

# 1908 Diary of Sir Horace Curzon Plunkett (1854–1932)

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## NOTES

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

Horace Plunkett, *Irish Homestead*, 30 July 1910

### Conventions

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

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

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

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

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

5) Punctuation (or lack of)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ***Correspondence***

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

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

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

## ***Abbreviations***

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

### **Names**

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

### **Organisations**

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

## General

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

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

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

## 1908

### Events:

**28 Jan – Withdrawal of DATI subvention to IAOS from Jan 1909**

**21 Feb – Publication of Rolleston letter in Freeman’s Journal**

5 May – Report of Dudley Commission on Congested Districts

**7 Jul – Honorary degree (LLD), Trinity College Dublin**

1 Aug – Irish Universities Act, providing for institution of National University of Ireland and Queen’s University of Belfast; Old Age Pensions Act

8 Sep – Patrick Pearse opens St. Enda’s School for Boys

**11 Nov – Presented with the Plunkett House**

29 Dec – Irish Transport and General Workers’ Union formed, James Larkin general secretary

### Publications:

- ***The Neglect of Country Life: a Plea and a Policy* ( Plunkett House Series No. 1, Dublin) 16 pp.**

- ***Noblesse Oblige: an Irish Rendering* (Maunsel & Co., Dublin) 38 pp.**

- *Ireland in the New Century*, 3rd ed. (Dutton, New York) 340 pp.

- *The New Development in Agricultural Co-operation. Memorandum on Joint Action between the Agricultural Co-operative Movements in England, Ireland and Scotland* (Dublin) 10 pp. Also reprinted in SAOS Annual Report, pp. 58-74

- *Science and the Problem of Rural Life* (Dublin) 8 pp. Address to Agriculture Sub-Section of British Association for the Advancement of Science; 8 pp. (reprinted in *Irish Homestead*)

- *Social Science for Country Life* (Dublin) 15 pp.

- *IAOS Annual Report* (Sealy, Bryers and Walker, Dublin): pp. 21-7, 43-5, 54-62

- Attributed articles in *Irish Homestead*:

Reprint of letter to Prof. Towar, Wheatland, Wyo., XV:2 (11 Jan 1908), pp. 33-4

Letter to the Editor, *IH*, XV:5 (1 Feb 1908), p. 96; also *Irish Independent, Irish Times*

Report of speech at Strabane, XV:12 (21 Mar 1908), p. 233

Text of speech at Dervock, XV:16 (18 Apr 1908), pp. 313-6

“From the President to the Presidents”, XV:20 (16 May 1908), pp. 391-3

Letter to press re Rolleston letter, XV:21 (23 May 1908), p. 413

Report of address to Athlone District Conference, XV:22 (30 May 1908), pp. 434-6

Letters to Dr. John Clancy, XV:24 (13 Jun 1908), pp. 470-1; 473

The New Development in Agricultural Co-operation”, XV:32 (8 Aug 1908), pp. 630-2; no. 33  
(15 Aug 1908), pp. 650-2; XV:34 (22 Aug 1908), pp. 670-1

Text of speech at Coleraine, “The Necessity for Agricultural Organisation”, XV:35 (29 Aug 1908), pp. 704-6

Reprint of “Science and the Problem of Rural Life”, XV:37 (12 Sep 1908), pp. 739-43

Report of address to Belfast Industrial Development Association, XV:40 (3 Oct 1908), pp. 804-6

Letter to Monteagle re The Plunkett House, XV:41 (10 Oct 08), pp. 838-9

Text of address to IAOS, XV:46 (14 Nov 1908), pp. 922-6

“The Neglect of Country Life: a Plea and a Policy”, text of address at presentation of The Plunkett House, XV:46 (14 Nov 1908), pp. 932-6

### Government:

*Prime Minister*: Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman to 5 Apr (Liberal); Herbert Asquith (Liberal)

*Chief Secretary*: Augustine Birrell

*Lord Lieutenant*: Earl of Aberdeen

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £99 ; \$1 = \$18

Correspondence [Notes]	1908	Diary Entry
	1 Jan, Wed	The year opened with a hard day’s work at the agricultural organisation society. I expect that the year’s task will be the bringing up the self help side of the New Movement which I started in 1889 to the stage of progress reached by the State aid side. Alas

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		the lagging behind of the part of the work which had a decade of a start is due to the fact that the Department is mainly Scotch, the IAOS all Irish! Hanson stayed another 24 hours & was very helpful. A.E. better but not quite beyond anxiety to his friends.
	2 Jan, Thu	I.A.O.S. and Automobile Club meeting. Not very well & did little good.
[LGB – Local Government Board]	3 Jan, Fri	Better today & A.E. better too. After morning's work Adams came out to me at Foxrock & we had an extraordinarily interesting talk. He is a fine fellow & I am delighted to hear he is to marry an Irish girl, Miss Muriel Lane daughter of the late (alas suicide) solicitor of the L.G.B.  Dined with Ross Todd & had a quiet evening with D---- ?Ma--ne & ?Atkinson now Secretary of Golf Club (Foxrock) a +4 handicap man.
	4 Jan, Sat	Fresh evidences of the bitter struggle which is impending are daily forthcoming. I am working out in my mind a new Ireland. The displacement of politicians of the now dominant type is foreseen & they are furious.  To Dunsany for a 24 hours of week end. Eddie & Beatrice alone.
	5 Jan, Sun	Lunched with the Fingalls & explained fully to him the policies I have for the reconstruction of rural society in Ireland. Also persuaded him to vote for Curzon as Representative Peer. He was against him.
[IAC – Irish Automobile Club]	6 Jan, Mon	Automobile Show & dinner of IAC (180 sat down) under my Presidency wasted the day. I made a stupid speech.
	7 Jan, Tue	Meeting of I.A.O.S. Executive Ctee. I have not yet got into the saddle & hardly know how the new régime is going to work out. We did little. Russell's (A.E.'s) illness blocks progress.  Byles M.P. and his wife dined & we had a good talk on the I.Q. from the philosophic Rad[ical]'s point of view.
	8 Jan, Wed	I.A.O.S. & C.D.B. Had to arrange for A.E. to go into a Private Hospital for a slight operation on abscess at root of tooth.
[King of Italy – Victor Emmanuel III]	9 Jan, Thu	A.E. had the abscess removed & is now safe, a great relief.  Shaftesbury & Rolleston to dine & sleep. I was so sleepy I could not do much good with them. But Adams helped. David Lubin the Californian who got the King of Italy to move Edward VII & other potentates to back up his idea of an Agric'l Institute lunched with me at K.S.C. A windy ass.
	10 Jan, Fri	CDB at which Birrell & Sir Antony but not TW Russell attended. Birrell's attitude in private administration & in public differ in a manner which Shaftesbury noticed, & he is not subtle. He left me after a very pleasant & I think useful series of talks on the future of Ireland & our class's duty to the country.
	11 Jan, Sat	Worked all day at my letter on pamphlet addressed to landlords. It is taking a good shape & may make a stir. If there is a good case on a big public question it is only a matter of work to make it live.  Dined with Gibbons, a dear himself, with two dear but not very intelligent children.
	12 Jan, Sun	Sir Arthur Vicars, Pierce Mahony, David Lubin (of California) &

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		Miss Lubin & Fr. Finlay lunched. I worked at my landlord pamphlet again.
	13 Jan, Mon	Had an interview with T W Russell about I.A.O.S. & D.A.T.I. relations. He was rational enough. I brought A.E. out to Kilteragh to convalesce. Hanson also came.
	14 Jan, Tue	After day's work went to R.D.S. theatre & heard SH Butcher inaugurating Classical Assoc'n.
	15 Jan, Wed	At work at I.A.O.S. chiefly on my landlord pamphlet.
	16 Jan, Thu	S H Butcher came for a 24 hour visit. Spent most of day over Pamphlet. His help valuable.
	17 Jan, Fri	Still working at Pamphlet. S.H.B. left
<i>Fr Lubin, David</i>		
	18 Jan, Sat	Harold Barbour came to Foxrock.
	19 Jan, Sun	Joseph R. Fisher ed[ito]r of Northern Whig came to lunch. Hanson left.
To Lubin, David	20 Jan, Mon	IAOS all day. Daisy came in evening.
<i>Fr Russell, T.W.</i> [21 Jan–1 Feb: Numerous newspaper cuttings re IAOS/DATI dispute, see IAOS]	21 Jan, Tue	Quarterly Committee Meeting of I.A.O.S. Freeman's Journal made great play out of a stupid letter Rolleston wrote to a friend in St. Louis M[iss]o[uri] sending him, at my request, the Irish Times giving report of I.A.O.S. Conference meeting of Dec. 20. T.W. Russell has been attacked over it by Dillon evidently & has capitulated. He writes to me for an explanation & summons the Agric'l Board to consider the letter this day week.
To Russell, T.W.	22 Jan, Wed	Tried to prepare speech for Belfast after finishing Landlord pamphlet.
	23 Jan, Thu	Busy preparing speech for tomorrow in Belfast. Wrote to Sinclairs where, notwithstanding his brother's death he asked me to stay with him, & dined with the party we should otherwise have had at Hopefield at the Ulster Club, one of Sinclair's guests, Dunbar Buller, doing host. Londonderry as charming & dense as ever, Kyle Knox, Duffin, Andrews, Clark M.P. & a few others. Interesting talk but I was oh so tired.
	24 Jan, Fri	At speech all day with another speech, Royal Agric'l Soc'y unexpectedly thrown in. The Reform Club affair went off well. They like me very much, I think, in commercial & industrial Ulster circles. The room was packed & I had a good reception. I made rather a good speech I think though the theme was Subscribe to the IAOS.
To McClatchy, W.S. (LUB)	25 Jan, Sat	Back from Belfast to Dublin & down to Killeen Castle now occupied with P.F. Collier of Collier's Weekly (né Carlow peasant) hunting tenant. Lady Mayo, Mrs. J R Green & Nicholas Synnott of the Party. In Dublin worked at I.A.O.S. Belfast papers gave me excellent report & good leaders. So also Irish Times.
	26 Jan, Sun	Fairly restful but forced to write a letter to the newspapers against the attacks of Redmond, the Freeman & lesser lights & influences, on the I.A.O.S. Saw Eddie to get him & Mrs. JR Green together. I think she gave him some good advice.

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To Editor, <i>Irish Homestead</i> (IAOS.2/2); also in <i>IH</i> , XV:5 (1 Feb 1908), p. 96	27 Jan, Mon	To Dublin by early train. The day spent writing the letter to the newspapers upon the Rolleston correspondence. Capt. John Shawe Taylor invaded me at the I.A.O.S. I put him off by getting him to come out & dine at Foxrock with Mrs. Green & me. He was evidently scouting for Wm. O'Brien.
To Russell, T.W.	28 Jan, Tue	The Agricultural Board met and T.W. Russell & Gill aided by Montgomery got through a Minute withdrawing all subsidy to the I.A.O.S. after this year's £3000 and forcing the Department to organise <u>directly</u> . This will mean a big fight.
[in extremis – near death]  [Griffith]	29 Jan, Wed	At a very inconvenient moment I had to go to Dunsany to [sic] by 9.30 train to attend a meeting at the Coop Stores which appear to be in extremis. They will probably have to be wound up. Back afternoon train – full of Ward Hunt sportsmen & talk of 20 years ago. A.E. & Griffiths [sic] the editor of Sinn Fein a remarkable young revolutionary dined. We had an interesting evening.
	30 Jan, Thu	The same + the dentist and minus guests. Mrs. Green & I had a tête a tête evening. I slept immediately after dinner.
	31 Jan, Fri	Another letter to the Press on The Dept & the IAOS took the whole day & was very tiring. Finucane came to dinner & talked to Mrs. JRG while I slept. She is a complete convert to Plunkettism.
To Editor, <i>Irish Times</i> , <i>Irish Independent</i> , (IAOS.10/1); also <i>IH</i> , XV:5 (1 Feb 1908), p. 96	1 Feb, Sat	No abuse in Freeman this morning, first morning for many days. Mrs. J R Green left & I spent day mostly circulating my Noblesse Oblige pamphlet. In evening Daisy came & we had a long quiet talk betw'n our after dinner sleeps. She has caught a little of this habit from Fingall.
	2 Feb, Sun	Quiet day with Daisy. Went to Powerscourt & enlisted him for I.A.O.S.
	3 Feb, Mon	Executive C'tee of I.A.O.S. dealt with a nasty letter from Department which evidently means that TW Russell is going to find an excuse for withdrawing the subsidy to the Society altogether on the slightest pretext. Young de Vescei dined & slept.
	4 Feb, Tue	Levee at Castle. All officials & soldiers. Cloncurry having daughters, Castletown promotion, Fermoy expectations were there. I saw no others of the Noblesse.  Worked hard at the I.A.O.S. & left by night mail for England.
	5 Feb, Wed	Passed through London. Saw Rolleston, Tom Ponsonby, Emily Lawless & Gerald Balfour & got on to Newcastle, Gardiner, Sir George Palmer & the two Westerns in the train to the North.
	6 Feb, Thu	Bowes & Framwellgate meetings. The latter was most unsatisfactory. It became evident that the stock for which we gave a big premium was worthless. The concern worked at a profit last year but the moment prices go back it will lose heavily & steadily. We must liquidate. But Bowes is a splendid investment for Pelton & Pelton is doing well too. Back to London.
<i>Fr Myrick, Herbert</i>  [Peel's 1845 Maynooth Act trebled (to £26,000) the annual grant to Catholic Maynooth	7 Feb, Fri	Lunched with Sir T Elliott at the National Club (1 Whitehall Gardens) a curious old institution founded in the /40s to protest against the Maynooth grant & still having a strong anti popery flavour! I met Edmund Gosse who was very cordial about my pamphlet.

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College.]		Dined with Lady de Vesce to meet Ld. & Lady Cromer. He is a very able man but not magnetic. SH Butcher was present & Ld. C was so much interested in his literary talk that I only got a look in occasionally. However I preferred listening.
[TBP – nephew Thomas Brabazon Ponsonby] [query in original; prob. Philip Edward Morrell]	8 Feb, Sat	Lunched with Mrs. JR Green, had Fisher (N[orthern] Whig), Sydney Brooks & TBP to dine at Wellington. Great Irish talk. Saw also S.H.B. & so had a very Irish day & talked many sides of the I.Q. At Mrs. J.R.G.'s met Wedgwood M.P. & Morrell ? M.P. Also an Irish Sinn Feiner (Lind?)
	9 Feb, Sun	Fisher's Hill for the day. Dunedin (Graham Murray) Lady Horner & an Alfred Lyall of the party.
	10 Feb, Mon	Henry Hay & Bullock lunched. I dined with the Cromer's alone & had a good talk with him. He is very clear in his views but decidedly of the bureaucratic order though a clever politician too. His views on Ireland were not much value.
	11 Feb, Tue	A tired profitless day. Mrs. J R Green on whom I called gave me some historical assistance for my Bradford address. Lady Londonderry on a sofa recovering from nervous breakdown kept me 2 hours!
	12 Feb, Wed	C.D.B. at Irish office in morning. Saw Birrell at House in the afternoon & had a very unpleasant talk on the DATI-I.A.O.S. row, dined with Conny, lunched with Lady de Vesce & asked her & Mary to Foxrock for Whitsuntide.
	13 Feb, Thu	6 AM to 9 PM writing an address & delivering it to the Bradford Philosophical Society on The Irish Economic Crisis (Land Settlement). The journey was 4 hours but a very comfortable train. At Bradford I put up with Col. Hoffman brother of Harry H. an old ranch friend round Cheyenne, who was also there. The address did not catch on. The audience was small & I regretted having taken so much trouble for so little result.
	14 Feb, Fri	Back very tired by early train for CDB meeting. After lunch long talk with Lytton on Home Rule question. He is unionist definitely because of the falseness of the whole basis of <u>nationality</u> in Ireland.
	15 Feb, Sat	Was to have gone to St. Giles, Salisbury to spend week end with Shaftesbury. But a death in house in the night forced S. to put me off by wire. Lunched with Sidney Webbs, saw Mrs. JRG & Emily Lawless & had a long business talk with Caroe. Day not profitable enough considering critical state of Irish situation.
	16 Feb, Sun	Calls & I.A.O.S. work. Delightful talk with "Aunt T" & interesting talk with her son Lionel Earle.
	17 Feb, Mon	Really IAOS all day. Lunched with Gosse at House of Lords. Met Grenfell, Chalmers Mitchell, Mrs. A. ?Humiker, Mrs Alma Tadema & some others. Dined with Mrs. Green & met Henry Vivian & Masterman M.P.s, Canon ?Hunson, Scott of Manchester Guardian, Emmett M.P. & Mrs. ?Einsworth & the Hannays.
	18 Feb, Tue	Lunched with Sydney Brooks at a rather interesting party to the Hannays & dined with the Setons, Hannays there also. Called on Louie Blacker with whom Marjorie my godchild engaged to a Goschen & very happy. The rest of the day hard grind at IAOS &c work.
	19 Feb, Wed	Levee, lunching with Londonderrys & a Berthon Boat meeting



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		interfered badly with the chief business of the day, revising my pamphlet, now out of print, & speaking at the Battersea Polytechnic. Very badly done.
[query in original; prob. Sydney Armitage-Smith]	20 Feb, Thu	Had Barry O'Brien the biographer of Parnell to lunch at Wellington. He wanted to hear all about the D.A.T.I. for a book on Irish government. I told him the truth but how much of it he will give the public remains to be seen.  Dined with ? Armytage Smith, Sir G Murray's official private secretary to meet Mrs Wilkins (née Miss Jebb author of "Small Holdings"). Learned a good deal from her.
To Myrick, Herbert	21 Feb, Fri	I attended the annual meeting of the Assoc'n of Tech Institutions over which I had had the honor to preside for the year 07 & resigned my post to my successor Norman Lockyer, an encyclopaedic cocksure person much over 70 but with the vigor of 50 who once was editor of Nature – others said he thought he was her author!  Went out to 167 Gleneldon Road to the Bullocks to talk to his boy Sydney whom I am sending out to the West, Carey's ranche if he will take him.
	22 Feb, Sat	Mrs. J.R.G., Caroe, American letters all about Ireland, Sydney Brooks to dinner also to talk about Ireland took the whole day.
	23 Feb, Sun	Interesting talks with Emily Lawless & Lytton. Lunched with the Brownlow's. She is very wool gathering – like her poor sister Lady Pembroke. He is a Tory of the average intelligence.
[Theft of regalia of Order of St. Patrick from Dublin Castle, June or July 1907]	24 Feb, Mon	Saw Gardiner (very nervous under strain of Colliery business) Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, W.H. Persse who knows Garvin of Observer & T Lloyd of Statist. Davies (Birrell's Sec'y) who told me that they know nothing about the Jewels mystery & also that they expect bad times when the land situation is fully understood.
[LSD - pounds, shillings and pence]	25 Feb, Tue	I.A.O.S. office all the working day. The response to Noblesse Oblige is poor in L.S.D. I begin to think the Landlord class are impervious to the closing paragraph which certainly was not unjust to them.
	26 Feb, Wed	I.A.W.S. meeting, I.A.O.S. work & a long evening with Adams made up the day.
	27 Feb, Thu	Presided over annual meeting of Irish Automobile Club. Stupid affair. Worked rest of day at I.A.O.S. & in evening was Starkie's guest at T.C.D. Sat next to Traill, a savage (of the noble variety in honour barring meanness of the Ulster type in money matters) & talked after dinner to Jonathan Hogg about Coop'n, not as agreeable an after dinner subject to him as to me!
To Hogg, Jonathan	28 Feb, Fri	I.A.O.S. all day. Joy, organiser, came with A.E. to dinner. I was very pleased with him.
	29 Feb, Sat	After morning work at I.A.O.S. Daisy came to stay & Lady Mayo to lunch to discuss furniture & garden.
	1 Mar, Sun	Maurice Joy, Anderson & J E Healy lunched, Gibbons dined & Percy La Touche dined & slept. Very interesting day.

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<b>To Wood, Sir Lindsay</b>  <i>Fr Flatley Rev. John</i>  <i>Fr Myrick, Herbert</i>	2 Mar, Mon	Daisy left. Dentist & I.A.O.S. Then tête a tête with Percy La Touche. A delightful companion. Cynical, clever, pathetic in his consciousness of wasted life.
	3 Mar, Tue	Not very well. I.A.O.S. Exec C'tee & Dentist took whole day. Percy La Touche left.
	4 Mar, Wed	IAOS, Dentist, Aurist
	5 Mar, Thu	Morning at I.A.O.S. & down to Dunsany where I put up at Corballis (the house I, when Agent to my father, built for Rankin who drank himself to death a few years later) with Col. Hammond. We held a meeting at the Dunsany stores at which all the Committee attended & the auditor, & decided to carry on for another 6 months in hopes of saving the institution.
	6 Mar, Fri	Back to Dublin where the day was spent mostly at a meeting of the old & new organisers of the I.A.O.S. Riddall, Norman, A.E., Gregan, Joy, Noble, Adams & Miss Reynolds.
	7 Mar, Sat	<sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> rds day at I.A.O.S. Then golf in the lengthening twilight & a meeting of Foxrock Golf Club of which I am now President! Then J E Healy came to dinner with a literary friend Ensor who was very interesting & of whom I hope to see more. Lastly at midnight Fingall & Daisy came after a farewell dinner given by Collier at the Shelbourne for the week end. Callan gave me first draft of 66 pages of report of Royal Com'n.
[CB – Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath] [Shane Leslie]	8 Mar, Sun	Abscess in the ear & miserable day. But Sir Arthur Wallace C.B. of Lough Eske, Donegal, Prof'r. Wilson, Adams, Callan & Jim Power came & we had an interesting day. There also came young John Leslie who stayed the night, wrote his name in Irish in my visitor's [ <i>sic</i> ] book & wore a saffron kilt at Dinner. He is Sir J Leslie's son, his mother the sister of Lady Randolph Churchill & Mrs. Moreton Frewen. A queer interesting boy.
	9 Mar, Mon	Got my ear lanced under gas & got relief thereby. But the day dragged miserably. I was to have started for the North on an organising tour. But decided to sleep in my own stable.
[Report of speech in <i>IH</i> , XV:12 (21 Mar 1908), p. 233]	10 Mar, Tue	By 9 AM from Amiens St. to Strabane, Harold Barbour joining me at Omagh. Richmond Noble & his wife (a Jamaica girl very helpful) put us up at a "flat" in Lifford. Weather cold & fires in bedrooms impossible as chimneys ?soaked in North wind. But there was a good meeting of surrounding societies & I made a pretty good speech to them. We went on in the late afternoon to see a cooperative scutch mill – a horrid dirty concern but I think successful. The dispensary Dr. (Weir) joined us at Dinner, a splendid specimen of the kind of practical patriot the cooperative movement constantly produces.
	11 Mar, Wed	Motored to Greencastle, Co Tyrone where an excellent P.P. Fr. McGeown presided over a really good creamery & credit assoc'n in

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		a very poor district. We had a meeting in a little old school house, many coming long distances & giving up a very important day's spring work. Then to Omagh where we arrived in time to attend annual general meeting of the Creamery – another speech – & to address later a social gathering 600 or 700 strong in the evening. I spoke well at the earlier but miserably at this final & most important function.
	12 Mar, Thu	Back to Dublin. Sir Henry Blake came to lunch with Percy Bernard at the K.S.C. & I had some talk with him. A sort of Cromer & I must get to know him better.  Dined with Sir George & Lady Holmes.
	13 Mar, Fri	I.A.O.S. all day.
To Flatley, Rev. John To Myrick, Herbert	14 Mar, Sat	Half day at I.A.O.S. writing long letter to the New York C'tee organised by Major Ahern (director of Forestry in Philippines) to show the Irish how to advance their agriculture. I suggested alternative scheme – helping the I.A.O.S. Daisy came to Kilteragh.
	15 Mar, Sun	Campbell & Adams from Dept & Anderson spent some hours with me. Fingall also & J Mulhall lunched. Daisy left.
	16 Mar, Mon	I.A.O.S. long office hours. D H Lane & Hannay came to stay a couple of nights rather awkward as I have to go to London in the morning.
[Maud Allan in 'Vision of Salome'.]	17 Mar, Tue	Day mail to London. John Dillon fellow passenger. A few civil words sufficed. Jim Power & the whiskey lawyer awaited me at 105 & I dictated the kind of evidence I would give on the morrow to the lawyers club. Then I went to a big dinner given by Jim Power to the P---'s Austen Chamberlain. I had a long talk with the latter he is mediocre, I talked all round him! & Daisy & I went off to see a wonderful dancer at the Palace. Her arms worked like snakes & this on St. Patrick's day.
	18 Mar, Wed	Appeared to give Evidence carefully prepared before Royal Com'n on Whiskey. Lord James of Hereford informed me that they did not want to go into effect of illegal whiskey frauds on Irish farmers & so I might as well not have come over. Attended I.I.A. sale at Londonderry House.
	19 Mar, Thu	Pelton meeting, Walsh only present, declared 7% a very fat year. Lunched Callan & S Brooks. Former told me (what appeared in ev[enin]g papers) that Dudley is to succeed Northcote as Gov. General of Australasia. He has a private understanding that it is to lead to Canada & India – if the party he has negotiated with are in a pos[itio]n to carry out the understanding. A dangerous man on account of his rather dissolute habits. Callan will no doubt stick to him & do all his work. D. would not have become a Home Ruler because he cannot agree with the Liberals in non Irish policy! Not a quite straight or satisfactory pos[itio]n.
	20 Mar, Fri	IAOS business all day.

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<i>Fr Hogg, Jonathan</i>	21 Mar, Sat	Journeyed to Enniscorthy & back. Made a long speech to a small meeting of Loftus Bryan's cooperators. It was a dreary experience. They were nice to me but very apathetic & I am not the man to <u>rouse</u> . My thoughts germinate in other brains & when the brains are attached to the proper physique the enthusiasm works all right. My influence grows & so does the organised hostility to it.
	22 Mar, Sun	Adams & his sister lunched. Anderson & Fletcher dined. I spent an hour with the chiroprapist in Dublin!
	23 Mar, Mon	Left Amiens St. 9AM with Adams organiser of I.A.O.S. & was met by Harold Barbour at Belfast. Lunched at Ulster Club meeting T. Sinclair & others. Then on in Barbour's car to Aghadowey, Co Derry (Creamery) to Articlave where we were to have had a meeting of the Dunboe Poultry Society. But the car broke down just as we left Aghadowey & we had to get on in miserable local conveyances. We arrived at 9 instead of 6.30 & the meeting which had been large dispersed. We struggled over to Coleraine where we slept after a long wet drive. A day wasted.
[Text of speech at Dervock in <i>IH</i> , XV:16 (18 Apr 1908), pp. 313-6]	24 Mar, Tue	Pouring most of the day & cold. Drove to Macosquin Society & addressed 7 men (good men) in a barn. Did good to 7 men. Back to Coleraine & by train to Dervock where (at Ballydivity) old Stewart Moore had a luncheon party for me. On to Benvardeen, Major J A Montgomery where I was in the house of a typical Ulster landlord. Hard unsympathetic hopeless for the Noblesse Oblige appeal I am making, a nice understanding wife however. Had a very good meeting at Dervock (poultry & Ag Society) in a Presbyterian Hall. I spoke long but not too badly, quite extempore having few notes.
[Tohill]	25 Mar, Wed	Hired a motor from Belfast & went with Barbour & Adams via Ballycastle to Cushendall. Housed by the Misses Macdonnell one of whom (Barbara) is a real philanthropist of the benevolent dictator order, is practically bossing the cooperative (Poultry) society. Had a good meeting, the P.P. (Twohill) [ <i>sic</i> ] in the chair & the rector Hon. Sec. beside him. I spoke straight to the people about their cooperative shortcomings & they took it well. But I fear they are not capable of realising their share of the second Denmark. Had a good walk & talk with the Rector Thorpe and some talk with one Dobbs, a very good landlord, at dinner.
	26 Mar, Thu	By motor to Belfast 50 miles to catch 9.55 train. Then short afternoon at I.A.O.S. & to Kilteragh for tea where Mr. & Mrs. T W Rolleston were staying for the night to do a play.
	27 Mar, Fri	IAOS & dentist.
To Hogg, Jonathan	28 Mar, Sat	Rolleston left. Daisy & Anderson came. Also Gerald & his nurse. I.A.O.S. & dentist again half the day. Hanson dined.
	29 Mar, Sun	J.E. Healy, Maurice Joy, Hanson, Fingall to lunch. A lazy wet windy day.
	30 Mar, Mon	Dentist, intolerably slow, & IAOS took whole day. Left by night mail in a gale, happily westerly for England.
[Precursor of current Country Land & Business Association]	31 Mar, Tue	Mrs. J. R. Green visited. Attended meeting of Central Land Assoc'n. Onslow & brother Tony's attempt to deal with the Rural problem, not very democratic! Went to House & had a warm welcome by Willie Redmond, the honestest of the lot. Heard Butcher speak well on the University Question which Birrell will I think solve, or at any rate place in a position where it will have to be

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		solved. Dined with Onslow & met Lady Trowbridge who told me interesting things about her potboiling, Marie Corelli Daily Mail, literary work.
	1 Apr, Wed	Had JG Brooks of Boston to lunch & dined with Conny. Saw Mrs. JR Green, Emily Lawless & S Armitage Smith at Treasury. Had a talk with Sir Antony MacDonnell who is going to resign very soon now. He will stand out for sound administration in the Royal Commission Report on Congestion. But I fear he will be crying in a wilderness of Birrellism.
	2 Apr, Thu	A long talk with Sir George Murray. Healy of Irish Times & Butcher (S.H.) to lunch & Sydney Brooks & Malcolm Seton to dine made an interesting day.
	3 Apr, Fri	Lunched with Runciman Secretary to Treasury & explained my Congested Districts policy. Moritz Bonn turned up in London.
	4 Apr, Sat	Golfed with Violet Parr at Mitcham. Then had a long talk with Butcher about the University Bill which contains a provision allowing the Senate to affiliate Maynooth. That damns it. I saw the list of the Senate, Butcher & 35 nobodies! It is a purely political & clerical body.
	5 Apr, Sun	Went to Fisher's Hill where the G.B.s, Con Lytton, a Lady ? Dawkins. Had very interesting talks on Ireland. Back to give a dinner party to Moritz Bonn & wife, Emily Lawless, SH Butcher, Callan, Bernard Holland & Shan Bullock. Interesting but I was tired.
	6 Apr, Mon	Bonn, Graham Brooks & AD Hall to lunch. Mrs. Wilkins (& her husband), Dr. Hermann Levy & an unpronounceable German student to dinner. Went to Emily Lawless to meet the Editor of The Observer (Garvin) who failed to materialise. Chief event of day a call on William O'Brien who had asked me to join another Land Conference to consider what pressure could be exerted on the British taxpayer to frighten him into putting further money into the bottomless pit of Irish demands. The Wyndham finance has broken down. He had no plan. I declined for two reasons which I gave him – the hostility of Dillon & Co & my absorption in I.A.O.S. work. I also (in the back of my mind) feared Dunraven who will be chairman. I am to see him tomorrow.
	7 Apr, Tue	Called on Dunraven. He looked ill. He had no scheme for meeting the difficulty which was to dissolve before Wm. O'Brien's suggested conference.  Called on Arthur Balfour in morning. Had half hour's talk on University & Land Questions. Asked me to return at 6 when another 1½ hours – two in all. I wanted to give him knowledge of essential details. He confessed that he did not trouble himself with day to day questions but only with large policies – “the best philosophy I think”. I wanted him, while conceding denominationalism in fact to stand out against clericalism which as I showed him was hidden under Birrell's scheme. He asked me to write him all the facts I could collect. What he wants is an <u>organisation</u> of the lay Catholic opp[ositio]n! So do we all.  On the Land & Congested Districts problem I explained my views & I think shook his. His appreciation of Dudley “a delightful fellow

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[CB – Campbell-Bannerman]		<p>&amp; really gifted but what a proof of the value of education”, of CB “a problem for a funeral oration”, of Birrell a “mere opportunist”, of Haldane “my Jesuit friend” &amp; of Lady Aberdeen “a goody goody rebel” were subtle. On Home Rule he declared himself an idealist &amp; said he would like to go as a missionary to the Irish &amp; show them the real pos[iti]o[n] they might occupy with a great moral influence &amp; control over a vast civilisation.</p> <p>He was convinced that a small nation cannot achieve anything nowadays except indirectly when attached to a great power. On the demoralisation of the Tariffs he bowled me out by citing Germany, France &amp;c. He said when America was free trade she was more corrupt.</p>
	8 Apr, Wed	Day mail to Foxrock.
	9 Apr, Thu	<p>Morning &amp; most of afternoon in Dublin. Young R.C. Barton of Glendalough House, Annamoe, Co. Wicklow just finishing Oxford came to see me &amp; will I hope take to I.A.O.S. work. He looks strong &amp; earnest &amp; may prefer something more exciting &amp; bigger politically &amp; nationally for his wild oats period. I must watch him. Saw Antony MacDonnell who saw no difficulty about the land situation – only £20,000,000 more money wanted to complete the job – less if stocks rise!</p> <p>Fr. Finlay, Starkie &amp; Maurice Joy dined to talk Universities Bill.</p>
	10 Apr, Fri	Journeyed with Daisy to Mount Stewart after a morning at I.A.O.S. work. Edmund Gosse the only really interesting man in the party so far & the women a Mrs. Maguire, Lady Annesley & Lady Gerard (talks hunting only[]) were altogether uninteresting to me.
[ <i>gossoon</i> - a rural Gaelic descriptor for ‘lad’ or ‘boy’]	11 Apr, Sat	Point to point races close by & a glorious day it was, so glorious that the chief ‘pleasure’ of the day did not spoil it. I had a long walk & talk with Gosse which I much enjoyed. Sat next Lady Londonderry whose talks about life are interesting. Poor L’s political side is pathetic. I enjoyed seeing him do the local magnate at the Races where he seemed to pay for everything & wash it down with Champagne. Read most of Gosse’s Father & Son (which I have christened Gosse & Gossoon). A fine human document.
	12 Apr, Sun	Two more walks with Gosse. Service in the House in afternoon. Delightfully restful day.
	13 Apr, Mon	Back to Dublin & I.A.O.S. work.
	14 Apr, Tue	CDB & I.A.O.S. all day.
	15 Apr, Wed	Left early to catch 9.15 for Broadstone sending on motor earlier to Longford. There I met Paul Gregan & had two meetings of coop societies, Longford Poultry Soc’y at Longford & a creamery (auxiliary) at Aghnacliff 16 miles off. Two long speeches to 2 small meetings. Did good I think – but oh so boring & so tiring.
[Smyth]	16 Apr, Thu	Three meetings & three long speeches. At Carnadoe discussed their creamery project. It was at the laying of foundations stage. Went on to lunch at Mohill with Digges & the committee of the creamery. Then a good meeting at Farnaught (agric’l Bank) Digges in the chair & the local M.P. present (Smith [ <i>sic</i> ] from S. Leitrim). Lastly a meeting of a creamery at Eslin Bridge. On the whole a useful day, the first & last meetings were the least encouraging as the people were very backward. The meeting of the Bank was the only

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		satisfactory one.
	17 Apr, Fri	Back by motor to Foxrock. Very tired after 5 long speeches (all extempore) in 2 days. But I daresay it is the best work I can do.
	18 Apr, Sat	Shopped in Dublin in morning & brought Mrs. Sidney Webb from Mail boat in afternoon. Callan also came.
	19 Apr, Sun	A pleasant Sunday – golf – Maurice Joy & JE Healy to lunch. Called on Starkie & A.E. to dine.
[GCMG - Knight Grand Cross of The Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael & St. George]	20 Apr, Mon	Mrs. Sidney Webb & I motored to Glendalough House, Annamoe, Co Wicklow to lunch. The young squire R.C. Barton is an Oxford prig with the funniest entourage – a mother, spectacled brothers & sisters – American Oxfordising relations including a Mrs. Osgood the widow of a famous Amer'n scientist & Mrs. Fiske Warren a first class in Philosophy (Oxford). I wanted to get R.C.B. to take up Irish work.  Sir Henry Blake, G.C.M.G. came to stay.
	21 Apr, Tue	Spring Cattle Show. I.A.O.S. work etc. Sir Antony MacDonnell & Adams to dinner. Lady Mayo came. A very nice party & an enjoyable use of my new house.
	22 Apr, Wed	I.A.O.S. work. Fr. F[inlay] & W. Burke son of the Tipp[erary] M[aster].F[ox].H[ounds]. dined.
[Jack – Shane Leslie]	23 Apr, Thu	Mrs. J. Leslie came to dine & sleep at Kilteragh to consult me about her boy Jack who after trying Protestantism low & high had been received into the R.C. Church & was going to join the Dominicans. A strange freak from a Jerome, a first cousin of Winston Churchill.
	24 Apr, Fri	Committee of I.A.O.S. all the afternoon. I introduced Mrs. Leslie to Fr. Finlay who will see her boy & talk to him. She left for home. Winston Churchill's defeat at Manchester the sensation of the night.
	25 Apr, Sat	Tom left the house 6 A.M. Spent busy morning & had Prof'rs Campbell & Wilson, Gallagher, Gordon & Adams out from the Department to discuss my solution to the Connemara problem. A very busy & interesting day.
	26 Apr, Sun	Maurice Joy came to stay with me. He is very unwell & I hope to get him looked after by Lentaigne & put right. Atkinson lunched & I golfed morning & afternoon.
	27 Apr, Mon	Attended Committee of Meath Hospital for first time since my appointment. The I.A.O.S. Then Hannays arrived. I dined with the Iveaghs, a dull swell party. Got Lentaigne to 'vet' Maurice Joy. There will have to be an operation which is of course dangerous but I trust will succeed.
	28 Apr, Tue	I.A.O.S. nearly all day.
	29 Apr, Wed	Down to Mount Trenchard to attend Lady Monteagle's funeral, the simplest & therefore most impressive funeral I have seen. Poor M. was worn & sad. S.H. & J.G. were both over. They & Tom & Mary followed the oak coffin carried by labourers from the House to the Church. Back to Dublin & across to London.
	30 Apr, Thu	Meetings of Bowes & Pelton Cos. Saw Bonn, who left for Munich today, for brief interval. He was as interesting as ever. He had been seeing Wm. O'Brien whom he found much more sensible & conservative. I said will he ever be a leader again, Bonn replied

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[BA – British Ass’n. for the Advancement of Science]		“No. The Irish don’t like their leaders mellow any more than the English like them mellow.[”] Lunched S[ydne]y Armitage [ <i>sic</i> ] Smith at Club. He will be a good channel to the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Lloyd George) whose private secretary he is. Had a meeting of the agric’l subsection of the B.A. at Burlington House & attended meeting of Smallholdings association at the Roland Wilkins’, Carrington chief speaker. Saw Carøe & got off by 7.30 P.M. train to Holyhead.
	1 May, Fri	Got back to Foxrock with the Scotts (J.H.) who crossed by night mail, to find Fingall, Daisy & 3 elder [ <i>sic</i> ] children – a house full. Went to Leopardstown in time for last two races, the party doing them all. A glorious day – first real spring – Ant[h]ony Maude & wife & Barton dined. Portarlinton & wife came to tea. He had been struck with my Noblesse & took away Ireland in the New Century. He may help. The older landlords are useless.
	2 May, Sat	I.A.O.S. & golf. My visitors took care of & enjoyed themselves.
[Emmet – US architect and golf course designer]	3 May, Sun	Took my guests to Powerscourt. Devereux Emmet & Lady Gregory dined.
	4 May, Mon	My week end party left and Raymond & Violet Parr came. I.A.O.S. & dentist.
	5 May, Tue	I.A.O.S. Exec C’tee. Work at a circular letter to Presidents of societies, golf with Violet & inducing Raymond to get lessons from the ‘pro’ took up the day.
	6 May, Wed	Devereux Emmet, E A Stopford (Mrs. J R Green’s brother) & H[ugh] de F[ellenberg] Montgomery dined (first & last slept). Emmet golfed splendidly & is a really nice American of the James Byrne type almost exactly.
	7 May, Thu	Presided over 5 committees of Congested Districts Board & got through before lunch. Fr. O’Hara, W S Green & Geoghegan only being present. Dentist & IAOS took rest of day.
	8 May, Fri	Dentist. C.D.B., I.A.O.S. & golf. Miss Albinia Brodrick dined in nurse’s attire. She is doing good in rural Ireland.
	9 May, Sat	Dentist I.A.O.S. & golf again – this time the golf was at Malahide with the Devereux Emmets. I like them greatly.
	10 May, Sun	Anderson to lunch and visit to Antony MacDonnell filled the day.
[F.A. Steel – author]	11 May, Mon	M.G. Wallace Dept’s potato expert (born same day & year as I) Henry Hope largest farmer in Ireland, Campbell, Adams & Anderson, Miss White of Alexandra College & Flora Annie Steel dined. Strange & not uninteresting company.
	12 May, Tue	9.15 train to Ballywilliam for an evening meeting of the Granard Coop Dairy Soc’y. Put up with Major L. Dopping Hepenstal R[oyal].E[ngineers]. at Derrycassan, Gregan being included in the put up. Our host has recently retired & is living with 3 spinster sisters. He amuses himself with making mechanical toys, e.g. a watch which at a given hour lights a spirit lamp which makes tea & rings a bell when the water boils & is projected into the tea pot with the tea. I fear he will vegetate.  The meeting at Granard (a squalid hole) was fairly attended. I did



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		good I think. But the people are of the most hopeless kind.
<i>Fr Flatley, Rev. John</i> [GSR – Great Southern and Western Railway]  [barytes – mineral source of barium]	13 May, Wed	A two hours crawl in the major's brougham to Longford & a two hours crawl in the GSWR train to Sligo which we reached at 10.55 A.M. There we got a motor which took us to Lissadell. Sir Josslyn Gore Booth is a fine specimen of the best sort of modern squire. He is selling to his tenants but the demesne which he keeps is being worked for all it is worth. Daffodils (on a big scale & really scientific) early potatoes, poultry, a Barytes mine & sawmill are among his ventures. He pays over £5000 annually in wages. We motored to an out of doors meeting of the Ballintrillick Dairy Society & an indoor one of the Kinlough. Two ev[enin]g speeches – very tiring but I hope useful.
[Description of colony scheme in <i>IH</i> , XVI:23 (5 Jun 1909), p. 450]	14 May, Thu	Back in Dublin 2.15. Prof'r. Campbell came out to Foxrock & we had an evening over my experimental colony for congests. Was very tired but kept awake as I was greatly interested. The Professor agrees with my plans.
	15 May, Fri	Up early & prepared a speech for the Press. IAOS for an hour & then by 3 PM train to Dungannon where I met Noble & Harold Barbour with his motor. A hurried tea & off to Doons where we had a very good meeting of the Coop Dairy Society. I spoke long but I think well. I was well received & listened to. Those present determined to support the I.A.O.S. & will. We motored on then through the night & after many wrong turns arrived at 1.15 AM at Galgorm Castle where old John Young (aet 82) was waiting up for us.
	16 May, Sat	Woke rather tired. Walked about with John Young in the morning. Then a meeting of several local societies well attended at the Town Hall. John Young in the chair. Spoke about an hour & was well received. John Young supported me splendidly & will support the movement.  By train to Derry where tea & off again to Sallybrook where we had a fine meeting of the Lagan Dairy Society. Good support for the movement. We had picked up Mrs. Noble at Derry & went on to Letterkenny to sleep.
	17 May, Sun	Off by 9 A.M. to Dungloe where I met & addressed the finest "Congests" I have ever come across. The little Court House was crowded to suffocation & I spoke for an hour. A.E. started a Bank 3 or 4 years ago & thoroughly educated the people. He waged war with the gombeen man who is an awful tyrant. The fight waxes strong and I never felt so much among friends. Back via Lifford where we left the Nobles & saw Dr. Weir to Dungarvan where we slept.
	18 May, Mon	To Dublin by 10.30. Strenuous travelling this. Rather tired. But did a good deal of work at I.A.O.S. and entertained Barbour, Montgomery, Everard & Digges for Council meeting next day.
To Byrne, James	19 May, Tue	Montgomery left & Richard Bagwell arrived. The Council of Agriculture met & T.W. Russell made a very caddish attack on me in my absence. Maurice Joy was operated on for an abscess on the lung. Lentaigne is fairly confident of his recovery.
<i>Fr Rolleston, T.W.</i>	20 May, Wed	Maurice Joy fairly well, but I am most anxious. The operation went deep into the lung. Lentaigne evidently nervous.  Conference at IAOS all day betw'n IAOS, IAWS, I.A.C.S. [ <i>sic</i> ] &

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[Letter to Press re Rolleston letter, in <i>IH</i> , XV:21 (23 May 1908, p. 413)]		[Irish].P[roducers].L[eague]. Really an attempt to undo the effects of Anderson's unfortunate manner. I did good I think.  Daisy & Cissy to Kilteragh. Wallace potato expert of Dept and George George, [ <i>sic</i> ] New Zealand educational administrator dined.  Wrote Lie direct letter to papers in answer[.]
To Rolleston, T.W.	21 May, Thu	Saw Maurice Joy. He is much better than God. I.A.O.S. morning. But not very well & got through little work.
	22 May, Fri	To Ballyhaunis by morning mail with Professor Campbell representing the Dept to meet Doran & Fr. O'Hara of C.D.B. & discuss CDB & Dept joint work. Had intended stopping at Athlone at night for conference tomorrow. But returned by mail in order to keep up with correspondence &c.
To Flatley, Rev. John [Report of address to Conference in <i>IH</i> , XV:22 (30 May 1908) pp. 434-6]	23 May, Sat	To Athlone with Anderson for a District Conference. I spoke to the Press about Russell & his charge of lying against Rolleston & me. Very disagreeable work but what can one do. The Conference was rather slack.
[prob. Mrs. Alfred Hamilton; not Lady Alexandra Phyllis]	24 May, Sun	Callan, J.E Healy & Fr. Finlay lunched to discuss the Report of the Dudley Commission which appeared Saturday night. Callan worked hard to convert Healy to the Majority view. I supported Sir Antony's Minute of Dissent. Anderson dined. I visited Joy.  I promised Mrs. Alex [ <i>sic</i> ] Hamilton to subscribe £100 for new Cabinteely school & site.
	25 May, Mon	To Ballyragget with Adams, the least effective of the organisers & on to Castle Comer to spend the night with Prior Wandesforde. Meeting at B'ragget poultry society's premises was altogether satisfactory. Canon Barry who lunched us was the right kind of priest & his curates seemed to be rightly influenced by him. I spoke well. On to Castle Comer House and a very good large meeting of the agricultural society. But I was tired & sick & spoke badly. I missed a great opportunity. A disreputable U[nited]. [Irish]. L[eague]. bully & the worst kind of curate talked politics truculently & I ought to have told them that they were fooling the people but I did not feel on for a fight. Tom Ponsonby was staying with Wandesforde & attended both meetings.
	26 May, Tue	Wandesforde took me round his collieries, a very small affair compared with Pelton & Bowes, some 60,000 tons a year in all.  Back to Foxrock where I found Daisy & her children had stayed on, Fingall preferring to sleep in Dublin & meal at Kilteragh.
	27 May, Wed	Morning at I.A.O.S. a talk with Antony MacDonnell, afternoon letter writing, and golf with Captain Walsh who arrived absorbed the day.
	28 May, Thu	The Fletchers to dine. He tells me he is unhappy in the Dept & I fear Russell takes no interest in his excellent work. I.A.O.S. 6 AM to lunch. Then golf.

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<i>Fr Pinchot, Gifford</i> <i>Fr Seton, Sir Malcolm</i>	29 May, Fri	Morning in town & Leopardstown races in afternoon. Golf before dinner & Callan to dine. He is determined to defend his report which I fear I have rather badly knocked about.
	30 May, Sat	Walsh left. To Tipperary by 9.15 AM train. A meeting of coop societies very badly arranged. Fr. Finlay went down & Anderson too. The audience would have been very large to hear Fr. F but he was not advertised. I spoke badly, the other two well. Good was done.  Back to dinner & Campbell, Gordon, Wilson & Coyle came from the Department to discuss my experimental colony scheme. They seem to be keen about it.
	31 May, Sun	A quiet day with Fingalls & 2 girls.
To Seton, Sir Malcolm C.	1 Jun, Mon	Daisy & her girls left. Prof'r. Campbell & I interviewed Finucane about my labour colony scheme. He approves.
To Clancy, Dr. John (Bp. of Elphin) (2) [and in <i>IH</i> , XV:24 (13 Jun 1908), pp. 470-1]	2 Jun, Tue	Executive C'tee I.A.O.S. Little else.
[instant – current month]	3 Jun, Wed,	Saw Sir Antony & he advised me to bring my experimental settlement for Congests before the CDB on 10th inst[ant]. He says he will back it up.
	4 Jun, Thu	IAOS Exec C'tee Dinner party of neighbours. Capt. & Mrs. Bathurst, Cases & Gibbons. The new arrivals nice but not clever or very interesting. He is a keen soldier.
	5 Jun, Fri	Worked at my experimental colony scheme & saw Sir Antony about it.
<i>[matre pulchra (olim) filia pulchrrior – once beautiful mother, more beautiful daughter]</i>	6 Jun, Sat	Saw W F Bailey and urged him to back my Settlement or Colony Scheme. Promises he will. Now Doran & TW Russell only remain.  Lady de Vesce & Mary ( <i>matre pulchra (olim) filia pulchrrior</i> ) arrived by day mail. They had been staying with Ld. Stanley of Alderley at Penrhos close to Holyhead & Mary had very nearly been drowned in the sea saving other girl friends who could not swim, as far as I could make out. She looked white, got a temperature of 102° & was sick. Got John Lentaigne on telephone & he paid a night visit. Nothing serious but shock I gather.
[Eglinton]	7 Jun, Sun	Mahaffy, John E Healy & Wm. Magee a literary young fellow in the Nat'l Library who writes as "John Eglinton" [ <i>sic</i> ] lunched. Anderson dined. Mary Vesey spent the day in bed. I enjoyed the quiet day.
	8 Jun, Mon	Golfed with Case & Mary Vesey for my Bank Holiday. Then had a pow wow with W F Bailey & Anderson over my Experimental Colony scheme. Douglas Hyde looked in to tea with Mrs. Alfred Hamilton with whom he was staying. He has grown a beard & looks infirm.

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<i>Fr Clancy, Dr. John (Bp. of Elphin) (2)</i> [ard feis – conference]	9 Jun, Tue	Still at Colony scheme. Doran & Bailey to dinner with Hanson & Daisy to help the working of them. Old Irwin up about his railway. Still some golf. Rolleston came up for an Ard Feis.
To Clancy, Dr. John (Bp. of Elphin)	10 Jun, Wed	CDB (Agric'l Ctee) discussed & passed my scheme. But only Antony MacDonnell, Green & Geoghegan present. I think it will get through somehow.
To Clancy, Dr. John (Bp. of Elphin) [and in <i>IH</i> , XV:24 (13 Jun 1908), p. 473]	11 Jun, Thu	Toiled down to Clones for a speech to the Cooperators (Dairying). Dreary performance, but well received. Barbour & Anderson came with me.
	12 Jun, Fri	An international (English-Scottish-Irish) Coop: Conference at the I.A.O.S. The best business meeting the movement has yet had. "Tab" Brassey who put up at Kilteragh, Dr. Douglas, Drysdale, Nugent Harris were the chief people. But some good men represented the Farmers supply assoc'n of Scotland & the Eastern Counties assoc'n of Eng'd.
	13 Jun, Sat	Meeting of C.D.B. monthly, T.W. Russell & Geoghegan only ones present except myself. Geoghegan no good. T.W.R. refused to let the Dept participate in the Scheme for an experimental colony. This was a great disappointment as it would have done good. I shall have to fight some other way for an exposure of the agrarian plot of the present Irish government.
	14 Jun, Sun	Early rise & off by mail boat to Holyhead where John met me with the motor. Daisy F went night before to come with me via Carnarvon where we did the Castle to Llangollen where we put up at the Hand Hotel.
[Plas Newydd House (still open); Lady Eleanor Butler & Sarah Ponsonby]	15 Jun, Mon	Saw over the lovely house of those two strange old world Irish ladies who ran away from home in the middle of the 18th Century rather than marry the allotted youths & lived to 90 years of age wearing riding dress & tall hat & parting the hair ?was short man ways. The house has been bought by a millionaire who keeps all these old ladies' possessions intact. Their curios are remarkable. They showed an extraordinary taste buying up all the things which are only now valued. Via Shrewsbury where we bought a few things for Kilteragh, Kenilworth where we saw the castle to Warwick for the night.
	16 Jun, Tue	Saw over Warwick Castle with a crowd of tourists, mostly Yankee. Then left via Leamington, Daventry, St. Albans (where we saw the enormous Abbey Church, very interesting) to Lower Woodside, Hatfield the country residence of Daisy's friends the Scotts.  This practically ends our trip as I shall go on early to London 18 miles distant in the morning. Enjoyed it hugely.
	17 Jun, Wed	To London leaving Daisy in bed to follow later. Irwin & his Newry Keady Railway, a dinner at Lady de Vescei's, a pile of correspondence took most of the day. A charming letter from Maurice Joy thanking me in the nicest way for my help to him in his illness was the pleasure of the day. The rest was hurry & rush & non achievement.
	18 Jun, Thu	Business various. B B Co meeting, S.H.B. at House. Irwin & his

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		Railway project. Many letters & dined with Mrs. J R Green.
	19 Jun, Fri	Pelton Colliery Board. Mrs. Bainbridge & Walsh present. Declared biggest dividend in record of company 16% for quarter making 35% for year! This places me again in funds & I hope to do great good for Ireland with them.  Sydney Brooks & wife dined with me.
[Rothamsted experimental station, now IACR – Rothamsted (Institute of Arable Crops Research)]	20 Jun, Sat	After hard morning's work moted to the Lawes' experiment station, Harpenden Herts. with Sidney [ <i>sic</i> ] Brooks & on to Letchworth where we arrived only in time to look at a corner of the Garden City. Dined James Byrne, Fr. O'Donovan, Taylor (of Byrne's firm) & Brooks at St. James Club.
	21 Jun, Sun	After busy morning letter writing moted Daisy to Fisher's Hill where Aunt T. also spent day. Delightful as usual. Returned to dine with the Chamberlains, Neville C. host, Miss Beatrice Hostess. Very interesting day.
[vice – in place of]	22 Jun, Mon	A hard day's work at Newry Railway scheme which Mayo (vice Shaftesbury) undertook in the Lords. He blundered so badly that there was no hope & we lost. Crewe backed Mayo – I don't know why – but Lansdowne opposed.  Attended an All Red Route, Blacksod Bay, deputation to Winston Churchill because "all creeds & politics" were there. Of course it would be good for Ireland to divert the world's traffic her way. W.C.(!) got the Irish cheer he wanted in the usual way & declared that his interest in the world's commerce would die if Ireland was left out. Golfed with Shan Bullock at Tooting.
	23 Jun, Tue	S.H. Butcher talk with on I.Q. Then went to Royal Exchange Assurance Co & offered £6000 for 50 acres opposite my house at Foxrock. Developed it would probably let for £120 & the money would cost me £240 a year. £120 is well worth paying to avoid my view & other amenities being destroyed.  An afternoon party at Mary's where I met several old friends seldom seen now. Emily James, Alice Havelock, Lizzie Lawless, Louie Blacker, "Tottie" Bevan.
	24 Jun, Wed	A good day's work. At the A.O.S. met the leaders of agric'l coop'n of the 3 Kingdoms – Anderson, Bryan & Smith (I.A.W.S.) representing Ireland, Brassey & Nugent Harris with 2 or 3 others Eng'd, Drysdale & 3 others Scotland. We discussed trade combination betw'n the 3 movements & I think we shall be able to make it succeed. We formed a Joint Board to work it.  Dined with Sir H Blake. Very dull party but he had asked interesting people who refused.
	25 Jun, Thu	Lunched Londonderry Ho[use]. Met Ld. Percy & had useful talk on Home Rule &c. Went to annual meeting of A.O.S. Rather slack attendance but business like. Regretted could/did not stay to hear Channing on Rural Educ'n. Had to see Davies about Newry Railway &c & take Warren S[w]itzler, wife & daughter round Houses of Parliament. In evening went with Fr. O'Donovan, RAA & Sidney [ <i>sic</i> ] Brooks to Franco British Exhib'n.
	26 Jun, Fri	Worked 5 hours & then golfed at Ranelagh with a Col. Pritchett, Violet & Tottie Bevan, the most tiring woman I know but an old acquaintance, which I suppose should not be forgot. Then dined

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		with the Princess ?St. Teodoro to meet Emily Lawless & the D[uche]ss of St. Albans – two very opposite intelligences. Then an At Home at the Duchess of Sutherland at the Palace called Stafford House. It was to be small, a sort of symposium, the middle one of three Fridays at which a sort of Salon was to be started. The new institution had already developed into a variety show! Lady Constance Mackenzie danced divinely, nearly naked & La Cavalieri of the Grand Opera more sensuously in long clothes. Music & singing but no talk! It took me much out of my life & so ?far was good.
	27 Jun, Sat	Morning work. Lunch, Callan St. James Club, Lady Jersey's garden party at Osterley. Dined Armitage Smith & his father (DLit) & Sydney Brooks.
	28 Jun, Sun	Lunched with Lord Atkinson & called multitudinously. Also wrote a leader for the next Homestead.
	29 Jun, Mon	Lunched Steel Maitland, 72 Cadogan Square. At House of Commons saw Norman Lamont M.P. who though C.-B's Secy voted against my expulsion from D.A.T.I. Asked him to visit me at Foxrock. Dined with Court of Plumbers' Company at de Keyser's Hotel. Deadly affair but they are going to make me a Plumber.
	30 Jun, Tue	Lunched with Gosse at Lords & had J L Garvin of the Observer with John Atkinson to dine at St. Ja[me]s Club. Went with Ikerrin to City (Smithfield) & saw produce arriving from Ireland & her agric'l competitors. A busy interesting day.
	1 Jul, Wed	Long talk with Sir G Murray at Treasury over Newry Railway. Lunched with Mrs. J Leslie & dined at House with SH Butcher. Much correspondence.
	2 Jul, Thu	Busy dictation to inferior typist, shopping, lunched a Mrs. Charteris ( <u>he</u> has big possessions in Co Tipperary near Cahir but is I fear no good for my purposes) & left by afternoon train for Birmingham with Fingall. We moted on to Shrewsbury which we reached at midnight.
<i>Fr Bathurst, Charles Fr Rolleston, T.W.</i>	3 Jul, Fri	Moted from Shrewsbury to Holyhead at a steady 20 miles an hour and crossed by day mail. Glorious weather – real – ideal summer.
	4 Jul, Sat	Heavy day at arrears of correspondence. Brought Maurice Joy from the Hospital to Kilteragh.
	5 Jul, Sun	Golf with Joy. Mitchell (of CDB) to lunch. A lazy but not unreflective day.
To Bathurst, Charles To Brooks, Sydney To Rolleston, T.W.	6 Jul, Mon	Abscess in ear chief interest of day!
[Georgics – rural poem by Virgil, 29BC]	7 Jul, Tue	A red letter day I suppose, though it began with the excision of an abscess in the ear under gas & ended with a gorge at T.C.D. where I sat betw'n Traill & the senior fellow who was old & deaf. During the day I was made L.L.D. of T.C.D. and had round of golf with Shaftesbury, James Byrne & his partner Taylor who all arrived to stay.  Louis Purser the Public Orator was very gracious &, considering that he knows no agriculture later than the Georgics, happy in his

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		description of my public efforts.
	8 Jul, Wed	C.D.B., I.A.O.S. & golf. A.E., Fr. O'Donovan & R.A.A. to dinner. Useful pleasant day.
	9 Jul, Thu	Quarterly meeting of General Committee of I.A.O.S. absorbed whole day. E.A. Stopford brought his wife, a nice woman, to dinner. He is a dry old stick, with Parliamentary (H.R.) ambitions, I should say from his talk.
	10 Jul, Fri	C.D.B. Fr. O'Hara, Geoghegan, Green & Sir Antony approved my scheme. It will go no further at present I fear.  James Byrne, Taylor & I dined – a farewell with Sir Antony, now Ld. MacDonnell of Swinford.
	11 Jul, Sat	James Byrne left for Queenstown & New York. To Limerick & back, 6 hours there, to meet the ICAS Committee & discuss the affairs of that institution. Got to understand it a bit & to feel how terribly the movement had suffered from little personal jealousies betw'n friends in it, in this case betw'n David Roche & R.A.A. Roche told me the story of his life – married at 22 to a woman of 42 suffering from a concealed & hopeless invalidism. He has carried her about since, mere troublesome baggage which he was never allowed to put into the cloakroom of a private Hospital. What a tragedy. He told it to me to explain his little sins against the urbanities of the movement. Poor fellow.
	12 Jul, Sun	Golf. Adams & Doran to dinner.
	13 Jul, Mon	Spent most of day writing a memorandum on Joint action betw'n the English, Scottish & Irish Cooperative (agric'l) movements. Then went over to London on that & sundry other business.
	14 Jul, Tue	After a good sleep did a good day's work. Presided over a well attended meeting of the English, Scottish & Irish cooperative leaders (the new Joint Board for Agric'l Cooperative Trade) and over a conference of the Manure Manufacturers & the agric'l cooperatives, both in the City. Good will I think come.
	15 Jul, Wed	Colliery talk with Gardiner & then Newry Railway. I.A.O.S. &c &c a debate in Lords, dinner at Club with Antony MacDonnell & so home to bed.
	16 Jul, Thu	Furnishing Foxrock most of day.
[Institutions]	17 Jul, Fri	Presided over a lecturer (Dr. Friedel) on French Education at the Franco British Exhib'n under auspices of Assoc'n of Tech Institutes [ <i>sic</i> ].
	18 Jul, Sat	Journeyed to Foxrock – how easy a journey, got there in time for tea, golf, dinner, American correspondence with Bowers & IAOS discussion with Anderson. – and no fatigue whatever though I am neither very strong nor very well.
	19 Jul, Sun	Golfed with Joy & did 18 holes in 93 although I was very rheumatic. Daisy arrived. Anderson lunched. Adams called.
	20 Jul, Mon	I.A.O.S. Decided to take Maurice Joy on as my private secretary.
	21 Jul, Tue	JM Glenn & Mrs Glenn arrived by day mail. Good witty people but dull for Transatlantics. Worked hard at a memorandum on Joint action betw'n the English, Scottish & Irish Coop agricultural movements.

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	22 Jul, Wed	Work at the I.A.O.S. The Gills père, mère & fils (Roy) dined.
	23 Jul, Thu	I.A.O.S. work
[ Poss. Maurice Headlam, who became Treasury Remembrancer in 1912]	24 Jul, Fri	Ditto and golf at Dollymount with Wilson, Campbell & Anderson. ?Hendley the --- Treasury Remembrancer came to dinner, an awful stick.
	25 Jul, Sat	The same without guests.
	26 Jul, Sun	An English journalist EA Stopford & AE with their wives, Fr. Finlay & Fingall lunched. F & I went by night mail to London.
	27 Jul, Mon	Was made a Plumber! A solemn & not very grotesque function. I swore all sorts of things I shall never do, made a bad speech at the function & a fairly good one at the subsequent lunch where SH Butcher proposed my health too generously. Spent rest of day at House of Lords listening to a stupid debate on Universities Bill.
	28 Jul, Tue	Round Pelton Colliery with Walsh, Farebrother & Armstrong. A fine Institute is being built for the men & other things are well attended to. As owners go I think we are good ones.
[R.W. Berkley]	29 Jul, Wed	Lieut. Bainbridge R.N. turned up & took a more than usually intelligent interest in the Collieries. We inspected Byermoor, Marley Hill where a huge £60000 plant of coke ovens (Huessner patent) with byproducts distillation plant has been erected. Lunched with Berkely [ <i>sic</i> ] Armstrong's chief local manager, an A.I. man. Kibblesworth[,] Vale Pit, Springwell, North Follonsby & Felling. Everywhere great improvement under the Pelton regime except at Felling. Henry Armstrong as helpful as ever. Gardiner's absence abroad rather restful & makes it possible to consider how we should proceed in event of his throwing up his job through sickness.
	30 Jul, Thu	Meeting of Framwellgate, Pelton & Bowes Collieries. Mostly unimportant except Framwellgate the purchase of which is wrapped in some mystery. Walsh evidently thinks that Gardiner made money out of the purchase. I don't. Anyhow it was a terrible loss to Pelton.  Took train via Carlisle to Heysham & am trying to write in it. Heysham boat to Dublin. Cattle boat very small but weather good.
	31 Jul, Fri	I.A.O.S. chiefly. Sydney Brooks & wife & brother-in-law & wife (Coffins, he a nice American, she S.B.'s sister quite Americanised) came to stay.
To Chamberlain, Beatrice To Pinchot, Gifford	1 Aug, Sat	S.H. Butcher came & we had a lazy day. I did only an hour at the IAOS & we opened unceremoniously my new croquet & tennis lawns. A glorious summer day.
	2 Aug, Sun	A.E. & Maurice Joy lunched, also F Townsend Gahan of the C.D.B. The Starkies dined. Golf & croquet!
To Chamberlain, Beatrice	3 Aug, Mon	IAOS office short. Loafed in glorious weather.
	4 Aug, Tue	I.A.O.S. and a dreary official (I the only ex official) dinner at the Shelbourne to Lord MacDonnell. I sat betw'n Lady M, the only female, and Ross of Bladensburg. I pitied both Lord M. & myself.
	5 Aug, Wed	Much as yesterday.
	6 Aug, Thu	More so.



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<i>Fr Chamberlain, Beatrice</i>	7 Aug, Fri	My old ranch partner E S Rouse Boughton came to pay me a visit. He has had a hard time of it, trying to retrieve his shattered fortunes in Australia, Mexico, Singapore & elsewhere. He managed to keep solvent & I think has a fair competence. He is fat & a bit rheumatic but otherwise not much damaged by the 15 years which have passed since his Wyoming failure.  I.A.O.S. & golf.
[MFH – Master of Fox Hounds]	8 Aug, Sat	½ holiday. Croquet with the 3 men, Reggie slept. Daisy & girls looked in for day & took my 2 women to Powerscourt. Reggie came late at night.  H.C. Tisdall died suddenly last night & the I.A.O.S. loses one of its very best supporters.  Robert Watson 50 years MFH in Carlow, father of my friend “Beau” Watson & of John the Meath M.F.H. & famous polo player, also died at 87 years of age.
	9 Aug, Sun	Golfed in the morning at Dollymount. Keeping the guests amused is rather a trial & destructive to work.  Reggie left for his ship. I like him much.
To Chamberlain, Beatrice	10 Aug, Mon	Meath Hospital Committee & I.A.O.S. The S. Brooks & Coffins left for London. Boughton & I were left tête a tête.
	11 Aug, Tue	Took Boughton to 9.15 AM train for Galway & went by 8.30 train with R.A.A. to poor Tisdall’s funeral at Ballybeg Co. Meath. On way back lunched with Everard at Randlestown & took in Navan Horse Show. Some old hunting friends.
To Brooks, Sydney	12 Aug, Wed	Daisy & 3 children came. I spent most of day in I.A.O.S. Jellett came to look over the add[itiona]l land I am buying.
	13 Aug, Thu	Dear old Mrs. Sellar came to stay a few days & Jack (now Shane) Leslie came for afternoon & dinner. His eyes are getting opened, and the tears are not far back, the disillusion are so many. He is a fine fellow, will not I hope join any order.
	14 Aug, Fri	Morning 6 A.M. to 1 P.M. had I.A.O.S. & British Assoc’n work. Then afternoon with Mrs. Sellar & Daisy’s children.
	15 Aug, Sat	I.A.O.S. & B.A. address took most of day. Edward Martyn came to see the house, wrote his name in my Visitors’ Book in Irish & stayed to dine. A good soul.
	16 Aug, Sun	Lord MacDonnell spent the day, Anderson dined, Lady Arnott & Lady Fermoy called. Weather glorious. What more?
To Brooks, Sydney  <i>Fr Chamberlain, Beatrice</i>	17 Aug, Mon	Daisy & her children & Mrs. Sellar left. Weekend at my British Assoc’n paper.
	18 Aug, Tue	Six hours in train to Portrush & 10 holes over the golf course with Anderson. This my preparation for a speech on agric’l organisation at Coleraine tomorrow.

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<b>Fr Brooks, Sydney</b> [Text of speech in <i>IH</i> , XV:35 (29 Aug 1908), pp. 704-6]	19 Aug, Wed	Spent morning writing a speech. Thence to Coleraine where after a lunch with Hugh Barrie (M.P. for N. Derry) we had a conference of rather intelligent cooperative farmers followed by a public meeting fairly attended. My speech was a frost at the meeting but may do good elsewhere. To Belfast to sleep.
To Brooks, Sydney To Chamberlain, Beatrice	20 Aug, Thu	Back to Dublin early & I.A.O.S. work. L. Godkin came to stay over the week end. Prof <sup>r</sup> . Campbell & Adams helped me with my B.A. address.
	21 Aug, Fri	I.A.O.S.
<i>Fr Seton, Sir Malcolm C.</i>  [ <i>mutatis mutandis</i> – with respective differences taken into consideration]	22 Aug, Sat	Morning at I.A.O.S. afternoon at Leopardstown Races where I could not recognise people or remember their names when I did. Godkin was with me & must have felt the diff[erence] of the British (& even Irish) practice from the American. <i>Mutatis mutandis</i> I should have been introduced to everyone who had a nodding acquaintance with him & no interest present or prospective for either of us!  He dined with the MacDonnells. I stayed quietly at home.
<b>Fr Chamberlain, Beatrice</b>	23 Aug, Sun	Grenville, Emmets, Fr. O'Donovan, E A Stopford & Anderson lunched, Coventry & the Bonns arrived by the day mail.
To Seton, Sir Malcolm C.	24 Aug, Mon	Morning at I.A.O.S. Then Daisy & girls to lunch & Leopardstown. Then Mrs. R. Charteris, Alice & Rowley arrived for the Horse Show. How on earth I shall write my British Assoc'n paper Heaven not earth knows.
To Chamberlain, Beatrice  <b>Fr Plunkett, Reginald</b>  <b>A.R.</b>	25 Aug, Tue	First day of Horse Show. Didn't go, tried to work.
	26 Aug, Wed	Filson Young telephoned from Dublin that he wanted a bath & breakfast! I had not seen him I think for two years. In the interval he had been not very creditably divorced if the facts which appeared were the true ones. But he was en route for Baronscourt where he was to stay with the Duchess 3 weeks!
To Plunkett, Reginald A.R.	27 Aug, Thu	Old Covey left & I worked at my B.A. paper all day. SH Butcher dined & slept.
	28 Aug, Fri	Worked & left guests to look after themselves!
To Chamberlain, Beatrice	29 Aug, Sat	Mrs. Charteris left. I saw much good in her. Alice & Rowley also went home & the Bonns, Joy & I determined to have a quiet week end to think over the British Assoc'n meeting.
	30 Aug, Sun	A quiet day. Hanson & his mother lunched. So also did S. Tuke the

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		son of my old Quaker friend.
To Brooks, Sydney	31 Aug, Mon	A wild cold wet stormy day. I worked.
	1 Sep, Tue	The Bonns left & A D Hall & wife (of Rothamsted) came. I worked all day.
	2 Sep, Wed	5 A.M. to 5 P.M. working at my address for tomorrow. Went to hear Francis Darwin's opening address to British Assoc'n. Very Dull & technical.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , XV:37 (12 Sep 1908), pp. 739-43]	3 Sep, Thu	Delivered my address as Chairman of Agricultural Subsection of B.A. Title, Science & the problem of rural life. Did well I think. Dr. Carroll Dunham of Harvard & wife, F Verney & JH Priestly dined.
	4 Sep, Fri	Mendelism. Profr. Bateson of Cambridge, Punnett, Heape & J Wilson all interesting. This took whole morning of Agric'l Section. Irish papers kind to its work, English ignored it because I did not get my papers round in time. Boni & the Wilkins came to me. I had JG Barton & the Abneys, C La Touche, Ashworth & Brown (brewing chemist) to dine.
	5 Sep, Sat	To town, a bit of work, golf with Wilkins & Bonn's lecture to the Classical Assoc'n on the Column of Trajan made a full day & night.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	6 Sep, Sun	Not exactly restful except a foursome of golf, J Wilson & I against Hall & Milne (seismologist) in the morning. In afternoon a crowd of miscellaneous folk coming & going & at dinner an Indian professor of Botany J.C. Bose D.Sc. Wrote multitudinous letters.
	7 Sep, Mon	Small holdings in Subsection Agriculture today. Mrs. Wilkins good, also Beach Thomas, journalist (interesting, dined, as did AE) C Masterman M.P. spoke well. TW Russell came in and sat by me sourly. He spoke not. On the whole the Agric Subsection has done very well.
<i>Fr Lubin, David</i>	8 Sep, Tue	Another good day in Econ Section & Ag Subsection combined. J Graham Brooks & Bonn both good papers. T W Russell fell upon Bonn & several of us fell on T.W.R. who made a great ass of himself. Shaftesbury came to stay.
	9 Sep, Wed	Wild wet day. More meetings. Pembroke Trustees met and I broached help for the I.A.O.S. to bridge over withdrawal at end of year of governmental support.
To Rolleston, T. W.	10 Sep, Thu	John Graham Brooks of Boston, lecturer on sociology all over U.S.A. and his very nice wife came to stay. I worked half a day & then enjoyed their company.
	11 Sep, Fri	C.D.B. Birrell present & pleasant.
[Shane Leslie]	12 Sep, Sat	Daisy & two girls came. J Leslie dined & I had a good talk to him about his future plans & career. I think I helped him.
	13 Sep, Sun	Ld. Atkinson golfed & he & she dined with me. Adams came & discussed economic things & Mitchell of C.D.B. the congested districts problem & especially a row with the Treasury over money.
	14 Sep, Mon	Busy morning. Had a queer dinner party Birrell, the Robinsons, J.G.

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		Barton & my house party. Fr. Bernard Vaughan was to have come but failed.
	15 Sep, Tue	I.A.O.S. Committee took practically all day. Lunched Fr. Bernard Vaughan & Canon Lyons in K.S.C.
[soirée]	16 Sep, Wed	Up 5.30 A.M. In to Dublin & at Galway 10.35 by very Limited Mail. Off to All Ireland Industrial Conference where the first resol[utio]n was moved by Dunraven, seconded by Boland M.P., both good I am told, & spoken to by representatives of about 10 countries! It was in favor of making a worldwide demand for Irish goods. Then came Clonbrock & I with a motion to supply the demand established by the last resol[utio]n!! Then an industrial exhib'n which Daisy, who left Foxrock 2 hours later, opened gracefully & went back to Killeen. Then came the Duchess of Manchester to find that Daisy had opened the exhib'n she had been asked to open. I dined with Pres't Anderson at Q[ueen's] Coll to meet Stephen Gwynn & Boland M.P.s. Then a ?swary, and to bed. It poured all day & Galway was more depressing even than when I was a candidate for the dishonour of representing such a place.
	17 Sep, Thu	A morning's not very fruitful debate in which I took no part. Stephen Gwynn said he was proud to be on the platform with the man who had founded & started the great Department adding of course the necessary explanation that he ousted me from it for good cause. But Gill who claims parentage was sitting by & looked greeny yellow. The Bonn's arrived & we started off in a rain storm from the dirty place which seems to get more dirty the more the heavens wash it – & splashed via Oughterard to Recess. Leslie Edmunds of the C.D.B. was with us, a fine officer. Julie Bonn (Sig[nor]a Sartorio was at Recess).
	18 Sep, Fri	Via Leenane in glorious weather to Westport, Castlebar, Newport and Mallaranny. Gahan with us from Westport. Made several economic studies. Bonn is very helpful with his clear cold scientific mind. At Mallaranny dined with Fr. Bernard Vaughan & Canon Lyons & met the Bernard Shaws after dinner. He was delightful. I never knew a more brilliant conversationalist. He is hopeless about Ireland of course, but I think I could make him a little hopeful if I saw more of him. The weather today was glorious.
	19 Sep, Sat	Another delightful day with Bernard Shaw & his wife – both charming – studying congestion on mainland & Achill. Mairs the C.D.B.'s local officer a not brilliant Antrim man.  Fr. Bernard Vaughan left early but not before I had filled him with Plunkettism. I was really using him as a gramophone as he is to preach & speak at Castlebar tomorrow.
	20 Sep, Sun	Left Mallaranny as early as is possible with a lady along & went to Belmullet seeing the Bellingham property en route. We then picked up another Bd inspector, Huggard, who took us down the Mullet to Blacksod Point & told us of his work on Erris. We lunched then at Belmullet & took the Coast Road to Ballina where we slept at the Moy Hotel for the night. Saw a good deal of Congestion & Board's work during the day.
	21 Sep, Mon	Ballina to Foxford where we picked up Vereker (Doran's 2nd in command) on via Swineford, Kilkelly & Loughglyn to Castlereah. Saw the White Nuns, much Dillon & de Freyne Estate & some grasslands being settled. Met Doran in train. He prophesies "Hell"

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		next winter. Happily the anticipated evils don't happen in political things. At Foxrock found the Setons. He still with influenza. Daisy came.
<i>Fr Brooks, Sydney</i>	22 Sep, Tue	Saw nothing of my guests. Had to work hard all day preparing a speech for Belfast on Industrial Development for tomorrow. Had a special meeting of the C.D.B. called because Thomas O'Donnell M.P. wrote an abusive letter to the Board about an estate his constituents wanted purchased. Birrell, Sir James Dougherty & I there alone & I told Birrell what I thought of this proceeding.
To Lubin, David [Report of speech in <i>IH</i> , XV:40 (3 Oct 1908), pp. 804-6]	23 Sep, Wed	Up early & dictated to Bowers & later to Miss Skipworth a poor speech for Belfast. Found when I got there 3000 people in Ulster Hall. Was well received & spoke fairly though read too much being very tired. Went as far as Portadown with the Setons. He coughed continuously poor fellow. Crossed over to Ardrossan with RAA, Byrne, Fr. O'Donovan & H Barbour for Joint Board meetings in Edinburgh.  Nice letter from Roosevelt asking me to call on him the moment I get out.
	24 Sep, Thu	Meeting at 5 St. Andrews Square, Edinburgh (SAOS office) of Joint Board for organisation. Yerburch, Nugent Harris, Dr. Douglas, Drysdale the chief representatives from Gt. Britain. Douglas & I dined & slept at Raith, Kirkcaldy the Munro Fergusons. I was very tired & stupid.
[Sir Patrick Geddes]	25 Sep, Fri	Meeting of Joint Bd for Trade. Hard fight with Scottish prejudice & clannishness. Ultimately made progress & was satisfied. Then Lady Betty turned up & asked me to Whittingehame. Decided not to go as too tired but promised to come back a week later! She & I went to Geddes in his Outlook Tower. Interesting lunatic.
To Brooks, Sydney	26 Sep, Sat	To Dublin, arrears of correspondence & then to Kilteragh where I was alone & quiet.
	27 Sep, Sun	Bonn & wife lunched. Otherwise I rested.
	28 Sep, Mon	I.A.O.S. work. Dined with JG Barton to meet Mrs. Dames Longworth. Had a talk with Sir James Dougherty.
	29 Sep, Tue	Very wretched after a morning without tea. I think I shall have to go to a Sanatorium to break the habit. It seems impossible to do work without the morning cup.
	30 Sep, Wed	Moving I.A.O.S. The new House in Merrion Square which the Presentation C'tee are giving me is a "Noble Mansion" indeed. The Plunkett movement will have some difficulty in living up to it. It throws upon me the labour of thinking out a scheme for future work in Rural Social Economy.  Dined at Royal Hospital. Sir Neville Lyttelton is a very nice but rather stiff variety of that fine family. His wife I did not find very "magnetic". I sat next a serious daughter.
	1 Oct, Thu	I.A.O.S. Finance & office subcom'tee held its first meeting & will I hope result in getting the office business done quickly. Daisy came in afternoon & slept.
[The Wright brothers toured Europe in 1909,	2 Oct, Fri	Busy morning at IAOS & then moted Daisy home, had a talk with Fingall, dined with Eddie & back by night to Kilteragh. What a

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promoting their airplane through training and exhibition flights.]		change, how sudden. I don't believe in air travelling except at huge expense. But land travelling as now possible is good enough. We can get more into our lives than we can give out usefully.
	3 Oct, Sat	J.E. Healy & wife (very nice) Joy & A.E. dined. I gather that Healy is a Home Ruler & that the Irish Times may come round.
	4 Oct, Sun	The 'Botanic' Moores, the literary Moore (George), R. Barton from Glendalough, with whom the Erskine Childers & Hanson to lunch. Prior Wandesforde to dinner. Called on the widow of poor Caesar Litton Falkiner. A day of many interests.
	5 Oct, Mon	Very busy at I.A.O.S. Hannays with one boy, SH Butcher & Capt Percy Fitzgerald came. The last named a thinking soldier, Australian, friend of Daisy's.
	6 Oct, Tue	Had long talk with Sir James Dougherty who agrees with my policy for C.D.B. & sees the folly of the government's agrarian policy.  A.E. & Maurice Joy dined. But an abscess in the ear spoiled my day & I enjoyed not even such company as SH Butcher, the Hannays & A.E.
[Letter fr Monteagle re The Plunkett House in <i>IH</i> , XV:41 (10 Oct 1908), p. 828]	7 Oct, Wed	Went to the Castle & had a straight talk with Davies, Birrell's secretary – I decided not to see Birrell – about the land & Congestion policies of the Gov't. – I told them that I would back an economic & sociological policy but oppose vehemently any purely agrarian-agitation-political-organisation dictated policy. Wrote a letter for week end papers on the Plunkett House at 84 Merrion Square which the IAOS enters this week. I use the event as a peg to hang my social economic policy on.  Wm. Murphy dined. A very interesting tale he told us of his Irish newspaper experience.
[Letter to Monteagle re The Plunkett House, in <i>IH</i> , XV:41 (10 Oct 1908), pp. 828-9]	8 Oct, Thu	Wild rush prior to 3 weeks' absence. Left 3 PM train. Dined with Tom Andrews & Fisher (Northern Whig) in Belfast. To Scotland by Ardrossan boat.
[prob. Eustace James Anthony Balfour] [?Evan Charteris]	9 Oct, Fri	Got to Dunbar Station where dear Lady Betty & Nelly met me & took me off to golf near by with a nice old clergyman D. Robertson. Then to Whittingehame where Gerald & Arthur Balfour turned up later. Lady Elcho, Lady Desborough, Lady Frances Balfour, Frank Balfour, Eustace, Ivan [ <i>sic</i> ] Charteris &c of the party. Sir R. & Lady Finlay too. I was in good form.
[Martha – Biblical care-taker]	10 Oct, Sat	Golfed with Alison Balfour (Lady Frances' daughter) & Nellie, Lady Betty walking round. Mrs. Asquith arrived also Cinthia [ <i>sic</i> ] Charteris – a beautiful girl & Archie Gordon. A.J.B. as Patriarch dispensing happiness is a charming spectacle. Alice B. is the Martha & she alone does not seem quite happy. I feel that the others are not sufficiently appreciative of the great part she plays. More than ever do I feel A.J.B.'s intellectual greatness. But the philosophic detachment is fatal to his political success. He cannot – does not wish – to bring himself down to the common things & the common man. He does not & will not play his part as a party leader, though strangely he sometimes plays the game when he ought not.
	11 Oct, Sun	The party all went to Church except I! I wrote a big lot of letters & prepared for a talk with A.J.B. on the land question which came off in the afternoon. I was not in good form – I did badly socially, practice at small talk absolutely necessary even where there is such

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		high thinking. I <u>must</u> get my health stronger. A loud singing in my ears has become continuous & if I cannot reduce this I suppose it will get progressively worse. Then my usefulness – & what else have I – will be gone. Left by night train which they stopped at Drem for London after a delightful visit.
	12 Oct, Mon	Arrived after a very good night in the train. Pelton Board meeting, lunched Bonn. Got through little else.
	13 Oct, Tue	The Bonns went back to Munich. I had a good talk with him. Oh for his Educ'n. What work I could have done for Ireland.  Went to Treasury & saw S Armytage [ <i>sic</i> ] Smith who had resigned private secretaryship to Lloyd George because he could not approve of his reckless administration. He gave me a most depressing account of the regime of the demagogue now prevailing.
	14 Oct, Wed	Saw Sir Almroth Wright. He injected me with the proper bacilli for boils (in the ear in my arse). Charming man. He told me that when Arthur Balfour went to his Laboratory all his young men agreed that A.J.B. asked more intelligent questions than anyone except Koch.  In afternoon went to Stoke Newington to see a process for treating flax, retting & scutching all in 5 hours. It took me in completely. Dined with Conny & Violet.
	15 Oct, Thu	An hour's talk with Sir George Murray about Congested Districts (& General Land) finance. He gave me a gloomy picture of the chaos of the present régime. Lloyd George seems absolutely irresponsible. Clever in a way but with no foresight nor desire to foresee.  Came to St. Giles House, Salisbury, the fine old mansion of the Shaftesburys. The Prince & Princess of Wales were there for the week, they asked me but I could only stand 2 days! – also the Duke & Duchess of Roxburgh, Marquis & Marchioness (nee Miss Howard, then Mrs Sammy Garnet[t] from the interval of my hunting days) of Winchester, Shrewsbury, the Mar & Kellies, a Lady in waiting L[ad]y Katherine Coke.  Had a good deal of talk with prince. He is an ill disciplined <del>child</del> <del>and</del> boy with none of his father's tact. He talked the politics of the day with neither wisdom nor discretion. Royalty will count for less after his reign – if he survives his father which is not certain. He stands the life of luxury badly.
[Somerley]  [prob.Rev. Richard de Bary]	16 Oct, Fri	I am not a shooter so was told off to go with the party of 6 including Princess to Christchurch cathedral & the ornithological museum there (a most interesting collection[]) in hands of a most interesting naturalist Harte (who told us inter alia that birds migrated from Eng'd to S America in a night 700 miles an hour! but swallows which all go to Africa, Nanagualand I think he said, return, this was explanation of speed, they fly 5 miles up in air), Lord Normanton's place Summerley [ <i>sic</i> ] where splendid pictures, e.g. Joshua Reynolds' 7 Virtues, in a <u>museumy</u> comfortless house.  During day I had a good talk with de Barry the chaplain upon rural life in the neighbourhood. I shall try to get to know this man. He has been 5 years (for his lungs) in Colorado. Impressions of Prince confirmed but modified a little.
	17 Oct, Sat	The photograph, the school children on the lawn where a tree planted by the Princess, an exodus of guests with impedimenta

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		which would have been adequate for a company of soldiers for a year – the goodbyes, special train, children waving flags along the line & back to London.
	18 Oct, Sun	Spent morning preparing speech for Wye College Wednesday & afternoon calling on Sydney Brooks.
[Chancellor – Lloyd George]	19 Oct, Mon	Was made a Freeman – consequential on being a Plumber of the City of London. Only 3 present but the Chamberlain in his robes made a written speech at me to which I replied, rambling as I do when taken by surprise.  Shaftesbury, Birrell, Dougherty & I went on a deputation to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to borrow another £50000 for the Congested Districts Board. I had a good deal of talk which perhaps wasn't wise, with & at Birrell before, at & after the Deputation.  I am disgusted with the present government's levity & irresponsibility.
	20 Oct, Tue	Went with A.D. Hall to Rye for golf, agric'l talk en route to a function on the morrow at Wye Agric'l College. After a game of golf we called on Henry James & had an interesting talk, mostly about America. Dined with Lady Maud Warrender where Sir Frank Swet[t]enham was staying. An interesting day.
<i>Fr Ld. Lucas (8th Baron)</i>	21 Oct, Wed	More golf & then off to Wye where I made rather a good speech (written) on the 'humanities' of agric'l education. The college is in a house built in middle of 15th Century for a monkery of some sort, very interesting. It seemed an excellent institution.  Back to town & dined with George Prothero to meet Monteagle, Mary & Tom Spring Rice. Very tired.
	22 Oct, Thu	Chief event of the day a long talk with T L Heath of the Treasury about Congested Districts finance & admin[istratio]n & Irish government generally. I think I enlightened him & I hope indirectly the Ch[ancellor] of the Exchequer.
[Morison]	23 Oct, Fri	C.D.B. work at Irish office & IAOS work at the A.O.S. office for business. For pleasure lunch with Lady Winchester ('Tossie' Garnet[t] of old Meath days) to meet Lady Falmouth who wanted me to start agric'l cooperation in Cornwall. Dinner with Sydney Brooks to meet Theodore Morrison [ <i>sic</i> ] of the India Council.
	24 Oct, Sat	To Vann, Carøe's Surrey house – very old quaint & charming – for lunch. On in motor car which fetched me to Loseley Hall, Guildford, to spend afternoon & dine with General Palmer of Colorado Springs. A fine Westerner, a great railroad pioneer, a wealthy philanthropist. In full activity at physical & mental as nigh three score & ten he was thrown from a horse & broke his spine. He is now a miserable cripple below the neck. Fresh as ever above. Had a very interesting talk, also with Mrs. Myers (widow of Frederick).
	25 Oct, Sun	Wrote in bed early. Golf with Sydney Brooks at Hanger Hill, Ealing, called on Mrs. Lecky, dined Monteagle and Reggie RN at Club.
[H.]	26 Oct, Mon	Lunched with Seton to meet Bullock (seedier than ever I fear) and an F J [ <i>sic</i> ] Skrine late of the Indian Civil [Service] who is writing on Cooperation & is interesting. Later I called on Elliott who introduced me to Cheney his small holdings inspector & we discussed the relations of the Board with the A.O.S. These are bad



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		Cheney being personally bitter against the A.O.S. & standing for the big farmer cooperative – he started the successful Ipswich concern.
<i>Fr Chamberlain, Beatrice</i>	27 Oct, Tue	C.D.B. at Irish office where we solemnly agreed to accept £50000 from Treasury. Cost to public of this meeting about £40 + disturbance of work bringing over Doran & Mitchell, say £100!  Saw W. A. Hewins economic adviser of Joe Chamberlain's Tariff Commission. It is clear that Tariff reform will be watered down to the minimum of fiscal change. The difficulties of formulating a scheme at every point assure this. Had a strange dinner party at St. James Club, B. Holland, Sydney Brooks, Major Pope Hennessy, a Plunkettite who cannot afford to leave the army unfortunately, Filson Young & Lionel Earle.
	28 Oct, Wed	A long talk with Birrell about his Congested Districts policy. I did my best to prevent his committing himself to the Dudley report.  J. Robertson Scott (who writes on agric'l subjects as "Home Counties") came to lunch at Wellington & we discussed a project of his to start a sort of agricultural Review of Reviews.  Dined with Lady Winchester to meet Lady Selborne at the Berkeley.
	29 Oct, Thu	Bowes Directors meeting at 11 A.M. Did a good deal of other business & got to Kilteragh at 10 P.M. Would have made my poor father stare.
[Harold John Tennant, MP married first Margaret Edith Abraham (1896) and second Helen Elizabeth Duff (1899). His sister was Emma Alice Margaret 'Margo' Tennant, later Asquith.]	30 Oct, Fri	Very busy at the Plunkett House where I have a delightful south aspect room & hope to do great work.  Also presided at a meeting of the Industrial Land C'tee, Mrs. Tennant (Miss Abraham of Dublin the Dilke's sec'y, then Inspector under Home office, then chief ditto, then married Tennant M.P.[,] 'Margo's sister [ <i>sic</i> ] lecturing.  R.A.A. came out & I proposed his taking over the management of my estate!
<i>Fr Bonn, Moritz Julius</i>	31 Oct, Sat	I.A.O.S. chiefly. Lunched with Lady Lyttelton to meet Mrs. Tennant. Was in good form & I think interested this lady who can help on my work if she takes it up.  M.G. Wallace & wife dined with me.
	1 Nov, Sun	WGS Adams & his very nice bride lunched. Julie Bonn Sartorio dined tête à tête & I took her to sleep on the mail boat. For the rest I worked but got in a round of golf with Gibbons.
	2 Nov, Mon	Hard IAOS work all day. Monteagle & Mary Spring Rice came to stay two nights.
	3 Nov, Tue	A Paulist Father Burke from New York came to dine on an introduction from Katherine Tynan. He told me he had spent years on missions to Protestants – frankly & publicly proselytising. I asked him if he met with any oppos[iti]on. "No" he said. But if the Protestants did the same among R.C.s would not they resent it. "They wouldn't go to hear the Protestant" he replied.
<i>Fr Macan, Reginald W.</i>	4 Nov, Wed	Conyers Scrope one of the oldest English Catholics was introduced to me by Judge Ross who wanted me to interest him in Irish work. I brought him out for a dine & sleep at Kilteragh & found him

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		suffering from melancholia. I found it very sad & depressing.
<i>Fr Ld. Lucas (8th Baron)</i>	5 Nov, Thu	Paid a duty visit to Lady Aberdeen. She did not edify me. Day in I.A.O.S. chiefly.
	6 Nov, Fri	I.A.O.S.
To Macan, Reginald W.	7 Nov, Sat	Ditto but golf with Anderson in afternoon.
	8 Nov, Sun	Golf in morning after a grind at the two speeches to be delivered in the week. Hanson came to lunch & Adams in afternoon – both excellent advisers.
<i>Fr Yerburgh, R.A.</i>	9 Nov, Mon	IAOS C'tee meeting. Hard work all day preparing two speeches. J Robertson Scott (“Home Counties” in journalism) came to Kilteragh for the coop functions.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , XV:46 (14 Nov 1908), pp. 922-6]	10 Nov, Tue	The IAOS General. I made a ‘peace’ speech which of course made the proceedings dull. But the meeting was business-like & the spirit good.  Tommy Ponsonby projected into my not very easy day a problem of his own. He had proposed to Mary Lawless having explained his financial pos[iti]o[n] and his ability to maintain a standard of life to which he & she were accustomed & entitled. She accepts & then Cloncurry refuses to give her a penny more than she gets from her mother. Tom consults me off & on all day as to what he ought to do.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , XV:46 (14 Nov 1908), pp. 932-6]	11 Nov, Wed	Both Joint Cooperative Boards met at Plunkett House. 11–3.45 minus lunch hour. Good business. Yerburgh failed. Brassey came morning & left night. “Home Counties” greatly interested.  In afternoon one of my red letter days. From all parts of Ireland came a goodly representation of the 720 subscribers to the Plunkett Presentation. Monteagle presided & presented me with the House, a casket & key, Sinclair presiding. Then an awfully stiff sociological discourse from me well received. Splendid feeling. Hopeful inauguration. Daisy & Tom Sinclair came to Kilteragh. Tom & his problem were with me all day. I think he wrote to the girl a letter trying to put the blame of a breach on her father in hopes that he would spring a hundred or two.
To Yerburgh, R.A.	12 Nov, Thu	Presided over land committee of C.D.B. & disposed of 52 items on Agenda in 65 minutes! Then the aftermath at the I.A.O.S. of the two preceding days. Fr. Finlay, Monteagle, Joy, Jim Power to dinner. Wandesforde to dine & sleep.  A letter from Birrell giving me the outlines of his proposed Bill as regards congestion.
[Young Mary Lawless’s grandfather and two aunts had committed suicide.] [Families related by 1803 marriage of HP’s grandfather (14th Baron Dunsany) to Charlotte Lawless, daughter of 1st Ld. Cloncurry.]	13 Nov, Fri	I.A.O.S. & parting work. Tom wrote re proposing to Mary Lawless & will doubtless marry her. I told him of the insanity in the family which would have brought us into the other Mary Lawless tragedy had Randal & she not been somehow separated. But they were first cousins.
	14 Nov, Sat	Morning in Dublin with an abscess in the ear & the aurist gone golfing! Back to Foxrock where Tom’s vexed love affairs & an inopportune call by the Aberdeens complicated my packing, paper

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		<p>sorting, IAOS, Plunkett House &amp; domestic arrangements for the rest of the year.</p> <p>Left by night mail for London leaving Tom at Kilteragh, rather sick partly a heavy cold &amp; partly love.</p>
[Poss. confusion (or humour) – the Aberdeens were 7th Earl and Countess (there was no Duke of Aberdeen.)]	15 Nov, Sun	Conny, Mary, Filson Young, Sydney Brooks & the Duchess of Aberdeen were my interviews – the two males of course for Plunkett House, the two sisters for family & the Duchess for social reasons partly but more for general Irish. The Duke who was with her is rapidly going down. Mary did not seem as much worried over Tom's affair as I had expected.
[ <i>res augusta</i> – limited resources]	16 Nov, Mon	Fr. O'Donovan lunched with me. He is physically renovated & heartily alive, even buoyant as result of "simple life" imposed by the <i>res augusta</i> . Called on Mrs. JR Green, the Sidney Webbs. Wrote to & had long interview with Birrell about his forthcoming Land Bill. Some plain talk. Walked back from House of Commons with J. Sinclair. A poor Cabinet minister!!
[Gerald and Arthur Balfour [ <i>aonach</i> – fair, assembly (Gaelic)] [ <i>Erse</i> – Irish (Gaelic)]	17 Nov, Tue	The usual last day rush. Called on G.W.B. & engaged him to get A.J.B. to back Birrell in ?resisting Irish pub[lic] op[inio]n on his Congestion proposals. Had to open an 'Aonach'! at Horticultural Hall. Introduced by Wm. Gibson (in kilt) in Erse. Responded in Anglo Saxon. More injection of anti boil bacilli. Dined with Mary. Telephone talk near midnight with Gardiner – a full day.
[Smith – later Captain of the <i>Titanic</i> ]	18 Nov, Wed	Up early, down to Southampton by 8.55 AM train. Went on Board the monster Palace ship Adriatic & went via Cherbourg to the Channel for Queenstown. No interesting people so far on board. But my captain an old friend, E J. Smith.
	19 Nov, Thu	About 3 P.M. we reached Queenstown where a huge mail and only an hour to deal with it. Among other letters one from T Sinclair anent a rumour that I had become a Home Ruler (Imperial). He begged me to enable him to deny it. I did by wire & told him by letter that I might take a plunge some day but he & Andrews would be the first to know of my intentions.
	20 Nov, Fri	346 Found a really good chess player, though I should not say so as I beat him the first game – the only one played today – in Mr. Bradley Martin Jr. Anything less like what I had heard of his millionaire parents who had been received (for their millions only) into London Society I could not have imagined. He is quiet unostentatious, well read & informed, reflective, nice.
	21 Nov, Sat	421
	22 Nov, Sun	388
	23 Nov, Mon	428
	24 Nov, Tue	441
	25 Nov, Wed	439 – 317 to Sandy Hook.
	26 Nov, Thu	Fog horn all night & 3 hours' delay at Sandy Hook & fog made a bad tiring start for the day. L. Godkin met me on the Dock & after getting through the Customs we went to his house where he lives in greater solitude than I do. He is I think less happy because although he has a fine public spirit he has found no outlet for altruistic effort. Heavy mail which I did not attend to: but I went to eat my Thanksgiving dinner with the James Byrnes, as delightful &

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		hospitable as ever in their charming House.
	27 Nov, Fri	Saw Stuart Wortley & had business talk. His advice cost me £1000 to £1500 as he made me sell during the Presidential Campaign one stock I had bought in the slump. But I think he was right. Saw John Glenn. Had a short talk with James J. Hill who evidently feels that Roosevelt captured his idea in appointing the Conservation Commission. Back with Byrne.
	28 Nov, Sat	Golfed at Nassau with a U.S. Navy man & an Episcopalian local clergyman formerly of Scotland both nice. In afternoon played tennis with Colonel Munro a very nice N.Y friend of the Byrnes. Lazy nice day.
	29 Nov, Sun	Came back to town to Godkin & met at dinner a Harvard Professor ? Sidgwick, a Mrs. Rice philanthropist, a Miss Lyons & a Mr. Cunningham nice relatives of Godkins staying in House.
	30 Nov, Mon	Saw Gates without result. Interview with Walter Page & John Glenn re Country Life Commission. Had to decide betw'n going now to Washington & meeting the governors of all the states on Conservation Commission & going later (Dec. 19) to meet Country Life Commission. Chose latter & shall go west tomorrow. Ogden Editor of Ev[en]ing Post dined. Interesting man.
	1 Dec, Tue	Left New York for Omaha.
	2 Dec, Wed	In train all day. Met no interesting soul. Heat of cars intolerable. Felt good for nothing. Was comatose.
	3 Dec, Thu	Arrived Omaha to find nothing new but my affairs in good order. I made nearly £4000 in the past year which will go towards reduction of mortgages, now only about £17000 on my real estate here. My Missouri farm is in bad shape, the Anchor Fence Co rather dormant, the Wyo Development Co still to be inquired into, apparently progressive & the Ranch less dubious than formerly.
	4 Dec, Fri	Accounts at my office & a round of golf took the day. The ground was frozen hard. Never knew balls have such a run. I drove 250 yards with my club with only slight decline at end of run.
	5 Dec, Sat	The morning with my auditor T C Cannon the afternoon at golf & the evening at Chess at old George Barker's house. Heavy snow fall.
	6 Dec, Sun	A dreary day. Had Cannon the auditor to lunch, wrote endless letters without stenographer, very wearisome
	7 Dec, Mon	Spent most of day preparing an address for Corn Exposition on Thursday & entertaining George Coupland, Regent of Neb[raska] University to lunch. He told me a lot about the Rural Life idea in the Corn Belt. It grows amazingly.
	8 Dec, Tue	Went to Lincoln to see the Agric'l College of the University. They were saying goodbye to their Chancellor (Ben Andrews) & the function kept me from seeing anything. I had to address the students at the Ag College, male & female – the most keenly bucolic lot I have seen. They mean to go back to the farm evidently.
	9 Dec, Wed	The Country Life Commission sat in Omaha & the Corn Exhib'n opened. I saw the "Uplifters" Bailey, Wallace & Butterfield. The Corn Exhib'n was very interesting technically. The Americans are

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		excellent showmen. The day left an impression on my mind that Iowa & Eastern Nebraska are a veritable Land of Promise.
	10 Dec, Thu	Made a long speech to a very mixed audience at the Corn Show. All the arrangements were as bad as possible. A noisy stiflingly hot auditorium to seat I should say 2000 & about 150 present! The papers will however have some copy. Took Wallace & Bailey of the Country Life Commission with me to the Club for lunch & had a good talk about the Country Life Commission. Agreed to investigate for them at Wheatland with Carey.  Afternoon train to Rock River.
[Peirce]	11 Dec, Fri	Passing through Cheyenne met Carey & planned a trip to Wheatland to look into W[yoming].D[evelopment].Co. affairs and do Country Life investigation (see yesterday) – all on Sunday. Devil drives.  Reached Rock River where I was met by that best of Western products Johnny Pierce [ <i>sic</i> ].  . The west wind was howling down from Elk Mountain & the 7 miles' drive to the Ranch in its teeth, despite a borrowed fur coat, was all I could stand. Eric Hamilton was at the Ranch, grown taller & much more robust. But because he is growing he lacks push & go. Johnny was disappointed. I made him satisfied but shall talk seriously to Eric. He will come all right. Had most interesting night's talk with Johnny.
To Byrne, James (LOW.1)  [Peirce]	12 Dec, Sat	Wind still piercing but most of the driving was down wind. Saw the agric'l operations of Johnny Pierce [ <i>sic</i> ] & discussed irrigation projects on the spot. Had long talk to Eric H. which will I think give him a new start and also got Johnny Pierce [ <i>sic</i> ] to understand the boy. Johnny & I went East, he to Laramie City & I to Cheyenne where I put up with the Careys.
	13 Dec, Sun	To Wheatland & back with Carey. We did a little Company business & held a meeting of prominent local folk on behalf of Country Life Commission. Nothing very new. Chief point an absurd jealousy betw'n town (Wheatland) & country members of local society! Growing belief in agric'l educ'n was evident. A thinking community among whom much might be done if one could stay with them.
[Peirce]	14 Dec, Mon	The Judge & I breakfasted at 7 & I kept him strenuously at Wyo Dev Co work. Saw John Chaplin, John Harrington, ?Dave Miller & I C Whipple, Billy Irvine wife & daughter Edna (who shot a cowboy for being rude to her). Had another long talk to Johnny Pierce [ <i>sic</i> ] & introduced him to Johnny Gordon of the Gov't experiment farm. Made a resolution to come out earlier next year which I probably shan't do! Left 2.55 P.M. train for Omaha.
	15 Dec, Tue	Got back to Omaha early & had busy day. Conrad Young made it clear that he & his staff wanted to have some prospect of better things if I continued to profit so largely by their management. I held out hopes but did not commit myself. Their case is a good one & I must consider it. I give all my thought to public affairs & must pay for the neglect.
	16 Dec, Wed	Finished up at Omaha & left for Carlisle & Washington. General Manderson lunched with me. P.G. Holden an A1 agricultural organiser travelled with me a few hours & told me a lot about his work. Met president S[c]hurman of Cornell in Omaha. Said to be

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		the biggest college President now that Eliot has resigned from Harvard.
	17 Dec, Thu	Passing through Chicago called on C A Shamel of the Orange Judd Farming Publications. Found him a Plunkettite & told him to exchange with A.E.
	18 Dec, Fri	<p>Harrisburg 7 A.M., Carlisle P[ennsylvania] 8.30 AM. Met by Bosler with whom I did 2 hours' business. Went to Indian school &amp; had interesting talk with Principal. Evidently the Indians a dying race. They cannot develop out of their own savage line, nor of course along it.</p> <p>To Washington where an immensely interesting evening with Pinchot. His mother &amp; a cousin Miss "Polly" Morgan keep house for him. I am not sure whose house it is. But the ménage is perfect. Three perfectly congenial people. Dr. Frissell came in from New York &amp; told me some news of my friends there.</p>
	19 Dec, Sat	Called on Roosevelt. He said to the others present that I had an international position in connection with the Country Life idea, that I started it in America out of Old Country studies. He asked Pinchot to arrange a good talk next week. Worked over draft report of Country Life Commission. Execrably done by Bailey in whom I fear I am mistaken. I over rated his grasp.
	20 Dec, Sun	A quiet day. Lunched with Wm. E. Curtis one of the most prolific of the syndicate journalists & found him most interesting. He is writing a good deal about Ireland, is convinced that Home Rule is not to be. He called on me last summer & if I had known he had such a public would have taken trouble to inform him. However he got a good deal of information. What struck him most was the insincerity of public men – bishops, politicians &c. Their attitude towards public questions in private was so diff[erent] from their pub[lic] utterances. Rest of day spent with Pinchot drafting a message which we want Roosevelt to send to Congress!
	21 Dec, Mon	<p>Pinchot &amp; I caught the President at his office before the first callers came &amp; had a most delightful half hour. We began with a full discussion of the Country Life Com'n &amp; its problem. R. declared that next to Pinchot, who saw him more frequently, I had given him most help in his rural policy – no man understood it so well. Pinchot asked whether it would be a good plan for me to explain it to Taft. R immediately rang for Loeb his secretary &amp; dictated a letter which lauded me to the skies and asked Taft to see me on the whole question of his rural policy. This he described as of all the troubles he bequeathed to his successor the one he was most anxious he should stay by. His outline of the policy which appeared to be presented to Taft for the first time was masterly. R. agreed with all Pinchot &amp; I had settled as to the procedure of the C.L. Com'n and asked us to write a message for him. Met Wilkie Chief of Secret Service who told me that in his row with Congress over the suggestion in his annual message that the appropriation for S.S. was obstructed by timorous &amp; guilty congressmen &amp; senators, the President would come out all right. He was well loaded.</p> <p>Lunched with Bryce &amp; had most interesting talk. He is going in March to speak in California &amp; I am to suggest a topic. Bailey, Beard, Page &amp; Wallace with C.L.C. came to dinner. Also Secretary Wilson. A full &amp; interesting day.</p>

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<p><i>Fr Grey, 4th Earl</i></p> <p>[Augusta, Georgia]</p>	22 Dec, Tue	<p>Pinchot &amp; I lunched with the President. Fortunately only a family party, so we had a thorough good talk. He told me he cared more about the human aspect of the conservation policy which I was working with him in [<i>sic</i>] than about all his other policies put together. “Tariffs – 20% more or 20% less, important today, but tomorrow no more.[?]” We discussed the message which Pinchot told him I was drafting for him and the way I should bring Taft to see his point of view. He asked me to see him Thursday on my way to N.Y. &amp; report. He said he would like to visit Ireland in order to tell what I had done for him in the U.S. But he feared being grabbed politically. I left for Augusta 4.10 P.M. after a most interesting 4 days.</p>
	23 Dec, Wed	<p>Snow &amp; Xmas traffic made the train 5 hours late. I had an appointment at 2.30. I arrived at the Hotel Bon Air, Augusta at 3.45 &amp; could not see Taft till 4.30 – a secretary said he was busy. So I took a brisk walk. The climate seems ideal for winter. It was a perfect English June day for sky &amp; air. I had not been so far south before. The diff[erence] betw’n S &amp; N is as marked as in Ireland – &amp; like it in many ways.</p> <p>I found Taft sympathised with Roosevelt’s development policy but was absolutely ignorant of its meaning, principles &amp; details. I had a short hour before I had to leave for my train &amp; that was interrupted by Mrs. Taft bringing in a general &amp; a lady. He, however, saw my position &amp; drove me to the station in his motor. I expounded the whole policy, found Taft not my superior intellectually &amp; I think I persuaded him of the greatness of the Roosevelt conservation policy. I improved his opinion of Pinchot &amp; hope I prepared the ground for a carrying out of our ideas. The last thing T said was Tell R. I will stand by him, &amp; you &amp; Pinchot must guide me in the policy. I left by a slow 2½ hour train for Washington.</p>
	24 Dec, Thu	<p>Four hours late. Wired President could not keep 5.30 PM appointment, would call later if he desired. On arrival Cosmos Club found message to come any time after 8. Had hour’s talk, never a more man to man talk. We covered a large field, from the English in India which I had asked him to explain to his countrymen who might want English sympathy in their Eastern problems to the use of split infinitives which I found in his messages. I told him I liked his slang but not his slovenliness. He justified “frazzle” as good old English. We talked much about his adm[inistratio]n, which of his excursions &amp; alarms would pass, what of the political philosophy would remain. We agreed upon the differences in the make up of Teddy &amp; Taft, the literary man of insights, impulses &amp; affairs &amp; the lawyer, judge, statesman, administrator. We discussed the physiological, psychological &amp; political wisdom of the African Diversion. We talked of the return to the Work. The voice said No Third Term. Subconsciously he considers it possible – probable? – But the chief points gained were – Pinchot &amp; I were to draft a message to Congress. This was to be submitted to Taft &amp; modified to suit his views. I had engineered an agreement betw’n R &amp; T. that T would continue R’s development policy but R. was not to embarrass him by suggesting to Congress details – only principles of action. A very cordial good bye. R. promised if he did come to Ireland to give a short lecture under Plunkett House auspices.</p>
	25 Dec, Fri	<p>Xmassed with the Byrnes. Passing through N.Y. got Pinchot on telephone &amp; told him of successful mission to Taft.</p>

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<i>Fr Bryce, James</i>	26 Dec, Sat	<p>Hard day's work on President's Message in Byrne's office. I used an Irish law clerk J. O'Leary whom I could trust to dictate it to. Lunched with Pinchot &amp; Walter Page &amp; arranged the whole business, report &amp; address. Making history. I wonder how much is made in this way, the makers not all appearing! Edward M Shepard &amp; Leopold Everett came to the Byrnes'. Both fine men.</p> <p>Wrote also during day a letter from Cheyenne dated Dec. 12 (may I be forgiven) to Byrne advocating the appointment of Lawrence Lowell as Eliot's successor. More history!</p>
<i>Fr Bryce, James</i>	27 Dec, Sun	A genial morning over the President's message, a walk & talk with Shepard, to New York after lunch & had long telephone talk with Crimmins, called on Mrs. Pinchot & had talk with her – and golfed. Dined with Bradley Martin Jr. in a palatial house.
	28 Dec, Mon	Dined with Ralph Stuart Wortley after a long day working at the President's Country Life Commission message with Pinchot. Had to telephone to Loeb & got reply from President on certain matters. Get ahead with the policy Pinchot & I are jointly evolving. ?and [ends]
	29 Dec, Tue	A killing day. Up at 6.30 A.M. J J O'Leary came from Bryce's office to help me by taking down my morning thoughts to send to the Press on my night's remarks at an Irish banquet. A strange gathering this was – Sig[no]r Ferrero the Italian Historian, Jack Devoy, Mr. Dooley, Lawrence Godkin, Murphy (Tam[man]y Boss), Ralph Stuart Wortley & so forth. I spoke for an hour & a half!! During day had interview with Pritchett (Dr. H.S.) director of Carnegie Foundation. Explained to him my scheme for an Irish Rural Sociological Research Laboratory. Had meeting of Wyo Dev Co at Thalmann's office. A killing day.
To Pinchot, Gifford	30 Dec, Wed	<p>The Press did me very badly, the terrible earthquake in southern Italy taking all the space.</p> <p>Came on the Adriatic after a 6 AM rise, an 8 AM breakfast with Walter Page and a tustle [<i>sic</i>] with the message I had to finish for Roosevelt.</p> <p>I feel that my stay in America has opened a great vista of possibilities for Ireland. I want to apply the best thought in the Country to the Rural Life Problem and if I can get an endowment out of the overburdened millionaires in N.Y. who want to justify their harvest out of the workers' pocket, I will do the work &amp; do it well.</p>
To Balfour, Lady Betty	31 Dec, Thu	383. Feeling better after the mad rush of the New York 3 days. I think even to the Americans I must be a hustler. So far a deadly dull crowd on Board.
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	Year-end Summary	<p>A year of very hard &amp; constant work – all for Ireland. I got the I.A.O.S. into a much better position and the Presentation Committee which gave me a splendid House in Merrion Square enabled me to build up a scheme in my mind for making Ireland the Research Laboratory for the world's coming (as I believe) rehabilitation of Country Life.</p> <p>When I went to America in the Fall I had the rare good fortune to be</p>



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		<p>selected by Roosevelt to explain his Country Life policy to his successor Taft. The year 1909 will have as its chief object for me the setting up in The Plunkett House of a Bureau of rural social economy for the Western World. I don't know whether I shall bring it off.</p> <p>Physically I have lost in two respects, I have a loud noise in my head which I hope to cure but which may mean an approaching loss of mental energy. I am a good bit lighter too. I <u>must</u> rest &amp; give up tea &amp; coffee as I have alcohol &amp; red meat.</p>