It is a constant rush from morning to night – Dalziel & Lipton, Bonn & the Minister of Agriculture from Canada, Mary & her girls all in town & claiming attention. And on Friday I am to make a speech on which the future of agricultural organisation in Ireland may largely depend.
	24 Aug, Wed	Pir[r]ie of Belfast and Fisher (Minister of Agric Canada) dined with me. I spent most of the day at IAOS work preparing speech for Friday.
	25 Aug, Thu	Lipton called at I.A.O.S. office. Got nothing out of him except promises to buy Irish butter & eggs if they were the best & cheapest to be had. Spent most of day working up speech for the morrow. Dined with the Iveaghs. Splendid rooms. Took in Caroline Roche & had an ‘old timey’ talk.
[Text of address to IAOS annual meeting in <i>IH</i> , IV:183 (3 Sep 1898), pp. 737-9]	26 Aug, Fri	Annual meeting of I.A.O.S. took most of the day. Londonderry & Dufferin sent sympathetic letters & Iveagh promised (privately) £1000 a year for 5 years. I made a long written speech which I think was good – probably the best prepared I ever made. It is the work of my life this I.A.O.S. & I think I have saved it from financial collapse. Fisher Minister of Agriculture for Canada attended meeting & spoke. He & I dined at Vice Regal.
	27 Aug, Sat	After busy forenoon went with Dalziel to yacht Tigh-na-Mara where his women folk & the Fingalls were of the party. Hogg & Jim Power dined, we had a cheery enough night of it. I was utterly collapsed after the heavy work of the day before.
	28 Aug, Sun	Steamed to Skerries where we landed Daisy & saw her children. Back to Kingstown & Fingall & I went to Dublin. The days fresh air did me good. Busy packing up late into the night. Have to leave the Club bag & baggage tomorrow, Club closing for repairs.
	29 Aug, Mon	The K. St. Club closed today for a couple of months probably. It is my Irish home now that Dunsany is so sad. I came on board Dalziel’s yacht & he started for Holyhead. A southerly gale drove us back & I was sorry I had not gone to Foxford where the Fingalls, Langfords, Jim Powers & many other industrial friends made a party. We had to lie in Kingstown Harbor all day. I am not much of a companion for D.
[L&NWR – London & North Western Railway]	30 Aug, Tue	Coaled early & left for Greenore. Blew a strong S.W. gale and I was very nearly capsized in the gig going ashore in Carlingford Lough. Greenore is simply a L&N.W.R. packet station (steamers for Holyhead) but I should say there were pretty drives from it.
	31 Aug, Wed	Sailed from Carlingford Lough to Bangor where we did nothing when we might have called on the Dufferins. But D. was not on. I begin to feel the benefit of the change & rest.
	1 Sep, Thu	In perfect weather which gave Dalziel no reason for alarm we steamed back to Kingstown. There D. got his letters mine, some

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		30[,] being in Dublin. So after waiting till D had dealt with his I went on & had a night with letters Anderson & Gill.
	2 Sep, Fri	The Foxford party mostly returned last night but Daisy the Bonns, Amy Cairnes & some others tonight. I heard of their doings & regretted my absence. I ought to have gone & though my outing with D. did me good physically I think the party would have cheered me. Dined quietly with Daisy & talked over plans.  Very busy day with R.A.A. as he is off to Lahinch for a holiday.
	3 Sep, Sat	6.5A.M. with Bonn to Buncrana. There assembled Geoffrey Drage, Sir D Harrel, W.S. Green & us two. We went on board S.S. Granuaile at night and sailed for Oban where we are to meet a Col. Gore Booth to whom we are referred to as the Scotch authority on Congested Districts, conditions & remedies. Weather glorious.
	4 Sep, Sun	And today more glorious. I enjoyed the voyage up the Lochs to Oban immensely and when we actually reached the famous tourist resort we had to acknowledge that for panoramic beauty we had nothing like it in Ireland. There was one disappointment in the day. Col. Gore Booth was holiday making in Ireland although we had arranged with the Scotch Gov't that we were to meet him at 10 AM tomorrow. We found his second in command, a Mr. Coles, who heard our story with languid interest & looked down upon us as only intelligible if we were on an outing.
	5 Sep, Mon	Kept our appointment with W Coles & got little out of it. He advised us however to call today at Quinish on Mull on our way & see Mr. Forsythe one of the members of the Scotch C.D.B. We learned a lot from him about the 6 counties scheduled as Congested. He was an out of the way country gentleman of a good type & was the chief agric'l commissioner. We gathered that the CDB (Scotch) had done nothing yet & that there really was not much that they could do – or indeed much necessity for gov't interference of the kind intended. Anchored at Tiree.
	6 Sep, Tue	In about 11 A.M. at Castlebay in the Island of Barra. Spent most of our time 2½ hours walking about the little island with Father Chisholm (Islanders mostly R.C.) a broad-minded educated P.P. who compared very favorably with his Irish counterpart. Cross-exam[inatio]n by the 5 of us generally gets to the bottom of the Economic Cond[ditio]n &c. I will not give the results of our enquiries as they will be matter of report. On to Loch Bois Dale in South Uist where we missed the Factor we wanted to see and anchored for the night.
To Balfour, Lady Betty [?Pooltiel]	7 Sep, Wed	Went to Skye. Landed at Loch Bulteel [ <i>sic</i> ] only to find that Mr. Mackenzie, Factor to Macleod of Macleod did not live there but at Loch Dunvegan. Went there & found the old factor who gave us a pretty complete account of the economy of Skye a large part of which is owned by the MacLeod estate. Then to Loch Maddy in North Uist a dreary plat with good hotel, a Court House & a Piermaster Nicol who we interviewed. Drove to Sir Arch[hibal]d Orr's "Sollas" estate, a sylvan Connemara wilderness to which he intends to migrate 22 families from some more desolate wilderness.
	8 Sep, Thu	Came to Stornoway & at once interviewed Provost Anderson at great length. Then Drage, Bonn & I drove to Carloway on the

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		west of the Island where we were put up by the niece of the Minister Rev. Roger Macrae in the Free Church house in his absence. On the way we interviewed many people & really got to understand the economics & social cond[ition]s of the place. It is an immense relief getting rid of Green & Harrel for a day. They have no economic instincts, the one is hopelessly unmethodical & the other a dried up machine of an official – both delightful as companions. Had two schoolmasters to talk to after supper & learned a lot.
	9 Sep, Fri	The most interesting day we have had. After an excellent breakfast one of the Teachers came with a very intelligent Cottar who gave us a wonderfully faithful & graphic picture of the Crofters & cottars life. He took us into several houses of both. We drove back to Stornoway & there had long interview with W. Oroch the factor of the Matheson Estate who gave us the Proprietor's side of the crofter controversy. Green & Harrel had meanwhile driven round the west & north coast & returned by steamer to dinner. Donald Matheson sent Harrel & me fruit & flowers from Lews Castle. Unhappily they arrived too late for us to call.
	10 Sep, Sat	Left Stornoway five o'clock in the morning & got a good dusting on our way to Portree. There we got our first letters during this trip. Nothing important for me. Weather so bad we pressed on south so as to get through some of the sands & ready to get over the rougher portions as opportunity offered. Only got to ?Alunsay where we had to put in for the night.
	11 Sep, Sun	Back viâ Oban where the Tigh na Mara was in harbour with all the Dalziels (3 generations) Fingall & Miss ?Winianshage. Midnight saw us off the coast of Ireland.
	12 Sep, Mon	Harrel, Drage, Bonn & I landed 6 AM at Holywood (B[el]fast Lough) & came to Dublin. Dunning was away in London seeing a doctor (who reports favourably) & Russell was the only IAOS officer in town, so I had great difficulty with my arrears of correspondence. Drage & Bonn lunched & dined with me. Drage is enthusiastic about I.A.O.S.
	13 Sep, Tue	Dunning came back slack & seedy & little fit for work. Drage left. Letters all day.
	14 Sep, Wed	Another day similarly spent.
[Report of address to Ardrahan Co-operative Agricultural Society in <i>IH</i> , IV:186 (24 Sep 1898), p. 803]	15 Sep, Thu	With Daisy by morning mail to Ardrahan to stay with Edward Martyn bachelor at Tillyra Castle for 3 or 4 meetings of near agric'l societies. Had excellent though small meeting at Ardrahan & spoke well. Lady Gregory & Yeats came to dinner. Interesting evening.
[Ancestral name spelled both Martin/Martyn]  [Report of address to Killinney Co-operative Society in <i>IH</i> , IV:186 (24 Sep 1898), p. 804]	16 Sep, Fri	Lazy day though I biked to Coole with Daisy & rowed on the lake with Yeats while she & Lady Gregory visited the Convent at Gort. Then drove with Ed Martin to Killinney where I had an excellent meeting of sturdy farmers who had organised a society without any assistance from the Gentry or Priest – the former not being resident the latter cowed by shopkeepers. Back to 9 o'clock dinner to find Mrs. Smith of Masonbrook & daughter. The latter sings & plays well & the former is not too Galwegian.
[Report of address to Beagh and Kiltartan Co-	17 Sep, Sat	Poured. Glorious weather I fear gone. Cleared up in afternoon. Daisy, E[dward]d Martyn, Miss Smith & I went (via Coole for tea)

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operative Societies in <i>IH</i> , IV:186 (24 Sep 1898), p. 804]		to Gort where we met the members of the Beagh & Kiltartan Societies & harangued them. Yeats called on for a speech showed poetic fancy & real talent. Meeting did good. Corballis (Dundrum constituent) came before dinner – 9 P.M. again – & I tried to enlist him. He is rich but close.
	18 Sep, Sun	Edward Martin is a really good host & I enjoyed a restful Sunday with him. Went to Lough Cutra, which I alone of my family, had not visited before. Lovely place, but Ld. Gough extraordinarily uninteresting for a man of his diplomatic experience & Lady G distinctly dull. Yeats dined again.
[3 pence – approx. 85 pence in 2002]	19 Sep, Mon	Bicycled to Kinvara 9 miles & on 13 more to <del>Athenry</del> Oranmore where I joined the train which brought Daisy & E[dwar]d Martin to Galway. Thence we drove Spiddal where we dined & slept with the Morris' – Parents & 2 daughters only at home.  At Kinvara I met the nuns & 2 or 3 ladies who had worked the Cooperative Egg <del>factory</del> Soc'y very successfully. I had to explain that this was not Cooperation but something quite different. However they had raised eggs 3 <sup>d</sup> the score all over Galway! At Spiddal I found the Bank doing excellently.
	20 Sep, Tue	A most disappointing day. I left at 8 AM & drove into Galway to take the steamer with Bonn, ?S-i----in, Hannon & a CDB agric'l instructor. It blew a gale & I could not go. The only thing was to come back to Dublin & this I did. Daisy also came back, the Bonns went to Connemara & the rest went to Aran. I will go later.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	21 Sep, Wed	Dublin I.A.O.S. &c work
	22 Sep, Thu	Ditto
	23 Sep, Fri	And again – for there is no end of it. Russell and Miss Adair are away & Anderson is alone in the office.
	24 Sep, Sat	Down by midday train to Killeen whence I look in on Johnny. He is physically far better & mentally also. But I fear he is no more reasonable towards Ernle or me. He is going on with his mad scheme of bankruptcy to spite Ernle!
	25 Sep, Sun	Restful except that I had to write a bit of the Report of the CDB Hebrides trip. Dined at Dunsany. Johnny wonderfully better.
	26 Sep, Mon	To Dublin early & then rush to write up correspondence & have trip for a week. Down with Daisy & Willie Plunket to Killarney where we joined the G. Drages who came via Queenstown & Bonns. Put up at Gt Southern Hotel & entertained the Butchers to dinner.
	27 Sep, Tue	A glorious day for Killarney. Showers & blue sky alternately. Drove via Kenmare a <del>grand</del> to Parknasilla where we stopped at the new Hotel. The scenery was magnificent. Daisy did some good at the Kenmare convent.
[RM – Resident Magistrate]	28 Sep, Wed	Drove via Waterville (lunch) to Cahirsiveen & then by train to Caragh Lake which we reached after dark. The party are really enjoying themselves. At Waterville we had a hurried interview with Lloyd R.M. & Rev. JG Fahy (Prot) & I decided that the former would help & the latter could be used to get up a Society.
	29 Sep, Thu	To Milltown early by Car with Drage. There we met Father Carmody who got up a meeting for us at the Court House – some

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		50 farmers mostly members of the Creamery there. I spoke & spoke well for an hour. Drage much better for 5 minutes. We did good.  Joined train at Milltown in afternoon & went on with rest of party to Killarney. Went to tea with the Butchers.
	30 Sep, Fri	Drove to Gap of Dunloe. Walked through & were rowed by four men down the Lakes ?dining Inishfallen Island & Ross Castle. The day was perfect – a dream of beauty all the way. I never knew it was such glorious scenery.
[bearded – opposed boldly]	1 Oct, Sat	The Carving School & the Kenmare’s Gardens first. Then Castlerosse & I bearded the Bishop (Coffey) in his Palace. After 1½ hours argument I got him to say that he was in favor of Cooperation. In afternoon drove down through Ld. Kenmares grounds walking round Mahony’s Point & seeing Ross Island. The day was cloudy with intermittent gleams of sunshine. Darker blue in mountains than ever. Really more glorious than yesterday on the Lakes. The Butchers dined with us & Anderson arrived at night with Fr. Finlay who put up with Castlerosses.
	2 Oct, Sun	Whole party drove to Ballyhar about 7 miles to address the farmers after Mass on the advantages of Coop Dairying. The Castlerosses brought Fr. Finlay & I think a Creamery will result. S H Butcher came & spoke so also Drage.  Tea at Killarney House. Met Ld. Minto, Aberdeen’s successor in Canada. Thought him primitive.
	3 Oct, Mon	Daisy went back early to Killeen. Willy Plunket, the Drages & Bonns later & lastly Anderson & I by mail to Dublin. So broke up a party I enjoyed greatly. It was a comparative rest & still I did some useful work in spreading the movement.  Castlerosse got 4 priests & Jack Leahy to come & talk round a table to me. I educated them well.
	4 Oct, Tue	A long full day at office of IAOS except that I went to Dalkey to attend annual meeting of Fr. Finlay’s cooperative embroidery society & found that his brother (Rev. P.) had written to object to the meeting being held as statutory notice not given! Also the auditor did not turn up as promised with the a/cs! Fr. F, Coyne & Anderson dined with me & we had a great economics talk.
	5 Oct, Wed	7 AM Mail to Ballyhaunis where I met Doran & Hannon & drove 50 miles through Castlebar & Swinford Unions studying economic conditions & discussing possibilities of cooperation. Fell in with Fr. O’Hara & his brother the Canon, with their curates at ?Terrance Doran’s house – oh the discomfort of it – & tried to convert them all to Coop’n, half converted Fr. O.H. Slept at Swinford.
	6 Oct, Thu	Visited Killasser & Bohola Societies & gave a great lesson in pol[itical] eco[nom]y to the C’ttee. On to Castlebar where Fr. Lyons the P.P. took me to Ld. Lucan with whom I argued on the old lines but had also the object of getting him to give the C.D.B. more land for migration. The Wm O’Brien agitation makes the chief difficulty. He wants to get it by foul means.  At Westport Bonn joined us & after a hardish day – but lovely

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		weather went on board the Granuaile at Rossmoney.
	7 Oct, Fri	To Clare Island for breakfast. Greatly changed since I was there in 91 & 92. The Island has been bought & striped by the C.D.B. The houses & farms are improved. The people have hope. After going round the island I addressed the people in Granuaile's castle & laid before them the resources of self-help.  On to Boffin where I worked hard with Allies and a truculent green curate & preached the doctrine of self help to them. Anchored in Boffin for night.
	8 Oct, Sat	To Roundstone by 10 A.M. Father Gleeson had a meeting at which Hannon & I spoke, I well & he very well. I think we laid the foundations of true cooperation. I never had a more attentive & appreciative audience. We landed at Mason Island to see a piece of striping the Board had done & then went on to Aran where we anchored at 9.30 P.M. Dirty night & as the harbour lights were not lighted we had great difficulty in getting in.
	9 Oct, Sun	Another glorious day. Hannon & I again addressed a meeting & founded The "Kilronan Cooperative Agric'l Society" – got shares subscribed, application for Regist[ration] & Rules subscribed &c. We spoke outside the Chapel after Mass to a bilingual people. In signing their application forms they nearly all made their marks. We had to rush things a bit & slur over formalities. But when we talked business with these people they appeared to be very bright. Father Farragher is a splendid P.P. He believes in the strong arm & established his authority shortly after his arrival 2 years ago by knocking down the local bully.
	10 Oct, Mon	Steamed to Galway whence after dealing with heavy correspondence took train with Bonn & Hannon to Woodlawn & put up with Sir H Bellew for the night to stay for 10 meetings. The first was held at the school at Caltra on the way from the Station. Good meeting. I spoke for 1¼ hours. Too much. Too tiring.
	11 Oct, Tue	Small meeting at Ballymacward – 12 very nice attentive farmers – then large meeting at Menlough. There the P.P. presiding brought up the Land for the people, The gospel according to Wm. O'Brien & challenged me to deal with this righteous demand. After repudiating Wm. O'B's plan I suggested that the best way to get grass lands divided up was so to improve our farming methods by coop'n that it would pay the landlords to divide them. The idea took well. We dined with the P.P. & had a discussion with Fr. Macken CC a much abler man.
	12 Oct, Wed	To Newbridge Soc'y 12 Killeroran 6, at former small good audience – very enthusiastic. Society chiefly tenants of rather paternal landlord. At Ballygar where K. Soc'y meets we had a crowded good humoured meeting & did good work. We are taking a Mr. Trench round with us to see if he can organise. I doubt it. He is too slow. I spoke about 1 hour at each meeting.
	13 Oct, Thu	About 10 Irish miles drive to Tyaquin Soc'y where very few came. We sat down in a blacksmith's house and discoursed the faithful for a couple of hours. The Blacksmith's wife gave us excellent tea & cakes. Mrs. Jordan the name, to be remembered. Thomas Griffin a local Parnellite of great pol[itical] influence is following us round a bit & seems greatly impressed. In evening a

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		large meeting at Mount Bellew at which The RC Archbp. of Melbourne spoke. I did well – an hour as usual. Then a lot of locals to dinner. The movement grows outwardly & inwardly.
	14 Oct, Fri	Doran, Hannon, Bellew & I to see the French Estate which the CDB has purchased striped & redivided. A Mr. Cornwall lunched us & his son acted as cicerone. In evening held a meeting at Ballaghlea schoolhouse of the Cappagh Agric'l Soc'y & the Cloonkeen Agric'l Bank. Good meeting – Bellew & I then drove some 10 miles to Clonbrock where Lord C. put us up for the night. Went to bed thoroughly tired.
	15 Oct, Sat	Today only one – the last – meeting at Ahascragh. I spoke long & well & I think did good to the agric'l & <del>Bank</del> egg societies. I worked hard to get Clonbrock to support the I.A.O.S. & get other landlords to do so. No apparent success though he had no arguments. Went via Ballinasloe & Enfield to Killeen where Daisy had the Bonns.
	16 Oct, Sun	Walked to Dunsany. Johnny had gone some days before on a bicycle trip with Houston his medical companion. The weather has broken & I fear he will have a discouraging time of it. Saw Wilkinson who was to have had the estate a/cs ready for me to look over but hadn't. Tried to write my Newcastle address but made no progress.
	17 Oct, Mon	To Dublin early train. Buried under letters mostly from office-seekers asking me to use my "well known influence with the Chief Secretary" in their behalf. Lots of I.A.O.S. work. No time to get at the work of the moment – my Newcastle address.
	18 Oct, Tue	Very busy day. Then went to a dinner of Royal College of Physicians where I was the honoured guest though the Provost of T.C.D. was there. I spoke fairly well & with some humour mixed with seriousness.
	19 Oct, Wed	I.A.O.S. work in early morning – then 6 hours CDB. Gerald Balfour presided & so we got through the work quick. But we did not meet last month & arrears were terrible. Biked up to Ch: Sec's Lodge and dined with GWB & Lady Betty we three. I had an important conversation on future policy of Irish Gov't.
	20 Oct, Thu	C.D.B. again for 5 hours. But breakfasted with Bonn first. Then Hannon to whom I had wired night before was in town & I got him to do some I.A.O.S.– C.D.B. negotiation work. After awful rush got through in time to get off by mail to England.
	21 Oct, Fri	Arrived early & spent most of day at my desk preparing Newcastle address. Called on Johnson to talk about Ernle & Johnny's affairs. They are absolutely hopeless.
	22 Oct, Sat	Abscess in ear. Pelton meeting, Bainbridge & Gardiner present. Worked all day. At night dined with Marlborough (Hampden House) & played chess with him. He is clever but not <u>very</u> attractive.
	23 Oct, Sun	Called on Dalziel, lunched with Eddy but otherwise spent whole day with Dunning preparing address for Newcastle. Left 11.30 sleeping car train for Edinburgh.
	24 Oct, Mon	But for the monstrously gloomy grey stone of which all the houses are built, Edinburgh would be a delightful town. It is grandly situated with some fine buildings. Broad streets. Clean as

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		<p>Paris or Washington – prosperous thriving people. Henry Butcher took me over the Castle, the University &amp;c. But I spent most of the day working at my Newcastle lecture.</p> <p>Reginald Macleod – now in Exchequer office, Friend of family 20 years ago lunched. Several locals dined.</p>
	25 Oct, Tue	<p>Saw some more of Edinburgh. Lunched &amp; had good talk with Reginald Macleod, an old family friend, about the Hebrides where his brother is a mighty Laird (Skye). Spent most of the day trying to finish my Newcastle address after which I was unfitted by an abscess in the ear. Left by train 6.25 for Newcastle where I went to bed on arrival at Station Hotel &amp; was violently sick.</p>
[Text of address to Economic Society in <i>IH</i> , IV:192 (5 Nov 1898), pp. 929-30]	26 Oct, Wed	<p>Feeling wretched. Geoffrey Drage, Professor Bottomley &amp; Hodgkin all about early. I had to go to a doctor &amp; get drugs to enable to face my audience – the Economic Soc’y. I felt very weak, read my paper badly &amp; could not answer the criticisms at all. They were all friendly. But of course the subject was not quite suited to my audience. To bed still sick.</p> <p>Fitted in a visit to Pelton during day &amp; the air being bracing &amp; the day fine I got the information I required. But the effort of the day was rather much.</p>
	27 Oct, Thu	<p>8 hours sound sleep. Felt much better. Londonderry telephoned me from Wynyard to come there. Sorry I was engaged. Went with Hodgkin to Bamborough Castle. He lives in the keep which he rented 5 years ago from The Crewe Trustees who after holding it for 2 centuries have now sold it to Ld. Armstrong who is adding – very cleverly I think – £100,000 worth of Castle. The old Castle dates from Henry II. It stands upon a somewhat dreary coast upon a solid basaltic rock. Hodgkin &amp; I are alone – we live in an excellent library. Splendid resting place.</p>
	28 Oct, Fri	<p>A quiet day with Hodgkin – walking, driving &amp; easy letter writing. Did me a lot of good. Went over Ld. Armstrong’s additions. He is 87 now &amp; it will take 5 years to finish I should say. It will then be an up to date, out of date pile which will surely be known as A’s folly. Saw Grace Darling’s tomb. She died in 1845 3 years after an act of heroism.</p>
	29 Oct, Sat	<p>Left Bamborough regretfully. At Newcastle had a talk with Dr. Spence Watson the chief organiser of the English Liberal Party. I told him of the I.A.O.S. movement and begged him to give heed to no politicians from Ireland who would disturb it. On to West Lodge, Darlington where Sir David &amp; Lady Dale put me up for the week end. He is a rock of sense &amp; she daughter of Sir F Milbank, a very nice woman. He is a power in the north. He established many years ago the most successful of the Arbitration Boards. He did splendid work on the Labour &amp; the Royal Commissions.</p>
[GOM – Grand Old Man (Gladstone)]	30 Oct, Sun	<p>A delightful rest. Lady Milbank too unwell to appear yesterday came down today and a delightful person she certainly is. I don’t wonder the G.O.M. was fond of her. I unfolded my Irish policy to Sir D.D. He was impressed &amp; asked me to lecture on it in Darlington on my return from America.</p>
	31 Oct, Mon	<p>Darlington 11.5 Liverpool via Harrogate, Leeds &amp; Manchester 3.10. Drage met me &amp; took me via Mersey Tunnel to Thurstaston where a carriage took me on to Dawpool his father-in-law</p>



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		Thomas Ismay's place. Delightful house. Pictures A.1., perfect domestic economy. Luxury without display. Nice family. Bruce away. A mother just like him & several sisters, all delightful. Mrs. Ismay motherly. Nice commercial guests, sympathetic about Ireland. Enjoyable very. Daisy turned up from Ireland.
	1 Nov, Tue	I.I.A. Sale opened in afternoon & as Royalty was there a suffocating crowd was collected. Good business done. Mary & her daughters had a stall of which I was glad. We did not get back till near midnight.
	2 Nov, Wed	Thomas Ismay & Geoffrey Drage both left early. I breakfasted with them & then did a morning's letter writing &c. Then more Liverpool & Industries promotion. Back to dine at Dawpool where Fr. Nugent put up for the night & told me a lot about American Irish.
	3 Nov, Thu	Had a meeting at the Ld. Mayor's parlour. But he forgot that he & all he had invited to meet me were engaged elsewhere. 5 turned up & among them a cousin of T Sinclair's who promised £100 to I.A.O.S. and urged me to have a meeting later on. Left by night mail for Ireland with Daisy & Dunning.
	4 Nov, Fri	Went to Chief Sec's after a very busy day I.A.O.S. &c. Only GWB, Lady Betty & a young Jackson p[ri]vate. sec to GWB there. Was rather bilious & sick.
	5 Nov, Sat	I.A.O.S. chiefly. A dinner party at Chief Secs – official. Daisy arrived.
	6 Nov, Sun	A really restful day. Just Lady Betty, Gerald & Daisy. Gerald was much more human & we came to an understanding about the Bd. of Agriculture & Industries.
	7 Nov, Mon	Did a good days work in Dublin. Had Monteagle, D. Roche, A Lough & others from N. & S. to conference re Agency Society. Dined with whole Ch: Secretary's party at Viceregal Lodge. Had interesting talks with Ld. Roberts (Bobs) & Cadogan.
	8 Nov, Tue	Dublin & Killeen. The latter betw'n trains. Dorothy & Alice hunting at Dunsany came over to stay at Killeen. I got some clothes for America.  Met a few not very congenial people at Coyne's house after dinner.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	9 Nov, Wed	Houston, Johnny's medical secretary called on me. He had left Johnny in Jersey finding that even £1 a day & all food is not enough to reconcile one to Johnny's society. I fear this means a relapse into his former state. Lunched with Gill & met JG Barton & Capt'n. Abney (Science & Art Dept.). Interesting talk on Educ'n Technical & other. Meeting of I.A.O.S. C'tee took afternoon. Had to dinner Hannon, Bellew, Finlay, Russell, R.A.A., BSD[unning], Gill at Gresham. Packed & got to bed at midnight.
	10 Nov, Thu	Left by 6 AM train for Queenstown. About 7 miles S of Thurles while train going about 50 miles an hour tyre of Driving wheel of engine broken. We were dissembled but it is wonderful that we were not wrecked. Came on board SS Germanic feeling utterly

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		done up. Hope the voyage may pull me together. Left Dublin with £19 & \$39
	11 Nov, Fri	336. I have often found the passengers turn out on acquaintance better than I anticipated. But this lot is I fear quite hopeless.
	12 Nov, Sat	387 Am trying to give up alcohol tea coffee & tobacco but don't mean to be a total abstainer from any too suddenly. I have stopped alcohol altogether, reduced tobacco to 2 cigarettes a day, abandoned coffee after dinner & only take it occasionally at breakfast. Without tea at breakfast & 5 o'clock am inclined to go to sleep. Must get to weaker & weaker tea before I leave it off. Have given up eating at 5 o'clock which I am sure is a dietetic enormity. Wind strong S.W. to N.W. & temperature varying accordingly. No new acquaintances on board.
	13 Nov, Sun	354 WNW gale
	14 Nov, Mon	369 Cold & fair after the storm.
	15 Nov, Tue	380
[Shovel Board – earlier name for shuffleboard]	16 Nov, Wed	397. Cold fine. Spent the whole day playing Shovel Board & Quoits on deck. In evening had to preside at a deadly concert. It was bricks without straw with a vengeance. Not a single songster – one dreary reciter & 3 pianists managed 2 lugubrious duets!
	17 Nov, Thu	415 – 112 to Sandy Hook. Had to poke about the river all night. Of course little sleep.
[V – Fifth]	18 Nov, Fri	Up unnecessarily early. Letter from B. Cockran now in the luxurious combined restaurant & flats known as Sherrys B[uil]d[in]g (524 V Ave) asking me to go to him which I did. He as usual more than kind. He arranged 3 dinners & c for me. He is now violently anti-expansion & is going on the stump there anent. He took me to dine with the Black & White artist Dana Gibson. Very nice fellow & nice wife. Saw John Sinclair who lunched me with Fairchild, late Sec to Treasury (2nd rate) & a lawyer Brownell. Ralph Wortley also visited. He is coining. Made £10,000 last year. I am very glad. He deserves it. General feeling that good times are coming.
	19 Nov, Sat	Went down town with B Cockran who gave me the facilities of his office – stenographer, typewriter telephone & all. Called on Alexander Orr & had interesting converse. Then went to see Ralph Wortley & found his office 72 B[road]way gutted with fire. Property all in safes happily & even competing firms helped them to carry on business in extemporised premises. Dined with a Mr. & Mrs. Bronson & went to the Horse Show in Madison Square Garden. Ev[en]ing clothes & white gloves almost de rigeur! Not a very sportsmanlike performance but well done & paying.
[query in original] [?William Butler Duncan, cf 18 Dec]	20 Nov, Sun	Lunched with the [gap]? Bryces, 12 Washington Square & dined with the Duncan Butlers [sic]. At latter met Governor Wolcott (of Mass[achusetts]) very interesting man with quite charming wife. Host & hostess also charming. Anglo American I think. Chief event of day a long call upon John Crimmins 40 E 68th, rich Irish contractor. A goose laying golden eggs for John Dillon. I talked him over to I.A.O.S. & possibly on my return I may land him.
	21 Nov, Mon	Wrote letters, left cards – hosts & hostesses. Called on Godkins & found “Larry” more pessimistic than ever, dined with the Stuart

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		Wortleys to meet Admiral Schley who did not turn up. Cockran went out to his country seat.
[chez lui – at home]  [otium et opus cum dignitate – leisure and work with dignity]	22 Nov, Tue	Called early on Wm. H Tolman (United Charities B[uil]d[in]g, cor[ner] 4th Ave & 22nd) & promised to speak on Rural Life at dinner of ‘Get together Club’ on return. Then out to B Cockran’s new home on Long Island (near Port Washington). B.C. chez lui is also interesting. He is evidently rich but he has a scheme of life which is unamerican & most laudable, otium (et opus) cum dignitate. He will have a good library, trotting horses & a farm. He will store his energy & replete his store of information & when a good platform is in sight he will make a dash into public life. His great oratorical gifts probably mean a fine career. Meanwhile in the comfort of his house & behind his trotting horses I have completed his I.A.O.S. education & he will be a great force in bringing Irish American influence to our aid. A grand sleep in country air which I needed.
	23 Nov, Wed	In to N.Y. with Cockran. Packed & left for Phila[delphi]a 12.50. There met Rev. Gerald Coghlan (2141 N Broad St) who had visited Dublin & encouraged the IAOS to try & get subs[criptio]ns in Phila. Met several Irishmen. Wild in politics but sufficiently tame otherwise to be worth a meeting on my return. Took train at night for Chicago & Omaha.
	24 Nov, Thu	Thanksgiving Day. Still the train was full to Chicago which I passed through at 9 to 10 P.M. On by Rock Island over which Alexander Orr had given me a pass.
	25 Nov, Fri	Arrived Omaha 1.25 P.M. & met H.J.W. & L.L. Johnson at Depot – or place where Depot is some day to be! Plunged into business & put up with the Windsors at 3007 Pacific St. a comfortable little abode of humble proportions.
	26 Nov, Sat	Business of course all day. Diarrhoea also. Weather very cold. Snow deep in ground & temperature from 1° to 10°.
	27 Nov, Sun	Had to work the office in morning. Took train with L L Johnson to Cheyenne in afternoon.
	28 Nov, Mon	Arrived for breakfast in Cheyenne where I put up with the Careys. Spent most of the day with J Chaplin – met some old timers – Henry Hay, TE ----- &c.
	29 Nov, Tue	To Wheatland & back. Held a large meeting of the farmers of the W[yo] D[ev]. Co colony. They had had a water failure for which[,] more sure to come[,] they blamed the Co. I pacified them in a very conciliatory & frank speech. Carey spoke with earnestness & ability – I think the relations betw’n the Co & the settlers will be better. It is rather annoying that I have to come out from Ireland to settle Careys muddles.
	30 Nov, Wed	Finished up business with Carey & John Chaplin & took train to Omaha. The high air in spite of rather unhealthy occupation during this trip has cured me of my stomach upset.
[Spero meliora – I hope for better things]	1 Dec, Thu	Arrived for early breakfast at the Windsors & worked in office all day barring a visit to the Exposition buildings. The show closed Oct. 31 but there is enough left to show that the Omaha folk “did themselves proud[?]”. Indeed the old farmers who had a city built over them are being replaced by men with some enterprise. Spero

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		meliora.
	2 Dec, Fri	Went with H.J.W. to Hiland & went over Stock – a better lot of cattle than we have yet fed – but oh the waste in feeding in open lots especially when the cholera has swept your hogs – & I hope the farm may carry itself this coming year. There is a report of a Railroad, Gt Northern I think, coming from St. Paul to Omaha just East of Hiland. This would greatly add to the value of the land & enable me gradually to sell out.
	3 Dec, Sat	Business all day in Omaha
	4 Dec, Sun	The same & I had to make all the office work to enable me to leave tomorrow.
	5 Dec, Mon	My last day at Omaha & the usual last dayishness about it. I have done good in my trip – have settled Windsor’s mind, have impressed all my associates with my confidence in them, have put the Wyo Dev Co on a sounder footing & have generally improved my position from a business point of view.  Carey turned up & took some attention but I got through & left by night train for St. Paul.
	6 Dec, Tue	Had 12 hours in St. Paul. “Chris” O’Brien was the leading Irishman – one of the hereditary haters of England – who had invited me to come & discuss getting up a fund for the I.A.O.S. in the northwest. He is wild but has a brother John who is reasonable & clear headed. I saw & talked to several. Their ignorance of Ireland was only equalled by the strength of their convictions about Home Rule. I did good & got promises indefinite but sincere of moral & financial support. Left on a very good train by night for Chicago.
	7 Dec, Wed	The day spent in Chicago. Saw Mrs. White, W.J. Onahan, Wm. J Hynes a very rich lawyer who helped us in Irish Village at World’s Fair /93. Talked a good deal about I.A.O.S. & got ideas how to work up a Fund. No definite results. After two nights in broiling cars was too tired to do much good anyway. Rested well.
	8 Dec, Thu	Took train 10.30 AM viâ PanHandle Route for Philadelphia.
	9 Dec, Fri	Arrived Philadelphia noon. Spent afternoon preparing address on IAOS to Irishmen to be assembled at Dooner’s Hotel. Interrupted by long visit on W[yo].D[ev].Co affairs from R. Davis Carey.  Meeting attended by some 25 Irishmen apparently influential. I made the usual speech – laboured it rather, & only did fairly. A Professor Thompson, Principal of the High School presided & made a foolish Home Rule speech which did no good. Still a committee formed. I am to go to a dinner of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick on 17th inst[ant] & may there drive my arguments home.
	10 Dec, Sat	Arrived N.Y. Tired out after last night I did little. CE Shaw M.P. for Stafford was at Waldorf when I was calling for F Jameson (whom I found & who gave me bad a/c of Fish oils) & took me to a play.  I am installed in B Cockran’s rooms again. Found a nice letter of welcome from him.
	11 Dec, Sun	To Ralph Wortley for lunch. Then a meeting after American Sunday ‘Tea’ at John D. Crimmins (40 E 68) of rich & influential

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[query in original; John Murphy Farley]		Irishmen. It will result in a fund being started in N.Y. I think. I spoke to a very able lot of men – Mayor Grace, Judges Patten & Fitzgerald. The Vicar-General Monsignor ? &c for an hour. I once got muddled in my argument & had to stop. But on the whole I did well & carried conviction.
	12 Dec, Mon	Another tired day. But with the help of coffee for breakfast I did a good deal of writing & prepared for some speeches I shall have to deliver in Boston Washington Phila[delphia] & N.Y. before I sail.  Dined with the Lloyd Bryces, very kind people & went to the opera. The Americans do these things well. I am not musical. But they had <del>at</del> the best singers – Melba, Ed de Reszke &c. And it was a well dressed crowd.
	13 Dec, Tue	After busy morning with letters &c went to Boston where I was put up at the St. Botolphs Club by Graham Brooks, Geoffrey Drage's economist friend. He did everything in his power to make me comfortable & to promote my objects.
	14 Dec, Wed	Zero weather & in Boston it goes to the bones. Diligently prepared a speech which I loosed off in an hour at a luncheon given by Shuman a Jew dry goods man of philanthropic instincts. The mayor Quincy General Pat Collins, Atkinson the statistician, Admiral Belknap & many Irishmen were there. I did fairly – got moral but not financial support. Left by night for N.Y.
[Archbp. Corrigan]	15 Dec, Thu	Preparing for a lecture to be delivered at Columbia University, Washington tomorrow most of the day. Called on the R.C. Archbishop, the Dodges &c. Took midnight train to Washington.
	16 Dec, Fri	Put up at Cosmos Club. Charles Clinton Swisher, Professor of History at Columbia University being my sponsor. Spent morning preparing lecture which I read at University at 4.30 to a pretty good audience. No dollars. But I am gaining ground sensibly every where. Egan very kind & active. Dined with friends of his Col. & Mrs. Winthrop, 1620 I St. Old family, good kind philanthropic people, <u>not</u> intellectual though she thinks she is & writes. She told me she has a mania for blue books!.
	17 Dec, Sat	This morning looking for the Minister of Agric, Alvord, Dairy Division & True, Experimental Farms. All away. Then lunch with Egan & talk with more Irish & off to Philadelphia where the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick 60 strong made me the honoured guest at their quarterly banquet, plied with all kinds of whiskey which I gave back in some rather entertaining Economics. These debauches really do good. I spoke my best – made friends now & money later I doubt not for I.A.O.S.
	18 Dec, Sun	To N.Y. after calling very early on Fr. Coghlan. Lunched with Stuart Wortley to meet Laffan (N.Y. Sun), ?Beard a very interesting society man, Admiral Schley & Lloyd Bryce. Dined with last named & met ex Secretary Morton, Chauncy Depew, Butler Duncan, Godkin &c, a very interesting party. Called on Sturgis, Dodge & Bronsons.
[en gros – “big time”]	19 Dec, Mon	Very busy all the morning & the Lloyd Bryces took me to lunch with Andrew Carnegie. This multimillionaire-philanthropist-Entrepreneur en gros, did not strike me as a man of character or intellect. He is of course a giant of organisation in his own line – steel & iron. But he is vain garrulous & is only interesting from

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[V – Fifth]		having rubbed against so many interesting men. Called on D. Munro (291 .V. Ave) & consulted him about getting TP Gill pos[iti]o[n] of correspondent to Amer'n Dailies. He promised to see what he could do.
	20 Dec, Tue	Dined with 300 Sons of St. Patrick at Delmonicos, Crimmins being my host. It was in honour of a judge & legal shop was talked by speakers. Dull. Meeting of Wyo Dev Co Sturgis (T & F), Carey (J & Davis) & self present. Later met in Fulton Cutting's house 24 E 67. Fine house. Stuart Wortley & Dana Gibson dined with me at Sherrys. Then packing & to bed.
[Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.]	21 Dec, Wed	Lloyd Bryce breakfasted early with me. Then a rush. Wrote several letters from Cockran's office. Attended meeting of W[yo] D[ev] Co at Ladenburg Thalmann's & then as last year put out into the river on S.S. Germanic & lay all night in the fog. Wrote over a dozen letters for the pilot to take ashore & so ended my trip. In it I worked hard for Ireland & I think did good.  35 passengers as dull as those on the outward voyage.
	22 Dec, Thu	Fog. Bells – gongs, steam whistles. Chills, growls.
	23 Dec, Fri	8.14 A.M. at last passed Sandy Hook. Had I waited till Saturday I should have had 3 more days in N.Y. & been home at same time!  61 miles at noon.
	24 Dec, Sat	380 Smooth fine. Light NW breeze.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	25 Dec, Sun	384 Smooth & Cold.
	26 Dec, Mon	386 Ditto
	27 Dec, Tue	389
	28 Dec, Wed	390
	29 Dec, Thu	385 It blew a gale – whole gale in chart but captain told me it was at times more (storm & hurricane being force 11 & 10, whole gale being 10) – & the water got down below. I had a foot in my deck cabin & the saloon was flooded & all the passengers in the saloon deck. There was “much fear but no danger”. Several ladies would not go to bed but remained all night in the saloon. 2 Spaniards gave up all for lost & altogether the study of human nature was interesting but not edifying. The gale was dead aft & so we didn't get knocked about much.
	30 Dec, Fri	403 to Queenstown 29 miles. No news on landing. Just caught mail, the Lucania having sailed 3 days after us landed her passengers 5 hours before us! Came on to K. St. Club & found nobody who had any news. Old Tombe told me they had yesterday “grilled” Lord Ashbourne's son.
	31 Dec, Sat	A busy day with Anderson, Dunning, Fr. Finlay. Then down for the week end & year end to Killeen where the Fingalls & family with TP Gill & daughter took me in. I was glad to be in the sleepy old castle again. What a change from American life!
	Year-end Summary	And so ends another year. It finds me in better health than in recent years, no heavier & not of course a sound or strong man by any means. But still a man with some work in him. I have made great progress during the year with the work of my life – the regeneration of Ireland on lines which need not be defined here[.]

Correspondence [Notes]	1898	Diary Entry
		<p>as the movement I initiated &amp; have been chiefly instrumental in working out are becoming a matter of public knowledge &amp; record. Still in Parliament – did little there but I think did no harm. As to family – Nephews &amp; nieces growing up, Johnny getting more confirmed in his alcoholic &amp; morphia habit &amp; my concern for his boys [page torn out] proportionately Deepening. Reggie is all right. But Eddie is I fear showing signs of demoralisation for want of control. Ernle lives a miserable life getting more &amp; more into debt. During next year Johnny will get into financial difficulties &amp; what may happen then Heaven only knows. My worst rock ahead – the greatest obstacle to my further usefulness is the worry &amp; annoyance which Johnny’s follies may cause. However sufficient for the day.</p> <p>My American estate looks like becoming less of a burden &amp; enabling me to get my affairs into less embarrassing state.</p>