

1910 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

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|-----------|---|------------------|---|
| 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

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| &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:

The United Irishwomen founded

Jan-Feb – General Election in which Conservatives and Liberals nearly equal; Irish party holds balance

21 Feb – Sir Edward Carson elected Chairman of Irish Unionist Party

6 May – Edward VII dies; succeeded by George V

Nov – James Connolly's *Labour in Irish History* (in book form) published in Dublin; first issue Irish Republican Brotherhood's *Irish Freedom*

Dec – General Election, Irish party again holds balance

Publications:

- *Plain Talks to Irish Farmers* (Eason & Son, Ltd., Dublin) 46 pp.

- "The Sociological Aspects of the Agrarian Revolution in Ireland", *Sociological Review*, v.iii, pp. 185-96

- "State Aid and Voluntary Effort – The Present Strained Relations", *Irish Times*, 25 Jun, p. 7

- *Report of House of Lords Thrift and Credit Banks Committee*, House of Lords papers, v.ix, pp. 225-31, 242-5

- *IAOS Annual Report*, pp. 39-47, 70-5

- Five articles published in *Outlook* (New York):

i) "Conservation and Rural Life: an Irish View of Two Roosevelt Policies", 29 Jan

ii) "The Neglected Farmer", 5 Feb

iii) "The Human Factor in Rural Life", 12 Feb

iv) "Better Farming, Better Business, Better Living", 19 Feb

v) "Better Farming, Better Business, Better Living; Two Practical Suggestions", 26 Feb

- *The Rural Life Problem of the United States: Notes of an Irish Observer* (Macmillan, New York), 174 pp.

(articles reprinted and enlarged from the *New York Outlook*)

- Attributed articles in *Irish Homestead*:

Exchange of five letters with T.W. Russell, reprinted in XVII:26 (25 Jun 1910) p. 524

Text of address to creameries conference in XVII:10 (5 Mar 1910), pp. 191-2

Report of address to Templecrone Society in XVII:14 (2 Apr 1910), pp. 280-1

Report of address to Ulster Branch IAOS in XVII:17 (23 Apr 1910), pp. 346-7

'Plain Talk to Farmers' (I), XVII:28 (9 Jul 1910), pp. 566-7

Letter re IAOS/Dep't. of Agriculture controversy, XVII:28 (9 Jul 1910), pp. 572-3

'Plain Talk to Farmers' (II), XVII:29 (16 Jul 1910), pp. 589-90

Letter re IAOS/Dep't. of Agriculture controversy, XVII:29 (16 Jul 1910), pp. 591-2

'Plain Talk to Farmers' (III), XVII:30 (23 Jul 1910), pp. 611-2

'Plain Talks to Farmers' (IV), XVII:31, pp. 631-2

'Plain Talks to Farmers' (V), XVII:32, pp. 652-3

'Plain Talks to Farmers' (VI), XVII:33, pp. 672-4

'Plain Talks to Farmers' (VII), XVII:34, pp. 692-3

'Plain Talks to Farmers' (VIII), XVII:35, pp. 711-4

'Plain Talk to Farmers' (IX), XVII:36, pp. 734-7

Letter to Fr. T. Finlay re Dungloe Cooperative Hall, XVII:48, p. 975

Address to IAOS Annual meeting, XVII:49, pp. 994-8

Government:

Prime Minister: Herbert Asquith (Liberal)

Chief Secretary: Augustine Birrell

Lord Lieutenant: Earl of Aberdeen

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

| Correspondence [Notes] | 1910 | Diary Entry |
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| <i>Fr Callan, Walter, prob. post 10 May)</i> <i>(Fr Callan, Walter to Cruise [?O'Brien]; year uncertain)</i> | No date | |
| | 1 Jan, Sat | Up early to pack, got a final doing over by the osteopath, wrote letters galore & sail at noon. Frissell & O'Donovan saw me off. I arranged with the latter to make him my agent in New York to |

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| | | forward my Country Life Institute & if possible find the multimillionaire. Came on board Laurentic, triple & new turbine, 17 knot, 14,800 tons, now considered small! Very comfortable & given as usual a good room with bath. Slept most of afternoon. |
| [CB – Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath] | 2 Jan, Sun | 373. Slept ½ day. The reaction has set in & I feel sick enough. But that’s the necessary consequence of mad over work. Henry Higgs C.B. a Treasury man who has been private secretary to Hanbury, Victor Cavendish, Austin [<i>sic</i>] Chamberlain & Campbell Bannerman & who is a very learned economist is the only man I know (was introduced in New York at meeting of economists 3 days ago). He is a “philosophic Rad” & preaches to me about Home Rule for Ireland. |
| <i>Fr Pinchot, Gifford</i> | 3 Jan, Mon | 404. Gave Higgs some of my writings to read & he now talks to me about Ireland with less cock-sureness. |
| | 4 Jan, Tue | 409 |
| Fr Peabody, Francis | 5 Jan, Wed | 386 |
| | 6 Jan, Thu | 403 |
| | 7 Jan, Fri | 402 |
| <i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i> | 8 Jan, Sat | 362 – 82 to Q[ueenstown]n which we reached too late to catch any train to Dublin & tomorrow Sunday. It was all owing to the Captain’s ridiculous navigation which took us nearer to France than to Ireland when he was nearly S. of the Old Head of Kinsale. The Queens Hotel at Queenstown, the mud in the streets, the general damp & dilapidation, the newspapers more horrible than usual as a general election is on – all depress. Well we must see what a night in a damp bed will do. |
| <i>Fr Bonn, Moritz Julius</i> <i>Fr Seton, Sir Malcolm C.</i> [quinsy – abscess between back of the tonsil and the throat wall] [Hans – HP’s dog] | 9 Jan, Sun | Left Queenstown at 1.30 in a (for Sunday) fair train. Got to Foxrock for dinner. Found A.E. & Anderson in possession, Anderson having very wisely & properly taken the mystic to my home a week ago to convalesce after a severe attack of Quinsy. I was glad to get home. Hans was delighted to see me. |
| To Ponsonby, Thomas | 10 Jan, Mon | Up early & work at my third article for the N.Y. Outlook. Then round the place with Anderson. Then a call from Adams who told me that he was likely to get a post at Oxford for which he has applied – a great loss to Ireland & me. Then to the office & work. A lunch at Kildare St. Club where all are sanguine of a Tory victory. Chamber of Commerce meeting. Back to Foxrock bringing Hanson. J E Healy dined. During day heard that while I was at sea Pinchot had been dismissed by Taft. Poor fellow. He will now be <u>driven into</u> a bitter fight. |
| Fr Godkin, Lawrence | 11 Jan, Tue | Work at Plunkett House all day. |
| To Pinchot, Gifford To Seton, Sir Malcolm C. | 12 Jan, Wed | Ditto. |
| | 13 Jan, Thu | Received osteopathic treatment (under R Foote of Des Moines Ost. College) in Dublin. He gives more time but is much less expert in his manipulations than West of New York. |

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| | 14 Jan, Fri | Dentist, a meeting of the Automobile Committee, work & the I.A.O.S. people to dinner at Kilteragh. |
| | 15 Jan, Sat | Hanson came for week end. Adams to tea. Gibbons & Dr. O'Farrell to dinner. First returns from elections came in showing 16 seat gain for Unionists in 90 elections & none of these in Scotland Wales or Ireland. The Gov't will come back with a reduced but substantial majority. |
| | 16 Jan, Sun | Adams & wife & Gill to lunch. Maurice Joy looked in in afternoon & told me of his work in the West as an organiser for I.A.O.S. But I fear he is not doing very well for the I.A.O.S. He is not a worker. |
| To Brooks, Sydney | 17 Jan, Mon | Worked most of the day at the Outlook third article. |
| To Bullock, Shan F. To Peabody, Francis To Wallace, Henry <i>Fr Ponsonby, Thomas</i> | 18 Jan, Tue | Office C'tee of I.A.O.S. where finances of 1910 were thoroughly gone into. Result £4000 possible revenue, £6000 necessary expenditure. I must provide half the deficit – but the rest? Digges & R.A.A. came out to me for a dine & sleep. |
| To Ponsonby, Thomas | 19 Jan, Wed | Had to get off my third article to The Outlook. Got up at 5 AM & finished 7 P.M. Had a luncheon interval at which I offered F Blacker to buy his American interests for £8000. It is more than they are worth but I thought it hard on him to be left after my death in the hands of my exe[cuto]rs. |
| To Ponsonby, Thomas | 20 Jan, Thu | 2½ hours at an Automobile Club meeting where there is a quarrel on betw'n the Club which is practicing cooperative purchase & the trade – with all the usual bitterness that coop'n excites. Daisy came for a couple of nights. |
| To Dunsany, Ld. Edward <i>Fr Page, Walter Hines</i> | 21 Jan, Fri | Worked at 4th & last Outlook article. T.W. Russell was defeated for South Tyrone & the news was received with general rejoicing. Not so by me. I don't think as politicians go he was very bad. |
| To Peabody, Francis To Pritchett, Henry S. | 22 Jan, Sat | J E Healy came for week-end. I begin to realise that I am exhausting my small reserve of strength dangerously. I must finish the Outlook articles & go easy. |
| | 23 Jan, Sun | Lady & Miss MacDonnell lunched. Daisy left. Worked but was not very well. |
| | 24 Jan, Mon | Discovered that I could send my last Outlook article on Saturday. Can make it with the extra time. Hanson stayed, Shaftesbury came for CDB meetings. I.A.W.S. & Automobile Club meetings wasted nearly all my day. |
| | 25 Jan, Tue | First meeting of new Congested Districts Board. All members present. Birrell in chair. Talk on generalities. Gill & Adams dined. |
| [Letter to and reply from T.W. Russell reprinted in <i>IH</i> , XVII:26 (25 Jun 1910), p. 524] | 26 Jan, Wed | Another meeting of C.D.B. & hard work at Outlook article. At C.D.B. T.W. Russell stated that the Raiffeisen Banks were rotten concerns and if wound up would not pay 2/6 in the £. |
| [Letter to T.W. Russell reprinted in <i>IH</i> , XVII:26 (25 Jun 1910), p. 524] | 27 Jan, Thu | Conference betw'n CDB & D.A.T.I. Dreary talk. |
| <i>Fr Byrne, James</i> | 28 Jan, Fri | Quality meeting of I.A.O.S. Committee. Did good business. Then presided at a drawing room meeting of the Industrial Law |

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| [Letter from T.W. Russell reprinted in <i>IH</i> , XVII:26 (25 Jun 1910), p. 524] | | Committee & had to make a speech. Voted for Capt. Bryan Cooper for S. Dublin. A terrific snow storm. I got into town by motor but it could not bring me back. All the wires are down. |
| To Pinchot, Gifford [Letter to T.W. Russell reprinted in <i>IH</i> , XVII:26 (25 Jun 1910), p. 524] | 29 Jan, Sat | 5 AM to 6 P.M. at last Outlook article. Did not do it quite as well as I should have wished. But the 4 articles are a good piece of work. Tom & May (whom I had not seen before – a nice, pretty, sensible not clever but a very very good girl) Eddie, Daisy & Mamie came for week-end. It was just the party I should desire to take my mind off my hard work. |
| | 30 Jan, Sun | A lazy day. Gill & Munro Ferguson M.P. dined. |
| [<i>Cui bono?</i> – Who benefits? What's the point?] | 31 Jan, Mon | Finishing up at Plunkett House for a 2 to 3 weeks' absence. Daisy & Mamie left. Hanson came to help me to revise my Outlook last article which I sent off rather hurriedly on Saturday. W.S. Green came to dinner & I proved to him that it was his fault not saving the Fisheries for the Department. <i>Cui bono?</i> Tom explained to me that his wife was utterly uneducated. She seems to be a haus frau pure & simple. She is very nice & simple but I fear she may at a later age be dull. |
| To Byrne, James | Feb (no date) | |
| To Peabody, Francis | 1 Feb, Tue | Meant to go to London by day but I.A.O.S. kept me busy & had to travel by night. |
| | 2 Feb, Wed | Curtain told me when I arrived at Mount St. that in the night it had occurred to him that he might have locked up Hans in the strong room at Kilteragh! The dog likes to lie in there as it is warm. The wires were set to work & it turned out that Hans was at large. Saw Mary, Emily Lawless & Nugent Harris, wrote some letters &c. Left with Capt. Walsh & one of the Westerns for Newcastle 5.30. |
| [Gardiner] | 3 Feb, Thu | Met Gardner [<i>sic</i>] at breakfast & it became more than ever clear that he has not many years of work left. He may break down any time & then my position as chairman of 3 collieries & the Steamship Co will be very anxious – if I too am not broken down physically & mentally! Framwellgate & Bowes meetings went off without much of interest & I got back in time for dinner. SH Butcher dined with me at the Club & told me some political news. |
| Fr Wallace, Henry | 4 Feb, Fri | Went to a golf school at Botanic Gdns, Regents Park. Driving into a net is I fear a doubtful method of learning the game. Did little else not being very well. But lunched with Sydney Brooks which was pleasant & informing. |
| | 5 Feb, Sat | Wrote long letter to James Bryce about political situation. Had talk with Reggie. His mother I had heard (& he knew) has refused to execute her will which would leave property to R. which would otherwise go to Eddie. This is unfair to R. and I had no hesitation in talking quite frankly to him as I wanted to get facts to enable me to see whether I could move Ernle, a delicate situation. R. showed quite the right feeling towards the matter. Golfed with Shan Bullock & saw his boy who is going to give up Wyoming & go into business with a man in Chicago. |

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| | 6 Feb, Sun | Spent the day at Fisher's Hill. Gerald & Betty as delightful (in their very different ways[]) as ever. |
| | 7 Feb, Mon | Family & other business. Saw Horn osteopathist & had a good mauling. He may do me good. He reports a bad state of spine, ribs &c! Dined with Mrs. Stephen Spring Rice to meet young Jack Fitzgerald, son & heir to knight of Kerry – a guardsman with more or less of a political bee in his bonnet. Simple & nice. |
| [<i>exaltée</i> – over-excited; imaginative] | 8 Feb, Tue | Saw Lady Constance Lytton in bed recovering from her gaol experiences as a suffragette. She told me a most thrilling tale of Prison Life. She is I think a little exalté[e]. But she is a noble woman with the real martyr spirit. |
| To Balfour, Lady Betty | 9 Feb, Wed | My Osteo Horn is far superior to the Dublin man & is doing me good. Sydney Brooks lunched with me. Very interesting as usual. |
| Fr Peabody, Francis | 10 Feb, Thu | Called on Sir T Elliott & talked agric'l politics. George Price & the new manager, Brown, of the Berthon Boat Co called on me & we cut & dried the proceedings for the annual gen'l meeting tomorrow. The Sociological Society asked me to come for a brief informal talk which I found was arranged to last 3 hours. Dined with the Setons & met a most interesting Indian civilian ?Morris of whom I must see more. |
| | 11 Feb, Fri | Came to Lincoln to be the chief speaker at the annual Dinner of the Lincolnshire Farmers Union. I was unfit & spoke badly but in any case it was a mistake coming for the audience were the least altruistic or patriotic imaginable. I told them some truths about the folly of selfishness in agric'l organisation & the enlightened self interest which should make them take a broad view of agric'l problems. But don't care. |
| Fr Wallace, Henry | 12 Feb, Sat | Back in sharp frost 7.20 AM to London. Motored with Sydney Brooks see England vs Ireland Rugby football at Twickenham. A brutal sight in some ways. Dined with Monteagle. He is weak very but not organically wrong I believe. Poor fellow I fear he will never be able to give <u>effect</u> to his excellent public aims. |
| | 13 Feb, Sun | Spent most of day writing a letter resigning Presidency of Irish Automobile Club if they persisted in trading under the name of "cooperation", because it embarrassed my fellow workers in another & a real cooperative movement. |
| | 14 Feb, Mon | Wrote letter to be read at Banquet to Harold Cox given on the depart[ur]e of the most honest & independent thinker in the late Parliament. Rosebery in chair & all sides represented. Dined with JG Butcher and met S.H., Sir Herbert Stephen & Carson. Had a delightful evening, Carson being in his best form. I strongly urged necessity of H[ouse] of L[ords] countering an attack on its veto with a scheme of generous democratic reform. |
| | 15 Feb, Tue | Anderson arrived & we talked IAOS most of the day. There was a subcommittee (over which I presided) at the A.O.S. to meet J Robertson Scott ("Home Counties" in journalism) & discuss a project of his for starting a sort of agricultural Review of |

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| | | Reviews. This in his hands would be an excellent medium for Plunkettism. I hope it will materialise. Dined the Sydney Brooks who took me to a good comedy by Oscar Wilde, The importance of being earnest. |
| | 16 Feb, Wed | Meeting of Joint Boards for agric'l cooperation. Good business transacted. Had a talk with Mrs. Wilkins on small holdings. |
| [Crabbet] | 17 Feb, Thu | Went with Lady Betty to the Neville Lyttons (she daughter of Wilfrid Blunt) at Crabbet [<i>sic</i>] Park, Three Bridges. They live most unconventionally, no motor, no dressing in house, all vegetarians, good altruistic work. Lectures on Food reform, ?gets/gate up concerts, games &c. for Rural ?committees, -----s Folk songs & Morris dancers. ?Practices in costume & does them well. They care not for society, they live their own lives in their own ways. The world calls them peculiar. |
| | 18 Feb, Fri | Betty & I came back to town together & lunched with Alice Balfour (A.J.B. absent) the Rayleighs being the only others. Had a talk with Shaftesbury, wrote letters, saw Macmillans about publishing my Outlook articles in England & came down to Beau Watson at Blackwell Hall, Chesham to advise him about his future – whether he should buy Ballydarton in which his sister in law has a life interest or let her dispose of it. |
| | 19 Feb, Sat | Back to town. Long interview with Gardiner. Saw Macmillans about publishing my Outlook articles here instead of New York as O'Donovan wants to come home. Don't think it will do for English readers. S. Brooks lunched with me. I dined with Mrs. Alfred Lyttelton & went to the Liberal & Tory at Homes previous to opening of Parliament. |
| | 20 Feb, Sun | Lunched with Shaftesbury to talk over C.D.B. affairs, called on Emily Lawless & walked with Reggie. Little else, not at all well. |
| <i>Fr Macan, Reginald W.</i> | 21 Feb, Mon | As I anticipated, Macmillan won't publish over here. He will in America. Attended a meeting of Agric'l Cooperators at Surveyors Institution & afterwards a big meeting at which R. Sanders (Charleville Cork) read a paper on small holdings & Land Banks. He omitted cooperation & I went for him. Dined with Lord MacDonnell. He has been appointed referee betw'n owners in [<i>sic</i>] workers in Durham coal field. Interesting Irish talk. |
| To Peabody, Francis | 22 Feb, Tue | Persuaded Raymond to come to the golf school. It poured & he was not impressed. Lunched at O[xford] & C[ambridge] Club with S. Armytage [<i>sic</i>] Smith to meet his father (Litt.D) & Harold Cox.. Rushed off to Oxford to spend an evening with A L Smith of Balliol who is going to lecture in U.S.A. & also I felt might help my Institute scheme. Some delightful hours of talk. |
| | 23 Feb, Wed | Back to town & a busy winding up day. Called with S. Brooks on Lytton & had interesting talk. Offered to join W[omen]. Suffrage committee on same terms as Lytton – -gist not -gette. |
| To Smith, A.L. | 24 Feb, Thu | Meeting of Framwellgate (annual general) & Bowes. Left 1.20 train for Holyhead where I spent an evening with the Pilkingtons |

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| [FRGS – Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society] | | & met a nice old Miss ?Adare. Crossed by night mail to Kingstown. Read in train a characteristically American production by Frank B Vrooman F.R.G.S. called Theodore Roosevelt The Dynamic Geographer. I met V. at A.L. Smith's. |
| Fr Pritchett, Henry S. [Text of address in IH, XVII:10 (5 Mar 1910), pp. 191-2] | 25 Feb, Fri | Meeting of Creamery societies' representatives to discuss organising the cooperative butter trade. Very good spirit. Business like. Took 5 hours! |
| To Pritchett, Henry S. To Wallace, Henry | 26 Feb, Sat | Worked at I.A.O.S. morning. O'Toole came to lunch. I wanted to get him to help me to re-write Outlook articles & make a book of them. He is ?drearier/dreamier than ever. Barbour was elected chairman of I.A.W.S. at a meeting which I attended. Bryan was much annoyed. I hope it will be a good thing for the movement. Barbour, Hanson & J E Healy came out for week end. |
| | 27 Feb, Sun | Lentaigne & son came to golf with Healy & me. Mahaffy came to lunch. Anderson dined. ?Fingall & Maurice also came over in motor. A restful Sunday. |
| To Bullock, Shan F. | 28 Feb, Mon | Went with Barbour & Fr. Finlay to a good meeting at Roscrea, annual general meeting of the first coop Bacon Factory. We had a good talk with the Directors (after inspecting the factory) & I think put things on a much sounder footing. I offered to subscribe for £1000 debentures if others made up £4000 more. Then a gorge at the Hotel kept by the chairman of the Co Council & of the Factory. Then train to Maryborough & motor to Castlecomer where Barbour & I spent the night. |
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| | 1 Mar, Tue | To Kilkenny where we had an excellent conference at the Court House. Fr. Finlay & Adams returned from Dublin, Barbour, Wandesforde & I went for Castlecomer. Conference lasted 2 ³ / ₄ hours. Excellent debate, about 80 serious persons present. I spoke for ³ / ₄ hour much better than usual. In evening Fr. Finlay & I addressed a less important meeting at Castlecomer, chiefly to back up our host. Altogether an interesting day & withal useful. |
| (Fr Cunningham, Edward to Anderson, R.A. (GODK.5) | 2 Mar, Wed | Back to Dublin where huge pile of correspondence waiting at I.A.O.S. Met F. Blacker & arranged to buy him out of all his American property. I think the price £8000 is a very fair one – to him at any rate. I dreaded leaving him to deal with my executors. Barbour dined & slept. |
| Fr Byrne, James Fr Harris, J. Nugent | 3 Mar, Thu | Went down to Enniscorthy with Barbour & made a fairly good speech to a good meeting of farmers in favour of a Bacon Factory! Rather tiring. |
| [Julia – Stead's 'contact' in the spirit world] | 4 Mar, Fri | Heavy morning's work. There came W.T. Stead (without Julia) & I brought him & A.E. to Kilteragh for lunch. We discussed Ireland & the empire, Nihilism in Russia, Modern Babylon & God knows what else. A marvellously informed Journalist. |

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| | | Col. & Mrs. Pilkington came to stay with me & study the cooperative movement. |
| To Godkin, Lawrence To Harris, J. Nugent <i>Fr Young, Filson (date uncertain)</i> | 5 Mar, Sat | Daisy & Gerald William left. The poor boy with his neck in a plaster of Paris stock. I worked ½ day & golfed the other ½. |
| | 6 Mar, Sun | Anderson, Fr. Finlay, Mrs. Bottomley of Canada, Hanson & his mother and O'Toole spent the day. I also golfed & had a restful & interesting time of it. |
| <i>Fr Callan, Walter Fr Pritchett, Eva McAllister (PRI)</i> | 7 Mar, Mon | Work at I.A.O.S. mostly. |
| To Young, Filson <i>Fr Harris, J. Nugent</i> [RDC – Rural District Council] | 8 Mar, Tue | 3 hours spent opposing a proposal by the R.D.C. under which I live to light the roads & lanes of the district & add 6 ^d in the £ to the rates. Then work at IAOS. |
| To Butcher, J.G. | 9 Mar, Wed | C.D.B. all present except Birrell & Doran the latter's absence enabling us to get through 80 odd items on the agenda in the one day. I had two resolutions tabled – one in favor of cooperation & the other calling for experiments in settlement of migrants to settle isolated vs corporate or community plan. A meeting of the I.A.W.S. Board in the morning before C.D.B. & much work on new book for America. Shaftesbury came & stayed the night. |
| [point-to-point – amateur steeplechase] | 10 Mar, Thu | Hard work 6 A.M. to 11 AM. Then golf with Shaftesbury. Then work at IAOS 3–5.30 P.M. & down by motor to Palmerston with S. for a dance (which I did not take part in) & a point to point race tomorrow. No interesting people at Palmerston. |
| Fr Wallace, Henry | 11 Mar, Fri | Worked all day. |
| | 12 Mar, Sat | Worked at I.A.O.S. Daisy dined & slept. |
| | 13 Mar, Sun | Restful Sunday except for those Outlook articles which are on my chest. |
| | 14 Mar, Mon | After a busy working day motored Barbour to Castledermot for a meeting of a good agric'l cooperative society. I talked well but a bit over the heads of my audience. It was rather a strain – 100 miles motoring in the cold & wet night mostly & so much work. |
| | 15 Mar, Tue | Two committees of I.A.O.S. & a meeting of the Home Improvement C'tee at Lady Arnott's took whole day. |
| To Godkin, Lawrence | 16 Mar, Wed | Worked at Book all day. |
| <i>Fr Butcher, J.G.</i> | 17 Mar, Thu | St. Paddy. Carøe came & we did Kilteragh & little else. A.E., Norman & Jim Power lunched. |
| To Butcher, J.G. To Byrne, James | 18 Mar, Fri | A morning with Carøe who left by the midday L&NW Service & 2 hours at office. Then off to Harold Barbour's at Strathearne, Dunmurry taking Hands, a Daily Mail reporter with me hoping he might instruct the British more intelligently on Irish affairs than is usual in the chief Harmsworth organ. At night a deadly dull meeting, in a not half filled hall, of Distributive Cooperators whom I had to try & interest in agricultural cooperation. I hope it does good. The Barbours keep a thoroughly American house, do it well. The |

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| | | guests are begged by notice in their bedrooms not to give tips which are “specially arranged for” by the hostess! |
| | 19 Mar, Sat | Went over the Linen Thread Co’s mills, meeting at Lisburn of coop store society and North Antrim Agric’l Society. Never spoke worse, not at all well. Sinclair, Andrews, McCance a member of Agric’l Board & Milne Barbour Chairman of this huge concern (in Scotland Ireland France & Germany[])] lunched – 1.30 to 5 P.M.! |
| | 20 Mar, Sun | Not feeling well, so did not go on to Strabane as intended. Spent restful healthful day with most hospitable people. |
| [Report of address to Templecrone Society in <i>IH</i> , XVII:14 (2 Apr 1910), pp. 280-1] | 21 Mar, Mon | Motored from the shores of the Irish Sea to the Atlantic in W Donegal & back to Strabane where we slept. The 2 Barbours, R.A.A., Charles E Hands of Daily Mail & myself. At Dungloe in the minute Court House we had an excellent meeting of one of the very best if not <u>the</u> best, ag. coop society in Ireland. At Strabane a Miss Cecilia Bailey who was working for the Home Brightening C’tee supped with us. Not a very clever or understanding but a good practical girl. |
| | 22 Mar, Tue | To Omagh after going round with Miss Cecilia Bailey to some of the cottages. <u>At her work</u> she showed to much greater advantage than when talking about it. At Omagh talked to a small meeting of farmers about a Bacon Factory. All back by train to Portadown where the Barbours went to Lisburn, RAA & Hands & I to Dublin. Archibald Russell had arrived. I doubt whether he would make a secretary for me. He is evidently anxious to but I fear his Filson Young training has made him unsuitable for my comparatively simple life. |
| | 23 Mar, Wed | Hard work at I.A.O.S. My possible private secretary is an extremely nice fellow but I fear not of the temperament & without the experience for my work. His tastes are artistic & literary. They are formed. |
| To Pinchot, Gifford | 24 Mar, Thu | Same as yesterday. |
| | 25 Mar, Fri | Golfed most of the day with Russell & R.A.A. Fr. F[inlay]. dined. |
| | 26 Mar, Sat | Left A. Russell at Kilteragh & went by motor (via H Barbour’s for tea) to Mount Stewart. F. [<i>sic</i>] Lucas & Bishop Crozier, Gosse & Walter Long the only interesting guests. But these should give me some thoughts between them. Lady L[ondonderry] as clever & ‘himself’ as charming as ever. |
| | 27 Mar, Sun | Restful. Had long talks with Walter Long. He has become a political pessimist, which is strange & rather alarming. JB Lonsdale M.P. was also of the party. But he is only a gramophone of mediocrities. The Bishop (Crozier) preached very nicely in the house chapel. Had a walk with Gosse who feels that the Lords are done for. What strikes me about the political situation is that <u>nobody</u> knows whither we are drifting. |

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| <i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i> | 28 Mar, Mon | Heard that Hart Synott was at Kilteragh & was not sorry for excuse to hurry home. Made the journey 126 miles in 5 hours running plus about ¾ hour stops on way. Came to the conclusion that A Russell won't do for my job. |
| | 29 Mar, Tue | Worked hard at book. |
| | 30 Mar, Wed | Again the book. It will be a real contrib[utio]n to thought on the Rural problem of English speaking countries, but it is taking a lot out of me. Went down to Killeen with Hart Synnot and A Russell. A purely sporting party for the Navan Races (Meath Hunt) tomorrow. I can get on with my book a little. |
| | 31 Mar, Thu | Up at dawn & worked at book. Then the Meath Hunt Races where I saw some old sporting friends. |
| | 1 Apr, Fri | Another day at book, but went early to Dublin & Foxrock. |
| To Godkin, Lawrence | 2 Apr, Sat | Spent the day 5 AM to 6 PM trying to get my book finished. Sent 4 chapters off to Macmillans, New York. |
| | 3 Apr, Sun | Sir Gabriel Stokes was brought by W P Geoghegan to lunch under idea that he might be useful to I.A.O.S. Nice old Anglo Indian but I doubt his doing anything. Worked. |
| To Bullock, Shan F. | 4 Apr, Mon | Very hard work 5 AM onwards on last 3 chapters. |
| | 5 Apr, Tue | Levee at Dublin Castle – a dreary affair. At C.D.B. had a fight for cooperation as a remedy for congestion. Dr. O'Donnell & T W Russell denounced the proposal for various reasons. The Bishop's were dishonest, Russell's simply bigoted. |
| | 6 Apr, Wed | 4.30 AM I started at my book. But alas the whole office day was taken up with a meeting of the I.A.W.S. & the C.D.B. At the former Bryan was finally defeated by Barbour in a fight for the chair. At the latter Dr. O'Donnell managed to pull off his Parish Committee scheme. |
| To Bonn, Moritz Julius To Ponsonby, Thomas | 7 Apr, Thu | A meeting of The Pembroke Trustees & of Chamber of Commerce. Otherwise work. |
| To Roosevelt, Theodore <i>Fr Pinchot, Gifford</i> | 8 Apr, Fri | Worked 4.30 AM till 1 & 5 to 7 trying to finish that Book. |
| | 9 Apr, Sat | Got the book off at last. Its gone for better or worse. I shan't see the proofs thank goodness. Col. Pilkington, the Hannays, Hanson & Daisy came. Very tired & over worked. |
| <i>Fr Channing, Francis Allston</i> | 10 Apr, Sun | Very poorly in head after awful strain of yesterday. But I shall come all right I hope with rest. Golfed in morning & loafed the rest of the day. Daisy left to sleep with Gerald in a private hospital where the child is to have his tonsils & adenoids dealt with in the morning. |
| <i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i> | 11 Apr, Mon | Still feeling quite bad in head. Tried golf & nearly collapsed. Tried a little work & couldn't do it. |
| (To Balfour, Lady Betty fr R.A. Anderson on behalf of HP) | 12 Apr, Tue | Had to stay in bed all day instead of going to Punchestown to nurse an aching & roaring head. Got much better. |

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| <i>Fr Stead, William T.</i> | | |
| <i>Fr Roosevelt, Theodore</i> | 13 Apr, Wed | Stayed in house all day & got fairly right. It rained ceaselessly, a second drenching at Punchestown the poor ladies got! Healy of the Irish Times dined & impressed upon me that I ought to save myself as my time was coming. Alas it has gone physically. I mean I shall not be strong enough again to stand active public life. |
| To Stead, William T. | 14 Apr, Thu | Spent hours with Sir David Harrel at C.D.B. going over 800 applications for half a dozen posts as valuer. A dreary job but what it may mean to the families of the applicants, who knows. Lunched with the Lytteltons (Royal Hospital) to meet Lady Salisbury & talk Poultry organisation &c. Lady Londonderry came to the I.A.O.S. & was very nice to the staff. |
| <i>(Fr Godkin, Lawrence to Anderson, R.A.)</i> | 15 Apr, Fri | Morning Papers brought news that Asquith has capitulated to Redmond. Leopardstown Races. I had Lady Salisbury, Eva Wyndham Quin & Lady Lyttelton out to lunch. We all hated races but talked politics & economics. I met Iveagh who is gloomy about political situation. |
| To Godkin, Lawrence To Londonderry, Lady (Theresa) To Pinchot, Gifford | 16 Apr, Sat | ½ day at I.A.O.S. Daisy & two boys came in afternoon. |
| <i>Fr Brooks, Sydney</i> <i>Fr Butcher, S.H.</i> | 17 Apr, Sun | Coventry came. Did nothing. Thought out a new plan to get over my private secretary difficulty. Anderson owes me £1000 due to my having guaranteed his overdraft at the Bank. He will never pay it off. Therefore he could be my helper at no cost beyond his grub for some time – perhaps for my life. His IAOS work can go on and as so much of it is my work his living with me will not interfere. He will look after my estate & leave me only my American & colliery business. |
| [Report of address in <i>IH</i> , XVII:17 (23 Apr 1910), pp. 346-7] | 18 Apr, Mon | To Belfast & back for a meeting of the Committee to raise funds there for the I.A.O.S. Lady Londonderry moved chief resol[utio]n in an admirable speech. I gave her the material (which was also the material for my own prepared speech) & she said it all. As I followed her (better so! as I might have made an enemy) I was considerably upset in my 40 minutes' appeal for funds. Got back to find Lady Mayo, Tommy & May added to my guests. Propounded my scheme to Anderson & found him normally cautious but evidently pleased. |
| To Pinchot, Gifford | 19 Apr, Tue | Worked at lecture for sociological society Ap[ril] 26. |
| To Godkin, Lawrence | 20 Apr, Wed | A public meeting for the preservation of Queenstown as a port of call for Atlantic Liners at which I spoke briefly. Coventry left. Gifford Pinchot came late at night. |
| | 21 Apr, Thu | A. Russell left me after a long trial visit to see if he would make a private secretary. I liked him but he would not do at all. Pinchot spent day making acquaintance with I.A.O.S. people. Quarterly meeting of I.A.O.S. at which Pinchot attended. |
| To Channing, Francis Allston | 22 Apr, Fri | Work at Plunkett House with Pinchot. He is grasping "Plunkettism" & is thoroughly bitten with the theory of Rural |

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| | | decline I have put forward. |
| To Londonderry, Lady (Theresa) | 23 Apr, Sat | Worked ½ day & had A.E., Norman & J E Healy out to talk to Pinchot. They all like P hugely. |
| | 24 Apr, Sun | A delightful calm day with Pinchot & chief I.A.O.S. & other working friends. |
| | 25 Apr, Mon | After hard morning left Pinchot at Kilteragh in charge of Anderson & took 1.45 PM boat for London. |
| To Godkin, Lawrence | 26 Apr, Tue | Lunched with Monteagle to meet Garvin. He was rabid on Tariff Reform. I tackled him on Home Rule & his arguments against the inevitable were weak & sentimental – that the Irish ?would ?do ?them ?for what they say now! In House of Lords Shaftesbury got second reading & reference to a select C'tee of a Thrift & Credit Banks Bill which the I.A.O.S. wants. For the rest I was preparing & delivering to a good audience (considering the title!) at the Soc'y of Arts my address on The Sociological Aspects of Agrarian Reform in Ireland. |
| <i>Fr Channing, Francis Allston</i> | 27 Apr, Wed | Lunch with Col. Harvey (N[orth] American Review) to meet T.P. O'Connor & Sydney Brooks. Good American & Irish talk. T.P. is an amusing charlatan. He says the Irish have ample funds for the next election to be in June. Prophecies elimination of Tim Healy & defeat of Wm O'Brien for Cork. Went down to Ernle at Dunstall. Had not seen her for 6 or 7 years or Dunstall for twice as long. The one disimproved, the other unimproved by time. My object was to discuss Ernle's will with her & try to get her to provide for Reggie. I think I succeeded. I was absolutely frank & broke down the wall of suspicion at once. Poor Ernle, what a tragic life. All she wanted was a good husband. |
| | 28 Apr, Thu | Bowes, Pelton S.S. Co, Framwellgate all met & I presided. Then golfed with Sydney Brooks, Col. Harvey & a Mr. Burton who manages for Ld. Northcliffe. Called on Lady Londonderry. She at last is getting pessimistic politically. Heard that Roosevelt cannot go to Ireland nor deliver the speech we were to draft for him in England. A disappointment. |
| | 29 Apr, Fri | Had Seton, Bullock, O'Donovan, C Turnor & S Armytage [<i>sic</i>] Smith to lunch at Club. Dined as guest of Whitefriars Club & spoke on "Is Ireland Worth While[?]" Rather a success. But it was gained with the help of champagne, coffee & brandy! I was dead tired preparing. |
| | 30 Apr, Sat | Travelled to Ireland. Resumed the duties of host at Kilteragh where Gifford Pinchot had been vicariously entertained by Hanson & Anderson &c. Professor L H Bailey & his wife came. I was very tired. |
| <i>Fr Young Filson</i> | May, date uncertain | |
| | 1 May, Sun | Made Bailey read my American book. He was impressed & it got him out of his omniscient professional pose for there were many "view-points" new to him. Nice letter from Bullock saying I had had a success with the Journalists. |

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| | 2 May, Mon | Worked most of day. Florence (Geary) came. |
| <i>Fr Bullock, Shan F.</i> | 3 May, Tue | Work interrupted by a lunch at Viceregal. |
| <i>Fr Seton, Sir Malcolm C.</i> | 4 May, Wed | With Pinchot to Enniskillen where we met Bailey & wife & having sent on motor went & spent the afternoon with Fr. Maguire P.P. now P.P. of Kilskeery 12 miles (on the Omagh Road) from Enniskillen. B. & P. were greatly impressed by the Home Brightening scheme of this good man. It is all based on the Irish Language & this he is pressing with extraordinary zeal – and success. |
| | 5 May, Thu | Bailey left us to attend the Coop Conference at Omagh & I took Pinchot to Mountcharles, Co Donegal where his old nurse, now 75, was born. She could not die happy if he did not visit her house. Then to Lissadel for the night. Gore Both & wife very kind but also very silent. |
| | 6 May, Fri | Left early & went first to Collooney where Paul Gregan met us & accompanied us for the day & the excellent manager explained the working of a Coop Creamery in detail to Pinchot. Then to Achonry, Ballymote, Kilmastranny Achonry, Ballymote, Kilmastranny & Knockvicar creameries to Carrick on Shannon where we lunched at 3.30. Then to Athlone where we left Gregan in a Hotel & went on to Creggan where Mrs. Dames Longworth housed us hospitably for the night. |
| To Bullock, Shan F. To Byrne, James To Seton, Sir Malcolm C. | 7 May, Sat | Back to Dublin & Foxrock. At Kilcock a little boy shouted The King's Dead and the 1/- newspaper he held up confirmed the sad news. He was not a great man but had a big sense of public duty. He showed tact & great dignity. He died perhaps at the right moment for his own peace. I fear George V will not maintain the position of Edward VII, still less of Victoria. James Robertson of Canada joined Pinchot & me at Foxrock. If I get him into the Institute plan we may get the money. |
| | 8 May, Sun | Anderson & Nugent Harris lunched & we talked all day on the Rural Problem in its many branches. |
| <i>[mirabile dictu – wonderful to relate]</i> | 9 May, Mon | Worked hard most of day & fitted in a Privy Council in uniform to Proclaim George V and a golf match in which mirabile dictu I defeated my opponent in the Kildare St. Club handicap on the 20th hole! A.E. dined & we had more talk on the big idea. |
| To Rider Haggard, Sir H. | 10 May, Tue | Robertson & Gifford Pinchot left. G.P. will I hope return. C.D.B. meeting & Deputation of I.A.O.S. (Fr. Finlay, A.E., R.A.A., Everard, H. Barbour & Crichton) 1½ hours wrangle-row with T W Russell. Awful ignorance of Board upon general economics & hopeless incapability to understand cooperation. Dr. O'Donnell & Shaftesbury were both unhappily away. Worked at the memorandum I want to get signed by American & British influentials in favor of Country Life Institute. |
| | 11 May, Wed | C.D.B. & another row over the cooperative question. Harrel was bitterly opposed to “abrogating” any of the Board's functions. Fitzgibbon was friendly & Dr. O'Donnell fair. The Bishop of Kerry is hopelessly crass. In evening – bless these long days – I played my second heat in the K S Club golf handicap & won it! |

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| To Pinchot, Gifford To Seton, Sir Malcolm [Arthur Young, 1741-1820, agricultural writer, reformer, traveller] | 12 May, Thu | H. Rider Haggard arrived. Like many successful authors he disappoints. But he has tried to do Arthur Young in Rural England & is an authority. I had Hanson & Adams to meet him. Unfortunately Daisy & her sister had to leave. |
| To Pinchot, Gifford <i>Fr Plunkett, Reginald A.R.</i> | 13 May, Fri | Worked, chiefly at Memorandum on Country Life Institute. |
| (To Pinchot, Mrs. Mary; PIN) To Plunkett, Reginald A.R. | 14 May, Sat | Hard, hard work. I shall break down again. But it is a critical moment for the Plunkett idea of rural regeneration. |
| [daughter – Mary Vesey] | 15 May, Sun | After a morning's golf, preceded by writing in early hours, motored to tea at Palmerston & Dine & sleep at Abbey Leix with Lady de Vesce & her beautiful daughter, Lady Cowper who left Ireland as vicereine girl before the Phoenix Park murders & one or two others. The blue bells were not carpeting the woods as the year was so late. But the place was beautiful in its vernal glory. |
| | 16 May, Mon | Motored back after a delightful though short visit to charming people. Lady de V. told me of a touching incident of Irish life. The P.P. is dying. A few days ago he sent for her & said he wanted to make one request of her before he left the world. It was that she would pray God that if she were not in the true faith to guide her to it. Pinchot returned from England. |
| <i>Fr Wilkins, L.</i> | 17 May, Tue | Worked 6 AM to 2 P.M. Then played my third heat in Kildare St. Club golf handicap & won on last hole! I felt boyishly glad. |
| To Butcher, S.H. To Rider Haggard, Sir H. <i>Fr Rider Haggard, Sir H.</i> | 18 May, Wed | Work. |
| | 19 May, Thu | Work. Sinclair & Andrews came for the Funeral service tomorrow. |
| [<i>dies non</i> – non-business day] | 20 May, Fri | A dies-non. Funeral of Edward VII. A very fine service at St. Patrick's. Took Pinchot who was greatly impressed. Tom & wife & a Mrs. Lockett (her sister but very infirm) came for a dine & sleep. |
| To Godkin, Lawrence | 21 May, Sat | Pinchot left for Queenstown & New York & I motored Daisy from Dundalk (whither by train) to Mount Stewart. Our host & hostess were delayed in London by his gout & we had the huge house & staff to our two selves! En route we called at Ravensdale a house once Lord Claremont's then Sir Daniel Dixon Bart's (late Ld Mayor of Belfast, Bourgeois) & now Lord Arran's. He & his Dutch wife bought the house & property for the price of the trees & Library! |
| | 22 May, Sun | Lady L is certainly one of the most interesting of women. She told me a lot about King Edward & his domestic life which cannot be written in a diary which might fall into other hands. On the whole she made me feel that Ed VII was a bigger man (in character not intellect) than I had imagined. The Queen was a sore trial to him as well, of course, as he to her. Poor L. is suffering badly from gout. There were none in the party but he & she & Daisy & Castlereagh's <u>charming</u> children. The |

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| | | boy Robin aet 7 will I am sure be a man of mark. |
| | 23 May, Mon | Moted back to Foxrock, under 4 hours Belfast to Dublin & never went fast though traffic on ?past c--te &c! A gloriously fine day. SH Butcher dined & slept. He too is gloomy over the political outlook. |
| | 24 May, Tue | Malcolm Seton & wife, Daisy & Lady Geary arrived. Two IAOS committees. |
| | 25 May, Wed | Very nervous & seedy. Remained torpid without tea or coffee or other stimulant all ay. Weather glorious. |
| | 26 May, Thu | Better & got some work done. F.J. Cross a man I met at Whitefriars Club on Ap[ril] 29 came & spent the day. He is going to tour in Ireland, inquiring. |
| | 27 May, Fri | Day wasted by abscess in ear. Lentaigine & Dempsey (ear specialist) came out & found that besides the abscess in outer ear there was trouble behind the drum which must be punctured as soon as the swelling develops. They gave me a sleeping draught. |
| <i>Fr Roosevelt, Theodore</i> | 28 May, Sat | Sick from sleeping draught. Went to S Dublin & had ear drum punctured under an anaesthetic. Rested quietly at Kilteragh. |
| To Roosevelt, Theodore | 29 May, Sun | Better much. The ear discharged freely in the night. Kept quiet. In evening Lord St. Aldwyn (Sir Michael Hicks Beach) twice Ch: Sec, Chancellor of Exch[equer] &c) passed through Kilteragh en route Mount Stewart to England. He wanted to discuss the Thrift & Credit Banks Bill in which we are much interested. Had Adams, R.A.A. & "A.E." to meet him. He was I think well impressed. |
| To Butcher, S.H. To Young, Filson | 30 May, Mon | A very nice Colonel Jeffrey Burland & wife, he Canadian she Irish (Lurgan) came to visit me. He is a philanthropist & may I hope take an interest in my work. |
| Fr Smith, Goldwin (HAU) Fr Peabody, Francis Fr Pritchett, Henry S. Fr Sturgis, Thomas | 31 May, Tue | Worked 5.30 AM to 11 AM & then found I had to play my match in the K.S.C. golf handicap in the late afternoon. Of course I was beaten (by a very nice & fine scratch player, Purdon Coote). Daisy & Florence came & I think got Col. Burdon [<i>sic</i>] to look favorably to the I.A.O.S. |
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| | 1 Jun, Wed | Tired & unwell. Did work of poor quality. |
| | 2 Jun, Thu | Hard work all day. |
| | 3 Jun, Fri | Worked all day. |
| To Leslie, Shane <i>Fr Bonn, Moritz Julius</i> | 4 Jun, Sat | Hard work again on a case for the I.A.O.S. in the area of the C.D.B. |
| <i>Fr Pinchot, Gifford</i> | 5 Jun, Sun | Up 5 A.M. to work at CDB memorandum on Agricultural Cooperation as a necessary part of the Board's 'policy' which they are to declare on 14th in London. Worked at it in the Mail boat which took me to Holyhead whither I had sent the motor overnight to go to London for business, rest (?) and pleasure. Picked up Mrs. Pilkington at Holyhead & gave her a passage to London. We lunched with the Reichels at Bangor and slept at Llangollen. |

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| | 6 Jun, Mon | Did not complete my work in spite of strenuous efforts to start from Holyhead free to amuse myself. So got up early & sent off two long documents. Then motored via Shrewsbury where we lunched with the Ch: Constable of Shropshire Derriman a very nice fellow, friend of Mrs. Pilkington's) to Birmingham where we tea'd, to Warwick where we slept at the Woolpack Hotel. I had a good talk with my charming companion. She is a dear, very good, earnest & courageous little woman with a rather sad life – but a most interesting one. |
| <i>Fr Russell, G.W. (Æ)</i> | 7 Jun, Tue | After showing Mrs. Pilkington Warwick Castle left her at Hatch End with a sister & came on to Mount St. |
| | 8 Jun, Wed | Chief event of day lunch with Arthur Lee to meet Roosevelt. Had good talk with him but too short as Lloyd George, Selborne & many others greater than I were there. T.R. will stand by for my work & help whenever he can. I talked with him about his meeting with the Irish M.P.s & found that he had said & done the right things & better, avoided the wrong. I talked also about his pos[iti]o[n] as Presidential candidate. He said in effect that if the el[ectio]n were this year he would be on the top of the wave. "But these waves have a habit of raising a great crest & toppling over." Called on S Brooks' & found them much better. |
| To Bonn, Moritz Julius To Sturgis, Thomas | 9 Jun, Thu | Called on SH Butcher, Nugent Harris, Mrs. J R Green & had Lawrence Abbott to lunch. He was traveling with Roosevelt & I coached him in what I want R. to do for me re my new book. |
| | 10 Jun, Fri | Went to Winchester to help the A.O.S. at a meeting. Think I did help. Saw the cathedral & King Arthur's Round Table & the guide book shows. But it is inspiring. |
| To Birrell, Augustine | 11 Jun, Sat | After morning's work, including interview with Shaftesbury about meeting of CDB on Tuesday & letter to Birrell thereon, moted to Harpenden for week end, golf & talk with A.D. Hall. The talk was about the Development Grant (Hall being a Dev[elopmen]t Commissioner) & agric'l cooperation. A new idea emerges. The Development Grant might finance the Country Life Institute. Hall seems quite favorable to this & Sidney Webb would be also. |
| | 12 Jun, Sun | A very quiet day. I felt not at all well but worked hard to try & come to some agreement with Hall about the subsidising of organisation societies out of the Development Grant. May came in the evening in my motor & I drove her back. Beach Thomas called during the day. |
| | 13 Jun, Mon | Not well & got very little work done. Had 1½ hours with Sir David Harrel – most tiring. Saw Dorothy in her new house in Chapel St. She is going to be a mother in August or Sept. |
| To Peabody, Francis [Bishops – P. O'Donnell and J. Mangan; priests – D. O'Hara and P. Glynn] | 14 Jun, Tue | CDB met in London & I fought for a grant for the I.A.O.S. I told the Board plainly that in my judgment they were not dealing with their problem rightly, that without organisation their work would not be permanent & so on & so forth. Shaftesbury fought with me, the 2 bishops & 2 P.P.s & Fitzgibbon fought against me & Birrell of course ditto. A.E. turned up to give evidence before a Lords Committee on a Thrift & Credit Banks Bill. I took him & a |

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| | | friend of his to the Japanese Exhib'n. |
| | 15 Jun, Wed | Listened to A.E. being examined before H[ouse] of L[ords] Committee on Thrift & Credit Banks Bill. He did splendidly but the Committee were obtuse. Called with A.E. on Sydney Brooks. |
| | 16 Jun, Thu | Pelton Board meetings. Much correspondence. Dined with ass't Editor of Lancet, S Squire Sprigge to discuss Rural Life Problem from medical point of view. |
| Fr Haultain, Arnold | 17 Jun, Fri | Busy on I.A.O.S. work &c all morning & then golfed with Sydney Brooks in afternoon. |
| (To Pinchot, Gifford fr Pritchett, Henry S.) [RA – Royal Artillery] | 18 Jun, Sat | Busy preparing evidence to be given before H[ouse] of L[ords] C'tee Monday. Capt. W. F. (son of Hon. R.C.) Parsons R.A. lunched to discuss with me whether he should stay in the army or go to Canada. He has no expert qualifications. He is a very nice not very intelligent soldier aet 30. Difficult. S Brooks, Shan Bullock, Daisy, Mary, Raymond, Conny dined at Club. |
| | 19 Jun, Sun | Moted Daisy to Fisher's Hill where the Rayleighs & the whole Gerald Betty family. Also H J Mackinder M.P. Back by night. Perfect summer day. But I am working too hard & am not well. |
| | 20 Jun, Mon | Listened to T W Russell telling monstrous untruths to the Lords Committee (on the Thrift & Credit Banks Bill) about the Irish Agricultural Banks. Then gave evidence myself, but rather on the subject than in reply to T.W.R. Anderson had come over and helped me. Dined with Sydney Brooks to meet Martin Littleton & his wife. He is a possible governor of New York & therefore possible Presidential candidate. |
| | 21 Jun, Tue | Meeting of Joint Cooperative Boards took from 11.30 AM to 4 PM & tired me out. |
| (To Pinchot, Gifford fr Wallace, Henry) (To Pinchot, Gifford fr Page, Walter Hines) | 22 Jun, Wed | Gave more evidence before H[ouse] of L[ords] C'tee on Shaftesbury's Bill. The Parl'y C'tee of the Cooperative Union backed up my view & that is all I want to say. The Chairman had never heard of the Coop Union. James Robertson of Canada dined with me. |
| | 23 Jun, Thu | Worked hard all day at the letter to Irish Press against T W Russell. I hope it is not indiscreet. Met Lord Welby in the Tube. He told me that Shaftesbury's C'tee were going to recommend the hanging up of the Bill. Dined with the Willie Jamesons. JG Butcher the only interesting person there. |
| | 24 Jun, Fri | Worked hard, rest seems out of the question. I think I am getting hold of public opinion with my rural life ideas. It is a long fight but as I have not been beaten in argument I must win in the end. Lunched with Conny which made me reflect how little I see of my family. |
| [*State Aid and Voluntary Effort – The Present Strained | 25 Jun, Sat | In today's Irish papers I have departed from my usual meek & mild attitude & have attacked T W Russell for his lyings & ludicrous assertions about my movement. Whether wise or not |

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| Relations, <i>Irish Times</i> , p. 7] | | remains to be seen, it was surely righteous! L. Godkin my New York host arrived. I must be very good to him in Ireland. Garden party at Lady Jerseys. |
| | 26 Jun, Sun | 6 AM to 11 worked. Went down in car with Godkin to Emily Lawless. Lunched, fell asleep, woke up for tea & came back to town where I dined O'Donovan & Godkin at a Club! What a day of rest! Found Emily immensely better but of course she can never be strong. She has an addiction to morbid introspection, I mean physiological. |
| Fr Pinchot, Gifford | 27 Jun, Mon | Lunched with Harold Cox & dined at House with JG Butcher. The interval spent working hard in fight betw'n the farmers & the politicians. |
| <i>Fr Byrne, Helen MacGregor</i> | 28 Jun, Tue | Pelton general meeting & a dinner with the ?Lucys interrupted a terribly busy day. |
| | 29 Jun, Wed | Went with Ld. Rosse, Hart Synnot & Tommy Ponsonby in my car to Rothamsted. Back and spent evening with Shan Bullock doing much work as well. My osteopath said I am keeping myself in a state of general debility from excess of mental activity. |
| | 30 Jun, Thu | Arne von Mehren lunched with me. He is a Dane who is farming extensively in Sussex & Oxfordshire & making it pay by showing not better technical knowledge but more up-to-date methods. I really must visit him. He is the most interesting man I know. House of C., writing, very busy. |
| <i>Fr Byrne, James (month & day uncertain)</i> | | |
| To Haultain, Arnold | 1 Jul, Fri | Spent most of the day preparing memoranda for the debate in the H of C next week on the Department's vote when the whole issue betw'n Russell & me will be raised. Ld. Lucas lunched with me. At night Daisy & I went to York House Hotel, Bath, sending the motor on. I am taking her round by Downside to see Oliver at school. |
| | 2 Jul, Sat | Downside at Stratton-on-the-Fosse 12 miles S of Bath is the monastery of the oldest Benedictine -a--- in England. They run a public school which is more English & manly than any R.C. educ'l institution I have seen. Oliver seems supremely happy there. He is a fine well balanced boy. We got on to Worcester where we slept. We <u>did</u> Tewkesbury, the Abbey there impressed me greatly. |
| [Bridgenorth] | 3 Jul, Sun | Via Wellington, North Bridge [<i>sic</i>] (where we lunched & did the old Castle, a grand bit of masonry all that remains of the 12th century fortress Castle the rest being blown to stones by gunpowder in Cromwell's day) & Whitchurch to Saighton Grange. There George Wyndham & Lady Grosvenor in a charming old house built in fortified grounds centuries ago. Long talks with G.W. as cheery & interesting as ever. What a philosopher & how weak! I inferred that (as W Long told me) Arthur Balfour will restore G.W. to high office (probably War office) if he is Premier again. He has good ideas on Rural Life. |

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| <i>Fr Ware, Fabian</i> | 4 Jul, Mon | Left Lady Grosvenor – a real saint – at the delightful house. Dropped George Wyndham at Chester station & went to Holyhead & on to Kilteragh. We went through Hawarden village & on to Holywell where there was one of the most beautiful little churches built over the healing waters. When we arrived the midday service was going on being conducted by a Jesuit Priest. There was an excursion from L[iver]pool, Irish mostly, & we could not get near the miraculous water or hear what was being said. Must go again. The place interests greatly. At Holyhead we tea'd with the Pilkingtons. He suggests in 1911 a Rural Life Conference in Dublin. |
| [Letter in <i>IH</i> , XVII:28 (9 Jul 1910), pp. 572-3] | 5 Jul, Tue | The usual rush on return. And had to write a letter to the newspapers in reply to a ridiculous resolution of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce against the I.A.O.S. getting subsidies for trading. |
| To Butcher, S.H. | 6 Jul, Wed | Worked very hard – too hard – at I.A.O.S. |
| Fr Byrne, James | 7 Jul, Thu | Ditto |
| To Butcher, S.H. | 8 Jul, Fri | Barton & I went to Portmarnock & saw the leading golfing Professionals playing. They were the most perfect machines. I never saw 'pros' at their best before & enjoyed it. The debate last night in House of Commons on the TW Russell vs I.A.O.S. controversy was much in favor of the latter. S.H. Butcher was the best, J.G.B., H.T. Barrie, Carson & Walter Long all did well. |
| To Pinchot, Gifford [Letter to <i>IH</i> in XVII:29 (16 Jul 1910), pp. 591-2] ['Plain Talk to Farmers' (I) in <i>IH</i> , XVII:28, pp. 566-7] | 9 Jul, Sat | Hart Synnot & Pilkington arrived early, JE Healy in afternoon. L. Godkin, Ed Cunningham, wife & son at night. A peaceful but not altogether restful day as I had a hard morning in office. |
| Fr Plunkett, Reginald A.R. | 10 Jul, Sun | The day of rest began at 5 A.M. & consisted largely of writing a letter to the newspapers on the Traders versus farmers controversy. I golfed twice & had the Robinsons to dine. |
| | 11 Jul, Mon | Chief event of day meeting of Chamber of Commerce (Dublin) at which I argued in favor of Trade supporting instead of opposing the I.A.O.S. I got them to appoint this day fortnight to discuss that issue only. |
| <i>Fr Seton, Sir Malcolm C.</i> | 12 Jul, Tue | IAOS work. |
| <i>Fr Rolleston, T.W.</i> | 13 Jul, Wed | Ditto |
| To Byrne, James To Healy, Maurice To Rolleston, T.W. To Seton, Sir Malcolm C. Fr Sturgis, Thomas ['Plain Talk to Farmers' (II) in <i>IH</i> , XVII:29 (16 Jul 1910) pp.589-90] | 14 Jul, Thu | Wrote my second Plain Talk to Farmers in Homestead. FJ Cross came to stay two nights. |
| | 15 Jul, Fri | Day spent trying to write 1500 words asked for by Daily Mail upon agriculture. Of course a paper with a large circulation is a good medium for advertising sound views. But it is bad writing to |

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| | | order. Saw T.P. Gill & suggested that he should get TW Russell to write papers saying Dept did not intend to press for legislation re Creameries without giving I.A.O.S. chance of being heard. Adams spent the evening & we had a talk which helped me. |
| | 16 Jul, sat | T.W. Russell's letter came out – not as I had wanted it, but not too bad. Golfed at Portmarnock with Studs & J.G. Barton. The three of us slept at Clonsilla, Mrs. S. being away. The “Clever Captain” as we used to call him in my hunting days is clever. He has real administrative ability. He runs a big horse dealing business admirably & is the best housekeeper I have seen. An interesting fellow too. Immensely shrewd & I daresay straight for one in that business. |
| Fr Healy, Maurice | 17 Jul, Sun | Golfed at “The Hermitage” course with Messrs Barton, Studs & Henry – 36 holes. A good change from hard work. But what I want is not. A.E. back from his holidays in the Donegal Highlands dined. |
| To Byrne, James To Rolleston, T.W. | 18 Jul, Mon | Worked all day. |
| [‘Plain Talk to Farmers’ (III) in <i>IH</i> , XVII:30 (23 Jul 1910), pp. 611-2] | 19 Jul, Tue | Up at 4 AM & slept at York. Had a meeting at Plunkett House betw'n representatives of the agric'l coop movements & the English & Scottish Coop Wholesale Societies who I hope will buy cattle direct from coop farmers. Wrote a memorandum to Dublin Club of America on relations of Trade & Agriculture & my third Plain Talks to Farmers for the Homestead. |
| [NER – North Eastern Railway] | 20 Jul, Wed | The N.E.R.'s had the most foolish strike I ever remember. A workman was moved from one end of a building to another, same work position & pay otherwise. But he objected & was “fired”. This upset all traffic & caused vast public inconvenience. Inspected Follonsby & Felling collieries of Bowes & Pelton. All going well. Also held Bowes & Pelton meetings a day ahead. Gardiner kept by wife's illness & no Western or Bainbridge present. |
| [“Rural Life in the United States”, <i>Times Literary Supplement</i> , 21 Jul, p. 262] | 21 Jul, Thu | Inspected Bowes Collieries & got back as far as Harrogate where I rested to see Tom Sinclair & get him to help me with the Belfast Chamber of Commerce. The Times Literary Supplement had a very appreciative review of my American book. “There is thought in every line. The gist of the case for the reconstruction of country life has never been better condensed.” |
| <i>Fr Bonn, Moritz Julius</i> | 22 Jul, Fri | Spent the day getting from Harrogate to Kilteragh. |
| To Butcher, S.H. To Pinchot, Gifford <i>Fr Seton, Sir Malcolm C. (Fr Seton, Sir Malcolm C. to Anderson, R.A.)</i> | 23 Jul, Sat | Very hard morning. Percy La Touche & WE Holmes came to week end. Ross Todd & Lane dined. |
| Fr Bonn, Moritz Julius Fr Brooks, Sydney | 24 Jul, Sun | Had some 30 Essex farmers out to Foxrock, gave them tea & what my cowboys would have called “a game of talk”! Intelligent |

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| | | men. |
| To Godkin, Lawrence To Rolleston, T.W. <i>Fr Butcher, S.H.</i> | 25 Jul, Mon | Percy La Touche & Daisy left. I had another talk at Plunkett House with Essex farmers before they left by a 10.15 train for Wicklow Wexford Waterford & England. Was in much better form & made a good impression. Had 4½ hours' fight with Council of Chamber of Commerce & finally made them pass a resolution unanimously giving support to the I.A.O.S. in the controversy with TW Russell who spoke for trade! So is Public Opinion made! |
| | 26 Jul, Tue | IAOS Gen'l Committee Quarterly meeting took nearly whole day. |
| | 27 Jul, Wed | I.A.W.S. & hard morning at I.A.O.S. work. |
| To Bonn, Moritz Julius To Seton, Sir Malcolm C. <i>Fr Buxton, C. Roden</i> | 28 Jul, Thu | Worked. Oliver & Alan Anderson arrived. |
| | 29 Jul, Fri | Worked. Gerald & "Cissie" arrived & all left except the two Andersons. |
| ['Plain Talks to Farmers' (IV) in <i>IH</i> , XVII:31, pp. 631-2] | 30 Jul, Sat | More hard work. Caröe, wife & son came late boat. Hanson, Alan Anderson & I walked the 2 Rock & 3 Rock mountains. |
| [Artist Sarah Purser] [sal volatile – spirits of ammonia; smelling salts] | 31 Jul, Sun | Worked early & then gave myself up to society! Sally Purser, a dangerously political gossip (but a good old soul, Sal volatile they who dare call her[]), Joy & Miss Erskine, a lady journalist from St. Louis U.S.A. joined our party. |
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| | 1 Aug, Mon | Holiday – the only real one I have had for many a day. Golf, rest. Col. Pilkington & Tommy Ponsonby turned up unexpectedly but welcome. |
| ['Plain Talks to Farmers' (V) in <i>IH</i> , XVII:32 (6 Aug 1910), pp. 652-3] | 2 Aug, Tue | Worked at Plain Talks to Irish Farmers 5th article. |
| To Rider Haggard, Sir H. <i>Fr Rolleston, T.W.</i> | 3 Aug, Wed | Worked at Plain Talk No. V. Three more to come. Harold Barbour & a <u>young</u> McCance, son of the McC. I put on the Council of Agriculture came for night. |
| To Rolleston, T.W. <i>Fr Alston, Walter C.</i> <i>Fr Seton, Sir Malcolm C.</i> | 4 Aug, Thu | David Roche came & told me all about the Irish Cooperative Agency Society. Had an IAOS day. Late at night Mrs. Stephen Spring Rice & her daughter turned up. |
| To Bullock, Shan F. [KCSI – Knight Commander of The Most Exalted Order of the Star of India] | 5 Aug, Fri | Heavy day's work and Sir James Wilson KCSI & Lady Wilson (Scots) turned up & dined. They, like all intelligent Anglo Indians, are with the I.A.O.S. & Plunkettism heart & soul. At night James Byrne came for a short 48 hours to the joy of many friends. |
| To Alston, Walter C. <i>Fr Rider Haggard, Sir H.</i> | 6 Aug, Sat | Morning at Plunkett House & took James Byrne to lunch with Sir J Arnott & to Killeen to dine & sleep. En route saw a cricket match – what associations! at Dunsany. Old Reid with his one arm the most moving of the ruins. |
| | 7 Aug, Sun | Back to Kilteragh where I had Fr. F[inlay], Norman & A.E. to meet James Byrne. I took JB & Fr. F to call on Boss Croker who was for once communicative. Then a call on Douglas Hyde, staying nearby, & to the Boat for England. |

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| <i>Fr Rolleston, T.W.</i> | 8 Aug, Mon | Did very little, felt seedy. |
| To Byrne, James To <i>Daily Telegraph</i> To Rolleston, T.W. | 9 Aug, Tue | C.D.B. Lentaigne arranged to remove a little tumour growing at the umbilicus – not malignant I hope, but in any case extinct on Thursday. Sir James & Lady Wilson came to dine & sleep. Worked too hard. |
| <i>Fr Rolleston, T.W.</i> [‘Plain Talks to Farmers’ (VI) in <i>IH</i> , XVII:33 (13 Aug 1910), pp. 672-4] | 10 Aug, Wed | Worked very hard at Plain Talk No. VI. I believe the work will be useful. Dear old Mrs. Sellar arrived – Douglas Hyde & AE dined. Hanson also came to stay. |
| To Rolleston, T.W. (<i>Fr Carey, Bertram to Lloyd, E.T.; SET.22/2</i>) <i>Fr Garvin, James</i> | 11 Aug, Thu | 4.30 AM to 12 noon working at the sixth Plain Talk – a sick man’s job it will appear to be. At 12.45 went to a private hospital to have a little tumour cut out of my navel by Lentaigne. Had gas which was a great blessing as he had to go a bit deep to be sure of the roots & I was in a nervous state from over work. A few days’ absolute quiet will be good for me. |
| | 12 Aug, Fri | Had to lie still as the stitches in the little wound are, to say the least, troublesome if they are disturbed. Dear old Mrs. Sellar is an ideal guest for an invalid – or indeed for the robust. She is a marvel. |
| | 13 Aug, Sat | Lay low. Rolleston & Daisy (with Cissie) came. |
| Fr Godkin, Lawrence | 14 Aug, Sun | Daisy & “Cissie” went to Powerscourt. Quiet day with Rolleston. |
| | 15 Aug, Mon | Had the stitches taken out of my little wound & was more comfortable. Gerald & Betty Balfour & 3 younger children with nurse arrived & cheered me. But it was a sad day as Anderson had heard that his eldest boy had gone altogether to the devil in South America – had deceived his employer, run away with a servant of his (a cross breed Indian) & then deserted her. Poor fellow his life is hard indeed. |
| To Godkin, Lawrence <i>Fr Lloyd, E.T. (SET.20)</i> | 16 Aug, Tue | Work chiefly. Golf with Gerald in afternoon. |
| | 17 Aug, Wed | The same except that Lord & Lady Plunket, just home from New Zealand, he a little vice-regalised, she unchanged, dined. Betty & Daisy went to a suffrage meeting at Killiney in a ?tent of influential former constituent of mine. |
| To Lloyd, E.T. (SET.21) [‘Plain Talks to Farmers’ (VII) in <i>IH</i> , XVII:34 (20 Aug 1910), pp. 692-3] | 18 Aug, Thu | Sent off Plain Talk VII. Find must run to two more. Fr. Finlay dined & was cheery & hopeful about our movement. |
| To Lloyd, E.T. (SET.21) | 19 Aug, Fri | Work & golf, neither very first rate. Lord Atkinson dined. He was in great form though, poor fellow, his wife is intellectually dead & physically dying. |
| To Seton, Sir Malcolm C. <i>Fr Pinchot, Gifford</i> | 20 Aug, Sat | Work & play. Edward O’Farrell dined & had an amusing fight with Gerald Balfour on the latest developments of the Home Rule position. |
| | 21 Aug, Sun | The Tyrrell’s lunched. Sir George Holmes, Douglas Hyde, 3 members Jim Power’s party, Elwood Mead the Wyoming (& then USA & Australian chief consulting irrigation engineer with a Colonel Reay publicist) made a motley Sunday afternoon crowd. |

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| | | We had some golf & I did a lot of work. Mead said an interesting thing. 'In America the best thing a business man thinks of is going into politics, in Australia it is the highest ambition of all business men.[?] |
| To Chamberlain, Beatrice Fr Carey, Bertram (SET.23) | 22 Aug, Mon | Early to work for the Horse Show party came. Lawrence Godkin, his cousins the Edward Cunninghams (He She & boy) & "old Covey" (dear Ld. Coventry). Gerald Balfour behaved very well & was not a bit bored. Betty angelic as usual. |
| (To Seton, Sir Malcolm C. fr Barnes, H.S.) <i>Fr Lloyd, E.T. (SET.25)</i> | 23 Aug, Tue | Lady Betty wrote me a long "Plain Talk" about my own reckless sacrifice of health & possibly life in over working my strength. True alas. Bourke Cockran & wife turned up & dined. Otherwise normal entertainment – guests taking care of themselves mostly. |
| To Lloyd, E.T. (SET.26) To Carey, Bertram (SET.27) <i>Fr Chamberlain, Beatrice Fr Plunkett, Reginald A.R. Fr Seton, Sir Malcolm C.</i> | 24 Aug, Wed | Work & duty of host as far as practicable. |
| To Brooks, Sydney To Rider Haggard, Sir H. <i>Fr Lloyd, E.T.</i> | 25 Aug, Thu | Work, siesta & golf while my party did Horse Show. |
| To Bullock, Shan F. To Plunkett, Reginald A.R. | 26 Aug, Fri | A wild stormy wet day. Worked in IAOS morning. Came to lunch & siesta while the American guests went to Phoenix Park Races. Lady Leitrim came to lunch & was I think impressed by what Lady Betty & I told her about Irish progress. |
| To Lloyd, E.T. To Seton, Sir Malcolm C. [‘Plain Talks to Farmers’ (VIII) in <i>IH</i> , XVII:35 (27 Aug 1910), pp. 711-4] | 27 Aug, Sat | The Cunninghams & Godkins left & Daisy & 3 children & JE Healy came. |
| | 28 Aug, Sun | Golfed morning. Anderson left. Pilkington came. Sir Hamilton Gould Adams, ex-Lt. Governor of Orange Free State lunched. He is capable they say & is keen to make his mark in Ireland. |
| To Butcher, S.H. To Ponsonby, Thomas [In July J. Armstrong Drexel had set the world height record (6745 ft.)] | 29 Aug, Mon | The first aeroplane meeting in Ireland was held in Leopardstown race course & I was a steward. The "Aviator"(!) Drexel lunched with me, came with Lady Powerscourt & I had a swarm of people who saw the show from my roof. Harold & Frank Barbour, Mrs. Barbour & a Mrs. Cook, relatives of Barbours dined. |
| [Hans – Plunkett's dog] | 30 Aug, Tue | Second day of Aviation & Drexel lunched again. He is a nice boy – only 21 – with all the American early maturity. Finished all but the peroration (!) of last Plain Talk. The Gerald Balfours left. Hans in tears & I much moved. Daisy happily stayed & Mrs. Harold Barbour & her cousin Mrs. Cook came to dine & sleep. |
| To Haultain, Arnold | 31 Aug, Wed | Daisy & 3 children -----ed & Reggie came [by] day mail looking very strong & well. Golfed with Studs at Foxrock. I play better than him but he beat me easily. I was physically unfit. I <u>must</u> change my habits of work. |

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| To Sturgis, Thomas <i>Fr Ponsonby, Thomas</i> [‘Plain Talk to Farmers’ (IX) in <i>IH</i> , XVII:36 (3 Sep 1910), pp. 734-7] | 1 Sep, Thu | Finished another, the last, Plain Talk & hope I shall have strength of purpose to revolutionise my mad system of work & drop the tea poisoning. |
| | 2 Sep, Fri | Rose early & finished my work. Started off in motor for Kilcooley, Reggie following by train as I was to do dentist in Dublin. In dentist’s chair had “vertigo”, was violently sick in his waiting room after and had to summon a doctor (Cox) who with some difficulty restored my heart action so that I could get to Plunkett House where I was carried upstairs & got to bed with all the helplessness of an official invalid. Day & night nurse &c. Came too [<i>sic</i>] all right but was miserable enough. Everybody more than kind. |
| To Pinchot, Gifford (by sec’y) To Carey, Bertram (by sec’y) | 3 Sep, Sat | A peaceful day. Weak giddy but no pain of any moment. Temperature 2° subnormal 96.4 most of day & pulse very weak. But no complications. Reggie went on to Kilcooley. |
| <i>Fr Lloyd, E.T.</i> | 4 Sep, Sun | Moved to Kilteragh. Weak & giddy but getting all right. Daisy motored up to help me to move, good soul. |
| <i>Fr Carey, Bertram (to sec’y)</i> | 5 Sep, Mon | Still weak & rested at Kilteragh all day. Hanson’s Father & mother tea’d with me, I having given them a run in the motor with John. |
| To Carey, Bertram (by sec’y) To Lloyd, E.T. | 6 Sep, Tue | Rushed off some final correspondence & left by motor with Daisy & Cissie for Palmerston where Lady Mayo, her mother & 2 nieces were keeping house. So with these 6 females I begin my holiday. I hope I shall really rest now for 10 days. |
| <i>Fr Norman, Harry F.</i> | 7 Sep, Wed | Left Palmerston in a dull grey morning. When about half way across Ireland the weather lightened into glorious summer which I heard they had enjoyed all day. Fetched up at Foynes (Mt. Trenchard) after lunching en route at Killaloe. Mary S[pring].R[ice]., Mary Massey, Leonard Knox cousin & sec’y to M[onteagle]. & “Jack” Perceval another relation were there all packing up for a wild camping & sailing expedition under J.O. Hannay’s guidance. I think they are going to live out on Clew Bay Island and sail about the bay till they get sick of or on it. I wish I were of the party. I still feel very cheap. |
| | 8 Sep, Thu | A really restful day. Went with Monteagle to meet Wibberley (Lancashire, Irish mother) County Instructor in Agriculture of Co. Limerick. He is friendly to the I.A.O.S. & in conjunction with Riddall [(J)organiser] has started two cooperative societies to jointly own & use costly agric’l machinery. Saw the Kilcolman Society working a reaper & binder in the oat field of one of their members. |
| <i>Fr Haultain, Arnold</i> <i>Fr Marsh, Edward C.</i> <i>(Macmillan Co.)</i> | 9 Sep, Fri | Came to Danesfort, Killarney, Henry Butcher’s Irish home. He & his niece Maud Trench keeping house together. A very nice put-up for me as “S.H.” insists on my idling. As he is working himself far too hard the advice treatment is funny. But he is as right in my case as he is wrong in his own. The weather, quite glorious. |
| | 10 Sep, Sat | Golfed with Kenmare in the Deer Park a half ?rounds course. Won on last hole. Took it very easy & it did me good. Moted |

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| [Handwriting doesn't support it, but Geo. Earle Buckle was editor of <i>The Times</i>] | | S.H.B. & Miss Trench to Caragh Lake Hotel where B----- & wife (Ed[itor] of Times) were staying. I cannot understand the other side – for such there must be – of that very uncongenial person. Monteagle came to Danesfort in the ev[enin]g. |
| [<i>de trop</i> – superfluous] | 11 Sep, Sun | Rec[eive]d from O'Toole & sent back corrected preface for Plain Talks Pamphlet. Golfed lazily, foursome with Kenmare, Castlerosse & a Dr. Downing. Mrs. R. Fitzgerald came to Danesfort & Monteagle shrewdly remarked that he & I were <i>de trop</i> . She wanted to have our host to herself. |
| | 12 Sep, Mon | Did as near nothing as possible. |
| | 13 Sep, Tue | Weather chilly. But rested & got better after a rather restless night. |
| <i>Fr Sellar, Mrs. G. (year uncertain)</i> | 14 Sep, Wed | Another delightfully lazy day. But my temperature at night was only 97° which means 96° in the morning. A very low state. |
| <i>Fr Sellar, Mrs. G.</i> | 15 Sep, Thu | Left Killarney after a most enjoyable & profitable (physically & morally – mind not allowed to work) visit of 6 days – long for today! Moted to Kilcooley 115 miles, stopping for lunch at Bagwell's en route. He told me he was 70 this December. Marvellously young for his age. |
| | 16 Sep, Fri | Walked about with Campbell & Tom. Was greatly pleased with Tom's & his wife's enthusiasm for the place. Tom is really sensible to his public duty as well as his private interests. Did a little work to catch up. |
| Fr Bullock, Shan F. Fr Wallace, Henry [8 st., 12 lb. = 124 lb.] | 17 Sep, Sat | Moted to Lyons whence I brought Mary Lawless after a talk with Cloncurry & lunch, to Kilteragh. Daisy & Fingall & 3 children en route to school turned up. I weighed 9 stone naked (8.12 next morning) which is a slight improvement. |
| | 18 Sep, Sun | Godkin & the Cunninghams, Hanson & his mother, Anderson & his son lunched. Daisy & Fingall & children went to Gorey where they left Gerald in tears. Hanson & I fixed up the Plain Talks a bit for the forthcoming pamphlet. |
| To Marsh, Edward C. (Macmillan Co.) To Haultain, Arnold | 19 Sep, Mon | Did some work & found my head still very shaky. Deputation of Glamorganshire Farmers visited Plunkett House & I addressed them. Daisy & Cissie left for England. Fingall & Oliver remained. |
| To Butcher, S.H. | 20 Sep, Tue | Dr. Cox told me I was much better but at 3 PM my temperature was below 97°. C.D.B. I attended only part of it. Fingall brought one O'Farrell, an American friend of doubtful position I should say, to dine & sleep. He blew hard. |
| To Sellar, Mrs. G. [Walter Y. Evans-Wentz] | 21 Sep, Wed | Tried to recast the Plain Talks pamphlet. One W Evans Bentz [<i>sic</i>] of Stanford University, Cal[ifornia] who is studying folk lore, J C O'Donnell & wife, Fr. F[inlay] stopped & A.E. dined. Dominick Spring Rice came to stay two nights. |
| To Dougherty, Sir James | 22 Sep, Thu | O'Toole cannot I fear get my Plain Talks into shape without my help. It worries me when I want to get away & rest. Dominick Spring Rice is a fine boy of nearly twenty with a head of a man of thirty. He will do well. |
| To Lloyd, E.T. <i>Fr Dougherty, Sir James</i> | 23 Sep, Fri | Work. |

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| <i>Fr Sturgis, Thomas</i> | | |
| | 24 Sep, Sat | Work & golf. |
| | 25 Sep, Sun | Fr. Finlay, Dr. Cox, Fletcher, his daughter & her fiancé one ?Mar lunched. Worked a bit at Pamphlet. |
| | 26 Sep, Mon | Nearly finished pamphlet. Christopher La Touche came to stay a couple of nights. |
| To Wallace, Henry | 27 Sep, Tue | Finished preface for Pamphlet. |
| <i>Fr Lloyd, E.T.</i> [Ld. Mayor – Robert James McMordie] | 28 Sep, Wed | Went to Belfast & back in the day to see Carnegie given the freedom of the City. A Ld. Mayor's lunch at which I saw Sinclair & Andrews & a few others. Sinclair responded for the Ld. L[ieutenant], Prosperity to Ireland & his allusions to my work were very well received. |
| | 29 Sep, Thu | Saw my ear doctor Dempsey. The right ear is I fear deaf. The receiving apparatus is nervously disorganised besides the middle passage being 'catarrhed'. No hope for good work without rest. Did not rest today & shall not be able to tomorrow. But have hopes then. |
| To Dougherty, Sir James To Lloyd, E.T. | 30 Sep, Fri | Finishing up before my holiday. Still working at the pamphlet. A big piece of work. "The United Irish Women", about 50 of them met at Plunkett House. I looked in. A.E. in chair. The organisation is not quite in being. But the idea is to have a women's social & economic movement, a sort of counterpart to the I.A.O.S. I hope it will succeed. Mrs. S. Spring Rice & Mrs. Pilkington were there. Eddy dined & slept. |
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| To Byrne, James | 1 Oct, Sat | ½ day's work & then went by midday boat to Holyhead & on to Manchester the motor having gone before. At last I am started for my holiday but I had to take some proofs away to go back in the morning. |
| | 2 Oct, Sun | Had to rise early & send back proofs (many final? changes) of Pamphlet. I do hope this is the last work I shall have to do for some time. It was hard. Moted via Oldham Huddersfield Leeds & Selby to Riccall where JG Butcher hunts & nurses his constituency York 10 miles off. He had a Colonel Davey (son of Sir Horace) & a few others staying in his little house. Enjoyed meeting him again. But was tired. |
| | 3 Oct, Mon | Went in morning to see Escrick where Lady Wenlock showed JGB & me over house & gardens. She paints, chiefly Indian Egyptian & Swiss scenery. Wonderful evening lights & shades I thought. Her painting was entrancing to me. Went after lunch to York where I called on B. Seebohm Rowntree a great student of rural economics. Then Daisy came for Stowlangtoft & I took her by motor to Wynyard where a Mr. Godfrey Williams & wife, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Ld. Ki-t--, Mrs. ?Marjory Thompson & R L---s were the party. |
| | 4 Oct, Tue | Rode a fast pony with Lady L[ondonderry]. Saw some rabbit shooting in which I took no part & generally "lazed". I was taken |

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| [Balaclava] | | round the live stock by "herself". She is a really capable farmer, ought to have been a man. Sir George & Lady Wombwell (he 78 good old squire, she sister of Ld. Jersey & the Pakenhams) from North of Ireland joined party. Sir George & Ld. Tredegar are the only survivors of the Charge of Baraclava [sic] |
| | 5 Oct, Wed | Went round farm with old Sir George & David Meiklejohn the agent & bailiff. The latter was a thinker on rural economics & I talked more about them than about the cattle. In afternoon motored Daisy & others to Durham Cathedral & Castle. An immensely moving mass of buildings. Church & army rule was horrible but at least grand. |
| | 6 Oct, Thu | Rested in glorious Indian summer weather. Long talk with Lady L[ondonderry]. With all such people I try to give them an idea of what is probably coming in the Socialist programme. Obviously this huge waste of the Princely ménage will be stopped. I never saw such extravagance as seems to be perpetual in the 3 great houses of this family. He is charming & a good citizen according to his dim lights. But they must pass. |
| | 7 Oct, Fri | The Wombwells left by train and the rest of us after early lunch motored to Newborough one of the Show Houses of England. It is a perfect museum. The old couple live there alone. They lost both their sons in the Boer War & the uniform of the father at Baraclava [sic] is saddened by that of the sons in S. Africa. What contrasts it all suggests. |
| [Velasquez' "Venus", 1599, now in National Gallery, London] | 8 Oct, Sat | Visited Raby Castle & Rokeby. The former an old (partly Saxon) castle which has undergone every kind of outrage in modernisation but still tells the story. The massive building & commanding site, some pictures & lots of plate are interesting. But there is an awful lack of taste in the furnishing. Rokeby had some fine pictures. Their famous "Venus?" is replaced by a copy. The Irving Bells (tenants) tea'd us (Hodgson, Daisy & me) as Lord Barnard had lunched us. Decided to abandon the Lakes & stay Wynyard over week end. Lady L pressed this. |
| | 9 Oct, Sun | A good rest, but not feeling well. |
| | 10 Oct, Mon | Motored away to York with Daisy, taking Fountain's abbey by the way & lunching at Newton House. Londonderry (!) with a ?fat squire a friend of Daisy's, ?Wm. Russell. At York did the Treasurer's House. But Fountain's Abbey is I think the finest of the English ruins I have seen. |
| [Mary Blanche Chetwynd-Stapylton, b. 16 Sep.] | 11 Oct, Tue | Went over the Minster of York. Then by motor to Doncaster whence Daisy went to Stowlangtoft & I to London. Called on Dorothy & saw her first born a girl, normally unlike any adult connection & conventionally like the father to all female & the mother to all male visitors. |
| | 12 Oct, Wed | Went to Dr. Ernest Kingscote, "Consulting physician" who had rejuvenated Sir John Arnott & (Miracle?) "Derry" Rossmore. He gave me a very thorough exam[inatio]n & pronounced, No organic wrong but left side of heart not filling properly. Chief trouble lower bowel flaccid, inactive. Food not feeding but poisoning me. No proper circulation. Brain & body starved. Medicines useless. Vigorous stomach massage only salvation. |

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| | | Month's steady treatment at least! Must give in. Called on Gerald Balfour at the Lutyens'. Dined with Mary & met Ella Simeon. |
| <i>Fr Wallace, Henry</i> | 13 Oct, Thu | Went to Dr. Kingscote again & much fear that he is a charlatan. But his method, massage chiefly, may be good of its kind. Had talk with A.D. Hall. Dined with the Lutyens & met Lionel Earle, Lytton & Lady Betty. Most interesting. |
| | 14 Oct, Fri | Another strenuous effort to rest. Up at 6 AM & despatched a dozen letters. Off at 11 AM with A.D. Hall in a motor for a week end at Rye taking Guinness's hop farm at Bodiam en route. Sydney Brookes & Beach Thomas came by train. A nice foursome. At Rye wrote 6 more letters, IAOS propagandist. Now I hope to do nothing for two days except golf – and talk Development Fund Grant to IAOS with Hall! |
| | 15 Oct, Sat | A gloriously fine day and I realised why artists congregate at Rye & Winchelsea which we visited after 2 rounds of golf. I had a headache which I do hope will go after a night's sleep as I should like to start my rest "cure" with a bit in hand. |
| | 16 Oct, Sun | Another day of golf & some useful talk with Hall & Beach Thomas about agricultural development. |
| [H(enry)] | 17 Oct, Mon | Motored Beach Thomas to town where I met Shaftesbury & discussed Congested Districts Board affairs for tomorrow's meeting which I cannot attend. Then went out to dine in Balham with Nugent Harris to meet W [sic] Jones Davies one of the Development Fund Commissioners. An inoffensive very mediocre little man – an absurd appointment I suppose for some local political reason. |
| [Colonial preference – low tariffs for territorial possessions] | 18 Oct, Tue | Began massage, head exercises and electric vibratory treatment by Dr. Kingscote himself – all I daresay quite sound but capable of application by any intelligent Swede. Dr. K is preposterously dear. Had a long talk with J.L. Garvin a most interesting enthusiast. He told me the story of his life. A very humble origin, Irish mother, anglicised Irish father, his first hero Parnell. After him German economics the absorbing study. Then long service on Newcastle Chronicle under Joe Cowen. Finally <u>ran</u> that paper leaving all credit to Joe. Now he is a rabid Imperial Home Ruler. Colonial Preference and federation of the empire for defence are the two great aims he is determined to force upon public opinion. |
| [<i>littérateur</i> – writer; man of letters] | 19 Oct, Wed | The event of the day an unexpected call (while I was being massaged & invisible) from F.S. Oliver the author of "Alexander Hamilton" a wonderfully good constitutional study I thought it. Oliver is a partner in Debenham & Freebody and a <i>littérateur</i> [sic]. He wanted to consult me, this on telephone to his place of business, about a memorandum suggesting a conference on the Irish Question. I sent him in exchange for his memo my American book & Plain Talks. We are to meet tomorrow. Other events. Hart Synnot spent 3 hours with me and I attended the Christening of Dorothy's first born girl. A deadly function! |
| | 20 Oct, Thu | Presided over Bowes quarterly meeting, attended Mary Vesey's & Freddie Blacker's weddings. Dined with F.S. Oliver & had most interesting talk on his scheme of Home Rule all round. |

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| | 21 Oct, Fri | Lunched with Bernard Holland at Athenaeum & had good constitutional talk. Dined with JG Butcher & did same. The treatment massage 9.15, doctor / electric massage 12, heart exercises & 1 hour's rest at 6.45 leaves little time for anything but meals & outings. |
| | 22 Oct, Sat | A talk with SH Butcher. S. Brooks lunched with me. Then to Oxford where I put up with Adams who is happily settled down with wife & child. Dined at All Souls with Political Science (or philosophic?) Club of Oxford & Cambridge men. Discussion on Right to Work opened by Fay, who sent me his book on Cooperation, in a paper & very ably but alas altogether academically discussed by men of the most opposite views in politics. |
| | 23 Oct, Sun | Began day with a walk & talk with A.L. Smith of Balliol. He has spent some months in U.S.A. & his & my impressions of America & Americans were remarkably alike. He told me that my ideas, as he kindly called them, were making extraordinary progress out there. Mrs. ex Principal Caird aet 78 was quite as young for her age as Mrs. Sellar. Prof. AV Dicey was as clear in mind as ever but tottering physically. Sidney Ball completed the day's calls. Lunched at All Souls. Long talks with Adams who has already justified his appointment by the fine impression he has made. Back to London. |
| [Form IV – a new 'self-assessment' land valuation tax form (but agricultural land exempt)] | 24 Oct, Mon | A busy day. Met Wolff & Harris at Reform Club & arranged procedure for approaching the Development Commissioners to get money for "the organisation of Coop'n". JG Barton lunched with me & told me that all the fuss about Form IV is nonsensical so far as Ireland is concerned. Had long conference with Mrs. R Wilkins on agric'l coop'n. Had FS Oliver, whose letters under the nom de plume "Pacifcus" are the chief political topic of the moment, to dinner with me at the Club. |
| | 25 Oct, Tue | Travelled to Kilteragh by day. Met Ld. Plunket en route. He told me that his colonial experience made him a strong Federationist but that he could not afford, with his long weak family, to offend his two rich uncles Iveagh & Ardilaun! |
| To Butcher, J.G. <i>Fr Magner J.</i> | 26 Oct, Wed | Worked at Plunkett House all day & had large party of IAOS Committee to dinner. |
| | 27 Oct, Thu | Quarterly meeting of I.A.O.S. I managed to dominate the situation and to coordinate temperaments & policies. We did good work. AD Steel Maitland MP & Locker Lampson M.P. came to dinner & sleep 1 & 2 nights respectively. The former a very nice & able man, the latter nice, & not able, I think. I was tired out. |
| To Magner, J. by sec'y Anderson, R.A. [philanthropic anger beats theological anger] | 28 Oct, Fri | Lady Aberdeen had asked me to dine Sat[urda]y. I refused. The A.D.C. worried me by telephone to lunch today or dine or lunch any day! So I got it over. She was furious because at the Plunkett House the United Irishwomen were trying to organise themselves on my lines. The odium philanthropicum beats the odium theologicum. I gave her small satisfaction. Mrs. Locker Lampson joined her husband. A nice woman. They both write, but I fear not well. |
| To Bonn, Moritz Julius | 29 Oct, Sat | The Locker Lampsons left. Bryan, Dorothy & child, Daisy & JE |

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| | | Healy arrived. Half day at Plunkett House & very seedy. |
| | 30 Oct, Sun | Daisy left. Golfed & rested, and did some work for the I.A.O.S. which alas no one else can do. |
| | 31 Oct, Mon | Hard work all day. Dorothy & co left for Kilcooley. |
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| | 1 Nov, Tue | Up at cock crow and did hard long morning's work at memorandum to Development Com[missioners] re Ag'l organisation for the Joint Board. Then to Holyhead where I talked to Pilkington & his wife about ag coop'n in Wales & the United Irishwomen. Then by night mail to London. Met a Major Fox Pitt at dinner, a radical (purely party, not social) ex soldier. A fine fellow I thought & keen on coop'n. |
| | 2 Nov, Wed | Dr. Kingscote told me I had <u>colitis</u> among my troubles. I ought to have known this as the symptoms were obvious. But he says my circulation is improving. Poor SH Butcher is in a nursing home & kept isolated – a sort of rest cure. Saw A.O.S. & Development Commission Secretary Dale about memo of Joint Board. Had Nicholson the Parl'y correspondent of Times to lunch with me. He told me little but asked me innumerable questions which I could not answer. |
| | 3 Nov, Thu | Went to see Pentland & found Sir J Struthers who has brains. Sidney [<i>sic</i>] Brooks lunched & we had good political talk. He thinks I should come out for Home Rule. Dined with Mrs. S. Spring Rice. |
| | 4 Nov, Fri | Worked more than was right making the case for cooperation with the Development Commissioners. It is a big burden to carry but there seems nobody else in the three kingdoms who can do the work in the way required. My ability is low but I happen to have unique experience. Bernard Holland lunched with me at Athenaeum. |
| | 5 Nov, Sat | An orgie [<i>sic</i>] of medicine. Went to an ear doctor Sinclair Thompson, a good man for deafness & distracting subjective noise in right year [<i>sic</i>] & other troubles. More treatment but it is better to do it all at once. George AB Dewar dined with me at Club. |
| | 6 Nov, Sun | Early at memorandum for Joint Board & finished final draft. Then went to Northwood Golf Course with my medico Kingscote. He is a powerful heavy weight boxer, too muscular to swing a club. I beat him. Dined with Mary. Had a call from MacDonnell who wants me to lead a conference (political) movement in Ireland. |
| Fr Haultain, Arnold | 7 Nov, Mon | Too much work again. Dined with Malcolm Seton & met two clever friends of his. Good discourse. |
| | 8 Nov, Tue | Vaughan Nash sent M. Philippe Millet, London correspondent of Le Temps to see me about cooperation in Ireland & I had to lunch him & waste a lot of the day. The important memorandum for the Development Commissioners arrived & I had to work it into final shape. |
| | 9 Nov, Wed | Worked most of the day preparing for Joint Board. Dined with Alfred Lyttelton & wife (I never can like her as much as him) & |

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| | | had a good talk on the pol[itical] situation. He is as hopeless as all the other Unionists of intelligence on the outlook. |
| <i>Fr Mitchell, W.G.</i> | 10 Nov, Thu | Dr. Douglas represented Scotland, Brockholes & Wolff England, Fr. Finlay, Stopford & Barbour Ireland, R.A.A. in attendance at Joint Board today. I got through my memorandum & took it to the Chairman & secretary of the Development Commission. Chairman (Ld. R Cavendish[]) is R. Cavendish Esq. MP I knew in the House. Heavy stupid looking, probably a sound judgment when you prostrate to it. |
| <i>Fr Finlay, Fr. Thomas</i> | 11 Nov, Fri | The morning paper brought the news that the Constitutional Conference had broken down. The struggle over the Lords, suspended by the King's death, was too deep for even the strongest personal consideration to change more than momentarily the current of national affairs. I went to the Carlton Club & found all gloom – even among the young bloods. I dined with Harold Cox & he could see nothing but 5 years of Lloyd George. Nor can I so far. Healy of the Irish Times & Nicholson Parl'y correspondent of Times lunched with me. |
| | 12 Nov, Sat | Lunched with Bernard Shaw & was in pretty good form. He is the only man I have met who thinks the Gen'l El[ectio]n will improve the Tory position. He <u>wants</u> a weak Tory gov't rather than a strong Liberal one however. His theory of Socialism is that everybody ought to be able to live up to £1200 a year or be strangled. This would get over the difficulty of there not being enough to go round! |
| | 13 Nov, Sun | Went to AD Hall at Harpenden to discuss the Development Commission's attitude towards cooperation, the A.O.S.'s & the Departments concerned. I also talked over the Country Life Institute idea. Dined with George Prothero & heard all about poor Henry Butcher. I fear he is in a very low state & am anxious. |
| To Mitchell, W.G. | 14 Nov, Mon | Did very little not feeling well. |
| | 15 Nov, Tue | Parliament met & adjourned till Friday when it is evident a General Election is to be ordered. It is a veritable revolution. The "have nots[]" have won. Hart Synnot & Reichel (Sir H., Principal of Bangor University College) lunched with me. A happy meeting for they discussed a plan of attack on the Development Commissioners. |
| | 16 Nov, Wed | Dined with Mary. May was there happy with the prospect of an early motherhood. Also a Capt. Bruen R.N. a nice genial sailor. The House of Lords seems to be meditating serious reform. But the Liberals don't mean to let them do much. The Liberal policy will be <u>forced</u> through by Winston Churchill & Lloyd George. Then a big reaction will set in. |
| | 17 Nov, Thu | Adams came from Oxford to see me & I had F S Oliver (Pacificus) to meet him at lunch at Club. |
| [Letter to Fr. T. Finlay re opening of Dungloe Cooperative Hall, <i>IH</i> , XVII:48, p. 975] | 18 Nov, Fri | Went to tea & dinner at Fisher's Hill to meet Sidney Webb. He was lecturing on the Minority Report of the Poor Law Com'n at Woking & I was immensely impressed with his & his wife's scheme. Of course the abolition of destitution was to cost a great deal & the rich would suffer. But it was a splendid ideal for a so |

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| | | called civilised country to set before it. I went to talk to G.W. on the Agric'l Cooperatives' claims on the Development Commission. He was totally ignorant. |
| | 19 Nov, Sat | Lunched with S Brooks & dined with Filson Young & worked. |
| | 20 Nov, Sun | Long talk with Davison Dalziel on the political situation. He thinks the issue of the Election uncertain. I think the appeal to the working man will carry the day. Lunched at Carlton & talked with Londonderry. He sees the folly of Tariff Reform <u>now</u> , but says the party organisation would fall to pieces without it. Then to Lady Londonderry who is pessimistic. Next to Emily Lawless & long talk. She is in a Nursing Home, looking very well! |
| | 21 Nov, Mon | Went to House of Lords debate on Parliament Bill. Lansdowne did well. But there is no proper champion for the right kind of Conservatism & I fear we are in revolutionary times. |
| | 22 Nov, Tue | Politics various. Dined with JG Butcher & met Monteagle. Good Irish talk. |
| <i>Fr MacDonnell, Ld. Antony Patrick</i> | 23 Nov, Wed | Travelled to Kilteragh. |
| To Webb, Sidney | 24 Nov, Thu | Hard work at IAOS all day. Before dinner walked with young Eric Hamilton, back from Diamond Ranch. |
| <i>Fr Callan, Walter Fr Webb, Sidney</i> | 25 Nov, Fri | Worked hard at address for annual meeting of I.A.O.S. Bernard Holland came. Robinson, A.E., Gibbons to dine. |
| To Haultain, Arnold | 26 Nov, Sat | Golfed with AD Hall who arrived in the early morning & worked most of day. Dear Lady Betty and Mamie came. |
| | 27 Nov, Sun | W. Beach Thomas arrived & completed the fill of my house. A restful day & all congenial folk in the party. |
| To Webb, Sidney | 28 Nov, Mon | IAOS work all day. |
| [Address to IAOS in <i>IH</i> , XVII:49 (3 Dec 1910), pp. 994-8] | 29 Nov, Tue | Up early to finish my address to the IAOS General meeting. It was held in the large Hall of the Antient Concert Rooms which were icy cold. The meeting was small (180) but representative. My address was a reasoned attack on the Political enemies of the work & as these were all nationalist & the meeting 75 per cent the same I was glad to find it well received. The debate was fair. An admirable paper by Mrs. Pilkington on the United Irishwomen was the best feature of the occasion. I think Hall & Beach Thomas were well impressed. |
| | 30 Nov, Wed | Reaction from the strain of yesterday. Attended a meeting of United Irishwomen, a little spontaneous social service growth of which I expect much. Betty Balfour, Hall & Beach Thomas all went back to England, Bernard Holland & Daisy to Killeen & I applied myself to packing & trying to have things in some kind of order. Rather worse news of SH Butcher which saddened me. I believe the Doctors were killing him by "normal[?]" dietary while he was lying in bed, not even being massaged. Appetite has failed & my hope is that nature's revolt will lead to wiser treatment. |
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| | 1 Dec, Thu | Up at 4.30. Motored in to Amiens St. & went by White Star Special to Queenstown. The ship was several hours late. She was |

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| | | the Adriatic the most comfortable & luxurious ship afloat I should say. On way to Queenstown wrote 18 letters, corrected two long IAOS recommendations & did lots of work. Now <u>rest</u> & no tea or coffee. I wonder if I can face the nerves which have become a cruel master. |
| | 2 Dec, Fri | 356. Letters written from Queenstown & in train S. Brooks, Barclay (£500 off debt), Seton, T. Sinclair, F Prothero, Monteagle, Mary, Conny, Mrs. Pilkington, Lady Aberdeen, Prof. Campbell (Eric Hamilton & congrat[ulatio]n), J.G. Barton, Daisy, E. Lawless, Mrs. Alfred Hamilton, TP Gill. |
| | 3 Dec, Sat | 412 |
| | 4 Dec, Sun | 344 A violent gale & mountainous head sea. What a change. We had no real discomfort. Had to resume coffee at breakfast, no 5 o'clock tea though, because my inside simply went to sleep & would not work. I see violent changes cannot be expected to work at my age. |
| | 5 Dec, Mon | 238 Just half the record run of the ship and under 10 knots! |
| | 6 Dec, Tue | 427 |
| Fr Haultain, Arnold | 7 Dec, Wed | 438 |
| | 8 Dec, Thu | 390 – 178 to Sandy Hook. A restful voyage. Dull people on Board. I did as near nothing as possible & was much the better for the experience. |
| | 9 Dec, Fri | Lawrence Godkin met me at the Pier. I saw James Byrne & Stuart Wortley & Dr. Frissell came to dinner. Wrote many letters & got fairly square with business. |
| | 10 Dec, Sat | Called at 9.30 AM on Miss Beatrice Chamberlain who was staying with a Miss Whitney (a Vassar Professor) at the Women's University Club, & had a long talk with her on home politics. Very interesting & we agreed on the facts of the situation. She was not hopeful. Then James Byrne motored Godkin & me to his Long Island house for the week end. |
| | 11 Dec, Sun | Restful day. Miss Cornelia Lloyd Bryce came over driving her own motor through at least 8 inches of snow to dine & sleep. She is still unwed & unhappy in not having a mission in life. She is deeply interested in my work & would like to have something like it to do. She would even marry my job if a man not old enough to be her father owned it. |
| | 12 Dec, Mon | The news came that SH Butcher had had a bad stroke, a great sorrow to me. Rose at 6 A.M. & went to town, the lot of us except Mrs. Byrne & the 3 younger children. Miss Cornelia told me she was attending biology & economics courses at Columbia University. I dined with the "General", Mrs. Bryce & Miss C. The parents left for the opera & left us alone. The poor girl is evidently restless & unhappy with the most un-understanding parents. Lunched with Thomas Sturgis in capacious & costly offices where I judged little was going on. Engaged passages for a West Indies tour Jan. 21-Feb. 16. |

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| | 13 Dec, Tue | Lunched with the Outlook people and had a good talk with Roosevelt. He is being made a complete fool of by the sickening adulation of his followers. They treat him as if he were a sort of super-royalty. It is very sad, for some of his followers, especially Gifford Pinchot, have committed themselves so deeply to him that they suffer for his extravagances. T.R. was very cordial to me which makes me all the sadder. An unprofitable hour's talk with Bourke Cockran. Then a woman suffrage dinner at which Mrs. Philip Snowden spoke really well, though often not in good taste. |
| To Haultain, Arnold | 14 Dec, Wed | Meeting of Wyo Dev Co and left for Omaha. |
| | 15 Dec, Thu | In Chicago walked with Thomas Bullock (Shan's brother) to talk about Shan's son Sidney whom I had launched upon a Wyo Ranch (Carey's) & who had returned East, to Chicago & had now gone to work for a motor boat builder 60 miles off in Ill[inois]. Thomas was a gloomy man like Shan. William the other brother whom I saw in N.Y. was sleek & apparently happy. |
| | 16 Dec, Fri | Arrived early & stuck to year's accounts with T.C. Cannon & Conrad Young. |
| | 17 Dec, Sat | Greatly improved Conrad Young's position. Gave him 10% profits & 5% on sales. My temperature again down from below the normal. I fear I am going down hill fast. |
| | 18 Dec, Sun | Left Omaha for Cheyenne. |
| [Peirce] | 19 Dec, Mon | Robert Carey met me, his father not coming back till Thursday & his house under repair went to Inter Ocean Hotel a beastly place. Bosler and Pierce [<i>sic</i>] came from the Ranch & I had a day of business with the above named, Chaplin, attorneys & so forth. Handed over the management of W[yoming].D[evelopment].Co to R Carey, acting under authority of directors. |
| | 20 Dec, Tue | As yesterday. Decided not to go to the Ranch as there was nothing to be seen there which Pierce [<i>sic</i>] & Bosler could not tell me about & explain on maps & on a/cs. Not feeling well enough to risk exposure. Did more business, in fact all day into it. |
| | 21 Dec, Wed | Up at 6 AM. To Wheatland & back in the day, with Robert Carey & John Chaplin. Snowed all day & we could not get out on to the lands. But I talked to many people & I think helped to get Carey into the job. |
| | 22 Dec, Thu | Busy all day with R Carey, lawyers, Bosler who came in from the Ranch & others. I had nearly made up my mind to spend yesterday on the Laramie Plains instead of going to Wheatland. Lucky I didn't owing to not feeling well enough to risk exposure. I should have got to the Ranch all right. Bosler who went was 5 hours doing the 7 miles from the Ranch to the station at Rock River! |
| | 23 Dec, Fri | Rose before dawn for Judge Carey had come from the East in the night & I had to go East early in the afternoon. Had a horrible rush with affairs of Wyo Dev Co, Wyo Industrial Co, Diamond Cattle Co, some old affairs of the Frontier Land & Cattle Co as I find I must pay the 2 leaseholders their share of my profits. Also wrote some passages for Judge Carey's Gubernatorial message to the Wyoming Legislature. |

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| [US spelling - sanitarium] | 24 Dec, Sat | Arrived 3½ hours late & had terrific day finishing up before Xmas day when I leave. Sent off a good passage on Immigration to Judge Carey who I hope will use it in his message. Felt very near a break down. Heard from Gifford Pinchot that he was also suffering & was going to the Battle Creek Sanatorium & so could not see me in Washington immediately. He begs me to go to the Sanatorium & I said I would. This may be a wise thing in other ways. |
| | 25 Dec, Sun | Went to Council Bluffs to see Canning (of Macalister & Canning) who has undertaken to see the Wyo Dev Co & Wheatland Industrial Co lands. He could see me no other day. I was well impressed with the man & think this investment of now nearly 3 decades may at last be fruitful. Took night train to Chicago. |
| <i>Fr Healy, Maurice</i> | 26 Dec, Mon | Arrived in Chicago. Wrote another portion of Judge Carey's message which took a good deal of the day. Called on Mrs. Bottomley who was staying with her sister at the Loretto Convent & had two hours' talk about the United Irishwomen. Pinchot wired urging me to stay a while with him at the Battle Creek Sanatorium & I am sure I ought. |
| <i>Fr Grey, 4th Earl</i> | 27 Dec, Tue | Saw two friends of AL Smith's of Balliol – Prof'r. Merriam candidate for Mayor & student of municipal institutions, honest, bright, & Edwin Munger influential lawyer politician, once Pres of Hamilton Club here, one of the strongest Political (Repub[lica]n) organisations in the West. Also Prof. Hill agricul[turis]t of Chicago University who visited me in Ireland & is not very deep but interested in rural economy generally. |
| | 28 Dec, Wed | After lunching with Blair (Henry A) who has just been acting as Receiver for a huge street railway scheme & who told me awful stories of official and judicial corruption, came on to Battle Creek Sanatorium, Gifford Pinchot who had asked me there arriving an hour later. I decided to undergo a course of thorough treatment. My health is steadily getting worse. The putrefaction set up by the toxins of meat, tea & coffee is giving me increasing discomfort. I am losing weight, my head getting more noisy, hearing is gone from one year [<i>sic</i>] & would go from the other soon. Animal heat low, can't stand cold, can't do any head work without tea or coffee! Begin with electric light bath & massage. |
| | 29 Dec, Thu | Dr. Kellogg the boss of the Sanitarium & a reasonably able man took Pinchot & me under his special charge. The day began with a "test meal", i.e. a breakfast of bread & water pumped out of the stomach with a stomach pump after an hour to see what the stomach was doing with it. Then all the other nasty tests and exam[inatio]ns of blood & blood pressure. I came out of it all better than I had expected. Bath massage gymnastics & the rest occupied the whole day. Also reporters came after Pinchot chiefly but me as a second string. The new diet led to drowsiness at first. |
| | 30 Dec, Fri | Dr. Kellogg very kind to Pinchot & me. He takes an interest in our case & wants to help us back to work. Today I was "radiographed". My spine & stomach & intestines were all "taken", the "innards" being filled with a beastly compound of some milk & bismuth. The latter makes the shadow and exactly the truth about dilated & contracted organs & the rest will be |

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| | | known. Kellogg insists that nearly all our troubles are simply poisoning from wrong diet. The sudden dropping of tea coffee alcohol tobacco & meat is certainly a change. The Dr. delivered an excellent lecture on the liver last night. I slept through half of it & no doubt illustrated some of his points. |
| [Dr. Kellogg was raised a Seventh-Day Adventist] | 31 Dec, Sat | This kept as The Sabbath here & most things are “off”. I had a fainting fit which was rather a disappointment. But I know I am not a sound man yet, after three days’ treatment! The radiograph of my inside shows the stomach much dilated & extending down 3 inches too low. There is also a constriction of the colon where it goes into the sphigmoidal(?) [sic] something, I am told. Dr. Kellogg I think understands my case & I hope to get to know how to take care of my health. This is the second fainting seizure this year & I must somehow avoid them as they might come in less safe places than a sanitarium. |
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| | Year-end Summary | My work went ahead, my working power fell low. I began the year by the little book “The Problem of Rural Life in the United States” and during the year wrote Plain Talks to Irish Farmers” a long laboriously thought out propagandist pamphlet. I had hard work with the I.A.O.S. which was engaged in a hot controversy with the Department under TW Russell. The year saw two elections which both placed the balance of power in the hands of the Irish Nationalist party. Home Rule looks inevitable – or rather imminent. This will I think help my work, at any rate my work will help Home Rule. My chief difficulty is my health. I must live the rest of my life very carefully. How to do this I hope to learn in the Battle Creek Sanitarium where I saw out the old year. |