

1909 Diary of Sir Horace Curzon Plunkett (1854–1932)

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NOTES

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

Horace Plunkett, *Irish Homestead*, 30 July 1910

Conventions

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

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

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

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

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

5) Punctuation (or lack of)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Correspondence

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

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

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

Abbreviations

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

Names

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

Organisations

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

General

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

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

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

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Events:

Feb – Country Life Commission reports to US Congress

Feb – Roosevelt letter published in America (and Irish Homestead, 29 May)

20 Mar – Elected to Honorary Fellowship of University College, Oxford

29 Apr – David Lloyd George introduces ‘people’s budget’

16 Aug – Fianna Éireann, headed by Countess Markievicz, formed by Bulmer Hobson

3 Dec – Land Purchase Act gives Congested Districts Board compulsory purchase powers

Publications:

- *A Country Life Institute: a Suggested Irish-American Contribution to Rural Progress* (Dublin) 30 pp.

- “Mr. Birrell’s Irish Land Bill”, *The Nineteenth Century and After*, v.65, pp. 946-64; reprinted as *The Unsettling of the Irish Land Question* (Dublin, Ponsonby; London, Simpkin, Marshall & Co.) 50 pp.

- “Agricultural Co-operative Awakening”, *Spectator*, 11 Sep

- *IAOS Annual Report* pp. 78-81

- “Ireland’s National Grange”, *Journal of Proceedings of the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry*, 43rd Annual Session (Rumford Press, New Hampshire)

- Attributed articles in *Irish Homestead*:

Text of Dec. 1908 New York speech, XVI:4 (23 Jan 1909), p. 62

Letter to Boyle District Conference, XVI:7 (13 Feb 1909), p. 132

Text of Roosevelt letter, XVI:22 (29 May 1909), p. 430

Letter to IAOS AGM, XVI:51 (18 Dec 1909), pp. 1023-4

Government:

Prime Minister: Herbert Asquith (Liberal)

Chief Secretary: Augustine Birrell

Lord Lieutenant: Earl of Aberdeen

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £100 ; \$1 = \$18

Correspondence [Notes]	1909	Diary Entry
<i>To Balfour, Lady Betty</i> To Ware, Fabian	No date; date uncertain	
	1 Jan, Fri	413 – (yesterday 383)
	2 Jan, Sat	412
	3 Jan, Sun	401
	4 Jan, Mon	377 Very heavy sea. N.E. gale, perfect comfort!
To Balfour, Lady Betty	5 Jan, Tue	397
	6 Jan, Wed	408 – 184 to Plymouth, 2974 miles. So ended a voyage. Nothing to record. Landed midnight. Left 1.30 AM L&SWR sleeping car. Jumped about (240 miles in 4½ hours) so as to make sleep impossible.
<i>Fr Cunningham, Edward</i> <i>(GODK.1)</i>	7 Jan, Thu	Arrived in London early & left 7.30 P.M. for home. Lunched Sydney Brooks, visited Collieries office to talk to Farebrother in Gardiner’s absence. Called at Treasury & had talk with S. Armytage [sic] Smith, had talk with Emily Lawless (quite recovered) and with Mary who told me all the family news. This included a sad account of poor Ernle’s serious break down – I fear from heart disease.
	8 Jan, Fri	Awful day. I shall soon use up my little store of sea health if the

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		<p>rush goes on. Saw Fr. Finlay, A.E., R.A.A. Had a good talk with Joy about his life. I have told him he must discipline himself & get physically fit. I think he will.</p> <p>Met Jim Power who told me old age pension had smashed Home Rule. The old blessed the British Empire which provided the fund & the rate payers were equally grateful for having the old paupers taken off their hands!</p> <p>Adams & his wife came and I divulged my scheme for an international Bureau of rural social economy which I told him I should want him to direct if it came off.</p>
<p>To Pinchot, Gifford (2) <i>Fr Jones-Davies, H.</i></p> <p>[Hans – Plunkett’s dog]</p>	9 Jan, Sat	<p>Busy morning. Wrote two long letters to Pinchot & one to James Byrne. Worked at I.A.O.S. & Bureau of Rural Sociology developments. Called on Cantrell chief clerk of D.A.T.I. (whom I had never been hospitable to) as he was sick. Invited him to Foxrock for change of air & rest.</p> <p>Daisy & 4 children for week end. Hans delighted.</p>
[<i>en famille</i> – with family]	10 Jan, Sun	Rested en famille (not mine).
To F.Y. [Filson Young]	11 Jan, Mon	Rewrote my Presentation of Plunkett House speech. Did I.A.O.S. work & had Hanson, Adams, Gibbons & Case to dinner. There also came to stay with me Ronald Hart Synnot whom I first met at the Wye Agric’l College & who wants to interest himself in my work, I hope to take part in it. He is the son of General Hart Synnot & lives near Newry. I like him at first sight much.
To Jones-Davies, H.	12 Jan, Tue	Meeting of I.A.O.S. Gen’l Ctee. Hart Synnot proved most hopeful apostle for Plunkettism. He spent the whole day at the Plunkett House. I must at all costs keep him in the staff.
<p>To Bryce, James To Grey, 4th Earl To Pinchot Gifford</p>	13 Jan, Wed	<p>Got to Press my Presentation of the Plunkett House speech in which I declared my hope of an International Country Life Institute being established in Dublin under our auspices.</p> <p>C.D.B. meeting. Worked hard all day.</p>
<i>Fr Bottomley, Mrs. K. Madeleine</i>	14 Jan, Thu	“Congested” work & I.A.O.S. Cantrell came to me to recuperate after an illness. I had never shown that excellent officer of the D.A.T.I. any hospitality & I was glad to do so. Hart Synnot is getting very keen on Plunkettism. He is a fine fellow.
To Shaw, George Bernard	15 Jan, Fri	C.D.B. & I.A.O.S. hard all day. Harold Barbour dined & slept.
<p>To MacDonnell, Ld. Antony Patrick <i>Fr Lowell, A. Lawrence</i></p>	16 Jan, Sat	Meeting under auspices of Irish Cooperative Conference of IAOS, I.A.W.S., ICAS & C.W.S., S[cottish]. C[operative]. W[holesale]. S[ociety]. to try and arrive at a settlement of question of alien coop wholesale creameries in Ireland. Good results I think.
	17 Jan, Sun	J.E. Healy golfed & lunched. O’C Miley, wife & son lunched. I had asked “himself” thinking he was O’Farrell. I dislike him & it is a d–d nuisance making a close neighbour into an intimate. However, familiarity often breeds contempt for first impressions. Hanson joined our party for tea & dinner & we had a very interesting day.
	18 Jan, Mon	I.A.O.S. all day except an interview with Birrell re poor old Irwin’s railway. Cantrell left me.

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<i>Fr Bullock, Shan F.</i>	19 Jan, Tue	CDB & I.A.O.S.
To Ld. Lucas (8th Baron)	20 Jan, Wed	Up at 4.30 AM to prepare a speech for the meeting in Birmingham tomorrow. Left by morning mail & went to Shugborough Park, Stafford where I found a large party of neighboring squires asked to meet me by my host Lord Lichfield. Lady Aberdeen's niece A.D.C. Anson is L's son & heir & I had some talk with him. He has no brains – nor have his 2 brothers – nor has the father. But they are all nice. It is a fine old House, 17th Cent[ur]y fine pictures, plate &c. Large park, but of course I saw nothing out of doors, it was dark soon after I arrived. Big dinner party. Discourse useful to me. Utter absence of all political and sociological thought. Small holdings policy, labour conditions &c &c blank. A social wilderness. I fear tomorrow's meeting will be not be a place for me to cry.
	21 Jan, Thu	Went in to Birmingham & had a fine meeting of bucolics, 200 sat down to a 1 PM gorge. Lichfield in chair. Lords Harrowby & Hatherton chief speakers. I spoke over their heads – or rather I did not penetrate them. Slept at Highbury, Moor Green. Poor Joe Chamberlain is a pathetic spectacle. Mind as clear as ever but half paralysed in body, he can speak only with great effort. We had a delightful talk – just Mrs. Joe, Miss Beatrice, Joe & I. He is as alert as ever and interested in public questions. I amused him I think.
	22 Jan, Fri	A breakfast train to London for a conference betw'n CDB & Treasury, Shaftesbury, Dougherty & I representing C.D.B. Got in other things – a lunch with S Brooks at my Club, a talk with S Armytage [<i>sic</i>] Smith at Treasury, an invit[atio]n to Free Trade Union to come & give a counter blast to the Tariff Reform Commission, a talk with Farebrother about the Collieries, with Nugent Harris about Joint Boards for Coop'n, with Mary about family news &c &c. Left 7.30 P.M. train for home.
To Bonn, Moritz Julius To Bullock, Shan F. To Chamberlain, Beatrice	23 Jan, Sat	Very busy IAOS day. J E Healy, Hanson & Anderson slept. AE dined.
	24 Jan, Sun	A restful but working day in some ways as J E Healy, Ensor, Norman, Hanson, Anderson & Adams lunched & Joy dined.
To Collings, Jesse <i>Fr Ld. Lucas (8th Baron)</i>	25 Jan, Mon	IAOS all day. ?Barton/Barbour dined & slept.
[DSO – Distinguished Service Order]	26 Jan, Tue	Conference of I.A.O.S., ICAS & I.A.W.S. at Plunkett House took most of the day. Hart Synnot who I find is D.S.O. as well as B.Sc. came to me.
[Letter to Boyle District Conference in <i>IH</i> , XVI:7 (13 Feb 1909), p. 132]	27 Jan, Wed	Agreed to give Anderson £550 for 6 years agency of my Foxrock Estate. He owes me that sum and is thus to pay the debt (otherwise irrecoverable). If he dies the insurance is to pay me or my estate the unearned portion of the debt. Also engaged R Hart Synnot as my private secretary for £200 for the year from Feb. 1.09 pending his getting some other position in the movement. He is to work at my public work, to live with me at Foxrock or in Dublin. This was not settled.
<i>Fr Bullock, Shan F.</i> <i>Fr Collings, Jesse</i>	28 Jan, Thu	Spent the day on a memorandum to explain Institute for which I want some American millionaires to provide the endowment.

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		Synnot left. Tommy Ponsonby came.
To Bullock, Shan F.	29 Jan, Fri	I.A.O.S. work all day.
	30 Jan, Sat	Continued the heavy task of proving in a pamphlet that the American millionaires ought to compete with each other for the honour of endowing the Plunkett House as a Laboratory of rural sociology! Synnot came back & Rolleston also joined the party. R. is going to leave Ireland for which I am sorry.
	31 Jan, Sun	Golf, the Cases lunched. Hanson was sick, a---sed by - -o--. The Starkie's dined. Adams called & I worked hard at the memorandum on the Country Life Institute.
<i>Fr Collings, Jesse</i>	1 Feb, Mon	Horribly busy all day & Hewins, Secretary of Joe Chamberlain's Tariff Com'n came at night.
To Collings, Jesse	2 Feb, Tue	The Hewins lecture at the Plunkett House brought together a very good body of Irish thought. His case seemed to me to be weak. The "Whole Hog" case seems to rest on the Colonial preference idea too much. The Colonial trade is relatively unimportant. Economically the Pyramid stands on its apex. C La Touche, Fr. Finlay & Adams dined.
To Collings, Jesse	3 Feb, Wed	Hewins left & I worked hard at my memo re Country Life Institute. Meeting of C.D.B.
	4 Feb, Thu	R.C. Barton, Erskine Childers wife & a Mrs. Osgood moted to lunch. Otherwise work all day.
	5 Feb, Fri	Finished (except proof correcting which may reveal awful omissions) my memorandum re Country Life Institute. Addressed a meeting under auspices of Gaelic League in school house Cornelscourt! Anderson came to Kilteragh for a dine & sleep. Very seedy.
To Bottomley, Mrs. K. Madeleine To Pinchot, Gifford	6 Feb, Sat	The Mayos, Daisy, Florence (Lady Geary) came to stay. David Talbot Crosbie a much sounder Irish progressive than Lindsey of that ilk dined. I was absorbed all day with American memorandum.
	7 Feb, Sun	Fr. Finlay lunched, RAA spent afternoon, Jim Power & JG Barton & Joy dined. Most of day spent on Country Life Institute memorandum.
	8 Feb, Mon	Very busy finishing Memo for Millionaires. Left for London night mail.
[author Edith Sichel] [Life]	9 Feb, Tue	Lunched with Emily Lawless & met a very intelligent Miss Sichel. Wrote several letters to America on my Country House [sic] Institute. Got a letter from Lady Lyttelton asking me to lend Kilteragh to Her daughter for her honeymoon & to wire yes or no. Most inconvenient but of course had to wire yes. Left by 5.30 train for Newcastle for colliery business.
To Bryce, James To Byrne, James To Pinchot, Gifford	10 Feb, Wed	A morning at Bowes & Framwellgate affairs & back to London.

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	11 Feb, Thu	Lunched with the Sidney Webbs & had most interesting talk on socialism &c. Called on MacDonnells, where I met Finucane who is in despair about Ireland, thinks Home Rule (by which he means devolution) the only way out, the Bernard Shaws not at home. Monteagle still very seedy, Sir T Elliott ditto. J Sinclair whom I congratulated on his peerage & Shan Bullock at his office with whom I discussed Sidney's (his boy's) future. Dined with Mrs. Stephen Spring Rice.
	12 Feb, Fri	Anderson, Harold Barbour & Bryan came over & we had a meeting of the Joint Board for Trade with several representatives of farmers' organisations (English) present. I had to preside & "though I says it as shouldn't" I think I managed to bring some order out of the chaos of ideas about English agric'l. coop'n. Tired me much. Got a letter from Sidney Webb which pleased me. He said "We have read your pamphlet with great interest and entire approval". This praise is worth much.
	13 Feb, Sat	RAA called early & I went to the AOS office & wrote hard. Then off to golf at Ealing with S Brooks more for talk than golf. He is a great help to me.
	14 Feb, Sun	A call from Rolleston in the morning to talk about his son for whom he wants a job in Africa or elsewhere under the Colonial office. Shall try & help as he has helped me on literary work. Went to Fisher's Hill for lunch & dinner, only the family. Very enjoyable as usual.
<i>Fr Pinchot, Gifford</i>	15 Feb, Mon	Got Lord Lucas to lunch with me. He is a junior minister (War Office) & a clever fellow. He is getting me down to Bedford to talk agric'l coop'n for him on Saturday. Had a talk with Lionel Earle. The Gov't thinks of asking me to go on a Canada-West Indies Trade Commission. Doubt having time. Wrote letters most of day. Took night train to Truro.
	16 Feb, Tue	Arrived 6.20 AM, dark frosty morning. Motor with no skreen [sic] met me at Truro & took me 8 miles to Tregothnan. A pretty place and beautifully planted. Gardening is the sport down here several people said. We motored 24 miles out & ditto back to see a Creamery, Lady Falmouth & I. Otherwise did little. But Mimi Tremayne & her husband (alas drinking) dined. She is nearly as fat as her mother got, has become R.C. & suffragist but is as amusing as ever. Hon. J. Boscawen & Llewellyn, son of Llewellyn M.P. of Johnny's & my H of C days came to dinner. Ld. Falmouth is an ex-soldier & not very interesting. But a good host. The county looks hopeful for coop'n.
	17 Feb, Wed	A capital meeting about 500 present & very representative of Country Life in all social grades. I had a hard task expounding the whole case for agric'l coop'n including its application to conditions I did not know enough about. But for over an hour I was attentively listened to. In the evening as at Shugborough Park we had a housefull of local notables – a much more intelligent lot than the Staffordshire notables I thought. I was very tired but did fairly well.
	18 Feb, Thu	By day back to Mount St., very tired. Big correspondence awaiting.
	19 Feb, Fri	Seedy. Moped about all day with a sick head ache.

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	20 Feb, Sat	Rather sick still. But went with Ld. Lucas & Nugent Harris to Bedford as chief speaker at a meeting to promote agricultural coop'n. The Town Hall was crammed to suffocation. D[uke] of Bedford in the Chair. I spoke over an hour & spoke not very well but in a way that held the audience. It was an awful effort. Anderson's son Alan down to the meeting & I took him on to dine with Ld. Lucas who feasted a dozen of us at a Hotel. The boy enjoyed the attention I think.
	21 Feb, Sun	Very tired after yesterday. Reggie visited me & we had a walk. A nice boy but a bit of a prig. This he will get over.
	22 Feb, Mon	Busy morning & then went & golfed with Gerald Balfour & dined with M C Seton. The noise in my head is increasing. Not another rest cure I hope.
	23 Feb, Tue	Lunched with J.L. Garvin a fine public spirited Journalist who will take up causes with a zeal untempered by commercial considerations. He is a tariff reformer on other than business grounds, an <i>[sic]</i> Unionist for Imperial not United Kingdom reasons, a worker beyond his strength. I dined with Mrs. Earle, met Lionel, Crewe's private secretary, who is ridiculously puffed up by his official position at the centre of things but withal very nice. His heart is better than his head – which is hollow a bit.
	24 Feb, Wed	Day spent with A.O.S. including lunch with Yerburch where I met Noel Buxton, Robertson Scott, Henry Gray who wants to start Central Bank, & AD Hall. Went out to sup with Shan Bullock.
	25 Feb, Thu	Annual General & Board meeting of Bowes & Framwellgate. Wrote many letters, did some of my work, lunched & golfed with my journalist friend S. Brooks, dined with SH Butcher at the House. A mixed day.
To Finlay, Fr. Thomas [<i>An Englishman's Home</i> , by Guy du Maurier, had a recruiting station in lobby of Wyndham's theatre.]	26 Feb, Fri	B B Co meeting. Liquidation inevitable. Lunched with Bernard Shaw. Went to the play which is scaring the English into militarism – The <i>[sic]</i> Englishman's Home. Dialogue rotten but I suspect good for purpose.
	27 Feb, Sat	Lunched Bernard Holland and Fr. O'Donovan (looking very seedy) at Club & after good day's work came down to Oxford where I put up with R Macan, Master of Univ[ersity College]. In evening dined with Economics Club at New [College]. A.L. Smith, Phelps of Poor Law Commission, ?Cannon, Steel Maitland a few others & I spoke on is unemployment connected with education? Of course. But how? The talk was interesting, as the men were able, but inconclusive.
	28 Feb, Sun	8.30 AM Chapel. Breakfast. Called on Edgeworth at All Souls. Went to Union & worked at speech for Wednesday. Lunched. Called on Sidney Balls, Fairbairns where I met "Tommy" Shaw, now Lord Shaw. Dined in Common room at Univ. Not a very interesting lot of dons.
	1 Mar, Mon	Back to London. Calls, wrote to Arthur Balfour with my pamphlet & scheme. Had Lytton, Sydney Brooks, SH Butcher,

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		Filson Young & Rolleston to dinner.
(To Bryce, James fr Theodore Roosevelt, BRY)	2 Mar, Tue	Called early on Harold Cox & arranged with him for his lecture on Ireland's interest in Free Trade on April 15. Had a meeting of Berthon Boat Co with Wilfrid Ashley present. Decided to do nothing till a good business man & accountant has reported. Went to see a Miss Mary Neal of the Assoc'n for the revival of folk songs & subscribed £10 to excellent institution. Called on Vaughan Nash private secretary to Asquith & asked him to get his master's support for Plunkett House.
[RSO – Railway Sub-Office]	3 Mar, Wed	To Carmarthen with Nugent Harris. 6 inches of snow in London made it hard to get even to Paddington for 8.45 AM train. Meeting consisted of a few landlords & many rough looking farmers. Badly arranged as they had a meeting of the local society before I arrived which tired the audience. Still they listened well & I think I did good. It was a hard strain. Motored with the chairman Brigstocke to Blaen[p]ant-Boncath R.S.O. Cardiganshire. He had done splendid work starting the movement. But his wife has turned against coop'n. Poor fellow he asked me to try & persuade his wife. But she is impervious. She is worldly only & does not see any gain to the family & so says NO.
	4 Mar, Thu	A day of weariness & some discomfort. Not very fit but had to begin with a drive in a pony trap 4 miles to the station (Kilderran) which took 1 hour & 20 minutes as the wretched pony could hardly pull me & my hand baggage up & down the hills, for he had to pull down, through the 6 inches of snow which after the night's fall lay on the track. Had it drifted I should have been snowed up. Journey 8 AM to 11.20 PM Irish time via Fishguard. Met Randal Hawksley at Whitland Station & did not recognise him!
To Brigstocke, Augustus Fr Balfour, Arthur	5 Mar, Fri	Glad to be back & at work. Piles of letters & many I.A.O.S. affairs to attend to. I wrote a long letter to Brigstocke (to show his wife) explaining why in the interest of his country, his family & himself he should work up agric'l coop'n in Wales!
To Bullock, Shan F.	6 Mar, Sat	I.A.O.S. & Country Life Institute. I had a letter from Onslow asking me to send him my writings in order that he might "ginger up" Arthur Balfour to make a political speech in the summer on agricultural policy. My seed is germinating.
	7 Mar, Sun	Adams & wife whom Daisy liked, Fletcher & Anderson came to lunch. Adams is quite keen on my big scheme. He criticised helpfully my letter to Rosebery written in bed & made me rewrite it. When the guests left Daisy, Florence & Synnot moted over to Kilruddery where my friend Lady Ardee (Lady Aileen Wyndham Quin) introduced me to her lord. He is as limited in intelligence as his father but much more human. A plain nice simple 'English' soldier.
<i>Fr Bullock, Shan F. Fr Harris, J. Nugent (3)</i>	8 Mar, Mon	Usual work. Letter from Arthur Balfour saying he had read both my pamphlets (Plunkett Ho. Series Nos. 1 & 2) "with much sympathy interest and agreement" but asking me some difficult conundrums about my views. Daisy & Florence left.

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To Bullock, Shan F. To Harris, J. Nugent <i>Fr Leslie, Shane</i>	9 Mar, Tue	Furious prepagandism. Wrote Ld. Milner, Arthur Balfour, Duke of Norfolk, 6 R.C. Bishops & 1 Archbp. about my Country Life Institute. Met Wyndham Quin at K.S. Club & <u>Noblesse Obliged</u> him. Had a game of golf in sleet & rain with the Keiths & DH Lane. Joy & Synnot dined & we discussed their work.
To Leslie, Shane <i>Fr Bryce, James</i> <i>Fr Seton, Sir Malcolm C.</i>	10 Mar, Wed	Shaftesbury & Rev. R de Bary arrived by morning mail. The latter is chaplain to the former, was R.C. of the liberal type & found in Protestantism the realities without the forms. Fletcher dined. CDB committees, a little wintry golf. Eddie wired that his son & heir had to fly from scarlatina in the Browne family, would I take him in. 2 nurses, cot & pram arrived duly. This is better than a honeymoon in the house.
<i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i>	11 Mar, Thu	I let Shaftesbury do the CDB & attended to my own work. Eddie came to town & dined at Kilteragh. Synnot went to his house to do some cooperative organising work.
To Seton, Sir Malcolm C.	12 Mar, Fri	Shaftesbury & de Bary left. I was alone & glad to have a quiet think.
	13 Mar, Sat	Eddie came. Synnot returned pleased with his first organising work. JE Healy dined. I golfed with Anderson at Dollymount.
	14 Mar, Sun	F.W. & Mrs. Moore & A.E. lunched. I lazed, except rushing off an article on agric'l cooperation to The Northern Newspaper syndicate.
To Byrne, Mrs. James	15 Mar, Mon	Work & golf. Perfect combination.
<i>Fr Brigstocke, Augustus</i>	16 Mar, Tue	2 committees of I.A.O.S. Adams to Kilteragh to discuss letter to Arthur Balfour about Country Life Institute in which he seems to be greatly interested.
<i>Fr Buxton, Noel</i>	17 Mar, Wed	Work but not in Dublin as it was St. Paddy's Bank holiday.
To Balfour, Arthur [See letter dated 2 March]	18 Mar, Thu	Meeting of Pembroke Charities Trustees. £2000 had been voted for the I.A.O.S. The Trustees (including Monteagle) had come to feel that this was not a "charitable object" within the meaning of the will. I converted them & cheque is to be paid. Meeting of Industrial Law Committee, the weakest body I have seen. Started by Hilda Lyttelton who marries & unloads it on me! Got letter from Bryce endorsing an official appreciation by Roosevelt of my services to the U.S. in expounding the Country Life idea. Bryce has sent it to Edward Grey who is a gentleman. He will probably consult Birrell (who is not) as to what is to be done with the letter. Birrell will take orders from Dillon. Hanson came to stay with me.
To Falmouth, Lady <i>Fr Wallace, M.G.</i>	19 Mar, Fri	Work at I.A.O.S. A large dinner of not exciting people at the Arnotts. I sat next a lady Mrs. Williams of something who was wife of a big squire in Cornwall. I tried to instil cooperation into her.
	20 Mar, Sat	½ day's work. Golf with Barton. General Hart Synnot, father of my secretary came.
<i>Fr Macan, Reginald W.</i>	21 Mar, Sun	Endless letters but some golf & a quiet day on the whole.
To Macan, Reginald W. [RM – Resident]	22 Mar, Mon	Returned to very active work in office. Went to Belfast by 3 PM train & met at a Hopefield symposium Andrews, Shaftesbury, Dr. Tohill (RC Bp.) Nagle (R.C. RM), Harold & Milne Barbour,

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Magistrate]		Fisher, Reade, Anderson (Ld. Mayor), Duffin, Musgrave.
	23 Mar, Tue	A morning thinking & writing letters. An afternoon golf with Adam Duffin, Sinclair's youngest son & a ?W/Mr Lindsey at Malone. Took Larne & Stranraer route to Glasgow with Harold Barbour.
	24 Mar, Wed	M.G. Wallace potato grower, employer of Irish migratory labour, expert potato adviser to DATI met me early at Hotel & accompanied me to Edinburgh. Dr. Douglas joined train half way with Lochiel, a fine young soldier who is taking to ag organ[isatio]n work in the right spirit in the Highlands. Went to corn market at Edinbu[rg]h & talked to many Lowland Farmers. A sturdy & for bucolics very alert lot. Meeting of S.A.O.S. rather a "frost". But I heard a lot outside. Called on Mrs. Sellar, now 81, as dear as ever. Prof'r. Campbell who is undergoing treatment by a Glasgow osteopath (!) who tells him to eat everything wholesome, dined with Barbour, Wallace & me. Night train to London.
<i>Fr Geddes, Sir Patrick</i>	25 Mar, Thu	A meeting of the Berthon Boat Co. at which EP Berthon, manager, frankly confessed his utter incompetence. Thereupon we appointed a Mr. Brown (accountant & business man who had failed in business & who may be either a knave or a fool, but if the latter certainly not of the all round kind like E.P.B.) as "Directors Manager" over EPB whose salary we reduced to one half.
	26 Mar, Fri	Colliery business with Farebrother at 39 Lombard St. Then a meeting of the Committee of the Joint Board for Trade appointed to divide England into districts for trading purposes to establish therein distinct Federations to be afterwards amalgamated in a central Federation. Called on Miss Balfour & got some gossip. Saw SHB twice & discussed the debate of next week on second reading of Land Bill. Dined with Monteagle & Mary Spring Rice. Depressing poor M always is. But so good.
<i>Fr Butterfield, Kenyon</i>	27 Mar, Sat	Chief event of the day a 2 hours' talk with Ld. Lansdowne. Conclusion, L. is a politician firstly. He is shrewd but not a thinker even on his party tactics. I explained Plunkettism in Ireland, gave him a terrible dose of it. My object was to get him to prevent the passage of Birrell's bill which would destroy it. Birrell, I told him, will bribe the landlords to accept the part of his bill which I had shown him (L.) would be fatal to progress. Then, said L., I fear the Lords would give in. He jumped at the suggestion that I should speak to Rosebery. I must. R. Williams Ellis called.
	28 Mar, Sun	Delightful day with Gerald & Lady Betty & a lot of children.
	29 Mar, Mon	A terrible rush to get a letter to the Times to head off the Irish Land Bill second reading tomorrow & Wed[nesda]y. Failed. Must try tomorrow. Saw S.H.B., Monteagle, Ld. MacDonnell & others. Lunched Harold Cox & Lochiel at St. James Club. Went to House of Commons where Vote of Censure on Naval matters – "not enough Dreadnaughts[?]" was on.
	30 Mar, Tue	Spent whole day writing letter to Times in oppos[iti]o]n to Land Bill. Got it to Times office so late that it probably won't be published!! Lochiel, a Highland Chieftain, late Capt. Cameron of Lochiel in The Guards – breakfasted with me & I instructed him

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		about organising congests.
	31 Mar, Wed	Editor of Times returned my letter but used its chief points in his leading article. The rogue offered to insert it at some future date! A party at Lansdowne House where I met interesting people. I ought to do more of this.
	1 Apr, Thu	Up early, packed papers, interviewed Wilfrid Ashley about Berthon Boat Co & a Unionist Rural Life policy. Had an hour with Sir George Murray at Treasury. Enlightened him on the iniquities of the Birrell-Dillon Land Bill. Told him a lot about Irish agric'l economics. Inter alia explained to him that the I.A.O.S. was subsidised by the D.A.T.I. for purely educational work & that the local societies never got a farthing of public money.
	2 Apr, Fri	C.D.B. Dr. O'Donnell present & I had some pleasant fights with him over the principle of the C.D.B. policy. I heard today that Sir Edward Grey had shown the letter Roosevelt wrote to Bryce to Birrell and that they had found a technical objection to its publication! This is pretty low.
To Bryce, James	3 Apr, Sat	Daisy & Gerald came. Worked most of day. Prof'r. Campbell dined.
<i>Fr Bonn, Moritz Julius (extract)]</i>	4 Apr, Sun	Had Doran, Adams, Anderson & J E Healy to discuss the proposed Land Bill – or rather the administrative provisions of it. Doran agreed to my views generally but seemed to think the new Board might work all right.
To Bullock, Shan F.	5 Apr, Mon	General I.A.O.S. work.
	6 Apr, Tue	Meeting of Council of Alexandra College on which I have, for my sins, been appointed. Such a waste of time – never. Worked all day.
	7 Apr, Wed	Work & a game of golf.
To Geddes, Sir Patrick To MacDonnell, Ld. Antony Patrick	8 Apr, Thu	Harold Cox MP & SH Butcher came. After morning at IAOS we left for Roscommon taking Hart Synnot along, & sending my motor on. Doran met us at night at the Roscommon Hotel with the C.D.B. motor.
	9 Apr, Fri	Through grazing ranches of Roscommon, then through Dillon & de Freyne Estates to Kiltimagh where we saw Father O'Hara & on to Foxford where Harold Cox was much interested in the economic miracle of the Providence (!) mills which are apparently economically self supporting now. On to Castlebar for the night.
	10 Apr, Sat	Gahan joined us & we saw his excellent work of redistributing land near Castlebar. Called on the Hannays, went to Mallaranny to lunch & spent the afternoon in Achill. Slept at Mallaranny.
	11 Apr, Sun	S.H.B. & Harold Cox & I moted to Church at Westport & lunched with Hannays. His church is very nice, the prettiest I have seen in rural Ireland. He preached well but not well enough for him. We went on by Leenane, Kylemore to Recess.
	12 Apr, Mon	Saw the real congestion in S.W. Connemara. Here the people are physically & mentally depressed & what on earth to do for them

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		is a terrible puzzle. We journeyed back to Foxrock after a most interesting & successful study of the west of Ireland problems.
<i>Fr Bullock, Shan F.</i>	13 Apr, Tue	Harold Cox preparing his lecture all day. SHB& I interviewed Willis of the Landlords Convention about the Land Bill & gathered that the landlords would take a bribe but fear compulsion so much that it would have to be larger than the Gov't will give. In the evening W.H. Stuart, the Doran of the Estate Com[missione]rs, dined & discussed redistribution of grass lands. Tom Ponsonby joined the party during the day. Interesting throughout.
To Brooks, Sydney [D.L. – Deputy Lieutenant]	14 Apr, Wed	Caroe & his boy came & we went over the defects of the house – leakage &c & planned further expenditure! In evening had A.E., Joy, Barbour & Hanson (who slept) to dinner. Great fiscal talk. In morning meeting of Board of I.A.W.S. Captain Loftus Bryan D.L. in the chair. He is a cad & a great hindrance to the movement.
To Bullock, Shan F. To Butterfield, Kenyon <i>Fr Butcher, S.H.</i>	15 Apr, Thu	Harold Cox's lecture came off. It was far better than Hewins'. The audience was just right in size, all the 2 rooms to which he spoke could hold. I think it did credit to the Plunkett House. J.E. Healy & Adams dined.
To Butcher, S.H.	16 Apr, Fri	Harold Cox left by morning mail having I think thoroughly enjoyed himself. Quarterly C'tee meeting of I.A.O.S. Went to Committee of Landowners Convention who were going over Land Bill & drafted amendments. I tried to get them to cut out the Congested Districts part, Part III, & stick to it no matter what bribe they were offered. They listened to me for an hour but I did not stay to hear their decision as I had to return to the I.A.O.S. Committee. Dined at Royal Hospital.
	17 Apr, Sat	Edward Lyttelton & wife (vegetarians) lunched. He golfed. He is dried up rather & not nearly as nice as Alfred. It was nice to be with my old schoolfellow again. SH Butcher came back. Hanson left. Daisy & 3 children came for week end.
	18 Apr, Sun	Golfed (after 4 hours work in bed on my day of rest!) with Barton. Adams & wife lunched as did Willis of the landlords convention. Went to see old Maria Trench & her sister at a queer old house at Blackrock with Butcher & also to Nutley to the Maddens who never interest me. The Starkies dined.
[Windham]	19 Apr, Mon	Daisy & family, SH Butcher left. The Setons, E A Pratt & Col. Wyndham [<i>sic</i>] Wyndham Quin dined & slept. I presided at meeting of Meath Hospital & did it badly. Also at meeting of conference betw'n C.W.S. & IAOS over the transfer of the former's creameries to the suppliers to be organised by the I.A.O.S.
<i>Fr Sellar, Mrs. G.</i>	20 Apr, Tue	J. Ployart of Cheyenne days came to see Ireland in a day & put up with me. I was too busy to give him attention.
	21 Apr, Wed	Hard at work all day preparing for Belfast visit – two speeches.

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[Ld. Mayor – Sir Robert Anderson] [engoncé – cramped]	22 Apr, Thu	The Setons left 6.45 AM for Broadstone, Synnot & I 8.15 for Belfast. Made a long written speech to a small audience (with Ld. Mayor in chair & Londonderry & Shaftesbury taking part) in favor of I.A.O.S. Duty of town to support country &c. Spoke to Newspapers. Shaftesbury en gonce in Belfast Castle housed me. Duffin & Jimmy McCalmont dined. Also de Bary, S[hafesbury]'s chaplain.
	23 Apr, Fri	Worked at speech, lunched & golfed with Sinclair, A Duffin & ?Shaftesbury, & spoke for 1½ hours against Land Bill at Reform Club at a fairly attended meeting. I am trying to get it criticised by a non agric'l body of opinion.
	24 Apr, Sat	Londonderry asked Synnot to accompany me to Mount Stewart today. We met in Belfast & went down early. At Comber Station Andrews met us & held the train while I discussed with him the possibility of getting the Chamber of Commerce in Belfast to oppose Part III of Birrell's Bill which sets up a new Congested Districts Board on the wrongest of principles. At Mount Stewart had to go to some 2½d races at Newtownards as alternative of going with Lady L in her boat. She has a passion for the Lough & I should say is a fairly safe helmsman. 12 of her servants have been drowned in it of late years! Dick Kerr the only other guest. She was very self-revealing.
	25 Apr, Sun	Lazy morning & back to Dublin, Londonderry motoring us to Belfast & then slow train. Worked in the train. Harold Barbour came along with us and I wrote a proposed letter to Press for Sinclair to get Londonderry, Shaftesbury, Barbour, Andrews & the Lord Mayor to sign begging for the I.A.O.S. So we keep pegging away.
	26 Apr, Mon	I.A.O.S. all day. Reggie & Hannay came to Kilteragh.
(To Lowell, A. Lawrence fr Carver, T.N.) [May]	27 Apr, Tue	I.A.O.S. office, Finance C'tee. Reggie did Punchestown. Dined at the Iveaghs, big gorgeous stupid party. Took in Caroline Roche – still queen-like as the widowed Countess Hochberg. The 30 years I have known her have whitened her not shrivelled her. She must be 60. Hanson, good soul, slept at Kilteragh in order that he might help me at 6.30A.M. Arthur Balfour & Lansdowne arranged to dine with me to discuss the Land Bill on April [sic] 10th at St. James' Club.
	28 Apr, Wed	Went to Punchestown after lunch & returned before the last race, taking Reggie & Synott in a motor car lent by Nutton from whom I am buying one. I can't say I enjoyed it much. I am too full of work & can't get it off my mind. Left by night mail for London.
	29 Apr, Thu	Arrived early & attended two colliery meetings Bowes & Framwellgate. Called on SH Butcher & discussed attack on Land Bill. Lunched with Sydney Brooks & tried to golf but it poured.
	30 Apr, Fri	Went to Ipswich 8.33 AM train with Anderson, Barbour, Bryan[,] Smith & some English & Scottish members of the Joint Bd. for Trade. The Ipswich agricultural cooperators are fine enterprising business folk, without much altruism in their composition.

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	1 May, Sat	Went to Botolph House, Claydon to the Fred Verneys for the week end. The occasion was an agric'l coop meeting at Buckingham which was well & representatively attended. I spoke badly & too long. Tried to make too many points & so made too few. Sir F Channing MP & a Mr. Ravensdale Waldron of the education office were of the week end party.
	2 May, Sun	Channing & Waldron worth knowing better & I got into close touch with them. Called at Claydon where I met Principal Childs of Reading University Coll: who spoke well at the meeting yesterday. Lady Verney seems a very good woman, quite responsive to the Noblesse Oblige idea. It was strange being back in Claydon which I had not seen for 42 years! barring a dinner from Oxford 32 years ago which showed me the old place by night only. Developed what I fear is neuritis in the left arm.
<i>Fr Lowell, A. Lawrence</i>	3 May, Mon	Back to town not feeling well. Lunched with Lady Londonderry, wrote letters during afternoon & little else.
	4 May, Tue	Saw Dr. White of 43 Weymouth St. whom Gardiner had recommended as good for neuritis. He spent an hour giving electric shocks to all the most sensitive nerves in my body & then told me that I must have had neuritis coming on for 6 months at least, that I was desperately run down – pulse & temperature (very subnormal) most unsatisfactory. Rest absolute & prolonged drugs galore. Damn!!! Dined with Rupert Guinness – buck party – bored sitting betw'n Campbell MP & Moberly Bell. Good company but not great conversation.
<i>Fr Page, Walter Hines</i>	5 May, Wed	A talk with MacDonnell & with Ld. Milner about the Land Bill and a memorial service to poor Jack Simeon made up the day. I was too seedy to do any good. Noel Buxton lunched with me.
	6 May, Thu	Seedy & depressed. Lunched with Harold Cox, had a talk with Garvin & agreed with Editor of "XIX Century & After" for an article in June No.
	7 May, Fri	Shaftesbury passed through town & I found him ready to do all that was required of him re the Land Bill in the Lords. Fr. O'Donovan lunched. He is bankrupt & altogether out of sorts. He is going to unfrock himself & look round for work. It is very sad. I offered financial help. He was rather hurt Went to Shan Bullock's for a walk & talk. Still seedy enough.
	8 May, Sat	Mooned about aimlessly & finally went to see Rolleston settling into a new abode at Hampstead.
	9 May, Sun	Called on Mrs. JR Green & met Kettle MP with whom I had a long talk. Lansdowne sent a note at dinner time to say he could not dine tomorrow – laid up. I stayed over here a week for this meeting. I suspect Arthur Balfour will cry off now.
(To Adams, ?W.G.S. fr sec'y Anderson, R.A.; WOL.1/3) (To Finlay, Fr. Thomas fr sec'y Anderson,	10 May, Mon	Lunched with Lady Betty after a busy morning. Doctor W.H White (43 Weymouth St.) again gave me electric shocks, proved that all my nerves were inflamed, urged me to take a long rest & said if I did not I should break down utterly.

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R.A.; WOL.1/2) (To Wolff, Henry W. fr sec'y Anderson, R.A.; WOL.1.1)		Arthur Balfour, Percy & Henry Butcher dined at St. James Club where I stupidly mismanaged the feast & had a bad dinner! I was muddled & made a bad impression. But I was not well & that's the whole trouble now. However, I heard what was wanted for my brief to politicians which will be in the Nineteenth Century for June.
<i>Fr Butterfield, Keynon (Fr Wolff, Henry W. to Anderson, R.A.)</i>	11 May, Tue	Morning mail to Chester where I met Bob Yerburch & talked with him for an hour to the Cheshire Chamber of Agriculture on Agric'l Coop'n. Then came on by the L&NWR express service to Holyhead where I put up for the night with Col. H Pilkington, bro-in-law to H Reichel a Westmeath landlord, and a moving spirit of the Imperial Home Rulers. He is a nice fellow, not clever though I believe he writes well. His wife is Thomas Esmonde's sister & quite nice.
(To Wolff, Henry, W. fr sec'y Anderson, R.A.)	12 May, Wed	Back by day boat to Kilteragh & glad to get home where I am going to try & get back some strength by taking it easy.
<i>(Fr Wolff, Henry W. to Anderson, R.A.)</i>	13 May, Thu	Daisy & Mamie arrived & Shaftesbury dined & slept for Congested Districts Board.
	14 May, Fri	C.D.B. and laziness.
To Pinchot, Gifford	15 May, Sat	Kind Hanson came to breakfast & we discussed the XIX Century article which I worked at half a day. Then golfed with Anderson. Wallace the Potato expert of the Department & wife dined. Principal Childs of Reading University College and S. Armytage [<i>sic</i>] Smith by last boat.
	16 May, Sun	Work very hard & tiring but inevitable as I am pledged to the Nineteenth Century for June. Mamie is a charming child to have about one, what a pity she must so soon be a grown-up. A.E. & a strange Danish Professor Dr. Fredericksen dined & we had much interesting talk. Much against my interests, I fear, I have had to give Synnot an effective backing for head of Agricultural Branch of Reading University College.
	17 May, Mon	[No entry]
	18 May, Tue	Work & play. Childs left & so did Daisy & Mamie.
To Lowell, A. Lawrence	19 May, Wed	Spent whole day finishing XIX Century article & did it badly. It is to be my last "grind" till I am well.
	20 May, Thu	Hewby, Robinson & Joy dined. I spent a nearly idle day. Resting comes hard.
To Butterfield, Kenyon	21 May, Fri	R.A.A. & T[ommy]B[rabazon]P[onsonby] came to Foxrock.
	22 May, Sat	Proofs arrived from Ed[ito]r XIX Century.
	23 May, Sun	Symposium over my XIX Century article proofs which are a much bigger business than I had anticipated.
To Page, Walter Hines (by sec'y)	24 May, Mon	Up at 4.30 A.M. Wrote a peroration to my article which Tommy Ponsonby took to the Editor by the day mail! This is not exactly rest. But I frivoled the rest of the day.
	25 May, Tue	My first day's real rest & it was not quite undisturbed. I had a delightful 18 holes over Foxrock course with Rathmore. Armitage

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		Smith [<i>sic</i>] left.
	26 May, Wed	Began a rather irksome idleness. Daisy & Mamie left. Anderson went by long sea to London beginning what I hope will be an adequate holiday.
	27 May, Thu	“Tab” Brassey has been making trouble in the English Agric’l Organisation movement & I had to go & break my holiday to deal with the telegrams & letters flying betw’n the A.O.S. & I.A.O.S. Lentaigne came and golfed with me.
To MacDonnell, Ld. Antony Patrick [Text of Roosevelt letter in <i>IH</i> , XVI:22 (29 May 1909), p. 430]	28 May, Fri	Golfed with Rathmore at Dollymount & beat him – he is 70! Lady Mayo & two nieces & Daisy came to Kilteragh. The Homestead came out with the Roosevelt letter to Bryce which Grey & Birrell had suppressed, but which Gifford Pinchot got published in Wallaces[?] Farmer. It thus became public property.
	29 May, Sat	Daisy, Lady Mayo & her two nieces left by train (stopped by Jim Power at Foxrock) for Enniscorthy. Fr. Finlay, Jim & Mrs. Jim came by train & brought servants, luxurious lunch for train and food for party at Ballytrent house on Slane[y] opposite the Tuskar. Two motor cars came by train, Daisy’s & Lady Mayo’s, & one met us at Enniscorthy. We saw Wilton Castle – modern antique in fine site, a Col. Alcock’s – Edermine, Lady Power’s let to the retired Pasha Johnson a Wexford man with an Irish wife. We passed through Oylgate where Jim Power had built & given plots to an ideal little village. The P.P. was a dullard & I fear the scheme will not work out while he is there. Then a delightful evening. Canon Luke Doyle of Tagoat & Rev. Condell rector (no parishioners so breeds horses & discussed Derby & sale with Daisy). All this delightful holiday for a bit of work tomorrow which I shall note below.
<i>Fr Lowell, A. Lawrence</i>	30 May, Sun	All day motoring round Cottages seeing the work of the excellent Miss Barry of the Home Imp[rovement] Soc’y backed by Canon Doyle. In evening a meeting with dances, plays & songs in village Hall. A really useful but oh so tiring day.
[Roche’s slander suit against Sir Timothy Carew O’Brien began March 1908; Roche eventually won.]	31 May, Mon	Back by rail & motor with Daisy & Fr. F[inlay] to Foxrock taking Walpole’s garden en route. Found Alexis who had week-ended at Kilteragh. He hints that I should furnish him with the money for his trial. Without money he will collapse & he has not the wherewithal to pursue his maligner to the bitter end. It’s very awkward. The Times has a leader on the Roosevelt [letter.]
	1 Jun, Tue	It seems almost impossible to rest. Correspondence comes on my XIX Century article & of course on the Roosevelt letter. I must I fear get away – but life at Foxrock is the healthiest I know – air – diet – exercise all excellent! Today I tried my new – not yet painted Daimler motor, a grand machine for getting comfortably & I think safely over the country. Attended a meeting of the Council of Alexandra College & they put me on 2 committees (for domestic economy & sociology!). Geoghegan dined & we talked Congested Districts. Rest!!!
To Byrne, James	2 Jun, Wed	½ day at Plunkett House.

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<i>Fr Lee, Arthur [Lee of Fareham]</i>		
To Skilbeck, Wm. Wray	3 Jun, Thu	Too much work. Must get away.
	4 Jun, Fri	Went into the office. Began to dictate a memorandum re the Roosevelt letter to SH Butcher who is to look after the matter in Parliament. Got violently sick & had to get Johnny Lentaigne to bring me out to Foxrock where I went to bed.
	5 Jun, Sat	Dr. came out & found me much better. But he talked very alarmingly hinting at paralysis & all sorts of calamities if I went on over working my brain. I played croquet for ¼ hour and otherwise rested in the house – too chilly outside. This is obeying doctor's orders with a vengeance.
	6 Jun, Sun	Sir C Ball & Lentaigne came to Kilteragh & golfed, J.E. Healy lunched. Adams and Norman came to see me in afternoon. Alexis Roche cheered up. I felt much better in the head, but unhappily had to work it a good deal (unbeknownst to my doctor!) owing to the imminence of Parliamentary questions about the Roosevelt-Bryce letter.
	7 Jun, Mon	Hard morning packing & getting off. Had to get motor off from North Wall & get myself off from Kingstown, arrange Daisy & Mamie's plans & get by road to Bangor. Saw my Holyhead host (Col. Pilkington) while waiting to start. He turned out to be one of Daisy's dancing partners before she was married. Slept at George Hotel, Bangor & called after supper on Sir Harry Reichel.
	8 Jun, Tue	Left as early as is possible with two ladies & went via Bett[w]s y Coed & Shrewsbury to Worcester where we slept. Weather too chilly to rest. But my new car is a success & that's something.
<i>Fr Bonn, Moritz Julius (month unclear)</i>	9 Jun, Wed	Saw over The Commandery one of the most interesting old English religious Houses I have seen. The battle of Worcester 1651 was fought almost in its grounds. Charles II escaped through the roof of the house & got off to France. Saw also the Cathedral – I think the most interesting to me of any I have seen – except Westminster Abbey. Then came to Stratford on Avon passing through two delightful old world villages Broadway & Chipping Campden. Thence to Oxford where we had tea & walked about till it was dark. Good for Maimie I am sure.
[Aylesbury]	10 Jun, Thu	Walked over Oxford & saw many ever interesting things – ripping things said Mamie. Then by Aylesford, [<i>sic</i>] St. Albans (did the Abbey Church – cold & uninspiring though huge) to Lower Woodside, Hatfield where I left the 2 passengers with the Scotts & came to Mount St. Piles of letters awaiting me.
	11 Jun, Fri	Anderson & Butcher occupied me most of the day. The former is going back, I fear to work, to Ireland. The latter wrote a letter to the Times contradicting the untruths of Grey (alas) & Dillon in answer to questions about the Roosevelt letter.
	12 Jun, Sat	The weekly papers have many references to the Roosevelt letter. Armstrong joined us at the Hotel & Reay in the train & we went to Pelton. The New Institute was a quite admirable building in every way, the plans are in the Academy this year, and I had a feeling that I was formally opening something which would live. After a lunch to some 50 representative folk – 2 local labour

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		M.P.s, clergy of all denominations, a jolly fat Irish P.P. being the best of them by far, the leading officials & men's representatives, in a --g-- we went to the Hall which crowns the whole building & seats 500 at a pinch. It was crowded. I never addressed an audience with whom I felt it easier to get on terms. I think I spoke simply & from what the others said, well. The M.P.s J[ohn] Wilson & Taylor were more than nice to the owners & me & the whole affair was a great success. I <u>must</u> now <u>rest</u> .
	13 Jun, Sun	Filson Young called & told me he had committed suicide just before he went to the U.S. but had been brought back to life – stomach pump I inferred. The poor fellow has had a bad time of it but I don't know both sides – not his wife's I mean. Moted to L[owe]r Woodside, Hatfield to see Daisy & Mamie at the Scotts. Pleasant afternoon & evening.
<i>Fr Wallace, Henry</i>	14 Jun, Mon	Had a talk with Sir G. Murray whom I met at dinner later at the Shaw Stewarts (20 ?Mansfield St) about Birrell's Bill. I learned that B. had frankly confessed that the Bill was introduced not on its merits but to keep the Irish vote!
	15 Jun, Tue	Saw Mary & Daisy, wrote many letters, called on A.J.B. who was out & explained my views to J Sanders as to tactics on Land Bill, lunched at Carlton & talked with A. Baumann who it appears is one of the proprietors of the Saturday Review (and a Free Trader!) and then motored to Emily Lawless' Surrey cottage. She was alone with her books – if that is alone.
	16 Jun, Wed	Morning with Emily. Then through a lovely part of Surrey (via Dorking & Reigate) to Bletchingley where I put up with Walsh at Sandhills. He has beautiful furniture & a nice house every way – gardens, view, lawns &c. He has two motors & money to get all he wants. But he lives for himself alone & I wonder if he is happy.
	17 Jun, Thu	To London – a Pelton Board meeting & on to Harpenden for the annual meet of the Lawes trustees which I attended as a guest. Interesting men & place. Slept at Laboratory House with the Halls. When will the prayer for salvation from one's friends be out of date. The Ulster members have done their best to put me in the wrong about the Roosevelt letter. They have allowed Dillon & the government to make it appear that I published the letter in America & Ireland.
<i>Fr Desjardins, Alphonse</i>	18 Jun, Fri	Foursome, Hall & self vs Sydney Brooks & Beach Thomas at Wheathamstead made a delightful combination of pleasure (9 parts) & business (1 part). Then to London. Dined with Mrs. Willie Jameson & went to Stafford House party where saw all sorts of celebrities. It looks a sort of Salon. Eddie I was glad to see there.
	19 Jun, Sat	Moted Alice Balfour down to Fisher's Hill for the week end. Family all there except Ruth & Lady Gwendolen Cecil – a very able <u>woman</u> (a mistake of Providence). Nearly had an accident through the car skidding in a crush at Hammersmith. Only smashed lamps & bent mud guard as it happened.
	20 Jun, Sun	Did not feel well in the head & was intolerably stupid. Had to do a little work & that made me stupider. After tea a golf with Alfred

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		Lyttelton – he & I against Gerald redeemed the day. I played my best & we won.
	21 Jun, Mon	Left after breakfast & came to London where Lady Falmouth used the greater part of my day lunching me & taking me to the A.O.S. to discuss the details of agric'l coop'n in Cornwall.
[In Britain 'bogey' was still the term for a round shot at 'par'.]	22 Jun, Tue	Lunched with Arthur H Lee M.P. whom I got in touch with at Roosevelt's request. Lee was with R in the Cuban War & became a warm personal friend. R. will stay with him when he is in London & through L. I am to arrange R.'s movements (if any) in Ireland. Golfed with S. Brooks after tea at Hanger Hill. Never played so well! In a high wind did the 18 holes in 18 over bogey.
To Pinchot, Gifford <i>Fr Lubin, David</i>	23 Jun, Wed	Lunched with Lucy where I met a not very interesting lot of lions. Mrs. Thurston, a Waterford girl was of humble origin who writes not very good but very paying literature, was the most interesting. Dined with Munro Fergusons & met Lady Jeune (now St. Helier) some M.P.s & Lady Dufferin. Had good talk with Harold Cox at House of Commons.
	24 Jun, Thu	Met James Campbell & arranged for him to draft amendments to the Land Bill carrying out my policy as expressed in XIX Century Article.
	25 Jun, Fri	Harold Cox & Armitage Smith to lunch. Both interesting. Conference with SH Butcher & later with James Campbell about Land Bill. Walter Page & S Brooks to dinner with Eddie who got an opportunity to commend his books to the Journalist & Page the Amer'n publisher. Went to a Lansdowne House crush. Wrote the conventional, & not always sincere congratulations to recipient[s] of King's Birthday honours.
	26 Jun, Sat	Not very well. Loafed. Lunched at Wellington with Tommy Ponsonby & met a Sir Henry Cunningham retired Anglo Indian. Very interesting, a Price Collier (American sportsman, traveller, journalist, friend of Tom's) & Reggie.
[query in original; Arthur Morton Grenfell]	27 Jun, Sun	Motored to Fox Warren, Cobham where I found Grey & his son Howick & wife, a Mr. Lionel ?Bultal & his wife with my hostess Hilda Lyttelton & her husband, ? Grenfell – a Jew City man he looked like. We broke into two golf parties. I stayed after to dinner. Not very good discourse. Grey is a very nice fellow but not, I should say, as clever as people think him.
To Lubin, David	28 Jun, Mon	Lunched Lady Londonderry, met Crewe which stopped converse of the kind I wanted. Went to House of Lords to hear an Indian debate. Could not hear the low toned talk. Met Eddie there. He & I went to lobby where he saw Walter Long. Afterwards I saw W.L. & he asked me to get Eddie to work West Wilts[hire] for all it is worth or else chuck it while they can get a fighter. Dined at Gray's Inn. Duke of Connaught present & I had no orders on me. His eye caught it at once. I must write & apologise! The people I sat next were not interesting.
	29 Jun, Tue	P D Kenny (Pat) called to interview me for Morning Post. Yerburgh & Brassey came about English Ag Cooperative affairs. Hanson called about the Land Bill. I went to Johnson & made a codicil to my will. I golfed with Yerburgh at Wimbledon & took

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		Miss Magan & Daisy to a play – a busy day!
	30 Jun, Wed	Lord Curzon at Kedleston saw me at 10.30 AM & we arranged that he should look after the administrative provisions of the Land Bill in the Lords. I saw Vaughan Nash about some tupenny matter & explained to him in conversation what I objected to in the Bill. Had a talk with Lionel Earle who told me that Sir Henry Robinson wanting to get a job for his soldier son had written to him (L.E.) that Birrell was the best chief secretary we had ever had! Was interviewed for the Morning Post by P D Kenny. Declined to be treated as a Man of the Day by Vanity Fair as I found they wanted to get me to pay an absurd price for the original of the portrait.
<i>Fr Henry Wallace</i>	July; date uncertain	
To Wallace, Henry To Ware, Fabian <i>Fr Ware, Fabian</i>	1 Jul, Thu	A troublesome meeting of the Joint Board for Cooperative agric'l trade though only Brassey, Lord Leith of Fyvie & Anderson present. Then wound up things & took Daisy & her sister by motor to Maidenhead en route to Llanover & home to Ireland.
	2 Jul, Fri	Maidenhead to Bath. Daisy took the motor to inspect Wellington College (10 miles south of Reading) while I looked over Reading University College where Hart Synnot is to be Director of Agriculture. A gloriously fine day – at last.
[Hedley] [Blyth – ?Poppy's brother Bleiddyn (in Welsh)]	3 Jul, Sat	Saw the old Roman Baths & the Georgian Pump House. The former the most interesting antiquity I think I have seen in England. On to Gloucester through Stroud, mostly a bleak upland county. Cathedral, splendid outside but mixture & I felt conflict, of styles – Norman & Gothic – inside. Then to Chepstow & thence up Wye Valley to Monmouth seeing Tintern Abbey en route. Then Raglan Castle a really fine ruin which was gallantly defended by Charles I's supporters under the Earl of Worcester against Fairfax who stormed it. Cromwell afterwards demolished it – on to Llanover where Dr. Headly [<i>sic</i>], RC Bp of Newport, Blyth Herbert & wife, Poppy & her Maxwell were staying with the dear old world hostess.
	4 Jul, Sun	Quite Restful. The Bishop turned out to be a dull dog – pompous & lacking humour. Young Vaughan nephew of the Cardinal & Rev Bernard told me of his life which is simply farming 200 acres (mostly sheep herding) for his father. He is a rare type now-a-days but not a very interesting one. He had no views on rural life problems. I took the Bishop, Daisy, Blyth & Vaughan a short motor run.
[Dolgellau]	5 Jul, Mon	Left the hospitable folk at Llanover & went via Abergavenny, Brecon, Builth, Llanidloes, Caersws, Machynlleth & Dolgelly [<i>sic</i>] to Barmouth. Rained heavily over the best scenery – that means Dolgelly. But it was nearly all good for the whole 130 miles we travelled.
[Dermot Trench – nephew of HP's friend SH Butcher; committed suicide 1 Jul 1909]	6 Jul, Tue	Via Harlech where we saw the Castle, Porthmadog, Carnarvon & Menai Bridge to Holyhead. We crossed Daisy & I to Kingstown & put up for the night at Foxrock. [Note in upper margin:] “Write about Dermot Trench”

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To Butcher, S.H. Fr Wallace, Henry	7 Jul, Wed	Big arrears of correspondence forbade rest. So I worked most of the day at the Plunkett House. In the evening A D Steel Maitland came in from the West. He is over trying to master the agrarian situation so as to be able to advise Milner upon the Land Bill when it reaches The Lords. Daisy left.
To Butcher, S.H. To Skilbeck, Wm. Wray To Wallace, Henry	8 Jul, Thu	Felt very nervous & depressed for no cause. Fear my wretched nerves must have complete rest. Hanson & Prior Wandesforde came to stay.
<i>Fr Butcher, S.H.</i> <i>Fr Skilbeck, Wm. Wray</i>	9 Jul, Fri	A meeting of the General Committee of the IAOS. I talked to them about the Land Bill & then left Fr. F[inlay] to preside. Wandesforde left me & Rev. R de Bary came to dine & sleep. Fr. Finlay & Rev'd. D. Tuohy a St. Louis, M[iss]o[uri] Priest dined. Jack Leslie spent the last half of the day with me & we took a long walk together. Hanson was at dinner & slept so we had a strange mixture of people.
To Butcher, S.H. To Pinchot, Gifford	10 Jul, Sat	½ day at Plunkett House. De Bary left. Henry Wallace of Wallace's [sic] Farmer which published the Roosevelt-Bryce letter arrived. Also Walter Page (with wife & daughter). Page is a N.Y. publisher (Doubleday Page & Co) a member of the General Educ'n Board to which Rockefeller has just given another \$10,000,000 & of Roosevelt's Country Life Com'n on which Wallace also served. A.E. came to dinner. Last night & tonight were very interesting dinners.
	11 Jul, Sun	Fr. Finlay to lunch. Then motored the whole party to Leopardstown where we met Boss Croker & brought him back to see Kilteragh. I confess that this personality, interesting no doubt, does not command respect. But he might subscribe to the I.A.O.S. & Fr. Finlay will absolve me. Then took the party to the top of Killiney Hill for the view. Anderson & J E Healy dined. All day I was working psychologically on the two male American guests. I want them to support me in my attack raid on the Rockefeller millions for the Plunkett House scheme.
	12 Jul, Mon	Devoted the day to my guests & tried hard to explain to them the idea of the Country Life Institute with hope of getting them to draw funds for its establishment from Rockefeller & Co. Joy & Anderson dined & helped. Hanson as helpful as ever.
<i>Fr Butcher, S.H.</i> <i>Fr Pinchot, Gifford.</i>	13 Jul, Tue	The Walter Pages left. Wallace dictated two articles at Plunkett House for his "Wallaces' Farmer". Mrs. Ashby & Miss Wallace arrived. I am doing them well!
To Butcher, S.H. To Page, Walter Hines To Skilbeck, Wm. Wray Fr Page, Walter Hines	14 Jul, Wed	Tom Ponsonby brought a Dr. Rieloff out to Kilteragh for dinner. He is a most interesting man, German Consul in Mexico. Adams golfed & dined too. He told me he was supporting the government's Land Bill – or not opposing it as a matter of official loyalty. This I was glad to know as I feared he was favouring it on its merits.
<i>Fr Skilbeck, Wm. Wray</i>	15 Jul, Thu	Lady Betty arrived with three children.
To Pinchot, Gifford <i>Fr Bonn, Mrs. Therèse</i> <i>Fr Bryce, James</i>	16 Jul, Fri	A quiet day with Lady Betty & the children.
To Brooks, Sydney To Sellar, Mrs. G.	17 Jul, Sat	Saw A.E.'s pictures and took Lady Betty & Daisy who came up for the week end to Powerscourt Garden Party.

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[8 stone, 11 lb = 123 lb]	18 Jul, Sun	A rather tiring day. The Wallaces came to lunch. The Starkies called. Joy, Norman & Anderson dined. Weighed naked 8.11.
<i>Fr Steel-Maitland, Sir Arthur</i> <i>Fr Strachey, John St. Loe</i>	19 Jul, Mon	Daisy left after getting me to take her & Lady Betty to inspect ?Glen---moe, Bray (F Jameson's) as a possible purchase for Lady de Vesci (Dowager). I did a hard morning at the XIX Century article which I am going to reprint in pamphlet form. Tomorrow I hope to finish it & then give up work & tea (which has been necessary to keep me awake!) & have a complete rest (mental) till my nerves get right.
To Bonn, Mrs. Therèse To Steel-Maitland, Sir Arthur	20 Jul, Tue	Tried to finish rewriting XIX Century article & failed. Fr. F[inlay] dined. Hanson left.
	21 Jul, Wed	2 Committees of CDB & did my best to get my literary work finished. Failed. Joy and a domestic economy lady employed by the CDB dined. They taught me nothing – so much so that I felt she must have been warned of the danger to the national welfare of telling me anything.
<i>Fr Murphy, Rev. James</i>	22 Jul, Thu	Gerald Balfour came. I nearly finished my work.
To MacDonnell, Ld. Antony Patrick To Murphy, Rev. James <i>Fr Gifford Pinchot to Sec'y of Agriculture</i>	23 Jul, Fri	C.D.B. from which I brought Shaftesbury to Foxrock after a round of golf with Gerald Balfour & Joy at Portmarnock in a gale with heavy showers. Bagwell Robinson dined. Filson Young came to stay rather inconveniently. Daisy also came for two nights. Got proof of my attack on Birrell's Land Bill to the printers.
	24 Jul, Sat	A little work on the sly at a Prefatory Note for my Pamphlet which I decided to call Unsettlement of the Irish Land Question. Daisy left. We all went to Powerscourt where Lady P. was as nice as possible.
[Dames-Longworth]	25 Jul, Sun	A wintry day. J.G. Barton & Mrs. Longworth Dames [<i>sic</i>] lunched. We disliked her.
	26 Jul, Mon	We all went to the top of the Sugar Loaf, a delightfully easy piece of mountaineering. A.E. & Norman dined & talked ghost stories.
To Brooks, Sydney	27 Jul, Tue	Rained all day. Sent proof slips of pamphlet to Printers. Now decided to rest absolutely. Arnotts & Kennys dined. SH Butcher came.
	28 Jul, Wed	Filson Young left & Noel Buxton came after dinner. At dinner we assembled Boss Croker & his niece & Tim Healy. The former in hopes of getting him to spend some of his millions, or even a few hundreds, on Irish <u>work</u> , the latter for his real interest.
	29 Jul, Thu	Old Mrs. Sellar came. Noel Buxton left. Was very seedy.
	30 Jul, Fri	Mrs. Sellar now 81 arrived & we had a quiet day so as not to tire her.
	31 Jul, Sat	R. Munro Ferguson M.P. came to dine as also the Gills & Starkies. Did a lot of work for my attack on the Land Bill on the Liberal M.P.
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	1 Aug, Sun	The Stopfords, Munro Ferguson, Filson Young lunched & we went to see Richard Croker's awful Castle! I am not at all well & I fear a real rest cure sooner or later will be necessary.

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	2 Aug, Mon	All except the too young boy motored to Killeen – a cool, rather grey, but often gloriously fine day. It was a cheery party – 6 children, 4 Plunketts & 2 Balfours faring well. My head is still bad, a loud singing in it. The reaction I am going through makes me very depressed. I have given up the strong milk tea breakfast which formed my working power for the last 7 years.
	3 Aug, Tue	My party broke up all except Gerald Balfour, Lady Betty & her three youngest children going to SH Butcher's house at Killarney to "rough it[?]" and Mrs. Sellar to Newcastle, Co. Down for an autumnal rest with some of her family. Harrel & Gibbons dined, Daisy dined & slept betw'n 2 dentist days. Gerald & I golfed at Dollymount. I never had a more ideal party – youth, middle age & old age all well represented – especially the two extremes.
	4 Aug, Wed	Left Gerald Balfour at L&NW Boat at 1.45 & go (Sydney Brooks wife there) & ----- at the Day mail. Daisy left. I am in low health & spirits. Rest absolute for the nerves is now my only hope of usefulness.
<i>Fr Sellar, Mrs. G. (year uncertain)</i>	5 Aug, Thu	Golfed with the S.B.s & motored them in the afternoon. A wee bit heavy on head after the ideal party just gone.
Fr Byrne, James Fr Pinchot, Gifford [8 st, 11 lbs, 8 oz = 123½ lb]	6 Aug, Fri	Weight naked empty 8.11.8. Temperature 97°, 1 P.M. A day of almost absolute rest. But I am still in the throes of the reaction & feel beastly, as schoolboys say.
	7 Aug, Sat	Did nearly nothing as could be!
Fr Bonn, Moritz Julius	8 Aug, Sun	Lentaigne & JE Healy came to golf & lunch, & to lunch also a Dr. Barnard introduced by F.C. Bosler & Julie Sartorio, née Bonn. In the afternoon Gill & for dinner Anderson & son, Fletcher & son, Joy & P J Hannon. Not quite restful! But all out of doors in glorious weather.
	9 Aug, Mon	Rested mentally. Beat Sir John Arnott at golf.
	10 Aug, Tue	Professor Lees Smith came to the Plunkett House to study cooperation &c in Ireland. I went & fetched him out to lunch. Very interesting man. Adams & wife came & golfed. John D Crimmins of New York called in a motor car. Busy-idle day.
Fr Wallace, Henry	11 Aug, Wed	Golf at Dollymount with Brooks, Lentaigne & J.E. Healy. Weather still glorious & I begin to feel better.
	12 Aug, Thu	More laziness & I think the better for it.
	13 Aug, Fri	After morning's golf wrote some letters at Plunkett House & came down to Killeen for Fingall's Puppy show tomorrow. Fellow guests Fogey Riddell now Mrs. Stoner & her oaf of a man. St. Leger Moore & wife. Real stupid men folk. What would Killeen have been but for Daisy.

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<i>Fr Wallace, Henry</i>	14 Aug, Sat	Moted to the Kennels & saw old hunting friends – what a different life it recalled. The thing was well done & excellent feeling towards Fingall was manifest. Back to Kilteragh where I found Lentaigne spending the afternoon & evening & incidentally vetting poor Mrs. Sydney Brooks. It is clearly an internal abscess somewhere – constantly poisoning her – which must be cut out. Can she stand a deep operation? That’s the awful question her husband has to answer.
	15 Aug, Sun	Golfed at Killiney with S Brooks, Lentaigne père & fils. Then an afternoon at Foxrock, a Dr. & Mrs. Barnard introduced by F.C. Bosler being entertained at lunch. E A Stopford called & I called on John Atkinson & had an interesting talk with his son Cecil A.
To Byrne, James <i>Fr Rolleston, T.W.</i>	16 Aug, Mon	Mild propagandism on the Land Bill. Otherwise rest.
	17 Aug, Tue	Idleness. Crimmins to lunch at Club – golf. Barton & his artist sister to dinner – that’s all.
	18 Aug, Wed	The S. Brooks left. A Francis J Kilk---y with an introd[uctio]n from Washington came to dine. I was interested in his story. The son of a small farmer in Co Leitrim he had been 18 years in America, signing as a labourer & working his way up the post of private secretary to the Controller of the Currency in Washington. He had a rather hazy scheme in hand for promoting a great invasion of Ireland by Irish American tourists to see what could be done to start industries!
To Pinchot, Gifford <i>Fr Wallace, Henry</i>	19 Aug, Thu	A day without guests, the first for six weeks! Golfed with Anderson at Bray after a morning’s mild work in town.
	20 Aug, Fri	Letter from Walter Long to effect that Eddie was neglecting his hoped for constituency caused me to road down to dine at Dunsany. The Macmillans, Sydney Brooks & Miss B---- were there. I had only 2 hours as I left Foxrock at 6.40 & was back at 11.40. Eddie only wants to get M.P. for notoriety. I shall try to get him out of his candidature.
	21 Aug, Sat	Small half day’s work at I.A.O.S. The Crimmins & three daughters to lunch. Daisy & Lady Powerscourt & Fingall to meet them. Took all to Leopardstown races. Fingall came too to lunch & left Daisy & 3 elder children for the Horse Show. Really Crimmins ought to support the I.A.O.S.
	22 Aug, Sun	Nugent Harris brought a very intelligent Englishman (Secretary to a Liberal M.P.) named Graff to lunch & I did a little explan[atio]n of the Land Bill. We all went to tea on the Dalziel’s yacht. He had the most horrible crowd of Jew financiers I ever saw, not redeemed by Major Eustace Jameson. Dorothy & Bryan arrived by early mail. Fingall spent the day.
<i>Fr Bonn, Moritz Julius (month uncertain)</i>	23 Aug, Mon	Leopardstown Races again – a big crowd then Alice & Rowley arrived. Heard from Walter Long that West Wilts was tired of Eddie & he must retire. Reggie arrived in Dublin. I could not put him up being full. Anderson housed him.
	24 Aug, Tue	First day of the Horse Show. I looked in at my party enjoying themselves at it.

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<i>Fr Young, Filson (year uncertain)</i>	25 Aug, Wed	The Show and a meeting of the I.A.W.S. took up most of the day. Bryan left for his military duties. I liked him the more I saw of him. H. Braddon & wife Australian millionaires dined, ?Jim Power introduced them to me as possible supporters of the I.A.O.S.
To Young, Filson	26 Aug, Thu	Beach Thomas all the afternoon. I like him. He will help with the Times & other newspapers to expound the Rural Life idea which I thoroughly explained to him. Went with party to Abbey Theatre to see Bernard Shaw's very badly acted play The Showing Up of Blanco Posnet. The debate of yesterday in the Commons on Part III of the Land Bill showed that my work against it had told. Birrell was bitter in his sneers at me & Long defended me very generously.
	27 Aug, Fri	A C.D.B. Committee. The Braddons to lunch. Croquet in afternoon. Alice & Rowley to a dance at Royal Hospital. Lady Betty arrived at 10.35 P.M. Kingsbridge. I met her & brought her to Foxrock for a brief night. She has to leave by tomorrow's early mail for Eng'd. She gave me a delightful account of the picnic with the 3 children & governess & nurse & no other servants in SH Butcher's borrowed house. Lady Kenmare told her many interesting things – especially that the Lords would support my views on the Congestion part of the Land Bill.
<i>Fr Young, Filson (date uncertain)</i>	28 Aug, Sat	Lunched at Royal Hospital & drove down to Palmerston with Daisy to see Lady Mayo who had been ill. But she had just gone off to the Curragh, so we had our journey in vain. Tom Ponsonby came to dine & sleep.
	29 Aug, Sun	Golfed with Atkinson & discussed the Lords action on the Land Bill. Lady & Miss MacDonnell in afternoon. Julian Gaisford St. Lawrence, heir of Ld. Howth, came to lunch. Lady M. Domville had asked me to interest him in Irish things. I doubt being able to.
To Leslie, Shane	30 Aug, Mon	Daisy & 3 children left & I was alone for the first time for weeks. Lady Lyttelton & her daughter Hilda Grenfell lunched bringing Sir Neville to golf with me. I rather liked him.
	31 Aug, Tue	A good deal of work at the I.A.O.S. Then lunched (a 2 hours affair) with Mahaffy at T.C.D. Hannay arrived and a Downside Benedictine Father Dom Gregory F Quinlan dined. A most interesting but very unhealthy day.
To Pinchot, Gifford To Wallace, Henry	1 Sep, Wed	Drafted a letter to Lord Lansdowne about the Lords & the Land Bill. Wrote also to Butcher & consulted with Atkinson over it. No rest.
	2 Sep, Thu	The Alfred Hamiltons brought the Douglas Hydes to dinner. I also got the Adams & Hanson who stayed to sleep & Barton to meet them. A cheery evening. Worked at Land Bill amendments & wrote to Lansdowne & Butcher important letters thereon.
<i>Fr Strachey, John St. Loe</i>	3 Sep, Fri	Tommy Ponsonby called at the Plunkett House & told me he was engaged to a Miss Paynter with £4000 a year! Mrs. J R Green came to tea with the Stopfords & told me awful

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		stories of Filson Young's behaviour to his wife. Williams Ellis a Welsh cooperator arrived to study I.A.O.S. work.
[C.S. – likely Confederate States rifles from American Civil War]	4 Sep, Sat	Morning at Land Bill in Plunkett House. Then lunched Ellis & General Hart Synnot at Club & went to the C.S. Rifle Club in the mountains behind Dundrum to see them shoot. Atkinson & Fr. Finlay dined.
	5 Sep, Sun	The Moores of Botanic Gardens, Mahaffy, J.E. Healy, the Hansons (Pere, mere & fils), Stevenson of the Bd. of Works came to lunch. I was dull & unwell.
	6 Sep, Mon	Not well & horribly depressed. Eddie & Beatrice came through Dublin en route to grouse shooting in Yorkshire. I had heard from W Long begging me to get Eddie to resign his candidature for West Wilts[hire], so I waylaid him at Kingstown & got him to take that course.
<i>Fr Strachey, John St. Loe</i>	7 Sep, Tue	Consulted Lentaigne about seeing a specialist for nerves. He strongly urged it. He warned me solemnly against letting my nerves break down. He wired to make an appointment for Thursday but the big swell was on holiday. I must go later. Worked at Land Bill & golfed with Atkinson. Nice letter from Lansdowne.
	8 Sep, wed	C.D.B. Committees 11 to 3. T.W. Russell came in at the end but not Micks. I worked a bit at the I.A.O.S. & left by Night Mail for London to attend CDB meeting with Birrell present.
	9 Sep, Thu	Interesting day. Began with Butcher & dined with him tête à tête. Interviewed J H Campbell & W. Long. Lunched at Carlton where long talk with Carson & went on to the House where I saw Wyndham, Harold Cox, "Col." Lynch, who was introduced to me (a poor creature I diagnosed), Maurice Healy & several others. Butcher had heard in the most confidential way that the Gov't had placed an order for 17 million envelopes for rapid delivery. Is this a referendum to deal with the Lords? In the rest I gathered that possibly a majority of the Peers will decide that a desperate course is preferable to slow extinction which would result from passing this "foundation for future spoliation" Budget.
	10 Sep, Fri	Congested Districts Board at Irish office – present Ch: Sec, Geoghegan, Shaftesbury, Green, Micks, Harrel & Doran with an enormously swelled head. Birrell was polite & pleasant to me as he always is when he has not to please his Irish masters. Had a long talk with Fabian Ware about the Irish situation. I think I pleased him with my views. He is Ed[ito]r of Morning Post.
	11 Sep, Sat	Journeyed with Filson Young by day mail to Foxrock. His friend Russell whom he recommends as a possible private secretary came up from Castletown, Carrick-on-Suir, Windham Wyndham Quin's (& Lady Eva's) new Irish House where he had been staying. Tomorrow I shall take him down to Killeen & get him vetted by a woman. I like him in many ways. But is he too acatholic?
	12 Sep, Sun	Took my two guests to Killeen for tea & dinner in the motor. Got a badly inflamed eye in which I already had a bad cold.
	13 Sep, Mon	The Americanisation of Kilteragh. Ralph Stuart Wortley & Conrad Young came. I had a very sharp inflam[m]ation of left eye

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		& had to do a lot of work, F. Channing M.P. wiring me for suggestions for amending the Development Bill & the C.D.B. report having to be amended in the interests of the selfhelp movement. And the Amendments for the Land Bill to the same end are still on my chest!
	14 Sep, Tue	Daisy lunched. Archibald Russell left. I liked him & think he might make a good private secretary. But it's like choosing a wife – & I never could make up my mind to that.
<i>Fr Bullock, Shan F.</i>	15 Sep, Wed	Mrs. George Prothero came for 24 hours en route to Mt. Trenchard. She is interesting from living with clever people always.
	16 Sep, Thu	Miss Gertrude Conrad Young arrived & proved as good & dull as her brother.
To Bullock, Shan	17 Sep, Fri	Stuart Wortley left. I spent the day at Plunkett House and looking after the dull Youngs. Filson took my car to Greystones to talk to the Tyrrells!
To Magan, Miss Violet	18 Sep, Sat	Very unwell in head. Had to work at office ½ day. Col. Pilkington & wife (Esmonde's sister), Lady & Miss MacDonnell came. Fr. Finlay dined.
	19 Sep, Sun	Golf with Barton during hours of Divine Service! Then to lunch Hanson, his mother, Anderson and W. F. Bailey. Then the Gibbons, Hewby, Lane wife & sister in law & JG Barton to croquet tennis & lawn golf. All in glorious weather. Pleasure & forgetfulness. I must pay for it now by some good work for the less fortunate.
Fr Bonn, Moritz Julius [S.H. Cochrane] [<i>Dewan Bahadur</i> – Indian government title similar to knighthood]	20 Sep, Mon	Began the day with a long exposition of Agricultural Credit to Harrel at his house. Then went to see the Australians play [cricket] at H S Cochrane's [<i>sic</i>] ground at Bray taking Miss MacDonnell & Col. Pilkington. Then back & to town to meet Landlords convention with which I argued vainly for 1½ hours in favor of compulsory purchase in Congested Districts. Back to Kilteragh (which the MacDonnells had left) to find Dewan Bahadur V.M. Samarth (ex prime minister of Boroda) arrived for a two days' visit to study Plunkettism in Ireland. Hanson & A.E. to meet him at dinner. Pilkingtons left after dinner & slept on the mail boat.
	21 Sep, Tue	Meeting of C.D.B. to consider a proposed (by me) long addition to the Report (annual) re Raiffeisen Banks. I admit it was a bit controversial & I withdrew it on Dr. O'Donnell & Micks, who were whispering to each other all the time agreeing to words which satisfied me – for the present. Gill dined & was quite interesting on Old Age Pensions, Development Grant Bill &c &c.
To Brooks, Sydney To Butcher, S.H. To Seton, Sir Malcolm C.	22 Sep, Wed	Worked much harder than I ought.
To Bonn, Moritz Julius	23 Sep, Thu	A hard ½ day & then by midday service to London Filson Young going too. Found telegraphic invitation from Lady Londonderry to visit Wynyard.
	24 Sep, Fri	Joint Boards for Coop organisation & for Trade met at A.O.S. to

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		discuss Government's rushing into agric'l cooperation. Visited I.A.O.S. exhibit of Coop agric'l produce at Grocers' Exhib'n. Dined with Harold Cox, saw Butcher & Atkinson about Land Bill.
	25 Sep, Sat	After hard morning's letter writing, talk with RAA &c, left for Rye where A.D. Hall made me a guest at the Dormy House Club. There went also in motor car 3 Americans, all interesting and a Professor T.B. Wood head agric'l Dept of Cambridge University. Golf & good useful talk.
	26 Sep, Sun	Golf, 2 rounds & Bridge!
[Beckett]	27 Sep, Mon	Back early. Met Kenmare & Shaftesbury & lunched with MacDonnell. Then endless letters & dined with Filson Young to meet Gervase Becket [<i>sic</i>] M.P. proprietor of Saturday Review with him I argued (unavailingly) that it was madness for the Lords to reject the Budget – they should assert themselves constructively on other bills.
	28 Sep, Tue	Land Bill 2nd reading in Lords. I sat it out. It was a poor show redeemed by good speeches by Dunraven and Lansdowne. Lytton dined with me at Club. Met Londonderry & others at lunch.
<i>Fr Wolff, Henry W.</i>	29 Sep, Wed	Another day at the Land Bill in the Lords. I had to agree to Leader the debate for the Saturday Review as "Pat" can't do it right. Dined with Middleton to meet a lot of Irish Lords. Did some propagandist work. Lunched at Athenaeum to discuss the proposed Micks job with Sir Kenelm Digby. But he is not disposed to trouble about it.
To Wolff, Henry W.	30 Sep, Thu	Dined with Antony MacDonnell & Shaftesbury to discuss amendments to Land Bill & worked hard all day at a leader for the Saturday Review on the Lords Debate.
To Seton, Sir Malcolm C.	1 Oct, Fri	A talk with Lansdowne about the Land Bill, a leader for the Saturday Review thereon, an interview with Lloyd George at the House of Commons about the provision for the teaching of Agric'l Cooperation & for agric'l organisation in the Development Grant Bill, a discussion with Caroe about the work at Foxrock. A call on Emily Lawless, an examination for my nervous state by Dr. Risien Russell, 44 Wimpole St. & finally a dinner at Wellington Club to Sydney Brooks wife and D.C. Stapleton of Omaha made a fairly full day! The nerve specialist said – no organic disease but low state. Rest only treatment.
	2 Oct, Sat	A lot of letters, then off to Dublin by morning mail, Fingall going into my rooms as I went out. Daisy & ?Gurd The "Gerrman" came to stay & help me with my closing up of Kilteragh arrangements. In train wrote suggested Political Notes for the Parl'y correspondent of the Times (Nicholson) on Land Bill.
<i>Fr Flatley, Rev. John</i>	3 Oct, Sun	Anderson acting as amanuensis I wrote a long tall memorandum to Lansdowne about the Lords amendments to the Land Bill.
To Gregan, Paul	4 Oct, Mon	Added to yesterday's memorandum to Lansdowne a note on compulsory purchase. Tried to show Landlords they were fools to oppose the principle at this time of day.

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		In today's Times my Political Notes (see Saturday last) were transcribed verbatim.
<i>Fr Gregan, Paul (cable & letter)</i>	5 Oct, Tue	Wrote an important memorandum to Lloyd George on his proposal to allocate funds in his Development & Road Improvement Funds Bill to the promotion of cooperation. Worked also on the Lords Committee amendments to the Land Bill. Quarterly meeting of Committee of I.A.O.S. H Barbour & RAA dined & slept. A busy day.
To Leslie, Shane <i>Fr Flatley, Rev. John</i>	6 Oct, Wed	Lansdowne expressed regret I was not in London & I felt it important to give some more help to the cause of sanity, so I flew over for just the inside of one day to London.
	7 Oct, Thu	Called on Charles S Fairchild & wife. Friends of James Byrne. Then long talks with Lansdowne, MacDonnell, Monteagle, Atkinson, Midleton & others through the day & at a debate in the Lords. I never saw the Upper House nor the Irish Landlords in worse light. But I think I did good by my visit though I got few concessions.
To Flatley, Rev. John	8 Oct, Fri	Back at Kilteragh. Had a meeting at C.D.Board at which I managed to convert a very ugly situation betw'n I.A.O.S. & C.D.B. into harmony. WE Holmes, Anderson & Daisy were with me & I had JE Healy & Hanson to dinner.
To Ponsonby, Thomas	9 Oct, Sat	6 AM to 1.15 P.M. letters, final instructions at Kilteragh & Plunkett House, packing &c &c. Then with R.A.A. to Holyhead where I took the Celtic for New York. But it was so rough in the Channel we did no work. Got on Board rather sick, wrote a rush of letters & went to bed without dinner. R M Stuart Wortley & the Benjamin Guinness's, whom I hate, on board.
	10 Oct, Sun	36 miles by noon. Up at 6AM. Cup of tea & hard work at a supplementary memorandum on Land Bill in Lords. Told R.A.A. to send it to Lansdowne, Curzon, Milner, Monteagle, Atkinson, MacDonnell, Shaftesbury & some others.
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	12 Oct, Tue	330
	13 Oct, Wed	347
	14 Oct, Thu	381
	15 Oct, Fri	322
	16 Oct, Sat	345
	17 Oct, Sun	352 – 310 to Sandy Hook. Persistent head winds makes us 24 hours late. In the old Celtic nearly a fortnight's misery would have been our lot. A very dull voyage. I rested well and I think have gone up a peg in health. But I recognise that I am far from a satisfactory working state & am rather puzzled how to get to it.
[‘bached’ – lived as bachelors (US slang)] [<i>désœuvré</i> – idle]	18 Oct, Mon	Arrived 11 A.M. L Godkin with his motor met me & we ‘bached’ together at his house. He was back from Alaska, cheerier by far than when I was with him last year. He is terribly <i>désœuvré</i> . I hope to suggest some interest in life. His philosophy is broad & the case is hopeful. Saw Bourke Cockran & James Byrne who

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		reported his wife much better from her terrible illness. Thalmann, Dr. Buttrick & a few others of mixed relation to my life. Nerves distinctly better for the voyage. But still shaky enough.
	19 Oct, Tue	Lunched with Bourke Cockran & dined with Byrne at University Club. Near midnight Pinchot & Garfield turned up & we had a great talk about the good days of the Roosevelt adm[inistratio]n & the evil days of the judicial Taft.
[V. – Fifth] [VI. – Sixth]	20 Oct, Wed	With Pinchot & Garfield again for a talk at the University Club. Then went to Pritchett, Pres't of Carnegie Foundation, 576 V. Ave. to talk Country Life Institute. P. very sympathetic & will do all he can for me with Carnegie. He planned my meeting C. on the golf Links when I return to N.Y. He took me out to the St. Andrews Links ½ hour out from the end of the VI Ave. El[evated] R.R. & we had a game in the glorious Fall weather. Back to meet Judges Keogh & Brien & Rollo Ogden of Ev[enin]g Post at dinner with Godkin.
["truck" – market vegetables (US)]	21 Oct, Thu	How can I rest[?] Here I am among philanthropic millionaires who are wasting their substance on riotous paternalism in my field of social work. I could save them millions if they would let me & they could endow my work!! Dined with Walter Page & met two Southern cooperators of the agricultural variety, one of whom Hugh MacRae (3015 Singer Bdg.) had planted Dutchmen & Italians on "truck" farms in N. Carolina. He was ignorant of coop'n but was by way of establishing cooperative colonies.
	22 Oct, Fri	Met at lunch with R Conklin, Martin Littleton a young "Statesman" I was told. He is built on the lines of Bryan & Bourke Cockran & can I am sure talk. He thinks too in a crude way & expresses himself just as he should to be ?understood of the people. Business & cooperative work. Heard from Anderson that Joy was deeply in debt & had gone all to the devil, living a dissolute life in Dublin. Wrote to him to keep Joy working in the country. Heard also from Joy who apologised for his having been "at loose ends" & promised hard work & complete reform. Byrne told me he had lent (i.e. given) thousands of dollars to Fr. O'Donovan, who is coming out to U.S.A. to get work as a layman. Byrne has evidently some contempt for him.
	23 Oct, Sat	Packed & left at noon for Chicago & Omaha.
	24 Oct, Sun	In the train & at Chicago between trains. And this is my birthday – my 55th!
	25 Oct, Mon	Omaha looking less sleepy every year. There is no doubt about the future of the place now. I looked around a bit & then golfed with lawyer Baldrige, Congressman Hitchcock & Conrad Young.
	26 Oct, Tue	Old General Manderson lunched me & had Wattles (the most intelligent business man in Omaha that I have met), Yates my banker & some others to meet me. Made rather a foolish offer to Monteaule to buy out half his Omaha property. I feel that it would be hard on him to be left to deal with my executors. Had some more golf.

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	27 Oct, Wed	Omaha to Cheyenne. 7.20 AM to 10.45 PM in UP train, with an hour's difference of local time 16 hrs 25 min at a stretch. Had not seen mid Nebraska by day for many years. Tedious in spite of modern comforts. Dust & smoke cannot (yet) be dealt with. Put up with Judge Carey. His tiresome good wife more silly than ever. When she went to bed I had some useful talk with the Judge.
[Peirce]	28 Oct, Thu	After a long talk with Carey & a short one with John Chaplin, a splendid case of redemption from what all thought hopeless drunkenness, went to Rock River with Bosler who came along by train from Carlisle. Johnny Pierce [<i>sic</i>] met us with a motor at Rock River & we jolted over sage brush where a farming community is to oust the Prairie Dogs in the coming by & by. Eric Hamilton came & slept at the Ranche & I heard Pierce's [<i>sic</i>] story of his leaving the Diamond Co. The boy was careless & he thought he was underpaid. He joined a strike & quit.
	29 Oct, Fri	Spent from fairly early morn to sun down in the automobile. Flew over the great plains. Bosler & I can irrigate them & settle them & if done in a really honest & liberal way can do a great public service. I made up my mind to make the thing win if I can & use the money for public purposes in Ireland. We took Eric Hamilton with us & I studied the boy. He is intellectually backward & the West is the only remedy. What a complete change is the whole life of the West annihilating time & distance in cars & motors! A fine old timer, 41 years of it in Wyo., named Fox now resident on a Ranch nearby came to stay the night.
[Peirce]	30 Oct, Sat	Goodbye to Mrs. Pierce [<i>sic</i>] & young Johnny & to Eric to whose mother I wrote a long frank letter. Then off again by the motor to Rock Creek & through the Laramie plains to Laramie City. Interviewed one of the settlers who had been brought on to the desert by the wickedest piece of "boosting" I ever saw. Poor Eastern farmers had been induced to sell their little improved houses & come out to where they could get 640 acres of irrigable(!) land at the modest price of \$30 per acre + 20 for water!! To Cheyenne by train with Bosler & Pierce [<i>sic</i>] who I housed with Carey & met Billy Irvine. A good day for associates & reminiscences.
[Peirce]	31 Oct, Sun	A long conference with Whiting the Engineer we are going to give the Diamond Cattle Co job to. Also with Pierce [<i>sic</i>], Bosler having left early about the general affairs of the Co. I find Pierce [<i>sic</i>] a very fine character, far superior to Bosler & I think much more in my interest.
	1 Nov, Mon	To Wheatland & back with Carey, Lieberoth & Irvine. We discharged the sales agent of the Co, which Carey should have done two years ago. We then motored over the lands returning from Bordeaux. Robert Carey & wife were on the train. I got into touch with his mind & have decided to do my best to get Carey père to take this son into his confidence & work.
	2 Nov, Tue	Business varied & strenuous. Wyo Dev Co, Diamond Cattle Co &

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[Johnston]		some Cheyenne Real Estate. I think I made progress with all. But the interesting things were (1) a straight talk with Carey about his own private affairs with which he, I told him, ought to associate one or both of his grown sons and (2) a talk with the State Engineer (Johnson) [<i>sic</i>] & Whiting over a plan for exposing fraudulent irrigated land companies in order to give a chance to the legitimate enterprises.
	3 Nov, Wed	After a sweltering night in the train a strenuous day at Omaha. Saw Mohler of U.P.R.R. (Gen Manager) about the irrigation frauds, worked at Paper on Cooperation in Ireland for meeting of Nat[ional] Grange at Des Moines next week, wrote many letters on my work & golfed!
	4 Nov, Thu	Business and writing address for National Grange meeting on 11th kept me hard at work all day. The weather is the very best English summer kind. But they will heat the houses. My bedroom was 80° all last night though the windows were wide open.
	5 Nov, Fri	Carey & Lieberoth turned up in Omaha en route to Chicago where they were going to appoint a selling agent for the Wyo. Dev. Co. Meanwhile I had discovered in the Payne Investment Co of Omaha a far more effective agency than any other I know of. I never saw a better organisation, they not only advertise the possibilities of the lands they sell but get men who can develop them. Carey & Lieberoth spent the day examining their methods. I fully persuaded them that we had got the right men for the work. I am sanguine. Old General Manderson had a dinner party for me, a dozen of the leading citizens of Omaha to meet me.
	6 Nov, Sat	Business, Des Moines address for National Grange meeting next week & golf occupied the day. I heard incidentally that the Cudahys of whom I hoped some Irish sympathy with my Irish work were bitter against me – the political objection of course.
	7 Nov, Sun	Lazed. Went out to lunch with Payne who will I hope sell both the Wyo Dev Co & the Diamond Co lands. Carey passed through after his visit to Chicago to interview another selling agent he was negotiating with before I got hold of Payne. He is keen on my plan now.
	8 Nov, Mon	Finished business in Omaha & left for Des Moines.
	9 Nov, Tue	Local pride is strong in Americans. Des Moines is interesting as sociological & political study in some ways. But it is not a city of great culture. The buildings are dreadfully ugly. But I had to see them all & hear the history of real estate rises & falls, water systems, gas & electricity &c &c. The National Grange folk were about but I had to devote my spare time to preparing my address for Wed[nes]day This I hardly got into when I flew off for golf as an escape from bores. A quiet supper with Wallace & his daughter & bedroom at 8 made the final escape.
	10 Nov, Wed	Began by a visit to the Osteopathic College where I listened to the rationale of the treatment & submitted myself to a diagnosis & a first treatment, which was a rather painful mauling all along the spine & neck. Then back to Wallace's office & more attempts to get through my address. Then a struggle to think out a line for a

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		speech at a banquet to be given to me by the Prairie Club. This function was a success. I spoke conversationally without much effort on the Country Life question and was well listened to by some 60 thoughtful men.
	11 Nov, Thu	Spent morning preparing & afternoon delivering an address on "Ireland's National Grange" (i.e. the I.A.O.S. &c) before a good meeting (some 350) of the Amer'n Nat[']l Grange. Was well received. In evening attended a banquet given by bankers to Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, Chairman of Tariff C'ttee. He is son-in-law of Rockefeller & it is supposed that he is using his position as Chairman of the Currency Commission. He gave an interesting address on the currency question showing that every civilised country has some means of giving governmental aid in terms of financial stress which averts panic.
[occiput – back part of skull; atlas – first cervical vertebra]	12 Nov, Fri	<p>More mauling by the osteopath, then office work & golf & talky talky in the Wallace home. Left for Chicago after an interesting visit during which I was rather sick, by night train.</p> <p>I made the osteopath (C S Thomson A.M. D.O., Pres Still Coll: of Osteopathy, Des Moines) give me a written diagnosis. It appears I am "suffering from general necrosis occasioned by increased dorsal curve with extreme rigidity in the low cervical & dorsal areas of the spine. The occiput is posterior around the atlas with marked rigidity."</p>
	13 Nov, Sat	<p>Stopped off 24 hours in Chicago partly to rest & partly to see some people at Chicago University & also Thomas Bullock brother of Shan who is helping me to look after the latter's son Sydney.</p> <p>Prof'r. Ernest Burton (5525 Woodlawn Ave) whom Buttrick introduced me to as a useful man to talk to about India asked me to lunch. I met Judd (pedagogy) Laughlin (economics), the President of the University Judson & others. Buttrick was also there. We sat 2 hours over lunch & the talk was interesting enough – mainly on American Educ'n. These men are certainly alive to the dangers & possibilities of American educ'n. Mental alertness & receptiveness, a readiness to reconsider their pos[iti]on seems to me to be their chief characteristic. They will do great things with Rockefeller behind them.</p> <p>Burton was interesting about India where he had spent 6 weeks last year – chiefly studying education. He thought the unrest was largely due to the old trouble of education being vocational, i.e. for official jobs. Those who do not get them are the revolutionaries. The educ'n which the gov't refused to use is used against the gov't!</p>
	14 Nov, Sun	Train to New York.
	15 Nov, Mon	<p>In N.Y. saw Byrne & discussed Fr., now Mr., O'Donovan whom I afterwards met at dinner. I hope he has got a job in N.Y. where he may be useful to Ireland.</p> <p>Went to another osteopath who diagnosed me much as the Des Moines man did. I begin to contemplate a treatment (such as Prof. Campbell submitted to in Glasgow) in N.Y. Anything to get well. It seems that the nerves which work the stomach are subject to <u>neurosis</u> & ineffective.</p>

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[telephone exchange Riverside]	16 Nov, Tue	<p>Telephoned to Edwin Seligman (324 W 86th, 2317 Rivers) for an appointment & lunched with him. Of course my object was to get him to help me with Carnegie. This I think he will do. My interview with the Laird was postponed till tomorrow.</p> <p>Fulton Cutting & Ralph Wortley dined. Also Gardiner M. Lane a wealthy Bostonian and a great patron of art. Interesting man. Started as a student with a Latin professorship as his ambition. Got into railroading & finance.</p> <p>News came that the Lords were going to reject the Budget. The Liberals will sweep the country in the election which this will precipitate.</p>
	17 Nov, Wed	<p>Chief event of day a reception at Carnegie's to meet the Trustees of the Carnegie Foundation for the endowment of teaching. The little boulder rejoiced at the action of the Lords which he said would lead to their destruction. "And the king had better look out" he said, "Democracy is going to triumph[?]" He suggested that I should accompany him to Hampton tomorrow which of course I shall do.</p> <p>Had during day interesting talk with Jim Hill. He will help me by endorsing my C[ountry].L[ife]. Institute scheme.</p>
	18 Nov, Thu	<p>After a very busy morning took the Steamer for Norfolk V[irginia] for some functions there & at Hampton the exact nature of which I shall learn when I get there. All I know is that Carnegie is on the steamer & that gives me a chance of finding out whether there is any hope of getting anything out of him for my work. I had hours with him. He is singularly uninteresting for a man of such an experience, & for one whose vast wealth has enabled him to be in close touch with the big men of the world. I had pleasant relations with him but made no progress.</p>
[Lynnhaven]	19 Nov, Fri	<p>A fairly good night's sleep and a tête à tête breakfast with Carnegie. All I am attempting is to establish myself as an authority on the subjects of rural life & education. I must get others to introduce my scheme to him after due season.</p> <p>At Old Point Comfort Dr. Frissell and a delightfully kind Dr. Driver (medical) joined us. The former left us at Norfolk V[irginia] an hour later and the latter, a resident, motored Carnegie & me through a dense crowd to the platform in the public square where the governor of the State was just introducing Taft. Then came Taft's speech – fluent, genial, popular yet judicial & judicious. His chief subjects were deeper water ways and naval defences near by. I was introduced to him & he remembered me well. He took me in his private car to an Oyster Roast at Norfolk's watering place Cape Henry. A huge popular oyster feast at a large summer hotel, the Water Ways Assoc'n being the hosts. Another speech on same lines. At the Linnhaven [<i>sic</i>] Hotel where we stayed the night a young Irishman who had succeeded in business here named Friary (from Longford) called on me & thanked me for what I had done for Ireland.</p> <p>Then the Fergus Reids, friends of Ralph Stuart Wortley asked me to dinner to meet the President. A large party & done very well. An interesting day, a great moving picture of American democracy. Still rather barbarous but sound at heart.</p>
<i>Fr Bonn, Moritz Julius</i>	20 Nov, Sat	To Houghton still with Carnegie, ex President (of Harvard) Eliot

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		having joined the party. Taft spoke to a great audience in the Houghton "gym" & did well. Gifford Pinchot, Robertson of Canada, a Dr. Peabody of Harvard & other very interesting people had come. In ev[en]ing a meeting for general talk. I was tired & did badly, young Rockefeller & wife are here & I like them both.
	21 Nov, Sun	John D Rockefeller Jr. & wife seem quite nice. Saw a good deal of a Dr. Francis Peabody of Harvard of whom I hope to see more. He is a D.D. but seems to be at the head of a sociological institution at Harvard. We had "exercises" all day which were rather tiring. But they were interesting, especially a lecture by Pinchot & Eliot on Conservation. Saw more of Carnegie who left by same boat for Washington. I gave up all hopes of interesting him in my Country Life Institute. I now fear its endowment is to be indefinitely postponed.
	22 Nov, Mon	Arrived early at Washington and was hospitably received by Mrs. Pinchot, Miss Morgan, Lady Johnston[e] sister of Gifford who was with me. Spent day reading up English papers. The stupid party seem to be quite ignorant of their impending doom. Went to the B[ritish]. Embassy & Carnegie & the Annan Bryces were there blocking conversation with Bryce which was what I wanted.
	23 Nov, Tue	Called on Edward Dana Durand, Director of the Census, a very clearheaded able man. Left my book & my Country Life Institute scheme. He will I think befriend the latter. Helped Pinchot with an essay on Conservation he was writing. Saw Wickersham (Attorney General) & talked about Pinchot. Hitchcock, Postmaster General, came in. Thought him a poor specimen of Cabinet Minister. Saw Isadora Duncan dance before a huge audience at a matinée. She revives the Greek dancing, the lightest flowing robes, naked legs & feet & yet altogether discreet & quite splendid art. Dined at the Embassy, some interesting people.
	24 Nov, Wed	Snowed all day. Morning with Secretary Wilson & Dr. Knapp at Dept of Agriculture. In evening had long talk with Pinchot over his official troubles & think helped him to put himself right with the Gov't. Cobb an old Cheyenne days friend now editor of an Idaho newspaper came to dinner. Very interesting.
[prob. Baltimore cardinal James Gibbons]	25 Nov, Thu	Thanksgiving Day. I attended St. Patrick's Cathedral mass. The Cardinal (Gibbs) [<i>sic</i>], an archbishop, Italian Ecclesiastics & a goodly array of gorgeously appalled Priests & supers. The President attended, for purely religious motives of course. It was a fine performance. Spent rest of morning with Pinchot drafting letters to put him & his department in a better light with the public in the event of a row with the Secretary of the Interior (Ballinger) leading to his dismissal. One of the letters was to Taft. In afternoon walked with Bryce who was in excellent form. He is like the rest of us a bit pessimistic over the political situation at home.
	26 Nov, Fri	Spent the morning hard at work at the letter to Taft. Then a midday train to Richmond V[irginia] where I addressed a large meeting of the Educational folk of the State assembled for a 4

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		<p>days' conference. Spoke in favor of coop'n in rural districts. One James Stewart Bryan, Ed[ito]r of Times Despatch, was my host & seemed an excellent local leader. Dr. Knapp & his agents were present & old Frissell.</p> <p>I had interesting talk with a Dr. Mitchell the Pres't of the S. Carolina University. He pressed me to go & "enthuse" his rural folks. The Richmond gathering was very interesting & I think the whole state is going to take up the rural problem. Train to N.Y at night.</p>
(To Pinchot, Gifford fr Taft, Wm. H.) [Principal] [McGill]	27 Nov, Sat	<p>Back to 36 W 10[th St.]. Early visit to osteopath who wants me for at least a month. Lunched with John M Glenn to meet Buttrick, Walter Page & Robertson. The last named walked away with me & told me that his position at the Macdonald College was getting intolerable & he would have to resign. It seems that Sir Wm. MacD. is getting very senile (78) & begins to feel that Robertson is getting all the credit. He wants the institution to be Protestant – to exalt the Prots over the RC's in Quebec. Moreover the Trustees include Peterson the President [<i>sic</i>] of Magill [<i>sic</i>] University at Montreal which Sir Wm. is also endowing & P. wants to discredit Robertson's educational ideals as they conflict with his. Very sad.</p>
	28 Nov, Sun	<p>Lunched with Ralph Wortley, went to the osteopath & dined quietly with Godkin at 36 W 10[th]. Saw Amos Pinchot during day & he gave me an article he was writing on the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy to Collier's. This is distinctly dangerous & not quite proper. Saw also Frissell who told me that O'Donovan was coming back to New York. I do hope he is not off with his new job.</p>
To Garfield, James Fr Bryce, James	29 Nov, Mon	<p>O'Donovan whom I had got a job for at Hampton turned up again in New York. It seems doubtful whether the R.C. Church will allow the poor devil to make a living if they can help it. It seems that Hampton is suspect!</p> <p>Spent day writing letters home chiefly.</p>
	30 Nov, Tue	<p>Conference with the two Pinchots and Stewart Edward White, a journalist & novelist, over the Pinchot Ballinger business. I also saw Norman Hapgood the editor of Colliers & feel that I have done some good. James Byrne dined.</p>
To Finlay, Fr. Thomas	Dec.	
Fr Garfield, James [Goodnow]	1 Dec, Wed	<p>Lunched with Seligman (Edwin R) at Columbia University & met several very able men. John B Clark (Prof'r of Economics), Frank J Goodenow [<i>sic</i>] (Administrative Law), Dunning (Pol[itical] Phil[osophy]) & Felix Adler among them. Expounded my scheme.</p> <p>Mayor Gaynor dined. A very mediocre person, but I should say Tammany have got a straight man to deal with in their nominee.</p> <p>Another long talk with Pinchot. Got up early & sent off a letter to Fr. Finlay to read at IAOS general meeting on 10th Dec.</p>
	2 Dec, Thu	<p>Lunched with the staff of "The Outlook" and I fear gave away many of my best ideas which perhaps I ought to have kept to use</p>

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		<p>in my search for a million dollars for my Country Life Institute.</p> <p>Dined with Urban Broughton (15 E 78th). It was only to please the Stuart Wortleys, B being Ralph's boss. His father was manager of the Dublin & Meath Railway & he passed for the R.I.C. but did not enter. He was a C[ivil].E[ngineer]., drifted out to the U.S.A. married a millionaire's (H.H. Rogers dec[ease]d) daughter & lives in great state.</p> <p>Long talk with Frissell during day. He is the salt of the earth.</p>
<p>To Garfield, James</p> <p>[query in original; John W. Gates]</p>	<p>3 Dec, Fri</p>	<p>After my osteopath's ministrations had a long talk with ?Balwin & other members of the Outlook staff about the Pinchot Garfield attitude towards Taft's adm[inistration] & the Conservation & Country Life policies.</p> <p>John F? Gates, Rockefeller's almoner lunched me & I gave him again my Country Life pamphlet. He is a narrow ass.</p> <p>Dined with Political Science League (whom I addressed some years ago on Ireland) and took part in a debate chiefly conducted by women on the Econ[omic] pos[iti]on of Women. Mrs. Snowden (wife of Labour M.P.) and I were guests of honour. I was not to speak but was called upon & fell back on Wyoming experiences as the discussion had drifted into woman suffrage. Mrs. Snowden is a very good speaker but too platformy for a woman. Some women social workers spoke admirably.</p>
	<p>4 Dec, Sat</p>	<p>Came with Godkin to James Byrnes on Long Island, one of the most delightful places I know & the nicest of people. Walked & talked & went to sleep after dinner!</p>
	<p>5 Dec, Sun</p>	<p>Golfed with R Conklin in morning at Nassau. Cravath & Guy Lowell (architect cousin of Abbott Lawrence Lowell) lunched. Lowell was grateful to me for the letter I wrote a year ago to Byrne in favor of A.L.L.'s succession to Eliot for Harvard. 'Moted' over to Bourke Cockran. Found him & his wife (charming) very happy at Sands Point. He has made vistas through the trees & has a beautiful place.</p>
	<p>6 Dec, Mon</p>	<p>Back to N.Y. Dined with Amos Pinchot.</p>
<p>[Adler – founder, Ethical Culture movement]</p>	<p>7 Dec, Tue</p>	<p>Dined with Dr. Felix Adler. Worked during day at article for Outlook.</p>
<p><i>Fr Bullock, Shan F.</i></p> <p>[“bach” – bachelor (US slang)]</p>	<p>8 Dec, Wed</p>	<p>The normal day begins with the osteopath and ends with a dinner! I hope the former does more good than the latter harm! It was at Andrew Carnegie's I dined last night, not for pleasure, though pleasure and profit came. I sat next to Robert de Forest chief officer of organised charities, a fine public man of whom I shall try to see a good deal more. He had a lady on the other side of him & I had Mrs. Choate on the other side of me. But we both 'bached' in conversation & I am to meet him again.</p>
<p><i>Fr Hapgood, Norman</i></p>	<p>9 Dec, Thu</p>	<p>More Outlook work. Lunched with Pierre Jay (of the Manhattan Banking Co, 40 Wall St.) who is a fine young public spirited American much interested in rural questions, coop'n, especially credit.</p> <p>Edward Cunningham a friend of Godkin's dined. I am to arrange summer plans for Cunningham & his wife in Ireland, a small return for Godkin's hospitality.</p>

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<i>Fr Garfield, James</i> [Letter to IAOS AGM in <i>IH</i> , XVI:51 (18 Dec 1909), pp. 1023-4]	10 Dec, Fri	The I.A.O.S. annual general meeting sent me a greeting by cable. Robert de Forest dined only Frissell, Godkin & self present. A very interesting man de F. A big corporation lawyer & yet a real large hearted philanthropist. His philanthropy is purely urban but he absorbed my whole theory of rural life.
	11 Dec, Sat	After a morning with Bosler on Diamond Cattle Co affairs came down to The Cedars, Port Washington. Bourke Cockran & his wife were alone. He is as ever delightful & she altogether loveable.
	12 Dec, Sun	A Judge & Mrs. Girard and a Mr. & Mrs. Whitehouse lunched. Nice, but fashionable, people. The Bourke Cockrans & I went over to the Lloyd Bryces to dinner. Nice very English house. A Mrs. La Farge was interesting on American problems. During day wrote a good deal of first Outlook article.
	13 Dec, Mon	Motored in cold damp snowstorm to New York with Bourke Cockran. Was comatose all day! I am working too hard at the Outlook articles. But it is work which will do good, I verily believe, I must therefore make some sacrifice for it.
	14 Dec, Tue	Outlook article took most of day. I also called at the National Conservation offices (1170 Fifth Ave. Bdg.) & saw Bass the Treasurer, an intelligent fellow. I think I can help them.
<i>(Fr Brassey, T.A. to Chairman, Agric. Co- op Fed. Ltd.; HARR.7/2)</i> [Playwright Edward Sheldon] [Huntington]	15 Dec, Wed	Finished first article for The Outlook & lunched with Lawrence Abbott – not a very ?brilliant but a very nice fellow. Dined with Paul Cravath & went to a very powerful melodrama The Nigger by a man of 24. Acting first rate. All about the Southern problem & well adapted to explain the race feeling to foreigners. Mrs. Cravath was Agnes Huntingdon [<i>sic</i>] the actress – a noble ?animal but rather common.
[8 stone, 8 lb = 120 lb]	16 Dec, Thu	Came to Boston & stayed at Francis G Peabody D.D. Professor of Social Ethics. He had his class & assistants in to hear me talk on agric'l cooperation which I did at tedious length & found that I am still very unfit for mental exertion. I weighed in my bathroom naked 8st.8lbs!
[query in original]	17 Dec, Fri	A too strenuous but most interesting day. Began with a long talk with Peabody. Then a talk with Dr. Carver his colleague in Social Ethics. He is also chairman of Rural Church Assoc'n. which is I think going to take up the problem of rural life in good earnest. Then went to Peabody's classroom & saw his museum of sociology – a most interesting collection of books, photos, charts &c covering everything which is being done everywhere for social betterment. Spoke to one of the classes doing Cooperation & spoke much better than last night. Then lunch at Peabody's. There came President Lowell, William James, Carver & ?Lee. We had a most interesting talk & I was at my best. Only bad luck Eliot was away. I wanted particularly to get his support for my institute idea. Tea a[t] Bishop Lawrence's, John Graham Brooks to dinner. Then a function ----- of distinction, a talk at Lowell's house & night train to New York.
	18 Dec, Sat	To Rosemary Farm, Huntington, Long Island to the Roland Conklins, cousin of Mrs Sydney Brooks. Met Mr. & Mrs. Coffin who visited me at Foxrock with the S.B.s in 1908. Was very well

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		done. Golfed in afternoon. Very cold & ground frozen hard.
	19 Dec, Sun	Forbes Robertson came out to lunch & also Mrs. Cooper Hewitt (sister of Mrs. J B Roche) who remembered me in the old Powder River days. The actor is a quite nice fellow. Charles S Fairchild, Sec of Treasury under Cleveland dined at Godkins whither I returned in Conklin's motor with his luncheon guests to New York.
<i>Fr Peabody, Francis</i>	20 Dec, Mon	Dined with the Devereux Emmets & went to the opera where I heard Caruso and a Miss Destinn whose voice seemed to me to be magnificent in its high notes. Worked hard at my second article for The Outlook.
[Aldrich]	21 Dec, Tue	Worked at Outlook articles again. Got a very nice letter from President Eliot in high approval of the first of the series which Dr. Peabody had shown him. Also a charming letter from Peabody. Dined with the son & heir of John D. Rockefeller, John D Jr., about to be the richest man in the World. A narrow gauged, good, religious, dull man. No signs of wealth in his ménage though he married a daughter of Senator Aldridge [<i>sic</i>] (also nouveau riche). No wine, small poky house (13 W 54[th]). Second rate cooking, 3 rather dingy man servants. Dull company except Dr. Flexner head of Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.
	22 Dec, wed	Worked at articles. Lunched with John M Glenn. Dined (for my sins & with an eye to business) with the Thalmanns.
	23 Dec, Thu	Bosler came to lunch & talked Diamond Cattle Co affairs. Extraordinarily interesting letter from Lady Betty from Whittingehame where Arthur Balfour was lying sick in the midst of the revolution & telling his family his views of men & things at the most critical hour of my life so far. Dined with Tom Sturgis & met Frank S.
	24 Dec, Fri	Worked, saw Pritchett & came down to the Lloyd Bryces at Roslyn for Xmas. Miss Bryce, a vigorous fair girl in silent revolt against her namby-pamby nice but ineffectual father brought me down in her motor. Only a family party.
	25 Dec, Sat	A perfectly quiet Xmas, did nothing & nobody came except the Bourke Cockrans with whom was staying Daisy F's friend J. Beresford to dinner. I got a bit of quiet work at my articles done & some thinking. Snow fell.
	26 Dec, Sun	This afternoon I was to have presided at the People's Forum at New Rochelle where Gifford Pinchot was to speak on Conservation as a rural issue. I was completely snowed up here. It was impossible to get except on foot to the station a mile away & no trains got through to New York. Well it's a delightful house. Young Cooper Bryce (at Yale) had a lot of girl & boy friends coming to visit him – 7 in all. They started in the morning in New York & arrived in sleighs through the night.
	27 Dec, Mon	With difficulty I got back to New York by noon, Miss Bryce driving me in a sleigh to Port Washington, trains not running from Roslyn where she first drove me. Meeting of Wyo Dev Co, Carey not present. Then Pinchot & Garfield called on me & I had a good talk with them over the

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		Ballinger-Pinchot controversy and the Conservation & Country Life movements.
	28 Dec, Tue	Not very well. Worked at Outlook articles – I am working at these – & had a talk with Pinchot & Garfield. Got nothing done otherwise & lost chance of seeing many people I want & ought to see.
[Text of speech in <i>IH</i> , XVI:4 (23 Jan 1909), p. 62]	29 Dec, Wed	<p>A breakfast at 7.30 which lasted till 3.45! a[t] Waldorf Astoria where I was one of the guests of the American Economic & Historical Association. Sat next Capt. (now Admiral) Mahan who was very interesting. He had doubted but now suspected German designs on England. On general topics he was a thoughtful talker.</p> <p>After this I addressed the economists on Rural Life & Conservation & spoke the substance of my Outlook articles. Dined with the La Farges (124 E 22[nd]), friends of Roosevelts.</p>
	30 Dec, Thu	<p>Worked a bit. Did business & came down to the Byrnes at Planting Fields.</p> <p>Called on Daniel F Cohalan, 2 Rector St., & talked the Home Rule situation.</p> <p>Talked same with James Byrne. If I <u>had</u> my health & strength I would try hard to unite my Countrymen on a policy. If I <u>have</u> the health I will try to work out one.</p>
	31 Dec, Fri	Last day & usual rush. Arranged for publication of articles in Outlook, finally revised first two. Got rather gloomy report from my osteopath on my nervous condition. Called to say goodbye on many.
	Year-end Summary	<p>The year 1909 was unsatisfactory for me in one way. My health was decidedly poor & I fear I have come near the nervous breakdown of which I have had many premonitory symptoms in the last few years of worry & over work. If, however, my own part in the upbuilding of Ireland has been of little good I have had the satisfaction of seeing my ideas grow & the soundness of the self help movement more widely recognised than heretofore. Others are working better. In the United States the Roosevelt “policies” of conservation & rural betterment which I certainly helped to launch are going ahead.</p> <p>My business affairs prospered & I shall be in a better position to help my Irish associates in the future than I have been in the past.</p> <p>The political situation in England is alarming in the extreme. I fear the British Empire is in a very shaky condition. It has heart disease. I anticipate the general election of January 1910 will be a surprise – a disagreeable surprise – to the Unionists. I should not wonder if I had to become a Home Ruler before the year is out. I begin to think the time has come for it.</p>