

1907 Diary of Sir Horace Curzon Plunkett (1854–1932)

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NOTES

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

Horace Plunkett, *Irish Homestead*, 30 July 1910

Conventions

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

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

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

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

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

5) Punctuation (or lack of)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Correspondence

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

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

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

Abbreviations

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

Names

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

Organisations

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

General

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

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

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

1907

Events:

913 co-operative societies affiliated to IAOS; total turnover £2 million

21 Apr – Sinn Féin League inaugurated through amalgamation of Dungannon Club with Cumann na nGaedheal

26 Apr - Forced to resign as vice-president of DATI

4 May-9 Nov – Irish International Exhibition at Ballsbridge, Dublin

May-Jun – Irish Council Bill proposed, denounced by National Convention, and withdrawn

3 Jul – Report of Digby committee of enquiry into the DATI

6 Jul – Theft of state jewels from Dublin Castle discovered

24 Jul – Mutiny of police in Belfast

28 Aug – Evicted Tenants Act

15 Sep – Sinn Féin League amalgamates with National Council; name Sinn Féin adopted September 1908

20 Dec – Reinstated as IAOS president

Publications:

- *Addresses Delivered at the Meetings of the Council of Agriculture during the First Vice-Presidency (1900-1907)* (HMSO, Dublin) 122 pp.

- *The Problem of Congestion in Ireland: Memorandum Submitted to the Royal Commission on Congestion* (DATI, Dublin) iii, 45 pp.

- *Presidential Address to the 14th Annual Meeting of the Association of Technical Institutions*, 8 February (London) 14 pp.

- *IAOS Annual Report*, pp. 58-70

- *Departmental Committee of enquiry into the Provisions of the Agriculture and Technical Industries (Ireland) Act 1899*. Cd. 3574, xviii, pp. 8-38, 965-83

- Attributed articles in

Irish Homestead:

Text of address to 11th Council of Agriculture in *Irish Homestead*, XIV:21 (25 May 1907), pp. 411-4

Report of speech to AOS (England), XIV:25 (22 Jun 1907), pp. 492-3

Letter to Wm. O'Reilly, Plunkett Presentation C'tee, XIV:29 (20 Jul 1907), pp. 570-1

Letter to Plunkett Presentation C'tee, XIV:40 (5 Oct 1907), pp. 799-801

Text of speech on re-election to IAOS presidency, XIV:51 (28 Dec 1907), pp. 1020-6

DATI Journal:

Text of 27 Nov 1906 address to 10th Council of Agriculture, VII:2 (1907), pp. 221-30

Text of 16 May address to 11th Council of Agriculture, VII:4 (1907), pp. 625-34

Government:

Prime Minister: Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman (Liberal)

Chief Secretary: James Bryce to 23 Jan, Augustine Birrell

Lord Lieutenant: Earl of Aberdeen

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £98 ; \$1 = \$18

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	1 Jan, Tue	Business holiday. But as it was my last day had to spend it in the office. I agreed to pay Conrad \$3000 a year (3 months' notice on either side) for his whole time & attention to my affairs.
	2 Jan, Wed	Left Omaha early & spent afternoon & evening at Ames [Iowa] State College of Agriculture & Mechanic Arts). A short course (2 weeks) stock & corn judging was in process. 700 farmers of all ages, mostly of course young men attending, also some women in home economics. Prof'r. Curtiss who had read & digested my Roosevelt pamphlet showed me round. Unquestionably they are doing great work. But it is all so easy.

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		Bountiful nature only needs a little common sense to enrich the farmers of Iowa. To St. Paul by night.
[Anthony]	3 Jan, Thu	<p>At agric'l College of University of Minnesota at St. Antony [<i>sic</i>] Park most of day. Same idea as Iowa but not as good a lot of men at head of institute I thought. Hence not the same spirit. Began to sicken from chill caught yesterday, & no wonder. At Ames the temperature was about 40°, at St. Paul 6° & the sleeper 75° at least.</p> <p>Called on Archbishop Ireland. Met 2 priests, a Monsignor & the R.C. Bp of British Columbia. Stayed for dinner (which I could not eat) & had good talk on the situation of the R.C. Church in France & the Bellamy-Storer Roosevelt correspondence into which the Archbishop had been dragged. Left late for Madison.</p>
	4 Jan, Fri	<p>Very sick. Met at hotel early by R A Moore, prof'r of Agronomy, & taken to the Agric'l college. Most of the staff away. But Babcock (of milk tester fame) was there and I had a good [talk]. Here too was a short course for farmers – all intensely practical – dairying, horticulture & general agriculture. I talked the sociological idea of it all & found Babcock more responsive than Curtiss even. Learned a good deal about tobacco growing which seems to have been a tremendous success.</p> <p>Met Fletcher at night at Chicago. My letters to him had miscarried & he would have met me at Madison. However he did Illinois University in my absence & also Cornell.</p>
	5 Jan, Sat	Dragged through the day looking at Armour Institute, Armour correspondence school & Chicago University. At latter met acting President Dr. Judson, a mediocre man I thought, & Dr. Nat Butler, Dean of College of Educ'n. Fletcher picked his brains.
	6 Jan, Sun	Went to Hull House & had 1½ hours with a fine woman Miss Jane Addams. It is a settlement of the Toynbee type. In a Chicago slum a scheme of home life and general instruction has been worked out which is as unlike Chicago as anything one can conceive. Industries are carried on & the polyglot pupils & associates are instructed in their own country industries which they take to with great enthusiasm. The products of the industries furnish, equip & adorn the settlement. There is a children's primary school, a residential cooperative club for workers (self supporting), & a host of educational & sociological schemes all made to succeed by the sociological genius of Miss Addams & her group of fellow workers. Left in afternoon for Ithaca.
	7 Jan, Mon	To Ithaca by lunch & off for Washington late at night. Met the agric'l educational & sociological publicist Prof'r. LH Bailey whose writings had marked him out to me as the biggest man in America. The hours spent with him confirmed the estimate. He was far the most inspiring thinker I have met upon the human side of these problems except perhaps A.E. but Bailey has wide scientific knowledge as well. He had read my book very appreciatively. But I thought him wise for other reasons!
	8 Jan, Tue	In Washington where for 3 solid hours Pinchot & Garfield, the President's two most intimate advisors, Fletcher & I discussed the problem of rural life and the duty of the government Federal and State in relation thereto. This was the most interesting and also the most important work I have ever taken part in. I must not be

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		egotistical. But here was my life's thought & work being considered not in its application to Ireland but to the greater Ireland and to the vast continent where the Irish Race have made their home.
	9 Jan, Wed	<p>Had a good talk with Garfield in the morning and got him to take Fletcher & me over to see Roosevelt. I wished F. to see him particularly, & in the afternoon had another tussle formulating our problem & the solution under gov't leadership. The four of us worked well together. Saw Esme Howard at the Embassy again & Maurice Low. Both interesting. Began to feel myself again.</p> <p>We arranged that Pinchot should try to get Bailey to meet us in New York & I promised to meet them in Ithaca if this plan could not be carried out.</p>
	10 Jan, Thu	<p>Back to New York doing the Commercial Museum at Philadelphia en route. Byrne had gone south on the legal business of a Railway Co. Mrs. Byrne took me to a "Thursday Club" which was a Society debating club meeting weekly & discussing matters of public interest. Cock & hen business. Subject tonight The Police of N.Y., "General" Bingham the Commissioner leading. The poorest discussion I ever suffered. Mr. Commissioner admitted that the police were very corrupt, that he had not power to control "graft", yet he drew his salary! Edward Shepard followed & spoke ?feelingly. The rest was awful. To my great relief heard that Pinchot was in New York.</p>
	11 Jan, Fri	<p>Gave up practically the whole day to Pinchot. Bailey was at our counsels in the morning and the three of us were absolutely in agreement on all points as to what needed to be done & how to set about it. Pinchot was very generous in attributing to me the inception of the whole idea and its happy formulation to the point of administrative action. All now depends on whether Bailey will take office which Pinchot has offered him.</p> <p>The Tom Kellys asked me to dinner & the opera. I went to dinner but had to fly from the table, a violent sickness having come over me. Stomach dreadfully deranged.</p>
	12 Jan, Sat	<p>A wretched [<i>sic</i>] day. I was to have called on all sorts of people & done much work & business as well. I attended a lecture given by Fletcher at Teachers College, Columbia University in the morning, had another talk with Pinchot at the University Club, then moped in Byrne's House for rest of day. Put off dining with the Ralph Stuart Wortleys at last moment.</p>
	13 Jan, Sun	<p>Another poor day but eat [<i>sic</i>] one meal & felt better for it. Called on Tom Sturgis, saw J Graham Brooks at Century Club, L. Godkin & Ralph Stuart Wortley called on me & I looked in in evening on The Rouillions who had been most hospitable to Fletcher.</p>
	14 Jan, Mon	<p>Bosler came & we took the morning together. I found him in business matters very keen & not at all generous. But he will I think be quite straight & won't indulge in any palpable sharp practices.</p> <p>For the rest writing letters & saying good bye to Mrs. Byrne was about all I was up to. Night train to Boston.</p>
	15 Jan, Tue	<p>No sleep en route owing to abscess in ear. Came to 171</p>

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		Marlborough St. to the Lawrence Lowell's who received Fletcher & me in the most hospitable old-country way & gave their house & time to us most lavishly. Spent most of day at Harvard where I met several Professors especially Taussig the economist. Visited also the High school of Industrial arts. Fletcher did other institutions. I dined with Tesche at his club. The January thaw was on but it froze up at night again.
	16 Jan, Wed	Began with the "Tech" (Massachusetts Institute of Technology). Very pleased with the spirit. Finest equipment probably in the world. Lowell lunched us at The Tavern Inn a delightful old world Club for artists & men of note – Bohemian – had fine, economical fare, good discourse. Met several men in educational & sociological work. Visited Harvard Medical School – so far a failure. Huge marble structures which would educate 1000 students easily – only 250 obtained. Visited Simmons College & had interesting talk with one of the teachers on education for home life in rural districts. Pleasant dinner of Boston friends of the Lowells ended delightfully interesting day.
["Cymric" – White Star liner]	17 Jan, Thu	5 below zero. Spent morning writing letters with help of our good host's stenographer (an Irish immigrant thoroughly Americanised young lady) & was taken to Cymric by Lowell. Tesche & Rouillion to see us off. Met crowd of Irish Americans of political type seeing off a Mr. Crehane. They knew me as [William F.] Bailey & I had apparently seen them the year we were out together. They urged me to be more extreme! Miserable afternoon & evening in Cymric which was frozen & will not thaw out I should say till we get into Gulf Stream. My room never rose to 50° & after American houses & sleeping cars this is trying.
	18 Jan, Fri	280. Cold but less so. Kept awake by 48° temperature in cabins most of night.
	19 Jan, Sat	338
	20 Jan, Sun	355
	21 Jan, Mon	328 Perfect summer weather. 60° air, S. wind, bright sun.
	22 Jan, Tue	338
	23 Jan, Wed	340
	24 Jan, Thu	330
	25 Jan, Fri	313 – 154 to Queenstown. Two hours past midnight when we got to Queenstown after the most beautiful voyage I had ever experienced. For 3 or 4 days you could sit coatless & walk hatless on deck. The barometer was abnormally high & steady, wind S.E. with the S predominating.
	26 Jan, Sat	3 AM a telephone from the Aberdeens that Bryce was leaving 11 A.M! I wonder if they expected me to take a special to Dublin. Got back to Department at lunch time & met my secretaries & Prof'r. Campbell. Got on to telephone with Daisy at Powerscourt & Callan came out with me to Foxrock for the evening. Picked up most of the news (Irish) thus. Birrell is Chief Secretary. The T.C.D. Commission have reported Variously & Bryce has promised a settlement of the university question on the lines of another college in Dublin University to which Queens Colls of Cork & Belfast are also to be affiliated.

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	27 Jan, Sun	Worked with Callan most of day on evidence for Royal Commission. Daisy came to stay a couple of nights.
	28 Jan, Mon	Departmental routine work. J Sinclair lunched & we had a good political talk. He tells me that Birrell is straight but easy going.
	29 Jan, Tue	Levéé. Helped to swear in Birrell at Privy Council. More talk with J. Sinclair, much work at office. Daisy left.
	30 Jan, Wed	IAOS quarterly C'tee meeting. Distrib[utio]n of prizes by Aberdeen at School of Art. Shirked latter having head ache.
	31 Jan, Thu	C.D.B. meeting re potato famine. Formally reported to Birrell. Seemed very nice. Called on the Aberdeens. She told me that she expected the Gov't to try & pass a Devolution & university measure for Ireland this year!
	1 Feb, Fri	[No entry]
	2 Feb, Sat	½ day in office & long evening's work at Foxrock with Adams & Bowers over the Problem of Congestion on which I am preparing a memorandum which is almost a Report for the Royal Com'n. Ended the week very tired.
	3 Feb, Sun	Rested physically.
	4 Feb, Mon	Official
	5 Feb, Tue	Official
	6 Feb, Wed	Hard at work all day at my Evidence for CDB Royal Com'n.
	7 Feb, Thu	Deputations, conferences and tried but failed to finish my memorandum on Congestion & start my address for tomorrow. Crossed by night mail. Very rough passage.
	8 Feb, Fri	Hard morning's preparation, then to Clothworkers' Hall for lunch at which I had to make an impromptu speech. Then inaugural address (on Technical Instruction ! mostly written by Fletcher) as President for the year of the Association of Technical Institutions. Dined with Sir Arthur Rücker, Principal of London University. Met Norman Lockyer & others. Then had to receive Tech folk at a conversazione at Imperial Institute. Rather formidable day.
	9 Feb, Sat	Finished my job at the Assoc'n of Tech Inst'n by 1.30 & for rest of day was too tired to do anything.
	10 Feb, Sun	Working at memorandum on Congestion for Royal Com'n on Congestion.
	11 Feb, Mon	Ditto
	12 Feb, Tue	C.D.B. at Irish office. dined with ---- ?Muller journalist who is writing in Daily Telegraph on Irish Question.
	13 Feb, Wed	CDB & to Newcastle on Tyne in afternoon.
	14 Feb, Thu	Framwellgate & Bowes meetings. Latter doing very well, former badly and no light on mystery of its purchase at 65% premium! Cap't. Walsh & I returned together & had much talk over our Colliery affairs.
	15 Feb, Fri	7 hours work, 3 hours golf & dined with JG Butcher to meet S.H.

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	16 Feb, Sat	Royal Com'n on Congestion to hear Walker's evidence.
	17 Feb, Sun	Day at Fisher's Hill – SH Butcher, Gerald & Betty Balfour & the children only. They were all at their best. I got Gerald to admit that my policy for the Congested Districts was sound. He took exception to some of my admissions re compulsion but admitted that they were no part of my policy. He will try & get A.J.B. & Wyndham to take the same line before the Royal Commission.
	18 Feb, Mon	Royal Commission on Congestion. Professor Campbell examined & did well.
[Charles L. Graves, author of two volumes of Hawarden Horace parodies]	19 Feb, Tue	Same as yesterday. Had a Pelton Steamship Co meeting at my rooms before I went to the R[oyal] Com'n. Lunched with M.C. Seton & met Graves of the Spectator (Hawarden Horace) and T. W. Holderness an interesting Anglo-Indian who had served under Antony MacDonnell.
	20 Feb, Wed	Campbell & Fletcher took the whole day at the Royal Commission. I only listened. They both did well & I have no doubt we shall score.
	21 Feb, Thu	At Commission all day bar lunch with Emily Lawless. Fletcher & Anderson took the whole sitting & I asked to have the morrow when Ld. Dudley will be back. Dined at the House with J. Sinclair, David Erskine & John Burns made up the party. The latter still very crude outside his own job & for all I know inside it.
	22 Feb, Fri	A disappointing day. After preparing to support my Memorandum on Congestion before the Royal Commission I found that they had not read it. So I was examined for 2½ hours upon God knows what issues – because I been called!
	23 Feb, Sat	Day Mail to Dublin. Shaftesbury in train, tried to advance his thought on Irish Economics. Also Sir J. Brunner & his son, both Liberal M.P.s. Talked to them a bit about Ireland & Daisy met me at Kilteragh.
	24 Feb, Sun	A quiet restful day. Daisy helped to think out my furnishings. The American consul & his wife (Alfred K. Moe) who have taken the Barn dined & were very quaint in their views on Irish society & things Irish generally.
	25 Feb, Mon	Official
	26 Feb, Tue	Ditto
	27 Feb, Wed	Official hard. Agricultural Board meeting.
	28 Feb, Thu	Bullock, Lady Mayo, Daisy (dined & slept) & Fr. Finlay to dinner. Much Domestic Economy talk.
	1 Mar, Fri	Had to be in office practically whole day & so got few hints from Lady Mayo, Daisy did however. Both left, Daisy being called back to Killeen to see Fingall about Sir Francis Plunkett's death announced in morning papers. "The uncle Frank" is the last of that generation except poor Lady Henrietta Riddell who cannot last long. They were all charming but ineffective. William the Priest was very devout, Francis the diplomat very urbane & universally popular.

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	2 Mar, Sat	½ day in office. Bought billiard table from Sir George Holmes. Daisy came for week end.
	3 Mar, Sun	Called on Ernest Guinness with Daisy at Glenmaroon. High road passes under the middle of the House. Lavish expenditure on house & surroundings. Called on MacDonnells.
	4 Mar, Mon	Official
	5 Mar, Tue	Official
	6 Mar, Wed	Ditto. Long talk with Antony MacDonnell on University Question. I admire the old boy but he is out of his depth. Shan Bullock came to stay with me. Daisy left.
	7 Mar, Thu	A speech by Birrell in answer to the Nationalists' attack on my retention is as shifty and unfair as Campbell Bannerman's attitude last year. He is apparently a politician first & foremost & all the time. Antony MacDonnell talked to me today as if he intended to resign. He is disgusted with Birrell who he says cares only for what the politicians think & not for the good of the Country.
	8 Mar, Fri	C.D.B. and office for long day. Pestered by telegrams from Press to know if a report in Daily Telegraph that I had resigned was true. I am in difficult position. Birrell has behaved so scurvily in Parliament in regard to my position that people say I ought to resign at once. Antony MacDonnell says I ought to do nothing but go on with my work. The debate on my position was adjourned on Wednesday and comes up again on Tuesday next. So I can take my time.
	9 Mar, Sat	In this morning's paper Birrell appears to have told an interviewer that he believed I was working in the interest of Ireland! This is generous! I saw Antony MacDonnell again & finally decided to take no step till he has seen Birrell. Even then it will probably be better to let the Gov't take the step & not give them the opportunity of saying (if my resignation turns out less popular than they imagined) that I had chucked my job in a huff.
	10 Mar, Sun	After morning's work on my Memorandum on Congestion – a hard economic nut to crack – I 'moted' to Killeen & saw Eddie at Dunsany.
	11 Mar, Mon	To work at 5 AM & with the exception of an hour on the road & an hour for lunch worked steadily to 7.30 P.M. My position is very difficult just now. All workers want me to hold on to my post, all pure politicians on Gov't side want me out to please Dillon & Co. I shall let them dismiss me as they are not honest about it & are trying to force me to resign.
	12 Mar, Tue	The Hannays came & Shan Bullock dined & slept to meet them. I finally got off my memorandum on Congestion & tomorrow must consider my position.
	13 Mar, Wed	The Ross Todds to dinner. Must begin to be neighbourly.
	14 Mar, Thu	The Gills dined. Still no word from Birrell about his shabby treatment of me.
	15 Mar, Fri	Official. In afternoon Aberdeen motored out to Kilteragh with Lady Mayo. He is quite odd.

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	16 Mar, Sat	Long day in office & official dinner at Castle.
	17 Mar, Sun	Anderson came & golfed. The Hannays were quite glad to meet him. They are enjoying their visit.
	18 Mar, Mon	Official Holiday (St. Paddy). The Moores of Glasnevin, Dr. & Mrs. Smith & Gibbons joined the Hannays & we did a day's gardening. Prof'r. Campbell dined. But the day was spoiled by Birrell's concessions to the Nationalists who were asking for potatoes for their constituents. Wires came all day with proposals each more silly (& immoral) than the last. It is assuredly the worst of all the bad Gov'ts I have served under.
	19 Mar, Tue	The Hannays left me & after a very hard office day I left Dublin for Edinburgh en route (!) for London.
	20 Mar, Wed	After a stormy night I arrived rather tired in Edinburgh. I went to the Scottish Agric'l Orga[nisatio]n Soc'y & saw their new Anderson, a Mr. John Drysdale who seems all right for the job. Then lunched with Sir John Gilmour & R Munro Ferguson. Met Sir T. Carmichael also a great amateur of art. Then meeting at Highland Agricultural Societies rooms. About 50 very good men present. I made a vigorous badly worded but I think fairly clear (on the main issues) speech which was admirably rec[eive]d. Then I went to Munro Ferguson's house near Kircaldy for lunch & got to know him. The house was empty so we were tête a tête. Train to London by night.
[the Irish Council Bill]	21 Mar, Thu	A busy day – mostly official work. Lunched Sir Antony at St. James Club. He told me he was sick & tired of his attempt to serve Ireland. The gov't cared only for party, they had insisted on going further towards Home Rule than he had advised in their forthcoming Devolution Bill. I had a talk with Birrell's private sec'y Davies. He said the Bill had not a chance of passing. The Lords would throw it out.
[Proverbs 1:17 – “For in vain is the net spread in the sight of any bird; but you are more foolish than the birds and fly into the snare when you know it is there. Oh, that you were wise and would consider your end.”]	22 Mar, Fri	Chief event of day a long tête a tête with Birrell at the Athenaeum. We talked about every subject connected with Ireland <u>except</u> the one we both had on top of our minds – my pos[iti]o[n]. I was determined to let him speak first. The Gov't wants me to resign so that they can say to the Home Rule M.P.s they kicked me out and to others that I resigned in a huff. “In vain is the net spread.” Had a pleasant meeting with my old cowboy friend (I employed him 21 years ago when I was bossing the Powder R Cattle Co) B.S. Carey now Commissioner (political) in Burmah.
	23 Mar, Sat	By day to Foxrock. J. Healy new Editor of Irish Times came to dine & sleep. I am trying to fire him with enthusiasm to make the I.T. a real paper & not a miserable invertebrate – or worse money grubbing – panderer to bourgeoisie. Healy will I think do well.
	24 Mar, Sun	After a forenoon with Healy to Dunsany by motor. Eddie, Beatrice, a Miss Bigge, Miss Keyes & ?Mr. ?Hume a literary friend of Eddie's the party. All happy I think. But Eddie purely selfish.
	25 Mar, Mon	Letter from Pinchot telling me that Roosevelt has stated at an interview with several people that I was the only Englishman (!) he ever met whom he would like in his Cabinet & that if he could get me he would put me in it in a minute. Munro Ferguson writes that he wishes they could get me to organise in Scotland. It is a

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[John 4:44 – “For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.”]		good illustration of the prophet in & out of his own country. Moted to Dublin early taking Miss Bigge (Sir Arthur’s daughter) to her North Wall boat. She is (politically at any rate) an ingenue & it was very refreshing to hear a sort of St. James Palace, Royal Hospital, view of Ireland from a fresh girl who had also absorbed some of the natural impressions that Ireland makes upon an English <u>female</u> . Heavy official day.
	26 Mar, Tue	Hard office day. Hanson dined & slept. He is an able young official & discussed Irish government interestingly.
	27 Mar, Wed	Heavy official day. Campbell in evening to Billiards & scheming agric’l development.
[L.C.C. – London County Council]	28 Mar, Thu	Worked early till lunch. Then had an afternoon’s golf at Dollymount with Campbell, Wilson & Anderson. Harold Barbour lunched. He is taking up the I.A.O.S. & looks to me like a very valuable recruit. Cyril Jackson L.C.C. & a Mr. Nicholson dined. They were over about unemployment for the Royal Com’n on Poor Laws. They were en route for Connemara to see Gov’t relief measures. I told them they would have no relevance to their inquiry.
	29 Mar, Fri	Golfed with Starkie & Adams. Had a lazy day at Foxrock.
	30 Mar, Sat	Busy 2/3rds day at office. Called on Lady Aberdeen, still on sofa, & cheered her up a bit. Saw J. Sinclair, not at all up to his work, & off by motor to Killeen for Easter. Col. & Mrs. Jenkins (niece), the MacDonnell ladies (Sir Antony to be fetched tomorrow in my motor) made the party.
	31 Mar, Sun	To Kilmessan Church. Beatrice drove me there from Dunsany, Eddie too lazy to go. The church cold & clean. Decorated nicely for Easter. ?Patton, the man I helped to nominate, a weakling physically & intellectually fitly presided over the dying embers of vanishing respectability. Back to Killeen. Antony MacDonnell was brought from Dublin in my motor. He talked generally & dully on the constitutional issues he has been playing with. Poor fellow he sees that his alternative to Home Rule has nothing to compensate for its failure to be what the people want. I pity him for I too have to struggle with economics when I know that they will at best fill the stomach & leave unsatisfied the heart’s desire. I am as honest as Antony – not as strong – but I think a little more in seeing.
	1 Apr, Mon	Fairy House Races. Mostly strangers now. Percy La Touche, Willie Blacker, A J Mac Neill, Tom Leonard & George Murphy among the old faces. Sir Antony enjoyed his day out & I was glad to see him relaxed. Poor fellow he fully expects to be driven out of his post shortly ?and for me to go with him.
	2 Apr, Tue	To Roscommon. Moted Antony to Enfield. Fr. O’Hara, we two & Doran had a conference with the Co Council, John Fitzgibbon in the Chair. Proceedings very orderly but not harmonious. However it was a good move, if a dangerous precedent in some ways. Discussion is what is wanted. Antony suggested ?speaking sitting. Excellent effort. Back to Foxrock. Henry Chalmers Roberts a live American

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		(editor of World's Work) to dine & sleep. A.E. to meet him. Projecting an Exhib'n number of World's Work.
	3 Apr, Wed	Official, arrears. Harold Barbour dined & slept. Callan & Fr. Finlay dined.
	4 Apr, Thu	The Cooperative Wholesale Soc'y of Manchester sent over a deputation to see whether the I.A.O.S. & they could come to terms. This reminded me of another period of my life, the beginning of the New Movement.
	5 Apr, Fri	During day had a good talk with Birrell at Castle. He asked me about my position and told me (what I suspected) that he regarded my retention in office as a matter to be decided in accordance with the Parl'y exigencies. I enlightened him as to the history of the Dept & the constitutional character of my post. He asked me to put it all on paper.
	6 Apr, Sat	Official.
	7 Apr, Sun	Lazy morning interrupted by telephone message from Sir Antony. Then went in to Dublin, saw J Robertson Scott sent over to write articles for Exhib'n number of World's Work. Moted A.E. down to Dunsany where I tried in vain I fear to interest Eddie in public work. I wanted him to go in with Russell & work the Homestead.
	8 Apr, Mon	Very heavy office day. Robertson Scott came to Kilteragh & I had Campbell, Fletcher & Adams to meet him.
	9 Apr, Tue	The World's Work man amazed me by his journalistic work. He is a sort of thinking machine. Huge bundles of blue books, leaflets, books, photographs, letters &c &c are shovelled into him & out comes sifted literary grain, all excellent journalese. A butter deputation sweated all the fat out of me in the afternoon. A heavy day was reduced by Hannay to dinner & Hanson.
	10 Apr, Wed	Rolleston came to meet Hannay. Very hard office day. Clearly I should live longer & perhaps more usefully if I gave up the Department or was thrown out of it.
	11 Apr, Thu	Lunched with Lady MacDonnell to meet Father Bernard Vaughan S.J. who is giving popular lectures (in the pulpit) on the sins of society. He is an excellent story teller but a humbug if ever there was one. To Dundalk for a "banquet", Cardinal Logue & Tim Healy being my fellow guests at the Technical School opened earlier in the day by the Cardinal. Dinner 7.30. Speeches lasted till 2.45 A.M! I never had such a dose.
	12 Apr, Fri	Back after a short sleepless night to a hard day at office. C.D.B. monthly meeting &c.
	13 Apr, Sat	Wet & therefore official work.
	14 Apr, Sun	A day of real rest barring 3 hours in bed to start with.
	15 Apr, Mon	Official hard. Gill came back to office. I begin to fear he is the reverse of loyal to me just now. He is loyal to the M.P.s & is briefing Redmond against me. He fears that if I stay on it will be in some position which would interfere with his position.
	16 Apr, Tue	Tried to spend day at Kilteragh & attend to my building &c. But the office took my best thought & much time. Lady Mayo left.
	17 Apr, Wed	Tom Ponsonby & Harold Barbour dined & slept. Other guests

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		left. Tom very interesting after his travels.
	18 Apr, Thu	Spring Show & 3 deputations at it. Rest of day educating public opinion (including Birrell) for next Wednesday's debate.
	19 Apr, Fri	Official & preparing others to defend me in debate.
	20 Apr, Sat	Long day in office. The newspapers are beginning to take my view of the economic questions involved in Dillon's attack on me.
	21 Apr, Sun	W.E. Holmes lunched & Prof. Campbell came out in the evening. It was an IAOS & DATI day with a vengeance.
	22 Apr, Mon	Monteagle came to me & we had an IAOS & DATI day.
	23 Apr, Tue	Agricultural Board. Friendly & efficient. All present except Dr. Healy & Gore Booth. Crossed to London by night mail.
	24 Apr, Wed	A sad day. It probably marked the close of my public official career though not, if my health holds out, of my public usefulness – if such I can claim. Parliament spent its concluding 3 hours debating 'the present writer'. Ought he longer to hold an office intended to be ministerial without a seat & under government other than that which appointed him. That was the ostensible issue. Dillon made a violent attack on me showing that the real issue (which Birrell admitted to me <u>was</u> the real issue) was my influence in Eng'd, Ireland & America in favour of economics versus politics.
	25 Apr, Thu	Resign or not resign or rather how resign. That was today's question & an interchange of letters with Birrell was settled. I shall put it into operation tomorrow & get it published. The Press has debated me so generally that if I don't know myself I know how 'ithers see me'. Public op[inio]n is exceeding kind. I think my work gains more than I lose by the victory of Dillon. It is, if I mistake not, a Pyrrhic victory. Monteagle, Mary S[pring]R[ice], Fr. OD, Sidney [<i>sic</i>] Brooks & Ikerrin dined with me at Wellington Club.
	26 Apr, Fri	Formal letters passed betw'n Birrell & me. I desired to be relieved of my duties at earliest public convenience. He named Whitsun recess for transference of office. There the incident ends. Met Alfred Stead (son of W.T.S., ed[ito]r of Review of Reviews) at Wellington where Fr. O'Donovan brought him to lunch with me. Very interesting young man. Saw a few friends & left London for Dublin last train.
	27 Apr, Sat	Back in the office in Dublin. The beginning of the packing up. The staff are I think sorry. The Press of the U.K. is extremely kind. Today's Spec[tator] has a very strong article re my dismissal. I have gained greatly by my treatment at the hands of the wretchedly weak (morally) gov't.
	28 Apr, Sun	Adams came out to have a quiet talk. I wrote many letters and Daisy came at night after a motor trip with Lady Mayo & Fr. Finlay to Menlough. More Press Cuttings. The weekly Papers are even stronger than the daily in condemning the action of the Government.
	29 Apr, Mon	Heavy correspondence. Two Deputations.
	30 Apr, Tue	Official. Bombarded with letters still about last Wednesday.

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		Beginning to realise that I have gained immensely in influence by Nationalist attack.
	1 May, Wed	Two charming letters – one from Lady Betty & one from George Wyndham. The former was extremely understanding & put me in great conceit with myself!
	2 May, Thu	Office most of day.
	3 May, Fri	Reggie, Tom, Daisy & Oliver invaded me for the night. All very nice in their various ways.
	4 May, Sat	Opening of Internat[ional] Exhib'n. Very well done project! Wm. Murphy got it up to boom the Tramways stock & he is a splendid business man & will make the undertaking pay him & his Trams. The Exhib'n was not wanted yet & won't do Ireland much good. But it will bring money to Dublin which wants it badly.
	5 May, Sun	Golf. Lunched on H.M.S. Hibernia where Reggie showed me his new ship & his apparatus with which he does his duty as "Wireless Expert" of the Channel Fleet. The Starkies dined.
	6 May, Mon	The Fingalls left. I attended a function, Presentation of Bell, Plate, Flags &c to the Hibernia by Irish 'Sassiety' at Exhibition. Worked at my address for Council.
	7 May, Tue	Very busy. Called on the Aberdeens & had much discussion with them on the Irish Council Bill which was introduced today. The telegraphic despatches convince me that it is very bad. It hands over certain departments of Gov't to a National Council without the slightest prospect of higher administrative efficiency or economy. A bribe of £650,000 is thrown in in order to supply the drain which will be caused by the waste & jobbery which will ensue. It is as amateurish unstatesmanlike a measure (on first impression) as I ever saw. My departure goes into the pot! The Bill won't pass in its present form. But its failure to pass will possibly make for Home Rule. Its passage would necessitate Home Rule.
	8 May, Wed	Meeting of Tech Inst'n Board. A sad affair as I had to say goodbye to them & showed too much feeling.
	9 May, Thu	Busy official.
	10 May, Fri	Congested Districts Board meeting.
	11 May, Sat	The Setons came to stay.
	12 May, Sun	A quiet Sunday with the Setons.
	13 May, Mon	Busy official
	14 May, Tue	Ditto
	15 May, Wed	H[ugh] de F[ellenberg] "Montgomery" & Hannay joined my party.
[Text of address to Council of Agriculture in <i>IH</i> , XIV:21 (25 May 1907), pp. 411-4] and in <i>DATI Journal</i> , VII:4	16 May, Thu	The Council of Agriculture & my valedictory address. The feeling to me was excellent. The debate was destroyed by the fact that John Dillon who would have had a rough time of it was burying his poor wife. I delivered a fair address. But this fact made me change it in many respects & I had to write a good deal of it

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(1907), pp. 625-34]		betw'n 5 & 9 AM. I was tired.
	17 May, Fri	Second day of meeting. All the goodbyes over yesterday, thank Heaven & some good debates on industries. Arranged to hand over the office to T.W. Russell on 22nd & more staff to say goodbye 23rd.
	18 May, Sat	Bernard Hollands came & Daisy. Setons left.
	19 May, Sun	Rest at last! Golf, motor, bicycle & glorious weather.
	20 May, Mon	JG Butcher came to dine & sleep. Old times.
	21 May, Tue	Busy packing up at office.
	22 May, Wed	Met T.W. Russell at noon & handed over the office to him. Did my best to put him in the way of doing the work honestly. But he is put there to job for his party & I am not very hopeful. Daisy took the Bernard Hollands to Killeen. Hannay left.
[L&NWR – London & North Western Railway]	23 May, Thu	Packing, another interview with T.W. Russell & a formal goodbye to the staff. They like me, all except Gill who throughout this business has I fear been intriguing against me. Crossed over to Holyhead & slept at L&NWR hotel. Bernard Hollands did ditto.
	24 May, Fri	Moted Bernard Holland via Chester (where we lunched & did the Cathedral) to Lichfield where I met Bryan Stapylton & Dorothy in the street. We slept there for an early start in the morning.
	25 May, Sat	Left Lichfield 6.15, London by noon 120 miles. 2 punctures but otherwise good going. Dined with S H Butcher. Otherwise too tired to do anything.
	26 May, Sun	Most of day spent preparing address on Agric'l for Imperial Conference on Ed'n tomorrow. Dined with Monteagles.
	27 May, Mon	Got a lady typist & dictated a speech for Imperial Conf[erenc]e on Ed'n. Rose at 6 & worked till 2. Then lunch & delivered address at 3. Not well done needless to say! Dined with Eddie & Beatrice. Tom Ponsonby present. He is very interesting.
	28 May, Tue	Very tired & got nothing done in the way of work. Had a good talk with Elliott on Agric'l Policy. Dined with JG Butcher. His poor wife has a displaced pelvis & is condemned to lie on her back for at least 6 months. She has the electrophone, a telephone & elec fan at her side. She can select her music from all the theatres or the opera at night, her sermon on Sunday & talk to all her friends. Still I suppose she envies the apple woman who can walk the streets.
[Probably the Small Land Holders (Scotland) Bill]	29 May, Wed	Had a long talk with Sinclair (Sec for Scotland) about his Bill. He is not at all equal to his task and as a cabinet minister is "poor sire". I told him Adams might apply for a post in Scotland if his bill went through & he promised to consult me before filling any post Adams could take. I hope no such post will be created. But Adams deserves all my support & will get it when he feels that he can do better away from Ireland.
	30 May, Thu	Lunched with the Shaw Stewarts, met Lady Cromer who tells me Ld. Cromer wants to see me when he comes out of his 'rest cure'.

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		Had Sidney [<i>sic</i>] Brooks, Shan Bullock & Fr. O'Donovan to dine.
	31 May, Fri	Very little work. I am not fit for good work. The holiday brings a bad reaction for long tension.
	1 Jun, Sat	Chiefly letters on Irish work.
	2 Jun, Sun	Moted down to King's Ford, Colchester where Sir Kenelm Digby has bought his retiring house – a very nice old country house with not too much land about it & commodious but not in the nicest part of England I think. He showed me the report of his Committee. Long, diffuse but altogether approving, in some ways laudatory. I hardly appear in it except in the narrative of my official pos[iti]on as V.P. without a seat & after change of Gov't &c. But the staff are appreciated. That is all I cared about.
	3 Jun, Mon	Motored back to London. En route stopped at Chelmsford & saw JH Nicholas the Secretary of the Co Council Tech C'tee. He showed me over his agricultural development work laboratories – dairying, horticulture &c. Just on the Irish lines only not so good! Mary had a tea party. I don't know when I have been to a tea fight. They came in & out in shoals. It was all part of the game. But what a game! Dined with Algernon & Lady Henrietta Turnor to talk English agricultural policy. Met a nephew ? Turnor of Lincolnshire, a sort of Nugent Everard but ?longer ?headed. I must see more of him.
	4 Jun, Tue	Dictated some 20 letters & came down by motor to Fisher's Hill. Only the family. A game of golf & a good talk. Very enjoyable.
	5 Jun, Wed	Gerald went to town early & I walked the Surrey lanes with Lady Betty in the morning. In the afternoon I moted Lady B & Ruth to London. Dined with Sinclairs to meet Sydney Fisher, Min[ister] of Ag Canada, not an inspiring personality but sound.
	6 Jun, Thu	Three events. Met E S Rouse Boughton my old cattle partner after 12 years. Not much changed but of course greyer. He had been chiefly in the tropics & subtropics – Sumatra & Australia. Often “stony broke” but always rebounded. Now has £600 or £700 a year but no occupation. Finds it hard to get the latter at home. Envis me my work. This I did not expect from him. Lunched with St. Loe Strachey ed[ito]r Spectator. A bit inelastic, I thought, in his op[inio]ns & sympathies. He will listen to me I am sure on the I.Q. Dined with Ogilvie & wife. He told me a lot about the C'tee of Inquiry. Micks they all despised. O. thought Fletcher inferior to Blair, more nervous! He knew Campbell in his early struggles which were very honourable & characteristically Scottish.
	7 Jun, Fri	Lunched with Boughton & dined with Caroe. He had a ‘freak’ dinner the menu being a copy of a 1760 one in a country club of some sort. It was gross, preposterous. I asked at what time it was served in the original & he said after morning church! It was absurd. Several innovations were necessary & some omissions – e.g. stuck pig.
	8 Jun, Sat	Saw Mrs. J.R. Green. She now deplors my dismissal, is furious

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[poss. Land Comm'r. William F. Bailey]		<p>over the treatment of Sir Antony who she says is to be succeeded by "that traitor[?]" W H [sic] Bailey.</p> <p>Lunched with Sidney Webbs. Had a long walk & talk with Winston Churchill. He agreed that the Gov't had made a great blunder over me. They ought to have either given Russell the post on the change of Govt. on the good ground that they wanted him on the front bench where he is very efficient, or have changed the practice of the post by continuing the irregularity of their predecessors' treatment of it. He was very interesting & frank about his own career. I begged him to conserve his energies. 'I am old for 31, I admit' he said rather sadly. He was rather brutal in his political views – or rather on the game. His comments on those antitheses of popularity, ?Masters Arnold Forster & Gerald Balfour (towards whom I softened him a little) was "Popularity is a good thing to despise – when you have got it".</p>
	9 Jun, Sun	<p>Moted to Knebworth where I saw Lytton & "Pamela" in The Manor Ho[use] & Lady Lytton (dowager) & Con in a very nice cottage on the Knebworth estate. I fear Pamela is not over faithful. Dined the Stuart Wortleys & a Mr. & Mrs. Hapgood, friends of theirs, at the Savoy, Daisy & Fingall helping.</p> <p>I tried to interest Lytton in the problem of Rural Life which I think would be a great platform for a progressive Tory.</p>
	10 Jun, Mon	<p>Dined to meet Emily Lawless & the D[uche]ss of St. Albans at the little Chelsea house (2 Cheyne Walk) of the D[uche]ss of San Teodoro. All charming people, good simple discourse.</p>
	11 Jun, Tue	<p>Wasted day, not very fit. Got an insolent letter from Gill scolding me for suspecting him of having been influenced by any regard to his own position in the long course of events which led to my dismissal.</p>
	12 Jun, Wed	<p>Saw Josslyn Gore Booth married to a very nice quiet girl, a Miss Malone. Met Bob Yerburgh & Nugent Harris about the meeting of the A.O.S. on the morrow. He (Y) is getting less of a free fooder – a good index.</p> <p>Dined at H of C with Walter Long & talked over Unionist policy.</p>
[Report of speech to AOS in <i>IH</i> , XIV:25 (22 Jun 1907), pp. 492-3]	13 Jun, Thu	<p>Meeting of the A.O.S. at Grosvenor House. I made a moderate speech.</p> <p>Lunched with Lucy – a literary & 'Unionish' party.</p> <p>Meeting of Pelton SS Co at which fresh agreement was made with Gardiner & ?Rey managing directors.</p>
	14 Jun, Fri	<p>Meeting at Northern Polytechnic Inst[itutio]n of Assoc'n of Tech Inst'n took 4 hours doing formalities.</p> <p>Took a party to the Irish play (Literary Theatre over on tour) "The Playboy of the Western World". Very clever but rather foolish to get on the Boards as it was bound to infuriate the Irish Irelanders. The hero is a tramp who is the hero because he says he has murdered his father.</p>
	15 Jun, Sat	<p>Went to 167 Gleneldon Road & spent afternoon & evening with Shan Bullock in his humble suburban home. A mediocre good wife, a daughter who thumped the piano at 15 with vigor and a son of 17 who sang Albert Chevalier's (tell it not to Sinn Fein)</p>

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		latest & is going to emigrate to Canada & not U.S.
[prob. Clandon, the Onslow family seat]	16 Jun, Sun	Took Daisy in motor to Fisher's Hill. Met Lady de Vesce & Mary Vesey a glorious child grown into a splendid woman, the Alfred Lytteltons and Lady Baths son (a good sort). Went also to call on the Harmsworths (I liked her) at South Place. Then came Mrs. Earle. Then on to the Onslows at Glandon [<i>sic</i>]. Altogether a very delightful day. Motored back by night.
[<i>désœuvré</i> – idle]	17 Jun, Mon	Shopping chiefly. Dined with Sir W Hart Dyke at Club (Carlton) & found him rather depressed. He was 40 years in Parl't before he was thrown out at last election – 20 years in office though not given office since 1892 & now devotes himself to county work & Railway directorship. Feels <i>désœuvré</i> – will be miserable when he can no longer work. ?Govt ?coming on splendid constitution though life makes him resent it. He remembered 50 years ago staying at Knockdrin with Sir Richard Levinge. He wanted to get in for Westmeath. He had simply to arrange it with the Bishop.
	18 Jun, Tue	Packing up. Two events only in day. Adams lectured the Statistical Soc'y on small holdings & I met the 2 chief men of the Lincolnshire Farmers Union who wanted me to stand for a Lincolnshire Constituency as a farmers' M.P. I of course declined.
[Dermot – Ld. Mayo]	19 Jun, Wed	By train with Daisy to Hungerford where Lady Mayo met us & helped me to buy some furniture for Kilteragh. Lunched at the little wooden house Dermot & wife are occupying with one servant. It is over ¼ mile from the road in the middle of a ploughed field. They seem very happy. Of course it is simply for his fishing & must be uncomfortable for her. On via Marlborough, Cirencester, Gloucester, Ross & Monmouth to Llanover where we arrived at 11 P.M. & went joyfully to bed very tired. What struck me most was the little traffic, wheel or pedestrian, on the roads.
	20 Jun, Thu	A more depressing climate & place than Dunsany. Everybody damp & slack except Mrs. Herbert who is as lively as a cricket, moves the times but never with them. Walter Maxwell & "Poppy" seem very happy. He fishes & she does absolutely nothing except get up very late & keep out of her mother's way. Funny old world folk but, I am sure, happy beyond the average. They live outside of the modern rush & fuss. Went via Hereford to Knighton. Saw the cathedral. Finer outside than in I thought.
	21 Jun, Fri	T. Ferne my Beguildy agent did not turn up till noon. Went then to Beguildy & saw the most important tenants' houses which I have put into good repair after Nixon's long neglect. They live rather piggishly in houses of great age and great interest, in some cases the construction evidently being of middle ages. Went on with Daisy who came by fly from Knighton via Newtown (road crossed a hill, 1550 ft. above sea level[]), Welshpool, Oswestry, Llangollen to Holyhead which we reached before midnight. Winter weather but we enjoyed it.
	22 Jun, Sat	Arrived at N[orth] Wall very tired. Loafed about Foxrock all day. Bowers came out & I tried to dictate letters.
	23 Jun, Sun	Fletcher & Fr. Finlay lunched & I got the hang of the news.
	24 Jun, Mon	A wild cold wet March day. I gave two foursome (mixed) prizes

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		at the Foxrock Golf Club & had to play myself! Saw Anderson, Gill & a few others in Dublin.
	25 Jun, Tue	Dined with J.E. Healy, Ed[ito]r Irish Times & had a very interesting talk on Irish situation. I think he will help my work & aims.
	26 Jun, Wed	In Dublin with Anderson & Fr. Finlay talking over future of IAOS most of day. Adams was most helpful. Some good people want to present me with a memorial to my services. Some of them are pro me but vs I.A.O.S. They wanted me to assist them to formulate a scheme which by not making the IAOS too prominent would bring all elements together. Adams says "Don't try. Go flat footed for the I.A.O.S. scheme. It is yours, you believe in it, you may use other words but you have no other scheme".
[Letter from Wm. O'Reilly, Sec'y, Plunkett Presentation C'tee, in <i>IH</i> , XIV:29 (20 Jul 1907), p. 570]	27 Jun, Thu	Very busy in IAOS matters. Daisy came at night.
[Ralph Montagu Stuart-Wortley] [Letter, reply to Wm. O'Reilly, Plunkett Presentation C'tee, in <i>IH</i> , XIV:29 (20 Jul 1907), p. 570-1]	28 Jun, Fri	Norman Hapgood Editor of Colliers Weekly introduced to me by R.M.S.W. came to stay a few days.
	29 Jun, Sat	Morning in Dublin. Afternoon taking Hapgood to Powerscourt & Leopardstown.
	30 Jun, Sun	Went to see Boss Croker in his house at Glencairn. He showed us his racing stud including Orby who has won the Derby. His is an unattractive personality but interesting as a study. I think I see the secret of his power over the masses of New York.
	1 Jul, Mon	Did very little except negotiate with the people who want to give me a memorial. Finally they decided upon a circular to intending subscribers which I think puts things in the right light.
	2 Jul, Tue	Daisy left. Worked at letters & played at golf.
	3 Jul, Wed	Report of Committee of Inquiry issued. Had not time to study it. Micks who reports separately is simply vindictive against all my work & ideas & plays the demagogue on Irish grievances & possibilities.
	4 Jul, Thu	The Irish Times, N[orthern] Whig & [Belfast] Newsletter all accept the Majority Report & of course the Nationalist[s] take the Minority report. I shall have to think out a plan for having the main issue betw'n them discussed.
	5 Jul, Fri	A meeting of the Home Industries Section of the Exhib'n.
	6 Jul, Sat	Took Hapgood to lunch with the Aberdeens to meet Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Sat next him & was confirmed in my opinion that the best Colonial ministers are very inferior to the old country ones. Hapgood left & Daisy came.

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	7 Jul, Sun	Emily Lawless came & was as interesting as ever.
	8 Jul, Mon	A lazy day.
	9 Jul, Tue	Worked at Belfast speech. A meeting of the Industries assoc'n hurriedly called to discuss private matters. Everyone knew it was Lady A[berdeen]'s intention to propose a present to the Queen. Letters poured in from the loyal who could not attend, approving. A large meeting was duly cordial. Lady A. read a letter from Daisy opposing the presentation "in the state of the Country"! It was a spiteful act of Lady A.
	10 Jul, Wed	The King at the Exhib'n. Went as one of Home Industries Section "Commy tie" to receive him. All the pushers of politico philanthropy crowd. Then garden party. Daisy was with the King which is a good snub to Lady Aberdeen after her trick of yesterday.
	11 Jul, Thu	Leopardstown Races! and dinner with King & Queen on Royal Yacht. Sat between Lord Knollys & Ld. Gosford. Former discussed patronage in Ireland & told me the difficulties the K. had in getting information. I volunteered to get information for him in future if he asked me. Had a good talk with the King about the state of the country.
	12 Jul, Fri	Left Foxrock in motor at 5.25 AM & got to Belfast by mail train 9 AM. Put up with Sir James & Lady Henderson. Not very comfortable. Meeting of Assoc'n of Tech Inst'n at 11. Presided & Fletcher read an excellent address. More functions in afternoon & in ev[enin]g dinner by Henderson & me to Assoc'n & others. Nearly 200 sat down to dinner in Hall of Tech Inst[itute]. I made badly a goodish speech. Gill, Sinclair & Andrews all spoke well. It was quite a Recess Committee night!
	13 Jul, Sat	Forth read a paper on the work of the Tech Committee in Belfast & a long morning sitting wound up the serious proceedings. Then a garden party at Mrs. Walter Wilson's at Belvoir Park. Back to Dublin & Foxrock. A.D. Steel Maitland, a double first contemporary of Adams' at Oxford, came with me from Belfast to Kilteragh.
	14 Jul, Sun	Adams spent afternoon. Anderson lunched, Robinson dined. Sidney Wells came on for Assoc'n of Tech Inst'n Belfast. Interesting day. It was hottish which is a good sign for weather. The rain never stops when it is cold in summer.
	15 Jul, Mon	Steel Maitland & Sidney Wells spent day at Department & I.A.O.S. I had Russell (G.W. not T.W.) to meet them at Foxrock in the evening. Much of my day was wasted over attempts to get servants.
	16 Jul, Tue	Spent day getting to Newcastle.
	17 Jul, Wed	A gloriously fine day. Four motor cars (Walsh's, Sir L. Wood's, H Armstrong's & a hireling) took the directors (all except young Bainbridge) round Pontop, Dipton, Burnopfield, Byermoor, Marley Hill, Andrew[s] House & Kibblesworth Collieries. We did part of the journey over the Pontop & Jarrow R'y. It is a great property & is under Gardiner's & Armstrong's management greatly improved. I am getting to know more about it.

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	18 Jul, Thu	Bowes Board & then more collieries (Felling, Vale pit & Springwell and Wardley) & Jarrow Staithes. Dined with Armstrongs.
	19 Jul, Fri	Inspected Pelton (after meeting of Framwellgate & Pelton Boards) & went back to Ireland by night. Prospect of mine future good. Even Framwellgate shows a profit.
	20 Jul, Sat	Arrived early at Foxrock & went a-housekeeping. Daisy & Fingall came to see me. In ev[enin]g Lady Betty & 2 youngest girls Mary & Eve came on a visit. This was a great joy.
	21 Jul, Sun	Anderson to lunch, Fletcher & Adams & two Massachusetts Commissioners of Education dined. A very nice restful day.
	22 Jul, Mon	Took Betty & her bairns to the Exhib'n & spent rest of day preparing a defence of the Department's policy (in my time) for Butcher (& Arthur Balfour if he will take it up) on Department's Estimates debate Thursday next.
	23 Jul, Tue	Delightful day with Lady Betty & Daisy.
	24 Jul, Wed	Grey & wet day. Fingall came. Mrs. Stafford dined. I worked a bit.
	25 Jul, Thu	Everard came to dine & sleep & we talked politics freely.
	26 Jul, Fri	Betty went to Mount Trenchard & Daisy to Killeen. J. Healy (of Irish Times) dined with me at Exhib'n & I talked The political situation with him. The debate of yesterday on the Department was to a thin house. But Arthur Balfour took a very good part in it & backed up my policy well.
	27 Jul, Sat	Daisy returned to help me to entertain my guests coming in force Monday. Lady MacDonnell had a party ?at the exhib'n to meet Sir Antony. But the police in Belfast are giving trouble by joining in the general demoralisation.
	28 Jul, Sun	A day of reflection. Adams coming to help. Anderson also with me. Did good by straight talking to him.
	29 Jul, Mon	Gerald Balfours, Emily Lawless & Monteagle. It moves Gerald much to be back again in the country to which he gave his best years & nearly gave his life.
	30 Jul, Tue	Monteagle left & Gerald Balfour came . IAOS Committee meeting at which I hope I did a little to hearten the rather discouraged cooperators.
	31 Jul, Wed	Wrote a long letter to James Bryce on the political situation in Ireland hoping to draw his views on the constitutional questions involved in possible compromises. The Gills & Tyrrells dined & we had a <u>delightful</u> evening. Gerald & I golfed at Dollymount.
	1 Aug, Thu	A morning in Dublin an afternoon gardening with Emily Lawless & an evening dining at home with Robinsons, Gibbons, Dr. Pope, Prof'r of Pol[itical] Econ[omy] at University of M[iss]o[uri] & his wife who had heard tell of me & wanted to see me.

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	2 Aug, Fri	Little work & less play for it rained heavily. The Gerald Balfours are really enjoying themselves.
	3 Aug, Sat	Took Gerald & Betty to Glenmalone, Wicklow through Glen of Downs & back by Walpole's Garden. The day was glorious & they enjoyed it greatly. In evening had Dougherty, Adams & Tim Healy (!) to dine. T.H. was very interesting.
	4 Aug, Sun	The Antony MacDonnells lunched. The Harrels & Mulhalls called. Gerald Balfour left having really enjoyed his stay. Betty & the children stayed for another day or so.
	5 Aug, Mon	Delightful day with Lady Betty. The Hannays came in the ev[enin]g. Lady B & the Westport rector Sinn Feiner had some interesting talk. I hope before the latter leaves to have steadied him a little.
	6 Aug, Tue	Eddie & Tom at Kildare St. Club at lunch. The former in brilliant form, the latter as sensible as ever. Lady Betty & 2 girls left on their bicycles. They are to ride to Scotland (Whittingehame) from Bangor!
	7 Aug, Wed	C.D.B. Sir Antony presided over one & I over three Committees.
	8 Aug, Thu	C.D.B. Land Committee. Anderson came out to Kilteragh for 2 days.
	9 Aug, Fri	C.D.B. monthly general. Fr. O'Donovan dined & I had an interesting evening with him & Anderson.
	10 Aug, Sat	Daisy & her two girls came. I called in afternoon on Mrs. Coyne & talked about her late husband. Very sad.
	11 Aug, Sun	Starkies & Fletcher lunched & we talked school hygiene.
	12 Aug, Mon	[No entry]
	13 Aug, Tue	Mrs. Spring Rice lunched. Dr. & Mrs. Frissell came to stay. Fletcher dined to meet them.
	14 Aug, Wed	Day given up to Frissells. Had Adams, Tisdall, Anderson & Harold Barbour to meet them.
	15 Aug, Thu	Not very well & did little. The Frissells left well impressed I think with Irish ideas of the regal kind.
	16 Aug, Fri	Hanson came out to dine & sleep. Interesting talk on Wyndham régime & other matters.
	17 Aug, Sat	My daily work consists of letters re public matters dictated at the IAOS & to Bowers at Kilteragh & a game of golf. Rolleston came to stay the weekend.
	18 Aug, Sun	Golf for 2 morning hours. Then Major M[a]cMahon, Fletcher, Smail & Rich of my late Department & Daisy came to lunch. Then I moted Rolleston to see Antony MacDonnell. Callan came to dinner. An interesting day.
	19 Aug, Mon	Rolleston left. The whole day was wasted by a luncheon to the Duke of Connaught, a dinner at the Exhib'n to him by the Aberdeens & sundry functions betw'n meals in connection with the opening of the Arch put up at the corner of Stephens Green in memory of the Dublin Fusiliers who died in S. Africa.
	20 Aug, Tue	A meeting of Congested Dist[ri]ct[s] Bd & sundry 'chores'.

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	21 Aug, Wed	Caroe arrived & I spent most of day at House.
	22 Aug, Thu	Caröe again.
	23 Aug, Fri	Coventry came by day mail. He strikes me as the ideal English gentleman. The only thing to be said against him is that he may be too much for his class. But according to his lights he is a splendid character. Daisy came.
	24 Aug, Sat	Lady Mayo & Oliver joined for the week end. Judge Martin Keogh dined. He is a splendid specimen of the enlightened Irish Amer'n.
	25 Aug, Sun	Starkie and Fletcher lunched to talk Home Improvement, Hygiene in schools &c with Lady Mayo & Daisy. Rowley came in time for dinner. Happily he talks horses well & that interests Coventry.
	26 Aug, Mon	Dorothy & Bryan arrived early, Reggie night. Leopardstown Races. I became a member & took my party. Job cook & Curtain both liquoring a bit! Alice arrived having brought up 3 thoroughbred yearlings to sell!
	27 Aug, Tue	First day of Show. Could not go myself but all guests went & were happy. Harold Barbour came late at night.
	28 Aug, Wed	Lunched Dalziel's yacht in Kingstown harbour. Harold Barbour & I talked over the I.A.O.S. &c. Lord Coventry & Reggie left.
	29 Aug, Thu	C.D.B. office making out itinerary for Congested tour. I.A.O.S. office. Horse Show & looking after party.
	30 Aug, Fri	Got rid of my job cook (goes tomorrow) & engaged another! Curtain had a big drink last night, altogether my housekeeping is a sorry affair. Dorothy & Bryan left. Prof'r. Campbell & Adams dined & talked over the work of the Dept &c. Had a big interview with Sir Antony. They are trying to drive him out.
[Bischoffsheim] [Campbell – Kilcooley steward]	31 Aug, Sat	Left Foxrock before Alice & Rowley got up & went via Dublin to Kill where I met Tom in his car with Bertram Parr. Drove Tom to Kilkenny sending Bertram & luggage in other car to Kilcooley. Inspected woollen mills. Saturday & no work in afternoon but got main facts which I shall write to Adams. Otway Cuffe with Lady Desart's (née Bishofscheim [<i>sic</i>]) money is making a sort of Cadbury village for workers in wood (carving & cabinet making) industry & tobacco growers & curers. Model cottages, a hostelry for foremen &c & so forth well done. But too much is done for the people & too little spontaneously by them. I fear that when the capital expenditure ceases there will be a moral slump. At Kilcooley long talk with Campbell who is very pessimistic about the state of the country. He thinks Birrellism has produced the worst demoralisation he remembers.
	1 Sep, Sun	Another talk with Campbell & off via Rock of Cashel (which I thought the most imposing building I had seen in Ireland) Mitchelstown, Doneraile & Mallow to Killarney where I stayed with S.H. Butcher. I discussed the political situation with him & found him unbending on the Home Rule question but not very clear as to the alternative – the continuance of an impasse with the

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		Garrison paid off. Dined with the Kenmares.
[gooseberry – an unwanted third person]	2 Sep, Mon	A delightful morning with S.H.B. the only cloud being a visit from Jack Leahy who is suffering from combined Religious mania & neuritis. I remember him a gladsome Eton boy, then a sporting undergrad. Then he was a good sort of squire when he had a sudden conversion. Now he is a sad wreck – a melancholy optimist. On to Garinish where Dunraven was in his yacht & I slept on his island. He wanted to pick my brains, as he did before his Devolution pronouncement. I think he is half minded to declare for Home Rule as the excitement of this autumn. He is clever, very. But a mere selfish intriguer in public life. He had on his yacht a Kerry beauty – a Mrs. Blennerhasset looking younger than her grown daughter who was there as gooseberry.
	3 Sep, Tue	Left at 10 AM & met WS Green at his summer residence at West Cove. There McLean, Inspector of C.D.B., met me & we walked over the Burns Hartopp estate – or part of it. I learned a good deal of the domestic economy of the people – how they had completely given up farming for food & taken to cattle because it afforded money for shop food. In Kerry there is little grassland for redistribution & an all round improvement in agric'l methods & domestic economy seems to be the sole resource for island districts. Saw bit of Winn estate and then drove on via Killorglin & Castlemaine to Tralee. There I put up with the R. Fitzgeralds. She a Kerry beauty wonderfully preserved. But they depressed me. They mean to be out of Ireland.
	4 Sep, Wed	Left Tralee at 9 AM & worked round to Mount Trenchard inspecting the Collis Sandes Estate from near Abbeyfeale to Brosna on the way. Weather quite awful, pouring & cold. The Board is really doing good work in improving the houses of the people. But the only real salvation is intensive organisation and technical educ'n & advice. Of course gen'l educ'n is a bigger need – but that's not to be. At M.T. discussed Pembroke Trust with Mrs. Fred Verney & daughter & a Canon Chapman & wife of the party. Lady M[onteagle]. getting more & more of a cripple & more & more gloomy.
	5 Sep, Thu	Left Mount Trenchard 6.30 A.M. Pump of motor ceased to work at Asheaton & I had to do the dreary journey to Westport by train (6 hours from Limerick). Got to Westport in time to have a delightful evening at The Rectory with the Hannays, best of hosts, including a game of chess with a first class amateur, an English Inland Revenue officer who beat me – W. West by name. Began to read Janus in Modern Life, a short book on Modern Life by Flinders Petrie. His survey of Humanity extends over 10,000 years. He delights me by putting character before everything.
	6 Sep, Fri	Barbour moted Doran & Shaftesbury to the Rectory & we went on in B[oar]d car round the estates in neighbourhood of Westport, Newport & Castlebar, chiefly the Bingham, O'Donel & Kilmaine estates. Nothing new but I cleared my mind a good deal on the problem to be solved. The worst picture is the reaction which must set in when the Board's expenditure on improvement of estates ceases. There will be a shortage of cash which will seriously impede the development of the resettled estates. Self help will be a poor substitute for State aid on the C.D.B. lavish scale. Visited the Castlebar lunatic asylum. A sad but very humane institution. Another game with the chess player which I

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		won.
	7 Sep, Sat	Left my charming clerical friends & met the rest of the C.D.B. party at Cloonkeen (Cabbage Town). Then on to Partry and Tourmakeady on opposite shores to Lough Mask & by Lough Fooley to Leenane. Back via Westport to Mallaranny. Saw many types of holding old & new & added to stock of information. The C.D.B.'s money is being well expended in detail. There is a lack of thought on the big problem of reconstructing the life of so many communities. Too little social economic imagination displayed. But the work will furnish admirable illustrative material for the social economist to make a policy out of.
[‘Mission’ – a Protestant proselytising colony est. at Dugort in 1831, closed in 1880s.]	8 Sep, Sun	Moted to Achill. A different type of “Congestion”. Population has remained about stationary for 50 years. The people live by migratory labours. They have not improved their standard of living. They like to labour half the year & laze the other half. The “Mission” still owns most of the island & does nothing for it in spiritual or temporal matters. It is hard to see what can be done without a dictatorship.
	9 Sep, Mon	Left Mallaranny 10 & worked round to Castlerea seeing a wide stretch of congested country including Dillon & de Freyn estates. Saw en route P.D. Kenny on the farm he has written about in his books & articles. He did not impress me except for his cleverness.
[From Oliver Goldsmith’s poem “The Deserted Village”]	10 Sep, Tue	Spent 10 to 4 flying through the Ranges of Roscommon & picturing “a bold peasantry a country’s pride”. At present the boldness in which they are taught by Birrell & Co to take pride is cattle scattering. Discussed with Doran the scheme of things entire for the resettlement of these lands. But his mind is one for details. Shaftesbury & Barbour were more satisfactory. Got back home again after a very interesting tour with my mind enlightened on many points.
	11 Sep, Wed	C.D.B. & I.A.O.S. But an abscess in the ear made my work very poor.
[<i>couple de malheurs</i> – pair of misfortunes]	12 Sep, Thu	Congested Bd. again. Antony in chair & in great fighting trim. Says Russell is a cad. Spent an hour or so with dentist but abscess in ear less painful so it was not such a couple de malheurs as it seems.
	13 Sep, Fri	C.D.B. T.W. Russell & I met at Board & I drove him away in my motor to show there was no ill feeling.
	14 Sep, Sat	Shopping in Dublin in morning. In ev[en]ing there came Daisy & her 2 girls. Mrs. Sellar a delightful old Scotch lady – friend of S.H.B. & Lady Betty B – and M. Charles Boissevain a Dutch public man & writer of whom I know little yet, as I asked him to stay because his bro-in-law Dr. MacDonnell of Dundalk asked me to give him an interview. He is charming and interesting. He married Miss MacDonnell 40 years ago – has 11 children & 30 grandchildren, is in full mental & great physical vigour, talks excellent English & is enlightening on the many subjects which have so far been broached. His quickness at sensing a joke which one would have thought local knowledge would have been necessary to understand is marvellous. He looked quickly through <i>The Wild Geese</i> & said Miss Lawless is not a poet but a great prose writer.

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	15 Sep, Sun	My two new acquaintances were a new joy in life. He wrote a poem to Daisy's eyes, made a speech at dinner proposing my health as a planter of yew hedges (for posterity). He told us (we included Callan & Fr. Finlay at Dinner & Sir Antony & Fred Verney's daughter at lunch) a lot about Holland & the Dutch. His acquaintance is the greatest success of my book. The old lady is nice & interesting & so calm.
	16 Sep, Mon	Daisy & the Dutchman left & I was tête a tête with Mrs. Sellar. Had a terribly near escape from a tragedy with my motor. I ran over a woman on a bicycle as I thought, but it turned out that she had fallen free of my wheels. She a girl from near Enniskillen admitted it was her fault. I promised her she'd not lose by the accident which means another bicycle at my expense. I was delighted that the poor girl was unhurt.
	17 Sep, Tue	Most of day in Dublin. At 5 PM met Fr. Kirwan (P.P. of Blackburn) at Kilteragh. He was an awful bore – an uneducated worthy Peasant Priest who writes books full of wind & goodness. The Shaftesburys moted out after dinner – saw the House in the dark, fell in love with Mrs. Sellar & left.
[HP variously reports Mrs. Sellar as having been born in 1831, 1828, and 1826.]	18 Sep, Wed	Mrs. Sellar left me. I have never met a more charming woman. The amount of good she has done consciously or unconsciously in her 76 years God only knows. May she be spared for the fullest span. Gill dined tête a tête with me at the Exhib'n. He is not a satisfactory character. I think he knows that he has played me false in the matter of my retirement. He is not frank about it.
	19 Sep, Thy	C.D.B. Committee. Antony MacDonnell interview, shopping & Mrs. J.R. Green to dinner tête a tête.
	20 Sep, Fri	Seedy. Moped about & did nothing.
	21 Sep, Sat	Rolleston came to see me. Starkie dined. I had an interview with Sir Antony & he showed me his correspondence with Birrell. The conflict of principle is so great that Antony will have to go, & then the moral deluge.
	22 Sep, Sun	Healy of Irish Times, Fr. Finlay & Mrs. JR Green to lunch. Anderson & his boy Philip to dine. Rest of day golfing, bicycling & talking over scheme for Rural life reform with Rolleston.
	23 Sep, Mon	Up early to write a letter to the Plunkett Presentation Committee, Rolleston helping. It is intended for the Press & will I hope advance my non political policy for Ireland.
	24 Sep, Tue	A meeting of the Plunkett Presentation Committee at which I read a letter outlining the functions of a Rural Social Economy Bureau. Harold Barbour & Nugent Everard dined.
	25 Sep, Wed	Campbell, Fletcher & Adams all visited me & I went to Dublin to see the I.A.O.S. folk. Daisy left me.
	26 Sep, Thu	6 A.M. to 6 P.M. Packing – making arrangements for absence, writing innumerable letters & at same time writing a long letter for public[atio]n on Bureau of Rural Social Economy. Finished this in train to Cork as far as I could get by night. Tired out but have got things fairly square.

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[Letter to Plunkett Presentation C'tee in <i>IH</i> , XIV:40 (5 Oct 1907), pp. 799-801]	27 Sep, Fri	Went on board at Queenstown soon after 8 AM & got off about 10.30. The Lloyd Bryces at Captain's table with me. The John Sinclairs (Tom S's brother) on Board. That's all I know so far. Very tired. Slept most of day. 15 miles by 12 M.
	28 Sep, Sat	422
	29 Sep, Sun	409
	30 Sep, Mon	362 Rough but ship doesn't mind it. Talked to a very interesting young priest Rev. Michael O'Connolly of Ballaghaderreen (Diocesan College) & strong Gaelic Leaguer & very liberal almost anti clerical cleric. He agrees with most of my views, is pessimistic though about Ireland.
	1 Oct, Tue	415
	2 Oct, Wed	412
	3 Oct, Thu	413 – 330 to Sandy Hook.
	4 Oct, Fri	Landed in N.Y. after a dull restful voyage. Saw Stuart Wortley whose chief partner has had a stroke. He leaves the firm Dec. 31 to my great inconvenience as I had intended to do business there & was making E. Sweet & Co my American agents & bankers. Went to the James Byrnes at Oyster Bay. Roosevelt has gone on the tour political. I shall see him at Washington.
	5 Oct, Sat	To New York for ½ day's business & back to the Byrnes where I attended a local Horse Show. A bit millionairish but more countryfied than I expected. Quiet evening with James Byrne which was very enjoyable only that Mrs. B. is daily expecting her confinement &, though I saw her yesterday, cannot be down much.
	6 Oct, Sun	Two rounds of golf with a Mr. Weekes & a Mr. ?Dawn at the Nassau County Club. They do these things well – all except the discipline of the caddies who are too great swells to 'tee' your ball. The weather was glorious. Cool night followed by an ideal English summer day – plus freshness.
	7 Oct, Mon	Up at 6 & in to N.Y. by 7.30 train, poor Byrne having to attend to important litigation while his wife was in the pains of childbirth. Alas another girl but all going well. Bosler in from Carlisle, Judge Carey from Cheyenne. Meeting of W[yo]D[ev]Co where I supported Carey against an attempt of T. Sturgis (who was not present) to undermine his authority. Norman Hapgood gave me a dinner at University Club where I met many literary & journalistic folk. Long talk with "Mr. Dooley" or in private life Peter Finley Dunn[e]. He is a physical force Irishman. I explained my attitude to him.
	8 Oct, Tue	A talk with Bourke Cockran who was a bit piano. Has lost money & is very angry with the "robbers & plunderers" who had made vast fortunes out of 'franchises' &c. He seems inclined to go for Trusts & combines. Another W.D.Co meeting, all directors present. Left by midnight for Boston & Intervale.

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	9 Oct, Wed	<p>Arrived early & went for bath & breakfast to those charming & interesting people the Lawrence Lowells (171 Marlborough St., Boston). He is professor of political science at Harvard & I wanted to get him to help me to think out constitutional possibilities for Ireland. He was not very helpful but seemed to think my idea of a Constitution & a Supreme Court a good one. He was interesting in all his talk.</p> <p>Five hours & two changes brought me to Intervale N[ew]. H[ampshire]. where “Their Excellencies” the Bryces were summer quartering the B[ritish]. embassy in an ideally beautiful spot in the White Mountains. A nice welcome.</p>
	10 Oct, Thu	<p>A happy day. Golfed on vile links amid beautiful scenery with Bryce in the morning. Walked on the hills among the glorious autumn foliage in afternoon. Talked on a great variety of subjects. But he is keenly interested in Irish Question. He thinks Home Rule not practical politics any longer. Pressed for his reasons it really comes back to the utter unfitness of the people for self government. He says they have never given the slightest help to the Liberals in framing schemes & cannot do so! He believes in steady progress with the policy of the <u>late</u> & present governments & does not appear to realise the demoralising effects of sops & doles.</p> <p>An interesting old Miss Lamb, whom I met at Lawrence Lowell’s at Boston last year, a philosophic Bostonian dined.</p>
	11 Oct, Fri	<p>More talk with Bryce on Home Rule question. He insists that it is not practical politics. I asked him if he could not suggest some new form of H.R., the English form hitherto exclusively considered being unsuited to a people so different. He said he had suggested to Gladstone that he should call a convention in Ireland to suggest a scheme. But then as now there was no one who had any constitutional knowledge, ideas or sense. He was more anxious to talk about his University scheme & was still strongly of opinion that Trinity Coll should be ousted from the control of the University of Dublin which should be made really national & thoroughly undenominational.</p>
	12 Oct, Sat	<p>Bryce’s final advice was not to touch the political side of the I.Q. yet. In present state of educ’n there was no chance of a public op[inio]n to which anything higher than revolutionary pronouncements would appeal. Of course he added [“]I still hold that H.R. is the only hope of dealing with educ’n.” The old vicious circle!</p> <p>Left 11 AM train arriving at Montreal 9.25 P.M., 1 hr 40 min wait at St. Johnsbury V[ermon]t. Good scenery till dark. Stayed at Windsor Hotel with James Robertson.</p>
	13 Oct, Sun	<p>At breakfast Robertson got hold of Miss Bainbridge who will be in charge of Domestic Science at Macdonald College. A most understanding woman – the ideal mixture of technical knowledge & worldly wisdom.</p> <p>Went to Macdonald College at St. Anne’s de Bellevue. The founder Sir Wm. Macdonald (aet 76) came out before we had got far with the inspection of the buildings which are nearing completion. He is a simple philanthropic old multimillionaire & he has found the right man in James Robertson to work out a scheme for him. It is entirely on the lines of my ideas – it is to</p>

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		give to rural life helpers & educators the highest kind of practical education.
[Sir Charles Fitzpatrick – chief justice Canadian Supreme Court] [Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada]	14 Oct, Mon	Left by early train for Ottawa where I was hospitably put up by Hon. Sydney Fisher Minister of Agriculture who had some official people (including Fitzpatrick Chief Justice) to dinner. He did not arrive till just before dinner from his farm & I spent the day with the Greys. Lunch, golf & talk. Very nice kind people. He is keenly interested (& very intelligently too) in Canada. I begin to understand Canadian life & wish I could stay longer.
	15 Oct, Tue	Spent day at Agriculture Department & the experimental farm where Dr. Saunders & his son & other experts showed me their work which to the non expert seemed admirable. I found Fisher a much better man than I had at first thought for his job. He is quiet, business like & thoroughly understands farming & rural life. He confirmed, what Robertson had told me, that the Canadian voter does not sell his vote but has to be paid to go to the poll. As far as I can make out public opinion is politically very backward, but politicians rather honest as they go. Left by night for Toronto.
[Ontario Agricultural College]	16 Oct, Wed	Spent day at Guelph, Dryden meeting me in the train from Toronto there. The President, Creelman, the Prof ^r of field husbandry Zavitz & Miss Watson head of Domestic Science Dept all excellent. The institution stands high among those I have visited & is I should say doing immense good both to & through its students & by its experimental & Institute work to the farming community. Back to Ottawa where I put up with the Goldwin Smiths. He is 84 & she I should say about 70. A dear old world couple in a delightful old world house. He is a little deaf but as keen, clear & interesting as ever. He is dreadfully pessimistic on public affairs. They are evidently rich & keep up a good house in simple style.
[Meredith – Chief Justice of Ontario Supreme Court]	17 Oct, Thu	Called on C C James deputy (permanent) Minister of Agriculture. Good class of man. In evening met at dinner Chief Justice Sir Wm. Meredith, Prof ^r . Mavor of Toronto University (pol[itical] econ[omy]), Mr. Lavelle & Mr. Walker big business men. A very interesting party – all able men but except Mavor, narrow. I got them to talk on rural life problem. I quite believe I could greatly advance the upbuilding of rural life in Canada or the U.S. if I were not tied to Ireland. These men missed much of the real significance of the present economic & political situation. Long talk with Goldwin Smith. He believes the House of Lords will be either abolished or rendered impotent which he says would be far worse.
[Jebb, Louisa., <i>Small Holdings of England</i> (John Murray, London) 1907]	18 Oct, Fri	Morning largely spent with Professor (of political econ[omy]) Mavor at the University of Toronto. He was an enthusiastic chess player & when I sorted his board, in evidence, he challenged me to a game. I beat him but it rather spoiled the conversation. However I shall return to the charge & get at him on my hobbies as his mind is really clear & greatly superior in its political (in best sense) outlook to the ordinary American. He strongly advised me to get into touch with Miss Jebb of Small Holdings fame, who he told me was Sir R. Jebb's daughter. Goodbye to host & hostess & off by train to Chicago. Never so crowded in sleeping car. A man & wife & 2 children in my

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		section. The wife slept in another berth. The man & 2 children over head. Suffocating.
	19 Oct, Sat	Headache after night's experience. Cedar Rapids at 3.30 P.M. where John Sinclair had persuaded me to stop off to see his partner Charles B. Soutter & hear all about rural life in Iowa. Mrs. S. rather terrible in her garrulity – he silent, a thinker after his lights & with much public spirit. A dinner (buck party & the garrulous lady absented herself) of chief locals – Col. [gap] the chief lawyer, the best newspaper man, a Presbyt[eria]n minister, the president of the school board, John & another Sinclair his half brother. A good lot but badly wanting in enthusiasm for public service. Rather pessimistic about any activity not strictly in line of business. All agreed with my principles for rural life & would like to see them applied.
	20 Oct, Sun	My host evidently very Sabbatarian. I got no forrader [<i>sic</i>] with my inquiries. I thought it a good opportunity to get out among the Iowa working farmers. But even automobiles must rest on the seventh day – the only exception to the rigid observance being my hostess' tongue which wagged ceaselessly all day except when she had to lie down for a while from sheer exhaustion. Left for Omaha midnight.
	21 Oct, Mon	Omaha, office & round about town. Steady growth as far as I could judge. It is remarkable that the West seems to be comparatively unaffected by the panicky state of the New York & old world stock markets. The swindles of big operators on Wall Street no longer paralyse industry – I suppose because more capital now exists among the workers. The retardation of railway development seems the chief evil of the present situation. The companies cannot get capital for developments called for by growth of farming industry because of the manipulations of the millionaires.
	22 Oct, Tue	Morning letter writing, afternoon golf with Hitchcock, a Congressman for Nebraska & editor of the chief Democratic newspaper. The Fall weather in most of the States is simply perfect. I have missed much by being out here in mid winter.
	23 Oct, Wed	Half day business & writing about Rural problem. Half day golf.
	24 Oct, Thu	My birthday 53rd. Spent it same as yesterday. No congenial Pastimes, happily, at hand.
	25 Oct, Fri	Left Omaha in afternoon for Rock River. Bosler joined train at Central City. One engine with bad coal started out with 18 heavy coaches & we crawled. I heard the other day a new addition to the many stories of the slowness of the U.P. "Conductor" said a lady passenger "when <u>am</u> I going to get to my station. I would have you know that my time has nearly come and if I don't get home there'll be trouble." "Madame" said the Cond[ucto]r "you had no business to board this train when you were in that condition". She, "Nor was I."
[Peirce]	26 Oct, Sat	Back in the old days of the U.P. When we got near the hill the train went slower & slower & we arrived at Rock River after dark instead of 2 P.M. Johnny Pierce [<i>sic</i>] was there to meet us & we jostled up to the Ranch 7 or 8 miles where we found Mrs. & young Johnny awaiting us at 8 P.M. Was very tired & glad to get to bed.

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[Peirce]	27 Oct, Sun	Spent day driving over the Ranch with Johnny Pierce [<i>sic</i>] & Bosler. It is certainly a great property & J.P. a splendid manager. He is most interesting to talk to upon Western life as well as upon the business in hand. Saw a herd being dipped for cattle scab under U.S. Dept of Ag regulations. It is a formidable undertaking. The dipping vat is an iron tank into which cattle are driven & completely immersed in a solution of tobacco at about 100° Fahr. It was done with great skill by the cowboys & ‘grangers’.
[Peirce]	28 Oct, Mon	Driving over the irrigation works all day & discussing the affairs of the Diamond Cattle Co. Wrote Arthur Hamilton definitely advising his son Eric to come & work under Johnny Pierce [<i>sic</i>]. Got a delightful letter from Hannay who had met Birrell & wife at Mallaranny. He gave me an excellent appreciation of both. I don’t know her but people say she is immeasurably superior to him in heart & not much inferior in head. Hannay is greatly pleased with her & had formed my estimation of Birrell.
[Peirce]	29 Oct, Tue	Left Ranch early & drove to Rock River where Judge Carey was waiting for us (Bosler, Pierce [<i>sic</i>] & me) with a motor car. We went to the Big Reservoir of the Wyo Dev Co & back via the Ione Ranche of the Diamond Cattle Co to Laramie City. There Carey & I took a train (3 hours late) to Cheyenne arriving after midnight. A tiring day but interesting. The development of this country of great desert spaces is remarkable. Telephones & motor cars make life enjoyable in the irrigated oases. On the whole I am pleased with my Wyoming investments especially the Wyo Dev Co. But this has yet to be further examined.
	30 Oct, Wed	A day in Cheyenne. Nothing new. It is settling down to a small western town with no special mission but with the seat of government which was secured when a railway junction & the Cattle business combined awards Cheyenne the precedence over the only possible competition Laramie City. Delighted to find John Chaplin quite reformed & apparently in fair physical condition. I feel that I helped to redeem him.
	31 Oct, Thu	Carey with whom I stayed last night, his son Robert & wife all rose at 5.30 & took the 6.45 train to Wheatland. Drove 40 miles taking in a tract of land west of the Sybille & north of Bluegrass Creek – some 25000 acres which the Water system covers! Probably [\$]10.00 an acre will reclaim this land and it should sell for at least \$25.00. A good but long winded investment. Spent the evening discussing the affairs of the Co with the selling agent, the local superintendent & Carey.
	1 Nov, Fri	Drove over a tract of 10000 acres brought under our system by an extension of Ditch No. 1 now being made. The Carey Act under which this & the tract inspected yesterday will be ‘segregated’ enables individuals to own the land on proof that they have obtained water. It favors cooperative ownership of water, individual ownership of land & the contract for water under which the land is redeemed cannot be altered. These add[itio]ns to the Wyo Dev Co’s land should give me a permanent income if all else fails in my old age – if I get old. Saw Al Bowie late manager of the Swan Land & Cattle Co whom I met only once before 21 years ago. But we rode 60 miles of road together. He looked little altered. Back to Cheyenne.

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	2 Nov, Sat	Sundry business all day. Saw the widow Gilchrist & other old timers but stuck pretty close to Wyo Dev Co & other Western interests. Professor Toman "Institute Superintendent" came over from Laramie City where he is in charge of the Federal agric'l development operations worked locally from the State University.
	3 Nov, Sun	A long day 6 AM to 9 P.M. less 1 hour putting on of clock in train to Omaha. Read most of Tale of Two Cities. Powerful story. Too melodramatic, too many coincidences which ?don't happen, but a wonderful picture of the French Revolution.
	4 Nov, Mon	Business all day. In evening went to S. Omaha to a political meeting on the issue to be decided in tomorrow's elections, the annexation of Omaha & So. Omaha. The arguments were all for. The machine – a corrupt administration of So. Omaha was all against. It was interesting to hear the appeal of the locals to the democracy who were to decide the issue. This direct challenge of the actual arbiters was real politics & it was real democracy. The speaking was more demagogic than the audience seemed really to need. One could see that the unapplauded sentiments told. The Chairman to my horror called upon me as a property holder. I spoke, very badly, for annexation & hope I did not ruin its chances.
	5 Nov, Tue	Conrad left yesterday for my Missouri Farm, so I was left to do my business with the two boys. Spent half day golfing in still glorious weather.
	6 Nov, Wed	Lunched with Commercial Club, guest of Real Estate Exchange. Spoke on public spirit as Omaha need! Well received. Had long & painful interview with Warren Switzler who had charged me \$5000 for legal services. I got him down to \$3250. Not enough but a good saving.
	7 Nov, Thu	Business morning. Then golf. Then to show there's no ill feeling, dined with Switzler. Two very interesting men called, a Mr. Young auditor of the U.P.R.R. systems and a W McClellan, a Scots Irishman though thoroughly Americanised. Both knew the people of the Middle West well & gave me much information about the revolution in labor conditions we are going through. It appears to me that one result of the good times has been a spoiling of the employed to a point where the discipline necessary to prosperity is endangered. We talked much of the rising standard of living & I must study its effects more largely.
	8 Nov, Fri	Spent the day with Chancellor Andrews, Dean Burnett (of Coll. of Agric[ultu]re) & Prof'r. Taylor (pol[itical] econ[omics]) of University of Nebraska at Lincoln. At depot met W J Bryan, unshaved not too clean (physically). The University was the usual cock & hen (of the crowing variety) type, intensely modern & practical. I tried to get the 3 I spent my day with to get the university to stand for the problem of Rural life as a whole, a problem nowhere more interesting and claimant for solution than in Nebraska. The only new point which came out was the growth of a tenantry – old farmers going to towns & letting their farms. Improvements of course cease.
	9 Nov, Sat	Business all day. In evening Howard Baldrige (lawyer) & wife had a dinner & Bridge party for me. Yates the banker was present

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		<p>& talked shop which was interesting in this extraordinary money situation. He insisted that the West cannot get sufficiently independent of Wall St. to avoid such anomalies as having its business paralysed through the medium of exchange tied up in New York – or by New York.</p>
<p>[Harriman system – Railroad magnate E.H. Harriman’s method of standardising technically separate but organisationally similar railroads to produce economies of scale.]</p> <p>[C&NWR – Chicago & North Western Railroad]</p>	<p>10 Nov, Sun</p>	<p>Snow in spite of which I tried a game of golf with Conrad Young, Selwyn Doherty and Thomas Creigh. The latter a friend of my office staff is a young lawyer in the pay of the Cudahys the big [meat] packers. He was most interesting upon the social & economic conditions he had observed in his journeying settling disputes for his firm. Erastus Young auditor of the Harriman system “from New Orleans to Hong Kong” as he put it, called and had a good talk about labor & capital struggle as he saw it. The cost of operating was rapidly rising. All service is tending towards costly inefficiency. What should we do if everyone was well off from necessary menial service he -----.</p> <p>Raised Selwyn’s salary from \$80 to \$90, Rudolph’s \$45 to \$55 & left by 6 P.M. C&NWR train for Fort Atkinson, Wis[consin].</p>
	<p>11 Nov, Mon</p>	<p>Got to Ft. Atkinson 1.40. A tall soldierly (Western type) man – looked 60 was 71 – met me at station. Ex Gov. W.D. Hoard. Born Oneida N.Y. came west 50 years ago. Served in war. Settled after making his living in many ways in Wisconsin & took to farming, especially Dairy farming. Has had more than any one man to do with agric’l develop[men]t in Wisconsin, one of the most progressive states. Runs Hoard’s Dairyman & a local paper. Saw his editorial staff – very able alert nice. Went over Hoard’s farm, 193 acres good looking land. Corn & alfalfa chief crops, foreman & 3 to 4 men employed. Thoroughbred Guernsey herd with extraordinary milk yield. Buildings <u>good</u> but cheap. Visited a big creamery, a sausage factory & agric’l. implement factory. Slept a little hotel.</p> <p>Found tendency towards home separators & sending cream to factory. Economically best plan if things at home right. Sausage factory interesting because started by an old farmer (Jones) a few years ago when rheumatism made him no longer able to do out of door work. He determined to try & get on the market sausages made just as they were made in his home 50 years ago, no sophistication, stuff all good & pure. Best parts, not offal, shoulder & c all used. Price high of course. But Jones believed public would pay for good article even in these days of the cheap & nasty. He proved right.</p> <p>During day saw 3 of Hoard’s sons, a daughter & son in law & some grandchildren. Fine stock all. Mother weak & querulous. But old age & infirmity the cause & excuse.</p>
	<p>12 Nov, Tue</p>	<p>Left in light frosty early morning with Hoard for Madison to see the University, especially the agric’l college. The train we meant to do most of the little cross country journey by had been taken off a week before and we were held up 3½ hours in a wayside station where there was nothing for it but to sit round the stove & keep our feet warm. This led to a delightful conversation with Hoard who revealed himself to me. He was not very well educated at school, but his whole life has been an education. He quoted largely from passages, chiefly in magazine articles I think, which had impressed him with their thought & frequency. The writers had been of the Eastern, always intensely human –</p>

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		speaking as man to man the wisdom of experience of life. At Madison ex Dean Henry took us in charge for the afternoon. We had to see the externalities of the university & then concentrated on the agric'l college. A fine lot of lads there were. We had to address them – a nuisance – but it was good for me to talk to such an audience. The old dean retired owing to bad health, but hanging around & helping his successor was a pathetic sight. Goodbye to him & Hoard & off to Chicago.
	13 Nov, Wed	To Champaign, Urbana 120 miles south of Chicago to see the University of Illinois, agriculture & engineering the dominant features and the usual young vigorous & hopeful aspirants to leadership in the coming development of the natural resources. Many of those I wanted to see were away. I spent a little time with President James, a fine fellow, discussing the general pos[iti]o[n] of the University in the life of the State & talking general politics. Roosevelt's head was enormously swelled but then Joe Cannon of Illinois is a non-Rooseveltian candidate for the presidency. The age was too extravagant altogether. The educational boom was not altogether good. But we had no time to get down to any subject well as he was mostly on the town & I on the country side of things. So I went on to Miss Bevier head of Domestic Economy. She told me one interesting thing. The agricultural male students have to take a course of household science. On to Prof'r. Eugene Davenport, Dean of Agric'l College & Director of agric'l stations. A fine man with a great grasp of the whole rural life problem. With him two hours of close discussion on which I made notes elsewhere. Back to Chicago.
	14 Nov, Thu	Took N.Y.C. 18 hour train to New York after an interesting talk with Blair (Henry A.) a big financier, upon the conditions financial & commercial of this extraordinary period.
	15 Nov, Fri	Business at E Sweet & Co's with Stuart Wortley, meeting Byrne & Frissell about Irish & American social economic studies. Going to a missionary meeting at the Schieffelin's (5 E. 66) absorbed the day. I was put up at the City Club, 55 W 44, in a not very comfortable room, Byrne having let his house to Nordun.
	16 Nov, Sat	Morning at correspondence, then to Plantingfields, Oyster Bay for week end. Mrs Byrne was rapidly recovering from girl no. 4. Byrnes as delightful as ever. Ralph Wortley drove me out in his automobile. Mrs. Ralph expecting.
[<i>désœuvré</i> – idle]	17 Nov, Sun	A delightful Sunday. B. & I went over to Fort Washington to see Bourke Cockran. His new wife charming. He as irrepressible & amusing as ever. F----y Guthrie & (?Nita) wife dined. He was a brilliant lawyer, gave up practice because his firm was in the compunction business & he was conscience struck. Made a large fortune by legitimate speculation & -i-s--ip. Désœuvré & unhappy but interesting.
[Reprint of letter to Prof. Towar, Wheatland, Wyo. in <i>IH</i> , XV:2 (11 Jan 1908), pp. 33-4]	18 Nov, Mon	Back to New York. Robert C Ogden gave me a dinner at the Union League Club & got to meet me the Gen Educ'n Board leaders & the chief men in several philanthropic educational & social movements, about 15 in all. I sat next John W. Gates, Rockefeller's chief man in several other millionaire benefactions. I spoke at great length on the problem of rural life & what such agencies as were represented at the dinner might do to solve it. I

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[Lawrence]		scored a genuine success being in my best form. I held the attention of the whole company and they admitted that I had made many helpful suggestions. A Dr. Walter Page editor of The World's Work & many other lesser public[ation]s, George Foster Peabody, Dr. Pritchett director of the Carnegie Foundation, Laurence [sic] Abbott ed[itor] of Outlook & several other publicists were present. But my chief hope for help for the Irish movement (my real object in helping the American millionaires to supplement their millions with ideas) is Gates. He was really impressed & I have great hopes of bringing Rockefeller money into Ireland.
[<i>The City: The Hope of Democracy</i>]	19 Nov, Tue	<p>Breakfasted with Fred C Howe Ph.D. of Cleveland author of <i>The City the Hope of the [sic] Democracy</i>. He is an out & out socialist, a little of a dreamer but like most Americans always easily brought back to the practical. He thinks 10 years will see enormous changes in the U.S. & I agree with him so far at least.</p> <p>Had a talk with Dr. Wallace Buttrick at 2 Rector St. upon the possibility of interesting Gates & Rockefeller in Irish work. He told me in strict confidence that G. was hoping to get R. to devote millions to the advance of civilisation everywhere & he said if it comes off I could, after last night, count on Ireland getting its share.</p>
	20 Nov, Wed	<p>Lunched with the staff of "The Outlook" Laurence [sic] Abbott being editor & host. It is an influential weekly & I think they were interested in my Rural Life Problem ideas.</p> <p>Dined with Edward Cary of N.Y. Times at Century Club. He was also keenly interested. Went to evening party at Carnegies to meet the members of the Carnegie Foundation, educationists from Magill to the New Orleans Universities, college Presidents made most of party. Sent my book to Fred. T. Gates as the thin end of the wedge which is to be driven into the Rockefeller millions.</p>
	21 Nov, Thu	½ day at business and packing & then by "Congressional Limited" to Washington with Frissell where I put up at Cosmos Club.
	22 Nov, Fri	An extremely interesting day. Pinchot lent me a motor & I went to see James R Garfield at his office (of Secretary of Interior). He was very cordial. We discussed Western Land Legislation. On to Charles P. Neill Commissioner of Labor who I knew first as Professor of Pol[itical] Econ[omy] at Catholic University of Washington. He was very informing upon many subjects & I agreed to meet him again. Then to Dept of Agriculture where I did not find the man I wanted to see. On to Gifford Pinchot with whom I walked & talked the rest of the day (minus lunch with the Bryces) till the boat took Frissell & me down the river for Hampton. No room for all Pinchot told me about the development policy of the U.S. It is great. The rivers are to be made navigable, the lands on the Mississippi to be drained, respective waters to irrigate the plains and electric energy to be developed as a sort of by-product. But Pinchot like myself is most interested in the human side of things.
	23 Nov, Sat	Early arrival and most comfortably housed at Hampton. Frissell lent me his gasoline launch to go over to the Jamestown Expos[itio]n about 6 miles. Engine broke down in rough weather. Darkie engineer utterly demoralised by mishap & we were 2

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		hours struggling over with 1 cylinder, working badly. Weather so bad grounds of expos[iti]on were under water. Saw next to nothing. Got back by ferry boat & spent rest of day talking negro & southern white problems to Hampton teachers.
	24 Nov, Sun	Quite sick after my tossing about in the launch yesterday. Had a good deal of talk with the chief people at Hampton & got to understand a little more of the negro problem. Left by night boat for Washington where the President invites me to lunch with him tomorrow. Rough passage in Chesapeake Bay but the big boat hardly seemed to move after that launch!
[David Starr Jordan, president Stanford University, 1891-1913] [Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson]	25 Nov, Mon	Put up at Gifford Pinchot's 1615 Rhode Island Avenue, Washington. He was busy all day. Lunched with President who was absorbed with Chicago Bankers &c & appointed a meeting with Pinchot, Garfield & me 9.30 PM. I talked to Mrs. Roosevelt who was very nice & kind. She arranged for me to call in the afternoon on her governess who is Conrad Young's sister & very superior to the brother in culture & mental ability. Called on Brown, Com[missione]r of Education & had talk on rural schools &c. At dinner Pinchot pere, a Miss Morgan cousin, Gifford and Dr. ? President of Stanford University, Cal[ifornia] made the party. Had 1½ hours talk with the President in which he showed me his references to agriculture in his message – practically my own suggestions! He said they were mine & he meant to announce the value of my services some day. We discussed how he should present the Bureau of Rural Social Economy idea (also mine) to old Secretary Wilson & I told him. He asked Gifford Pinchot & me to let him have the arguments by tomorrow 11 A.M.!
	26 Nov, Tue	Another interesting day. Up early to prepare the memo for the President. Then had long talk with Commissioner Brown on the plot we are hatching. Then came Robertson from Canada to join our counsels. I went to a tea at the Bryces where there were many interesting people. Gifford Pinchot left early for Baltimore & I had to do the work for the President alone which was rather a responsibility. D.A. McCabe came in the evening to see me & was very interesting. If my Washington Bureau is created he must get a job in it.
	27 Nov, Wed	Another interesting day spent with Commissioner Brown, Robertson, Pinchot, Bryce, Secretary Wilson & Asst Sec Hays and writing an address for the Virginia Educ'l Conf[erenc]e at Roanoke which I have decided not to attend because it means so much extra travelling & 2 days which I cannot stand & spare. We heard that Roosevelt had not succeeded in explaining matters to Secretary Wilson as we had hoped & <u>my</u> bureau still hangs in the balance. My address for Virginia consumption is on Agric'l Coop'n as an educational force.
	28 Nov, Thu	Spent day writing address to be delivered at Roanoke (Frissell reading it for me) to Educ'l Conf[erenc]e of State of Virginia, walking & talking with Bryce who was pessimistic on public life in U.S. & hopeless about Ireland and conferring with Robertson & Gifford Pinchot on our big scheme of reorganising Dept of Ag. Called on A.C. True (1604 – 17th St.) who was sick at home to try & get him to see our view & not to obstruct our plan. Left the charming house of the Pinchots at midnight for New York. The

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		Pinchot père was very generous in his leave taking. Mrs. P was in bed all day. Miss Morgan the niece who made up the house party did the hospitalities ideally.
	29 Nov, Fri	N.Y. business hours. Then went to Montclair N[ew].J[ersey]. the house of F.T. Gates, Rockefeller's chief man, for the night. My object was, of course, to try and interest the multimillionaire in my work, chiefly in Ireland. It was a strange experience. Gates has a house which he describes as being possessed of every luxury & convenience money can buy. It is a well appointed but inartistically adorned edifice. He has only three women in the house & one man outside to look after himself, wife & 6 or 7 children. But he boasts that the house almost runs itself. He avoids society because they are all perfectly happy at home & gain nothing by going out. No time or room for further description.
	30 Nov, Sat	<p>Gates was interested in me – so much so that he went to his office 1½ hours later in order to continue our conversation of the night before. His history seems to be this. Born in Kansas, son of an evangelical minister who farmed on a very small scale, with a western country education he joined the ministry. Left it gradually for business & now is a complete free thinker. Christ & his apostles he says unquestionably believed that the world was going to end in the life of their generation & that he would come back in his glory. That accounted for all the enthusiasm, devotion & sacrifices of Christ & his apostles. But what, I said, of those who knew that this anticipation (if such it was) was not to be fulfilled & still suffered death for the same faith. These G. ranks with Xian Scientists & the rest. He told me Lady Warwick had gone to great lengths with her offers to Rockefeller if he would save the Warwick estates. We discussed projects for a great expenditure of Rockefeller's millions for the advancement of civilisation in the old world as well as the new. I have hopes I may get some help for Ireland.</p> <p>Robertson came back from Washington. He had seen the President & brought the joyful news that my scheme for a new function for the Dept of Agriculture had materialised – or was going to.</p>
	1 Dec, Sun	Quiet day with the Byrnes. Wrote Ld. Grey & Pinchot about the Rural life movement, otherwise rested.
<p>[Devoy's close associate, Judge Daniel Cohalan. Devoy himself is usually attributed with editing</p>	2 Dec, Mon	<p>John M. Glenn, sec-director of Russell Sage Foundation was my first victim. I indoctrinated him thoroughly. Then F.T. Gates & Starr Jocelyn Murphy, lay & legal managers for John D. Rockefeller, were interviewed. Then came an afternoon of business with Bosler whom I don't like or trust. It was a misfortune Windsor's dying & his succeeding to the Diamond Cattle Co management. He is not straight.</p> <p>Then an interview with Dr. Walter Hines Page of Doubleday Page & Co (ed[ito]r of World's Work I think) and lastly Wm. C-----st took Byrne & me to New Rochelle to dine with the Martin Keoghs. They had to meet us John Devoy the old Fenian chief, Colohan [sic] ed[ito]r of Gaelic American & John Quinn lawyer & Celtic Revivalist. A most interesting party to whom I spoke earnestly on my whole policy & I think persuaded them that it</p>

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the <i>Gaelic American</i> from 1903 to 1928.]		was honest & possibly sound. They were all agreed that the Parl'y party were a curse.
	3 Dec, Tue	Frissell came to N.Y. & I worked with him, JM Glenn, Ed Cary, Gates & Murphy of Standard Oil over the movement. Not a cent did I get for Ireland. But I moved the idea ahead a little.
	4 Dec, Wed	A very busy day winding up American affairs. Lunched at Delmonico's with Peter Finley Dunne ("Mr. Dool[e]y"), Young Collier, Colahan [<i>sic</i>], John Devoy & John Quinn being my fellow guests. More Irish talk. I stuck to my unionism strongly and we were all absolutely agreed that the Parliamentarians would not get Home Rule & didn't deserve to. Dined with JM Glenn at Aldine Club & met Devine & de Forest two prominent New York social workers, President Slocum of Colorado University, Hollander professor of pol[itical] eco[nom]y at Johns Hopkins, Walter Page & Frissell. We had 4 hours on the Rural Life problem. I certainly have worked hard to explain my views & I have moved thought in a way which will lead to action.
	5 Dec, Thu	Boarded Cedric for Home 9 weeks all but a day since I landed (Oct. 4) the longest visit since /89. The marine monster had only some 50 1st class passengers. Dr. Fitzgerald the Dublin oculist, John Clay & Harold Lowther of my ranching days the only people I knew.
	6 Dec, Fri	346. Wrote a portentously long letter to Hannay whose novel <i>The Northern Iron</i> I read yesterday & today with great delight. I urged him to join me in a fight of the farmer vs the trader politician.
	7 Dec, Sat	358 Sat at Captain's table opposite a very nice Miss Wadsworth, sister of Speaker Wadsworth of N.Y. House of Rep[resentative]s at Albany. She is niece of Mrs. Adair. Tommy Ponsonby stayed with them at Geneseo N.Y. when he was in U.S.A.
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	12 Dec, Thu	385. 181 to Queenstown. Arrived at Midnight & drove with Miss Wadsworth to Fota. During day we cabled (Marconi) to the Barrymores where she was to stay with her Aunt (Lady B.) to say we were coming. I wanted to talk to Barrymore about the state of Ireland. He unhappily was away. Bed at 3 A.M. after a supper I did not want but was forced to eat. Voyage spent largely writing an address for IAOS general meeting.
	13 Dec, Fri	A poor night. Left Fota at noon & had long slow journey to Dublin. Found Bowers with huge arrears of correspondence at Kilteragh waiting for me. Hans was wild with delight at my return – a wise & remembering dog. The situation in Ireland is so confused that I have great hopes of being able to come out with a clear business policy which will save us from the tyranny of the politicians.
	14 Dec, Sat	Dictated from early dawn to noon to Bowers. Then went in to

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		Dublin to see the IAOS people whom I cheered up. Back to Foxrock, more dictating. Back to Dublin to dine with Anderson & Harold Barbour who sails to New York tomorrow morning.
	15 Dec, Sun	Up 2 hours before dawn working at speech for I.A.O.S. general meeting. Then Prof. Campbell came for morning, John E Healy of Irish Times for lunch, Anderson, Fletcher & Adams for dinner – a busy day.
	16 Dec, Mon	Very hard work all day preparing speech for I.A.O.S. meeting. Tom Ponsonby came & stayed the night with me. A very interesting young man. He & Reggie are the best of the next generation to my own in the Plunkett family. He had come from Dunsany & told me that Eddie was more horribly selfish than ever.
	17 Dec, Tue	Monteagle came.
	18 Dec, Wed	Col. Everard & Rolleston came. We sat up late discussing the IAOS situation & the speech I am to take. By midnight they had given me facts which forced me to change all the speech I had written.
	19 Dec, Thu	Up at 4.30 AM & hard at work at my speech for tomorrow. Two committee (I.A.O.S) meetings. Tom Ponsonby joined the party at Kilteragh. I want to educate him in “Plunkettism”.
[Text of speech to IAOS in <i>IH</i> , XIV:51 (28 Dec 1907), pp. 1020-6]	20 Dec, Fri	Up at 5.30 AM & finished what I think will be a useful speech. It will stimulate thought surely and it will I hope begin the campaign which must be fought to a finish against the Publican-politician combination which is at present governing Ireland. The I.A.O.S. general meeting was well attended and my rather provocative speech was very well received. I was tired & did not do well but the work I had put into the speech made it sound well.
	21 Dec, Sat	The Irish Times, Belfast Newsletter & Northern Whig who surely speak for the Trade of Ireland have blessed my policy altogether. Spent day getting my speech circulated to supporters in America & London. Of course Freeman’s Journal is savage. Birrell said last night to Sir Henry Robinson “Egad Horace Plunkett struck out. T.W. [Russell] won’t like it.” I am glad I did strike out.
	22 Dec, Sun	Moted Jim Power down to Palmerston to lunch. Only the Mayos (2) there. My object in going was to indoctrinate Lady M. with my Irish policy. I want those of the Landlord class who mean to stay in the country to qualify as the advisers of the peasant propriety, to help them to work out their problems & generally to justify their position as a necessary element in the Irish society of the future which has yet to be constructed.
	23 Dec, Mon	Saw Antony MacDonnell & had a talk about the gov’t of Ireland. He is pessimistic. Charles E. Hands of Daily Mail – war correspondent chiefly – whom I met in Galway Election called in at office of I.A.O.S. Had a good talk with him. Freddy Blacker came to stay the night at Foxrock. Professors Campbell & Wilson dined & discussed agric’l economics.
	24 Dec, Tue	Worked hard with Bowers all the morning. Then moted to Dunsany where Eddie & Beatrice were doing Xmas very quietly. Eddie has become so selfish a host that he has no guests except, I fear, those who are glad of an outing in a comfortable house anywhere. He insists on everyone joining in a silly game which he

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		likes – cricket on a small billiard table – a match being the wicket & a paper knife the bat.
	25 Dec, Wed	Ought to have gone to Church but rested. Walked to the Grange where I found the George Murphy's & brother James in the mood of 25 years ago. Moted to the Glebe where Daisy & Fingall were congested with their four children.
	26 Dec, Thu	Up to Dublin in face of S.E. gale (very cold & some sleet). Beatrice drove in wagonette & we only caught her – Eddie & I in Phoenix Park. I had opportunity for a good straight talk with Eddie. I told him that he was with his awful selfishness getting hated & laying up for himself a miserable middle life & old age. He took it well & I think may fight himself & possibly win. I do hope so.
	27 Dec, Fri	Day at desk. Callan came out to dine & sleep & we discussed Royal Com'n on Congestion's Report. It will evidently follow the volume & not the weight of the evidence.
	28 Dec, Sat	Spent most of the day circulating The Homestead with the report of the IAOS conference proceedings & a fine leader by A.E. I feel that the self help movement is making a fresh start.
	29 Dec, Sun	A really restful day with Daisy & Oliver. Callan was with us but spent the afternoon & evening away.
	30 Dec, Mon	I.A.O.S. work at office chiefly.
	31 Dec, Tue	I.A.O.S. again. C.D.B. also at which I met T.W. Russell who was not very cordial but not offensive. Philip Hanson came to Foxrock & I picked his brains on social & economic questions. He has a well ordered mind.
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	Year-end Summary	<p>The year 1907 saw the end, for a time at any rate, of my official life. I do not think my virtual expulsion by the Nationalist M.P.s from an office which I had created and which I had administered at least disinterestedly, did my influence for good any harm. I think it injured my political enemies – who will I hope yet be my friends – more harm than it did me.</p> <p>With more time to think I began to get a better grasp of the Irish political situation. It is a very one [<i>sic</i>]. Home Rule is theoretically right – the people have asked for it for generations – but they <u>are not fit</u> for it – or rather for any form of Home Rule which is possible. I talked the whole question over with Bryce in the Fall & he had no hope for the policy which he had strenuously advocated even after he was Chief Secretary. What a position!</p> <p>I got a bit more deaf during the year. I still worked too hard after the retirement from office gave me a chance of rest. So I suppose it will be to the end of my span which cannot be very long.</p> <p>I got my American business affairs into much better shape this year.</p>