

1904 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’ (ſ) has been expanded to ‘ss’.

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

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

Correspondence

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

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

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

Abbreviations

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

Names

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

Organisations

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

General

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

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

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

1904

Events:

788 co-operative societies affiliated to IAOS; total turnover £1.5 million

27 Dec – Abbey Theatre opens, founded by W.B. Yeats and Lady Gregory (report of pre-opening press reception in *Irish Homestead*, X:5 (24 Dec 1904), p. 1057)

Publications:

- ***Ireland in the New Century* (John Murray, London; also E.P. Dutton, New York), 300 pp.**

- “The Gaelic Movement” in *Irish Literature*, Justin McCarthy (ed.) (New York) pp. 2908-2912

- *IAOS Annual Report*, pp. 215-24

- Attributed letters and addresses in

Irish Homestead:

Report of speech to St. Patrick’s Club, Oxford, X:2 (19 Mar 1904), pp. 233-4

Text of address to 6th Council of Agriculture, X:16 (16 Apr 1904), pp. 315-7

Text of address to IAOS Annual General Meeting, X:40 (1 Oct 1904), pp. 814-7

Text of two speeches at Dromore in X:43 (22 Oct 1904), pp. 894-5

Text of address to fruit conference, X:44 (29 Oct 1904), pp. 911-3

DATI Journal:

Text of address to 6th Council of Agriculture, IV:4 (Jun 1904) pp. 606-15

Government:

Prime Minister: Arthur James Balfour (Conservative)

Chief Secretary: George Wyndham

Lord Lieutenant: Earl of Dudley

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £102 ; \$1 = \$20

Correspondence [Notes]	1904	Diary Entry
[<i>dies non</i> – business-free day]	1 Jan, Fri	New Years Day in N.Y. is a <i>dies non</i> . I spent it chiefly packing & seeing a few friends. I breakfasted with Bourke Cockran, lunched with the Byrnes & dined with Stuart Wortley. Night train to Boston.
	2 Jan, Sat	Sailed for Naples at 9 A.M. in a blinding snow storm & zero temperature, conditions little changed throughout the day, in S.S. Republic 13,000 tons built for Dominion Line & taken over by J.P. Morgan in the amalgam[atio]n. 217 passengers of whom I don’t know one. All ‘amairican’ or Canadian. Service not nearly so good as on the U.S. & UK[ingdo]m routes. I shall be bored but I hope rested. Am very anxious about Coyne of whom I failed to hear before I sailed though I cabled Thursday.
[W.P. Coyne died]	3 Jan, Sun	319. Cold & snowy. But ship began to thaw out.
	4 Jan, Mon	352 Snowed all day
	5 Jan, Tue	360. Temperate
	6 Jan, Wed	353 Sitting out weather. But practically no sun since we started.
	7 Jan, Thu	358
	8 Jan, Fri	331 – 12 to Azores. Pretty islands but no time to land.
	9 Jan, Sat	307 from 3.30 P.M.
	10 Jan, Sun	374
[White – Irish commander of British forces in Afghanistan]	11 Jan, Mon	Gibraltar 9 AM. Went ashore & called on Sir George White. Had a pleasant talk but not there long enough to get on terms. Pleasant talk as far as it went. The Rock & town are satisfactory in that the

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and Boer War]		Anglicisation is distinctly civilising – outwardly at any rate.
	12 Jan, Tue	Coasting along south of Spain & past Balearic Islands. Weather since first three days increasingly more genial. I begin to feel a bit rested. But alas I am not fit yet for the hard work of my office.
[Smiley] [Bart.– baronet]	13 Jan, Wed	Marseilles. But only long enough to stretch legs on dock. Sir Hugh Smyly [<i>sic</i>], Bart. (I got him made one for public benefactions) Lady S & a young son came on Bd.
	14 Jan, Thu	Genoa early & day there. Got huge mail. George Palmer, Bowes agent, in Italy for coal selling met me & showed me round a bit. But it poured & was too dark in galleries & Churches to see much.
	15 Jan, Fri	Left Genoa early. Had interesting talk with Dr. Harry Y Grant of Buffalo N.Y. son of distinguished Sir [J] A Grant M.D. Ottawa, best of oculist & aurist. He tells me he expects before long to be able to prove that he can give a better prognosis of the life of a man through the ophthalmoscope than by any other means. It depends he says on the condition of the arteries & these can be best seen thus.
	16 Jan, Sat	Arrived Naples. Most of day taken up landing locating & attending to small concerns – clothes washing &c. More book proofs & newspaper cuttings but no letters. Much better for voyage but I need another month of it.
[Thomas Cook]	17 Jan, Sun	Frozen on Vesuvius! Such was my days record. Put myself in hands of Cook. Found myself tied all day to two Russians who could only talk French & didn't understand mine! The views going up on Cooks electric R'y & Funicular were magnificent. But a cold frozen gale made the experience physically unbearable. On return found Naples opening the Carnival. Crowd prevented my getting near the chief sights, procession &c. But I studied the crowd with some interest.
	18 Jan, Mon	A good deal of writing to do. Sick from chill of yesterday. No sight seeing except aquarium – well worth seeing though.
[The martyred St. Oliver Plunkett ('The Blessed'); 1629-1681]	19 Jan, Tue	To Rome, Hotel Suisse where Mrs. Herbert of Llanover & the Walter Maxwells (Poppy Herbert & husband). Mrs. Mulhall widow of statistician called & told me much of interest about the Irish in Rome past & present. She is reading in Vatican archives Irish letters of the Stuart times. Oliver Plunkett who wrote in duplicate French & Latin has many interesting letters describing the times & his own hopeless trial. Poppy took me to St. Peters. After 36 years I only remembered vividly the Ascension of Raffaele.
	20 Jan, Wed	Quite unwell could do nothing.
	21 Jan, Thu	Lounged to Colosseum feeling better.
	22 Jan, Fri	Called at Irish College & saw Mgr. Murphy, Rector & Rev. Edward Byrne Vice rector. Only 40 students. Daisy & Mary Murphy arrived in evening, both a first visit to Rome.
	23 Jan, Sat	Took Daisy to St. Peters, 2 churches, Janiculum &c. The Sartorios dined. Still dyspepsia, cannot manage hotel food.

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	24 Jan, Sun	Lunched at San Sylvestro with Fr. Wypney. Met many Priests of sorts & others. Awful paralysing 2 hour gorge. Got a drive in afternoon to see St. Paolo outside the walls right out in the fields where St. Paul is buried & where instead of erecting a monument & making the Church in Rome they are spending £3,000,000 R.C. money in building a huge irreligious though of course richly decorated edifice. Then went to St. Paolo Tre Fontana.
	25 Jan, Mon	Borghese Palace in morning. Churches in afternoon.
	26 Jan, Tue	Vatican pictures in morning. Churches & Sartorio's studio in afternoon.
	27 Jan, Wed	Museo Nazionale Terme. Old Roman statuary, much of it the very best Greek. I think the marvellous grace combined with strength of these statues impressed the little aesthetic sense I have got more than anything else. Lunched Irish College. Mgr. Stonor, Mgr. Murphy a Dominican Fr. David Fleming (very interesting) & some others. Much talk on Irish University Q'n, which does not look very hopeful as Londonderry has declared for the Govt they will do nothing. Dined with Sartorios & talked with Boni, Forum excavator. Difficult to understand his English.
	28 Jan, Thu	Capitol, statuary chiefly, & a drive along via Appia.
[Pope Pius X]	29 Jan, Fri	Walked with Daisy in the Palace of the Caesars on the Palatine. The grandeur of Imperial Rome is well imagined there. In afternoon went with Daisy & Minnie Murphy to the Vatican for an audience with the Pope. Was duly blessed & also had a little crucifix blessed among some beads which Daisy presented for benediction & which I mean to give to the widow of poor Coyne. Tea party at Mrs. Mulhall's.
[Antonio de Viti de Marco]	30 Jan, Sat	With Professor Boni official curator of the Forum to see over it & to see the opening of a tomb, some 3000 years old. It contained the earthen jar for the ashes about 16 inches in diameter & 24 in height I should say with a round stone on top & other stones of various shapes around contributed by friends & inside the little vessel in which the ashes were ?grown food & toys &c for their sustenance & entertaining in their long confinement. Afternoon churches. Evening dined with Signora Sartorio to meet Professor Viti Political Economist. In afternoon called on Card[inal] Merry del Val, Sec of State to Pope. He asked me to keep him informed about Ireland.
	31 Jan, Sun	Lunched with Sartorios & had long talk with Prof'r. Pantaleoni Pol[itical] Economist at the University of Rome. St. Peters again in afternoon.
	1 Feb, Mon	8 AM train for London via Genoa, Turin, Dijon, Paris.
	2 Feb, Tue	In Paris met Dalziel who came on to London. He told me some city news which helps me to understand financial side of Fiscal, Transvaal (Chinese Labour) Treasury attitude & other Questions. Got to 105 Mount St. to find, as expected, mountainous correspondence.
	3 Feb, Wed	One day looking around, coping with correspondence, long talk with Lady Betty, reading "files" & off by night to Newcastle to

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		do colliery business.
	4 Feb, Thu	Day at Newcastle. Meetings of Bowes, Pelton Colliery, Pelton S.S. Co & Framwellgate Colliery in which Pelton has bought a controlling interest & of which I was elected chairman.
['chawbacon' – uncultured rustic]	5 Feb, Fri	R.A.A & T.P.G turned up. Very bad relations betw'n them. Former with all manner of dark suspicions about latter. Dined with Bernard Holland. Saw Eddie greatly grown (morally) by his political experiences. Very amusing too. I asked him what the Wiltshire Chawbacons thought of the Fiscal controversy – “Viscal it be a kind of bread”.
	6 Feb, Sat	Morning with T.P.G. To Fisher's Hill for week end. There in add[iti]o[n] to the dear family Ld. & Lady Rayleigh. He is a great simple man. No one would ever guess that he had discovered argon.
	7 Feb, Sun	A real day of rest in delightful Company. Gerald has to answer Morley in absence (sick) of A.J.B. in the big fiscal amendment to address.
	8 Feb, Mon	Early to town. Worked away at arrears of official files & got more & more into touch with the situation governmental, departmental &c. Saw Emily Lawless, John Atkinson. Prowled about the lobbies. Heard Hicks Beach declare for the Government – but against what everyone will still believe to be their policy.
	9 Feb, Tue	Got Eddie to go in for a ranch investment which Windsor controls, a healthy project & I think financially sound.
	10 Feb, Wed	T.P.G left. I had a busy office day & dined with the Aberdeens to discuss their possible vice royalty. They fear the expense – or rather the demand for expenditure after the 'spacious days' of Cadogan & Dudley. They could I told them make up for money expenditure by sympathy – one always can in Ireland!
	11 Feb, Thu	Official various. Lady Betty, B Holland, Emily Lawless, SH Butcher and Daisy dined.
	12 Feb, Fri	To Cambridge to see Professors Marshall & Foxwell & enquire about a successor for Coyne. A.L. Bowley the economist the most hopeful. But only an economist & not an Irishman.
	13 Feb, Sat	Oxford with the Aberdeens – they to see their son Archie, I to look for a Political economist. Met Master of Balliol (Caird), Edgeworth, Rev. C Plummer, Bright master of Univ: & called also on Father Pope S.J. Heard of A1 man (Adams) but no first rate Irishman.
[Historian WEH Lecky died 22 Oct. 1903]	14 Feb, Sun	Called on Mrs. Lecky & tried to cheer her up. She was very depressed poor woman & her friends must be asked to look in on her.
	15 Feb, Mon	House of Commons. Long talk with Redmond, J Atkinson & others. Hunted hard for a successor for Coyne – no results so far.
[Att'y Gen'l – Sir Robert Bannatyne Finlay]	16 Feb, Tue	Colonisation Board, Dover House. Decided to wind it up! Lunched with Sidney Webbs to discuss Coyne's post. Worked with Attorney General over our Amending Bill for our Dept to enlarge industrial promotion powers. Long interview with George Wyndham about sundry matters.

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		Got bound copy of my book! West Ridgeway dined with me.
	17 Feb, Wed	Statistician hunt continued. Saw Bowley, who is eminent but won't do. Saw Macrosty, hardheaded excellent Scotch (very) economist. No knoweldge at all of Ireland. Saw Gerald Balfour & Llewellyn Smith & heard that Crawford, Statis[ticia]n of Bd of Ag may apply. Heard well of ?Hosker. Saw G Wyndham & Atty Gen: about our Amending Bill & came by night to Dublin.
	18 Feb, Thu	First day in office after 11 weeks absence! Bewildering. Officers glad to see me back & I very glad to see them. 2 hours dentist.
	19 Feb, Fri	3 hours dentist! Struggling to get quickly into touch.
	20 Feb, Sat	Daisy came up & I moted in the afternoon to see poor Mrs. Coyne. Found her brave but terribly depressed – living all alone with one small child. My first visit naturally revived sad memories. Looked at J O'Hagan's house, (Homestead Dundrum) which might do for me. Dined Iveaghs. Huge official function & wore my baubles (KCVO) for first time. Did not know how to put them on!
	21 Feb, Sun	Restful Sunday with Daisy & Fingall at Killeen.
	22 Feb, Mon	Moved to the Iveaghs, Stephens Green but only to be a night boarder. The whole day will be taken up for some time by the office.
	23 Feb, Tue	Levee. Official. Ball at Royal Hospital. D[uke] & D[uche]ss of Connaught always very gracious to me. Book on sale.
	24 Feb, Wed	Official. Reviews on book in chief Irish papers & several big English ones. All favourable except Morning Post where young Mahaffy always attacks me & did so using the book, which he evidently did not read, as a peg.
	25 Feb, Thu	Official.
	26 Feb, Fri	Left Morning mail for Manchester where I saw first M E Sadler, then Adams a candidate for Coyne's post. I liked him well & agreed that while we should be both altogether uncommitted he should come to Ireland and see whether he liked the job.
	27 Feb, Sat	By day to Dublin & on to Killeen. Learned from Murray that the book is selling – nearly 1000 gone already & only one day out when he wrote! The reviews will certainly increase the sale. All favorable so far. A good slating Murray seems to think is now required! What most astonishes me in the reviews is the praise of the literary merits.
	28 Feb, Sun	Rest except a long letter from George Wyndham who on seeing that my book has succeeded writes me an effusively generous letter. He is a puzzle. Supposing it had failed what would have been his attitude? He has been so false to me in fact – but what of intention?
	29 Feb, Mon	Back to office. Official, and a Ball at Ashbournes!
	1 Mar, Tue	Conference betw'n IAOS & Dep't which I hope will lead to coordination. H[ugh] de F[ellenberg] Montgomery told me he would probably have to attack my book in behalf of the Prots &

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		Father Barry wrote bitterly to the Freeman's Journal against my reference to the Priests. Ball at Royal Hospital.
	2 Mar, Wed	Agricultural Board meeting, very heavy days work.
	3 Mar, Thu	A troublesome deputation from Tech Inst C'tee of Dublin (city). Prize distrib[utio]n at School of Art &c.
	4 Mar, Fri	Adams the Balliol nominee for Coyne's post arrived & I spent the day with him. I like him much & am sure he would fill the post well. But the difficulties with Gill & the country will be great. There is a tremendous prima facie case against an 'alien'.
	5 Mar, Sat	¾ official day & then took Adams down to Killeen by motor in awful weather. I wanted Daisy to "size him up".
	6 Mar, Sun	Rested except for some hard talking with Adams who had to go back by motor to Dublin & over to Manchester.
	7 Mar, Mon	Back to office. Hugh Law M.P. turned up & I saw something of him & liked him. Cardinal Logue's Pastoral of yesterday condemns my book though he admits he has not read it but gathers its contents from Father Barry's stupid misrepresentation of them in Freeman's Journal.
	8 Mar, Tue	Official.
	9 Mar, Wed	Hard day at office & to London by night mail.
	10 Mar, Thu	Arrived London with Bowers & Curtain as my suite. Most of day with Congested Districts Board. Went to the House & saw Willie Redmond who said my book would be furiously resented by the Priests.
	11 Mar, Fri	C.D.B. House of Commons. Wyndham, Attorney General &c &c. Dined with Conny & Raymond.
	12 Mar, Sat	[No entry]
	13 Mar, Sun	To Fisher's Hill for the day. Calm Lady Lytton, Gerald & Betty the party. Very restful.
[Report of speech in <i>IH</i> , X:12 (19 Mar 1904), pp. 233-4]; [Master of Balliol – Edward Caird]	14 Mar, Mon	Official morning. Dined St. Patrick Club Oxford & made rather a good speech I think. Saw Master of Balliol & A.L. Smith. Both said they strongly advised Adams to accept Coyne's post but feared he would not.
	15 Mar, Tue	Long talk with J. Redmond about Irish affairs. I think he is rather hopeless about Home Rule & expects gradual devolution. Adams has decided not to take Coyne's post.
[Humphry]	16 Mar, Wed	Heavy day at official various. My book has raised a storm in the R.C. Church in Ireland. Long talk with Haldane on University Question. Decided to promote a debate. Met at dinner with Monteagles, Sir F Pollock & Sidney Webbs. Mrs. Humphrey [<i>sic</i>] Ward and Charles Booth failed.
	17 Mar, Thu	St. Paddy & the usual IIA gala. Lady Aberdeen opened it in a

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		good little speech. Dined with Filson Young & his Round Table Club – a few congenial Bohemians, not very interesting though original.
	18 Mar, Fri	Interviewed some flax experts with an invention & did other official work.
	19 Mar, Sat	Morning hours with Adams my chosen but coy economist. Took him to Lady Aberdeen who tried her charms. All I fear without avail. He was a little shaken in his resolve by my appeal. But on Monday I am to know definitely & I shall I fear know the worst. Dined with Filson Young & wife to meet Mrs. John R Green who had bitterly attacked me & my book. I think I partially mollified her. If she had been a man I should have been very angry with her for misquoting.
	20 Mar, Sun	To Fishers Hill with Daisy who stayed the night. I returned & dined L Earle, B Holland & J Atkinson at St. James Club. I was at my sleepest & worst.
	21 Mar, Mon	Dr. Harold told me I was looking better but insisted on further tonic. No decision from Adams. He is to write to Dublin today. Settled an Amending Act with G Wyndham to extend our department's powers & did much other official work. Then left for Ireland.
	22 Mar, Tue	Official hard. Still no word from Adams. Dined with the Coffeys & met Kuno Meyer the Gaelic scholar. He was delighted at the "marvellous change" which had come over public opinion with regard to his special subject.
	23 Mar, Wed	Tech Instruction Board & a deputation from the Gaelic League urging the Department to support a National Exhib'n in 1905 versus an International Exhib'n in 1906 took the whole day. Dr. Sheehan Bp. of Waterford wrote me a very nice letter about the Book. I shall weather the storm all right.
[Spelled both Biggar/Bigger]	24 Mar, Thu	Morning train to Belfast. Met Francis Joseph Biggar (relative of the great obstructor) a Northern Gaelic Leaguer. Walked talked & went over Royal Victoria Hospital with Adam Duffin, all informing. Dinner of weighty locals at Tom Sinclairs.
	25 Mar, Fri	Arrived early Principle [<i>sic</i>] Fairbairn (Mansfield College Oxford) a very militant nonconformist. Had two hours fight with him over the University Q'n & got him to admit that he opposed it on purely English grounds. He could not bring himself to make any concession of principle in Ireland which might react on the Educ'n Controversy now raging in Eng'd. Pirrie showed me over his works – <u>most</u> interesting. Dinner at night where much discussion of University Q'n.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	26 Mar, Sat	Back early to Dublin & down with motor to Dunsany in evening where Eddie Mary Dorothy & some guests. During day much office work and a long talk with Sir A MacDonnell who hopes for but does not see his way to Home Rule.
	27 Mar, Sun	Moted back to Dublin so as to be on the ground early tomorrow.
	28 Mar, Mon	Official, worked 6 AM to 8 P.M. only stopping for a hurried

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		lunch.
	29 Mar, Tue	Down to Waterford where Goff took me round the religious order (chief industry) and housed me. He has a hard ?good downright Terrible wife – <u>must</u> be English. Addressed a crowded meeting in the Court House at a distribution of prizes. The Bishop Dr Sheehan very kind but took care to say nothing which could be taken as expressing approval of my views which he admits in private. The storm will blow over.
	30 Mar, Wed	After sleepless night left Goffs 7 AM & took train to Cork via Mallow. At Cork met the committee of the Cork Cooperative Creameries Federation (15 auxiliaries sending cream to be churned in Cork). I felt some pride at what the farmers were doing after only 15 years. Saw Dr. Macdonald candidate for Coyne's post. He would nearly do. To Limerick J[unctio]n at night with Browne & R.A.A.
	31 Mar, Thu	Visited Solohead Creamery & met a very intelligent Committee. They have 5 auxiliaries & are quite a big concern. On to Limerick where the Agency Soc'y had monthly C'tee meeting in really fine premises. David Roche has done excellent work with that institution. By dinner time to Lahinch. Weather awful & threatening worse. Crowded with golfers – a nice lot on the whole.
[<i>modus vivendi</i> – way of life]	1 Apr, Fri	Prof'rs Campbell & Wilson came here at my request yesterday, my hope being that Campbell & Anderson would get over their personal antipathy which alone stands in the way of a <i>modus vivendi</i> betw'n the IAOS & Dep't – at present nonexistent. Played a round of golf & took a walk.
	2 Apr, Sat	Golf & walk again. At night had 2 hours hard talk with Campbell, a fine fellow but stubborn & suspicious beyond all the men I ever met in my endeavours to conciliate people.
	3 Apr, Sun (Easter)	Service & Sacrament at the little Chapel of Ease & Golf. Campbell left partially softened towards Anderson.
	4 Apr, Mon	Wild & wet but not as bad as yesterday. Golfed & worked a little.
	5 Apr, Tue	Left Lahinch sadly for it was the first fine day – sunny even – after a ½ round of golf – for Adare where I wanted to have a talk with Dunraven. To my horror the Connaughts male & female & staff, the Duchess of Sutherland, “Billy” Hart Dyke, the Adares, the Knight of Glin & others were there & made this impossible. In Limerick I had another talk with Dr. O'Dwyer, very interesting, about my book. It has made him very sore. But he remains generously friendly.
	6 Apr, Wed	Back to Dublin. The rage at my book increases, Fr. Barry, the Freeman & a rag named New Ireland are the chief attackers.
	7 Apr, Thu	Official hard.
	8 Apr, Fri	Rose at 5.45 AM & worked straight through to 7.45 with 1¼ hours off at lunch.
	9 Apr, Sat	A full day at the office. I must manage my work better. I have worked from 6 AM to 6 or 8 P.M. 3 days running & the evening

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		is even then not without its finishing duties.
	10 Apr, Sun	Down to Killeen in motor with Gill, slept the night.
	11 Apr, Mon	Back to office, all day preparing speech for the meeting tomorrow.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , X:16 (16 Apr 1904), pp. 315-7; and in <i>DATI Journal</i> , IV:4 (Jun 1904) pp. 606-15]	12 Apr, Tue	Council of Agriculture – sixth meeting, 65 attended – good businesslike discussion, no references to The Book. Sense of meeting overruled some factions opposition.
	13 Apr, Wed	Lunched with Major Jameson to look at Taney House, Dundrum. Too noisy, too suburban. Dreadfully tired after yesterday.
	14 Apr, Thu	Still tired from meeting. C.D.B. met at Castle.
	15 Apr, Fri	Official
	16 Apr, Sat	Down to Killeen for week end.
	17 Apr, Sun	Restful Sunday.
	18 Apr, Mon	54 minutes from Killeen Castle to Kildare St. Club in motor. It must be about 20 miles probably nearer 22 especially going through the Phoenix Park. Saw Dudley, wrote address to King for laying Foundation stone Royal Coll of Science, 28th ceremony. To London by night mail.
	19 Apr, Tue	Arrived early after bad night. Met Royal Com'n on St. Louis Exhib'n with Castletown but get no satisfaction out of them – except a further illustration of the hopelessness of getting Englishmen to understand Ireland!
	20 Apr, Wed	Congested Districts Board. Pelton Steamship meeting. Ran out to dinner with Lady Betty & had delightful tête à tête. Such a calm healthy person & in spite of her calmness, like poor Coyne, <u>so</u> stimulating.
	21 Apr, Thu	Long CDB meeting in morning. Lunched with Sir A MacDonnell whom I persuaded not to throw up his job because the Ch: Sec & Prime Minister had knocked out our proposed references to the University Q'n in the address to the King & in his reply at Foundation stone laying ceremony next Thursday. Talk with ?Lytton about my book which he is to criticise. Dined with Mrs. J R Green & met ?'Larky' Waldron M.P. (over-rated) & the James Bryces. He drying up dreadfully with age.
	22 Apr, Fri	C.D.B. again, Arthur Balfour looking in. Sundry official & back at night to Dublin.
	23 Apr, Sat	Official & to Killeen in motor.
	24 Apr, Sun	Back to Dublin. Killen Castle to Kildare St. Club 52 minutes. Went through Phoenix Park. I suppose must have been about 21 miles.
	25 Apr, Mon	Official
	26 Apr, Tue	Ditto, but the world was at Punchestown whence the King went from Kingstown direct. I rose early & golfed in afternoon which I think I must try & make a practice of. Went at night to 2 of Yeats

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		plays – too literary & undramatic at Molesworth Hall. Acting of 1 man & 1 woman excellent. Curious audience. Judge Madden, Hanson, Maud Gonne, S Gwynn, John O’Leary & self a sample mixture.
	27 Apr, Wed	No Punchestown again. Heavy official work.
	28 Apr, Thu	The King laid the Foundation Stone of the new Royal College of Science – an imposing ceremony. I read him an address with a touch of constructive ideas where I was allowed. He read a reply in which Sir A MacDonnell did his best to advance my ideas! I dined with the King who was particularly nice to me & talked a good deal on the Land Question. He has evidently been coached by landlords. He takes the utterances of the Irish members too seriously.
	29 Apr, Fri	Very tired after yesterday. Long official day.
[chez lui – at home]	30 Apr, Sat	Moted Campbell to Kilkenny Show where the King paid a visit & had excellent reception. Went on to Kilcooley to see Alice & Rowley & 3 Holroyd Smyth girls. Rather too much of that element, but very glad to see Tommy chez lui & to hear the latest news of poor Alice in her new life. Lady Harriette, who is a quite irresponsible woman has been more outrageously dishonest in her family affairs than ever. She has sold nearly all the heirlooms.
	1 May, Sun	Poured all day. Had a very interesting talk with Campbell.
[Bennett – New York newspaper proprietor & sponsor of an annual four-nation auto race; held in Ireland in 1903.]	2 May, Mon	Moted to Dublin 81 miles in 4 hours, first 2 hours roads vile & only made 34 miles. Did 47 in next two hours much of road being over Gordon Bennett course. Motors are a real joy.
	3 May, Tue	Official. Went into The Barn Foxrock on my summer ‘talú’.
	4 May, Wed	Official.
	5 May, Thu	Fr. O’Donovan came out to The Barn. We had a tête a tête evening & he told me his sorrows. He sees Irish character as I do & admits all I say about the RC Clergy in my book. His position is very sad. He has no sympathy for his own clergy.
	6 May, Fri	Official & John O’Toole a R.C. ?historian to dinner to talk book with Fr. O’Donovan.
	7 May, Sat	½ official ½ golf. Fr. O’Donovan left.
	8 May, Sun	[No entry]
	9 May, Mon	Official
	10 May, Tue	Official
	11 May, Wed	Official. Privy Council to swear in new Commander in Chief Ld. Grenfell. To Vice Regal Lodge for a couple of days. Too much champagne, food, bridge, late hours. But otherwise ?enjoyable & --- & ?lacking in formality.
	12 May, Thu	Took a half holiday & golfed with His Ex[cellency] & party at Portmarnock.
	13 May, Fri	Official

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	14 May, Sat	Out to Palmerston and met N. Synnott (of Furness Naas) a good type of 'Lay Catholic' but not able to speak out. He agreed generously with my book & we had a helpful talk on it. Lady Mayo & Dermot as nice as ever. He looks ill & I fear is not a good life.
[miles]	15 May, Sun	Moted to The Barn in 1 hour. It must be 24 hours [<i>sic</i>] & I stopped 4 times. I ran from Palmerston to K St. Club in 40 minutes.
	16 May, Mon	Daisy & her girls came to The Barn.
	17 May, Tue	Official
	18 May, Wed	Took a half holiday & lunched His Ex[cellency] at the Barn. Had 2 18-hole foursomes. He & Murrough O'Brien vs self & the Carrickmines 'Pro'. We won. Pleasant day. His Ex[cellency] spoke with perfect frankness about Irish Gov't. He is evidently very sore at the way Wyndham domineers over him. T.P. went to America to look after Dept's exhibit at St. Louis.
	19 May, Thu	Another half day off. I shall stick to this plan – Get up early, say 6 AM, stay in office only half day whenever possible & get some fresh air during the long afternoons. Today moted Daisy & Minnie Fitzgerald to see Walpole's garden at Ashford, one of the sights of Ireland though little known. The old linen merchant has cultivated his charming little valley of 4 acres for 40 years & has a wonderful collection of interesting flowers ferns & shrubs.
	20 May, Fri	Hagberg Wright, Librarian London Library, came over to be vetted for Coyne's post. He may do. I don't like him but he may be improved. He appears to me to be forceful, capable but purely ambitious. He is not an economist but on the intelligence side he would be hard to beat.
	21 May, Sat	Went househunting & saw Starkie.
	22 May, Sun	Atkinson came out & golfed & lunched. Then Daisy & I motored to see Lady Dudley, Lady Maxwell & Mrs. Lecky. Also Lady Monteagle from whom I got the Priests real objection to my book. They don't understand it & imagine that I accuse their religion of weakening the character of the people. They do so but I did not say their religion necessarily did.
	23 May, Mon	Starkie & wife, Stevens, School inspector reporting on Irish secondary schools for Wyndham & John Atkinson golfed – & so we got through the Bank Holiday.
	24 May, Tue	Worked at the Barn.
	25 May, Wed	Official & a useful talk with Fr. Finlay about my book & the critics.
	26 May, Thu	Ditto
	27 May, Fri	Oldham came to Barn at night & Daisy & I 'vetted' him well. Character good. Great industry, poor imagination & hopeless want of tact. Told him I could not yet decide but fear he won't do.
	28 May, Sat	[No entry]
	29 May, Sun	[No entry]
	30 May, Mon	Official

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	31 May, Tue	Official and afternoon driving my motor at a bazaar 1/- a seat!
	1 Jun, Wed	[No entry]
	2 Jun, Thu	Official
	3 Jun, Fri	Ditto
	4 Jun, Sat	Ditto. These last three evenings had my motor at the Big hospital Bazaar at Ballsbridge & raked in shillings probably some £12 in all for the fund.
[Ward is Ld. Dudley's brother]	5 Jun, Sun	Dudley, Gerald Ward & Callan lunched at The Barn & we golfed the afternoon.
	6 Jun, Mon	Official
	7 Jun, Tue	Ditto
	8 Jun, Wed	Luncheon given to Dublin Tech: C'tee. Made a very poor speech.
	9 Jun, Thu	Official
	10 Jun, Fri	Official
	11 Jun, Sat	½ official
	12 Jun, Sun	Golf, a call at Vice Regal, a local dinner party.
	13 Jun, Mon	Official. Daisy & her little girls left me ?lonely!
	14 Jun, Tue	Official
	15 Jun, Wed	Official. Richard Bagwell came to dine & sleep at Barn. He read some of my book & was I think impressed.
	16 Jun, Thu	Agric'l Board & Deput[atio]n from Wicklow Co Council. Feeling good at both.
	17 Jun, Fri	Opened a Methodist Bazaar at Blackrock. Worthy folk. Horrid rush to get away to London leaving the office for a week.
[prob. political author Maurice H. Hervey]	18 Jun, Sat	Pelton meeting 10.30 A.M. Walsh & Mrs. Bainbridge. Dined J.G. Butchers & met Hervey who entertained me with his American experiences.
	19 Jun, Sun	To Fisher's Hill with Daisy. Alfred Lyttelton & I played Lytton & Gerald at golf. Sir Francis Hopwood, chief permanent officer of Bd of Trade, only other guest. Perfect day.
	20 Jun, Mon	Back with Lytton with whom much interesting talk. Large meeting at Bath House, Piccadilly of Agric Organ[isatio]n Soc'y, my indirect creation. The idea is catching on. Room over 80° & I spoke poorly. But 15 speakers! Long talk with G. Wyndham. I like him not.
	21 Jun, Tue	Officialissimo. Saw during day Gilbert Parker, Hugh Cecil, Winston Churchill about book & debate, Mary, Westmeath, Onslow, Atkinson, many M.P.s, was generally in a whirl of things. Went to Iveagh's Ball (!) Had to go as it was to meet Connaughts. Too tired. Wasn't looking my best!! Heard Lytton in London on Chantry bequest.
	22 Jun, Wed	Royal Agric'l Show. First appearance as Hon Member of Royal

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		Agric'l Soc'y – took most of day. Much work later with Cantrell, Daly, Bd of Works Holmes, Aston Webb architect of Royal Coll of Science & much besides. Dined with Lady C----- and met some people I knew. Clever people there too.
	23 Jun, Thu	All day in House listening to a debate chiefly on “Ireland in the New Century”. Best advertisement I ever knew for a book. I was attacked for attacking the clergy & defended for so doing. Nobody suggested that the book had other purposes!
	24 Jun, Fri	Finished up with a busy day. Had Shan F. Bullock, Filson Young, Hugh Law & Reggie to lunch & dined with Gilbert Parkers meeting Aberdeens, Moberley Bells, Saltouns & a Mrs. Ronalds. Stock ?diners ?not. During day did House, John Murray, endless correspondence.
	25 Jun, Sat	Day mail to Kingstown – The Barn where Anderson dined & slept.
[FRCSI – Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland] [<i>corpus sanum</i> – people at large]	26 Jun, Sun	R. F. Tobin F.R.C.S.I. an old Army surgeon, a travelled R.C. came to talk to me about <u>his</u> fad – the Poor Law medical service to be elevated in the interests of the corpus sanum. Fundamental truly but I think my Character fad comes first. Went to see Lady Dudley in her tent. Dudley, she & I had a great talk. There we phoned for Sir Antony & had a talk I wish I had time to write down.
	27 Jun, Mon	Heavy official day. Lunched with The Dean of St. Patrick's (Bernard) who discussed with me my proposed Introd[uctio]n to my 2nd Ed[itio]n & passed it theologically sound.
[<i>feis</i> – festival]	28 Jun, Tue	Moted from The Barn to Ardrie, Belfast where I stayed with Francis Joseph Bigger a B'fst solicitor and a great Gaelic revivalist. I expect to be greatly impressed by the Feis he has organised for Thursday. He introduced me to a Mr. Horner (textile business), Major Berry leaving A[rmy].S[ervice].C[orps]. & buying land in Ireland, a Mr. Welsh & two of his brothers – all very good Irishmen & on for helping.
	29 Jun, Wed	To Larne with Bigger after a talk with Tom Sinclair. Saw my millionaire host's horses, cattle, motors, yacht (in distance) cottage hospital &c. Fisher (Northern Whig) to dinner & some useful talk.
	30 Jun, Thu	A day to be remembered. By motor to Cushendall all round the Antrim coast. Hazy, could not see Scotland. But mountains & glens glorious. Passed hundreds all wending their way to the Nine Glens of Antrim at Waterfoot. At Cushendall met Bigger & his Belfast converts to 'Nationality', Otway Cuffe, Sir D Dixon, Sir Hugh Smiley & Fisher who came in Sir H's luxurious yacht & a host of others similarly mixed. All day the music (pipes 'fidils' & harps) the dancing, athletics, games & industries show went on – 5000 there I daresay & not a drunken man. In ev[enin]g a concert at which I distributed prizes & spoke (fairly). Slept at a sea shore cottage with a Mrs Riddel.
[Q.C.]	1 Jul, Fri	To Ballycastle over 1000 feet of a rise where I saw Miss Boyd & was shown the Toy industry. On to Ballymoney where I attended an agric'l show & spoke practically to the show society at a lunch. W Moore K.C. [<i>sic</i>] MP was there & cut me. He is bitterest

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		of the bitter against me as he is an ascendancy placehunting lawyer & I put a spoke in his wheel, J Stewart Moore put me up at Ballydivity, Dervock. Nice simple people. I saw an excellent coop poultry society at Dervock.
	2 Jul, Sat	Moted my host & his two sons to Portrush. There I had a round of golf & lunch & then spoke extempore to The Decorative Art Assoc'n which opened its exhibit for the Tourist season. It consisted of Belfast ladies mostly as far as I could gather. But their work was excellent & Irish – made a speech also to Deaf & Dumb – dreadful nuisance these eternal requests for what I cannot creditably give – which sounds odd. It was an ?extension of the Society from Belfast. I spoke a few words of sympathy which were signaled to the audience – 150 about I should say. Moted to Galgorm, Ballymena & put up with John Young.
	3 Jul, Sun	To Dublin & The Barn 130 miles by motor. Lunched at Newry – half way – with Irwin. Thus ended a very tiring but decidedly useful trip. Extraordinary variety in types of weather one feels in a motor but only observes in a train.
	4 Jul, Mon	Back to the arrears! Rev. C. Plummer my old history tutor at Oxford turned up & I dined & slept him at The Barn. He is studying Celtic. Signor Boni (of Roman Forum excavating fame) writes asking to be shown Old Ireland as he wishes to corelate [<i>sic</i>] some old Irish developments with the Roman Forum idea. Sir A MacDonnell & Wyndham are trying to absorb the Dept into the Castle & I fear a fight over it.
	5 Jul, Tue	Opened the Summer Courses for teachers of our Science & Art programme in Intermediate schools. Made two speeches (R[oyal].C[ollege of]. S[cience]. & School of Art) to the two largest classes. Meeting of Congested Districts Board. Minute from Chief Secretary re keeping his office at the Castle (c.c. Sir A MacDonnell) in touch with all Department's work – in other words making us a "Castle Board", which the whole intention of Parliament was to save us from. Boni having written that he wanted to study ancient Ireland in order to see what light it threw upon the Roman Forum idea, I got Fr. Hogan S.J. to come to The Barn with Fr. Finlay & discussed how to show him round. The I.A.O.S. C'tee met & poor Anderson was badly bullied by some of them.
	6 Jul, Wed	Nasty sty in my eye & rather seedy. R.A.A. came out to dine & sleep & I discussed his troubles with him. I tried to pacify him & give him faith & hope in the ?movement, both badly sunken.
	7 Jul, Thu	Worse today but had to go through House Committee to make scheme for year & farewell dinner & presentation to Blair. Went in for an hour only & made extempore speech. Did it fairly. Colleagues very friendly.
	8 Jul, Fri	Cattle sheep & swine Expert C'tee but only James Byrne, Co--y & Anderson turned up. This shows that there is no great dissatisfaction abroad with the Dept. But it will be attributed to apathy in hopelessness of Dep[artmen]t[a] influence. Saw P.D. Kenny an applicant for Coyne's post (a strange product of Irish life of whom more may be heard). Said goodbye to Blair, was with Dr. & had O'Toole out to The Barn. Eyes & health

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		better.
	9 Jul, Sat	¾ official day including long talk with Sir Antony MacDonnell on Irish government. Fletcher came out & dined & Anderson & I talked over possibilities of peasant industries.
	10 Jul, Sun	A day of comparative rest with Anderson at The Barn.
	11 Jul, Mon	Official. Two deputations, one from promoters of National Exhib'n (Gaelic Leaguers & extreme section of politicians) and of International Exhib'n, weak Nationalists & good natured, would-be popular leaders, nobility (Drogheda, Castletown, Mayo &c). The former project backed by Freeman, the latter initiated (with journalistic intent) & championed by Independent. I took a very independent line with both. This pays in the <u>long</u> run.
	12 Jul, Tue	[No entry]
	13 Jul, Wed	Tom Ponsonby came to The Barn for a night. His eyes are troubling him.
	14 Jul, Thu	Gill returned from America & I had a heavy day with him.
	15 Jul, Fri	[No entry]
	16 Jul, Sat	½ holiday. Long interview with Sir Antony. Called on Lady Dudley, both interesting. Moted to Killeen for a dine & sleep.
	17 Jul, Sun	Moted back to Barn from Killeen. Quiet Sunday at The Barn.
	18 Jul, Mon	Aston Webb came over & agreed with the Dept about the allocation of space betw'n the faculties in the new Royal College of Science. Very heavy day & off to London by night. Fletcher, Antony MacDonnell and Tim Healy (very bitter ag[ain]st Dept because we would not appoint a Patent inspector whom he recommended in a personal letter to me).
	19 Jul, Tue	Big official day in London. Interviewed JE O'Conor, late statistician to Indian Gov't, aged 61! Very capable man I should say & shall offer him Coyne's post. Not exactly the man for it but gets me out of a great difficulty. 'Ireland Club' dinner Hotel Cecil. Debate on Tourist traffic. Spoke extempore & badly. But club no good.
	20 Jul, Wed	To Durham with Walsh. Met Gardiner, Armstrong & Shiel (viewer of Framwellgate) & went over Framwellgate Collieries of which I am Chairman for first time. Poor concern but under Gardiner will develop. Went to County Hotel, Newcastle to sleep.
	21 Jul, Thu	Meeting of John Bowes & Partners Ltd., Pelton & Framwellgate Collieries. Then by boat to Felling Staithes & Colliery and by rail to Jarrow Staithes. Thence by Bowes' railway (the Pontop & Jarrow Ry) to Wardley & Springwell Collieries, whence by carriage to Newcastle.
[Berkley] [Butler – probable confusion with Lady Beatrice Frances Elizabeth Butler. Cf 24	22 Jul, Fri	By 6 AM train to Anfield Plains station near Pontop Colliery, by carriage to Dipton whence by P & J R'y to Burnopfield, Byer Moor, Andrews House & Marley Hill. There we were trucked by Mr Birkley [sic] viewer of Marley Hill & St. Andrews House & thence we drove to Kibblesworth to Newcastle. I have now seen all the Bowes Collieries. Sensation of the day characteristically cynical announcement from Eddie of his engagement to Lady Beatrice Butler [sic].

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Jul. Ld. & Lady Jersey's daughter is Lady Beatrice Child-Villiers]		
	23 Jul, Sat	Inspected Pelton in morning – much better management than Bowes or Framwellgate. Back to London. Dined with Mary & met Reggie. Fine fellow with great future I should say. Found pile of official stuff to deal with.
	24 Jul, Sun	Went to Osterley to act in loco parentis for Eddie in the matter of his engagement to Lady Beatrice. To Ld. & Lady Jersey he was yet a possible adventurer! The real Eddie I presented with absolute fidelity as far as I could & satisfied the parents absolutely. The money question was easily disposed of. Lady Beatrice is quite charming, of the Lady Lytton (dowager) & Lady Loch type I think. A perfect alliance I should say & one which will get the best out of Eddie.
[<i>multa non multum</i> – of considerable volume but small content]	25 Jul, Mon	<i>Multa non multum</i> . Of course Eddie's engagement means lawyers &c. Then JE O'Connor accepted Coyne's post.
	26 Jul, Tue	Interview with O'Connor our new Statistician, fully explained the work & his pos[iti]on to him. Heard that Newry Keady Tynan Railway project was accepted finally by Irish Gov't & Treasury. This means the realisation of one of poor Coyne's dreams. Had an interview with Caröe who is to build me a house at Foxrock. Attended a meeting of a Geological Survey C'tee of advice to decide the order in which the drift surveys were to be taken in the U.K. I was to decide for Ireland!! Back to Dublin by night.
	27 Jul, Wed	Official. Fr. O'Donovan came to The Barn.
	28 Jul, Thu	Official. Mrs. John R Green, Miss Emily Hobhouse & a quite terrible male, Miss Groome Browne (of Oxford, graduate, same honours in Modern History as I got!) came to tea & dinner at The Barn.
	29 Jul, Fri	Official. Fr. O'Donovan left.
	30 Jul, Sat	Big morning's work. Then Daisy lunched to discuss setting up of Morley House, Mrs. Stephen Spring Rice came to tea. I dined at Vice Regal to meet Norfolks & and Archbp. of Westminster (Bourne). No chance of any talk with either. But Norfolk very stupid I thought.
	31 Jul, Sun	By motor to Dublin via Maryborough, Roscrea, Nenagh, Portroe, Clonlara, Limerick to Mount Trenchard for a Flower show &c at Foynes tomorrow. At Clonlara (Park House) saw Thomas J Westropp, best archaeologist in Ireland re Boni's visit.
	1 Aug, Mon	Agric'l home industries & etcetera show at Foynes. The poor Monteagles are trying to do good without any local support. The population is rather hopeless & the P.P. & C.C.s are all more than apathetic – antipathetic. Tiring day & not much good done, but perhaps a little help & encouragement given to the family who are trying so hard to make things better.
	2 Aug, Tue	Moted to Askeaton (en route to Dublin!) & got no further.

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		Stupidly ran over a cross lock on double gate of Carbide works – a splendid Irish enterprise promoted solely by local squires. Motor had to be dragged to Rathkeale to be loaded on to truck & sent to Dublin. Monteagle, who was with me, & I drove to Limerick where an important agency meeting. Then we trained to Dublin & I came to The Barn where I was in possession of another house, The Cottage, which I had filled with the “Monkey’s”.
	3 Aug, Wed	Official. Hanson came to Barn for a dine & sleep. He has a nice character but a bad manner.
	4 Aug, Thu	Official – and had to give evidence for W.B. Yeats & Co before a judicial enquiry as to their fitness to have a licensed theatre of their own.
	5 Aug, Fri	Official
	6 Aug, Sat	½ official. Dined the Arthur Hamiltons who will be on my visiting list at Foxrock! Visited Oirachtas Industrial exhibit. The country is certainly moving onwards.
	7 Aug, Sun	Rest & golf
	8 Aug, Mon	Official routine. At a Privy Council I told Dudley that much of the Unionist Revolt was due to a rumour that he had said that Ireland could only be governed through the Priests.
	9 Aug, Tue	Official
	10 Aug, Wed	Official
[Foxrock]	11 Aug, Thu	Spent the day with Jim Power, Caröe, Kaye, Parry, Smith of Newry, Sharpe contractor (retired) & Daisy – all advising about the building of my house on my Foxford [<i>sic</i>] site.
	12 Aug, Fri	Geoffrey Drage turned up.
	13 Aug, Sat	Giacomo Boni official excavator of Roman Forum arrived for a fortnight visit at the most awkward time – holidays, Horse Show &c – to see old Ireland, where he thinks he may discover “what gave rise to the Roman Forum” – I hope he may. A pagan bond with Rome would be interesting. It gives me a big job making his plans.
	14 Aug, Sun	Francis Joseph Bigger came to Barn & Fr. Hogan dined. We did a dolmen (Kilternan) & then the Savant asked for some scenery. So Scalp, Enniskerry, Bray. Delighted. Afternoon call on Vice Regal – not at home to Boni – they had asked him to lunch & the letter had not come – & MacDonnells.
	15 Aug, Mon	Official & then went to Killeen with Bigger & Boni doing Tara en route.
	16 Aug, Tue	Interesting day in Motor with Bigger & Daisy to show Boni round antiquities of Boyne Valley. Back to Barn. The Conynghams lunched & the Gradwells tea’d us.
	17 Aug, Wed	Official including a Conversazione in the Museum to the Vets in Dublin ‘congrishing’. Deadly affair, £30 worth of dullness.
	18 Aug, Thu	By morning mail with Boni to Galway where we went on board the Helga & had a rough passage to Aran. I was just not sick & very miserable! We did Dun Angus fort well with Thos J Westropp who also joined us at Galway. He is the best Irish

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		antiquarian 'on the ground', as Coffey is about the things found. Slept in Killeany bay.
	19 Aug, Fri	Did the Black Fort in North Island & a buried place in South Island. Boni really refreshed by this change of occupation & surroundings. He is a delightful person. His English is not good but his face is a study when he is taking in the points of one's conversation. His perception is electric & he is not a specialist but a broad, human, sympathetic fellow. I sent him through the Burren in afternoon with Westropp but had to come back to Dublin & The Barn.
	20 Aug, Sat	Official. ½ holiday.
	21 Aug, Sun	Rest
	22 Aug, Mon	All Ireland & much of English Society & sport crowding in for Horse Show week. Percy La Touche & Dorothy joined my party. Unhappily it is about my busiest week in the year at the Dept.
	23 Aug, Tue	First day of Horse Show. I saw it not. Beresford arrived.
	24 Aug, Wed	Official. Percy La Touche left.
	25 Aug, Thu	Boni got back to The Barn.
	26 Aug, Fri	Agricultural Board. 11 out of the 12 attended (Montgomery abroad) including Downes new member who behaved well. The Bd voted some £40,000 or £50,000 & was in excellent humour. Boni lectured in evening in R.D.S. theatre which I had borrowed for the occasion. Most interesting to very large & representative audience. Beresford left.
	27 Aug, Sat	Official. Bernard Holland turned up.
	28 Aug, Sun	Had much work to do today but in the morning came a wire from the Vice Regal that Dudley & 7 others were coming to lunch & golf!! Happily I had two houses & lunched my own & his guests. The golf did me more good I daresay than the work.
	29 Aug, Mon	To Newry with B Holland in motor. Met Irwin & did much planning & scheming for the development of the border-land. Went by Carlingford & got fine view of Carlingford Lough.
[CB – Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath]	30 Aug, Tue	Went on to Downpatrick to meet Bigger & Boni. Saw the great fort, St. Patrick's (?) grave &c. Saw other stone & earth works in neighbourhood & did some Departmental inquiry besides. Housed for night by Colonel Wallace C.B., grand master of Belfast Orangemen & much too good for the post. I am glad he is in it however as he is a good honest squire & soldier & may in time bring his followers out of blind bigotry to free air where their good qualities may have free national play.
[Henry Bellingham]	31 Aug, Wed	Back by motor Downpatrick, Dundrum, Newcastle, Bryansford, Rostrevor, Warrenpoint, Newry, Dundalk, Castle Bellingham (where tea with Sir H. B.) Dublin & The Barn. At Newry met Canon Quin of Camlough & had very interesting talk over proposal to start a Village Hall there out of a fund of £1500 (over which Monteagle and I are trustees) advanced to build 6 Halls in poor Irish districts. He told me a lot about men & things in North of Ireland.

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	1 Sep, Thu	Official. Bullock & Rolleston dined to talk to B Holland, Boni having gone to the John Dillons.
	2 Sep, Fri	Official. Boni returned & A.E., Bullock, T P Gill, Dr. Brown, F. Demoleyns (of Irish Times) dined. B Holland left by morning Mail.
	3 Sep, Sat	Boni left & after $\frac{2}{3}$ official day I went to Abbeyleix to the De Vescis. Lady De V. was hostess but it was sad. The young De V. her nephew in Irish Guards, aetat 23, does not quite know whether he will soldier or reside on his estate & Lady De V. & Mary (15) don't know whether it is better to stay or go. I hope they will stay a while – perhaps till the boy marries. He is not clever but sensible & I think feels the responsibility of his position. He is not enough of a boy for my liking.
	4 Sep, Sun	Long talk with Lady De V on above problem. Hers is a marvellously sympathetic & calming personality. 'Gerry' Liddell & her brother Captain Liddell are of the party. A nice Sunday's rest, even Hammy Stubber, who lunched, being piano enough not to destroy it.
	5 Sep, Mon	Letter from O'Connor withdrawing, after utterly improper delay, his acceptance of Coyne's post. A most unlucky & embarrassing situation for me!
	6 Sep, Tue	Up early & did short official day taking in the Automobile Club races on the Silver Strand, Portmarnock. The more I see of motoring the more selfish it appears & the more certain I am that the motorists will have to try for special roads or be content to go so slow that it will be no pleasure – unless invention cheapens automobilisation so that it takes the place of horses.
	7 Sep, Wed	Entered for a motor race on the sands. Handicapped out of it. Wrote Bernard Holland & would he take Coyne's post if we were off with O'Connor, also to O'Connor would he take up the duties on March 1, 05 (when his engagements with his company would be over) if we gave him the chance.
	8 Sep, Thu	Technical Instruction Board, rather formal. Fr. Finlay & I had a pow-wow at The Barn about our Domestic Economy experiment.
	9 Sep, Fri	Started early in motor to Drogheda where we saw Dept's fruit-drying industry, on to Randlestown (for the night) where we went into the tobacco experiments carefully with the American expert we have got over from Dept of Ag. at Washington to attend the burning. Everard is doing well with his big experiment (20 acres) & will I think show that with a 1/- rebate the industry will prosper.
	10 Sep, Sat	Moted to Ballyhaise with Everard & Campbell. Saw A Lough there who showed us Cavan Creameries Ltd. & went over the Ballyhaise house & lands which the Dept propose to buy for Agric'l development purposes. Back with the Professor to Killeen where we arrived after dark. I walked him over Tara by the way.
	11 Sep, Sun	Back with Campbell to Dublin early. I wanted to have a quiet day at The Cottage to think, rest, plan my new house &c &c. But Dudley announced himself, Sir J Dickson Poynder & Harry Cust

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		for lunch.
	12 Sep, Mon	Poured. Fire in office & gas last hour. Summer's gone!
	13 Sep, Tue	Long office day & off to London by night mail for Eddie's wedding Thursday.
[Margaret Child-Villiers Rice, sister of Beatrice] [Uncle Jim – James Wentworth Leigh]	14 Sep, Wed	To London to see Caroe about my house, O'Conor about taking the Coyne post in March(!) and a few other things. Then to Middleton Park, Bicester where the two families met, 23 in number, for Eddie's wedding tomorrow. Ernle, Mary, Reggie, Harry & self versus Jerseys, Longfords, Rices. Also uncle Jim, Dean of Hereford, George Peel and Northland (best man). Nice country house & party.
	15 Sep, Thu	Eddie & Beatrice were duly wedded. Simple pretty country wedding. They went off to Dudley Leigh's house not very far off & before dinner they wired their arrival & "no quarrells [<i>sic</i>] so far". An altogether satisfactory alliance & one I do hope fraught with real happiness to both.
	16 Sep, Fri	Back to London where I hoped to have a good talk with Sir G Murray, but neither he nor the only other Treasury man who watches Irish affairs (Heath) were at home. Aimless day in London & at night to Ireland again.
	17 Sep, Sat	Dublin ½ official day.
	18 Sep, Sun	George Coffey came to dine & sleep. Lunched with Tyrrells at Greystones. Amusing people.
	19 Sep, Mon	Official
	20 Sep, Tue	Official. Presented testimonial from staff & art pupils to Brenan, late Headmaster Metropolitan School of Art. Left with Fletcher in motor for a series of technical instruction meetings in Ulster. Got as far as Newry. Did not start till 6 P.M. or after.
	21 Sep, Wed	Left Newry after preparing a speech and moted via Rostrevor where had a talk to Irwin, to Newcastle where afternoon of golf with T Sinclair & A Duffin. On to Newtownards where a meeting to distribute prizes & open new season of Tech School. A long tiring speech after a tiring day. Housed by C Dunbar Buller.
	22 Sep, Thu	Morning with the Bullers. Fine solid unimaginative house built within a stone's throw of the high road which cannot be hidden without hiding the sea view! I afternoon met agric'l society Deputation at Newtownards & then on to Belfast & by train to Portadown. There dinner with Rev'd. Hobson, speech in Town Hall and supper with a local. Very heavy day ending after midnight at Belfast.
	23 Sep, Fri	To Ballymena (after morning inspection Dept's work in Belfast) to John Young's for a like function. R O'Neil M.P., Sir George White on platform. Made a dull speech.
	24 Sep, Sat	Ballymena to Killeen. Dined at Dunsany to meet Eddie's new bride. What memories. The 4th generation of my family, & I have some time, will soon I suppose appear.
	25 Sep, Sun	Back in afternoon to The Cottage, Foxrock.
	26 Sep, Mon	Very busy day. Adams wrote saying he would come if I could not get another for Coyne's post. R.A.A. & Fr. O'Donovan to dinner

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		to talk over my address to the IAOS delegates tomorrow.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , X:40 (1 Oct 1904), pp. 814-7]	27 Sep, Tue	Read a long & I think good address to I.A.O.S. general meeting. Good attendance but the movement has got a little slack under Monteagle's Presidency. Fr. Finlay told me he had come to conclusion that R.A.A. should boss the I.A.W.S. & so develop the movement from the trading end.
[Bishop– Thomas O'Dea (Dr. John Healy having moved to Tuam)]	28 Sep, Wed	Official. 2 hours golf with Anderson, Dollymount. Fr. O'Donovan who walked round with us told me he had thrown up the ministry at Loughrea being unable to get on with his bishop who had "no knowledge of life whatever".
	29 Sep, Thu	Conference of itinerant instructors &c. T.P.G. came to Foxrock to dine & sleep & I got a bit into his thoughts. He is strongly against my Scotch political economist.
	30 Sep, Fri	Official
	1 Oct, Sat	Left The Cottage, Foxrock. Went to Danesfort, Killarney for week end, the business being a visit to Munster to offset Ulster inspections, the pleasure SH Butcher's charming companionship.
	2 Oct, Sun	A delightfully peaceable day with "S.H." & his niece Maud Trench.
	3 Oct, Mon	Another delightful ½ day with SHB and inspection of Lady Castlerosse's social & industrial work with Rich. Then back to Dublin where I housed at Kildare St. Club.
	4 Oct, Tue	Official. Dined & slept Dunsany, Eddie & Beatrice really happy.
	5 Oct, Wed	T.P.G. going to America again! I shall have a hard time of it for another 6 weeks before I can go.
	6 Oct, Thu	Official. Also presided at meeting of Automobile Club.
	7 Oct, Fri	T.P.G. left for U.S.A. – that wretched St. Louis Exhibition business. Useful meeting of W.E. Holmes, Geoghegan, Fr. O'Donovan, RAA & self over IAOS affairs. Left for Baronscourt where went to see Duchess of Abercorn's work, dairy & industry. Found her, "Freddy" a younger son & Lady Phyllis.
	8 Oct, Sat	Morning with Duchess going round her farm! Efficient woman. She has started a Creamery which partly with the help of aristocratic custom (parcels post) has a fine trade. It takes in the cream of two auxiliaries formerly cooperative! She is an understanding woman – not intellectually strong but ?better. Does much good. Motor to Dromore. There Fr. Maguire C.C., Miss O'Conor Eccles & her friend Miss O'Brien are carrying out at my expense an Experiment in Domestic Economy. I want to see what improvement the people can be induced to make themselves in their home life.
	9 Oct, Sun	Comfortably but very simply housed by Fr. Maguire. Attended Church in an Ascendancy building which would seat nearly a thousand & had only half a hundred worshippers I should say. A

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[<i>res augusta domi</i> – limited means; narrow resources] [Text of both speeches in <i>IH</i> , X:43 (22 Oct 1904), pp. 894-5]		big muscular parson preached a sensible muscular sermon. But he lives in a white elephant of an Ascendancy Rectory & his own ‘ <i>res augusta</i> ’ cramps his public activity. Moted round the houses of the poorest cottagers among whom my missionaries are at work. Saw wonderful efforts towards a decent home life. But alas what a low level we have to start at. Then back through the downpour (happily warm) to the school chapel yard where first in the Parochial Hall where Prots & R.C.s both meet & work, I addressed some 4 or 5 hundred Gaelic Leaguers. Then a speech to a thousand or so outside and all in the rain. And so home wearily to bed.
	10 Oct, Mon	7 A.M. inspected Dromore Creamery. Then breakfast & inspected lace school which had a fine show of early birds. Then goodbye to the good Priest (Maguire) the citizens of Dromore and the lady domestic economists. By train to Newtown Butler, by motor to Randlestown where Fr. Finlay (my passenger) & I inspected the tobacco. On to Dublin where, Gill being gone to New York, I had a terrible arrears of office work. SH Butcher dined. Then conference with RAA, Monteagle and W E Holmes. Full day.
[Likely reference to Cicero’s <i>Tusculan Disputations</i> : “Moreover one day well spent and in accordance with thy lessons is to be preferred to an eternity of error.”]	11 Oct, Tue	Fuller day. Interesting very. But shortening life. I don’t want the <u>dies</u> but the ‘bene’, and the good of others is my form of selfishness on ultimate analysis.
	12 Oct, Wed	6 AM to 6 PM minus a rushed lunch, official.
	13 Oct, Thu	As yesterday!
	14 Oct, Fri	Variation – lunched at Leopardstown & looked over site for house with Jim [Power] and Lady Mayo.
	15 Oct, Sat	Dined at Ch Sec’s Lodge. Wyndham is deteriorated – or rather has not risen with his responsibilities or to his opportunities. He is a politician not a statesman. Nothing interests him except in so far as he can score in the game of his ambitions.
	16 Oct, Sun	By motor to Lady Mayo (himself was away) whom I particularly like for lunch. Rest of day drowsy & ineffectual.
	17 Oct, Mon	Official.
	18 Oct, Tue	Official. Took Tim Healy in motor car. Not in his usual form.
	19 Oct, Wed	Fruit Show. Quite astonishing exhibit of Irish fruit. Experts pronounced it a demonstration of Irish fruit growing possibilities. Andrews dined with me.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , X:44 (29 Oct 1904), pp. 911-3; and in <i>DATI Journal</i> , V:2 (Jan 1905), pp. 613-26]	20 Oct, Thu	Hard day. 3 hours fruit Conf[er]ence. Great success. Read a good paper, followed by excellent practical discussion. But I was tired out & am feeling the over-strain badly.
	21 Oct, Fri	First meeting of the new I.A.O.S. Committee. Also a speech on Commercial Ed’n in Rathmines town Hall – an altogether tiring day & week.
	22 Oct, Sat	Official & to Killeen for week end with a pile of files.

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	23 Oct, Sun	Restful day – after the usual early hours trying to make up arrears of last week’s work – & dinner at Dunsany. Eddie & Beatrice still in Paradise.
[<i>quod superest</i> – allusion to “the end of the play” in the old Roman theatre]	24 Oct, Mon	<u>Fifty today!</u> I have done enough to realise how miserably small it is to what it might have been – how miserably low the standard of our so-called Civilisation is that I am accounted a member of society of more than the average value & importance! Where I have failed chiefly is in managing my poor talents physical & mental – but no idle regrets. The <i>quod superest</i> is the only concern now & may I make better use of so much of the next ¼ century as I am spared to see. Moted to Dublin & I think broke all previous records in the number of things I got through – or into & out of – in the day. Nice birthday reception from Freeman’s Journal whose abuse of poor me crowded out the Russian outrage upon the North Sea Fishermen.
	25 Oct, Tue	Spent day in Irish Mail with Campbell and Bowers, reading files, dictating &c. Met Willie Redmond who did not know the meaning of his brother’s attack on me in yesterday’s papers & said my book had given chief offence by the one word celibates as applied to religious orders.
	26 Oct, Wed	Lady Castlerosse about her industries, Johnson about Eddie’s affairs, 2 Colliery meetings & dined with Bernard Holland.
	27 Oct, Thu	Bowes meeting. Treasury about estimates. 2¼ hours with Sir George Murray.
	28 Oct, Fri	Adams came up & I had an interesting ½ day with him. He will be a great acquisition. West Ridgeway & B Holland to dinner. Former, who had rushed into print in support of Dunraven’s “Devolution” proposals, told me he considered them wholly impracticable! In evening saw Sir Lindsay Wood who agreed with me that Alfred Palmer was useless & ought to be sacked out of Bowes management.
[Bowes directors E.Y. and G.A. Western. (Sir Alfred Palmer was still a Bowes director when HP died in 1932).]	29 Oct, Sat	With Adams to Sidney Webbs where we discussed my scheme of economic lectures at Rathmines. Then Sir G Murray again about estimates. Bd of Ag about swine regulations. Dined with Mary. Saw the Westerns who agreed with me that Bowes must be revolutionised, Palmer sacked, Gardiner provided with an understudy.
	30 Oct, Sun	To Gardiner about reorganisation of Bowes, to Caröe about my house. Lunched ?Adams & Fr. O’Donovan who had come to London to live by his wits (they being too enlightened for the ministry under Maynooth). Then hard work & a quiet dinner with Filson Young.
	31 Oct, Mon	By day Mail to Dublin. Value of day travelling is that one reads dreary files & other things it is hard to read when one can do things which count.
	1 Nov, Tue	12 hours official work 5.30 AM to 8 PM less 1 hour lunch & 1½ hour motor to Foxrock with Moore of Botanic Gardens & Gordon of Dept, who said my land was good for grass & garden.

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	2 Nov, Wed	Met the Rathmines Technical Committee over my lecture scheme. Had 12 solid hours work.
[Edward Wm. and Julia O'Brien]	3 Nov, Thu	Official. Dined with Dermot O'Brien & saw his father & mother. The former (now 67) greatly aged since I first knew him 15 years ago.
	4 Nov, Fri	Official. Caröe arrived by night & is to give me tomorrow at site of House.
	5 Nov, Sat	On site with Caröe. Decided to buy 7 more acres west of my field & to move the house below Barton's. Moted in dark to Killeen – costly passage over cutting stones.
	6 Nov, Sun	Day of rest, & saw Murphys & Leonards about fruit planting under Department.
	7 Nov, Mon	Moted back early. Gill back in office. Consultative Committee on Education, Conference between AOS & I.A.O.S. re purchase agric'l requirements & day of many & much.
	8 Nov, Tue	Adams came for a two days' visit of inquiry into his duties. Agricultural Bd met, all attended. Best possible spirit. I dined I.A.W.S. & IAOS irreconcilables & tried to bring them together.
	9 Nov, Wed	Tech Inst'n Board, slack body, little to do. But feeling excellent.
	10 Nov, Thu	C.D.B. Opened Arts & Crafts Exhib'n with a poor speech. Smoking Concert by staff of Dep't after a good 12 hours hard work!
	11 Nov, Fri	C.D.B. at which I bought for £27,000, 2300 acres near Athenry for an agric'l station for Dept. To Belfast 2.45 train to dine & sleep at Sinclair's. I wanted to talk over with him & others the economic situation. Met John Young, Buller, Reade, Kyle Knox & Andrews. Good discourse.
	12 Nov, Sat	Back to Dublin, rushed ½ official day & down to Killeen with Callan to try and finish revision for cheap ed[itio]n of book.
	13 Nov, Sun	Restful in spite of book.
	14 Nov, Mon	Heavy office day. Got off for a couple of hours to Foxrock to lay out my grounds with Smith of Newry & Moore of Botanic Gardens.
	15 Nov, Tue	6 AM to 8 P.M. with an hour for lunch. Too much work.
	16 Nov, Wed	Appointed O'Farrelly lecturer in chemistry at Royal College of Science. He was not quite the best man, but all the teaching staff (professors, lecturers & assistants) are Prot & the majority of students R.C. It is impossible to get the Public to believe that there is perfect fairness. O'F is very able & may turn out the best after all. But a concession was made to public prejudice in this case. Awful rush & got off by 6.15 train for Cork dictating letters all the way.
	17 Nov, Thu	Up early, more letters, & to Queenstown where I inspected the Artisans' Dwellings for the Haulbowline workers. Then on Board the Baltic, tired out & sick. Went to bed instead of dining & hope to pull up soon.

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		Grand ship 24,000 tons! Good room although ship full.
	18 Nov, Fri	358 Still quite sick & wretched.
	19 Nov, Sat	386. No better.
	20 Nov, Sun	394. Worse. Called in the doctor who put me to bed.
	21 Nov, Mon	387 Worse. Regular dysenteric diarrhoea.
	22 Nov, Tue	382 No better
	23 Nov, Wed	380 A trifle better but still poorly. No solid food, nothing but milk & that not of the best.
	24 Nov, Thu	400 – 96 to Sandy Hook. But we did not get to the Dock. I was glad as I am quite unfit for the Custom House. I may be tomorrow.
	25 Nov, Fri	Took till noon to land. Went to James Byrnes, 51 W 48 St. Found them kinder than ever. Did a good bit of business. Got on to solid, cereal food & felt stronger. Saw Stuart Wortley.
[Rouillon – Columbia University faculty and Director of Mechanics’ and Tradesmen’s School, New York City] [Brian Boru, early 11th century ‘High King of Ireland’; Patrick Sarsfield, Earl of Lucan, leading Irish Jacobite commander]	26 Nov, Sat	Saw Crimmins early. Told me the N.Y. Irish (always fighting over something) were divided into pro & anti Plunkettites. The United Irish League has felt the effect of alternative policy (red-herring)! Fools. Lunched with B. Cockran who was fresh from the platform & orated from how do you do to goodbye. He is confident that democratic principles can be made legislatively effective in various ways in spite of the tremendous endorsement of Roosevelt. Louis Rouillon spent evening with me in Byrne’s House (Byrne went to country for week end & gave me house & servants for guests & self) & discussed purse & terms of his coming to Ireland to take chief inspectorship in T[echnical]. I[nstruction]. B[oard]. of Dept. He is a remarkable enthusiast for social work & I should like to get him. He is a bit wild but a fine character. “Another foreigner” they will yell. But ‘in for a penny’ &c. I won’t take infirm men if they can shame Brian Boru & Sarsfield in pedigree.
	27 Nov, Sun	Took train with Bailey to St. Louis.
[Aubrey John Toppin] [Ford – editor <i>The Irish World</i> newspaper]	28 Nov, Mon	Arrived St. Louis 1.30. Met by Topping [<i>sic</i>] of DATI (Hill unwell) & Hanley, concessionaire of Irish Village. The latter took charge of us for rest of day & showed us his exhibit (which I knew before) & a few side shows. He entertained us & introduced us to prominent Irishmen – a good type of them too. I found that Redmond’s lying letter to Patrick Ford about my political designs had made but slight impression. The Irish Americans <u>are</u> getting free from the Irish Parliamentarians – a good thing for Ireland. They are as Home Rule as ever – that I am not sorry for. The World’s Fair Chicago over again, but more so.
	29 Nov, Tue	70° last night, 45° this afternoon. Same work & play as yesterday.
	30 Nov, Wed	My time almost wasted by Clibborn Hill being still in bed. I saw him there but could do little business with him. In evening Hanley had a supper at which a short dozen of Irishmen (3 priests in the bunch & the rest all “prominent” i.e. rich) discussed Ireland with me. They were all men who had supported the various Irish revolutionary movements and their plain talk about the agitators fully explained to me Redmond’s suspicions & indignation.

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	1 Dec, Thu	Saw a few more Irishmen. Hill still in bed and consequently I was unable to go into a/cs of Dept as I should wish. However decided main points and left by night for Omaha.
	2 Dec, Fri	Arrived Omaha, luggage did not come but was sent on after, & went into accounts &c at office. Windsor was out west & I wired that I would follow next day. Business prospects steadily improving. Stayed night as my own, lodger at one of my lodging houses The Chatham. Saw Colonel Pratt & had an old time talk.
	3 Dec, Sat	Took train west.
[Peirce]	4 Dec, Sun	2½ hours in Cheyenne which I spent with the Careys. Joined Windsor at Laramie City and went on to Rock River – station answering to Rock Creek now abandoned, the line being straightened – where we were met by Johnny Pierce [<i>sic</i>] with a team. I was right glad to be back in the cattle business with the most faithful of all the foremen I had known. The Ranch 7 miles south of the station was ideally situated but it was dark & I could not see it well.
	5 Dec, Mon	The meadows are fine – the summer range a little short – the winter range ample. The creeks which intersect the owned range are splendidly provided with the best of brushwood. There is a coal bank which looks as if it might turn out a goodly addition to the profits of the land & cattle. I think Windsor is really in a good thing now & heartily glad I am of it.
	6 Dec, Tue	Drove over more of the property & liked it still better. In morning surveyed a natural reservoir which I think may turn out a valuable property. The weather is wonderfully fine for the time of year but of course cold. The ranch fever begins to get into my blood again.
	7 Dec, Wed	Out again on the lake survey. Discovered (I think) that the Company has an asset of great value in it. According to my survey, at a slight expense at reservoir and \$2 to \$3 per acre at most for ditching we can cover 5000 to 7000 acres. Windsor & I came to Laramie City for the night to see Boslin [<i>sic</i>].
[President – Frederick Monroe Tisdell]	8 Dec, Thu	Saw Bosler & arranged to go to Omaha with him Sat[urday]. Visited Wyoming University – an interesting beginning – 200 students (over 100 female). Agriculture & mechanic arts chief subjects of study. No law or medicine. Liberal arts various thinly attended. But an excellent spirit – a real citizens' University. The President let me in for a speech (most extempore) to assembled students. It is not really a university but an institute to do the best it can with people who cannot afford to go to a university. To Cheyenne, Chaplin & the Careys.
	9 Dec, Fri	Up at 4 AM after very bad sleep & off by 5 AM train with Carey to Wheatland. I had not been for 2 years and found a wonderful progress. It is a terribly long winded investment but I think if we could hold our health long enough our children would have a fine inheritance! The weather was summer-like. Back in Cheyenne 11.30 PM.
	10 Dec, Sat	Called on Mrs. Gilchrist & Miss Irvine (Billy's cowboy daughter) who had just broken her leg cutting out a steer – turned to[o] sharp on ice. Then \$4.16 worth of typewriting to deal with D.A.T.I. & I.A.O.S. problems accumulated in mail. Left in

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		afternoon for Omaha with F. Bosler.
	11 Dec, Sun	Arrived Omaha & spent most of day in office with Windsor, Haines & Bosler. I hardly listened to their business talk as I had a large mail from home, mostly Departmental which took my mind.
	12 Dec, Mon	Business with auditor, H.J.W., Bosler & Haines from before light to after dark. If I cared to stay & work out here I could make a large income in the difference betw'n neglect of my affairs & attention to them. I must do so as soon as I get free.
	13 Dec, Tue	Same as yesterday, a dinner in evening with Colonel & Mrs. Pratt, a not very valuable addition to the programme. During day I nearly committed myself to giving Conrad Young a large add[itiona]l responsibility in my affairs. Then Windsor told me that he was not trustworthy, had practically robbed the safe some years ago & though he had gone straight since, he had never been given control of cash. It was dissipation plus weakness & Windsor took the charitable view. Now he admits he ought to have told me before (he "did not want to add to my worries[']") & the situation is disagreeable. Bosler left for the west. Probably he will buy out Haines of whom I have fallen foul.
	14 Dec, Wed	Finished up business with Windsor. In evening had long conf[er]ence with Edward Cudahy about dead meat trade betw'n Ireland & England. He was not very encouraging.
[C&NWRR – Chicago & North Western Railroad]	15 Dec, Thu	Left 8 A.M. on my way East on C&NWRR. Got off for the afternoon at Ames where I inspected the Iowa College of Agriculture & Mechanic Arts. Interesting. The Iowa farmers were lavishing their money (taxed) upon the institution which is the most <u>practical</u> of its kind probably in the world. Whether the building, equipment, staffing &c did not cost such a sum that it would really pay better (educationally) to put more money into the common schools is a question I had no time to work out. Bona fide farmers' sons go there at public expense, which is good.
	16 Dec, Fri	Passed through Chicago. Saw HA Blair & went to Chicago University to enquire about Adams who had lectured there.
	17 Dec, Sat	Arrived ev[en]ing at N.Y. & went to the Jas. Byrnes, 51 W 48. Quiet evening after roasting in cars.
	18 Dec, Sun	Went out to New Rochelle to Martin J. Keogh's to hear a debate in a Theatre under the auspices of the Peoples Forum (W.C. Keogh) betw'n B Cockran & President S[c]hurman of Cornell University on Ought religion to be taught in the Public Schools. Cockran blathered, S[c]hurman put the secular view with great force & the audience was with him. I liked Keogh greatly & had some useful Irish talk with him. Dined with Ralph Stuart Wortley.
	19 Dec, Mon	An Irish night. Some 40 Irishmen, I think quite the leaders here, dined me at the "Millionaire's Club" (Metropolitan). I addressed them for 1 hour 45 minutes!! I think I gave them some food for reflection & possibly did some good. At any rate I undid the impression Redmond & Co had caused that all my work was an insidious political design.
	20 Dec, Tue	Not as bad as I expected to be after such a night. Went by Congressional Limited, 228 miles in 3 hrs 44 min. & does not shake you as much as a journey from Drumree to Batterstown. Met Bailey at New Willard Hotel.

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[aet - age]	21 Dec, Wed	Department of Agriculture in morning. True, Hill & Langworthy (experiment station, Public[atio]ns & Food Values respectively). Lunched with the President. Israel Zangwill was of the party & manufactured epigrams at such a rate that it was hard to get the [sic] a hearing from Roosevelt. But he did talk a good bit with me over the Irish Question in the U.S. I congratulated him on his success in getting the Irish vote without making any concession for it or departing from his non interference attitude. Called on Maurice Egan, not at home. But his mother-in-law aet 76 who left Ireland 60 years before told me the story of her life for which I wish I had room. She had buried a husband & 8 out of 11 children.
	22 Dec, Thu	Met Maurice Low (Morning Post & Nat'l Review), Egan who was extremely interesting on Irish Amer[ica]n situation, Moran Pres[iden]t of Ancient Order of Hibernians & some others. Last named the most able Irishman I have talked to. But he is dominated by his position. Called by arrangement on President 9.36 PM to introduce Bailey. Left by night train for New York.
	23 Dec, Fri	Passed through New York & went on to Boston which took the whole day as I took [in] Middletown Conn[ecticut] on my way. There at the Wesleyan University Prof'r. Atwater is conducting an extraordinary experiment which has a bearing on my Irish work. He has a "Calorimeter" – a chamber in which he places a man for from a few hours to two weeks. He is able to observe and measure accurately the intake & outgo of heat & energy. I knew of the experiment but did not believe in the possibility of accuracy, now I do. The great difficulty in my mind, the air analysis, is got over by using the same air throughout the experiment, taking off the carbonic acid gas, leaving the nitrogen alone and replacing the burned oxygen. So far results are few, 9 years' steady work having been almost wholly given to the establishment of a valid test.
	24 Dec, Sat	Lunched with Patrick Collier & met several Irishmen, the best being Thomas B. Fitzpatrick. I gave more information than I got, among acquisitions the chief being the strong prejudice against the early Irish immigrants who, when they came along with their pick or shovel, were looked upon just as the Chinese are now. Met other Irishmen at night but all United Irish League men. Certainly one gets a far better love of Ireland from the non-parliamentary section. A good blow-off now & again in the way of a rebellion is I think better than the eternal war of words.
	25 Dec, Sun	Mostly in train from Boston to N.Y. where the hospitable Byrnes housed me again. The world is white and Xmas-like.
	26 Dec, Mon	New York shut up shop & kept Xmas – a distinct advance in Civilisation. Called on sundry people, wrote book & letter. Lunched with P.F. Collier (Collier's Weekly) successful Irish Amer[ica]n & discussed development of Irish industries by Amer'n Irish. He said he would put in \$25,000 if Crimmins Ryan & McCall would do ditto & asked me to make a definite proposal which I will do. Byrne had a dinner party. I sat next Judge Parker unsuccessful Democratic candidate. The reason of his unsuccess was obvious.

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		A good respectable mediocre man.
[Fairchild; (Fairbanks was Roosevelt's Vice-President)]	27 Dec, Tue	Up early. Meeting of Wyo Dev Co at Ladenburg Thalmann's office 11 A.M. The Company is at last in smooth water & my stake in it is large & will be ultimately remunerative – this after 22 years! Lunched with B Cockran & met Judge Keogh. The more I see of the latter the more I admire him. He & not Parker should be the Democratic nominee for Pres't. But he is a R.C. Called on W Temple Emmet (52 Wall St.) & agreed with him that an Irish newspaper was what was wanted. Dinner party at Byrnes in evening. Fairbanks [<i>sic</i>], ex Sec'y of Treasury, chief guest. The others were all nice people.
	28 Dec, Wed	Came on board Baltic (where the Company gave me a large stateroom & bath en suite) with Bailey. Sousa's Band came, 70 strong. Not a soul did I know of 200 others. They did not look interesting but one never knows.
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	Year-end Summary	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Year 1904</u></p> <p>The publication of "Ireland in the New Century" was the event of my year. It was a success in its main purpose, that of getting thought upon the little island to whose muddled affairs I have devoted my life, out of the hopeless helpless rut it had travelled in for centuries. The book was not popularly written & only appealed to the thinking few. Unhappily it lent itself to the angry criticism it was bound to provoke and consequently I have occupied the unenviable position of the best abused man in Ireland. Still I have done good, have made among thinkers ten friends for the one I have lost & may leave the shouting agitators to denounce me to the unthinking but not unfeeling mob until the thought I have stirred begins to work upon the fortunately intellectual masses of the people. In America the book has done much good and I ended the year with a reply to my critics by way of epilogue in a shilling edition nearly completed. I shall fight my corner to the bitter – or sweet end.</p> <p>My health has not I think disimproved but I shall have to reduce my work as it is beyond my strength. I shall probably be out of office in the coming year & can then take it easier.</p> <p>Among merely personal events the chief is the purchase of 47 acres at Foxrock & the preparation to build a house on it. I made up my mind that my home ought to be in Ireland, to which I give a devotion not reciprocated. I could in some ways be happier working in a calmer human atmosphere. But Ireland has the first claim. I am tired of being "Homeless at home".</p>