

1901 Diary of Sir Horace Curzon Plunkett (1854–1932)

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NOTES

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

Horace Plunkett, *Irish Homestead*, 30 July 1910

Conventions

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

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

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

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

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

5) Punctuation (or lack of)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Correspondence

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

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

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

Abbreviations

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

Names

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

Organisations

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

General

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

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

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

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Events:

- 22 Jan – Queen Victoria dies; succeeded by Edward VII
 1 Jul – Robertson Commission on university education appointed
21 Nov – Defeat in Galway by-election
 4 Dec – United Irish League of America formed at New York

Publications:

- *Memorandum on Agricultural Education in Ireland* (Dublin) 24 pp
- *Cumh na d'Togthóir I gCathair na Gaillmhe* [To the Electors in Galway City] (Dublin) 1 p
- "The Galway Election" (letter), *The Times*, 30 Nov, p. 13
- Attributed articles in

Irish Homestead:

- Report of address to Belfast Chamber of Commerce, VII:7 (16 Feb 1901), p. 108
- Text of speech accepting album recognising his services and urging him to retain position as Vice President of DATI, VII:15 (13 Apr 2001), p. 239
- Letter to British Agricultural Organisation Society supporting amalgamation with National Agricultural Organisation Society, VII:15 (13 Apr 1901), p. 247
- Report of speech to IIA meeting, VII:18 (4 May 1901), p. 289-90
- Text of speech to Munster County Councils, VII:20 (18 May 1901), pp. 320-2
- Text of address to 2nd Council of Agriculture, VII:22 (1 Jun 1901), pp. 356-8
- Text of address honouring R.A. Anderson, VII:23 (8 Jun 1901), pp. 382-3
- Report of address to Ballymena Agricultural Association, VII:26 (29 Jun 1901), p. 442
- Text of speech in reply to Newry tributes, VII:33 (17 Aug 1901), pp. 548-9
- Report of address at Loughbrickland co-operative, VII:33 (17 Aug 1901) pp. 549-50
- Text of address to National Co-operative Festival, Crystal Palace, VII:34 (24 Aug 1901), pp. 572-4 and VII:35 (31 Aug 1901), pp. 591-3
- Letter to F. Wrench re horse breeding, VII:36 (7 Sep 1901), pp. 602-3

DATI Journal:

- Text of address to 2nd Council of Agriculture, II:1 (Sep 1901), pp. 4-14
- Memorandum "Agricultural Education for Ireland", II:1 (Sep 1901) pp. 18-41

Government:

- Prime Minister:* 3rd Marquess of Salisbury (Conservative)
- Chief Secretary:* George Wyndham
- Lord Lieutenant:* Earl Cadogan

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £100 ; \$1 = \$22

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[G. Wyndham's wife]	1 Jan, Tue	Called on Lady Grosvenor & had a long talk. Charming personality but no substitute for Lady Betty in Irish life. New Year dinner with The Cadogans.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	2 Jan, Wed	In Gill's absence am altogether over-worked. I realise that his position will kill him unless he is given more assistance & forced to delegate some of his work. Prof'r. Campbell & I dined at Kingstown together walking most of the way. He was very interesting on his impressions of Ireland. He <u>likes</u> his work but cannot understand how the people can be so backward. His experiences of local bodies have cured him of Home Rule.
	3 Jan, Thu	Lunched & had long talk with Ld. Cadogan on many Irish problems. Alas he is hopelessly small minded & I fear he is incapable of understanding or explaining to the Cabinet any Irish

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		situation or development. I pity G. Wyndham.
	4 Jan, Fri	Lunched with T.A. Dickson re Lace Dépôt. Dined with Col. Lindsay at Glasnevin he having a son in law who wants a post in the Department. However they are nice people every way.
	5 Jan, Sat	Spent half the day with George Wyndham over Departments Estimates. He showed me that he was ambitious to score off the Department as well as off other Irish institutions & to get credit for reforms. I fear some trouble. Dr. O'Neill came down from Belfast by the mail with a Mr. Gibson Chairman of Wm. Johnstons Conservative assoc'n (South Belfast) on a very secret negotiation. I am ready to stand for S. Belfast (1) if Wm. J. can be induced to resign by the Gov't (2) if the Orangemen will accept my R.C. University views. O'Neill is trying to work this up & the interview with Gibson was arranged to avoid written negot[iatio]ns & get at truth of situation. O'N & Gibson went back 8.20 P.M. train after ¾ hour interview, I promising to commit my views to print in easy form for tentative private circulation. Dined after that with Clinical Club at R[oyal] Coll of Surgeons as guest of Pres't T Myles. Made a neat little ?reputation kept for guests.
	6 Jan, Sun	Came down to Killeen.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	7 Jan, Mon	Back to Dublin & worked hard at office. Dined with La Touche & R.A.A. to discuss I.A.O.S. affairs.
	8 Jan, Tue	Got off annual Estimates for Department.
[Wrench, Land Commissioner; Porter, Assistant Land Commissioner]	9 Jan, Wed	Wyndhams first appearance at the C.D.B. He is going to out Balfour the Balfours which is on the whole wise. His ambition is boundless & anything which forwards it & progress in Ireland will fare well. But he is in Wrench's pocket & the next thing we shall find will be a job for Porter! I saw G.W. off to Ld. Leconfield's funeral on the Mail Boat. We dined together at St. Georges Club. I like his enthusiasm! Distr[ibutio]n of Prizes, School of Art by Cadogan. He announced his early departure.
[prob. Robert Martin, composer of <i>Ballyhooley</i> , 1888]	10 Jan, Thu	CDB & Department all day. Dined with Cadogan but Ballyhooley Martin roared his Irish songs & we had no other form of amusement or interest.
	11 Jan, Fri	After busy morning C.D.B. dined with JG Barton to meet Prof'r. Cunningham. He told me a lot about South Africa where he had been on the Hospitals Commission. During day Ernest James turned up in Dublin with a £1000 motor car! He drove me to the C.D.B. in it & certainly it is a splendid conveyance.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	12 Jan, Sat	Gill returned from Brussels & Paris & flew down to Kerry to try & get the Co Council to desist from quarrelling with the Department. Daly, Coyne, Rolleston & I met him at Kingsbridge & we decided on the plan of action. Down to Dunsany for week end – Harry & the girls with Mary.
	13 Jan, Sun	Woke with heavy cold – did nothing all day & hope to be better for warmth & idleness.

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	14 Jan, Mon	Back to work & greatly relieved by reappearance of TP Gill.
	15 Jan, Tue	Departmental work.
	16 Jan, Wed	Meeting Agric'l Board. Four hours of which one was business & three talk, the latter being provide by O'Neill & Nolan both chairmen of Co Councils. Took boat to England. Rough passage.
	17 Jan, Thu	London. Called on Arnold Forster at Admiralty & engaged his sympathies with Queenstown (Haulbowline Docks) Housing Scheme. Then Gerald Balfour & I had an hour together. Then school of Science & Art Dep't to see Abney & Treasury later. Then ¾ hours with A.J. Balfour. I urged him to take up the Irish University Q'n & push it through. He asked me to go & talk it over with Gerald & said he would discuss it with him. Gerald & I dined together & I hope some progress was made.
	18 Jan, Fri	Pelton meeting at which we declared a "boom" dividend £2500 per share! The boom has burst. Rest of day meeting people at Carlton Club & dining with Arnold Forster. He is a patriotic bigot & certainly would make S Africa a bigger Ireland if he had his way. But I like him. Cabinet meeting on. Carlton full of pompous inanities, Ashbourne in the lead.
	19 Jan, Sat	Went with Spencer, Headmaster of Royal School of Art through some of the classes at S[outh] Kensington. They are becoming much more industrial. I really ought to do more of this & familiarise myself a little with the work I am to be responsible for. Interview with B. Holland – a good antidote to Arnold Forster. He is almost pro Boer. He thinks Milner's nerves are giving way to the strain & that the strong personalities around him are having their effect on his policy. Estimates with Spring Rice & another talk with G.W.B.
	20 Jan, Sun	Went sleepily down to Dunsany & Killeen for the day. The poor old Queen dying. Thats the meaning of the mysterious bulletins.
	21 Jan, Mon	Consultative C'tee on Education & innumerable interviews. Dined with Sir J Arnott & wife & discussed Haulbowline. Had to put off my engagements for a trip South on official business on account of Queen's illness.
	22 Jan, Tue	The Queen died this evening. Genuine I am sure is the grief throughout Ireland, blather the politicians as they may. She had no public faults & her only public neglect was her long absence from this Country. She repaired this defect a thousand fold by coming so near her end.
	23 Jan, Wed	[No entry]
	24 Jan, Thu	Swore to the new King Ed[ward] VII at the Privy Council & helped to Proclaim him on Cork Hill. A little Opera Bouffish. Dined with T.P.G. & had an Irish evening with JF Taylor, J Fottrell & him. Eddie & Lord Northland (Coldstream Guards) came through Dublin en route from Dunsany to Dungannon. I told Northland I had met him before but that he had changed so much that I should not have known him. He was 2 months old when I last saw him! It reminded me of that party at Dungannon when Johnny was at his best.

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	25 Jan, Fri	After official day took a cruise on the Helga to catch steam trawlers inside prohibited limits. Found one off Clogher Head. Captain handled his Steamer very badly & we collided with our prey & only ?partially escaped shipwreck. Damage £300 probably. Cold snow squalls – not a comfortable trip. Green & Macartney Filgate came.
	26 Jan, Sat	Killeen for week end.
	27 Jan, Sun	Rest complete.
	28 Jan, Mon	Went a bit further in negotiations about South Belfast. Suggested to Walrond he should write to Wm. Johnston & sound him.
	29 Jan, Tue	I now hear from Manchester that Sir John Maclure's seat (he died yesterday) may be offered to me. It is the Stretford Division of Lancaster.
	30 Jan, Wed	The Dublin Chamber of Commerce held an Election to replace 9 of the 27 members of Council who retire annually by rotation. The 9 retiring sought re election. There were two new candidates – myself & another. I came out top of the Poll & so was elected. Nutting came out last & so was ejected. Looks like a change since S. Dublin election. Went to Castletown (Celbridge) to dine & sleep. Tom Kelly has renovated the house. He must be a real millionaire.
	31 Jan, Thu	Back to Dublin. Morton & Co attended a special C.D.B. meeting & offered with slight inducement to develop a huge carpet rug & lace curtain industry in the West of Ireland. Wyndham urged the willing Board to be very liberal & I really think much will come of it.
	1 Feb, Fri	Wrote to the Papers denying rumour that I was going to resign the Vice Presidency of the Dep't of Ag & Tech Inst. immediately but reaffirmed my conviction that it is constitutionally a Parl'y office.
[Funeral of Queen Victoria]	2 Feb, Sat	A mournful day. I did not go over to see "the greatest pageant of the kind ever witnessed" (Daily Press) but attended, in P[rivy]. C[ouncil]. uniform, the memorial service at St. Patricks Cathedral. In the evening I walked & trammed to dinner at Kingstown with Coyne. He is an interesting fellow. I wish he had more interesting domestic surroundings.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	3 Feb, Sun	Day boarder at Chief Secretary's – they had not room to put me up. Tom Kelly's Castletown party came over bodily.
	4 Feb, Mon	Official work.
	5 Feb, Tue	Alarming news of Mary Murphys health. Daisy too took to her bed at the Ch: Secs Lodge with an ailment which Dr. Lentaigne said might be appendicitis or might be typhoid! I believe it is trivial but <u>was</u> frightened.
	6 Feb, Wed	Board of Technical Instruction. I had a tussle with the Nat. members over the Irish language. Then Coyne, Blair & I went to Belfast for meetings & investigations.
[Report of address in <i>IH</i> , VII:7 (16 Feb 1901), p. 108]	7 Feb, Thu	Meeting of Chamber of Commerce 1 P.M. Made a goodish & effective speech. Then a lunch given by the new Pres't R Thompson & another speech. Then an early dinner & a meeting

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		of the Ulster Reform Club & another speech. Coyne & Blair also spoke & distinguished themselves.
	8 Feb, Fri	Interviews, lunch with R H Reade, dinner with Sir James Musgrave & the usual Belfast circle of friends and then to a "Pioneer lecture" by Orpen C.E. which in Grosvenor Hall in the Constituency of South Belfast, now held by Wm. Johnston but "ambitioned" for, if not by, me. I spoke well I think. But the lecture was a ghastly failure.
	9 Feb, Sat	Back by breakfast train to Dublin, Dr. O'Neill seeing me off at 7.30 A.M. & prophesying my early selection as Johnston of Ballykilbeg's successor. Very busy day at office. Dined with Minnie Fitzgerald to see Daisy who is recovering from her "appendicitis", the new name for tummy ache.
	10 Feb, Sun	Went to Leopardstown to see poor Jim Power who has got home after two months in a private Hospital Manchester where he sprained his ankle! I suspect a bone was broken.
	11 Feb, Mon	CDB & Department all day.
[Charles Albert Cripps became a Knight Commander in 1908.]	12 Feb, Tue	Last night Cripps K.C. [<i>sic</i>] selected for the Stretford Div[isio]n of Lanc's – part of Manchester. The Catholic University Question wrecked my chances, partly. The Whips also did not do their best.
[prob. Sir William Walrond, Gov't Chief Whip; see 28 Jan 1901]	13 Feb, Wed	Arrived early & saw during day Waldron [<i>sic</i>], GW Balfour, Lady Betty, G Wyndham, Miss Burke & Tommy Ponsonby. I told the politicians in above list that if they could induce Johnston to retire from S. Belfast I should get the seat. Later letters came from Sinclair & Andrews which showed me that this was, to say the least, doubtful. Shall have to give up S. Belfast.
	14 Feb, Thu	Coyne came over. We did little together but talk & make plans & engagements. I visited the House & saw some old friends, from A.J. Balfour to the police. Eddie dined with me. I gather that he will have to leave the service soon. He is hopelessly inattentive to his duties.
	15 Feb, Fri	Bowes meeting – all present. Business took the whole day. Took Eddie, Miss Burke & Mrs. Studd to a theatre.
	16 Feb, Sat	Saw Capt. Middleton & told him definitely I must have a seat or resign my office. I said the Gov't ought to do this for me & I think they will. Coyne & I called on Sidney Webbs & had a good talk about tech Ed'n & Trades Unions, apprentices &c.
	17 Feb, Sun	Rested & loafed. Lunched with W. Watson & wife & talked over his Dunsany agency plans.
	18 Feb, Mon	Lunched with Arthur Balfour, his sister the rest of the party. It was his breakfast 2 PM. Most interesting. We talked motor cars anent his belief that the Housing problem of London will be solved by radiating causeways for swift motor traffic. R.C. University – I asked whether he would like a demand from R.C.s & Prots in Ireland for a Com'n to inquire into the provisions for Higher Ed'n in Ireland. T.C.D. to be excluded from enquiry. He took to idea & will sound Cabinet. We talked of the Irish representation & he said some nations (ie the French) were not fitted for free institutions. ["They have all the qualities needed to destroy them. I should not say the same of the Irish – publicly." He was strong on the language question – called George Moore's XIX Century article idiotic, laughed at the idea of having four

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		literatures in these islands (i.e. by reviving the Welsh, & the 2 Gaelic tongues). He said he believed the Irish were not Celtic at all but pre-Celtic. Saw Wyndham, Gerald Balfour & others at House & went to Ireland by 10.15 P.M. train.
	19 Feb, Tue	Departmental day. Heard that a motion was coming before the Senate of the Royal University in favor of University for R.C.s. Wrote G.W. Balfour to tell A.J.B. Capt. Shaw resigned his post. Annual Club dinner – deadly dull.
	20 Feb, Wed	Made a poor thin speech at Glasnevin in distributing the prizes to the Dairy maids. Not an inspiring audience.
	21 Feb, Thu	The Senate of the Royal University unanimously passed a resolution in favor of a Royal Commission on University Education in Ireland. This is a good move & I think the beginning of the end of this controversy.
	22 Feb, Fri	Henry Robinson took me a trial trip in a motor car & I ordered one forthwith.
	23 Feb, Sat	Went for my week end to Killeen. Only Daisy & her children. If the public knew who [<i>sic</i>] absolutely right the relations betw'n Daisy & me are the gossips would be ashamed of themselves. We walked over to the Grange & saw poor Minnie Murphy who has been at Death's door. She is safe now thank God.
	24 Feb, Sun	A perfect rest & a good preparation for a hard week's work which is before me.
	25 Feb, Mon	To Dublin. Morning at office & then off to Londonderry where I was put up by Dr. Chadwick Bp. of Derry. Able man, classical scholar. He got the leading locals – some R.C.s – to meet me at Dinner.
[1 ^d – 1 penny]	26 Feb, Tue	A heavy day. Visited the Art school and Tillie & Henderson's shirt factory. Had a lunch (with speech) to get through. Speech to make for ev[en]ing & then to deliver. Coyne & I had an interesting walk with the bishop including the cathedral & the walls which we walked all round. In the ev[en]ing the speech function was distribution of prizes of Art School at Guildhall. Spoke for about 35 minutes on economic pos[itio]n of Derry & urgent need of Tech Ed'n even at cost of add[itiona]l 1 ^d in £ on rates. Spoke fairly well.
	27 Feb, Wed	First to Newtown Stewart to see Moore's Hatchery. Interesting. The ova of the salmon squeezed out of females are placed in porcelain trays just under water in large tanks supplied with filtered water. When they hatch out they are placed in river water but it takes them 2 years to be fit to go seaward. Here their development is lost in mystery. The whole thing is obscure & I hope the Department may learn the life history of the species. Back to Strabane. Met urban district council there & I think made good impression. Then to Dublin by mail.
	28 Feb, Thu	Saw Fletcher, Inspector under Bd of Ed'n Eng'd, whom Abney recommends for Blair's place if Blair takes Shaw's, the latter going back to Eng'd. If this comes off we shall be strong on our Tech Ed'n side & shall get ahead. Heavy day – Dunning ill again and talks of retiring. Dined quietly with the Cadogans.

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	1 Mar, Fri	To Andrews at Comber where I discussed with him & Fisher of the Northern Whig possibility of getting a rural seat in Ulster. A. was sanguine if I would go a little way towards Compulsory land sale if voluntary sale failed. He forgets that the Gov't of which I am a member must be consulted.
	2 Mar, Sat	Spent morning going over Andrews' spinning mills. Had no idea the processes of reducing flax fibre to yarn were so terribly complicated & costly. Tendency seemed to be towards fairest fibre i.e. imported. Saw Sinclair & had a political talk with him. Then back to Dublin having learned too little to justify the waste of a day.
	3 Mar, Sun	Beau Watson & I drove to Dunsany where he, Mary & I discussed various estate problems. It was Beaus formal entry into his agency.
	4 Mar, Mon	Back to Dublin & the office. Went to a masseuse who keeps a "Tallerman" system, hot air bath for limbs. I put my stiff knee in & was subjected to 285° Fa[hren]h[ei]: Result considerable loosening. But it may not last.
	5 Mar, Tue	Knee not stiffer today – in fact looser. What a fool I was to neglect it so long. I can now bicycle & get strong.
	6 Mar, Wed	Agricultural Board – went off well. It is really an excellent body because we practically nominated the elected members. Dr. Healy, Bishop of Clonfert had a talk with me about the coming Royal Com'n on the University Q'n. We agreed that Dr. Walsh would be better off the Com'n!
	7 Mar, Thu	[No entry]
	8 Mar, Fri	[No entry]
	9 Mar, Sat	By early mail to Limerick with Tommy Ponsonby & Anderson. Interview with Stokes & Roche about proposed Butter "Combine" in interests of farmers on cooperative lines. I think the C.W.S. will come in & if so it will be the greatest fruit of my work from a business point of view. On by car to Cragbeg Clarina, a house lent by the lord of that ilk for Tommy to give a banquet to his tenants – a coming of age affair. Tommy spoke modestly & nicely. There were some 60 present. I spoke on dairying – badly. By night mail to Limerick J[unctio]n where Tommy & I slept.
	10 Mar, Sun	Count Moore drove me to his beautifully situated Charity Castle in the Glen of Aherlow. There I met Canon Arthur Ryan a cultured Prof'r at Munster Coll.:. Walked to Glen of Aherlow Creamery – Speech of course. Found people friendly. I dined & back to Limerick J[unctio]n to sleep.
	11 Mar, Mon	Back to Dublin & work at office.
[Thibet – obsolete spelling of Tibet]	12 Mar, Tue	Dined with Mrs. Browne to meet Capt. Deasy famous traveller in Thibet. He was laid up at last moment & we had the dinner party without the lion & with deadly dull locals.
	13 Mar, Wed	C.D.B. most of the day.
	14 Mar, Thu	C.D.B. and I had a hard talk with Dr. O'Donnell, Fr. O'Hara & Wrench over a subtle attack on the Department arising out of their

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[Balaam – a greedy Biblical prophet, but one who couldn't help telling the truth; Numbers 22-25]		work in Coop'n with the Congested Districts Bd in counties partly congested. Then I tried to get money for the I.A.O.S. to start societies (Banks & Live stock Insurance) in C.D.s I made a good case but it was blocked by every imaginable argument. At last they gave way subject to an inspection of Existing Banks by Walker who is honest & will be a good Balaam.
	15 Mar, Fri	Another fight with Fr. O'Hara (representing the United Irish League) & Wrench representing himself & Porter over the proposed subsidy to the I.A.O.S. Finally got £400 for organising Banks. Presided over a meeting of schoolmasters & mistresses of secondary schools to discuss cooperation betw'n Dep't & Intermediate Board in admin[istratio]n of S[cience] & A[rt] grants. Interviewed Traveling Inspectors. Dined with the Lord Lieutenant. He discussed, not very intelligently, the University Q'n.
	16 Mar, Sat	Long office day preparatory to leaving for a week. Crossed by night mail to London.
	17 Mar, Sun	Rested after a busy week. Saw Geoffrey Drage, who is studying Russian Commercial & industrial development & offered to lecture on this or any other of the many subjects in which he is an expert for us in Ireland.
	18 Mar, Mon	Treasury & House of Commons and a Play.
[Frances]	19 Mar, Tue	Irish Industries sale. "The Lords & Ladies & Miss O'Grady's" there in force. Dined with Alfred Lytteltons. Most interesting. Harry Cust, Loveday of the Transvaal & Lady Francis [<i>sic</i>] Balfour of the party. All brilliant or interesting or both. I was struck with the growing conviction which pervaded their minds that Home Rule was the only way out of the present Parliamentary deadlock. The Tories don't mind legislation being delayed. But the Irish force them to change procedure in a way which will make legislation gallop when the Radicals are in.
	20 Mar, Wed	Meetings of Pelton SS Co, Bowes partners General & Board & Pelton Colliery. Nice & interesting dinner party of 12 at my lodgings. Daisy & her sister, Dorothy, Lady Betty, Lady Mayo & Mrs. Studd the women. W.H. Wilkes, John Atkinson, Eddie, Westmeath, Bernard Holland & self the men.
	21 Mar, Thu	Abney, Spring Rice, Wyndham & Gerald Balfour consumed my day. Interesting enough.
	22 Mar, Fri	Much official work. An interview with Johnson over Eddie's affairs. Dined & took to a Music Hall Conny & Raymond, Dorothy, Eddie & Reggie. Had a talk with Wm. Johnston about South Belfast indirectly. He advised me to try & get Rentoul's seat & said he would support me. He lives in the Constituency (E. Down.) This is a great gain.
	23 Mar, Sat	Went to see Col. ---ters at Chelsea Barracks. He is Eddie's C.O. I asked him frankly & confidentially to advise me about Eddie's future. He told me that E's conduct at Magersfontein was to say the least odd – that he was told that after the war he must resign

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		<p>(this E. never told me) & that unless I could get at the Com[mande]r in Chief he would have to resign before the end of War. I wrote to Ld. Roberts who will I am sure delay matters till then. But Eddie's future is decided now. It is politics or loafing & I must try to make a politician of him.</p> <p>Interviewed T H Gibson L.L.D. of South Belfast. He is with me heart & soul but Johnston must be got rid of.</p> <p>Went down to Hook Hill looking to the Gerald Balfours for my week end. The family all there – like old times.</p>
	24 Mar, Sun	Cold bright day. Inspected Gerald's site & foundations for new House. It will be charming. Had a delightful round of golf on a delightful course. Gerald gave me a stroke & beat me badly.
	25 Mar, Mon	All day with officials. Also spent some hours with Eddie trying to map out his life for him. I am more hopeful. I think I can influence him. But alas that missing backbone.
	26 Mar, Tue	Day mail to Dublin. Of course I don't remember coaching days or even 20 miles in horse train days. But the smooth gliding along without any jar or fatigue, the room to move about, the meals en route, the 45 to 50 miles an hour by rail & 22 to 23 knots by sea with cabins amidships are new in my day.
	27 Mar, Wed	Department for an hour & then night at K St. Club.
	28 Mar, Thu	Official work. Rode my bicycle before breakfast for ¼ hour. Very nervous, bad balance & leg rather stiff & awkward. But all this will be got over & I shall have a healthier summer with the help of the bike than I could have otherwise.
	29 Mar, Fri	Letter from Ld. Roberts practically saying Eddie must leave the army at once. So now is the parting of the ways. Eddie will either go his father's way or a way so far not his own. It chimed that I had before I got Ld. R's letter written out a scheme of life for him urging him to go into Irish politics.
	30 Mar, Sat	Down to Dunsany by midday train to meet Watson & the architect & clerk of works employed by Johnny in the new buildings. We hit upon a patchwork plan for making them possible to live in.
	31 Mar, Sun	Rested all day and glad of it.
	1 Apr, Mon	Very heavy official work all day in Dublin.
	2 Apr, Tue	<p>Dined with the L[ord] L[ieutenant] a buck party very dull, and this after a dreary official day.</p> <p>Letter from Londonderry asking me to go & see him at Newtownstewart and promising to support me for an Ulster seat if I can get adopted for one. He says he is with me against Compulsory Purchase, but dead against me on the University Q'n.</p>
	3 Apr, Wed	<p>Had a good talk with Blair, who appeared inclined to dispute Gill's authority. Made my position very clear to him – and his own. Think shall have no further trouble.</p> <p>Rec[eive]d a letter from Shaw telling me had had put his woes</p>

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		only before Abney, Blair <u>and</u> Wrench.
	4 Apr, Thu	Interviewed Capt. Shaw. Asked him why he did not complain to me when he found he could not work with Gill – no reply. Asked why he went with his complaint to Wrench. Reply Wrench sent to me and asked me to make a written statement. Went Killeen for short Easter Holiday. Atkinson returned to Dublin & told me Rentoul would probably be made a County Court Judge.
	5 Apr, Fri	A real rest. Daisy & I alone all day. Then in the ev[enin]g a call from Col. Dease with whom I talked over Fingall's affairs. They appear to be in the usual edge of the precipice condition.
	6 Apr, Sat	Another restful day. In evening Hanson, G. Wyndham's bumptious secretary, Minnie Fitzgerald and Major & Mrs. Jenkins (not very interesting though Daisy says she is) made the party up to six.
	7 Apr, Sun	Church at Kilmessan. The disappearance of the Prot gentry is going on. On this Easter Day about 25 ventured & three from Killeen were casuals!
	8 Apr, Mon	To Dublin for a Conference betw'n the I.A.O.S. & Cooperative Wholesale about the absorption of their creameries. It took the working part of the day – a paralysing lunch being in the programme. Letter from Eddie saying that his papers were in & that he was given "leave till further orders" which means until his resignation is accepted. He writes that he is anxious to begin work with me. Poor boy – I do hope I can give him an object in life.
[Text of speech in <i>IH</i> , VII:15 (13 Apr 2001), p. 239; reports 25,000 names. Album now at Plunkett Foundation.]	9 Apr, Tue	Spring show Ballsbridge. 25 of the Executive C'tee of the "Horace Plunkett Presentation address" came with the album in which some 10000 names were inscribed asking me to hold on to my official pos[itio]n (& salary!) The Album is a precious possession for it really does contain the most generous sentiments towards myself.
	10 Apr, Wed	C.D.B. & office.
	11 Apr, Thu	C.D.B. & office. Eddie arrived & on the whole seemed to take to my scheme of life for him.
	12 Apr, Fri	Eddie still interested. CDB & office of Dept all day.
	13 Apr, Sat	To Killeen with Eddie where we met Watson, & the Principal & agent had their first <u>business</u> (?) talk.
[Author Hippolyte A. Taine]	14 Apr, Sun	M. & Madame Paul Dubois, she a daughter of Taine, who had come to Ireland introduced by Lady Betty & many others, spent the day at Killeen & were interesting & I think interested. We drove them to Tara.
	15 Apr, Mon	Back to Dublin & Eddie had another look at the work he is to do. His heart is in it I think. But it is evident that he will only do just enough to form a sort of stimulant to his appetite for pleasure. However this is all I had hoped for.
	16 Apr, Tue	A Deputation from Cork re Exhib'n next year. I was very –

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		perhaps too – sympathetic. I want to be so in miscellaneous matters because I can then gain time to work out a sound Educational policy which cannot bear fruit for several years. To Belfast for N.E. Agric'l show next 3 days. Dr. O'Neill took me round to R. Gibson & Foy, the two chief Orangemen of S. Belfast. The latter was of the artisan class and I argued the University Q'n until he admitted that I was right from a national point of view but said feebly "I take a S. Belfast point of view."
	17 Apr, Wed	First day of N.E. Agric'l Assoc'n Show. Very poor compared with Dublin. Grounds good and cattle good & well groomed. But exhibits & attendance miserable compared with obvious cost. Came on to Mount Stewart. Delightful house. Londonderry was out for a meeting & came in late. Had a long talk with him on Irish politics. Hopelessly un understanding. At dinner talked with Lady Londonderry. Very clever & interesting – much more brains than L. Col. Crawford, Mrs. Atkinson (née Jeune) and the 'De Ros' made rest of small party. De Ros had been many years in service of Royal family & was interesting in reminiscences. Not clever.
	18 Apr, Thu	Lady Antrim came. The whole party went to the Show & I did a bit of touting for the Dep't. In the morning Lady Londonderry (A1 skipper) took me out in her little sailboat on Strangford Lough. She is clever, companionable, a little hard.
	19 Apr, Fri	Back to Dublin.
	20 Apr, Sat	A game of golf (after ¾ day at office) at Foxrock with Heaney. Dined with The L[ord] L[ieutenant] at Vice Regal. Duke of Devonshire there. Talked to him about Ireland.
	21 Apr, Sun	Stayed in Dublin. Biked & rested.
	22 Apr, Mon	Had a trip in my new motor. I find there is much to be learned before one ceases to be a danger to the public & to oneself.
[Sir Hercules Langrishe]	23 Apr, Tue	Meeting of Agric'l Board. Only 6 attended. Col. Nolan & the two Bishops being among the absentees. We voted £1000 to organise & £10,000 to finance Raiffeisen Banks. A big sum to Hatcheries & £5000 to the Cork Exhib'n. I laid it down that the policy of the Dept. was Educ'n but that the results of this would be slow and that meanwhile the public must be amused! To Palmerston where "Hecky" Langrishe, Daisy, Ld. & Lady Bingham, Gen. & Mrs. ?Eaton & A Bourke made the party. I am putting in one day at Puncchestown.
	24 Apr, Wed	Puncchestown – all the old feeling came back – for it was a gloriously warm & bright day – and my old friends, Emmy de Burgh the best of them, were there – & of course a new generation as well. What a change, though, has come over me. Better to have left it all than later to have had it all leaving me. Back to Dublin to preside at a small dreary boys debate at College Historical Soc'y. I made the worst speech of the lot.
[See 2 Jul]	25 Apr, Thu	Early start, got through work in time to have a motor drive. I think the new toy will have its charms when I master it. I see that in the hands of the expert who accompanies me it really is an enjoyable sensation being taken through the air at any pace up to 35 miles an hour – <u>safely</u> . Dined at Vice Regal.

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	26 Apr, Fri	Worked all day
	27 Apr, Sat	Worked a full day & went to Killeen for week end with Eddie.
	28 Apr, Sun	Cold bracing East wind. Biked to Rock Lodge to see Beau & wife having biked to church. A delightfully healthy day.
	29 Apr, Mon	Lady Aberdeen in Dublin, dined to meet her at Vice Regal. She said there would soon be a cry of Home Rule for Eng'd, the English were getting so tired of the Irish at Westminster! Gill away in London & I had all the Departmental work to do.
[Report of speech in <i>IH</i> , VII:18 (4 May 1901), p. 289-90]	30 Apr, Tue	Annual meeting of I.I.A. Had to make a speech. Spoke too impromptu for the occasion. Went out to St. Marnocks to dine & sleep. Dreadfully middle class these whiskey folk though very nice.
	1 May, Wed	Very busy day in office. But TP Gill came back by day mail from London & made an excuse for me to go on my motor to Dalkey to see him. Dined at the Iveaghs at Farmleigh. Took in Lady Aberdeen & had a good talk on English politics which she understands.
	2 May, Thu	Official day & then to Belfast for a secret meeting with a few of the S. Belfast leaders at Dr. O'Neill's House. Henderson, Foy, Alderdice, Boyd & R Gibson present. All convinced that the Orange pos[ition] was wrong – that I could see – but all hopeless of their changing their attitude. Slept B'fast.
	3 May, Fri	Back from Belfast. Very hard day & went on board the Helga at night off Bray to do a days oyster dredging on the morrow. Took Eddie with me. I'm giving him as varied an experience as I can in connection with the work.
	4 May, Sat	The day was cold but gloriously fine. We started at 5.30 A.M. to look for an oyster bed. The navigation was bad & we never found the one we wanted. We came in shore & had land marks to help us. We then found another bed & dredged in vain. The day was almost wasted. But I learned something about some of my responsibilities. Returned to K St. Club for night. Eddie spent the whole day shooting at sea birds with a rifle. He <u>is</u> a child.
	5 May, Sun	"Moted" down to Dunsany with a mechanic, Eddie going by train. The lovely weather broke en route. First thunder then such a dust storm as I never saw in these islands, then wintry rain & hail. Still we got there & I was delighted with the vehicle. Eddie had forgotten to tell anyone <u>we</u> were coming. His own bed was ready, not ours. He is dreadfully selfish.
	6 May, Mon	Back by motor in 1¾ hours. A ¾ office day & then to St. Marnocks for an evening's golf with J. Jameson. I find a night in the country & getting up early the next morning to work is no waste of time.
	7 May, Tue	C.D.B. Technical Inst Board
	8 May, Wed	Department all day & by night mail to London.
	9 May, Thu	C.D.B. in London. Lunch with Wyndham at Willis with whole Board. Then the House & business with Wyndham, Gerald

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		Balfour &c &c.
	10 May, Fri	With Watson to Johnsons to discuss Eddies business affairs. Raines called on me in answer to an offer to be Eddie's body servant &c. Could not take the job. Long interview with Spring Rice on departmental matters. Went under Gallery at House & heard disgusting Irish speeches. Called on Smith Barry re Haulbowline & Munster Institute. Back to Ireland.
	11 May, Sat	A $\frac{3}{4}$ day at office & "moted" to Killeen where Eddie & Daisy. Horses & dust are the unavoidable drawbacks to "motoring".
	12 May, Sun	A real rest – No 5 hours, 7 AM 12 M work at an address to be delivered on Tuesday. Otherwise ideal day.
	13 May, Mon	Up to Dublin in my motor. Busy day & down to Mallow where I put up with R Longfield. Met "Jacky" Colthurst & Ludlow Beamish & told them of my proposals for the morrow.
[Text of speech in <i>IH</i> , VII:20 (18 May 1901), pp. 320-2]	14 May, Tue	Conference of County Councils of Munster & governors of Cork Dairy School & Department. I pronounced upon the Department's policy for Agric'l Educ'n for the whole country. Stormy debate in which nothing was concluded. However we parted without any bad feeling being generated & I had loosed off my policy. I hope it will be accepted. Eddie, Heaney, T.P.G & I slept at Queen's Hotel, Queenstown.
[Ld. Mayor – Edward FitzGerald]	15 May, Wed	Did Cork. Municipal School of Art, Gerald Griffins school visited. Met Council of Chamber of Commerce & was then fêted by the Lord Mayor of Cork at a big & elaborate lunch. I made a good speech for the occasion quite extempore & I think improved the situation created by yesterday's conference. I went to the Admiralty House Queenstown to put up with Admiral Jeffreys. He had a party for Cork Park Races & was in great form.
	16 May, Thu	Went over Haulbowline dock yards with Blair, Heaney, Eddie & the admiral. (I name them in order of interest in my mission). Interviewed workmen &c &c. At last picked up Gill & back to Dublin where a host of worries through the post.
	17 May, Fri	Mrs. Studd strongly advised me to keep Eddy happy. So I left him at the Cork Park Races today. It is still quite uncertain whether he will ever be any good for anything. The capacity is there – capacity for anything except work.
	18 May, Sat	Motored to Dunsany, Eddie going by train.
	19 May, Sun	A full day. Worked from 6.30 AM to 10.30 AM. Moted to Dublin & on to Kingstown where I lunched with Sir H Robinson. Moted on to golf at Foxrock and to call on Mrs. Jim Power where I found Dunning. Back to Dublin & dined with the Cadogans, sitting next to Duchess of Connaught at dinner & to the Duke after. Liked both immensely & the son & daughter looked very nice young people. They were none of them at all stupid as most Royalties.
	20 May, Mon	Official
	21 May, Tue	Howard Vincent in Dublin on a Com'n about the R.I.C. dined with me at Kingstown Club & was most interesting on the Boer War. He was on the Tugela at the most exciting time & at

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		Paardeberg. He was intimate with Roberts, Kitchener, ?Re-de- & Cronje. He saw the country. He is in black despair about the problems after the war is ended. He has no belief in the country (excepting the Miners) & does not see what on earth is to be done with the pensioners.
[Voila tout – That’s all]	22 May, Wed	All day working up speech for the morrow. I have been caught by a “new gospel of health”. It is the fad of a Dr. Dewey of U.S.A. “Thou shalt eat no breakfast” is the supreme command. When you have a ravening hunger you may have your first meal & may eat what you fancy till you are satisfied. Then stop. A second (light) meal 4 hours before going to bed. No in betweens. Voila tout. I believe he is right. I believe the vegetarians are & I know the tee totalers are. But!
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , VII:22 (1 Jun 1901), pp. 356-8; and in <i>DATI Journal</i> , II:1 (Sep 1901), pp. 4-14]	23 May, Thu	Agricultural Council met. Large attendance – excellent Debate. Dept. came out well. In evening I had the delegates to a conversazione at the Museum. Col. Plunkett gave a “funny”! address. Coffey was excellent on the Irish antiquities. Spirit throughout helpful & cordial. If tomorrow does as well the meeting will have been a success.
	24 May, Fri	Had hoped for a short sitting but had 7 hours of it. However no row recurred & on the whole the meeting of the Council passed off well.
	25 May, Sat	After morning’s work moted to Leopardstown & left my motor because it refused to start home. Went down to Killeen where Eddie & I kept Daisy company for the week end.
	26 May, Sun	Ideal restful Sunday
	27 May, Mon	Moved to Leopardstown for my Bank holiday & one or two half holidays. Drove to dinner at Harrels in the Park to meet George Wyndham, Ian Malcolm M.P. & Hanson. Had a very interesting talk with the brilliant George. He has the largest schemes of land reform, railway reform & educational reform. He is going to push them all through – at least so he thinks.
	28 May, Tue	Office closed. Had a days motoring golfing & lazing. I enjoyed it hugely. My host & hostess are more than kind.
	29 May, Wed	Half a day at office & then moted Daisy to Bushy Park where I met Mrs. Studd staying with her sister Lady Shaw. Latter was sister in law to Capt. Shaw & I had an opportunity of explaining the ‘Shaw incident’ & my attitude in the S. Dublin Contest. The motor went splendidly & I began to think it a really good investment. The Dust nuisance is the worst feature of it.
	30 May, Thu	Heavy day’s work & then went with Green in Helga from Kingstown South to dry dock her at Passage & to meet the Board of Admiralty at Queenstown. Had a horrible night S.E. to S.W. gales. Was dreadfully sick.
	31 May, Fri	Anchored at 11 AM after 17 hours real misery. Selborne – a very mediocre person I thought, as first hand. Admirals May & York & many high admiralty officials were with the Queenstown admiral Jeffrey. I talked over the Department’s business & my Haulbowline artisans dwellings scheme. Board which arrived in the morning left again by sea at night. I housed with admiral.

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	1 Jun, Sat	Haulbowline cottage scheme, Cork Exhib'n & Munster Dairy School took all my time till Mail left Cork for Dublin.
	2 Jun, Sun	I find a cup of coffee – not too strong – for breakfast & nothing else – a good early lunch (dinner) & a light supper, no alcohol, is the ideal diet. If I can fit this in with official life I believe I can improve my working power greatly. Morning's work. Then to Malahide where John Atkinson & his enormous wife were staying for tea & dinner.
	3 Jun, Mon	Office all day. In ev[enin]g took John Atkinson out in motor & tried to convert him to that craze.
[more <i>Hibernico</i> – after the Irish fashion]	4 Jun, Tue	A Deputation from Steam Trawler owners in the morning. In the afternoon a[n] arbitration betw'n the Master Builders & the Amalgamated Carpenters at which I was to be umpire. More <i>Hibernico</i> only one side turned up & expected me to hear them!
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , VII:23 (8 Jun 1901), pp. 382-3]	5 Jun, Wed	Annual Conf[eren]ce of I.A.O.S. which I could not attend for official reasons. Then a Presentation of an album & £500 to R. Anderson at which I presided. Then a banquet to him at which I again presided. So a written and an impromptu speech were added to my days work.
	6 Jun, Thu	Met H.W. Massingham a[t] dinner with Gill. He is the most Radical journalist in England. Was Editor of Daily Chronicle but had to leave when Pro Boer-ism did not pay. He gave us a most refreshingly new appreciation of public men. His <i>bête noir</i> is Milner. He says there is no thought in England at all now.
	7 Jun, Fri	Deputation from Cork re Exhib'n. I wish we could get them to put it off for a year.
	8 Jun, Sat	Day mail to London. Very pleasant journey on a fine summer's day. Daisy dined tête a tête with me & then went to Southampton to meet Fingall who arrives in the morning from S. Africa.
[Smyth] [Harriette]	9 Jun, Sun	Called on Mary & found Alice entertaining a youth from Youghal named Holroyd Smith [<i>sic</i>] (son of Col. & Lady Harriet [<i>sic</i>] H-S.) to whom she is engaged pace the parents. The boy is I thought extremely unattractive & of weak intellect. I hope it won't come off. Dined the Pirries & met a Sir Henry & Lady Primrose – she an old friend of Randal's & interesting.
	10 Jun, Mon	Treasury, Irish office & House of Commons.
	11 Jun, Tue	Ditto
	12 Jun, Wed	Treasury Formal meetings at which Pelton was made into a limited liability Company. Had an interesting talk with Lady Betty & Lytton who would be an excellent companion for Eddie.
	13 Jun, Thu	Lunched with Lecky who is very feeble after influenza. He is a delightful talker when he is quite at ease. Dined with Spring Rice & thoroughly explained to him all the policy of the Department. He is entirely in sympathy with it. He

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		has always befriended it as far as a Treasury official can be human! Busy official day otherwise.
	14 Jun, Fri	A round of visits mostly on business, even those to Ladies Londonderry & Cranborne. Then the House where Hanbury asked me to preside over a Committee on butter standards!! Back to Ireland by night train.
	15 Jun, Sat	¾ths of a day & then came Fingall to see me & we 'moted' together down to Killeen. Poor fellow he has had a dull time. Practically no danger from Boers but much from "enteric". His chief duty was not to grumble & that duty he did nobly. He heard nothing in his subordinate isolation and observed little. But he is a bigger man with his new experiences.
	16 Jun, Sun	A little moting & needed rest.
	17 Jun, Mon	Back to Dublin in motor. 1 hour 17 minutes from Killeen to K. St. Club – say 21 miles & part slow through streets of Dublin. Delays passing horses &c. This beats the train bother.
	18 Jun, Tue	A Deputation re Salmon Fisheries Protection on Shannon &c. Off to Galgorm Castle (Rt. Hon. John Young) for Ballymena show. Had a good Northern talk with Young, Chairman Northern Counties Ry – excellently managed – well informed, enlightened Presbyterian. Did not believe in my work. Perhaps does not & won't.
[Report of address in <i>IH</i> , VII:26 (20 Jun 1901), p. 442]	19 Jun, Wed	It poured till 3 P.M. The Ballymena Show was really seen to advantage in the downpour. The business was not a bit interfered with though of course the gate suffered from the absence of the non-business element. I addressed the farmers from a platform in the rain, or rather an ordeal. But I was right well received. I think I did some good. Barring the awful bigotry of these folk they are certainly splendid material for nation building.
	20 Jun, Thu	Ballymena to Lim[eric]k J[unctio]n. My host, the finest man (physically) I have seen of his age for a long time, seemed to have completely come round to Plunkettism before I left. At Belfast saw Sinclair, Andrews & the two Gibsons. S. Belfast still very doubtful. Passing through Dublin picked up Gill. Got letter from Mary asking me to see in Cork Capt. R Holroyd Smyth, Alice's fiancé & in loco parentis find out his intentions.
	21 Jun, Fri	Cork by mail. Saw Bass & Co about Haulbowline Cottages. Holroyd Smyth came in from Ballinatrav, Youghal, & I vetted him intellectually & financially. In the former he is wanting, in the latter his mother can make him easy. I must say I hope the marriage won't come off. But Alice is strong & may make something of the youth. He is truthful. Had a meeting of Cork Exhib'n Deput[atio]n & a hard struggle against local jobbery. I fear the jobbers will win & the Exhib'n be much less successful than it would otherwise be.
[Plunkett consistently writes Dunn, but in print it's usually Dunne]	22 Jun, Sat	Dined with Wm. Harrington. Met Stanley H. & Christopher Dunn. The latter after Maurice Healy the ablest man I have met in Cork. Back by a capital new breakfast train to Dublin. Very busy day making up arrears.

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	23 Jun, Sun	Worked & moted.
	24 Jun, Mon	After hard day went on Motor to Dunsany to keep Reggie company for a night. I have spent years alone there & know how alone. He has a grand physique & health & is more even minded than ever I was.
	25 Jun, Tue	Brought Reggie to Dublin in the motor. From stables Dunsany to K St. Club 1 hr 14 min. That is cold comfort for the Railways. By 2.45 PM to Londonderry (where I put up with Dr. Chadwick, Prot Bp. of Derry & Raphoe) for 2nd day of NW Agric Soc'y Show.
	26 Jun, Wed	A Show – good but small & then a lunch & a speech & back to Dublin. I made a mistake in going. I did no good.
	27 Jun, Thu	The Agric'l Board met & accepted my Scheme of Agric Educ'n. This is certainly one of my best contributions to public life in Ireland – if it catches on.
	28 Jun, Fri	Rather worn out mentally. So took a good half holiday golfing & motoring with Robinson.
	29 Jun, Sat	Went for week end to Leopardstown.
	30 Jun, Sun	Motor & golf with R.A.A.
	1 Jul, Mon	Invit[atio]n from Dalziel to yacht to St. Petersburg. Wired to Hanbury to ask him if I could put off my Butter Standards work. He agreed & I got to work on preparations for a 3 weeks holiday – happily at the slack time of year for the Dept.
	2 Jul, Tue	A terrible final rush to get off. Coming in with Dunning in the motor an accident happened which might have been serious. Going 20 miles an hour at least the axle of the near hind wheel clogged & stopped the wheel dead. The other wheel was still driving & naturally the motor charged into the side of the road. If we had been passing another trap or if there had been a coping stone or ditch we should have been smashed. Managed to get through & off to London by night.
	3 Jul, Wed	I wrote today's notes under Tuesday 2nd.
	4 Jul, Thu	Arrived in London & what with Bd of Agriculture, H of C, Treasury & voluminous correspondence I had a bewildering day.
	5 Jul, Fri	A still warm day. The Committee on Butter Standards held its first meeting under my Chairmanship at 3 St. James Square. (Bd of Agriculture). Excellent body for business. But alas the task before the C'tee is one of vast complexity & I doubt whether there is a scientific possibility of a good issue to our deliberations.
	6 Jul, Sat	After final work at Bd of Agriculture & a multitude of parting instructions to Department &c went by an afternoon train to Dover with the Dalziel party. Consisted of Monsieur, Madame & M'selle, Fingall, Daisy & Mamie, Lord & Miss Forester, a Juanita something. S[team]Y[acht] Clementina, tug out on Dover Roads. Daisy began to get sick in the launch & made a bad start. She was sick soon after she got to bed on the yacht.
	7 Jul, Sun	N.E. breeze & nearly whole party sick. Dalziel, Mrs. D & self only exceptions I believe. Daisy very bad & Mamie quite miserable. 6½ hours to Ostend. F[ingall] & I are room mates.

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		Daisy & Mamie close by. Party not interesting except Dalziel who is interesting in a way & Daisy who is deadly sick. But it will be a rest & healthy & in spite of the difficulty of getting such a party ready to move we may see something before we get back.
	8 Jul, Mon	Ld. Forester, Daisy, Miss F & I went to Bruges the sleepest old world place I was ever in, though I suppose Holland ahead in such death in life. The Cathedral is most interesting & the town is quaint & pretty. We saw some marvellous pictures of the 15th & 16th Centuries – marvellous in preservation & in detail work. Daisy & Miss F went on by night to Brussels & Amsterdam.
	9 Jul, Tue	Got to Amsterdam – glorious day at sea & very interesting through 12 miles of typical Dutch farming from Haarlem to A[msterda]m. The latter an interesting city I should say, though too lively commercially & industrially to reflect the present Dutch spirit. We took the whole day – after 4 days here we are 12 hours by ?ordinary route to Louvain! Tomorrow night we shall probably be no further on & Russia 1000 miles off.
	10 Jul, Wed	Spent whole day at Amsterdam Canals in steam launch. Ladies objected to being spat upon by little boys on bridges & talked a good deal about “the manners of these beastly Dutch”! Picture gallery with Rembrant’s masterpieces – especially ‘Night Watch’ – the chief attraction. The new Church not interesting. On whole not I thought very attractive place. The Dutch are too ?male. They have ever a ?Chicago air about them.
	11 Jul, Thu	Back by canal to Haarlem & by sea to the mouth of the Elbe. Weather glorious & even Daisy with a gross appetite. I am really enjoying the physical effects of a day in hot sun & cool bracing sea air.
	12 Jul, Fri	Went through Kiel Canal to Riga. The Canal gave me a good view of German agriculture, for most of the time the upper deck was above the banks. Riga is chief German Laval arsenal. But such sights have no interest for this party. They found indeed nothing to interest them here, the shops being new & cheap. We are to wait till Dalziel has communicated with his office by wire before we can get on. The Russian trip looks like a fiasco as far as I am concerned. Here we are with one of my precious 3 weeks used up & only 1/3rd of the way there. Fortunately there are no watering places or shops along the Baltic to attract the ladies.
	13 Jul, Sat	Today the Russian trip was finally abandoned. Dalziel admitted that he would rather not undertake it. The rest of the party (except Fingall) are keen for it. But D. always in the end does what he wants, wise man. Left Kiel for Stockholm (480 miles) by night.
	14 Jul, Sun	All day at sea, weather perfect. Such a rest! I was too lazy even to read.
	15 Jul, Mon	Came through the islands up to Stockholm. Beautiful granite & fir scenery. Stockholm quite a lovely & attractive city – not overdone with “sights”. “The Venice of the North” built more on rivers than canals. Called on Sir Francis Pakenham K.C.M.G., Minister. Asked us to dine next night.
[poss. diplomat Sir Henry Bax-Ironside]	16 Jul, Tue	Did the Palace & the rivers & Canals. Lord Forester & I dined with the Pakenhams. He is quite past his work but very nice. Deaf & not informing. She not clever but nice & well informed. ?Baxter Ironsides, first secretary did the talking in the silence of

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[consols – irredeemable British government securities]		his Chief. He said the recent fall in consols (to 91) was probably due to Pierpont Morgan's parlous financial position. Of the Swedes & their City we learned nothing.
	17 Jul, Wed	Went with a young secretary of Legation (Beach, son of Father of the House of Commons) to the Department of Agriculture, Minister away – saw Secretary. They started curiously on same day as we did, 1 Ap[ril] 1900. But I gathered that they are a very poor specimen of such departments. Left in evening for South Baltic & home instead of going on to Russia. The ladies are furious as they don't realise that they are the cause of the delay which makes Russia impossible for Dalziel & me.
	18 Jul, Thu	Wisby on Gotland, in the middle ages a great commercial trading centre & still a delightfully old world place. The utter destruction of its trade made the destruction by modernisation of its walls & towns & churches unnecessary. The most interesting place we have seen.
[Karlskrona]	19 Jul, Fri	To Karlskroner [<i>sic</i>]. Glorious weather for yachting. We only stayed a short time ashore as it is the not very interesting naval station of a nation which need not have a navy at all. Norway has a separate navy and as an officer of the Swedish navy told us, they don't (I think he meant won't) even manoeuvre together! Here is an argument for Home Rule!
	20 Jul, Sat	Arrived at Copenhagen & patrolled the town with the usual crocodile of ladies. My day was saddened by the news that my poor faithful official private secretary Heaney had died of diabetes. He was a gentle creature devoted to me & is irreplaceable.
[Helsingor]	21 Jul, Sun	The Arthur Herberts joined us & we cruised about to Elsinore (Helsingfor) [<i>sic</i>] & round Sven Island. Blew a warm S.E. ½ gale over sunny landlocked sea. A day of laziness in perfection. I ought to have my nerve battery well stored when I get back.
	22 Jul, Mon	Met Goschen the Minister[,] Capt. Boyle the B. Consul & tried to find Schou, the greatest agric'l authority in Denmark but failed. At night we arranged to leave Copenhagen having managed to do & see nothing. No plans could be made as Dalziel never knows his or his party's mind & unless you know how long you have to stay & know beforehand what places you are going to you can see nothing in a strange land.
	23 Jul, Tue	Left Copenhagen & got to Kiel. The glorious weather broke in a wild thunderstorm.
	24 Jul, Wed	Through Kiel canal again & weather threatening, had to put into Cuxhaven.
	25 Jul, Thu	At sea all day.
	26 Jul, Fri	Arrived Rotterdam. Fingall & I went to see Scheveningen the chief Dutch watering place. Another Ostend without the ½ world I should say. I got 50 letters!
	27 Jul, Sat	To the Hague with Daisy, after a morning at Rotterdam. Saw lots of pictures. I begin to like the Dutch masters, they are grand, it is only their subjects which are a bit forbidding.

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		Left by night for Ostend.
	28 Jul, Sun	Left the Clementina at Ostend by myself & came to 105 Mount St., London. The heat wave had been dissipated in a thunderstorm & London was tolerable. But I felt like a boy going back to school. Another 40 or 50 letters waiting for me.
	29 Jul, Mon	Treasury, Bd of Agriculture & House of Commons.
	30 Jul, Tue	2nd meeting of Butter regulations C'tee. I made rather a mess of examining witnesses. The fact is I don't know my subject.
	31 Jul, Wed	Butter Committee. Had Christopher Dunn to dinner & took trouble to explain Departmental & I.A.O.S. work. He should help in S of Ireland.
	1 Aug, Thu	Butter C'tee. Col. Pratt in town, fortunately for me only passing through as I could not have given him the time or attention every traveller from that Hospitable Republic deserves. Dined with Yerburgh in House. Met Sir George Clark and Gilbert Parker M.P. The latter was particularly interesting to me. He is a good writer, knows Canada well & can use the analogy of Canada for Irish problems. He will be a useful man to be in with politically. He is honest (politically).
	2 Aug, Fri	Lunched with Frank Proud (who now calls himself Harvey, money causing the alias) to meet William Gibson a successful Ulsterman – huge wholesale jeweller in London – who is financially backing T W Russell but who looks upon me as his second string. He is a really honest well wisher of Ireland but has compulsory purchase on the brain. Left by night for Ireland.
	3 Aug, Sat	The office saddened by poor Heaney's empty chair. Did a hard days work & went to Killeen for the Sunday & Bank Holiday.
	4 Aug, Sun	Rest.
	5 Aug, Mon	Rest again. But I get up every morning and make myself a cup of tea. I find on this I can do the best work of the day.
	6 Aug, Tue	Back to town. Hunt for a new Private Secretary (official). Dined with Cadogan.
	7 Aug, Wed	Office work killing when Gill is away. Lytton turned up on visit to a friend of his. Dined him with Eddie & hope acquaintance will continue. He is a delightful boy.
	8 Aug, Thu	Vetting private secretaries (official). Only one man I should like & doubtful whether the Gov't will let me take him.
	9 Aug, Fri	Official
	10 Aug, Sat	Official & to Killeen
	11 Aug, Sun	Killeen. Fingall off with his Militia, Eddy, Daisy & I the party. Got through a good deal of writing. Slept at K St. Club.
[Text of speech in <i>IH</i> , VII:33 (17 Aug 1901), pp. 548-9; report of Loughbrickland speech, pp. 549-50]	12 Aug, Mon	To Newry – 5 addresses presented to me – 2 rural districts, 1 urban district, 2 Creameries. 4 on arrival at Town Hall. Opened Loughbrickland Creamery. Made 2 speeches the second out of doors. Dinner of local celebrities at night given by Michael J. Magee who housed me. He has got an extraordinary influence (for good) over the people. He is a solicitor who cannot afford to

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		neglect his practice. I fear he will go to the bad with drink which is horribly sad for he is a great economic & social reformer.
	13 Aug, Tue	The Agric'l & Industrial Show opened by me because it was revived after a lapse of 18 years to help the Dept. Very good attendance & spirit throughout. The Town gave me a Banquet at night in Town Hall. They did me well & received me most cordially. I made a 40 minutes speech which I think was the best I ever made. But the dinner C'tee stupidly refused the dinner to the Press & they sulked & insulted me.
	14 Aug, Wed	Back to Dublin very tired. Official work all day & on into night.
	15 Aug, Thu	Finished up at office & off to London by night.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , VII:34 (24 Aug 1901), pp. 572-4 and VII:35 (31 Aug 1901), pp. 591-3]	16 Aug, Fri	Crystal Palace. Inaugural address as President for year of National Festival Society. Old Holyoake & Ludlow the veteran Christian Socialists were loud in their praises. But I "went for" the Wholesale Society and it appears that they so absolutely dominate the movement that I may have done unwisely – perhaps I am in for a libel action. Lady Warwick resigned her Presidency to me. She did almost as much talking as I did. She goes in with the crowd and therefore with the C.W.S.
	17 Aug, Sat	Another day with the Cooperators. Rather a fiasco & Lady Warwick scenting no popularity hunting kept away! Back at night to Ireland having I think sown some seed.
[DSO – Distinguished Service Order]	18 Aug, Sun	To Killeen to meet Lady Betty & 2 girls, Eddie, Percy Fitzgerald D.S.O. (a soldier with brains) Lytton & his friend Cole Hamilton. "Good discourse." Rest & enjoyment.
	19 Aug, Mon	Official. But a lunch with Cadogans wasted half my day. Back to Killeen. Lady Betty & I walked for Dinner across the fields. Glorious evening. I never enjoyed a walk & talk so much.
	20 Aug, Tue	Official. Pan Celtic Congress. I could not attend the serious functions but I did go to a conversazione at Mansion House & saw all the wild folk in their wild – generally not unpicturesque – dresses.
	21 Aug, Wed	Official.
	22 Aug, Thu	Official. Heard that I am likely to be asked to stand for East Down if Rentoul is provided with the office he seeks.
To Fisher, ? [poss. Joseph R.]	23 Aug, Fri	Garden party at Vice Regal Lodge. G. Wyndham turned up at office & rather annoyed me by discussing the proposed build up for the Department before me but not with me. Pan Celtic Conversazione in which W.B. Yeats made a most interesting speech & Castletown a very poor one.
	24 Aug, Sat	Office morning. Vetted Smith one of the candidates for P[ri]vate Sec. ship & decided to take him on. Golfed with Atkinson & dined at Vice Regal. Big dull party.
	25 Aug, Sun	"Moted" Daisy home from Vice Regal Lodge.
	26 Aug, Mon	Official
	27 Aug, Tue	Horse Show opened but I had deputations & functions all day. Eddie & I dined on the Clementina, Dalziel's yacht in Kingstown

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		Harbour. He had the usual uninteresting party – the Foresters still hanging on as if no other Lord was available.
[Letter from F. Wrench in <i>IH</i> , VII:36 (7 Sep 1901), p. 602]	28 Aug, Wed	Formally received by Agric'l C'tee of R.D.S. Tall hat – Horse Committee.
	29 Aug, Thu	Bd of Agriculture 4 hours. Lunch Dr. Molloy. Wyndham's birthday. Dinner at Ch: Sec's. Company mixed. Home team brilliant, guests official dull. Took in Lady Harrel. One surprise. She had noticed my quotation from Browning in Crystal Palace address. She "loved Browning"!
[Letter to F. Wrench in <i>IH</i> , VII:36 (7 Sep 1901), pp. 602-3]	30 Aug, Fri	Bd of Tech Inst'n. Deput[atio]n about Cork Tech School. Live Stock C'tee – a pretty full day.
	31 Aug, Sat	After official ½ day took my new Secretary Smith down to Killeen. Tall hat & frock coat he wore & was appalled at the idea of meeting & actually being housed with a live Earl & real Countess. The way in which they made him at home was an admirable little human study.
	1 Sep, Sun	Lazed
	2 Sep, Mon	Official
	3 Sep, Tue	Official. But golfed in afternoon with Dr. Molloy.
	4 Sep, Wed	Official
	5 Sep, Thu	Official
	6 Sep, Fri	Down to Killarney with Coyne. Delightful day mostly with him & Henry Butcher discussing the work of the Dept in relation to the Castlerosse Tech: & Domestic Economy School which he champions most vigorously, but still more the University question on which Coyne has greatly enlightened the Professor whose views were extraordinarily narrow. Dined at Killarney house & met Ld. Cromer. He did not strike me as being up to his reputation. He is I am sure a good administrator. But he would never make a great statesman.
	7 Sep, Sat	Visited 2 Convents & saw into one of our Educ'l problems. Appearances hopeless. But then the Irish are adaptable – especially the women.
	8 Sep, Sun	Began with a long interview with Dr. Coffey Bp. of Killarney. For an opinionated ignoramus – outside Maynooth ecclesiasticism – commend me to this worthy prelate. Saw also another Convent – the Loreto – where the Mother Superior was not so distinctly inferior as in other two cases.
	9 Sep, Mon	7 AM from Killarney to Dublin. 5.40 P.M. to Glasgow via Belfast & Ardrossan. Rush of official work in interval. Coyne, Gill & I went to Glasgow.
[Photo of Irish pavilion in <i>IH</i> , VII:39 (28 Sep 1901), p. 645]	10 Sep, Tue	Arrived Glasgow (Central Hotel) & found Bourke Cockran & Macartney Filgate ready to meet us. Did the Exhib'n & was delighted with the Irish Pavilion, certainly the most interesting outside Exhibit. The effect of the art schools is manifest all over Glasgow & the city should be carefully studied. At night 2 important municipal swells (Baillies) dined with us & we had at a

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		party of 9 at least 9 speeches! Cockran was in Madison Square form.
	11 Sep, Wed	Read paper on State aid & voluntary effort in Agriculture to International School of Economy at School of Art. Very seedy. Good paper but poor audience. An Eton contemporary Shand-Harvey (He was only Shand there) called on me & talked of 30 years ago. I remembered him. He had changed much less than I had. He had a son leaving Eton! Bourke Cockran left.
	12 Sep, Thu	Crowded all we could into the day. Did the Machinery Hall & Art Gallery the latter with an artist who explained things to us most delightfully. Left 11 P.M. for Dublin.
	13 Sep, Fri	Horse Committee all day. At night Willie Blacker came up & I partially cheered him out of his gloom.
	14 Sep, Sat	Very heavy day. Live stock Committee &c. Came to Killeen.
	15 Sep, Sun	Rest complete.
	16 Sep, Mon	Rushed through mornings work. Then Daisy & I went to Rossmore, Monaghan, I officially for a show next day. Lady R. pretty & charming – not clever. House quite delightful, two of the rooms the prettiest I have ever seen.
	17 Sep, Tue	Show. 5 addresses full of sound economic sentiment. Even discounting the genius of the Irish to say what one wants to hear, the progress of economic thought as illustrated by these addresses was remarkable. I spoke to a thin audience & the Press in reply I think well. Back to Dublin where dined & slept at Ch: Secs – George W[yndham]. is a great difficulty to me. I think he is trying to do too much & this may prevent his doing irreparable harm to the New Movement.
	18 Sep, Wed	Butter Committee all day in Dublin. Dreary work but useful.
	19 Sep, Thu	More butter C'tee & then to Limerick with C'tee.
	20 Sep, Fri	Listened to lies all day. Dined & slept at Mount Trenchard. Found the Monteagles less awfully depressed than I had expected.
	21 Sep, Sat	Finished Limerick enquiry & went on to Killarney with C'tee for Sunday.
	22 Sep, Sun	Spent day with Henry Butcher, the C'tee doing the sights.
	23 Sep, Mon	On to Cork where C'tee sat. I also went into affairs of Cork Exhib'n. In ev[enin]g met Col. Holroyd Smyth & Capt. R. H-S, Alice's fiancé to discuss settlement, I acting in loco parentis. It is certainly a most undesirable match.
	24 Sep, Tue	Drove to Exhib'n grounds. Site ideal & I think we can make the affair a grand success. Sat in Cork & moved to Dublin.
	25 Sep, Wed	Finished Irish enquiry of Butter regulation C'tee. There is a hopelessly pigheaded but worthy English farmer Mr. Gibbons (Zomerzet) who I fear will hold out for a stupid muddled view he has got into his thick but honest head. There is also a trade representative of a fraudulent Hot brine compound who will simply fight for his particular trade. So we may not get a unanimous report. But the evidence is getting fairly indicative of

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		the true course.
	26 Sep, Thu	Official.
	27 Sep, Fri	Very hard days work & the prize distrib[utio]n at Pembroke Tech School by Lady Grosvenor. All the Pembroke tribe there too – the Ld Mayor & 2 ex L.M.s. I spoke badly – tired, seedy.
	28 Sep, Sat	Took an afternoon's golf with Anderson & then dined in T.C.D. with a "distinguished" & learned company. The University Com'n was there & we had much Educ'l discourse. I sat next Lord Robertson the Chairman. (Rather desiccated I thought). Had talks with many dons & others. Glad to find anxiety to discuss matters with the new Dept.
	29 Sep, Sun	Down to Killeen – quiet day.
	30 Sep, Mon	Official & speech at opening by Ld. Pembroke of Technical School Blackrock.
	1 Oct, Tue	A disgusting day. Poor Lady Aberdeen came over to try and stop a job which had been perpetrated inside the Lace Depôt, one of her most philanthropic industrial efforts. Dickson with the help of Walker who is employed by the C.D.B. had induced that body to purchase the Depôt. Lady Aberdeen & I were kept absolutely in the dark when this job was going through. Its object was to get Dickson's son-in-law Martin, who has been put in as Sec'y to the Depôt, with Gov't employ. Lady A & I let the thing go through because it was inexpedient for either of us to thwart G.W. in his great administrative projects.
	2 Oct, Wed	Spent the day traveling to Portrush for some bracing air which I badly need.
	3 Oct, Thu	Poured all day. But I went out in a waterproof & played some golf. Feel the better for it already.
	4 Oct, Fri	Played two 'foursomes' & certainly feel much better for it.
	5 Oct, Sat	Golf in a park. Dinner at Golf Club – a pleasant affair at Hotel. Speech of course but I got through all right. T. Andrews & Jos. R Fisher came as my guests for the week end to talk Ulster politics.
	6 Oct, Sun	Electric Tram to Giants Causeway. A wonderful geological formation.
	7 Oct, Mon	Still a gale & no golf worth mentioning. I had an abscess in both ears which made life a burden!
	8 Oct, Tue	Back to Dublin. In Belfast interviewed some of the leaders of T.W. Russell's organisation re East Down Constituency. They have declared that no man shall sit for an Ulster seat unless he takes the Compulsory Purchase Pledge. As a member of the Gov't of course I can take no pledge. They may come round as they know I am popular. But I doubt it.
	9 Oct, Wed	C.D.B. & official. Dined with T. Myles Pres't of R[oyal] Coll: of Surgeons.
	10 Oct, Thu	C.D.B.

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	11 Oct, Fri	CDB Wyndham & Wrench attended & the game went on. The only hope for Wyndham as an economic reformer is to find out Wrench. I don't think he will.
	12 Oct, Sat	Spring Rice over from the Treasury which of course accounted for the day. Went to Killeen for week end with Dunning.
	13 Oct, sun	Rest
	14 Oct, Mon	Heavy official.
	15 Oct, Tue	Horse Committee & Cattle C'te took all day.
	16 Oct, Wed	Agric'l Board. Dr. Healy, Col. Nolan, Esmonde & Magee were away. We voted another £10,000 to the Cork Exhib'n, £15000 for Live Stock schemes & many other projects were approved. It certainly is an ideal Board.
	17 Oct, Thu	Official
	18 Oct, Fri	Official
[Adare Manor - home of W.T. Wyndham-Quin (4th Earl of Dunraven)]	19 Oct, Sat	To Limerick & on to Adare Manor. Spent 2½ hours with Bp. O'Dwyer & discussed University Question. Deeply interesting. I gathered (1) that they would take what they can get within reason (2) that they will promise to send the priests for their arts course to the University if approved, (3) O'D agrees with my view that the Western peasant is semi pagan. Adare Manor by night impressive. When I arrived Lady Aileen was playing a lovely violin solo in the hall to the accompaniment of a piano & the great organ. Most impressive.
	20 Oct, Sun	Golf by day & Bridge by night! But the organ & the violin played divinely & I suppose for my benefit descended to The Wearing of the Green. I broke the Sabbath too with a lot of official work. I like Lady Aileen – a sound nice girl. If things were otherwise!
	21 Oct, Mon	Another look round Adare. There is an old Desmond Castle, an Abbey & a Monastery in the park – all interesting. Left for Cork.
	22 Oct, Tue	A heavy day at Cork Exhib'n & then to Dublin & distributing prizes at Wesley College.
	23 Oct, Wed	Official, very heavy day. Left by night for London.
	24 Oct, Thu	Pelton Colliery & SS Meetings. Board of Agriculture, Treasury &c. Met William Gibson and had another talk about East Down. Wrote Henry Butcher asking him to 'save us from giving evidence to a sub c'tee of the Royal Com'n.
	25 Oct, Fri	John Bowes partners – Eddie to lunch. Afternoon at Gov't Laboratory. Dined with Spring Rice.
	26 Oct, Sat	Morning in Government Laboratory again. Afternoon writing & to a play with Eddie in ev[en]ing.
[Charles Tyson Yerkes]	27 Oct, Sun	Lunched with W. Gibson & met Yerkes the Yankee millionaire who has I believe bought up the Metropolitan R'y & District R'y. He means to electrify & bring them up to date. These great men are a study. He was half educated (did not believe in Educ'n) but the moment you touched a practical question the instinct came out.

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	28 Oct, Mon	Butter Committee. Dined with JG Butcher.
	29 Oct, Tue	Butter C'tee. G Wyndham dined with me at St. James Club & I had a long talk with him. I see through him now. He is certainly very brilliant & will succeed. He is not altruistic. But his ambition may be of advantage to Ireland.
	30 Oct, Wed	Butter C'tee. The Leckys, S. Spring Rices, Dunbar Bullers, Walter Maxwells & Miss Bourke dined with me. Capt. Middleton asked me to Stand for Galway! Rentoul told me he had been appointed to a London judgeship & was going to resign & seek re election for E. Down. The Gov't had decided that it was better for him than for me to be beaten by T.W. Russell.
	31 Oct, Thu	Butter C'tee. Met G. Wyndham at Euston where he dined W Gibson & me.
	1 Nov, Fri	Butter C'tee came to unanimous report re water in butter – 16% all round. This pinches careless producers but we agreed to it because latest decision (Wednesday) was that any declared percentage was legal. Packing & back to Dublin by night.
	2 Nov, Sat	W. H. Persse of Galway told me deput[atio]n would wait on me to ask me to stand for that City!
	3 Nov, Sun	Lunched with JG Barton at Foxrock.
	4 Nov, Mon	Official.
	5 Nov, Tue	A Deputation (10) from Galway asking me to stand. 3 Unionists, 7 very sturdy looking Nationalists. It was a queer Wild West Show! I think there is a good fighting chance – that's all. Whether I can fight is doubtful.
	6 Nov, Wed	Went to Belfast & back in the day to distribute prizes at Methodist College. Made a dufferish speech. Met Andrews & Fisher who warned me not to say anything at Galway which would make me impossible in Ulster.
	7 Nov, Thu	All day undecided as to Galway. The Morris'[s] (Killanin & Sir George) say to me the prospects are not good – to others that they are rosy. Gill is strongly against & has persuaded all my officers except Coyne. If I don't run I shall be accused of political cowardice & then party & the Gov't will have some grievance against me. If I do I shall 10 to 1 be badly beaten & shall anger the Nationalists. Must sleep over it.
	8 Nov, Fri	Slept over it. Decided to run. "Nothing venture[d]" &c. I am asked by Nationalists to run as the industrial candidate. I cannot refuse to back my own principles when they come to me so unexpectedly. It will be a hard but I hope not a very dirty or violent contest.
	9 Nov, Sat	The Freeman's Journal furious & evidently alarmed. The Independent courteously condemnatory. The Irish Times wishy washy in my favor. The Express silent. Having no intelligent Press on one's side and an unscrupulous press against one is hard. The fight is certainly a forlorn one. Coyne & I went down to

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		Killeen to think it over.
	10 Nov, Sun	Quiet day with Coyne at Killeen & then came by night to Dublin, saw Sir G. Morris & Killanin re Galway & ?Locher of Irish Times.
	11 Nov, Mon	To Wexford to open a Tech: School & back in day. 7 hours in train, 2½ hours there. Good audience & I think I made an inspiring speech & did good. Monteagle dined with me & was very gloomy about my prospects & evidently doubted the wisdom of the Galway project.
	12 Nov, Tue	To Galway by 9.15 train. Awful day. The windows of the train were covered with ice from sleet driven from the North. Canvassed in Galway – all clerics & had two meetings of labourers both small. The constituency is illiterate corrupt & in every way disgusting! My chances are very poor.
	13 Nov, Wed	Left Galway 6.15 AM. Tech Instruction Bd in Dublin. Saw Ch: Secretary about the Galway Election. He offered to come down to Galway!
	14 Nov, Thu	Back by morning mail. Another day's canvas [<i>sic</i>]. My own impression is that I have not a ghost of a chance.
	15 Nov, Fri	Canvassing & working with the extraordinary material we have. Walked through the Claddagh & was howled at by low fiends of women & children already demoralised by the Priests' influence. Certainly the Priest in politics shows at his worst in a constituency like this. John Dillon arrived & bitterly denounced me, lying to support his case. I spoke at night to 3 or 4 hundred in the theatre & made a good impression.
	16 Nov, Sat	More work & canvassing & then another meeting this time at the Hotel, about 200. Spoke for over an hour – I think spoke well.
	17 Nov, Sun	Went out to rest at Seamount, W H Persse's & to avoid the shrieking crowds.
	18 Nov, Mon	Back to Galway. Canvassing all day in Barna district. Met a car load of the organisers & canvassers of the Lynchites. I saw their blackguard & bulldozing methods & learnt a lot about the curse of Irish Nationalism. At night a meeting in the Mack's Hotel Assembly rooms.
	19 Nov, Tue	Canvassing. Went to the Claddagh to see a Priest who was working for us. The mob of women & children which yelled at me gave me another insight into the influence of political clericalism in Ireland. Another meeting at night at which I spoke badly.
	20 Nov, Wed	Canvassing & another meeting. I now know that I have no chance & the only question is how decent a fight I may make. I hope to be not more than 100 votes behind. But I should not wonder if I were 250 to the bad.
	21 Nov, Thu	A terrible day! I witnessed the political & religious intimidation of which I had heard so much enacted in all its completeness. Bullying, bribing, threatening material & moral spiritual consequences & so forth. Priests in the polling booths – priests outside – priests marching their parishioners to the poll like salvation army processions. Result "Colonel" Lynch 1247, self

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		472! I bore it philosophically.
	22 Nov, Fri	6.15 AM we saw the last of Galway. I had a sleepless night, the yells of To Hell with Plunkett & the thoughts of those hags & embryo hags that yelled at me being uppermost in my mind. Well it is over now. To the world – & the world looked on – I was “ill advised” to go forward. They don’t know that G. Wyndham pressed me to & he is my official chief & one must play the game.
	23 Nov, Sat	Went to Killeen for a 24 hours rest. That clever little woman is always calming, in spite of her own excitability, because she is so understanding. She does not take Galway seriously & she is right.
	24 Nov, Sun	Back to Dublin where I found among other letters one from Wyndham practically saying that I have acted as a counter irritant to him & commending me therefor!
	25 Nov, Mon	Finishing up. I never was so tired as I feel after that Galway Election. I am not sure that the fight will have done any harm. It may do good. But certainly the Press has a very wrong idea of my motives in contesting that forlorn hope.
	26 Nov, Tue	As yesterday only more so. More work as the departure gets nearer.
	27 Nov, Wed	Up at 6 AM & wrote a letter to the English Unionist Press to correct the impression that I had sacrificed Unionist principles in my candidature. This was seditiously circulated by the Ardilaunites. Rushed up to the Lodge to see the Ch: Sec who in reply to my exposition of the mess he had got me into airily told me it is a “9 days wonder of which 7 days have gone”. Wrote endless letters – signed endless Departmental documents. Left 3 P.M. with T P Gill for Cork. There I wanted to meet the Exhib’n C’tee only 2 turned up!
['The Galway Election', <i>The Times</i> , 30 Nov, p.13]	28 Nov, Thu	In the small hours I finished a letter to the Times & then said goodbye to T.P.G. & went on board the great floating Palace, The Oceanic. The usual interviewers were down early as the tender. Heaven knows what I said to them. Sure it is I was fagged, for after lunch I went to bed & slept with little intermission for 18 hours! Gilbert Parker & wife & George Eustis were on board. By noon 43 miles.
	29 Nov, Fri	496
	30 Nov, Sat	485
	1 Dec, Sun	434 A very poor run! We had a heavy head sea & a strangish S.W. to N.W. gale. But one feels but little motion. Surely the sea is shorn of its terrors.
	2 Dec, Mon	483 This under conditions which would have reduced us to about 283 20 years ago.
	3 Dec, Tue	485 – 359 to Sandy Hook. The fastest traveling I have done but not at all up to the record of the best made-in-Germany ships! I had to preside at the usual Concert.
	4 Dec, Wed	Landed & was assailed by Interviewers. Said nothing. Went out to Bourke Cockrans & had a tête a tête ev[en]ing with him at Sands

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	5 Dec, Thu	Saw Thalmann, Alexander Orr, Stuart Wortley. Dined with ex Mayor Grace. Spent a good deal of the day with Bourke Cockran. Begin to know him very well & to be even more interested in his capacities & limitations.
	6 Dec, Fri	Called on Archbishop Corrigan & Fr. Dougherty, also had a talk with Tom Kelly about Irish Amer'n feeling. Redmond at night had a private meeting of the people from whom I might expect funds, B. Cockran & Dr. Parkhurst being conveners. But I think – & so does T Kelly – that the best Irish Amer'n opinion is coming round to the new movement.
	7 Dec, Sat	Left by Pennsylvania Limited for Chicago (B. Cockran also going to attend a pro Boer meeting) & Omaha.
	8 Dec, Sun	At Chicago station parted with W.B. Cockran. Neither of us wanted to be seen with the other. I think I got him to moderate his speech. Had an afternoon with John Clay who told me the business news of the West – not very cheery as far as my interests were concerned excepting Wheatland which looks well enough.
	9 Dec, Mon	Arrived in Omaha, glorious weather just ending I suppose, & plunged into my affairs. A good distraction I suppose but drearily uninteresting. I look upon it as the private means to a public end. But though this attitude is incentive enough it is not calculated to develop commercial prudence or business efficiency.
	10 Dec, Tue	Office all day.
	11 Dec, Wed	Ditto.
	12 Dec, Thu	Business in Omaha
	13 Dec, Fri	Ditto.
	14 Dec, Sat	16° below zero. Took train for Cheyenne. Steam broke down & Pullman was so cold that sleep was impossible.
	15 Dec, Sun	After sleepless night the dreary scenery of Nebraska & Wyo did not offset the discomfort of the still cold train. However [as] I went up into the high light air the old fever of the free life came over me. Carey & John Chaplin met me at the station the former taking me up to his comfortable house. Mrs. Carey “was East”.
	16 Dec, Mon	A blizzard of great fury. But one does not feel the cold in Cheyenne air. Sheep must have perished by the thousand & cattle too. Some poor cowboys no doubt have gone under & many must have been severely frost bitten. Worked away with Chaplin & Carey at Wyo Dev Co.
	17 Dec, Tue	Finished at Cheyenne & back for Omaha.
	18 Dec, Wed	Back to Omaha. Just escaped being snowed up I fancy as we were charging through snowdrifts all night. Got through most of my business. Shocked to hear that Michael J Magee had died. He was an IAOS enthusiast & being RC & Nationalist his influence was invaluable. He managed to unite all creeds & parties. His loss is irreparable.
	19 Dec, Thu	Concluded in Omaha & left for Chicago & N.Y. Cold spell still

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	20 Dec, Fri	Chicago where I spent the inside of the day piercingly cold – 5 below zero I was told. But the damp was not dried out as it is in Omaha. Lunched with Henry A Blair, saw Henry Hay & John Clay.
	21 Dec, Sat	All day in train. Arrived 3 hours late at Cockrans flat. He had Moreton Frewen at Sands Point!
	22 Dec, Sun	Saw T Sturgis & missed many other people, wrote many letters. Got a wire from Fingall asking me to Xmas with him in Idaho! Left midnight for Washington.
	23 Dec, Mon	Pleasant talk with Secretary Wilson at Dept of Agriculture. He took me to Roosevelt who asked me to lunch. I sat next him – a delightful family party, Mrs. R & 4 children, & was greatly interested. We talked about Boer War & Ireland chiefly. R. means to leave other countries' affairs alone. I explained the New Movement in Ireland. We talked about honest administration, office seekers & such like subjects. We were in general agreement & I liked the man. Then to Philadelphia where I met Bourke Cockran & sat with him through 5½ hours dinner New England Society. He made great oration. Chinese ambassador also made some good points against the Americans.
	24 Dec, Tue	Called on Rev. D. Kieran (242 S 20th St. Phila) with whom was Father Kirlin, both warm friends (the former cousin) of Michael J. Magee. Back to N.Y. & out to Sands Point where Benjamin Guinness & old Smalley.
	25 Dec, Wed	Taken sick with chilled liver. Had to go to bed in middle of Xmas dinner. Lord & Lady Algy Lennox arrived. She is sister of Lady Warwick, clever & much prettier I think. Clean & young looking.
	26 Dec, Thu	Still sick & unable to stir. The party left for New York & I was left alone in B Cockran's comfortable house. They were all very kind.
	27 Dec, Fri	Came into N.Y. & was very busy with my affairs & arrangements. Went by night to Toronto by that excellent RR the N.Y. Central.
	28 Dec, Sat	Horribly unwell from mucous diarrhoea. Met by locals who insisted on showing me the most uninteresting local sights I ever saw. Municipal & Provincial Buildings & the University, the suburbs with the retired traders residences &c. The National Club gave me a dinner which was well done. But the company was not very influential – except for the presence of Ross, Premier of Ontario who made by the way an excellent speech. I spoke for an hour & gave the audience a new view of the Irish Question. I found them intensely Imperialist (with a fiscal federation of the Empire as the substantial aspiration) & therefore opposed strenuously to separation either of Canada or Ireland, but rather favorable to Canadian Home Rule for Ireland. I think I made a good impression.
	29 Dec, Sun	Called in a doctor. Gastritis. Colitis. Bismuth & exclusive milk – or malted milk dietary till cured. Afternoon train to New York.

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	30 Dec, Mon	Arrived 2 hours late & had a terrible rush to get through the day. Had meeting of Wyo Dev Co & Wheatland Industrial Co. Did sundry other business, wrote innumerable letters and finally dined with the Thalmann's, who had a Lucullan feast at which I could only look on. After much pressure I consented to take a glass of milk & soda & even that I had difficulty in digesting. I was very seedy.
	31 Dec, Tue	<p>Bourke Cockran came down to the Celtic (20000 tons, 16 knots) & said goodbye. He is a strange creature of kind circumstances. He is struggling between his duty (he is really religious) & his interests! He is very rich, has great powers as a real leader & might if he gave his life to the public service & controlled his tongue do great good. But he is also fond of the house he has built (& paid for), of his wealth, comforts & Society. I left him thinking "What shall I do to be saved?" I hope he will serve Ireland – in America.</p> <p>The Celtic is the most comfortable ship I was ever on. I don't think the sea will move her much.</p>
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	Year-end Summary	<p>A year of official work, with the Galway Election the only disturbance. That was a blunder. I thought the Gov't wanted me to run. Middleton gave me that impression & Wyndham pressed me to go forward. I fought hard & ran straight. But my political enemies made great capital out of it. I don't know exactly how I stand at the end of the year, having spent the last 5 weeks out of Ireland. But I don't think I stand as well before the public as I did at the beginning. The Department however is doing well & after all, that is what my reputation will stand & fall by. The I.A.O.S. prospers but is hard up for funds. The death of Michael J Magee is a great blow to it.</p> <p>My health has not improved. But the Galway Election was a severe over-strain & the effects of that may wear off. The three weeks holiday in Dalziel's yacht in the summer were a great godsend to me. I became possessed of a motor car. When shall I get an air ship?</p>