

# 1902 Diary of Sir Horace Curzon Plunkett (1854–1932)

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## NOTES

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

Horace Plunkett, *Irish Homestead*, 30 July 1910

### Conventions

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

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

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

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

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

5) Punctuation (or lack of)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Correspondence***

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

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

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

### ***Abbreviations***

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

#### **Names**

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

#### **Organisations**

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

## General

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

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

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

## 1902

### Events:

4 Mar – Ancient Order of Hibernians achieves unity in Ireland under Board of Erin

### Jun – Elected Fellow of the Royal Society

Nov – Ulster branch of Irish Literary Theatre emerges (renamed Ulster Literary Theatre, 1904)

20 Dec – Dunraven Land Conference

### Publications:

- Memorandum on Agricultural Education in Ireland, *Royal Commission on University Education in Ireland, appendix to second report*, Cd. 900, xxxi, pp. 237-44

- *Royal Commission on University Education in Ireland*, appendix to third report, Cd. 1229, xxxii, pp. 231-41

- *The Trend of Co-operation in Great Britain and Ireland* (Dublin) 18 pp.; also reprinted in W.P. Coyne (ed.) *Ireland Industrial and Agricultural* (Dublin), pp. 230-4

- Attributed letters and addresses in

#### *Irish Homestead:*

Text of address to 3rd meeting, Council of Agriculture, VIII:8 (22 Feb 1902), pp. 144-7

Text of address at Cork Exhibition, VIII:26 (28 Jun 1902), pp. 501-2; report of reply to toast, pp. 503-4

Text of address to IAOS annual general meeting and annual conference of co-operative societies, Cork, VIII:29 (19 Jul 1902), pp. 560-3

Text of address to DATI Fisheries Conference, Cork, VIII:32 (9 Aug 1902), pp. 622-4

Text of address to Industrial Conference, Cork, VIII:44 (1 Nov 1902), pp. 871-3

#### *DATI Journal:*

Text of address to Cork International Exhibition, II:4 (Jun 1902) pp. 691-7; 704-5

Text of address to Inland Fisheries Conference, Cork, III:1 (Sep 1902) pp. 103-8

Text of address to Industrial Conference, Cork, III:1 (Dec 1902), pp. 254-60

### Government:

*Prime Minister:* 3rd Marquess of Salisbury (Conservative) to 12 Jul, Arthur James Balfour (Conservative)

*Chief Secretary:* George Wyndham

*Lord Lieutenant:* Earl Cadogan to 16 Aug, William Humble Ward, Earl of Dudley

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £101 ; \$1 = \$22

Correspondence [Notes]	1902	Diary Entry
	1 Jan, Wed	360. I begin the year on the largest ship ever built, Celtic 20800 tons, a day out of New York. Some sea on but the monster treats it with scorn. I am up on the "Upper Promenade Deck" where I combine mountain & sea air. On Board restfully dull folk. That disturber of rest Marconi has just called across the Atlantic & threatens to keep humanity "posted" – damn him – when it goes down to the sea in ships to escape the dangers of the land (to its nerves). We shall no more be able to escape from our business than from our consciences.
	2 Jan, Thu	377
	3 Jan, Fri	376
	4 Jan, Sat	376
	5 Jan, Sun	374
	6 Jan, Mon	377
	7 Jan, Tue	384 – 213 to Daunts Rock. A delightful voyage & I felt 10 years younger for it.

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	8 Jan, Wed	Landed at 3 AM at Queenstown & went to the filthy Queen's Hotel. Went to Cork & looked over the Exhibition grounds – saw Bass & Co about Alice's settlements & Queenstown Dwellings Co. To Dublin where saw T.P.G., Dunning & R.A.A. & got fairly into touch.
	9 Jan, Thu	Office, dinner at Vice Regal. Cadogan very kind & sympathetic.
	10 Jan, Fri	Early appointment with Cadogan to discuss things in general. Distribution of prizes by His Ex[cellency] at School of Art. Carefully said nothing to give him full swing. The rest of the day struggling with arrears at office.
	11 Jan, Sat	Office. Deputation of R.D.S. to Cadogan (which he asked me to attend) to get Gov't to hand over £5000 a year for cattle improvement to the Department & to ask for a quid pro quo. I saw my way to support the claim provided it did not come out of Dept's funds. Ardilaun was there & was not in his bitterest mood. Spent quiet evening with T.P.G. at Dalkey having a very heavy cold on me. Distressed to hear from Coster that his wife was dying from cancer in bowels.
	12 Jan, Sun	Very bad cold. Went to Ch: Sec's Lodge to dine & sleep. Had pleasant talk with Wyndham & on whole satisfactory.
	13 Jan, Mon	Cold worse. Doctor – salicylate of soda – mercury. W H Persse came to town & I had a talk with him over the Galway fight. He poor fellow is terribly sore & disgusted over it. It appears that <u>most</u> of the Unionists voted against me.
	14 Jan, Tue	Invalided & kept all day in Club.
	15 Jan, Wed	Ditto. But had to receive a deputation from Trustees of National Library headed by Dowden.
	16 Jan, Thu	Back to office. Got little work done.
	17 Jan, Fri	Office all day.
	18 Jan, Sat	Office morning. Then with Prof'r. Campbell to Killeen for a week end rest to talk over Dep't &c. Saw Eddy. He is revelling in idleness. He has Dorothy, a de Burgh girl, 2 Conyngham children & Harry Ponsonby with him. I fear he will 'rot' away his life.
	19 Jan, Sun	Anderson joined Campbell & me & we had a great IAOS & Dep't talk.
	20 Jan, Mon	Official.
	21 Jan, Tue	Had a straight talk with Ardilaun who wished to make it up with me. Told him what I thought of the Express. Wrote H[ugh] de F[ellenberg] Montgomery asking him to apologise to Fr. Finlay for his outrageous attack on him in a letter to Monteagle which M. showed Fr. F. If we cannot contain these men the Coop movement will suffer.
	22 Jan, Wed	Had David Roche & Arthur Lough up to discuss some large business developments in I.A.O.S. Terribly busy day in Dept. Then left with Dunning for London.
[J.H. Bainbridge Sr. had	23 Jan, Thu	Arrived early at 105 & was saddened by the sad news poor Coster had to tell me of his wife's struggles with a fatal internal growth. Pelton meeting at which Mrs. Bainbridge took her seat & Walsh

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died Aug. 1901]		attended but from which Johnson & Gardiner were both kept away by illness.  Lunched at Carlton & heard the news. Had long talk with Mary & Alice over the proposed Holroyd Smyth alliance. Dined Monteagle at Wellington.
[Attorney-General – Sir Robert Finlay]	24 Jan, Fri	After a busy day in which I saw Middleton about my position had a long talk with the Ld. Lieutenant who was in despair at the unsympathetic attitude of the Times & Morning Post towards <u>his</u> gov't of Ireland, talked to G Wyndham & the Att[orne]y General, to Holroyd Smyth &c. I spent ev[enin]g with Spring Rice over Estimates of Dept.
	25 Jan, Sat	Got Dunning early & rushed through the mornings work. Then to Fisher[s] Hill, Hook Heath, Woking the delightful new home of the Gerald Balfours. Golfed in afternoon with Gerald & Alfred Lyttelton really enjoyed it. Ev[enin]g with G & Lady Betty.
	26 Jan, Sun	Golfed & loafed. My cold at last went away.
["Statist" – weekly business & economics journal]	27 Jan, Mon	Back to town. Busy day. Then had an Irish dinner at Wellington. Lloyd & Hay of the "Statist", Monteagle, Spring Rice, Bernard Holland & W.H. Persse.
	28 Jan, Tue	Butter Committee most of the day. Looked in at House of Commons & found Unionists rather bitter, Nationalists cordial but afraid of Dillon who is personally bitter beyond words.
	29 Jan, Wed	Butter C'tee. Took Miss Burke & Lady Betty to a Music Hall.
	30 Jan, Thu	Butter C'tee.
	31 Jan, Fri	Butter C'tee. Treasury. Estimates with Spring Rice. Bd of Trade about Railway matters. Interview with AJ Balfour about holding Vice Presidency without seat in Parl't. He said, "I have never altered my opinion which is that while later on the post will probably need a Parl'y representative for the present it is no matter whether you are in Parl't or not. I have always felt that you were exceptionally qualified for the post & I hope you will hold on to it. I say this subject to the wishes of Ld. Salisbury with whom the matter rests. He takes no interest in the matter & knows nothing about it."  Had interview with Hanbury about some agric'l questions.
	1 Feb, Sat	Day mail to Ireland. Slept at K St. Club to secure residence through first Castle season week.
	2 Feb, Sun	Quiet & Rest.
	3 Feb, Mon	Back to office & great arrears of work got through. Dined with Chief Baron Palles to meet Archbp. Walsh. Big semi-official dinner. Dreary.
	4 Feb, Tue	Levee to which T P Gill went out of respect for my position. Corollary Mrs. T. P. must go to ?drawing room.
	5 Feb, Wed	Agric'l Board. Very good spirit among them still.
	6 Feb, Thu	Dined at Castle & got that over. But the day was also partly wasted by a heavy breakfast at Monsignor Molloy's.

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	7 Feb, Fri	Poor Anderson's nerves have been so strained that he is getting very hard to get on with. I tried, not very successfully, to keep the peace betw'n him & Prof'r. Campbell & to get the I.A.O.S. & the Dept thereby to work together harmoniously. But I fear trouble.  Came down at night to Killeen in order to have a week end's quiet & hard work over my Council of Ag address. Found a Captain White, whom Dorothy, who is at Dunsany with Eddy, likes & is much more eligible than Alice's young man.
	8 Feb, Sat	Worked away quietly. "Fa" Conyngham & her ex policeman -- Cameron -- a harmless nincompoop -- left Killeen today. It was the first time I had seen him.
	9 Feb, Sun	Troubles by post. Some two dozen pages of indefinite complaint from Anderson & an offer to resign from Dunning. Had to work hard.
	10 Feb, Mon	Back to work. Hard at it preparing the address for the meeting of the Agricultural Council on Thursday.
	11 Feb, Tue	Ditto.
	12 Feb, Wed	Ditto & more so.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , VIII:8 (22 Feb 1902), pp. 144-7 and in <i>DATI Journal</i> , II:4 (Jun 1902) pp. 691-7, 704-5]	13 Feb, Thu	Council of Agriculture. I haranged them for over an hour. Inter alia I explained my position to them & they unanimously passed a resolution asking me to hold on to my office. They let it be known that in their opinion no one else could do the work. The discussion was rather tedious & detailed. Another time I shall brief them before hand on the issues to be discussed.
	14 Feb, Fri	Meeting of I.A.O.S. C'tee at which I urged vigorously circularising for subs[crip]t[io]ns.  The Press as usual on my address. Irish Times good leader -- address condensed out of all recognition. Express & Freeman bitter, Independent friendly & fair, Northern Whig & Newsletter full report, sympathetic articles.
	15 Feb, Sat	Went to Bangor & back by rail to attend at Ld. Dufferin's funeral. He was <u>very good</u> to me. He backed me up in Recess C'tee days & presided at the banquet given to me on my defeat in S Dublin.
	16 Feb, Sun	To Palmerston where the Mayos, a Miss Ponsonby & Arthur Vicars. Ulster, ass. Quiet restful day.
	17 Feb, Mon	Official
	18 Feb, Tue	Official. In evening addressed a crowded meeting in Rathmines Town Hall. Crowd had come to hear what? A discussion on Commercial Education -- a scheme for same in Rathmines! Truly a sign of the times!
	19 Feb, Wed	Official & another speech, Cottage Home Kingstown. This was the Horse dinner night at K St. Club. I kept away. The conflict betw'n social duties & hygiene had to be decided in favor of latter.
	20 Feb, Thu	Official -- no speech.
	21 Feb, Fri	Official.
	22 Feb, Sat	Lunched at The Castle. His Ex[cellency] in great state of perplexity about the United Irish League & their machinations.

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		Wyndham looks at it only from the House of Commons, despatch of business, point of view. His Ex from the Peers criticism point. Administrations!!
	23 Feb, Sun	Lunched at Leopardstown & arranged to sleep out there a few nights. Dined at Castle & had good talk with His Ex.
	24 Feb, Mon	Official. Evicted from K St. Club after a fortnight's residence. Jim Power gave me a put up at Leopardstown for the 3 days necessary to qualify for readmission.
	25 Feb, Tue	Eddie came to the Levee & I warned him against being caught by Lady Conyngham who is determined to run him in for one of her daughters. I also arranged with him that W. Watson should move to Ballydarton (for economy) and should do Dunsany agency by alternate weekly visits. Arranged too that if Johnson agrees Eddie should lend the IAWS £5000 at 5%.
	26 Feb, Wed	Official
[Smallpox epidemic, London 1902]	27 Feb, Thu	Got vaccinated. Came back to K St. Club.
	28 Feb, Fri	The L[ord] L[ieutenant] sent for me, nominally on some small affair but really because he was in mental agony over articles in the Times, Morning Post & Globe which represented him as staying Wyndham's hand in the adm[inistratio]n of the law in Ireland! It is a hard case as W. <u>allows</u> this impression to be abroad in order that he may not have ( <u>or appear to make</u> ) trouble in the House of Commons & so delay the legislative programme. I sympathised with Cadogan but could not help without disloyalty to my superior officer.
	1 Mar, Sat	Forenoon in office & back to Killeen where a "Castle" party for week end.
	2 Mar, Sun	Spent day largely at Dunsany with W. Watson & Eddy trying to bring the two into the relation of principal & agent. But Eddy is hopeless. He can only fix his mind on the amusements of the moment – one of which is now, happily, hunting.
	3 Mar, Mon	Furiously busy in office & failed to get away to London. Had to wait till morning.
	4 Mar, Tue	Day journey to London.
	5 Mar, Wed	Pelton SS & Bowes meetings. Atkinson & Hanbury at House of Commons. Evening with Spring Rice over Depart[menta]l matters.
	6 Mar, Thu	London official.
	7 Mar, Fri	Ditto.
	8 Mar, Sat	Ditto. Dined with Lady Sarah Spencer to meet Emily Lawless. Met also Sandhurst who had been an Indian governor – Gladstonian appointment. Strange demeanour attaches to these titled Gladstonian office holders – one even sees it in Lady Aberdeen slightly – a sort of deprecatory air – "I had to do it". "I know my political entourage is not quite first rate." Of course it does not apply to the Kimberleys, Granvilles & Spencers.
	9 Mar, Sun	A domestic day. I visited the sisters, walked to the zoo with



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		Raymond. Called on the Chamberlains & had a long talk with Miss Beatrice who is interesting as she is in the confidence of her father.
[ <i>sine die</i> – without a day being set] [Harriette]	10 Mar, Mon	Fr. Finlay called & told me a lot about the inner workings of the Episcopal mind in Ireland.  Poor Alice Ponsonby's marriage which was to be on the 20th had to be postponed <u>sine die</u> because the other side can settle nothing until Lady Harriet [ <i>sic</i> ], the young man's mother dies. It is a bad marriage every way. He is a Yahoo – but she loves him & he loves her. So both will suffer a while & in the end make an improvident marriage.
	11 Mar, Tue	Conference with Mary & ?Wa--i-. Decided to postpone Alice's wedding sine die & that the Trustees should stick to the Heads of Settlement, the guaranteed provisions to be made in some legal way if possible.  C.D.B. meeting at Irish office. Shaftesbury took his seat as new member of Board. Hanbury arranged a conference at House of C[ommon]s re butter Reg[ulatio]ns C'tee at 7.30. He does not dine! I told him I would copy his plan & try if it would reduce the zeal for Deputations which the Ch: Sec: has stimulated. The Cabinet met & Wyndham was allowed to put his views before them. Of course he won hands down & poor Cadogan bitterly feels his defeat. He will retire shortly I have no doubt.
	12 Mar, Wed	C.D.B. at Irish office. A J Balfour attended & saw the necessity of a unification of administration within the sphere of the Dept's work.  Dined with the Leckys. Trevelyan, Courtney, Lady Gregory the most interesting people.
	13 Mar, Thu	Had G W Prothero to lunch & talked about the article I am to get written on Ireland for the Quarterly [Review] of July.  Went to House to hear Wyndham on the Irish Gov't & the United Irish League. His speech was marvellously adroit. The language was excellent – he has the gift of Eloquence – & he made an exciting impression. His policy is my policy except that he concentrates on the Congested Districts because he realises that I have rather fouled the ground for “remedial policy” <u>ambitions</u> outside. He will be a great success. He will too do good – great good & one can pardon his playing the game too much from the point of view of his vaulting ambition which is natural.
	14 Mar, Fri	Went to hear the Congested Districts problem discussed by Irish members but could not stay to hear Wyndham who was very eloquent & sympathetic. The Island Priests were “not only saints but heroes” & so forth.  T.W. Russell lunched with me. He was very frank & interesting. He is with the Irish all round but against Home Rule because he sees no possibility of a stable government – no governing class. Some young landlord who will see that his class is doomed will come forward surely one of these days & sweep all before him as a national leader. Then Home Rule. But the time is not ripe – on the Land Question R. does not expect to get all he asks – doesn't think it ought to be given or could be – but thinks it necessary to put his demand high. The regular Irish Fair method. I asked him if

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		he were Wyndham what he would do. His reply was, deal now <u>only</u> with the Congested Dist[ri]ct[s]. That would smash O'Brien & he would support & probably make all the Irish support such a proposal. He is right. I would do that too.
	15 Mar, Sat	[No entry]
[RHA – Royal Horse Artillery]	16 Mar, Sun	Had Dorothy to dine to meet a Capt. White RHA whom Daisy, who arrived today, thinks likes Dorothy. I don't think there is anything in it. But it would be a great improvement on the Holroyd Smyth affair.
	17 Mar, Mon	Dreadfully dull dinner at House given by JGB. I sat betw'n his mother-wife & Mrs. Prothero. Both dull.
	18 Mar, Tue	Mrs. E. P. Rohan a Yankee Lady came to see me about a scheme she has for importing a complete equipment for a shoe making village from America horses & all. It is to be located at Bandon. Large idea – not as visionary as it looks. Conference with Wyndham & Austen Chamberlain about Coll of Science Dublin Building. Dinner to Gerald Balfours, Lytton, Pamela Plowden, Bernard Hollands & Daisy. I enjoyed it greatly.
	19 Mar, Wed	South Kensington Museum early part of day learning a good deal about the industrial arts teaching. Then dined with one Dr. Horace Brown, Brewing chemist (Guinness' people introduced him to me) & Egyptologist. Harold Cox secretary of Cobden Club, Bernard Holland & T P Gill. Interesting discourse.  Had to write to young Holroyd Smyth calling upon him to break off the marriage with Alice as no settlements can be made on his side.
	20 Mar, Thu	Went with TPG, Daisy & Miss Burke to Paolo & Francesca (very well done) at St. James Theatre. Fine old world tragedy.
	21 Mar, Fri	Lunched with the Courtneys after a meeting at S Kensington Museum with T.P.G. Met Sidney Webbs. Mrs. Courtney the bitterest Pro Boer I have yet met.
	22 Mar, Sat	Came to Dublin Day Mail. More tedious but probably less exhausting than night travelling.
	23 Mar, Sun	Went to Leopardstown to look for a summer residence out of Dublin. Capt. R. Holroyd Smyth came up to see me about fresh plans he had for settlements. They are very unsatisfactory. But I daresay Alice will insist on marrying. I like him & the marriage less the more I see of him.
	24 Mar, Mon	Officialissimo
	25 Mar, Tue	Official, hard.
	26 Mar, Wed	I did a weeks work today in order to get away for my Easter holiday in the morning.  Old Hemphill brought me Counsel's opinion on young Holroyd Smyth's last proposal. It is to the effect that Lady Harriette has no legal right to make the arrangement she proposes.
	27 Mar, Thu	Morning Mail to Mallaranny where I met Robinson L[ocal] G[overnment] Bd, Stevenson Bd of Works & Gibbons of Prisons Bd. First & last nice restful people, other rather a bounder. The day was gloriously fine and this restful quiet health resort on

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		dreamy Clew Bay was at its best. Hotel excellent – plain cheap good. Salt baths of the very best. A bad golf Links but good enough for my play.
	28 Mar, Fri	Golf & rest. But weather bad & then the defect of Mallaranny comes out. Nothing but the dreadful rainfall spoils an otherwise ideal health & rest resort.  I explained to Robinson today the new Movement. He quite sees it all.
	29 Mar, Sat – 31 Mar, Mon	[No entry]
	1 Apr, Tue	Left Mallaranny after 5 days holiday, weather mostly blustery & wet. But still the good simple clean fare at the Hotel, the excellent salt water baths, the splendid air & the company of Robinson made life enjoyable all round. The journey back 6¼ hours is a drawback.
	2 Apr, Wed	Walter Runciman MP (Rosebery type), John Burns MP & Mrs. John Richard Green all on hands. Also a pile of arrears after my holiday to cope with. Still got off by 6.20 train for Cork & Adare with Coyne.
	3 Apr, Thu	In Cork did the Exhibition & Queenstown Colleges scheme well. Then Coyne & I came on to Adare Manor a house beautifully adorned with wood & stone carving. Nearly all local work – some Italian & few can tell which is Irish & which Italian. These industries have gone & we are here to enquire why & where they went, whether they were imported for the building of the house or whether they were here & simply left after all such work disappeared. Party in house consisted of Wyndham Quin & Lady Eva, Daisy, Sir W Hart Dyke & many young people.
	4 Apr, Fri	The oldest inhabitant a mason who had worked at the house came & told us the story of the building. It took 20 odd years to complete and the stone & wood carvers were all trained on the spot for the special work. This at least shows the adaptability of Irish hands. But the local industries did not as we thought build the house. The house made the industries.  Some golf & discourse, all delightful & much thought.
	5 Apr, Sat	Fish hatchery with Coyne. Then to Dublin where we dined at La Touches & met Mrs. John R. Green & discussed the Irish Qn. She is clever, not very deep & dreadfully biased.
	6 Apr, Sun	“Moted” – Robinson’s new car. It broke down but it was its first trip.
	7 Apr, Mon	A very heavy morning’s work including troublesome letter from Alice & her mother about the Holroyd Smyth affair. Those young people have got it into their heads that the lawyers & I are making unnecessary difficulties.  Then to Belfast (Sinclairs) & a speech at Distrib[utio]n of Prizes on Tech Ed’n. A very bad speech – very tired – diffuse – muddled.
	8 Apr, Tue	Sundry departmental business in Belfast forenoon. Golf with Sinclair, Adam Duffin & another in afternoon & then a

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		symposium at Hopefield, Blair & self facing Queens Coll Professors & others on Tech Ed'n.
	9 Apr, Wed	Back to Dublin. Rec[eive]d letter from young Holroyd Smyth & Alice, practically saying they will marry, settlements or no settlements!
	10 Apr, Thu	Official, heavy.
[instant – of the present month]	11 Apr, Fri	R Holroyd Smyth came over & we arranged all details for the marriage to come off on 21st inst[ant]. The reason of this progress is that Mary has evidently made up her mind that it is to be.
	12 Apr, Sat	½ official, ½ golf with H Robinson.
	13 Apr, Sun	To Killeen for a quiet Sunday.
	14 Apr, Mon	Official
	15 Apr, Tue	Technical Instruction Board. In excellent humour still.
	16 Apr, Wed	Went to Spring Show. Official.
	17 Apr, Thu	Official, and signed Alice's settlements as Trustee.
	18 Apr, Fri	Official
	19 Apr, Sat	Official & left for London to give away Alice Ponsonby to her young man.
	20 Apr, Sun	Bourke Cockran turned up & I dined with him. He is shy of Ireland still. He goes back to America almost at once. He talks of buying up the Irish Railways!
[buckeen – second-rate gentry]	21 Apr, Mon	The wedding. With a heavy heart I gave away Alice to Capt. R. Holroyd Smyth. She never looked prettier. The party at the wedding was a curiously mixed lot, the other side being peculiarly 'buckeenish'.  House of Commons at night to do business with various Irish members.
	22 Apr, Tue	Conference with Hanbury & his officers at H. of C. re Veterinary matters. Cantrell & Hedley with me.  B Cockran, Winston Churchill, J G Butcher, J Atkinson & Lucy dined at St. James Club. Brilliant conversation betw'n the two first. The young fellow has all his father's genius I am sure. He will bound to the front.
	23 Apr, Wed	Treasury. Bd of Agriculture, &c &c.
[ <i>praeterea nihil</i> – and nothing more]	24 Apr, Thu	Bowes, Pelton Colliery & Pelton S.S. Co meetings. Then went to Bishop Stortford & heard Hanbury address farmers under Presidency of Lady Warwick! A big man & a big voice ( <i>praeterea nihil</i> ) go a long way. I never heard such a speech. But the audience was stupid.
	25 Apr, Fri	Sundry official
	26 Apr, Sat	From London to Killeen
	27 Apr, Sun	Rest.
	28 Apr, Mon	Official
	29 Apr, Tue	Official. Went to Malahide for a dine & sleep in my motor with

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		young Browne who will make a fair "Chauffeur" in time.
	30 Apr, Wed	To Cork at night for the opening of the Exhibition.
	1 May, Thu	The Cork Exhib'n opened. It was a great success. The crowd was large & good humoured. The proceedings in the Concert Hall were well done – music excellent. There was a studied attempt on the part of the Cork C'tee & newspapers to take all the credit for the success of the show which is obviously due to the Department. Still if the Dept's work is advanced what more can we ask. Back to Dublin.
	2 May, Fri	Official. Moved to Malahide for a few nights in better air.
	3 May, Sat	Half holiday. Golf at Portmarnock in afternoon with Percy & Christopher La Touche. Dined at St. Marnock's with J Jamesons.
	4 May, Sun	Malahide, golf, motor, Bridge! Eddie who turned up last night is greatly improving.
	5 May, Mon	Official
	6 May, Tue	Official
	7 May, Wed	Official. Prince Henry of Germany & the Duke of Connaught have arranged to visit the Cork Exhib'n tomorrow. I started for Cork, slept at Limerick J[unctio]n, to try & get an advertisement out of them for the Department's Exhibit! I today commenced my tenancy of The Barn, Foxrock. I shall see too little of it I fear.
	8 May, Thu	On the whole it was well I went. I managed to get the Royalties to take a fairly intelligent interest in our Exhibit. The Traffic Manager gave me a seat back in the Royal Special to Dublin. Mile a minute & better most of the way.
	9 May, Fri	Official. CDB &c. Took up residence at "The Barn, Foxrock", all by myself. Certainly it is not good for man to be alone. I may say however that I live for others & that must be my pleasure & comfort.
	10 May, Sat	Half holiday. Golfed with Anderson from the Barn.
	11 May, Sun	Moted Dublin to Killeen & back 3 hours for double journey. Slept at Foxrock.
	12 May, Mon	Official. Went to London by night mail.
	13 May, Tue	Butter Regulations C'tee. Dined at Blumenthals & met much Society.
	14 May, Wed	Butter C'tee, House of Commons &c.
	15 May, Thu	Butter Committee – official & back to Dublin at night.
	16 May, Fri	Official
	17 May, Sat	Ditto
	18 May, Sun	Rested
	19 May, Mon	Worked hard preparing to give evidence before Commission on University Ed'n at Foxrock.
	20 May, Tue	To London by night.

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	21 May, Wed	Arrived very early & got Daly to come & help me to prepare my evidence. I had 2¾ hours of the Commission & on the whole I think impressed them with my <u>practical experience</u> view of the necessity for conceding the R.C. claim. Dined with the Protheros meeting Furze, Jebb & S H Butcher.
	22 May, Thu	Down to Woking & saw Gerald & Lady Betty Balfour. To Ireland by night train.
	23 May, Fri	Official
	24 May, Sat	½ holiday. John Atkinson & I golfed & dined at the Barn. Col. Saunderson's eldest son a Local Gov't Bd Inspector told me the Co Councils were doing excellently on the whole.
	25 May, Sun	Rest & golf at Foxrock. Christopher La Touche came out & we discussed joint housekeeping for the late summer.
	26 May, Mon	Official. Dined with G V Holmes Bd of Works at Booterstown. He & his wife are apparently perfectly happy together but she is terribly vapid.
	27 May, Tue	Dentist & Department. CM Douglas M.P. came back after a political tour to "campaign" estates. They <u>had</u> filled him up.
	28 May, Wed	After a hard ½ days work came to Cork with the Vice Regal party. His Ex[cellency] is to visit the Exhib'n in State tomorrow. Spent the ev[enin]g at the Exhib'n. Our display is really A1.
	29 May, Thu	The L[ord] L[ieutenant] had a grand (really cordial) reception. He took an immense interest in Dept's exhibit. I returned to town in his 'Special'.
	30 May, Fri	Official
<i>[de rebus omnibus et quibusdam aliis – of all and certain other things]</i>	31 May, Sat	Went to Liverpool & addressed for an hour "de rebus omnibus et quibusdam aliis" the Annual 'Conf[er]ence & Demonstration' of the Workingmen's associations of Lancashire & Cheshire. They had it I was a Papist & they are just now rabidly angry with the Ritualists. They gave me a roughish time of it but I held my own. They are fair if narrow. Slept at Pilkington's (Edenhurst, Roby) Friends of Seton Karr's.
	1 Jun, Sun	Back to Dublin by Day mail. News came that PEACE was declared.  If my busy life admitted of a Diary I should take a page or two here – but!
	2 Jun, Mon	Official – and for recreation 34 miles in Goffs 16 H.P. Napier Motor Car, pace varying from 15 to 45 miles an hour.
	3 Jun, Tue	I am a rated occupier at Dunsany Castle – I suppose as electoral frauds go this is not a very bad one! So I had to go to Dunsany School house & vote for Mrs. Leonard as R[ural] Dist[ri]ct Counsellor [ <i>sic</i> ]. 'Moted' & did a fair official day besides.
	4 Jun, Wed	Official
	5 Jun, Thu	Official
	6 Jun, Fri	I find my plan of getting up very early & working up to lunch a

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		great improvement. I often have to work on to dinner but I can often leave off after lunch having done a good day's work & enjoy the long afternoon & evening in open air.  Daisy & Percy La Touche came to the Barn.
	7 Jun, Sat	Official & dentist in morning. Rest in afternoon.
	8 Jun, Sun	Filgate brought H. Myrick of Springfield, Mass. editor of American Agriculturist & great agric'l publicist in U.S. We had a delightful exchange of views on Economic questions.
	9 Jun, Mon	Official
	10 Jun, Tue	Official. Had an interview with the Professors of the Royal Coll of Science. I think I showed a little more tact than Blair who has got them all discontented & as troublesome as old servants. They left me in a good temper.  Crossed to London.
	11 Jun, Wed	Official. T.P. Gill & I sparring M.P.s & Ministers. CDB meeting.
	12 Jun, Thu	Official work all day except a call on Eddie in the morning and a Pelton Board meeting in afternoon. Back to Dublin by night.
	13 Jun, Fri	Official
	14 Jun, Sat	Official & ½ holiday.
	15 Jun, Sun	Poured all day & I longed for exercise.
	16 Jun, Mon	Official & including an evening meeting at Monaghan to reconcile the claims of RCs & Prots re the establishment of an Agric'l school. Hard but useful work. Spent ev[enin]g pleasantly with "Derry" Rossmore & his wife at Rossmore Castle. The lovely park a blaze of Rhododendrons in full bloom.
	17 Jun, Tue	Left Rossmore 6.45 for Monaghan Road & got to Dublin for a full days work at office. Back to The Barn at night to find it empty.
	18 Jun, Wed	Migrated to Cork with the Board of Ag. & the Board of Tech: Inst'n & all the Chief officials of the Dept. Visited the Exhib'n in a sea of mud & under a roof better fitted for ventilation than for protection! In train we had some fun trying to translate "Segnius irritant animos demissa per aurem Quam quae sunt oculis subjecta fidelibus" so applicable to our object lesson at the Exhib'n. My best was "Slowly responds the mind to what is told That which the eyes confirm takes surer hold." My worst, "What applied Science or indeed applied Art meant I first learned at Cork from our peep-show Department".
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , VIII:26 (28 Jun 1902), pp. 501-2; report of reply to toast, pp. 503-4; and in <i>DATI Journal</i> , II:4 (Jun 1902), pp. 691-7]	19 Jun, Thu	Joint meeting of Boards (good attendance) showed them round Exhib'n & gave them lunch. Day awful. Poured & poured. Roof of main building leaked so that our most important exhibits had to be covered. Outdoor exhibits in a swamp. Still net result of the day was that both Boards & the Press were greatly pleased with the Dept & its works! The Bp. of Clonfert at the lunch paid a most eloquent tribute to my virtues as an administrator!
	20 Jun, Fri	Back to Dublin early, ½ day in office & went to The Barn, where Anderson joined me. I helped to smooth him down, poor fellow

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		<del>his nerves are at high strain.</del> Went down in motor to Killeen where saw Fingall who had come back after buying 15000 horses, for the war, in U.S. largely among my old ranch folks.
	21 Jun, Sat	½ day at office. Anderson came out in afternoon to The Barn & we golfed & worked up I.A.O.S. matters.
	22 Jun, Sun	More golf & IAOS & over by night mail to Coronation.
	23 Jun, Mon	Arrived to find the town thronged for the Coronation with 3 days off! Struggled to House & did various businesses & saw various people.  Heard from Royal Society that I had been unanimously elected a fellow of the Society. F.R.S. is certainly a great & undeserved honour.
	24 Jun, Tue	Going down to Pelton & Bowes meetings heard that the King had had to be operated on for appendicitis & that Coronation was postponed! The greatest public display in the world's history was prepared – but this is not a diary of the only kind worth keeping so I have no time for it. I dined the Blairs (Henry A of the “Hoe” brand my ranch friend of 22 years past!) & some friends of Senator Carey's at Wellington Club.  Bitter attack by Mary & Dorothy about the management of their Trust Funds.
	25 Jun, Wed	Lunched with Alfred Emmott & met W Runciman. These two Roseberyites were worth enlightening on Ireland & I think I have done it. Finished up in London.
	26 Jun, Thu	To Dublin & The Barn by day Mail. Summer came today. Glorious.
	27 Jun, Fri	Brought Prof'r. Campbell out with me to The Barn. Weather grand. Only short time in office, yesterday & today having been made Bank Holidays.
	28 Jun, Sat	½ official ½ golf.
	29 Jun, Sun	Up early & long morning with Campbell on Dept's policy. Then Charlie Barry, Lane & Anderson came out & we golfed. JG Barton now Sir John! dined with his 20 years in India brother.
	30 Jun, Mon	Heavy official day.
	1 Jul, Tue	Ditto
	2 Jul, Wed	Ditto. Monteagle came out to The Barn & we had an I.A.O.S. talk.
	3 Jul, Thu	Official. Dunbar Barton came out to The Barn to dine & we had a long talk after. He is certainly a <u>very</u> shallow thinker & got a judgeship with the help of his influential relatives & a volubility & amiability both Irish.
	4 Jul, Fri	Official. Another American Educationist Dr. Frissell of Hampton, V[irgini]a turned up & discussed our problems from a N. & S. – U.S. point of view. The negro is not Irish but both are more or less human, he seemed to say.



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	5 Jul, Sat	T.P. Gill & Dr. Frissell came to the Barn Sat[urda]y to Monday.
	6 Jul, Sun	Campbell, Lane & Anderson came to The Barn, so I did not get a complete rest!
	7 Jul, Mon	Left the Barn. Busy day in Dublin. Housed with JG Barton.
	8 Jul, Tue	Three speeches! at opening of short summer courses at Coll of Science.
	9 Jul, Wed	To Cork for IAOS meeting tomorrow.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , VIII:29 (19 Jul 1902), pp. 560-3]	10 Jul, Thu	Annual Conference I.A.O.S. Attendance poor, speeches good. The Maharajah of Scindia visited the Exhib'n. He is a mechanical genius & I should say a man of first class ability.
	11 Jul, Fri	By the Press which I read on way back from Cork I gather that the I.A.O.S. made a great mistake in holding its Conference at Cork. The small attendance is what chiefly struck these friends of advertising traders & hectors of independent non advertising associates.
	12 Jul, Sat	2 hours dentist, 5 hours work, 4 hours golf. Put up for week end with Willie Plunket at Private Secretary's Lodge Phoenix Park.
	13 Jul, Sun	Moted to Old Connaught where the Arnotts came in possession for lunch & to Bushy Park – Sir F Shaws for tea. A nice easy day.
	14 Jul, Mon	Rush of work Gill being away. Fr. O'Donovan arrived with 3 influential Yankees – possible subscribers to I.A.O.S. I had to dine them ponderously with their wives at the Shelbourne. They were nice people however, & may be useful to Ireland.
	15 Jul, Tue	The Americans still on hands. T.P.G. away & so too much work. However I escorted Campbell out to Glasnevin which was an agreeable interlude. I noticed an enormous improvement there since the days of the Educ'n Commissioners regime.
	16 Jul, Wed	T.P.G. back & some relief. But the enquirers from afar take lots of one's time. Walter Lawrence, Ld. Curzon's priv[ate] sec & one of the 'Regents' of the University of New York State – a federation of very numerous educ'l inst[itutio]ns called.  With T.P. to London by night. Called with T.P. on Archbp. Walsh hoping to see Cardinal Moran who was out.
	17 Jul, Thu	Busy day in London – Treasury & House. Johns[t]on of Ballykilbeg died which may cause me trouble. In South Belfast there are a minority who would like me to represent the Constituency. My return would be absolutely impossible if a Dervish ran against me. It would be no help to me to be discussed as a possible candidate – a thing I may be unable to prevent – & rejected.
	18 Jul, Fri	T.P.G. & I had interview with Ch: Sec at House. Wyndham foreshadowed great policies & administrative reforms. The more I see of him the more thankful I am that he did not precede instead of follow G.W.B. He never would have listened to the Recess C'tee & would have been furious if the C'tee did not listen to him.
['Vic', Ld. Lytton; 'Con', Lady Constance Lytton (brother & sister	19 Jul, Sat	Went down to Fishers Hill for week end. Was not at all well but still enjoyed the delightful party, 'Vic' & 'Pamela' & 'Con' Alfred Lytteltons to dinner. Vic & GWB vs A.L & self foursome

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of Betty Balfour); ‘Pamela’, Lady Lytton]		in afternoon.
	20 Jul, Sun	Seedy. Chilled liver – & no wonder. Thermometer at ?noon 4° below temperate! I never remember such a cold winter.
	21 Jul, Mon	Lunched with Lady Sherborne & met Vincent Corbett. Tea’d with The Aberdeens in the Lords. Much official lobbying at House of Commons. Back to Dublin by night.
	22 Jul, Tue	Back to office & hard at it. Heard from Windsor that Hiland was under water & \$12000 worth of crops destroyed – also promising sale of property likely to be broken off!
	23 Jul, Wed	To Belfast after very heavy official day with TPG, Blair & Gill [ <i>sic</i> ].
	24 Jul, Thu	Programme – 10 AM Meeting with Reps of Chamber of Commerce & Queens College, 12 meeting B’fast Technical C’tee, 12.30 Flax C’tee, 3.30 ?Henry Trustees, 3 Deputation re Horses, 5 left for Dublin!
	25 Jul, Fri	Official.
	26 Jul, Sat	Ditto. Week end with JG Barton at Foxrock.
	27 Jul, Sun	Walter Armstrong turned up & talked pictures. Mediocre very.
[In 1904 Sir William Ramsay would win the Nobel Prize in chemistry.]	28 Jul, Mon	Official & Cattle Committee dinner at Sir C Cameron’s to meet Royal Com’n on disposal of sewage! Sat next Sir W Ramsay who told [me] the Dept had made a great educ’l mistake in teaching Chemistry.
	29 Jul, Tue	Dentist. House Committee. Deputation & moted down to Killeen for night.
	30 Jul, Wed	[No entry]
	31 Jul, Thu	Official. Ev[en]g with Sir W Ramsay, Coyne & Gill at St. Georges Yacht Club, Kingstown. Interesting discussion on educ’n. He is a splendid fellow.
[ <i>talú</i> – Welsh, “pay for”]	1 Aug, Fri	Very seedy & did no good. Moved into my new summer ‘ <i>talú</i> ’ The Cottage – Foxrock. Not as nice as The Barn but quiet & healthy enough.
	2 Aug, Sat	Official & a little golf.
[prob. Florence Walker Leigh – 1907 Irish Ladies Golf Champion]	3 Aug, Sun	Worked morning. Had Miss Walker Leigh, Miss Scovell & JG Barton to lunch, golf & dine. Gibbons took JGB’s place at dinner.
	4 Aug, Mon	To Cork for Fisheries Conference.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , VIII:32 (9 Aug 1902), pp. 622-4; and <i>DATI Journal</i> , III:1 (Sep 1902), pp. 103-8] [poss. Massy, 6th Baron]	5 Aug, Tue	Opened Fisheries Conference with speech on Inland Fisheries! & left for Dublin by mail. Good attendance. Bandon, Mayo, Shaftesbury & Masey [ <i>sic</i> ] representing the peers, many experts.
	6 Aug, Wed	Came to London by day.
	7 Aug, Thu	Interviewed John Murray who gladly offered to publish my book. He was an odd sort of fellow, knew everybody but liked to have

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		J.P. on his envelopes! His views on Ireland were rather dreadful. W. Ellison Macartney was his prophet!!  Dalziel dined with me. He confessed that he had gone back into money lending in the City as his one pleasure in life!
	8 Aug, Fri	Tom Sinclair arrived. I put him up for the Coronation & was very glad to return in a small way lavish & oft repeated hospitality. Hon. TA Brassey called on me. He is full of Imperial Federation but must solve the Irish Qn in connection therewith. For this purpose he must visit Ireland & proposes to give the inside of next week to that country.
	9 Aug, Sat	Sinclair & I went in our war paint (very uncomfortable) to the Coronation. As Privy Councillors we got excellent seats & certainly the Ceremony is a golden link with a great past. God, the people & the Kings are all in their proper relations. This is a point which should be made in a comparison of American & English democracy. The sight was magnificent as well as impressive. T.S. & I came back by night to Dublin.
	10 Aug, Sun	Rested at Cottage with Sinclair. He is a delightfully calming companion.
	11 Aug, Mon	Three Welsh County Councils with the consent of the Local Gov't Board paid the expenses of 18 farmers to study my work in Ireland. I had to deliver an address to them at a lunch they gave me at which they sang in Welsh, a very musical language I should say. It was a strange event.
	12 Aug, Tue	Goodbye reception by Lord & Lady Cadogan. I was very sorry to see the last of them. Sinclair left me after a pleasant visit.
	13 Aug, Wed	Official
	14 Aug, Thu	Official
[ <i>Temps – Times</i> ]	15 Aug, Fri	Official. Charles Schindler a French Journalist ( <i>Temps</i> Correspondent in London) came to see me on introd[uctio]n from Gilbert Parker. Most interesting thinker. A French Prot[estan]t. He told me a lot about the anti clerical feeling now prevalent in France. He altogether blamed the R.C. Church which is the one institution incapable of being harmonised with modern progress – cannot err. They go with the stream (as in Ireland) so far as is necessary. They are always ready to call a halt. I took him out to Foxrock for the night. He was a delightful companion.
	16 Aug, Sat	T.A. Brassey came to The Cottage at night. He is not very brilliant & one only gains from him ideas second hand of which he has a few.
	17 Aug, sun	Spent the day looking after Brassey. We tea'd with "Minnie Fitz" & supped with Gill where we met Coffey, Anderson & other congenials.
	18 Aug, Mon	Official. Sent Brassey off to the West.
	19 Aug, Tue	Official. Dunning came to stay as a guest. Coyne also stayed on a second night.
	20 Aug, Wed	Coyne left after having given me invaluable help in writing out my ideas. I kept away from the office most of the day & got on a bit with the work.

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[Ireland in the New Century]	21 Aug, Thu	Working hard at my book which I regard as the most important official work I can do.
	22 Aug, Fri	[No entry]
	23 Aug, Sat	Came to dine & sleep at the Ch: Sec's Lodge. Only family & GW's father a dear old man – delightful Tory. G.W. & I had a long evening's talk in which I revealed the wholly different points of view from which we approached the Irish Qn, he wanting to do things, I wanting the people to do things & <u>get the credit</u> .
	24 Aug, Sun	Back to Cottage & work.
	25 Aug, Mon	Daisy & Capt. Kirk came to the Cottage & Eddie dined. But I worked all day.  I am becoming a vegetarian fast. If I could only give up tea I believe I should get rid of the uric acid which I now see is blocking my circulation & threatening to stiffen all my joints – probably leading up to rheumatoid arthritis or some such horror.
	26 Aug, Tue	The Horse Show. Dorothy arrived & I had a busy day doing my guests & the office, having done my book in the early hours.
	27 Aug, Wed	A look in at the Horse Show, otherwise office all day.
	28 Aug, Thu	Took Dorothy to Polo in motor & all the rest of the day worked. Rolleston came up for his holiday & I had a talk with him over my book. He is to help me.
	29 Aug, Fri	Official
[Rowley – Alice's husband, Rowland Henry Tyssen Holroyd-Smyth]	30 Aug, Sat	Alice & Rowley came to me. They did Ashtown Races & I the Book which begins to move a bit.
	31 Aug, Sun	Moted to Kingstown to see Dalziels on Board yacht Clementina. Major Jameson M.P. told me he & two others had a scheme for smashing the Dillon & O'Brien combination. It did not interest me. Went on to Greystones & called on John Atkinsons.
	1 Sep, Mon	Official
	2 Sep, Tue	Official
	3 Sep, Wed	Official
	4 Sep, Thu	Official. Daisy & her two girls & Dorothy turned up at The Cottage.
	5 Sep, Fri	Official
	6 Sep, Sat	Official
	7 Sep, Sun	Book chiefly. Rolleston & Coyne came out & helped me. Fingall spent the day.
	8 Sep, Mon	Official
	9 Sep, Tue	Made the office come to me & worked a bit at my book. Biked to Coyne & Gill before they went in to town.  I rise nowadays at 5. But alas it is only indifferent light & soon the early worm will consume the oil I have spared from the midnight.

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[James Dewar, physicist, inventor & research director of the Royal Institution, speaking at British Association for Advancement of Science, (of which he became president).	10 Sep, Wed	Went to Belfast & put up at R H Reade's at Wilmont, Dunmurry. Heard Prof. Dewar the liquifier of hydrogen, discoverer of various impalpable & useless ! metals – --- make an intolerably long & technical address.
	11 Sep, Thu	Spent day at Educational Section. Starkie read an excellent paper condemning Irish Educ'n root & branch.
	12 Sep, Fri	Made a very bad speech at Educ'n section & came back to Foxrock.
	13 Sep, Sat	Official
	14 Sep, Sun	Worked at book.
To Balfour, Lady Betty (Tue, 16th)	15 Sep, Mon – 17 Sep, Wed	[No entry]
	18 Sep, Thu	Educational Conference Alexandra College
[Haileybury]	19 Sep, Fri	Got a note from my old schoolfellow Hon. & Rev. E. Lyttelton now Headmaster of Hailebury [ <i>sic</i> ] that he was staying at a house close by. Went & saw him & had a great pow wow.
	20 Sep, Sat	Presided over Educ'l Conf[er]ence Alexandra College & made an unwritten bad speech.
	21 Sep, Sun	The Lyttons, Edward Lyttelton & John Atkinson lunched. Delightful afternoon we all had together.
	22 Sep, Mon	[No entry]
	23 Sep, Tue	[No entry]
	24 Sep, Wed	The Lyttons came & I went up the mountains with Daisy & them. At last a real summer day. The glorious view & air were most enjoyable & I got to know the L's. They & I went to dine & sleep at the Ch: Secs. In the ev[en]ing George Wyndham & I had a talk. He revealed himself still further. He shows me that he has no heart. He is a brilliant politician with a soaring ambition which will take him far. But I am a mere pawn in his game – so far.
	25 Sep, Thu	Official & Book
To Balfour, Lady Betty	26 Sep, Fri	Prof'r. Dewar called at office & had a long talk with T.P.G. & me.
	27 Sep, Sat	[No entry]
	28 Sep, Sun	[No entry]
	29 Sep, Mon	Henry Butcher came to Foxrock & I had a delightful talk with him.
	30 Sep, Tue	Butcher left
	1 Oct, Wed	Opening by Dudley – nervous about a cavalcade – of V[eterinary]. S[urgeons]. College & a bad speech by self.
	2 Oct, Thu	Official. Daisy & her two little girls left me & I felt lonely enough.

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	3 Oct, Fri	Lytton dined & slept. Greatly helped me with my book by useful literary criticism.
	4 Oct, Sat	Official & the book. The Lyttons & "A.E." lunched with me at the Vegetarian restaurant.
	5 Oct, Sun	Work at Book, visit to TPG & Coyne & packing up.
	6 Oct, Mon	Migrated sorrowfully to Kildare St. Club where I suppose I must take up my winter quarters.
	7 Oct, Tue	Official very heavy. Two chapters (VII & VIII) to Printers. Nine more to go!
	8 Oct, Wed	C.D.B. Official. Call upon Dudley & Chief Secretary. Former <u>not</u> brilliant but I think anxious to do something. I must try to get him on to I.A.O.S.  On way back from Ch: Sec's at night I suddenly found myself standing beside my bike with the lamp still lit, in the Park, but quite at a loss to know where I was. I had had a heavy fall, my right eye was bleeding. I gradually came to & rode back to the Club. I was badly shaken.
	9 Oct, Thu	In bed all day. Dr. Walter Smith explains that I fainted last night as the fall would not have knocked me out of time. He spoke very seriously. He told me it was a warning & I must change my way of life. These early mornings writing my book & the days work done after broke me down. I must take a pull.
	10 Oct, Fri	Weak in the legs & with a giddy gait & a congested (apparently) brain I struggled to the office & said goodbye to all work & went down to Killeen.
	11 Oct, Sat	Rested at Killeen
	12 Oct, Sun	Ditto
	13 Oct, Mon	Stayed at Killeen with the kindest of friends the F's. Typist came from the office & I did a bit of work.
	14 Oct, Tue	Went to Dublin for the day to make plans & generally to catch hold of things. Still not bright. Saw Dr. Sigerson who absolutely forbade all mental effort, gave me drugs – he resented the word & said "nerve food" – denounced Haig's methods & all other fads, put me back on a normal diet & so forth. Back to Killeen to rest & think.
	15 Oct, Wed	Official. Dined & slept at the Ardilauns! I don't like either of them. Narrow selfish bigoted bitter.
	16 Oct, Thu	Official. Saw Sigerson again & was strictly enjoined not to work my brain! Dined & slept at Killiney (?Mount ?Eiger) with Murrough O'Briens to meet Herr Spiers of the Basel technical school. Learnt a good deal about the network of industrial classes & schools of German education.  M. O'B's one of the most hopeless ?minds to get into touch with I ever met. Honest cranky – in politics <u>Dillonite</u> pure & simple.
	17 Oct, Fri	Official & back to Killeen.
[see 8 Oct]	18 Oct, Sat	Day in Dublin & brought Coyne back to Killeen. Met T.P.G. for first time after my breakdown. He was very helpful & sympathetic.

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	19 Oct, Sun	Making speech for Cork Conference.
	20 Oct, Mon	Finishing speech for Cork Conf[eren]ce. A letter from me sent to Irish papers saying we would not support the Cork Exhib'n another year. Wyndham had half promised that we would which made the situation awkward.
	21 Oct, Tue	Official Dublin
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , VIII:44 (1 Nov 1902), pp. 871-3; and in <i>DATI Journal</i> , III:1 (Dec 1902), pp. 254-60]	22 Oct, Wed	To Cork by Morning mail. Delivered a good (I think) opening address to Industrial Conference organised by Department – well attended. I was well received in spite of fact that I had disappointed the Cork people by my letter refusing to help next years Exhib'n.  Eddie & the Aberdeens arrived late at night.
[Rt. Hon. Edward FitzGerald, Ld. Mayor of Cork]	23 Oct, Thu	Dr. Exner of Vienna delivered an excellent address on state aid to industry. Showed Aberdeens & Eddie the Exhib'n. B--- inter----. Had an hour tête a tête with "Fitzg". We were both quite frank & neither yielded. I should not wonder if he did later.
	24 Oct, Fri	Had talks with many Corkonians about the Exhib'n reopening project. Persuaded them all of its undesirability. But when the Ld. Mayor gets at them they will wobble. Eddie the Aberdeens & I returned to Dublin.
	25 Oct, Sat	Official & down to Killeen for restful week end.  I gather that my speech at Cork has 'caught on'. It was not a great effort in preparation but seems to have struck a chord in the popular mind.
[Maynard – Master of the Ward Hounds]	26 Oct, Sun	Perfect rest at Killeen. Percy Maynard came over & talked the most unadulterated horse which was a complete diversion for me.
	27 Oct, Mon	To Dublin, ½ day in office & then down to Cork with Lionel Earle & Fetherstone, ass't secretaries to Dudley to meet 'Their Exs' tomorrow & show them the Exhib'n.
	28 Oct, Tue	In morning showed Lionel Earle over the Exhibition & in afternoon helped to show the Dudleys over. Then dined at the Admirals at Queenstown to meet the Dudleys. He was for the Cork Exhib'n 1903 which greatly adds to my difficulties. Their Exs came into Queenstown harbour in a ship of war, steamed up the river in an admiralty tender & then we all went up to the Exhib'n in two electric coaches. A cold respectful reception followed by awful snobbery among the respectables.
	29 Oct, Wed	Left Cork 7.30. Had a rushing ½ day in the office & left for England.  Lionel Earle & I had a talk on Irish affairs & I found him a thorough believer in all my work & ideas. He is Ass't Sec'y to Dudley & I fear Willie Plunket's jealousy is repressing his influence. He is much abler than W.P. in every way & a far finer character. He is alas sorry he came as he does not like the game or the players.
	30 Oct, Thu	Arrived London. Saw Cawston of Treasury, Balleine re Butter C'tee. Dined at Royal Society Club & attended R.S. conversazione. Met Lds. Kelvin & Rayleigh & several other Savants. Interesting.

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	31 Oct, Fri	Bowes Board meeting. Saw Ritchie, Gerald Balfour & Hayes Fisher on Irish business. Lunched with GW Prothero to talk about my book & other matters.
	1 Nov, Sat	Treasury, Mowatt & George Wyndham took a good deal of the day. Back to Dublin by night train.
	2 Nov, Sun	Rested at Killeen after a rather sleepless night.
	3 Nov, Mon	To Dublin. Had Dudley & Winston Churchill to lunch & showed them Dep't & I.A.O.S. I think they were really interested. I hope too they will both back up Plunkettism. Ardilaun got the S. Dublin Regist[ration] Assoc'n to adopt Percy Bernard vice poor Dan Wilson as my successor. I now hold myself free to stand & have told Percy B. so.
	4 Nov, Tue	Wild rush of a day. Alas doctors orders have gone to the winds. I dined at the Vice Regal Lodge & sat next Her Ex. Very charming & intelligent.  Agric'l Board met & supported Dept's action re Cork Exhib'n.
	5 Nov, Wed	Did almost a week's work today and got away by 6.15 train for Queenstown. Had to take Gill, Anderson & a shorthand writer to Queenstown! I think I left things in good shape the only anxiety being what Wyndham the ingenious, the ambitious, may do in my absence.
	6 Nov, Thu	Up at 6.30 A.M. & hard at work at 7.30. 2½ hours with Gill Anderson Rolleston, who came up from Cork, & the shorthand typewriter Bowers. Sent off a final refusal to cooperate with his 1903 Exhib'n to the Ld. Mayor of Cork. Was interviewed & went on board the Oceanic. 250 passengers of whom I knew not one! Lunch & to bed – 3 hours sleep. The reaction is setting in already.
	7 Nov, Fri	462. Slept 9 hours last night. But my head is feeling queer & absolute rest is now essential. With all the thinking I have to do this will be hard but it must be managed somehow. Change of air & scene is far the best chance.
	8 Nov, Sat	451
	9 Nov, Sun	474
	10 Nov, Mon	480
	11 Nov, Tue	503 – 411 to N.Y.
	12 Nov, Wed	Went ashore. Found B Cockran had given up his flat but had got me a room at Manhattan Club. Put luggage there & went out to Sands Point where I found this strange individual reveling in luxury as usual. It must demoralise him. He is, unhappily, booming the political (hat circulating) mission & so cannot much help me & the I.A.O.S. But James Byrne & Fr. O'Donovan's other Irish friends are great helps.
	13 Nov, Thu	Saw Stuart Wortley who says B.C. has a bad name in Wall St. – that he is a black-mailer & so forth. I daresay his casuistical mind has enabled him to justify some big hauls & that Mother Church has supported him!  Dined with James Byrne & his excellent wife. He had a lot of lawyers to meet me. They always talk shop! But one man W.H.



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		Baldwin Pres[ident] Long Island RR. was a real philanthropist & was greatly interested by my story.
	14 Nov, Fri	Came in after a morning ride on B.C.s fat horses to town. Saw a good deal of James Byrne, George Gillespie & other Irish folk. The opinion of the Irish Americans is coming round to my movement rapidly.
[Bryce]	15 Nov, Sat	Spent day at Sands Point. We had a large lunch of nouveaux riches. At dinner the Lloyd Brices [ <i>sic</i> ] who have some breeding came over. Oh! the difference!  I find my health has been more injured than I knew. My head goes wrong & then my stomach or vice versa with the slightest strain upon either.
	16 Nov, Sun	B.C. laid a corner stone (for new Church) function. He expected some 40 priests, so I cleared out & lunched with the Lloyd Brices [ <i>sic</i> ] in their very nice country house 5 miles off. I like them though he is unfortunately a literateur! He is an awful bore on his own subjects. In to town to dine with John D Crimmins to try & squeeze more money for I.A.O.S. out of him.
	17 Nov, Mon	Saw many interesting people especially at R Fulton Cutting's where I dined. He had Prof'r. Seligman political Economist at Columbia University, Dr. Albert Shaw of the Review of Reviews & several prominent philanthropists. Cabled Anderson & Fr. Finlay to come out & help me collect the dollars for I.A.O.S.
	18 Nov, Tue	Got away after many more tiring interviews. Got stupid cable from Anderson whom I had cabled to come out with Fr. Finlay that <u>he</u> would come "if imperative".
	19 Nov, Wed	Travelling
	20 Nov, Thu	Arrived in Omaha. Windsor came in from west. Put up with him - 15 Worthington Place. Life in the Windsor family flows on evenly & I noticed no change. Omaha is absolutely advancing. But its relative progress as a U.S. City is poor.
	21 Nov, Fri	Fred Hesse in Omaha. Much talk of old times. That suits me. I am not well yet & need rest & diversion.
	22 Nov, Sat	Had a game of golf with McIntosh my legal adviser at The Country Club. They have made a fair inland course of 18 holes considering that it is in rich Corn land.  Heard that Wyndham had got Nutting made a Baronet & Wrench a Privy Councillor. This confirms my opinion that this brilliant young aspirant for the Premiership has no character.
	23 Nov, Sun	Started for Cheyenne. Stopped en route at Ames where Ployart & Dick Allen showed me the million dollar beet sugar Factory. I went through it carefully. The processes are intricate & evidently require perfect organisation to ensure the manufacture being carried to success as a whole. All I spoke to admitted that the profits were extremely problematical. One thing certain is that the factory would be as much at the mercy of the farmers as a Creamery is – and it would cost too much to be owned by the farmers.
	24 Nov, Mon	Arrived Cheyenne & put up with the Careys. Rested & talked with the very few I knew.

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	25 Nov, Tue	Went to Wheatland & back in the day. Started in a blizzard which cleared. Drove over the lands in a bitter cold wind. Learned that my circulation was weaker than ever. I suffered considerably. Two years had made a great change on the lands. If Carey's administration were really vigorous & efficient the project would still be a great success.
	26 Nov, Wed	Business in Omaha all day. Managed to get Carey to make up his mind on several very important issues.  Called on R.C. Bishop (of Wyoming) J J Keane a priest of St. Paul & had most interesting talk about Irish in U.S.
[Peirce]	27 Nov, Thu	Thanksgiving day. But I left before the Dinner which is the chief function of the Festival. Had a round of golf on the roughest of links NE of town. Billy Irvine, Johnny Pierce <i>[sic]</i> & Senator Warren in train.
	28 Nov, Fri	Busy in Omaha.
	29 Nov, Sat	Dined with The R C Bishop (Scannell) to meet "Count" John A. Creighton one of the greatest hauls the Church ever got in the West. He has built & endowed a R.C. University, Medical College & Hospital among other benevolences. Met also other leading RC's including Fr. Dowling, Pres't of Creighton University. Conversation Irish. I ?circulating the Irish party's version of the I[rish. Q[uestion]. which had been taken without the grain of salt.
	30 Nov, Sun	Business
	1 Dec, Mon	Business
	2 Dec, Tue	Letter rec[eive]d from Anderson asking me to let him off coming out. So I cabled for Father Finlay to come out alone. When cable sent got wire from James Byrne N.Y. that Anderson had cabled that Finlay could not sail before Jan. 8. I have taken endless pains to make their visit successful & have made engagements to lecture &c to give them a start. Now I must keep my engagements & have spoiled my holiday for no purpose.
	3 Dec, Wed	Addressed the Real Estate Exchange on Omaha misgovernment. Am trying to organise a Municipal League to fight the machine.
	4 Dec, Thu	Business
	5 Dec, Fri	Finished at Omaha & left for Chicago. Got a wire asking me to address Columbia University, New York on 12th. That makes 4 lectures in 7 days!
	6 Dec, Sat	Day in Chicago. H.A. Blair had a luncheon party of "the best men" & a dinner party of more of the best with their female folk. The Americans kill me with hospitality. They were nice but crudely cultured people. Chicago is still terribly material.  Called on Mrs. White who knows the Chicago Irish well. There seems to be no opening for the new movement here. The well off hate Ireland & the rest only care for its worst politics.
	7 Dec, Sun	Tried to work at addresses to be delivered in N.Y. & Boston. Got through nothing & left afternoon for Niagara Falls.

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	8 Dec, Mon	At Niagara Falls went over the chief Electric Power plant. It developed about 65,000 horse power. Saw several Factories which utilised the power & took night train for New York.
	9 Dec, Tue	Arrived at 41 W 10th St., Tom Kelly's where I put up for my stay. Prince & Princess Radziwill – He is a Pole who married (for money I suppose) Mrs. Eugene Kelly's sister I think. He told me about the Polish nationality grievance. The nation is divided betw'n Russia Germany & Austria & has to speak the two languages officially. Polish the conquerors are trying to stamp out.
	10 Dec, Wed	Business – calling – dined with James Byrne.
	11 Dec, Thu	Met more possible helpers.  T Kelly had a dinner party of a few men. One of them Dock Commissioner ?Hawks was interesting as he was that rare specimen of public official – a man who had gone into public life for no private ends or personal ambition.
	12 Dec, Fri	Lectured at Columbia University, Prof'r. E R Seligman (pol econ) in Chair. Very good audience – about 250 thinking people. Spoke an hour on economic situation in Ireland. Bourke Cockran followed & raked up all the history of English misgov't which he grossly exaggerated & distorted. However his main proposition was that the greatness of my success was to be measured by the demoralised Cond[ition] to which Eng Gov't had reduced the Irish people!
	13 Dec, Sat	To B Cockran's country house for Sat to Monday. Met a Miss Bessie Marbury who has built up for herself an extraordinary business. She is Theatrical Commission broker – sells authors' plays to managers. Has offices in London, Paris, Berlin & New York & does a roaring business. Went to sleep after dinner but gathered that she had an extraordinary knowledge of human nature – a fat, jolly, wee bit vulgar perhaps, but 'good fellow' sort of woman.
	14 Dec, Sun	[No entry]
	15 Dec, Mon	In from Sands Point. Dined with Martin J Keogh & then addressed League for political Education (1½ hours!) on The Problem of Rural Life as illustrated by the New Movement in Ireland. Audience appreciative but only few influential & no possibly subscribing people present.
	16 Dec, Tue	To Boston by day. Put up at St. Botolph Club. Lectured at Harvard. Very poor audience – no interest or trouble taken. However this experience is quite common.
[Jeremiah D.H. Ford]	17 Dec, Wed	Called on the Mayor Patrick Collins. He told me that the I.Q. was at a discount in Boston & that neither the politicians nor I would get much money. "Those who have money aren't worth a damn & those who are any good haven't any money! Lunched Harvard with President Eliot & met some interesting men, among them Professor Ford (modern languages) a poor Cork emigrant. Saw over the University buildings. An old world academic atmosphere survives from the Pilgrim days & the modern spirit meets it with pleasant effect. 5000 students! In evening went to Judge Francis C Lowell's At Home, given to the winners of scholarships in the past year. The Professors & governing body together with

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		distinguished outsiders – I was one! – are also invited & the web is decidedly interesting & useful. Met there Booker Washington who deeply interested me in his views upon negro Education.
	18 Dec, Thu	Lunched with Prof <sup>r</sup> . James Barr Ames at Colonial Club Harvard & had pleasant talk with professors. The dissemination of our Irish social scheme can only be done in this way. Probably the meetings cannot be avoided. But they do little good because the Americans meet & orate every morning noon & night about everything under the sun. The Twentieth Century Club got up a meeting in the Faneuil Hall at which about 200 attended. Very poor meeting. Bishop Lawrence (Episcopal) presided & it was rather 'a frost'. I made a good impression on the thinking few.
	19 Dec, Fri	A. Lawrence Lowell took me over the Boston Technological Institute. I never saw such an equipment. The fact is the students are seized upon by manufacturers, contractors &c the moment they graduate. It is for the highest Tech instruction.  Lunched with Patrick Collins (Mayor) & met an intelligent newspaper Editor.
	20 Dec, Sat	Spent day in Washington. Lunched with Col. Wm. Cary Sanger who with his wife were very anxious to repay civility (very small) I had shown him at House of Commons which I had forgotten. Met Secretary Root (War). Strong bright American.  Went to Library & Immigration & Agric'l Dept's & got some information I wanted. President unfortunately away. Took boat by night to Old Point Comfort the harbour for Hampton.
	21 Dec, Sun	Arrived early at the Institute & housed with Dr. Frissell. A nice enough seaport on Hampton Roads. Institute about 700 (½ boys ½ girls) Negroes [ <i>sic</i> ] & Indians – chiefly former, age 15 to 19 about. Brought in very uncouth from extreme poverty. Kept hard at work long hours out of doors with a little night schooling for first year. Then a little day educ'l work but all the time lots of outdoor work to keep these wild people earning something & under control.
	22 Dec, Mon	Got Drs. Frissell & Buttrick, Purves (Treasurer) & Goodrich agric'l expert to come out on a rural conditions enquiry to see whether agric'l Coop'n would work. Went by train to Williamsburg by driver to a river where a boat for Cappahosic was to meet us & did not. Got another boat to row us in a freezing night an hour's row across to Clay Bank where there was a wretched little summer Inn which had no food & only 4 beds for 6 of us. I got one for myself but was too cold to sleep.
	23 Dec, Tue	Up at 6 AM & a bitter cold sail up to Cappahosic where a darkie school was visited for breakfast. Then a long drive through Gloucester County which convinced me that agric'l coop'n would be of great use among the small negro farmers many of whom have recently purchased their holdings. I think it is an easier problem than we had in Ireland. Met endless preachers. Liked the Negroes [ <i>sic</i> ]. At the school the better class educated negroes [ <i>sic</i> ] had really charming dispositions. The same is true of the 'Hampton graduates'.
	24 Dec, Wed	Studying the Institute & its problems all day. We have nothing to learn for Ireland but a good deal to teach I think.
	25 Dec, Thu	Robert Ogden, the President of the Hampton Institute turned up &

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		I educated him in IAOS principles. He was greatly excited. I also dictated a long letter to the <del>Southern</del> General Educ'n Board which finances the Institute & impressed in Dr. Frissell the importance of getting the I.A.O.S. pot kept boiling. Good days work I think. Then left by boat for Cape Charles & train for New York.
	26 Dec, Fri	Arrived N.Y. early & put up at T Kelly's house in his absence. Gave Dr. Buttrick the secretary of the 'General' & the 'Southern' Educ'n Boards a memo on the applic[atio]n of the Irish (IAOS) plan to the rural life problem in the South. Looked up another old Ranch friend Dick Trimble who took me to dine with his very nice wife. He is now Secretary to the great Steel Trust. Spent day working hard at I.A.O.S. subscriptions.
	27 Dec, Sat	Educating rich men in their duty to IAOS.
	28 Dec, Sun	Ditto but found most of them out.
	29 Dec, Mon	Ditto. Dined with Byrne & was stupefied with drowsiness. But during day saw Mrs. C. P. Huntington, Rev. Dr. Greer & also thoroughly explained things to the Editor, asst. Editor & proprietor of the N.Y. Times.
	30 Dec, Tue	Meeting of Wyo Dev Co, all present. No more assessments. Some of the money to be got back. That's the upshot of it. Spent day flying about among possible helpers of I.A.O.S. Had the James Byrnes, Wi---sha-s, Stuart Wortley, John Sinclairs & George Gillespies to dinner at Sherry's. Dull party but all helpful.  Went on board Celtic sailing early next morning.
	31 Dec, Wed	Sailed 6.30 A.M. Fellow passengers John Dillon M.P. & wife & Bourke Cockran. Sat at Captain's table together & hope some reconciliation may result.
		[Two pages torn out]
	Year-end Summary	During year I.A.O.S. & Department both made great strides. The Cork Exhibition was the direct result of the New Movement. I am still out of Parl't & Wyndham is keeping me out & trying to defeat my work or at any rate to put his own on a pedestal beside it. Cadogan has gone & Dudley has come, Wyndham going to the Cabinet. Dudley does not seem inclined to play the dummy. Indeed he is backing up my work for all he is worth!  My health has suffered a – I fear permanent – deterioration from over work. I doubt whether I have a long period of hard useful work left. But I must try & stick to the movement a bit longer. It is going to make the Irish Q[uestio]n amenable to solution.