

# 1903 Diary of Sir Horace Curzon Plunkett (1854–1932)

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## NOTES

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

Horace Plunkett, *Irish Homestead*, 30 July 1910

### *Conventions*

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

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

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

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

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

5) Punctuation (or lack of)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Correspondence***

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

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

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

### ***Abbreviations***

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

#### **Names**

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

#### **Organisations**

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

## General

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

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

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

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### Events:

- 3 Jun – Report of Dunraven Land Conference
- 11 Jun – Independent Orange Order formed in Belfast
- 21 Jul–1 Aug – Edward VII in Ireland
- 1 Aug – Knighthood (KCVO – Knight Commander of The Royal Victorian Order)**
- 14 Aug – Land Purchase Act (Wyndham Act)

### Publications:

- *IAOS Annual Report*, pp. 155-8
- *The Progress of Economic Thought and Work in Ireland: Four Addresses to the first Council of Agriculture (1900-1903)* (Dublin) 56 pp.
- Attributed letters and addresses in
  - Irish Homestead*:
    - Text of address to 4th Council of Agriculture, IX:11 (14 Mar 1903), pp. 214-6
    - Letter to Editor and reprint of article in *Review of Reviews in Irish Homestead*, IX:17 (25 Apr 1903), pp. 350-3
    - Text of address to 5th Council of Agriculture, IX:23 (6 Jun 03), pp. 461-2
    - Text of address to IAOS annual general conference, IX:43 (24 Oct 03), pp. 880-1
  - DATI Journal*:
    - Text of address to 4th Council of Agriculture, III:3 (Mar 1903), pp. 478-89
    - Text of address to Cork Literary and Scientific Society, III:3 (Mar 1903), pp. 523-31
    - Text of address to 5th Council of Agriculture, III:4 (Jun 1903), pp. 655-62

### Government:

- Prime Minister*: Arthur James Balfour (Conservative)
- Chief Secretary*: George Wyndham
- Lord Lieutenant*: Earl of Dudley

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £101 ; \$1 = \$21

Correspondence [Notes]	1903	Diary Entry
	1 Jan, Thu	49 miles yesterday. 409 today. Riviera weather
	2 Jan, Fri	419
	3 Jan, Sat	391
	4 Jan, Sun	343
	5 Jan, Mon	330
	6 Jan, Tue	362
	7 Jan, Wed	379 – 130 to Queenstown.  Landed with the Dillons at Queenstown 9 P.M. & stayed the night.  On the voyage got to know John Dillon. He is so narrow that he may be honest. I never knew a mind so dominated by its inherited prejudices. He is the grandson of an evicted tenant & is still fighting the evictors. He has ability, thus wasted.
	8 Jan, Thu	6.45 AM train to Dublin. Then the rush of arrears. The landlords have apparently come to an agreement with the tenants as to the tune. The Imperial taxpayer is to pay the piper. However there is a useful admission that the landlords are entitled to be saved from further plunder. I.e. they should retain their present net revenues. The tenants are to have 15 to 25 per cent reduction.

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	9 Jan, Fri	A terribly busy day. Tried to get to Killeen but impossible. Got things fairly up to date considering, attended & addressed good meeting of I.A.O.S. C'tee.
	10 Jan, Sat	½ holiday. Down to Killeen. Eddie at Dunsany entertaining at least ½ dozen Conyngham children & their Fraulein. His poor father's addiction to children is because they will play with him & are not critics of his growing self indulgence. He will I fear degenerate. Went over from Killeen with Capt. White to dine there. The Cap't. proposed to & was accepted by Dorothy. Daisy told me this was in the wind. He told me on our return. I did not enthuse as Mary must be consulted. He is presentable, I suspect not of high society standing, of average abilities & I should say nice.
	11 Jan, Sun	Callan came down to talk over the book. We walked to Tara. I must get exercise every day or I shall certainly soon break down.
	12 Jan, Mon	Official.
	13 Jan, Tue	To Sligo & back in the day. Bitter cold. Went to settle terms of B Cockran's capitalisation of the wood work industry there. Gore Booth won't come in unless it is "cooperatised". He is a young doctrinaire of the worst type.  On getting back to Dublin found letter from Capt. White saying he & Dorothy had decided to make their engagement conditional on their both being <u>quite</u> sure they love each other.
[MacDonnell]	14 Jan, Wed	Called on Sir Anthony Macdonald [ <i>sic</i> ] the new Under Secretary who is to revolutionise Irish Gov't – & would if he were younger. He is too 'set' to apply other than Indian methods which would be the best & most congenial to the Irish mind were it not for the necessary ?playing/ploing with democracy that the English connection involves. He sees that the Dep't of A[griculture] & T[echnical]. I[nstruction]. must expand & be the big wheel of Irish Gov't.
	15 Jan, Thu	Official. Beau Watson came to Dublin & told me he could not live in Meath. Therefore he must give up the agency.
[Ld. Mayor – Edward Fitzgerald]	16 Jan, Fri	At C.D.B. meeting I carried against Ch: Sec the refusal of Board to assist Cork Exhib'n. But I had to give in to a wobbly telegram to the Ld Mayor of Cork which left it open to the Bd to assist later on.
	17 Jan, Sat	By day to London. Visited Mary in ev[en]g & talked over Dorothy's broken engagement to Capt. White. The poor girl wants to marry & probably will.
	18 Jan, Sun	Called Lecky. Rolleston spent good part of day with me discussing Book.
	19 Jan, Mon	B Cockran came to town & I discussed the Sligo Industry. Went to Bd of Agriculture. Saw Prothero about Book. Also Bernard Holland who will help with m[anu]s[cript].
[Letter to Editor, <i>Review of Reviews</i> in <i>IH</i> , IX:17 (25 Apr 1903), p. 350] [R.S.S. – Royal Statistical Society]	20 Jan, Tue	Pelton SS & Colliery Cos. Meeting Royal Statistical Society to hear T A Brassey read a paper on Home Rule all Round (I forget the title but this was the substance). Went to R.S.S. Dining Club. Sat next Sir R. Giffen. Got nothing out of any one & was bored. Smith arrived & did my official work.

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	21 Jan, Wed	Butter C'tee. Went to Fisher's Hill & had tête a tête with Lady Betty.
	22 Jan, Thu	Early to town. Butter C'tee. Johnson about Eddie's affairs. Received a Fellow of Royal Society. Official correspondence. Dined with Lytton & talked Irish politics.
	23 Jan, Fri	Terrible day. 4 hours Butter C'tee, Treasury, &c. Then an interview with John Morley upon the Irish Question. He was frank & friendly. I think I left him thinking upon aspects of the I.Q. he had neglected. He asked me to come & dine with him in the H. of C. to meet others. My Views seemed so to interest him that I hope my book will interest the public. Dined with Bernard Holland at Wellington. Saw Mary about Dorothy & Cap't. White & so home to bed.
	24 Jan, Sat	Day mail to Dublin & on to Killeen. Passing through Dublin got a perfect mountain of correspondence!
	25 Jan, Sun	Had a talk with poor Dorothy. I don't know that she ever exactly loved Cap't. White. But she wants to marry him for she believes she [ <i>sic</i> ] is a good & honorable man & would love her. She feels her pride wounded. I hope it may yet come off as I think if they saw more of each other love would supervene!  Saw Eddie & explained to him his financial pos[iti]o[n].
	26 Jan, Mon	Official.
	27 Jan, Tue	Official
	28 Jan, Wed	Official
[Text of address in <i>DATI Journal</i> , III:3 (Mar 1903), pp. 523-31]	29 Jan, Thu	To Cork to address the Literary & Scientific Soc'y on Cork Exhib'n (1902) and after. Splendid & appreciative audience. Gave a good lecture on Irish Economics, Stanley Harrington (Com[missione]r of Nat[ional] Educ'n) a good sort of Irishman of 2nd Class put me up. Dr. Kelly Bp. of Ross came to Cork & spoke very warmly for me.
	30 Jan, Fri	Inspected Laboratory of Xian Brothers College, School of Art Prize work, Munster Institute & Queens College. Was invited to a Banquet by Chambers of Commerce & Shipping at a date of my own choosing. John Morley the only public man they have so treated. In ev[en]i[n]g distributed prizes at Assembly rooms – 1000 at least present – to students of School of Art. Made a bad tired speech but was splendidly rec[eive]d. Went to Limerick J[unctio]n where slept.
	31 Jan, Sat	To Dublin for ½ official day & down to Killeen.
	1 Feb, Sun	Rest physical, work mental.
	2 Feb, Mon	Official. Lunched with the Dudleys & hope to get to know more of them.
	3 Feb, Tue	Levee
	4 Feb, Wed	Tech Inst'n Board. Deput[atio]n from N.E. Agric'l Assoc'n. Londonderry, Sinclair & Sharman Crawford.
	5 Feb, Thu	Official. Dinner at Castle.

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	6 Feb, Fri	Official
	7 Feb, Sat	Official. Went to Killeen with Callan for week end.
	8 Feb, Sun	Worked at my book.
	9 Feb, Mon	Smoking Concert of Department. I went & gathered that I was very popular with the staff & their friends. Some 300 present I should say.
	10 Feb, Tue	Official.
	11 Feb, Wed	Ditto, including a dinner at Royal College of Surgeons. Sat next Dudley & took his measure. Not clever. But very nice, straight sportsmanlike politician.
	12 Feb, Thu	Lord Headley called on me with a prospectus of a company for selling Irish produce (& English shareholders to the tune of £500000). He seemed a sodden drunken sort of a man.
	13 Feb, Fri	Deputation of Railway Managers. Got on to much more friendly terms with them. Then C.D.B. where Wrench, Shaftesbury & Father O'Hara showed concerted hostility to myself personally & the Dept. Then distribution by Dudley of prizes at School of Art & speech rapidly got together & and shot off by me. Hard day's work.
	14 Feb, Sat	Official & to Killeen 3 PM train. There Lady Barrymore & daughter (Miss Post) C. Carroll hunting Amer[ica]n, Percy Wyndham cousin of Ch: Sec. Took Callan – was seedy & unable to work.
	15 Feb, Sun	Still seedy & unable to work. Lady Dudley & Lionel Earle 'moted' down (1 hour from Vice Regal Lodge to Killeen) & I had a good talk with her. She wants to do a really useful service to the crochet & lace workers of Ireland by getting into touch with the makers of fashion in Paris. I am going to appoint a Dept[menta]l C'tee with Lady D chairman to deal with the matter.
	16 Feb, Mon	Spent day working at Killeen.
	17 Feb, Tue	Back to Dublin & <u>official hard</u> day.
	18 Feb, Wed	A terrible – a killing day. Rose at 4.40 <u>AM</u> , at 7 AM Rolleston kindly came to my bedroom & helped me. Got a speech ready for tonight. Down to Cork dead tired. Made 45 minutes speech at a banquet given by Chamber of Commerce. 80 present very representative. I spoke pretty well. Excellent reception, T.P. spoke better. Subject (mine) peasant, proprietary prospects of.
	19 Feb, Thu	7.25 AM train to Dublin – wearied out & sick. Conference at Dept betw'n Lady Dudley with Ladies Castlerosse, Mayo & Fingall in attendance & all our officials connected with the teaching of lace & crochet.
	20 Feb, Fri	Official.
	21 Feb, Sat	Came by day to London. Mary had been very ill, so she wrote me. I went to see her & she certainly looked a good deal better than I did!
	22 Feb, Sun	Spent a good deal of time with Emily Lawless over my book. She likes it.
[Antony MacDonnell]	23 Feb, Mon	Busy morning. Lunched with Sir Anthony MacDonell [ <i>sic</i> ] &

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		talked over Land Bill, the secrets of which he told me, & discussed many matters of administrative bearing. He is keen, experienced, able & will do well in Ireland.  Dined & slept at Lady Betty's (Fisher's Hill) & had a good talk over the Book.
	24 Feb, Tue	Tried many motor cars with Goff for myself and Department.
	25 Feb, Wed	Official. To Manchester by night train.
	26 Feb, Thu	Manchester, meeting with Butter merchants to discuss Irish butter trade developments.
	27 Feb, Fri	Morning with Prof'r. Campbell. Lunched with Prof'r. Wyndham Dunstan & afterwards with him showed the Prince & Princess of Wales the Irish Mineral Exhibit of our Department at the Imperial Institute. Both very nice & interested.  Went to Dublin by night. Very lucky did not cross night before as GREATEST STORM of my life swept Ireland & the Irish Sea.
	28 Feb, Sat	To Monaghan where Rossmore had Dudleys, Prince Francis of Teck, Lady Kilmor[e]y, Lady Huntingdon, Lionel Earle & Willie Plunket. Opened Monaghan school. Splendid spirit displayed. D. made excellent speech.
	1 Mar, Sun	A really delightful Sunday. Had a long talk with Lady Dudley – a very charming person. She told me she loathed the social function & longed to devote herself to a sphere of possible influence which she thought was open to her in connexion [ <i>sic</i> ] with my work. I read her the first chapter of my book & she was delighted with it she said. I am determined to try & make out a programme for vice royalty which will make the anomalous constitution of the office of little consequence – I mean in my book.
	2 Mar, Mon	Back by special train with Lady Dudley & the P[ri]vate] secretaries & A.D.C to Dublin. Dudley moted. Had long confidential talk with Lady Dudley. She is very clever – very charming, she sees through George Wyndham.
	3 Mar, Tue	Official
[Bal poudré – costume ball]	4 Mar, Wed	Official. Bal Poudré at Vice Regal & I went to it! Very pretty. Most complete disguise of the female.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , IX:11 (14 Mar 1903), pp. 214-6); and in <i>DATI Journal</i> , III:3 (Mar 1903), pp. 478-89]	5 Mar, Thu	Fourth & last meeting of Council of Agriculture. Surely it was a triumph for my work in Ireland. I made a long address which I think was good & certainly at points eloquent. The meeting was splendidly in hand, the only uncongenial element being Mayo & Clonbrock who were out of touch with the democracy!
[GS&WR – Great Southern and Western Railway]	6 Mar, Fri	Official. Deputation with Coyne – GS&WR Directors to get them to build Bridge across the sea in Cork. If we work this it will develop the whole of West Cork.
	7 Mar, Sat	To Killeen with Callan to work quietly for a few days.
	8 Mar, Sun	Killeen
	9 Mar, Mon	Killeen
	10 Mar, Tue	Killeen

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	11 Mar, Wed	Back to Dublin & slept at Glasnevin at Albert Institute with Campbell & Stevenson. Shall go more there & learn that side of the Depts possibilities.  Wrote to N. Fermanagh Electors that I would stand as an [sic] Unionist but would stick to University Ed'n views.
	12 Mar, Thu	Official. The North Fermanagh Unionists met in convention & decided not to have me on account of my adhesion to higher Ed'n for R.C.s. I am glad. I did not want to go to Parl't this year.  The IIA met & Lady Dudley & Sir A MacDonnell both made good speeches which the Dept prepared! Our utility is various if not great!
	13 Mar, Fri	Official. Moved into 80 Stephens Green (Iveagh's) and was oppressed with the wealth & fashion. Dull party.
	14 Mar, Sat	Ditto
	15 Mar, Sun	Deadly dull Sunday. Had to work at book though.
	16 Mar, Mon	Left the Iveaghs with relief & crossed over to London after a terribly heavy day.
	17 Mar, Tue	Benevolent Society of St. Patrick's dinner. Had to make a speech, not reported but before some influential people. I think I spoke well.
	18 Mar, Wed	Blumenthal. C.D.B. for which I came over. But I was not well enough to attend.
	19 Mar, Thu	C.D.B. monthly. A.J. Balfour attended. Had to oppose Wyndham again over Cork Exhibition project. Very disagreeable. Lunched with Lecky who very kindly offered to look over m[anu]s[cript] of my book. He seemed very ill. I fear he will soon break down.
	20 Mar, Fri	Saw Lord Peel (he called on me) about St. Louis Exhib'n 1904. I shall probably have to be a Royal Commissioner which will mean extra work. But the book will be done.  Dined with Prothero.
[Berkshire & Oxfordshire]	21 Mar, Sat	Went to Reading where I spoke for an hour at a conference got up by the A.O.S., the English copy of my Irish I.A.O.S., Hanbury being present & afterwards at a luncheon given by the Berks & Oxon Chamber of Commerce. The occasion was important & I ought to have prepared a speech. Went across country to Woking for week end with Lady Betty & Gerald. Daisy & J. Atkinson only other guests. Perfect party.
	22 Mar, Sun	The Dudleys & Lionel Earle moted from London for the inside of the day.
	23 Mar, Mon	London & work. In ev[enin]g dined at 105 [Mount St.] Winston Churchill, Lytton, Lionel Earle, Daisy & 3 other females.
	24 Mar, Tue	Emily Lawless listened to my religion chapter in the morning. Meeting about Irish Industries with Lady Dudley & Sir A MacDonnell in afternoon. Dined at Aberdeens to meet A J Balfour, Marconi & many other than celebrities. Lady A told me she had asked AJB to make me a Peer! I wish she hadn't.
	25 Mar, Wed	Wyndham introduced the Land Bill in a brilliant speech. I was under the Gallery & afterwards in the Lobby. It will go through I

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		am sure. The case is overwhelming.
	26 Mar, Thu	A St. Louis Exhib'n C'tee meeting. A literary talk with Lytton. A call on Miss Chamberlain where I met also Mrs. C & we discussed South Africa & Ireland. Had a talk with Cap't. Middleton about the state of the Irish Unionist party & suggested a reorganisation on Imperial lines.
	27 Mar, Fri	Long talk with G. Wyndham on Land Bill & with several other M.P.s. The outlook is excellent.  Left at night for Dublin.
	28 Mar, Sat	Official arrears & rush. Moted down to Killeen.
	29 Mar, Sun	Callan & I worked at the Book.
	30 Mar, Mon	Working at book at Killeen.
	31 Mar, Tue	Ditto.
	1 Apr, Wed	Official. Hard in Dublin.
	2 Apr, Thu	Ditto & drove to Dunsany for Eddies race meeting tomorrow.
	3 Apr, Fri	Up at 6 AM & working till 1 P.M. with Bowers down from Dublin. Then spent afternoon at Riverston at Eddie's Tara Harriers Point to Point Race. He did it well. Free entries, any amount of lunch, £100 worth of prizes & all expenses of course &c out of his own pocket. But is it worth the money. The company was local purely & not the best of it.
	4 Apr, Sat	To Dublin for an official day.
	5 Apr, Sun	Work at book
	6 Apr, Mon	Ditto. Appointed Hammond agent for Eddie at £250. Liked him after talk. Think he will do well.
	7 Apr, Tue	Official day in Dublin
	8 Apr, Wed	Book at Dunsany
	9 Apr, Thu	Ditto
	10 Apr, Fri	Book at Dunsany
	11 Apr, Sat	Official day in Dublin.
	12 Apr, Sun	Church at Kilmessan & work at book
	13 Apr, Mon	Fairy House & I had to stay at home & work at book! Went to Dublin ev[enin]g train.
	14 Apr, Tue	Official
	15 Apr, Wed	Ditto. Industrial Conference on but I did not attend.
	16 Apr, Thu	National Convention on Land Bill. Went off very well.
	17 Apr, Fri	Official Dublin
	18 Apr, Sat	Killeen for week end
	19 Apr, Sun	T.P.G down for a look over my book
	20 Apr, Mon	Official Dublin. Went out to Glasnevin Albert farm to sleep.

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	22 Apr, Wed	Official
	23 Apr, Thu	Ditto
	24 Apr, Fri	Ditto
	25 Apr, Sat	To Killeen for week end
	26 Apr, Sun	Nearly had another break down from over work. My face got puckered up on the left side. Not hemiplegia threatened I hope!
	27 Apr, Mon	To Dublin, official. Put up with Sir H. Robinson at night at Foxrock to look for a house for myself.
	28 Apr, Tue	Lady Dudley came to the Department to advise us on lace & crochet industry. She had no really useful information.
	29 Apr, Wed	Left Robinsons early & came to Belfast where I put up with Houston (J Blakiston) of Orangefield. J. Musgrave gave a luncheon at Harbour Commissioners office which lasted 3 hours! Made me feel very unwell.
	30 Apr, Thu	N.E.A.S. Show. My host is certainly a very fine specimen of the old Irish Tory. He won't sell, not he!
	1 May, Fri	Up at 6 AM. Made two speeches in my head, dictated them & went on in afternoon to Banbridge to deliver one to a farming soc'y & another to a Tech School. Addresses for Soc'y & U[rban].D[istrict].C[ouncil]. Spoke on Industrial revival & talk thereon. Very tired. Poor effect. Good effect in papers probably as worked hard at speech. Slept at Glenvarna Laurenceton.
	2 May, Sat	Back to Dublin & usual arrears. Gill off to London & Denmark & my book on hands! Also I have to get a house in the country. Went to Killeen for week end.
	3 May, Sun	Rested – except book.
	4 May, Mon	Official Dublin. Went out to JG Barton's for 3 days with "flu" hanging about.
	5 May, Tue	Official, hard.
	6 May, Wed	Official.
	7 May, Thu	Official. Moved into The Barn, Foxrock. Dunning came to stay with me.
	8 May, Fri	Official
	9 May, Sat	Official. Dined at Royal Hospital. Took in Duchess of Connaught & had interesting talk on position & functions of Royalty. She is nice & fairly understanding. He is delightfully simple – very like his nephew the heir to the throne.
	10 May, Sun	Worked all day at The Barn at Book & crossed by night to London.
	11 May, Mon	Arrived London. Busy day. Moritz Bonn turned up – after 4½ years he said & it seemed as yesterday!  Meeting, chiefly Irish, at Imperial Institute to hear Lyburn lecture on Irish mineral resources which are on exhibition there. I spoke

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		extempore & badly which was a mistake as the audience was good.
	12 May, Tue	Butter Regulations C'tee. Had M. E. Sadler, Lytton, Gill, Bonn & B Holland to dine.
[Corelli – popular author]	13 May, Wed	Butter Reg[ulatio]ns C'tee. Dined Lady Warwick's. Met Marie Corelli. 2nd rate person.
	14 May, Thu	Concluded Butter Reg[ulatio]ns C'tee at last. Failed to get unanimous report but got good majority for my contentions.
	15 May, Fri	Official
	16 May, Sat	After official morning tried my new motor. H[orse]. Power not quite enough but otherwise very delightful. Difficult to drive but easy I should say after practice.
	17 May, Sun	Moted to Fishers Hill & back. Did most of the driving.
	18 May, Mon	Official.
	19 May, Tue	Started with young Browne at 6 AM and got my new motor through to Holyhead in the day. One tube burst badly and that delayed us. We replaced it & the new tube was defective & twice had to be repaired. This & meals took 4 hours out of the running time. But we did the actual journey in 13 hours. I drove most of the way & it was a heavy strain. But the day was glorious & I could not stop. The whole country interested me – Wales was beautiful. An English summer day is certainly heavenly. Roads perfect. If ever this diary is read after I am dead & long buried I suppose the performance of an amateur chauffeur getting a new car through a 257 miles run in the day will not appear very much of a feat. But I thought it creditable. Browne took the motor to North Wall. I got on the Mail.
	20 May, Wed	Very tired. But got through official work all right.
	21 May, Thu	Official. Took Henry Robinson & wife [for] a run in my motor. They were delighted with it, as am I.  Dined with the Holmes to meet Ld. Charles Beresford. Rather a theatrical person.
	22 May, Fri	Moritz Bonn turned up. Stephen Gwynn came to dine & sleep.
	23 May, Sat	Official. Moted Daisy about in afternoon. Moritz Bonn week end at The Barn.
	24 May, Sun	Schou of Denmark, Anderson, Ikerrin & Prof'r. Campbell made my Sunday <u>not</u> restful. But it was a glorious day.
	25 May, Mon	Official. Another blue day.
	26 May, Tue	Official
	27 May, Wed	Official. Dunning left me & Dr. Kelly Bp. of Ross dined & slept.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , IX:23 (6 Jun 03), pp. 461-2; and in <i>DATI Journal</i> , III:4 (Jun 03) pp. 655-62]	28 May, Thu	First meeting of Second Council of Agriculture. I was in fair form but made a dull speech.
	29 May, Fri	Official till 4.30 & then moted to Knockdrin en route for

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		Rockingham on a visit to the Dudleys.
	30 May, Sat	Rockingham beautifully situated on lake, splendid demesne. Weather pouring, motoring awful. Roads impossible, tyres damaged – 15 miles an hour average. Ernest James came to Rockingham gates & walked to Boyle! Found Daisy, Ritchie, Gilbert Parker, the Essex's & two young men of party. Not at all well.
	31 May, Sun	Seedy. Saw something of Ritchie & Parker. R. incapable of being interesting or saying anything worth remembering. Parker like most novelists keeps his best for his works.
	1 Jun, Mon	Left in 3 motors for Castlereagh at 9 AM. Party, Her Ex, Ritchie, Parker, FetherstonHaugh & self, 3 mécanicians, 2 servants & luggage. Special to local pub. Then by awful roads through fine lake scenery. Congestion, desolation to Leenane for tea & on to Recess. My motor had to be left behind at Leenane for broken valve. Ritchie started very grumpy at having been taken off on this trip when he wanted rest & quiet. But the day became glorious & he happy.
	2 Jun, Tue	Another glorious day. But alas my motor soon broke down hopelessly. An important gear wheel had not been 'tempered' & was as soft as lead. I had to leave my motor with Browne to be ignominiously hauled back by a horse to Recess. We spent a long day going through Carna & Carraroe & Spiddal to Galway. There another Special which dropped me off at Mullingar & took the rest to Boyle. And Boyle is only some 40 miles by rail from Galway! £40 or £50 squandered!
	3 Jun, Wed	Back to Dublin where found Bourke Cockran who dined at Barn with Bonn & Coyne. Met Dillon & wife at Shelbourne when B.C. was introducing me to Sir James Mathew. Had a pleasant talk with this softened bigot!
	4 Jun, Thu	T.P. Gill away & official work doubled. New cog wheel arrived for my motor but not the missing part! Cockran & I had a tête a tête evening at The Barn.
	5 Jun, Fri	Official
[Bailey – legal assistant to the Land Commission]	6 Jun, Sat	Gilbert Parker came to The Barn & W.F. Bailey & Fr. Finlay joined him to talk Irish problems. Glorious weather. Good discourse, & I am very happy for Ireland. But I have warnings that another break down is near. I don't know how to curtail my work.
	7 Jun, Sun	Another interesting day & a foursome in afternoon. At dinner Parker, Bonn, Coyne, Bailey, ?Locker (Irish Times) & Gill.
	8 Jun, Mon	Official. Parker left. B Cockran returned having made some good tough rather windy, speeches in Sligo.
	9 Jun, Tue	Coyne, Filgate & I moted to Drogheda & back to see the Boyne Weaving Co's works, 1000 employees & study Irish labour problems.
	10 Jun, Wed	Lady Dudley came up for an IIA meeting & took 3 hours of my time. However I think I helped & did good.

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	11 Jun, Thu	Official.
	12 Jun, Fri	Official & then left with Robinson for Holyhead having sent Browne over with the Motor.
	13 Jun, Sat	Holyhead to Shrewsbury via Bangor where we stayed some hours with Reichel looking over University College of N. Wales – an unpretentious decidedly useful institution. Poured from Bangor on.
	14 Jun, Sun	Poured all day. Much delayed by break down and caused by my reckless driving – skidding against a kerb in W[olver]hampton & only got to Birmingham.
	15 Jun, Mon	Started 5.50 AM & went to London at 20 miles an hour in a perfect deluge. Rain last 3 days I think hardly precedented. Drove myself all the way & found what a nervous strain it is.
	16 Jun, Tue	Attended House & did much official work. For first time feeling of Nationalists on Land Bill was unfriendly to Gov't. They fought for an utterly unreasonable amendment & declared that the Bill would not be final because they did not get it.
	17 Jun, Wed	Sundry official. Heard Chamberlain at H of C declare his determination to force the Retaliation issue.
	18 Jun, Thu	Official
	19 Jun, Fri	Official. Dined with Ld. Grey. B Cockran came to terms with Jackson of Sligo re big development.
	20 Jun, Sat	Moted Miss Beatrice Chamberlain to Fishers Hill & back. Found Gerald much better than I expected & felt quite hopeful about him.
	21 Jun, Sun	Went out to Dollis Hill with Daisy to see Lady Aberdeen about I.I.A.
	22 Jun, Mon	Official hard. Also met in Walter Long's room at H. of C. Executive C'tee of Conservative Council of N. Wilts[hire] to whom Eddie was introduced as candidate next Gen'l El[ectio]n. They took fairly to him & will recommend him to the Council.  Trained to Birmingham having sent on motor with Browne.
[Q.E.A.: <i>quod est absurdum</i> – which is absurd]	23 Jun, Tue	4.34A.M. left Birmingham. Stopped on way 1¼ hours & got to Holyhead 149 miles at 12.2, 7½ hours less 1¼ = 6¼ for 149 miles, an average speed while running 23¾ miles an hour. <u>But</u> the police took my address at Holyhead on charges of furious driving in Bethesda & Bangor & I shall I fear be pilloried in the Press. I was very careful but the legal limit of speed is 12 miles Q.E.A.  Back to Dublin & The Barn.
	24 Jun, Wed	Official
	25 Jun, Thu	Naval architects in Dublin. Attended big lunch – otherwise official day.
	26 Jun, Fri	King's birthday dinner at Carlton & official.
	27 Jun, Sat	C'tee on arrangements for King's Visit at Castle. Automobile Club luncheon & Lady Dudley's meeting at Alexandra College to found Union for Employment of Women made a very tiring day. Then Bonn & I settled down for week end quietly at Barn.

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	28 Jun, Sun	Brassey, Anderson & Pirrie came to The Barn & we had some useful talk.
	29 Jun, Mon	Official
	30 Jun, Tue	<p>First meeting of second Agric'l Board. Monteagle the only important new member. 5 were absent which was unfortunate as we had big matters of principle to decide.</p> <p>In evening departmental supper to present a testimonial – dreadful function.</p> <p>Lionel Earle &amp; Mrs. Earle (with a maid) came to the Barn. This took all my rooms so I had to sleep in Dublin.</p>
	1 Jul, Wed	Down to Barn to see my guests(!) Then back & Technical Inst'r Bd meeting. On this there is a new element viz Teegan & W R Molloy, the narrow bigoted R.C. pedagogogue type.
	2 Jul, Thu	Moted to the Motor Race & certainly saw a strange & hideous exhibition of grim death daring nerve disregarding human folly. The racing machine is a hideous thing – an iron nucleus & hideous tale [ <i>sic</i> ], otherwise very like a comet. The pace was ghastly. Moted back to Mrs. Earle where a tête a tête with that dear old lady. Old but green as a vegetarian.
	3 Jul, Fri	<p>Rush to office, interviews, ?snapshot at correspondence, C'tee on arrangements for King's visit, then Her Ex takes me for a meeting of the I.I.A. Henry Norman M.P. to lunch. Vetting an Egyptian Jackass which Sir J Maxwell has at the Royal Hospital of high lineage &amp; cheap. Employment Bureau for women meeting, then moting Mrs. Earle 50 miles to see a garden. Then Bonn &amp; a Miss Drury to dinner at the Barn. Miss Drury a London Irish girl teacher (well paid) in Canon Fleming's school Buckingham Road, becomes R.C. &amp; transfers her services to the Presentation Convent Tuam.</p> <p>Truly a full day but of solid work – ?</p>
	4 Jul, Sat	<p>Speed trials of Automobile Club in Phoenix Park. One motor (<del>Mercedes</del> Mors) went 81 miles an hour!</p> <p>Mrs. Earle left &amp; I was very sorry.</p>
	5 Jul, Sun	Starkie & Bonn came. Coyne & T.P. & R.A.A. also during day. Good discourse & a little golf & motoring.
	6 Jul, Mon	Rush of official work & off to Recess with H. Robinson. Met Dudley there. Went over part of King's Route in my motor (the object of the trip) & found it dangerous & disagreeable. Had delightful talk with Dudley who is a real friend.
	7 Jul, Tue	<p>Early start to Leenane. McKeown who owns the hotel was taken into our confidence &amp; was in 7th heaven. His fortune was made! He promised to have the route swept – &amp; it badly needed it for it destroyed my tyres – or carpeted with his 'tweed' if necessary. Again very lucky we went over the route. It needs much arrangement to prevent the poor royalties being jerked &amp; jumped into fits!</p> <p>In evening Dudley showed me a letter announcing baronetcy could be given to Sir Henry Cochrane. He authorised me to make</p>

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[Lynch – Nationalist MP imprisoned for commanding a pro-Boer Irish brigade]	8 Jul, Wed	Had a delightful morning. Walked up to the marble quarry again & made full arrangements for King's visit to it. Took mail train to Dublin. At Galway W. Persse met me & we discussed feeling about King. "If Arthur Lynch could be let out" was the note! Back to The Barn where Daisy & her two little girls were ready to greet me. Mamie asked me if I had finished that book.
	9 Jul, Thu	Official.
	10 Jul, Fri	Ditto. House Committee. Arranged with Sir Henry Cochrane to give £20,000 for a baronetcy.
	11 Jul, Sat	Ditto. Cattle Committee.
	12 Jul, Sun	R Holmes, Bonn & Coyne at the Barn.
	13 Jul, Mon	To Kenmare by train with Robinson & to Glengarriff by motor to try out Kings tour in W. Cork & Kerry. Day fine & very enjoyable. Col. Kirkwood L[ocal]G[overnment]B[oard] inspector joined us from Mallow on.
	14 Jul, Tue	Day wet – terribly hot & scenery destroyed, all wet through. 40 miles of misery from Glengarriff via Castletown & Derreen back to Kenmare. Gave the motor to Kirkwood for a moment & he ran off the road & we nearly had a very bad accident. As it was we struck against a wall & destroyed the hood only – about £14 worth of damage. Tyre troubles later on. Had to miss mail to Dublin in order to get dry. Then went to Killarney where I saw SH Butcher.
	15 Jul, Wed	Left Killarney by 6.50 AM train. Heavy official afternoon in Dublin.
	16 Jul, Thu	2.30 AM Ld. Onslow got an important wire to me about a Butter Bill in C'tee 11 AM today!
	17 Jul, Fri	Official. Chiefly King's visit arrangements & terrible delay in my important work.
	18 Jul, Sat	Ditto. Ld. Dudley sent for me & asked me to get £5000 out of one of the Kings Visit Baronets (Smiley of Larne) for Lady Dudley's Jubilee nurses. I will do so gladly.
	19 Jul, Sun	Quiet Sunday at Barn. Found that the dust nuisance could be dealt with in a motor by having a glass screen just the right height in front. This carries currents of air.
	20 Jul, Mon	Official hard till 4.30 PM. when I went with my motor to take Sir John Maxwell from Royal Hospital & back over King's Entry Route. HRH D[uke] & D[uches]s of Connaught going in another motor. This broke down & I had to take their H.R.H's who were very pleasant over it.
	21 Jul, Tue	The Kings entry into Dublin. Well received. Having happily no official duty I "biked" down to see him en route from Kingstown to Dublin & having given my feeble cheer had a quiet day at the Barn. Daisy & children left me.
	22 Jul, Wed	Levee densely packed. Had to go & see Ld. Knollys about King's motor tour at Vice Regal Lodge. I think a week in Royal atmosphere would make me a rampant socialist. The flunkeys one would get used to but the dreadful obsequiousness of the upper

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		servants of the court is rather unedifying. The James Byrnes of New York came & stayed at the Barn.
	23 Jul, Thu	Official half, half at Barn with the Byrnes.
	24 Jul, Fri	Official including a Castle dinner.
	25 Jul, Sat	Early to Belfast for NEAS show & put up with Shaftesbury, Belfast Castle. The Connaughts, Lords Enniskillen & Annesley, Marquis of Hamilton M.P. (brainless) & some others of party. Dull, but Command.
	26 Jul, Sun	Lunch on Board Fleet off Bangor, Charlie Beresford host.
	27 Jul, Mon	Left Belfast Castle at 6.45 A.M. had official day in Dublin (Consultative C'tee on Educ'n) and slept at Galway taking Kings motor & my own towards Connemara. During day wire had come that Kings yacht would reach Killary Harbour 7 AM Weds instead of 5 P.M. so there will be two days instead of one day to make arrangements. Royalties' plans have to be made in absurdly minute detail & are always subject to be completely upset by a whim at last moment.
	28 Jul, Tue	Recess early where I made all arrangements for visit to marble quarry. Got King's motor & my own on to Leenane. Then the motor train arrived, with it Lady Dudley & suite. All met at Leenane. Another pair of motors came from Westport, one badly broken down & towed by the other. Then Helga with Green & Holt came along & Robinson & I went on board for night. We moted about making plans for the morrow & had a busy day in work infinitely more exhilarating than office routine.
	29 Jul, Wed	Drenching rain – an awful July – & the R[oyal]. Yacht did not arrive till noon. In afternoon the King & Queen went on motor trip to see some poor cottages. Robinson & I acted as pilot, I driving my car. Depressing as I was wet to the skin.
	30 Jul, Thu	The official motor tour through Connemara & by Royal train to Galway. I piloted the King & 10 cars & Robinson went in King's car to give him information. We went about 35 miles & everywhere the king had an enthusiastic reception. He asked Robinson & me to lunch at Recess Hotel. We went on board Helga in Galway Bay & went off to Kenmare. The Royal Yacht stayed in the Bay, the King & Q[ueen] preferring to upset all arrangements & go to Kenmare by rail instead of Berehaven by sea.
	31 Jul, Fri	The second day's motoring. Piloted the King again to Derreen to tea & on to Castletown. Afternoon opened fine but second drive was in drenching rain again. Ten cars had come by motor special from Galway, special to return 6 AM tomorrow. It was two tiring days & we were glad to get on board Helga when it was all over. On whole great success.
	1 Aug, Sat	Arrived early in Queenstown after foggy anxious night in track of the big liners. Harbour beautifully decorated. Royal Yacht steamed in later. K[ing] & Q[ueen] went up in admiralty pinnace to Cork where enthusiastic reception greeted them all along the line. After inspecting Queenstown cottages for Haulbowline artisans, now nearly completed, left by 11.55 AM train for

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[Knollys – Sec’y to Edward VII]		<p>Dublin. At Blarney I was awakened by the guard who handed me a wire from Ld. Dudley saying King had not realised yesterday that I was not to be in Cork &amp; wished to see me. I must get back at once. I had only motoring attire with me, very dirty brown boots, yachting cap &amp; reefer suit! However nothing to be done but obey royal command. After ¾ hours delay train took me to Cork where I arrived 2.30. All shops closed, not [<i>sic</i>] ready made garments to be found. At 4.30 K[ing] Q[ueen], P[rin]cess Victoria, D[uke] &amp; D[uch]ess of Connaught, Ld. &amp; Lady Dudley &amp; all the staffs came to Royal train. Dudley seeing my plight rushed through the crowd &amp; said come on board yacht. I hid in the train &amp; hid as far as I could in crowd at Queenstown. I slipped on to the back &amp; went to the Royal yacht (4600 tons) the most luxurious ship afloat I should say.</p> <p>I caught on to Ld. Knollys &amp; asked him if he could help me. He lent me a frock coat &amp; I was taken in this borrowed covering with my brown boots sticking out to the King. He said “I am afraid I have put you to great inconvenience. But I wish to mark my appreciation of your services to Ireland and your kindness to myself during the tour by giving you this as a personal gift from myself. It is the second class of the Victorian order. And now I must knight you. A cushion was brought on which I knelt. A sword was borrowed &amp; the ceremony was most informally performed. Then I rose &amp; we talked away about Ireland. The king was delighted with his reception &amp; asked me if the visit would really do good. I reassured him on this. Then to tea &amp; I had a talk with Selborne &amp; others. All were in wild delight at the success of the visit. I went back in Royal train with the party. D[udley]. told me the K. asked him whether I would take an order of this kind as he wished to do the thing <u>personally</u> &amp; to have it so understood. D. apologised for the honour but I assured him that the way the King did the thing more than overcame my repugnance for this kind of recognition of my efforts to do my plain duty.</p> <p>I had a good talk with the Queen who is most intelligent but <u>very</u> warm hearted. She is terribly got up &amp; when one gets close enough to see the blood shot eyes &amp; the wasted frame one realises that something has made ravages besides time. The King on the other hand looked far more healthy than I had expected. Got back to The Barn at midnight &amp; was glad to be home &amp; just Daisy &amp; the girls were lodged in The Cottage &amp; I have now two houses on hand.</p>
<i>Fr Knollys, Ld. Francis</i>	2 Aug, Sun	Rested at The Barn
	3 Aug, Mon	Bank Holiday. Ditto
To Knollys, Ld. Francis	4 Aug, Tue	Arrears of work at office aggravated by a deluge of letters & telegrams about evenly divided betw’n congratulations & condolences. “You didn’t get half you deserved” was the best bitter sweet appreciation.
	5 Aug, Wed	9 AM train to Portadown for Agric’l show. Housed at Rectory, Rev. Hobson, wife being Fanny Hall Dare whose mother was a Lambart & who consequently knew much of our family. Of the party her sister widow of Theodore B--t & Sir James & Lady Strong (Baronet) from ½ way betw’n Armagh & Monaghan, interesting enlightened landlord. Show small – pouring. Two speeches, ill prepared. Excellent reception. My popularity I think grows. Inspected Harper’s fruit growing experiment under Dep’t.

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		Also Technical School, very good specimen.
	6 Aug, Thu	Back early train – heavy official day – answered shoals of congratulations & condolences – knighthood a perfect nuisance.
	7 Aug, Fri	Official & more congratulations
	8 Aug, Sat	½ official day
	9 Aug, Sun	Motored to Glendalough with a party of Robinsons, Nugents &c. Very enjoyable.
	10 Aug, Mon – 13 Aug, Thu	Official
	14 Aug, Fri	½ official. Then to Grastown Manor at Abbey Leix to the Castletowns with Daisy in motor (Poured of course) for Industrial Show on the morrow. Party – Wendell Holmes, Chief Justice, Supreme Court U.S.A. but not a striking personality – Tom Kelly & a few others.
	15 Aug, Sat	Poured <u>all</u> day. Show interesting as I recognised with pleasure the effect of some of my work. Talked to some farmers & learned a good deal about the people.
	16 Aug, Sun	Morning with Castletown. Got to know his mind better than I had before. A real Celt – little ballast. Generous impulses, acute perceptions, patriotic I think, but unstable as water. Moted back to Barn.
	17 Aug, Mon – 20 Aug, Thu	Official
	21 Aug, Fri	Up early & worked at home & at office till 1 P.M. Then back to lunch & an excellent game of golf with Miss Walker Leigh & self vs JG Barton & Miss Scovell, beaten by 1 hole but enjoyable. Then came M. Schindler, French journalist & we had a good talk Bonn joining in.
['my sharp wounding' from <i>Poems of Egan O'Rahilly</i> , 1675-1729, quoted in <i>Ireland in the New Century</i> ]	22 Aug, Sat	Worked at the Barn all day. Daisy's 4 children left me 'my sharp wounding' and I consoled myself by going to an outdoor performance of AE's "Dierdre". It was played by clerks artisans & others for love & rarely have I seen more beautiful acting.  Filson Young came to dine & sleep.
	23 Aug, Sun	G V Holmes & wife to lunch. J Atkinson as charming as ever lunched & golfed. F. Young left.
	24 Aug, Mon	James Byrne & wife, Percy La Touche & Dorothy came to me. But I was in office & at work at home most of day.
	25 Aug, Tue	An ideal but exhausting day. Began my work (The Book revision) 6.30 A.M. My party of Horse Show guests breakfasted at 9.15 A.M. I got them to the Show & went to my office in good time. I lunched an American sociologist, presided over the Agric'l Board for 2 hours. Looked in at the Horse Show. Had a game of golf at the Barn & a game of Bridge in the evening.
	26 Aug, Wed	Like yesterday & enjoyable.  Dudley sent for me & asked me whether he could safely take Callan as his ass't private secretary in lieu of Lionel Earle resigned, in order to keep in touch with my work.  Reggie, home from China after 2 years, turned up, looking a bit

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		fine drawn and, I was sorry to find, feeling rather less keen for his profession. Too little beer & skittles.
	27 Aug, Thu	Horse Show. Deput[atio]n of R.C. secondary & primary schoolmasters to protest against Trade preparatory school (undenominational). I think I pacified them. Eddie & Reggie
	28 Aug, Fri	Took Callan to Dudley who engaged him as ass't pr[ivate] sec'y & gave him leave to help me with my book.
	29 Aug, Sat	Semi official. Moted John Atkinson up to Chief Secs Lodge to dinner (G.W.s birthday). He is in wild delight over his achievements & his prospects. He certainly is on the high road to the Premiership. But he means untold mischief to Ireland during his climb up his ladder. He will do his best to wipe out my work & destroy my influence.
	30 Aug, Sun	Quiet Sunday.
	31 Aug, Mon	Daisy left & I gave up The Barn & went into the Cottage for September.
	1 Sep, Tue	Official & book
	2 Sep, Wed	Official. S. Gwynn visited me in ev[enin]g.
	3 Sep, Thu	Official
	4 Sep, Fri	Official. Gill left for Germany where after visiting his wife he goes to U.S. Coyne went to Belgium for an official engagement & a holiday. I shall be left without my mental official help for a while.
	5 Sep, Sat	Official & went to Dunsany with Bonn to dine & sleep. Eddie had Col. & Mrs. Napier (he interesting) & two boy friends.
	6 Sep, Sun	Book & back to Foxrock.
	7 Sep, Mon	Official and went to dine at ?Harwood with Charlie Hamilton wife son & 6 daughters to meet C.P. Johnson.
	8 Sep, Tue	[No entry]
	9 Sep, Wed	[No entry]
	10 Sep, Thu	Monteagle housed with me for two nights.
	11 Sep, Fri	[No entry]
	12 Sep, Sat	Rolleston returned from his holiday & will help me with my book proof thats a vastly heavier job than I had anticipated.
	13 Sep, Sun	Seedy from over work & had a comparative rest.
	14 Sep, Mon – 19 Sep, Sat	Official & Book
	20 Sep, Sun	Anderson, Campbell, Blair, Bonn & I had great talk over Irish Question. The gospel according to St. Horace much preached.
	21 Sep, Mon	Official.
	22 Sep, Tue	Moted with Filgate as guide to see the Country betw'n Dundalk & Newry (West of D[ubl]n & B[el]fast road[]) where we are trying to develop knitting. On to Newry where I put up with Thos. Irwin

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		& had to face a dinner party of locals.
	23 Sep, Wed	An exhausting day. Up at 6.30 AM to prepare a speech for public meeting 7 P.M. Then all over the county to Town with motor car. Visited two creameries (Whitecross & Loughbrickland), Xian Brothers school, Agricultural Society's grounds, Harbour canal &c & line of proposed Railway. Big public meeting to open new Technical School & the dinner of joint Technical School C'tee & Agric'l Society C'tee. Two big speeches & not to bed before 2 AM.
	24 Sep, Thu	Started at 7.20 A.M. & ran to G.P.O. Dublin 64½ miles in 2 hrs 40 min! Official. But I was quite exhausted.
	25 Sep, Fri	Official
	26 Sep, Sat	Official & book morning. Moted to Malahide afternoon to see a house for October.
	27 Sep, Sun	Lunched with Atkinsons & rested. Went to Bray with Bonn to see Bray Head Hotel where we may stay.
	28 Sep, Mon	Official
	29 Sep, Tue	Official. Board of Tech: Inst: I gave them a great talking to with the object of bracing them up to resist criticism of Department's educational policy.
	30 Sep, Wed	Left my second summer house, The Cottage, Foxrock & took Sea Park, Malahide for October with Dr. Bonn. Put up for two nights with Professor Campbell at Glasnevin.
	1 Oct, Thu	Held Conference with Campbell, Blair, Coyne, Daly, Rolleston & Callan on pronouncement to be made in my book re Dept's policy on technical education & direct promotion of industries. All present came to conclusion that we ought to have held such conferences long ago & frequently. Our problems were only half thought out for lack of them.
	2 Oct, Fri	Bernard Holland turned up. Bonn he & I went to Sea Park, Malahide which Bonn & I had taken for the month of October together. It was only half furnished & not at all as convenient as the Barn or Cottage. Continued educational conference with my colleagues. Gill cabled that he could not sail till 8th.
	3 Oct, Sat	Daisy arrived at night for week end.
	4 Oct, Sun	Peaceful restful delightful company.
	5 Oct, Mon	Official
	6 Oct, Tue	Bernard Holland arrived for a few days stay.
	7 Oct, Wed	Official
	8 Oct, Thu	Official. Bonn & I dined & slept at Chief Sec Lodge. Wyndham very brilliant.
	9 Oct, Fri	Official
[CDB stud at Shankill, Co. Dublin] To Balfour, Lady Betty	10 Oct, Sat	Moted to Stud farm of Congested Districts Board & then in afternoon to Poulaphouca Falls – really beautiful.

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	11 Oct, Sun	Slept the round of the clock & was glad of it. Bonn went to call at Killiney & Bernard Holland & I talked lazily & then called on the Talbots of Malahide – dull people in gloomy castle.
	12 Oct, Mon	Had a conference betw'n CDB & Dept (self & Prof'r. Campbell) & arranged to take over a good deal of CDB work. The rest will follow. Wyndham who presided & Sir A. MacDonnell did not act fairly to Dept. But that's politics.
	13 Oct, Tue	[No entry]
	14 Oct, Wed	[No entry]
	15 Oct, Thu	Bonn & I dined & slept at Ch. Sec's Lodge. Bonn defines him as an artist in life!
	16 Oct, Fri	Daisy & her two girls came to Sea Park.
	17 Oct, Sat	[No entry]
	18 Oct, Sun	Ought to have rested but moted to Ch: Secs Lodge & had 2 hours tussle with G. Wyndham over Irish problems.
	19 Oct, Mon	Strain beginning to tell. I am near a break down. Hope to finish book first.
	20 Oct, Tue	I.A.O.S. annual Conference. I was too seedy to go.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , IX:43 (24 Oct 1903), pp. 880-1]	21 Oct, Wed	Looked in at I.A.O.S. & made a short rather good speech. Official day also.
	22 Oct, Thu	By day to London. Dined at Carlton & gathered that Tories are stupid & at sea.
	23 Oct, Fri	Bowes, Pelton Colliery & Steamship Co. Called on SH Butcher about Book, & on Dudleys, official correspondence &c &c.  Went to music hall with Dudleys at night.
	24 Oct, Sat	Lytton, Lionel Earle & T.P. Gill who had returned from America dined with me. Spent most of my day at my book – an awful incubus.
	25 Oct, Sun	The book except that Lionel Earle moted me down to Mrs. Earle's "Surrey Garden". She is more delightful at home than away.
	26 Oct, Mon	Day mostly with T.P.G. Called on Bd of Ag & Treasury, much other official work.  Funeral service of George Plunkett at R C Cathedral. Francis Plunkett, Fingall & F Anderton dined.
	27 Oct, Tue	By day to Dublin & Malahide where Bonn glad to end his solitary confinement. Travelled with Carson, showed him my book, a dishonest (frankly so) politician. Did not disagree with me. Will he denounce me?
	28 Oct, Wed	Moted with Bonn to Rathdrum en route to Wexford on official tour.
	29 Oct, Thu	Up at 6.30. Started at 7 A.M. Motor soon broke down & we struggled in to Arklow in pouring rain. There we had to send the motor to Dublin by rail & go on to Wexford. Thence by carriage to Tagoat where a Conference of farmers, W Redmond present, a banquet! and then prize distrib[utio]n at Tech School Wexford. 3 speeches – hard work, awful weather. Very satisfactory relations

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		with people.
	30 Oct, Fri	Back to Dublin, official day and to Malahide.
	31 Oct, Sat	Dined T.C.D. with Starkie. Met fellows & others.
	1 Nov, Sun	Down to Killeen with Bonn. Rest.
	2 Nov, Mon	Fingall met his tenants in Council re sale to them. I stayed down as being Trustee for his eldest son I was officially concerned though I took no part – only remained available.
	3 Nov, Tue	Back to Dublin – official heavy.
	4 Nov, Wed	Official – College Historical Society. Spoke to ridiculous paper in [sic] future of Irish Industry with inadequate preparation & badly.
	5 Nov, Thu	Official. I.I.A. meeting. T.P.G. returned to office to my great relief.
	6 Nov, Fri	Official & Book
	7 Nov, Sat	Semi official.
	8 Nov, Sun	Rest at Malahide
	9 Nov, Mon	Official
	10 Nov, Tue	Ditto
	11 Nov, Wed	Ditto
	12 Nov, Thu	Official. T W Russell & T.P. Gill dined & slept.
	13 Nov, Fri	Official. C.D.B.
	14 Nov, Sat	Official. Put off my visit to Limerick (Distrib[utio]n of prizes Tech Sc[hool]) important though ----- <u>over</u> strain & head aches.
	15 Nov, Sun	Quiet restful Sunday.
	16 Nov, Mon	Morning brought me a letter from T.P.G. that I must go to Limerick. So off I went & delivered an extempore speech to a crowded audience – representative – encouraging. I am getting popular!! But seriously the movement is growing rapidly. J. Redmond was at same place night before & had no more interested audience. Sat up late with Dr. O'Dwyer & read to him some of my book.
	17 Nov, Tue	Morning inspecting schools. Depressing with gleams of hope. Back to Dublin with T.P.G.
	18 Nov, Wed – 21 Nov, Sat	Official
	22 Nov, Sun	Spent the whole day in bed to get over stomach upset caused by mental over strain. Bonn's brilliant conversation relieved the dullness.
	23 Nov, Mon	Official
	24 Nov, Tue	Official. Broke up housekeeping at Sea Park Malahide.
	25 Nov, Wed	Official. Last day in Dublin, off by night to London en route to America.
	26 Nov, Thu	Sick & utterly worn out. Daisy had arranged dinner party & play

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		(stupid) B. Hollands, Lady Phyllis Hamilton, L. Earle.
	27 Nov, Fri	Awful day. Sir George Murray, hours talk with at Treasury, useful I think. Alfred Lyttelton, Winston Churchill, Bernard Holland, last chapter of book – vilely bad.
	28 Nov, Sat	Worked all day. Lunched the Gardiners. Dined with Geoffrey Drage.
	29 Nov, Sun	No rest. Book &c.
To Knollys, Ld. Francis	30 Nov, Mon	Rush. Emily Lawless looked over some of my book & strongly advised withholding publication. Murray was equally strong on not bringing it out before Jan. 15, so I have decided to finish it before I go – so as to rest & gain strength – and let it be published in my absence.
	1 Dec, Tue	Last day in London & had after endless jobs to rush off to Cambridge to speak at the Union Debating Society on Irish University Question. Miserable failure as I was utterly exhausted.
	2 Dec, Wed	Left Cambridge 8.30 A.M. Caught 10.45 White Star Special to L[iver]pool where went on board Oceanic. Bowers with me by special permission but at L'pool Rolleston also turned up & I had two stow-a-ways to Queenstown. Worked hard finishing book & writing endless letters.
	3 Dec, Thu	Queenstown 9 A.M. There Barrymore & Savage French met me & we looked over the Cottages I had got built, 103 of them – quite an addition to civilisation there. Smith came from office with last official messages from Gill & more letters. When we at last put out into the Atlantic I lunched & went to bed. There I remained for 20 hours!
	4 Dec, Fri,	388. Rough WNW gale. But what matter in 20,000 tons. My 20 hours in bed has nearly cured my brain congestion but not quite.
	5 Dec, Sat	446
	6 Dec, Sun	406
	7 Dec, Mon	455
	8 Dec, Tue	489
	9 Dec, Wed	500 – 99 to Sandy Hook but did not land – weather too thick. Uninteresting voyage which is what I wanted.
	10 Dec, Thu	Landed early & found Bourke Cockran had taken rooms at Waldorf for self & me. First time I had stayed in this monster of luxury. Certainly it is a marvel of organisation. Met Anderson & Fr. O'Donovan & James Bryce all working for IAOS.
	11 Dec, Fri	Sundry business & then went to Newark for an I.A.O.S. mission meeting. Fr. Finlay made a fair speech & B Cockran a wild one raking up all the old anti English stuff. Not a dollar raised. I spoke badly. Tired out. Got back to bed after 1 AM.
	12 Dec, Sat	Lunched with Stuart Wortley who showed me N.Y. stock exchange buildings. Wonderfully good. In summer ammonia cooled. To B. Cockrans country house [to] dine & sleep. Stupid

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	13 Dec, Sun	Lunched with Lloyd Bryces – she as nice as ever – & back to N.Y. for a meeting at John D Crimmins of a few promising Irishmen. Got a few dollars for IAOS I think. Left for Washington by midnight train.
	14 Dec, Mon	Washington to try & get an expert tobacco grower for Dept. No success but learned a bit about the industry. Must come back after getting more particulars from home as to what we can pay, how long a job, what tobacco we propose to grow & so forth. Called on President Roosevelt & lunched with him. He was much more of a politician & the presidential election ever casting its shadows before it.  Train to Omaha.  Roosevelt ‘bounced’ a little about the Panama difficulty. But I must not set down even here what he said in confidence.
[ <i>Life of Gladstone</i> ]	15 Dec, Tue	Train all day. Reading Morley’s Gladstone.
	16 Dec, Wed	Reached Omaha. Put up with the Windsors & got at once to work. Learned that my estate was on the whole doing well.
	17 Dec, Thu	Business. Paid \$750 to relieve Windsor from a judgment hanging over him for \$10,000. Quixotic perhaps but probably worth my while to ease the poor fellows mind.
	18 Dec, Fri	Business
	19 Dec, Sat	Business
	20 Dec, Sun	Rest. Went with H.J.W. to South Omaha. Growing rapidly.
	21 Dec, Mon	Business. Left by afternoon train for Cheyenne.  Heard the awful news of Coyne’s fatal ailment – cancer in stomach. It is a great blow to many of my highest hopes for Ireland. He is absolutely irreplaceable.
	22 Dec, Tue	7 hours in Cheyenne, mostly with John Chaplin in office of Wyo Dev Co. Saw hardly any of the old faces. Drove with Parry & son Charlie round the town & outskirts. Same barren dusty bleak spot – same champagne air which relieves the sense of desolation.  Poor Coyne’s mortal ailment depresses me though.
	23 Dec, Wed	Back in Omaha, 1032 miles & a days business in 40 hours! And perhaps posterity will laugh at my note of admiration. Winding up business at Omaha.
	24 Dec, Thu	Finished at Omaha & left by rail for Washington.
[B&O – Baltimore & Ohio]	25 Dec, Fri	Missed Connection! & had to wait 4 hours in Chicago. Snowing hard. Auditorium Hotel almost empty. Then B & O train to Washington – 2 sleepers are empty & the other with myself & one other passenger. I think Xmas is the one exception to the eternal business days – & it used not to be.
	26 Dec, Sat	Missed connections again at Washington & had to stay there the night. Percy Wyndham met me at New Willard Hotel. He has grown a beard & is hardly recognisable – not less ugly. He dined me 9 P.M. on ?unwholesomes at Metropolitan Club & told me a little diplomatic gossip – in Penn[sylvani]a passed the wreck of a B & O train in which 80 people were killed two days before.

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		Baulk[ <i>sic</i> ] of timber fell off[f] preceding freight train. But for dying effort of a train man to signal next passenger train 100 more would have been killed. Block system unknown apparently on B & O.
	27 Dec, Sun	To Richmond & back in day. ?John M Higgins famine emigrant from Co Mayo 50 years ago now prosperous citizen of Richmond V[irgini]a had Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Att’y General, Com[missione]r of Ag, German Consul, two priests & a score of other influentials with their women folk to a 2.30 P.M. dinner. My train 1¼ hour late. Sat down 3.30 rose at 7.30. Awful gorge – 20 or so speeches. But I got into close sympathy with audience & can count on State of Va. to help Ireland in matter of tobacco growing. Day exhausting. 8 hours in crowded Xmas trains, 5 hours in crowded meeting & gorge – to bed at 1 A.M.
	28 Dec, Mon	Went to New York & stayed with J. Byrnes 51 West 48th St. Between Baltimore & Philadelphia Frank C. Bosler of Carlisle, Penn[sylvani]a ‘rode’ in the train and discussed my (or Eddie’s?) taking a share in a ranche which Windsor has an option on with Haines of Omaha at Rock River Wyo. Felt inclined to advise Eddie to invest in it as it is fenced in, owned & safe. Eddie would be the better for a rough health trip once & again to look after it.
	29 Dec, Tue	Stuart Wortley, B Cockran, Fr. O’Donovan & others interviewed.
	30 Dec, Wed	Lunched with John Sinclair & met Rob’t. C Ogden & others. Did some calls & dined with Sir Percy Sanderson British Consul General at New York. He is a bit past his best & talked too much about his own part in the events about which I wanted him to tell me. Still he was very kind & I shall be able to draw on him for information.
	31 Dec, Thu	L. Godkin & his mother dined with the Byrnes. They are enthusiastically pro-Irish & will, I hope, help the new Irish (economic) movement in U.S.
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[ <i>vox humana juvenilis</i> – the voice of young people]	Year-end Summary	<p>With a fiendish clamour of church bells, steam whistles, penny trumpets, crackers &amp; <i>vox humana juvenilis</i> the Old Year was parted with in New York. For me it has been a year of some progress considering the wretched education I have given myself for dealing with a large human problem. My economic &amp; social theories have I think more adherents than a year ago. I am still out of Parliament &amp; am not keen to be in. I have been made a K.C.V.O. which I suppose some people would value but which to me is ridiculous. My business muddle in America is less cause for anxiety. I finished my book but the delays with printers &amp; my own difficulty in giving attention to it prevented its publication.</p> <p>The great event of the year in public life at home was the sudden conversion of Chamberlain to protection. His vigorous personality seemed to sweep aside the party to which I belong and to make the leadership of Arthur Balfour appear to depend upon the will of his former Chief Colleague. The worst trouble from my point of view is that the new cleavage of parties on the fiscal question brings the Irish vote again into the market and gives the politicians a fresh lease of life for their mischievous predominance. However there’s always the unexpected.</p> <p>In family matters Eddie has taken to politics &amp; is wooing a</p>

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		<p>constituency &amp; has shown a great gift of the gab. Reggie has developed great mechanical genius &amp; has been three times thanked by his "My Lords" for his inventions which they are going to test with a view to adoption.</p> <p>My own health is better than it was a year ago which I attribute to a less animal dietary.</p>