

1911 Diary of Sir Horace Curzon Plunkett (1854–1932)

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NOTES

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

Horace Plunkett, *Irish Homestead*, 30 July 1910

Conventions

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

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

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

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

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

5) Punctuation (or lack of)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Correspondence

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

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

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

Abbreviations

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

Names

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

Organisations

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

General

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

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

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

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Events:

Erskine Childers publishes *The Framework of Home Rule*

7-12 Jul – King George V visits Ireland

18 Aug – Parliament Act deprives House of Lords of ultimate veto

Publications:

- *Introduction to State Aid and Self-Help in Agricultural Development*, a memorandum submitted by the Joint Board for Agricultural Organisation to the Development Commission (London), pp. 3-6

- *Memorandum upon the Relations between the Department and the IAOS* (Dublin) 16 pp.

- *The United Irishwomen, their Place, Work and Ideals* (Dublin), with Ellice Pilkington and G.W. Russell

- *IAOS Annual Report*, pp. 36-47

- Introductory notes to H.L. Pilkington, *Land Settlement for Soldiers* (London)

- “Women’s Work in Rural Ireland” (letter), *Irish Times*, 29 Mar, p. 5

- “Sir Horace Plunkett and An Irish Farmer”, *Outlook*, 4 Nov, p. 620

- *The Crisis in Irish Rural Progress*, parts I, II, *The Times*, 28, 29 Dec

- Attributed articles in *Irish Homestead*:

Address to Wisconsin legislature, “Irish Ideas for American Legislators”, XVIII:14

(8 Apr 1911), pp. 270-2 and XVIII:15 (15 Apr 1911), pp. 290-2

Address to North Wales section of Agricultural Organisation Society, XVIII:23 (28 Oct 1911), pp. 250-2

Address to IAOS annual meeting re Council of Agriculture, XVIII:46 (18 Nov 1911), pp. 911-5

Government:

Prime Minister: Herbert Asquith (Liberal)

Chief Secretary: Augustine Birrell

Lord Lieutenant: Earl of Aberdeen

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £97 ; \$1 = \$18

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<i>(Fr Young, Filson, to Dalziel [Davison])</i>	Jan	
	1 Jan, Sun	Beginning the year at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. Yesterday’s fainting fit made me keep quiet all day. The party consisting of Gifford Pinchot, Professor Irving Fisher of Yale, wife & family & myself was enlarged by the addition of SS McClure and wife. He is the proprietor of the magazine which bears his name.
[sigmoidal] [spicula – small needle-shaped fragments]	2 Jan, Mon	The picture of my stomach & colon taken by an extraordinarily good Xray man here (Dr. Case) shows the former terribly dilated & the latter with a bad kink in it. The sphigmoidal [<i>sic</i>] bend is almost a knot & this, says Dr. Kellogg, is the reason of the constipation. A photo of my hand also shows the spicula & wasting of the bone which Kellogg says can be arrested.
	3 Jan, Tue	In evening Gifford Pinchot gave a really good address on Conservation to the inmates & townsmen. He is evidently most popular.
	4 Jan, Wed	Another fainting fit – a giddiness which made even sitting up in bed impossible. This at 5.30 AM. Fomentations to spine & abdomen made all come right. But these constant fits are serious.
	5 Jan, Thu	Pinchot left, to make some speeches, for five days. Got a letter from Ld. Grey, Gov[erno]r General of Canada saying he had distributed 400 copies of my American book in Western Canada & wanted me to go & lecture to the farmers after visiting him & talking over home affairs! I wish I could but health

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To Grey, 4th Earl <i>Fr Young, Filson</i>	6 Jan, Fri	The McClures & Fishers left. There is a medical missionary conference on here which is rather interesting. They seem a really earnest lot of men & certainly they have enough work to do.
	7 Jan, Sat	The Sabbath again. I am still in the reaction, my whole system cries out for its accustomed poisons. I have a constant headache which I could cure with tea. I must try & fight it out & get so that my brain will work without stimulants. Met several of the medical missionaries & had interesting talks with them. Another dizzy fit but much less troublesome than the two preceding ones.
	8 Jan, Sun	Trembling all day, a dentist added to the horrors of it.
	9 Jan, Mon	Pinchot came back. I begin to feel the benefit of the treatment at last. The news of SH Butcher's death came. I had nursed the hope that he might pull through, but he is gone. His loss to me – he is my oldest friend I suppose & I had none better or truer – is irreparable. Ireland loses her best scholar & foremost Parliamentarian. I feel the loss deeply.
	10 Jan, Tue	A good long interesting walk with Pinchot. I get new light upon his ambitions & I think helped him a little to measure them. Had a neuropathic examination which I think completes my diagnosis. The sum & substance of it is a functional derangement from unhealthy feeding & over work. Rather bad displacement of stomach & large intestine. No organic disease or serious pathological condition. A. Radclyffe Dugmore lectured on British East Africa where he had photographed at close quarters all the big game except elephants. Very interesting.
[hyaenas]	11 Jan, Wed	Dugmore, a friend of Pinchot's walked with us. Most interesting man. He told us that Patterson the author of <i>The Maneaters of Tsavo</i> was not the writer of the book. On the other hand he had undoubtedly murdered Blyth with whose wife he had a shameful intrigue. He & she reported that Blyth had died of disease. He was buried so near the surface that hiaenas [<i>sic</i>] devoured the corpse. But Dugmore is satisfied it was cold deliberate murder! Am getting my teeth all round put into order – a tedious but necessary interference with cure.
	12 Jan, Thu	Pinchot left. I spent most of the day with the dentist & writing arrears of correspondence.
	13 Jan, Fri	Dentist mostly. It is a nuisance to have this affliction just now. But a good mill is necessary is [<i>sic</i>] I am to grind cereals for my sustenance.
	14 Jan, Sat	Put it off to the last day but could not escape giving a lecture to fellow patients! An Irishman's thoughts on Conservation was my subject. I "read a a [<i>sic</i>] talk" of an hour. Very intelligent & sympathetic audience.
Fr Webb, Sidney	15 Jan, Sun	Left Sanitarium for New York. I have gained no weight & analysis of faeces still shows 91.3 mischievous bacteria. My skin is less dry. I have got over the craving for tea & coffee. But 17

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		days were not nearly enough to test the system. I have lived without tea coffee alcohol tobacco or meat – 17 days without harm. That’s something.
<i>Fr Grey, 4th Earl</i>	16 Jan, Mon	<p>Found Henry James the Novelist staying at Godkins – an old friend of his father’s. Had a full rushing day with Wortley, Byrne & a host of others. Am still hanging on around the Rockefeller people in hopes of founding my Country Life Institute.</p> <p>Interesting talk with Henry James about American civilisation, he disgusted with its crudity unmannerliness &c. He is wedded to the New England tradition & does not see how that is being “snowed under” by the hordes of barbarians from the East of Europe. I try to explain my point of view that the whole thing is in process & hopeful, in vain.</p>
	17 Jan, Tue	<p>Lunched with FT Gates, called on Carnegie, dined with James Byrne, had long talk with Henry James about Battle Creek system of therapeutics & hope I convinced him to go there.</p> <p>Left midnight for Washington (Gifford Pinchot).</p>
To Webb, Sidney (by sec’y)	18 Jan, Wed	<p>Arrived before my host & hostess were around. Went with G. Pinchot to Census Bureau & had talk with Director. Tried to get a movement of rural population but found little definite information yet available. Nor will all I want to know be ever there. 70,000 enumerators who have to be appointed too shortly before they begin work to enable them to be inspected (for otherwise this army would have too many losses from sickness & death before the work began) are a hopeless agency for accurate statistical work. Walk with James Bryce the chief event of day. He is as vigorous as ever after a 17000 mile trip. Talked Home Rule. He thinks the Irish representatives will be --less trouble now that the British will hold the purse strings. Saw C.S. Barrett of Farmers Union.</p>
To Callan, Walter	19 Jan, Thu	<p>Went with Pinchot to Philadelphia where he had to address the Academy of Political & Social Science on Conservation. There was a very well dressed & thoughtful audience of about 1300 in the best speaking place I was ever in. I had to speak & did it passably. G.P. was quite good & made an excellent impression. He would go far – if a man could without a machine at his back. Slept at University Club. Bosler came to meet me. In the morning at Washington I met CS Barrett & some of the leaders of the Farmers Union. I gave them a talk. Too strenuous a day by far.</p>
	20 Jan, Fri	<p>Bosler & I breakfasted together. I told him I hoped to help in the financing of the Diamond Cattle Co in proportion to my shares. Left for New York & had another fainting fit, the result of the over strain of yesterday, just as I arrived at 36 West 10th St. It passed off after 4 hours lying quiet. Dr. West, Godkin’s osteopath, a good man, visited me at G’s request & we had a long & interesting talk on Battle Creek, my case & Godkin’s case. West supports the Battle Creek system with the single reservation that it is not always possible to go the whole hog in vegetarianism in <u>active</u> life in the case of old meat eaters.</p>
	21 Jan, Sat	<p>Bosler to breakfast & brought a cousin Hermann with him. At 9 AM came a stenographer & I crammed into the few hours before 1 A.M. when we had to have leave the house the two days’ work I had laid out for myself. I got through with the help of a cup of</p>

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		Coffee – the first breach of the new regime entered upon Dec. 29. On Board The Avon found we had very small staterooms, Godkin, James Byrne & I, but airy. The ship is very well constructed for health & cheeriness. I was rather sick & hope great things from the 27 days' rest.
	22 Jan, Sun	Temperature changed during day from 56° to 72°. Enervating is the word I hear among passengers already! What will it be later on? I was comatose. My dietary was almost exclusively nuts fruit & bread – no “toxins”. So far have made no acquaintances on board except one Phillips (in Byrne's office) & his sister. Both dull, rather.
	23 Jan, Mon	Perfect temperature, sun not too hot. Perfect rest. Dull nice looking people on Board.
	24 Jan, Tue	Passed near Palm Beach & I thought of Boss Croker who invited me to come & visit him in his bungalow on the shore & wallow with him in the surf. Saw long stretch of the Florida coast through my glasses, low sandy wooded land it seemed. Restful day again.
	25 Jan, Wed	At 6 AM steamed passed [<i>sic</i>] the Morro fortress which before modern armour must have very effectively guarded the entrance of the splendidly landlocked harbor of Havana. Spent the day walking through an enormously long range of fortifications of no special interest & doing the City of Havana. The Cemetery interested me most. There was great respect for the dead in it. Fine tombs amid Palms & tropical vegetation. The only awful thing about it was porcelain flowers on metal greenery on the largest scale I have ever seen. A tobacco factory & a church were the chief other sights. The Cubans are a queer mixture of colour. The Indian is however little evident. I presume the Spaniards have improved them off the face of the earth. Got slight lumbago somehow & could not do the evening ashore with Godkin & Byrne for which I was sorry.
	26 Jan, Thu	Bought 600 cigars – I hope good ones – for my most critical guests at Kilteragh. Lunched with ?Leech, British minister & consul general, who took us to a baseball game. The Cubans, especially the negros [<i>sic</i>] play a fine game. They have just beat the two best clubs in U.S.A., Phila[delphia] & Detroit. This was a local match. The crowd was worth watching. I never saw such excitement. The supporters of the two teams kept together in groups & their way of showing their delight at each stroke of fortune which favors their team is to shake their fists in each others faces which turn livid. Leech told us that the Americans were not popular, no gratitude in such people as the Cubans, also the speculators of the Americans were not the best. The most interesting thing he told us was that it is, notwithstanding its splendid resources, not a white man's country. The climate is altogether enervating. It seems too that the anti clericals have it all their own way. The Spanish church & army seem to have gone away together, probably because of their historic reputation. I saw hardly any clerical people about.
Fr Wallace, Henry	27 Jan, Fri	All day at sea, happily facing a trade wind & so cool & comfortable.
	28 Jan, Sat	Lay in Guantanamo Harbour noon to 4 P.M. to see U.S. Fleet. Headache & did not go with the passengers. Was sorry, as should

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		<p>have liked to talk to Admiral.</p> <p>Have been lazy getting to know passengers. Have now found Samuel Elder & [blank] Gallagher two Boston prominent lawyers very nice & interesting. Elder reminds me of James C. Carter. Like him he has been engaged in big Arbitration cases at Paris & The Hague.</p>
	29 Jan, Sun	<p>Early at Kingston. Organised tour to Constant Spring Hotel & on beyond to Stoney Hill. First look at tropical vegetation. Saw the Hope Gardens, public Botanical. But the whole city is a Botanical Garden. Bananas oranges grapefruit cocoa coffee sugar cane all as common as potatoes & apples & nuts. Noticed chiefly extraordinary preponderance of negros [<i>sic</i>]. An American Trust the United fruit company with lines of steamers carrying most of the passengers seem to be the real government of the city. Climate again not a white man's country. 75 to 90 Fahr seems about the variation, only at times the damp makes the heat between these apparently moderate extremes oppressive. Godkin eloquent on superiority in bearing & intelligence of negro under British rule.</p>
	30 Jan, Mon	<p>Young Robinson called at 8 A.M. and we motored with him into the Blue Mountains & enjoyed the most glorious scenery. At 10.30 we were at Kings House to breakfast with the Governor Sir Sydney Olivier. He was one of the original Fabian Socialists & must find it strange being political dictator of a 98 per cent black democracy. (There is a legislative council of which he nominates a majority of which talks by & with the consent of the governor.) A tremendously active pushing intellectually vain (I thought) man. Finding that agric'l development appeared the only way of building up the Island I naturally trotted out my hobby. One Cousins the Director of the Agric'l Department was sent for & I went at things with him. He took me over the school farm, a very elementary affair so far. In the end it was arranged that an agric'l instructor should study agric'l coop'n under my guidance in Ireland & elsewhere this year. Left the beautiful island at 4 P.M.</p>
	31 Jan, Tue	<p>All day out of sight of land, temperature gradually rising. But the Trade wind blows across our path & it is comfortable enough.</p>
	1 Feb, Wed	<p>Breakfasted & dined on the Atlantic tied to the wharf at Colon, lunched at Panama on the Pacific. Four centuries ago (in 1513) Vasco Nunez de Balboa crossed the Isthmus (in 26 days) & claimed for the King of Spain the Pacific Ocean & the lands it washed. The Isthmus was part of New Granada (Spain's Viceroyalty) till 1821, of the Colombian Republic till 1903 & is now independent except the Canal zone (5 miles on either bank) which the USA bought on Nov. 18, 1903 for £2,000,000 down & £50,000 per annum rent.</p> <p>The Canal. First surveyed by Spaniards 1851! De Lesseps' first scheme 1880-9 cost not much less than £50,000,000 and was not completed. Second French scheme £2,300,000 then bought by U.S.A. for £2,000,000 will probably cost £130,000,000 & be completed 1915-6. The French built a hospital at Ancon for £1,000,000 but made no attempt to prevent the desolating yellow fever. Length of canal 50½ miles, middle portion Gatun locks to Pedro Miguel lock 85 feet above sea level, Pedro Miguel to Miraflores 54 ft., rest sea level. Depth never less than 41 feet nor</p>

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		<p>bottom width than 300 feet. Locks 1000 ft. long, 110 ft wide. The Gatun dam 1½ miles by 115 high, base width ½ mile, at water level 400 ft., on top 100 ft. The other stupendous ---- is the Gt. Culebra Cut 9 miles in the 85 ft. section. About 85 million cub[ic] yds. of work, probably longest open cut in world. International Com'n favored by majority sea level canal necessitating only tidal locks. This would have enormously increased cost of this huge cutting. Nearly half of the ship channel will be through a huge artificial lake (made by damming & diverting the Chagres river) of 164 sq. m[iles].</p> <p>Godkin & I had letters from the War Department to the chief officer (Col. Goethals) in charge. He was away but at the Gatun Dam where the special train which took us to Panama stopped [&] we met a Col. Sibert who offered to give us a full view (in a rail motor car) of all the dam and locks works. This was too good to miss as this is the really interesting part of the whole scheme. So we went to Panama with the "Avon" crowd, lunched to say we had seen the Pacific (!) & back by train to Gatun where we spent an extraordinarily interesting 3 hours. The way in which the huge French expenditure was utilised & rejected as the occasion demanded, the masterly handling of the Chagres river, rushing through shifting soils & jungles with all the violence & caprice which a rainfall varying from 155 in. at Colon to 49 in. at Panama, the generous provisions for every kind of physical change in the territory used and for possible requirements of naval architecture, the lavish utilisation of all the latest machinery & materials of construction rendering the work of betw'n 30,000 & 40,000 labourers (mostly unskilled) a poor indication of the size of the work, these & many other things we saw give the impression that here you have America at its best – quiet, big, progressive instead of noisy, expansive, aggressive. Col. Sibert had the former qualities.</p> <p>Did not see a medical man unfortunately, but the colonel told us most of what we wanted to know. The two foes were yellow fever & malaria, the mosquito the agent of both. The study of his habits was the chief work. He was found to operate only at short range, 300 ft. in one case, 600 in the other. The wind soon kills him if he goes abroad. Hence the drainage of the only water he can breed in & then treatment with a larvacide of that which cannot be drained near settlements was an effective remedy. In 1904-6 yellow fever disappeared. Other diseases hook worm, dysentery not serious.</p> <p>We had 3 hours with Col. Sibert. I should like a week with him. These men inspire one.</p>
	2 Feb, Thu	Itinerary changed as yellow fever at La Guayra. We go to Grenada instead of Caracas.
	3 Feb, Fri	"Did" Cartagena in the United States of Colombia an old Spanish town, population nearly all colored from chocolate to black. Dirty poor languid. Fortified two centuries ago at enormous cost, the chief work being a sea wall which joined the island off the town to the mainland. Drove in a broken down -----idan round the town & rode ponies up to a monastery & fort on a 900 ft. high hill which showed us the whole harbour & surrounding city for many miles.
	4 Feb, Sat	All day at sea, no events. Rest.

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	5 Feb, Sun	A Brooklyn clergyman preached an absurd extempore sermon. "Our genial skipper has prevailed upon me to act as chaplain to the Avon. I am here to rest for the arduous duties of the Lenten season, so I have not prepared a sermon. But I will give you the two chief thoughts which have occupied my mind on this trip. The first is the stars – the greatest work of God, the second the Panama Canal the greatest work of man.[?]" Then a drawl about both. He had never before realised how small a Star (sic) was this earth of ours. Therefore how great is man expected to be &c &c.
[Sir George Ruthven Le Hunte]	6 Feb, Mon	Trinidad. Landed at Port of Spain early & went to Government House where Sir George Leigh Hunt [<i>sic</i>] was immensely kind to Godkin & me. He drove us about the country, lunched & dined on giving us his launch to get dressed for dinner on ship lying 2½ miles out. While I was talking to Sir G. in his garden Oscar Strauss whom I knew when he was in Roosevelt's Cabinet & who has since been Ambassador to Constantinople came up & introduced himself in Sir G's semi-public garden. An interesting & worth knowing Jew. The Gov't of Trinidad is more a one man affair than even Jamaica – Sir G. nominates his entire legislature! And I think it better so. The country is lovely but enervating. The foliage is more striking than Jamaica's.
	7 Feb, Tue	Got a letter from D. Slyne, Receiver General for Trinidad, to whom I had done some service in my Parliamentary days. He took charge of me, after I had gone to Pitch Lake with the Avon early in the morning. Slyne took me round Priests & an archbp in R.C. Church, to several officials & generally gave me an insight into the gov't of the island. He also took me on a rush drive inland, very beautiful scenery. Godkin stayed on Board
[KCMG – Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael & St George; CB – Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath]	8 Feb, Wed	Grenada – a gem of an Island. We drove to the top of a mountain 2000 ft., The Grand Etang which gives a constantly changing panorama of tropic beauty. The Governor of the Windward Islands Sir James Hayes Sadler KCMG, C.B. came on board & took me back to Gov't House. His A.D.C. was Irish & knew me. He had also Hon. C Gideon Murray administrator, Col[onial] Sec & Treas[urer] of St. Vincent under Sadler. The latter took up all my time enlightening him on agricultural credit which he was hoping to apply in his island. There was a convent at which some Irish nuns were (so passengers who visited it told me) lamenting that I had not called! Poor women. Their lives among the negroes must be sad indeed.
	9 Feb, Thu	Barbados. The acting Governor Major ?Burden told us the main facts about the Govt of the island. Here it is not a dictatorship but a local oligarchy – a council elected by a small high property electorate, a second chamber nominated by the Governor who has some authority which he shares with the Colonial office. Burden turned us over, at my request, to John R. Borrell, Sup[erintenden]t. of Agric[ultu]re with whom we drove a bit inland. The island is agric'l not wooded in appearance. Sugar & cotton the chief crops. We visited one sugar estate & saw sugar being manufactured with a windmill & a mill erected 1729 A.D. The island is so small that the peasantry in whom I was interested could hardly be cooperatised – they all deal in the towns, chiefly Bridgetown. But the whole island seems to be under planters who have little enterprise. The Negro peasantry appear poor &

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		backward commercially.
	10 Feb, Fri	Martinique. Landed first at Fort de France and enjoyed walking about among the French negroes. It would be impossible to describe the difference one felt (apart from the language) in these blacks. But they dressed & behaved brightly & seemed happier in their poverty than the other West Indian blacks. We went on then to St. Pierre & walked over the site of the city of 30,000 every one of whom were consumed in the burning fiery furnace of Mt. Pelée nine years ago except one convict Negro who was in the deepest cell awaiting execution for murder. Priests & nuns just & unjust all perished – this one man survived to tell the awful tale! At 3 P.M. started for 1029 mile run Northwards to Bermuda. A steady 80° degrees [<i>sic</i>] in the shade will now rapidly cool down, in 3 days we shall be in a very temperate climate & in 3 days more possibly in the rigors of a North American winter.
	11 Feb, Sat	At sea, getting cooler as we go north, all day.
	12 Feb, Sun	Steady fall in temperature, 70° in evening. Very delightful change. It was Lincoln's birthday – two lawyers on Board delivered addresses – rather well done.
	13 Feb, Mon	Bermuda in afternoon. Took a drive round the delightful island and called on Gen. Kitchener the Governor. He is a purely military governor, very nice & amiable but not very informing on the questions racial, economic, political &c which interest me most. A huge mail but no very troublesome letters.
[voiturier – carriage driver]	14 Feb, Tue	Godkin & I made the most of our last day (or ¾ day) ashore. We drove 25 miles & saw most of the sights – the Devils pool, a little inlet from the sea in which the owner has collected hundreds of queer fish which display themselves – especially their cavernous gullets to visitors who generally feed them. One tourist dropped his pince-nez which was immediately devoured, the Crystal Caves a marvellously beautiful display of stalactites &c. We saw a good deal of the cultivation of the island & learned much of its economics from a very intelligent voiturier, colored. Sailed for N.Y. 4 P.M.
	15 Feb, Wed	At sea all day getting cooler. Heavy weather defeated by heavy ship. Marconi operator told me he had had perfectly clear communications over 2000 miles during trip, Colon to Cape Cod.
[vice – in place of]	16 Feb, Thu	Got back to 36 West 10th St. 7.30 P.M. having arranged by Marconigram to dine with James Byrne. Found huge piles of correspondence, chief part related to formal invitation of Legislature of Wisconsin to address them on agricultural matters. I must go. I had also to wire to Lawrence Lowell about a flying visit to him. Altogether it will be a killing rush. Keogh wants me to preside over Pinchot's lecture, vice Roosevelt gone west, on Sunday at Rochelle People's Forum &c &c &c! The trip did me good on the whole.
Fr Young, Filson	17 Feb, Fri	After terrific rush in N.Y., left by 3 PM train for Harvard to stay a night & have a day with Lawrence Lowell. Had a good first talk with him (& Seth Low) on British Irish & American politics which shall summarise tomorrow. Wisconsin Legislature put me off to 28th (being "practically in recess" on 21st when I was to have gone to Madison) & I have to consider whether it is worth

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		an extra week.
	18 Feb, Sat	Called on Miss Beatrice Chamberlain in Boston & had hour's talk. She evidently feels that the Canadian American Reciprocity agreement is a severe blow to her father's & brother's policy of Imperial Preference. Much talk with Lowell about House of Lords, Ireland, Referendum in America & at home general American politics. To lunch came Peabody (Rev. Francis G., D.D.) Henry James, Dr. Carver, Fisher of Forestry School & others. I was done royally. Had to rush back to New York where my host had got a very nice Miss Dawson, a cousin apparently & Mrs. Cunningham staying with him.
	19 Feb, Sun	Went to New Rochelle with Pinchot to preside over his address on "a Report of Progress" (of the "Insurgents") at Judge Martin J. Keogh's People's Forum. Godkin & his ladies & Byrne came along. I did fairly well and Pinchot excellently. He is improving rapidly in his speaking. Keogh & Mrs. with 9 children (& 2 by a former wife) & both looking fresh, full of life & genial beyond measure are an inspiring sight. The children were not all there but a goodly sprinkling of all ages. All happy & well & Keogh worshipped by his fellow citizens.
	20 Feb, Mon	Had long talk at lunch with Dr. Pritchett & talked with Carnegie afterwards on P's advice. Had two hours with the little multimillionaire, Andrew D. White coming in in the middle of it. It was interesting as he told me a good deal I wanted to know about his Peace ideas & plans & his talks with Taft thereon. Called home that I would not sail till March 4.
<i>Fr Kellogg, Dr. J.H.</i>	21 Feb, Tue	Wrote Robert Collier suggesting that he should buy the Freeman's Journal and make Gill editor. Then went to Stuart Wortley at his country (leased) house at Bedford Hills. A fine undulating country being suburbanised not very quickly. Snow 6 inches on level. Mrs. Ralph & children happy & well.
(To Grey, 4th Earl fr McKelvey, J.G.)	22 Feb, Wed	Walked & motored with Ralph and left to dine in New York with the Thomas Sturgis'.
To Haultain, Arnold	23 Feb, Thu	Enquiring about Pennsylvania & Wisconsin, their universities, legislatures & agriculture for my forthcoming meetings. Dr. Flexner of the Rockefeller Institute dined.
	24 Feb, Fri	Went to Philadelphia & addressed a meeting of 40 or so "prominent citizens" chiefly connected with the University of Pennsylvania on the attitude of that institution towards the farmers. Spoke not too badly for over an hour with notes I never looked at. I didn't think much of the "atmosphere" of the University. I was introduced to its obviously mediocre President – a "Provost". The talk at the meeting was purely commercial & so is the university. Bosler was there. I signed a \$25,000 note to assist the finances of the Diamond Cattle Co. Its prospects are hopeful but I wish I was out of it.
	25 Feb, Sat	Passing through Chicago saw Mrs. Bottomley by appointment & talked over proposed visit to U.S.A. & Canada of Mrs. Pilkington to collect funds for the United Irishwomen. She told me that the right, indeed the only, way was for Mrs. P. to come & lecture on anything cheery, interesting or amusing & to leave the begging out entirely until an opportunity arose of interesting people who had been got into touch with otherwise. Col. Pilkington might

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		<p>come & lecture on Boy Scouts.</p> <p>Came on to Madison & was put up by President of University Charles Van Hise.</p>
	26 Feb, Sun	<p>Dictated 3,000 words for the speech tomorrow & none of it will do! However I had most informing talks with Van Hise, Francis E. McGovern Governor of the state & Charles McCarthy, Librarian to Legislature, two remarkable Irishmen (American born) but still with an accent which is next of kin to a brogue. McCarthy practically gives the government & the legislature all the information they need upon law making & administration out of an extraordinary wealth of knowledge on governmental affairs.</p> <p>Went for the first time in my life (& probably the last) in an ice boat, a famous racer. She flew over the lake at I suppose 45 miles an hour. The wind was not very high. Cold work but interesting.</p>
[Text of address to Wisconsin legislature in <i>IH</i> , XVIII:14 (8 Apr 1911), pp. 270-2 and XVIII:15 (15 Apr 1911), pp. 290-2]	27 Feb, Mon	<p>An ultra strenuous day. Dictated a long speech to stenographer. This took a long morning. I had to tell the story of "Plunkettism" in Ireland and expound the principles underlying that social & economic policy in their bearings upon the same policy in Wisconsin. In the afternoon I had a two hours' conference, in which I was talking for at least 1½ hours, with the agric'l, pol[itical] econ[omics], sociological & faculty of the University upon the Rural problem. Then an early "State Dinner" with the Governor & finally an address which I had very nearly to read in the Capitol to the Legislature on the floor & the university people & general public in the galleries. To bed at 11 P.M. with an alarm clock set for 3.45 A.M.</p>
[8 st., 7½ = 119½ lbs.]	28 Feb, Tue	<p>A restless night – the alarm clock was superfluous. Off by 4.30 A.M. train. Oh the malodorous resonance of the night inferno of Pullman! Through Chicago to Battle Creek for check. Then a very painful afternoon with the dentist. The staff were very kind. I found that the bill I thought had gone wrong had not been sent, Dr. Kellogg having induced the cashier to treat me as a guest of the institution. Of course I rebelled but was only able to meet the situation by accepting it & subscribing \$150 to the charitable side.</p> <p>I weighed naked & had gone down to 8 st. 7½.</p>
	1 Mar, Wed	<p>Finished the dentistry & left for New York. Dr. Kellogg presented me with my check's value in cash. This I declined to accept. Then he insisted on my having an electric light bath sent over. This will cost \$150! I said I would send him particulars but probably will not.</p> <p>In the train at Detroit met John Gabbert Bowman Secretary to the Carnegie Educational Foundation. Had a delightful talk about American universities & colleges which he knows intimately. He is President elect of Iowa University where he will try & put my Country Life ideas into operation. He is quite young & very promising.</p>
<i>Fr Kellogg, Dr. J.H.</i>	2 Mar, Thu	<p>Arrived & had busy day in N.Y. Lunched with F.T. Gates almoner to Rockefeller & will not waste much more time with him. I dined with Robert J Collier owner of Collier's Weekly with the object of interesting him & other Irishmen in a Home Rule Journalistic enterprise in Ireland. I recommended Gill as the</p>

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		Editor par excellence & I think he would do it well. What is wanted is some education of the masses of the people in the elements of government.
To Hill, James Jerome	3 Mar, Fri	Endless letters. Saw the Rockefeller Institute but not at work (as I went too late) in the Laboratories. Miss Bryce & the Byrnes dined & we had a cheery evening for my last in America this trip. Also young Bowman (see March 1). Sent my American book to James J. Hill & asked him to subscribe to the I.A.O.S.!
	4 Mar, Sat	Up at cock crow and got packed. Then furious letter writing until the pilot left the "Oceanic" with the last message from the returning exile. I wrote to Sydney Brooks urging him to send his wife to Battle Creek, to Dr. Pritchett re approaching Carnegie for my Country Life Institute idea. Pritchett is sick in bed & rather bad. I do hope nothing will impair his usefulness. He is doing great work for American education. Don't know a soul on Board. An even out – better to be bored for a while. At noon 9 miles from Sandy Hook.
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	10 Mar, Fri	481 – Plymouth 212 – that is due Plymouth 1 A.M. Sat[urda]y. A pleasant dull restful voyage after the strenuous end up to my American rest. Made no acquaintances on Board of any interest.
Fr Haultain, Arnold	11 Mar, Sat	Cherbourg, Southampton & London by 6 P.M. Dined with Monteaige & picked up a few loose ends. Telephoned over half London & began to deal with mountainous correspondence.
	12 Mar, Sun	A Reporter for Standard interviewed me on Panama Canal! Then came Erskine Childers to talk to me about Home Rule for Ireland. He is going to write a book on the subject & as he is an able man & an excellent writer I was glad to give him my views. Lunched with W. Watson at Wellington to talk over proposed distribution of some profits on the wind up of the old Frontier Land & Cattle Co with my old partners. Then Colliery talk with Gardiner, talk on agric'l coop'n & credit with H.W. Wolff, call on Mrs. Prothero, dined with Mary & after dinner called on Conny. Wrote many letters.
<i>Fr Pritchett, Henry S. Fr Wolff, Henry W.</i>	13 Mar, Mon	Saw N. Harris, Sir George Murray about the appl[icatio]n of the IAOS to the Dev[elopment] Com'rs for assistance out of their fund for the orga[nisatio]n of agric'l cooperation as statutorily provided. Murray told me that the Treasury, to whom our

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		<p>applic[atio]n had to be sent, merely act as P.O. They sent it to the Dept & probably the Irish gov't (i.e. Dillon) will have a say. It is hung up. The Treasury will not block the recom[mendatio]n of the Dev[elopment] Com[missio]n unless some Imperial interest is concerned. He then talked about the finance of H.R. which he regarded as "impossible". The Irish M.P.s would have to accept "Birrell's abortive" (the Devolution "Irish Council" Bill). Saw AD Hall & Adams with whom I discussed the Country Life Institute idea. I think Oxford will get the work in rural economic general research & the Plunkett House research in agric'l coop'n. This will meet my views admirably if my American multi-millionaire "fails to materialise".</p> <p>During day had long talk with Charles P Johnson. He told me he had never done so much land selling in liq[uidatio]n for his clients. Most of them got at least 10% more than he would have held on for. The sales were by auction & the tenants bought. They borrowed ¾ of the money from money lenders & solicitors. His clients would have advanced ⅓rds at 3¾ per cent int[erest]. He anticipates many failures of the new purchasers. He was in despair at the political outlook. So also were the intelligent Tories I met in the cattle club, including Lord Newton.</p>
<i>Fr Wolff, Henry W.</i> [Hans – dog]	14 Mar, Tue	<p>Back in a cold March morning & found my house altogether delightful. Anderson & Hans equally glad to welcome me. Early meeting of C.D.B. A dreary function with TW Russell more ridiculous than ever. This left little time to do more than shake hands with the I.A.O.S. folk. They were glad to see me & I them. Daisy passed through to St. Patricks Irish Industries Sale. She told me lots of gossip & some interesting family news. She thinks a rich American is going to offer for Killeen Castle & if he does she thinks they will have to sell for prudential reasons.</p> <p>I am almost persuaded to try a long fast for my auto intoxication which is rather serious.</p>
To Wolff, Henry W.	15 Mar, Wed	<p>Meeting of United Irishwomen & IAOS business took whole day. Then Mrs. Pilkington, Miss Charlotte Dease, Mrs. Hamilton & Fr. Maguire of Kils Kerry dined & we had more United Irishwomen talk.</p>
	16 Mar, Thu	<p>Worked at I.A.O.S. all the morning. After a lunch at Club had a giddy fit. Saw Miss Schiller Swedish masseuse who gave an awful account of my inside. She is to take me over at Kilteragh, sleeping there, & see what she can do for me.</p> <p>Long talk too with Lentaigne about the Battle Creek idea.</p> <p>Erskine Childers, Robert Barton, T Sinclair & Andrews came to dine & sleep & A.E. joined the dinner.</p> <p>Maurice Joy was shipped off to Canada after robbing me & all his friends to escape arrest which would have been bad for us all.</p>
<i>Fr Leslie, Shane</i> (date approx.) <i>Fr Pinchot, Gifford</i>	17 Mar, Fri	<p>St. Paddy. Sinclair, Andrews, Childers & I had a very good talk on Irish politics. I took rather the Home Rule side & I think made S & A see that they cannot defend the Union on the old (1886–93) lines. The object was to give Childers who means to write on the question the best Ulster view.</p> <p>Had Eric Hamilton to dine & advised him about going to British Columbia.</p>

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		Started massage night & morning, the masseuse Head of Swedish Institute in Dublin sleeping at Kilteragh.
To Godkin, Lawrence	18 Mar, Sat	Wrote an application which the United Irishwomen are to make to the Pembroke Charity Trustees (of which I am one!) for funds. Tried, but failed, to get off memo on Bill Wisconsin legislature are considering for facilitating the introduction of Cooperation. A good example of my work. JE Healy of the Irish Times came to Kilteragh & gave me lots of news.
	19 Mar, Sun	Daisy came by morning Mail, Fingall & Mamie to lunch & dinner, D. sleeping. Ld. Plunket & Hanson also dined & slept. I got in a quiet foursome with J.E. Healy, Case & R.A.A. and did a bit of thinking & writing without bad effects. My weight naked is exactly 8st 7lbs – 119 lbs against 123 at my best at Battle Creek. Miserable malnutrition the exact cause of which is rather obscure.
	20 Mar, Mon	Worked in Plunkett House too much of day. We got ahead with the affairs of the United Irishwomen.
<i>Fr Grey, 4th Earl</i>	21 Mar, Tue	Mrs Pilkington came. Robinson & Hanson dined. I am helping Childers to get the facts for his book on Home Rule. Office Ctee of I.A.O.S. Digges the troublesome member was away & Fr. F[inlay], Ld. Plunket, R. Barton, Stopford & I (presiding) got through lots of good work.
<i>Fr Harris, J. Nugent (2)</i>	22 Mar, Wed	A committee meeting of the United Irishwomen the chief event. They drew up a request for funds from the Pembroke Irish Charities Fund, or rather they adopted my draft. I sent it off to Ld. Pembroke (Monteagle has already agreed) suggesting £500 a year for 3 years. Gill came to dinner & I had a long private talk with him. I let him know what I thought of TW Russell & his action in supporting the anti-IAOS policy.
To Harris, J. Nugent To Pinchot, Gifford <i>Fr Bonn, Moritz Julius</i>	23 Mar, Thu	Eddie turned up. He is in great glee over his business in the literary world. His plays are going to be acted in London as well as Dublin. Childers still seeing people at my house. Asked Pilkington to join his wife. Am determined to get them both into my work in Ireland. He comes tomorrow.
To Childers, Erskine To Gill, Thomas Patrick	24 Mar, Fri	Col. Pilkington came to join his wife at Kilteragh. I may as well note my scheme of things for the near future. I want to develop the United Irishwomen to be (1) helpmate of I.A.O.S. (2) Leaders in rural social reconstruction. I want to get in the Plunkett House not only the means to make the I.A.O.S. efficient for its great work but moneys for a Bureau of Research in Ag'l Coop'n. I want to turn the brilliant qualities of A.E. to better account by giving him a wider audience than the Homestead. Shall try & arrange for space for him in Irish Times twice a week. Part of this work will require much fresh help. I shall try to employ the Pilkingtons permanently.
<i>Fr Channing, Francis Allston</i>	25 Mar, Sat	Work & stomach attack. Very unwell. O'Toole came for week end. He is very dull unless you probe him deep.
	26 Mar, Sun	Getting better all day owing to Miss Schiller's Swedish treatment.

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		She is a very nice woman & is immensely helpful to me in the hints she gives upon domestic economy, education of the poor &c out of her Swedish experience. I got her to tea & dine to talk to Mrs. Pilkington.
Fr McCarthy, Charles	27 Mar, Mon	Work. Got my mouth xrayed to determine which roots of teeth were the cause of pain. Childers passed through from the North & I had a brief talk about his forthcoming book. I warned him against under estimating Irish peculiarities – almost as bad as the commoner opposite practice.
	28 Mar, Tue	A dizzy fit and I had to write a long letter to Irish Times about the United Irishwomen. I managed to get it off in time. Miss Constance Pim their Hon[orary] Sec came out to Kilteragh & Hanson put the finishing touches to the letter at the end.
To Channing, Francis Allston Fr Harris, J. Nugent [Women's Work in Rural Ireland", <i>Irish Times</i> , p. 5]	29 Mar, Wed	Lady Aberdeen seeing my letter in the Irish Times was exuding [<i>sic</i>] wrath. She made a speech (written carefully & given to the Press expressing friendship for the United Irishwomen, & desire to help them but suggesting that they should be allied with – i.e. absorbed by the Women's National Health Assoc'n.
To Harris, J. Nugent (2) To Young, Filson	30 Mar, Thu	R. Hart Synnot came. Worked all day. The Harold Pims (3) dined & talked United Irishwomen. I am having a dose of them.
	31 Mar, Fri	United Irishwomen still. I am going I think to get them a good start.
	1 Apr, Sat	Lots of work in the morning – then golf. J.E. Healy came out, always interesting.
	2 Apr, Sun	I like this time of year, it makes for optimism. We had a delightful breath of spring. The Fletchers, Arnotts, Lanes, Stopfords were among my visitors, also I had Miss Schiller for tea on [<i>sic</i>] & we had great United Irishwomen talk. And I had golf in the morning, lying down in afternoon & felt generally better.
	3 Apr, Mon	Dominick Spring Rice came. He is only 21 & is extraordinarily mature. He is still at Cambridge where he is going out in Classics in a year, after that an Irish career is I think decided on. Ireland will want many & get few such. I like him.
Fr McCarthy, Charles	4 Apr, Tue	Work at IAOS.
<i>Fr Channing, Francis Allston</i> Fr Pinchot, Gifford	5 Apr, Wed	Ditto. In the evening Filson Young arrived. I fear his object in paying me a flying visit is to ask me for money, or its equivalent credit.
To Haultain, Arnold	6 Apr, Thu	Lady Mayo & Mary Lawless came. Lady M. was converted to the United Irishwomen. Congested Districts Board meeting.
To Channing, Francis Allston To Young, Filson <i>Fr Young, Filson</i>	7 Apr, Fri	I.A.O.S. & United Irishwomen all day. Daisy came.
To Grey, 4th Earl To Kellogg, Dr. J.H.	8 Apr, Sat	Lady Mayo & the two nieces (Ponsonbys) came to week end. After a busy morning at the Plunkett House I had Erskine Booth

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		out to Kilteragh & told him that I was going to give him & my other partners in the cattle business pro rata the surplus I had received over & above the debts of the Frontier Co from the American Cattle Trust & its successors. This is a moral not a legal debt.
To Young, Filson (2)	9 Apr, Sun	A restful day, though did a bit of work as tea early. Fingall came to tea & left Mamie. Jim Power dined. Fr. F[inlay]. lunched.
To Rider Haggard, Sir H.	10 Apr, Mon	Shaftesbury & Hanson came both very interesting.
Fr Young, Filson	11 Apr, Tue	Quarterly meeting of I.A.O.S. Ctee, good business done. Lady Aberdeen also arrived at Plunkett House with outriders! to meet the United Irishwomen & ask them to “come into her parlor”, i.e. to be absorbed in, “affiliated with” was the phrase, the Women’s National Health Assoc’n.
<i>Fr Rider Haggard, Sir H.</i>	12 Apr, Wed	Work at I.A.O.S. & United Irishwomen.
To Chaplin, John Fr Young, Filson	13 Apr, Thu	Ditto. Dominick Spring Rice returned. I had giddy fits badly.
	14 Apr, Fri	Golfed with Anderson & did almost no work with my head.
	15 Apr, Sat	JE Healy came out & I rested.
	16 Apr, Sun	Rest & quiet but my head got giddy.
	17 Apr, Mon	A dizzy fit which lasted 7 hours. I wish I knew what caused it. I was not sick, only giddy & unable to stand or even sit up in bed. It passed off in 7 hours.
	18 Apr, Tue	Stayed at home. Dr. Robert McVittie came out with Miss Schiller (with whom he collaborates). He told me after a very thorough examination that he was in duty bound to warn me that I was in grave danger of a serious collapse. The arteries were all right & the heart fair. But I had lived on my capital to such a degree that my condition was deplorably low. He would like absolute rest for 8 weeks (4 in bed). But he would compromise on a Siesta before midday meal. This I must try. The giddy fits frequently recurring he says are premonitory.
Fr Bullock, Shan	19 Apr, Wed	Work but a Siesta (in which I did not sleep) made the day rather dreary. It gave me no appetite or digestion for lunch. I was useless afterwards. Lord Coventry held a meeting (under the auspices of the Dublin Liberals) to advocate proportional representation. In a pro forma ballot I came out second after Redmond (255) with 97 votes to TW Russell’s 57, Dillon’s 26 & so on!
To Bullock, Shan	20 Apr, Thu	WGS Adams spent the evening. He is certainly the finest spirit that has come into Irish life from the outside in my time. Worked at United Irishwomen booklet.
	21 Apr, Fri	Work at IAOS.
	22 Apr, Sat	Brought the Stopfords out for a week end. He is poorly & I hope to pick him up a bit in my healthy home.
	23 Apr, Sun	A regular Foxrock Sunday – a lot of United Irishwomen came & the rest vanished in a maze of problems.
Fr McCarthy, Charles	24 Apr, Mon	The Hannays came. Alan Anderson left.
	25 Apr, Tue	Had a desperately hard day at that United Irishwomen pamphlet.

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		No one will ever know what these literary efforts at propagandism cost me – many years of life inter alia. But it <u>is</u> worth while. The harvest is plenty but the labourers in this Irish vineyard belabour each other.
	26 Apr, Wed	After a good sleep in train was able to do a terrific day's work. Saw Dale (Sec) & on train Hopwood, paid member of Development Commission. Found that TW Russell had at last sent in his "observations" on the IAOS application. These were a rehash of the trade & political objections to us & also the lying statistics about the creamery butter exports which really show that Ireland consumes more of her good butter than formerly. Dined with Erskine Childers who is hard at work at his Home Rule book. He read me the syllabus.
Fr Godkin, Lawrence	27 Apr, Thu	A Bowes meeting, the first I had attended since October, all going well & Gardiner's health no worse. Did the family, Mary, Conny, Dorothy. I see too little of them. Indeed as one of my biographers wrote, I have no private life. Had a nasty giddy fit early morning.
<i>Fr Wolff, Henry W.</i>	28 Apr, Fri	Anderson, Fr. Finlay, Stopford & Harold Barbour all turned up for Joint Board of Agric'l Coop organisation – Plunkettism applied to the U.K. Lunched with the Development Comn'rs who told me that they were entirely on the IAOS side. The hostile report of the Dept has resulted in delay but they are determined not to let us be starved out.
	29 Apr, Sat	After a busy morning drove down in a motor car I had purchased for James Byrne (& which was en route via S'hampton to Cherbourg where the whole family lands next week) to Fisher's Hill. Old Lady Lytton, Mrs. Moritz Bonn (immensely brightened up by Herr Doctor) were there. Golfed with Gerald but felt wretched.
	30 Apr, Sun	Monteagle & Mary came by motor to lunch & "Aunt T" to tea. Neighbours galore called. There is a house full of children & I am still seedy. I did not enjoy my visit.
	1 May, Mon	Back to London. Lunched with Erskine Childers & had a good talk on Home Rule. Saw Adams & Fletcher & supped with Shan Bullock.
	2 May, Tue	Seedy & fagged. Dined with Eddie & Beatrice, say [<i>sic</i>] May at Mary's, lunched Tom at Club. Had also to lunch James Robertson of Canada.
<i>Fr Armitage-Smith, S.</i>	3 May, Wed	Day mail to London Kilteragh.
	4 May, Thu	Work. Daisy & Mamie came & also Hart Synnott [<i>sic</i>]. The Poultry Conference (United K[ingdo]m) opened but I did not attend reserving myself for presiding over a half day tomorrow. Not well enough to prepare any address!
	5 May, Fri	4.30 A.M. began to write address for Poultry Conference. At 9 A.M. was met at Plunkett House by two first rate stenographers (Misses Skipworth & Sullivan) & dictated about a 20 minute address which I had to begin reading at 10 AM at the Gresham

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		Hotel. I was well received. Of course it was hard work, but I think the audience made the right allowances. Alec Wilson of Belfast came for the night to Kilteragh to talk over the Home Rule policy for the young Unionist Ulster!
	6 May, Sat	Played in a foursome match "The Dudley Cup[?]" at Dollymount with Anderson as my partner. Won our heat. I find long slow out of door exercise suits me. It is the hard work which hurts. Hanson brought a Rev'd. B King to dine & sleep. JE Healy also came. Alec Wilson left & Synnott [<i>sic</i>].
	7 May, Sun	Restful, but I was still a bit knocked up by Friday's work.
	8 May, Mon	Worked a little at an article for Morning Post (7/8ths of which was written for me by Pilkington who wants it as a peg to hang articles of his own on). Harold Barbour dined & slept. Hanson & his parson left.
To Godkin, Lawrence	9 May, Tue	Work & play in easy proportion.
	10 May, Wed	½ day work. United Irishwomen pamphlet at last complete & should be out early next week. Anderson & I got beaten at a foursome competition at Dollymount.
[Keble College]	11 May, Thu	Lady Lyttelton brought the Bp. of Winchester to see me (or Kilteragh?). The Bp. seemed interested in my ideas & work. He was one Talbot of some Oxford college. I ought to know all about him but I don't. Visited the Plunkets at Old Connaught. She is a splendid mother. Her children are bear [<i>sic</i>] footed (& bare legged) wild & healthy over gravel & grass & seem as happy as the day's long.
Fr Godkin, Lawrence <i>Fr Kellogg, Dr. J.H.</i>	12 May, Fri	Another giddy fit which spoilt my whole day. I was to have presided at the Swedish Institute's annual distribution of prizes to the pupils & had to put it off when they could only get Anderson to act for me.
(To Anderson, R.A. fr Macan, Reginald W.)	13 May, Sat	Moted down to Killeen. This is the only time of year when Meath air is otherwise than depressing to me. Back at night. Went slowly I thought but the journey nearly 30 miles & much of it through Dublin & suburbs only took 80 minutes.
	14 May, Sun	The Starkies, H Robinson, Mr. Buchan & wife & Stopford to lunch. Rest golf (& work!)
To Adams, W.G.S. To Macan, Reginald W.	15 May, Mon	Daisy, Mamie & Shan Bullock came in the evening. At last proof copies of the United Irishwomen's pamphlet appeared!
To Rolleston, T.W.	16 May, Tue	Circulating U.I. pamphlet.
To Godkin, Lawrence To Pinchot, Gifford	17 May, Wed	Meeting of Ctee of United Irishwomen. Mrs. Pilkington came to Dublin & I had a good talk with her. Alexis Roche came. I told him I intended to give a bonus to all my intimates in the Frontier Land & Cattle Co in respect of profits I had made out of the liquidation of the property on which I had to foreclose as creditor.
Fr Godkin, Lawrence	18 May, Thu	A day of giddiness. Happily of sunshine too & Alexis was in his best form.
To Wolff, Henry W. <i>Fr Rolleston, T.W.</i>	19 May, Fri	Alexis left. Harold Barbour came. I learned that Lady Aberdeen was working the Press against the U.I. pamphlet. There is a

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		deadly silence in the Dublin papers otherwise inexplicable.
To McCarthy, Charles To Roosevelt, Theodore <i>Fr Harris, J. Nugent</i> <i>Fr Seton, Sir Malcolm C.</i>	20 May, Sat	Wrote Roosevelt about United Irishwomen & tried to draw him for a notice of them in The Outlook. This partly because J.E. Healy told me he could not review it in the Irish Times on account of Lady Arnott's relations with Lady Aberdeen.
	21 May, Sun	United Irishwomen & others in too large a crowd for rest. But a glorious day. Sunshine from sunrise to sunset.
To Godkin, Lawrence To Harris, J. Nugent Fr McCarthy, Charles <i>Fr Wolff, Henry W.</i>	22 May, Mon	½ day at IAOS & rest.
To Rolleston, T.W. To Webb, Sidney	23 May, Tue	Emily Lawless arrived with a nurse. She was better than I had expected. A.E. came to see her & Bullock & she had good talks.
To McCarthy, Charles To Peabody, Francis	24 May, Wed	Fine day & enjoyed.
	25 May, Thu	Mary Spring Rice joined my party.
To Oliver, F.S.	26 May, Fri	Work & play. Monteagle arrived late at night. I have a party of "crocks".
<i>Fr Oliver, F.S.</i> <i>Fr Pinchot, Gifford</i>	27 May, Sat	Absolutely ideal weather. Daisy & Mamie left. Monteagle lay in the verandah all day, had had a stomach upset (which frightened him) in the night. Miss Schiller rubbed it away.
	28 May, Sun	Malcolm Seton & wife, Major Bruce & Miss B (Mrs. S's bro[ther] & sister) & Fr. Finlay lunched. Fr. F who came after lunch, brought the shocking news that poor little Mrs. Pilkington has become insane & was in a private asylum. This upset me a good deal as I fear it was largely my work which did the mischief.
Fr Godkin, Lawrence	29 May, Mon	Went to town not feeling well. Saw Col. Pilkington & heard the news. His wife is still raving & may alas be a hopeless case. He poor fellow is not to see her for a long time & has wisely determined to plunge into work – journalism. I had not been long at The Plunkett House when a very bad fit of dizziness came. Dr. McVittie & Miss Schiller came & after 2 to 3 hours I was able to get back to Kilteragh. My heart nearly stopped. Monteagle left.
	30 May, Tue	Had to give in to the doctor & go in for absolute rest. It seems I had a dangerous weakness of the heart's action yesterday.
To Godkin, Lawrence (by sec'y)	31 May, Wed	Mary Spring Rice left. Rest in open air all day.
<i>Fr Seton, Sir Malcolm C.</i>	1 Jun, Thu	After a bad night pulse very low. Was left in bed all day. Emily Lawless left.
<i>Fr Roosevelt, Theodore</i>	2 Jun, Fri	A day of almost absolute rest. But Miss White of the Alexandra College called about a secretarial & Library class for the Alexandra College on whose council I already sit. Even this effort at serious thought affected my brain (& stomach). I now know that the whole trouble is on the right side of the brain where a degeneracy of a part has made me deaf to all except the internal noises. I wish doctors knew their business & could tell one

[8.6¼ - 118¾ lb.]

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		definitely how to get well. I am down to 8.6¾ naked weight.
To Godkin, Lawrence	3 Jun, Sat	Bed & sofa still. At tea Daisy returned & Lady Lyttelton brought Alfred & wife & Sir Matthew Nathan to see me. My heart still desperately weak.
Fr Brooks, Sydney	4 Jun, Sun	Fr. Finlay & JE Healy to lunch & called in motor on The Plunkets. That was all the distraction. I am in the trough of the sea of reaction. It is a miserable sensation this idleness after activity. But I see now that it is nature's remedy. I must not seek comfort in activity any more than in any other stimulant.
Fr McCarthy, Charles	5 Jun, Mon	Fingall & Mamie came & stayed the night. I lay quiet all day in the verandah.
Fr Childers, Erskine	6 Jun, Tue	Did nothing. Bullocks came to tea & supper. Fingall & Mamie left.
To Brooks, Sydney To Oliver, F.S. <i>Fr Peabody, Francis</i>	7 Jun, Wed	Alfred Lyttelton came for a six hour stay & I had A.E. & JE Healy to meet him. A.L. is the most attractive mortal of the male English type I know. Alas too much mental activity was stimulated & I felt the effects. Daisy left. She goes to the Coronation & I shall be without the best nurse in the world for a while.
	8 Jun, Thu	A delightful day with Alfred Lyttelton. His character & personal charm are of the best. His intellect not of the highest but of no mean order. He sees no hope for the Tories except by finding out the young blood. He could only name F.E. Smith & doubted whether he had any unselfish purpose. He left by night Mail leaving Daisy & Mamie as companions. Wibberley, Co Limerick Agric'l instructor, came to dinner. I had a very interesting talk with him & learned a lot about the movement of the farmer's mind.
<i>Fr Brooks, Sydney</i>	9 Jun, Fri	Bullock, ES Rouse Boughton came. I had to remain quiet to get back some lost strength from yesterday.
To Kellogg, Dr. J.H. To McCarthy, Charles To Pinchot, Gifford	10 Jun, sat	Norman & Mary Massey lunched. Idle useless day except that I hope I am getting stronger.
<i>Fr Childers, Erskine (day unclear)</i>	11 Jun, Sun	Rest & no guests except Cantrell.
	12 Jun, Mon	Put back by a painful abscess in the ear. Had it lanced & got relief. But temperature fell & weight lost.
	13 Jun, Tue	Better much today but still low. Dermot O'Brien began to paint me for my friends at the Plunkett House. Boughton left. Tom Ponsonby came to dine & sleep.
	14 Jun, Wed	Tom left & Fingall came. A charming letter from Lady Betty telling me that Alfred Lyttelton had spoken to her in the kindest terms of my Irish work & had greatly impressed George Curzon and others who were present.
	15 Jun, Thu	Sat for picture & did an hour's work in Plunkett House. It affected me a little in the head.
Fr Garvin, James Louis	16 Jun, Fri	A call from Christopher La Touche who has been in very bad health and now looks only fairly returned. He was interesting on the prospects of Home Rule.

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		Rained today for the first time for 30 days, longest dry spell since 1887.
Fr Plunkett, Reginald A.R.	17 Jun, Sat	Mary Murphy came for week end. Rained hard again.
	18 Jun, Sun	Had Dr. & Mrs. McVittie to lunch. She is not at all the old bore her worthy spouse is. I am now to drop off the Swedish massage gradually. I hope I shall not miss it too badly.
(To Anderson, R.A. fr Monteagle, Ld.; GARV.3) <i>Fr Young, Filson</i>	19 Jun, Mon	Sat for portrait & did nothing else.
[Beatty]	20 Jun, Tue	At 3 AM another fit of giddiness, violent vomiting. No apparent cause. Dr. McVittie called Dr. Wallace Beattie [<i>sic</i>] into consultation. Both agree nothing organically wrong except "labyrinth" on right side of brain. But great weakness, no reserve, no resistance. Nothing but rest any good!
To Seton, Sir Malcolm C. (by sec'y)	21 Jun, Wed	A miserable day. I suppose I must have a real rest cure.
	22 Jun, Thu	Another wretched day, & I had a seat in Westminster Abbey for the Coronation of George V. The doctor wants me not to do any of the functions when the King comes over here. This would be a mistake unless it is necessary. Health must of course come first.
To Briantchaninoff, A. (by sec'y) (GARV.4) <i>Fr Plunkett, Reginald A.R.</i>	23 Jun, Fri	A horrible bilious attack which makes one dangerously depressed when there is so little to spare. When this passes if the cure does not prevent I must go into a real rest cure – the ?last/best chance.
To Garvin, James Louis (by sec'y) [8.6 = 118 lb.]	24 Jun, Sat	Better today but still getting lower in flesh. I am down to 8.6 & my head is buzzing horribly. JE Healy came for a dine & sleep & counselled me wisely about letting the public know that I am "off" for a while.
<i>Fr Sellar, Mrs. G.</i>	25 Jun, Sun	O'Toole joined for lunch. I was very weak and low. I am hopeful that this is only the natural reaction from over strain.
	26 Jun, Mon	Another very bad day. Rest cure threatened. Dr. McVittie practically admits he can do nothing for me here & insists on my going abroad or to a rest cure but in any case away from here.
To Sellar, Mrs. G. [8 st 5lb = 117 lb.]	27 Jun, Tue	Almost decided in my own mind in favor of rest cure. Weighed 8st 5 lb only today & this after my chief meal!
To Plunkett, Reginald A.R. <i>Fr Kellogg, Dr. J.H.</i>	28 Jun, Wed	Packed up (very tiring) and went by night mail to London. R.A.A. who had to go 24 hours later anyhow. Miss Schiller came too as she was off for her holidays.
<i>Fr Sellar, Mrs. G.</i> [Dawson later president of Royal College of Physicians]	29 Jun, Thu	Saw Eddie, Tom, May, Mary & Conny. Also Hart Synnot, Filson Young, Sydney Brooks and Daisy were in & out. The event of the day was a long examination by Dr. Bertrand Dawson of 32 Wimpole St. who pleased me by accepting the Battle Creek diagnosis. He would not tell me more of the verdict, which was, I quite see, wisely reserved, than that I must break off work absolutely and that he must have me 7 days under observation in a nursing home before he can say what subsequent treatment he will prescribe.

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To McCarthy, Charles (by sec'y)	30 Jun, Fri	Betty Balfour called & took me to lunch with Arthur & Alice B. I was dying to talk politics with him, especially the position of the Lords. But Betty begged me to discuss nothing which might set me thinking in the Rest Cure (which I am to enter on tomorrow) & we talked health, theosophy! music (here I dropped out altogether) the mental qualities required for public speaking, golf & so forth. Dined with Erskine Childers & his wife & had a talk over Home Rule & his forthcoming Irish book.
[8.5.13 = 117 lb.13 oz.]	1 Jul, Sat	Letter writing, lunched with S Brooks at Wellington, called with Daisy on Mrs. James Byrne and then came into the Nursing Home at 9 Mandeville Place, very tired & rather out of spirits at having to undergo this costly luxurious idleness when so many of my fellow workers are in worse case. Well the only thing is to go through with it & try & give the public value. I cannot do good work with the miserable vitality I now appear to have, with increasingly frequent fits & loss of weight (8.5.13oz naked) steady & unexplained.
	2 Jul, sun	A dull day relieved by a visit from Daisy.
Fr McCarthy, Charles	3 Jul, Mon	A better night's sleep. What I want to find out is whether, as the Dublin doctors say, my head is wasting my body or as the Battle Creek people say my digestive apparatus is playing the devil with my nerves. Is it over work or auto intoxication[?]. There is no doubt of the latter & of course moderate work may be overwork in the conditions. They seem determined to have as thorough an examination here as I had at Battle Creek.
	4 Jul, Tue	As yesterday & as tomorrow I suppose only no doctor looked at me. Daisy called.
	5 Jul, Wed	Bed & nothing.
<i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i>	6 Jul, Thu	The Dr. told me I must not go near Ireland before October. Could anything be more annoying or in my judgment more absurd[?] Here we get to psychology which is beyond the great man's purview. But there is reason in what he says. The Dublin Dr. has no doubt told him that he failed because I was near my work.
	7 Jul, Fri	[No entry]
	8 Jul, Sat	Completed first week & had a very little to show for it. Did not weigh but temperature still 1° to 2° subnormal, pulse very weak & thin, depression & only slept well one night out of the seven. Still that is the usual experience of first weeks I imagine.
	9 Jul, Sun	Tom, May, Mary & Mrs. Prothero called.
[8.5.14 = 117 lb. 14 oz.]	10 Jul, Mon	The limited efforts of doctors, nurses, masseur & cook have added to my weight just one ounce in 9 days. I was 8.5.14 naked. This diary is not for posterity(!) but I suppose I should record the following telegraphic correspondence Sir Arthur Bigge, Dublin Castle, to H.P. at Mandeville Place. "The King much regrets that you cannot be here during his first visit to Dublin after his coronation & this regret is all the keener when he knows that your absence is due to ill health. His Majesty earnestly trusts that you may soon be well again". I wired back "Please tender to H.M. my humble thanks for his gracious message which will lessen the

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		disappointment at being unable to take part in the welcome of his Irish people to their King and Queen".
[?Susan Mitchell]	11 Jul, Tue	Miss Mitchell called as her nose is being cured of "lupus" in the London Hospital. She spoke of the King's visit & was very disloyal!
[8.6.12 = 118 lb., 12 oz.]	12 Jul, Wed	Godkin called looking very fit & said he was on for any golfing outing when I was available. Erskine Childers also called.
	13 Jul, Thu	Ld. MacDonnell called.
To Kellogg, Dr. J.H. [8.6.11 = 118 lb., 11 oz.] [proteid – synonym for protein]	14 Jul, Fri	Weighed 8.6.11. Had my first straight talk with Dawson. He had been playing the usual mystery on me as I suppose is necessary with most rest cure patients. So I tried him with some questions which I knew might interest him, questions of mental physiology. Sensing that he had thought on them I got on to my dieting & asked him straight why doctors took no trouble in prescribing quantities & in balancing proteids, fats & carbohydrates. He said that Pavlov's (quite recent) researches had shown that what we call appetite is a sort of stomach consciousness which is easily disturbed by thinking too much about what we shall eat! Now I ?see my line of ----ty.
	15 Jul, Sat	My low resisting power made me the victim of another abscess in the right ear. A billion or so streptococci were injected & a sleeping draught brought relief. Lady Betty called. In strictest confidence she told me (I must not write it down) exactly where the King stood in regard to the creation of Peers at this crisis.
	16 Jul, Sun	The Childers', S Brooks & Godkin called. A better day than I expected after the sleeping draught.
	17 Jul, Mon	A poor day. Vomited my supper. Quite upset by the ear trouble. Lady Eva Wyndham Quin and Rolleston called.
[8.6.12 = 118 lb., 12 oz.]	18 Jul, Tue	Weighed 8.6.12. Shan Bullock, Lady Mayo & Mrs. JR Green called.
To McCarthy, Charles (by sec'y)	19 Jul, Wed	Wrote a long report of my case to Bertrand Dawson as I see it, he not having called since Friday. I had thought over his stomach consciousness objection to a balanced ration – psychologic principle. I told him it did not apply to my case & expanded at some length the Battle Creek idea in its psychological aspects. Oliver, Lady Falmouth & S. Brooks called.
	20 Jul, Thu	Dawson came & I liked him more than ?ever. He has taken me entirely into his confidence & seen that I cannot be treated "psychologically". He says the analysis of the contents of the colon show a better result than the Battle Creek reports. He is hopeful of my recovery but rest of mind is essential. Monteagle, Prof'r. Campbell, Childers & Godkin called.
	21 Jul, Fri	Daisy, Adams & Gill called, a cheery lot, the first two at any rate. 90° in the shade. Monteagle looked in late to tell me that at Lansdowne House a letter from Asquith to Arthur Balfour saying that Peers would be created to pass the Veto Bill through the Lords in its original

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		shape with the King's full concurrence! 90° in the shade.
[8.5.7 = 117 lb., 7 oz.]	22 Jul, Sat	92° in the shade. Dr. Kelly called & was most friendly. He thoroughly believes in my principles & told me a lot about the Home Rule Finance advisory committee on which he serves with Adams (as Ireland's other representative). He thinks a separate Custom House is a necessary element of responsibility. Adams sees great difficulties. Stopford, Brooks, Mary & Daisy also visited me. After 3 weeks' rest cure I am at my lowest weight 8.5.7.
	23 Jul, Sun	Lady Falmouth called again & told me that Londonderry had deserted the extreme section of the Lords who want to force Asquith to swamp their house. I can hardly believe it but if true it may save the situation as he has a considerable following of not high intelligence.
[8.7.11 = 119 lb., 11 oz.]	24 Jul, Mon	8.7.11 But only increased bowel contents. Disgraceful row in Commons led by the saintly Hugh Cecil who refused to allow the Premier to be heard when he rose to announce to the House his already communicated (to A.J.B.) coup d'état. The speaker had for the first time to adjourn the House on account of persistent disorder. I should write to The Times if I were allowed. So perhaps it's well I am tied!
	25 Jul, Tue	Sir Bertrand called. I gathered that Anderson had told him that I was writing too much & he is I fear being induced to treat me psychologically [<i>sic</i>] rather than medically. Daisy went down to Caterham to see the offshoot of Battle Creek & said it was quite impossible. Sir B. favors a sanatorium of a Dr. Abbott at Bletchingley to which I will probably go. Coventry called & also Reggie both charming in their very different ways. Also came Countess Hochberg Caroline Roche. The political news, a section of the Tory party refusing a hearing to Asquith when he rose to announce the King's promise to create peers was alarming & rather disgusting to me.
	26 Jul, Wed	A poor day after only 3 hours' sleep. F.S. Oliver & Shan Bullock were my two callers.
[8.5.6 = 117 lb., 6 oz.]	27 Jul, Thu	Net weight before breakfast 8.5.6. Miss Cornelia Bryce looked in on her way to the Continent. Also called B Walsh who is finding out about the Bletchingley Sanatorium I am to go to and will visit me there, & S Brooks. Sir Bertrand came at night & injected a few hundred millions of streptococci the only mischievous bacteria he discovers in my blood. He wants me after my second stage of cure at Bletchingley to go to a Sanatorium near Gothenburg! or to Battle Creek though he fears work at the latter.
To Kellogg, Dr. J.H.	28 Jul, Fri	Monteagle & Mary Spring Rice, Lytton & Gerald Balfour called. Had interesting political talk with the two last.
	29 Jul, Sat	G Prothero my only caller. He had been to Bletchingley Sanatorium & gave me a bad account of it. They kept him for 9 weeks & sent him away a nervous wreck.

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	30 Jul, Sun	Lady Low whom I had asked to call told me about a boy who had been fellow student at old North's at Brighton where I went betw'n leaving Eton & matriculating at Oxford. J?L Campbell was his name. I remember him clearly over these 40 years. He introduced me to Father Ignatius & he has apparently been religious, or rather mystic ever since on his poor Scottish property where he ministers to the souls & bodies of an impoverished tenantry. He wrote about creameries. S. Armytage [<i>sic</i>] Smith called & told me a lot of news & much about ?books.
	31 Jul, Mon	Callers – Lord Atkinson who supports Lord Halsbury & would force the swamping of the House of Lords so as to force on the inevitable revolution, the re division of parties into haves & have nots with the possibilities of a Conservative reaction. S. Brooks & wife (who is wildly enthusiastic on the new homeopathy [“high potency” treatment & a good advertisement of it) and Adams.
	1 Aug, Tue	In event, beyond inoculation with streptococci.
	2 Aug, Wed	Lady Betty & Bernard Holland, both very interesting callers.
Fr Wallace, Henry	3 Aug, Thu	Sir Bertrand called & gave me my marching orders for tomorrow. He says I have slowly but distinctly improved as shown by heart (still feeble) condition of stomach & intestines to touch and blood & fecal analysis. He recommends 3 or 4 weeks at Bletchingley Nursing Home & then 4 to 6 weeks at a Swedish institute. F.S. Oliver called & we had a very interesting political talk.
	4 Aug, Fri	After 36 days in bed in sweltering weather in London I moved to The Hermitage, White Hill, Bletchingley, Surrey, B Walsh taking me in his motor car. A good site & so far, as all I have seen is my room, an excellent house. The proprietor Dr. Abbott was a promising surgeon at St. Thomas'. His sight failing he went into the sanatorium business. He seems a very nice fellow but evidently a much lesser light than Bertrand Dawson under whose directions he will I hope act. I tried, without success, to penetrate the professional crust. This will I daresay be accomplished later. I was irritable which is fatal to this desired understanding.
	5 Aug, Sat	The first day ends with the usual sleeplessness, or rather inadequacy of sleep. Dr. Abbott seems a thinking man & I should say would master my case. He hopes to put a stone on to me! He poor fellow is obviously losing his sight, but I think with an assistant he could carry on if the worst happened. I sat out 3 hours & walked a little. I shall soon get into walking exercise.
	6 Aug, Sun	Bryan & Dorothy came over from Byfleet to see me. He told me that a few days ago in the best opinion at the War Office it was now 2 to 1 against war with Germany. Now the danger seems past.
	7 Aug, Mon	Nothing happened. Very hot.
	8 Aug, Tue	Another of those little afflictions which indicate a low state of health & poor resisting power. An abscess in the ear, against which I had been heavily inoculated (with, I fear, the wrong bug) tortured me & I had to end the day with a sleeping draught which means an upset of the stomach for some days. The Vote of Censure debate in the Commons simply showed the

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		strength of the Government's & weakness of the opposition's positions. Asquith has the strongest party behind him in English history I should say.
	9 Aug, Wed	95° in the shade. In London it was 97.1 the hottest on record! My ear was still bad. Gerald O'Donovan (Esq[ui]re) came to see me. He is again without occupation but now has a wife with some money!
Fr Pinchot, Gifford [Transport workers' strike]	10 Aug, Thu	The little abscess in my ear goes on neither breaking nor "absorbing". A low unhealthy existence. The treatment here is immeasurably inferior to Dawson's or Kellogg's. But the air is good. Dorothy & a friend came to see me & also Rolleston. The debate yesterday in the Lords did not end. But the argument was all with Lansdowne & against the Halsbury section. The vote today will decide whether the revolution is to be steady or violent, constitutionally I mean, for the Lords are to be swamped if their wings are not clipped now. Meanwhile the worst strike we have yet seen affecting seriously London's food looks ominous.
<i>Fr Steel-Maitland, Sir Arthur</i> <i>Fr Steel-Maitland, Sir Arthur to "Adams"</i>	11 Aug, Fri	Fingall & Emily Lawless called. He told me of the debate in the Lords which resulted in the government getting their Bill with the help of 37 Unionist peers – largely a case of the King's influence through his entourage (e.g. Shaftesbury & Annaly.) Fingall voted with the "Die Hards" but had no good return. He said he wavered with every speech, poor fellow. Emily Lawless looked more than ever a nervous wreck.
	12 Aug, Sat	No guests. Very hot. Began to doubt whether I was making any progress.
	13 Aug, Sun	A little better today. James Robertson came after dark having run out from London to see me. He got Sir Bertrand's leave to call on his rest cure patient. I wonder whether he would have given leave if he had known what subjects James Robertson of Canada & meself [<i>sic</i>] of Ireland have in common!
	14 Aug, Mon	Walked about 4 miles in two efforts. Slept better.
	15 Aug, Tue	Walked 4 miles in one walk.
	16 Aug, Wed	Ditto.
	17 Aug, Thu	Bad night last night & found today I had practically gained no weight here in spite of eating well, though not half what the doctor prescribed.
<i>Fr Kellogg, Dr. J.H.</i> [8.8.8 = 120 lb., 8 oz.]	18 Aug, Fri	Weighed 8.8.8 naked. This is a trifle better. James Byrne & wife came to see me in their motor. I like him more & more & her much but he is the finer spirit.
To Wallace, Henry	19 Aug, Sat	Miss Schiller, good soul, motored with a friend from Bognor & put up (for 2 nights) at an Inn at Bletchingley to look after me. Also came AD Steel Maitland recently appointed head of the Central Conservative organisation to discuss a Tory land policy. We talked general politics & I told him I was now a Home Ruler. He didn't seem to have convictions on the subject.
	20 Aug, Sun	Shan Bullock came down & told me the strike was ended – good news. Miss Schiller called again & I talked a good deal about the Swedish Sanatorium. I nearly have decided to stay here. The only

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		object in sending me away is to get me out of harm's (work's) way. If I could frivil here all would be well. Had a good night's sleep & felt much better. My temperature touched normal.
<i>Fr Steel-Maitland, Sir Arthur</i>	21 Aug, Mon	Last night slept well again & felt happy.
	22 Aug, Tue	Last night bad & I fear my cure is not going to gallop. Walsh brought his car & took me for a run. He also brought me some fruit.
To Steel-Maitland, Sir Arthur [8.9.7 = 121 lb, 7 oz.]	23 Aug, Wed	Weighted 8.9.7. It was decided that I should not go to Sweden by [<i>sic</i>] stay here till I have got all the good I can out of it. Glad of this. But I must play the game & not let my mind get back to the beloved work.
	24 Aug, Thu	Called on Mrs. O'Donovan who had taken rooms in a farm house near Gomshall. He was away & we had a quiet talk. She is a nice natural kind of girl & he is lucky. Is she? Then 2 hours with Emily Lawless chiefly discussing her health which I am most anxious to help her to get back. I fear her nerves are terribly disorganised. She is living on hypodermic injections.
[8.10.4 = 122 lb., 4 oz.]	25 Aug, Fri	Weighed 8.10.4. On the strength of this played 9 holes of golf with Backhouse fellow patient. Could not play at all but I don't think the exercise upset me.
	26 Aug, Sat	Inoculation yesterday with staphylococcus & today with streptococcus. I suppose if ever this diary is read in decades hence this jargon will be familiar to babes & sucklings. Or shall we have done with it all & committed ourselves again to nature? I wonder.
	27 Aug, Sun	Boughton paid me a visit. He is reading <i>The Decline & Fall</i> & was quite interesting in his impressions of the great work.
	28 Aug, Mon	Bad ear again. Hot fomentations & sleeping draught at night. Somerset Beaumont formerly M.P. an admirer of my Irish work & book called.
	29 Aug, Tue	Low temperature again 2½° subnormal.
	30 Aug, Wed	A nurse arrived for Emily Lawless. She is chosen by Abbott to observe the case & suggest whether there is any chance of helping poor Emily to get free from the drug habit – subcutaneous injections of heroin (a form of morphine) daily. I borrowed Walsh's car & motored the nurse over to Hazelhatch taking Mrs. Abbott a very pleasant woman with me also.
	31 Aug, Thu	Did nothing. A Russian Prince of sorts has arrived as a patient. He cannot talk English & only one nurse knows French & he objects to let her approach him except when he is fully dressed. With a blind doctor & all the world dark what will the poor patient do.
[8.11.4 = 123 lb., 4 oz.]	1 Sep, Fri	8.11.4 1 lb gained. Motored over to Thornhill, East Grinstead where Beau Watson offers me an after cure. The place is perfect for the purpose. He was out, but Ada was there & very nice.

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	2 Sep, Sat	[No entry]
	3 Sep, Sun	Called on Hugh Lane (now Sir Hugh) at the other house of his establishment. Never before had an intimate talk with him. Did not take to him much.
	4 Sep, Mon	Wrote 13 letters about plans. Very tiring.
	5 Sep, Tue	Another sleepless night, or only about 3–4 hours broken sleep. Had to try a drug.
	6 Sep, Wed	Played round the golf course with the Russian Prince in attendance! to show him “le golf”. A poor night’s sleep with the drug & feel the sooner I get away the better.
	7 Sep, Thu	Went to town to get hair cut &c in motor. Lunched with Steel Maitland & his rich, & not very intellectual, wife. He told me that Arthur Balfour was quite open to consider an alternative to the Govt Home Rule scheme. But it must be agreed to by somebody in Ulster as the Unionists have no party elsewhere.
[9.6 = 132 lb.]	8 Sep, Fri	Weighed in clothes 9.6. Moved to W Watson’s at Thornhill, East Grinstead. Perfect ménage only too many trees above the house for perfect air.
[8.12 = 124 lb.]	9 Sep, Sat	Weighed naked 8.12. Croquet & a walk. Perfect!
	10 Sep, Sun	Went over to Crowborough, Beacon Hotel to see Ernle who had Emily James staying with her in her lonely luxury. Costly rooms, costly motor car which is not allowed to go more than 10 nominal, 15 actual miles an hour. Poor Ernle is a confirmed invalid. Her naturally strong constitution in this bracing air is asserting itself & she is quite lively. But she looks ghastly. It is a sad sad life, all so useless, & so much better had she not been born. But it was not her fault.
	11 Sep, Mon	Had 7 holes at golf at Forest Row where I had my first lesson & game in 1890. ?Rouse my tutor was there looking certainly not 10 years older. He remembered me but could not play as he was tutoring another. John Brown had died and the ass[is]t[ant] pro coached me. Had to stop after 7 holes & even that tired me.
	12 Sep, Tue	Sleeplessness back again. I don’t know the cause. I suspect the best chance of cure would be a long stay at Battle Creek.
<i>Fr Stead, William T.</i> [<i>Home Rule Problems</i> (P.S. King & Son, 1911)]	13 Sep, Wed	Basil Williams a young Liberal who is working up a campaign of enlightenment in Eng’d on the Home Rule question wrote asking me to write a Preface to a book he is bringing out. I had to tell him my non-party attitude would not stand the strain. Sleeplessness!
	14 Sep, Thu	Had a golf foursome which did not tire me much.
	15 Sep, Fri	Went with my host to see Dr. Abbott. He said I was doing fairly well.
	16 Sep, Sat	Idled.
[Mittie – Lady	17 Sep, Sun	Interesting day. Nugent Harris came down & stayed 5 hours. He told me all that was moving in Agric’l Coop’n in England. Then I called on Sir Abe & Lady Bailey, he a S. African widower multimillionaire of some 50 summers, she Derry Rossmore’s 20 year old daughter Mary. “Mittie” was there too & some not very

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Rossmore]		interesting (moneyed obviously) guests. Rudyard Kipling had just left & knowing I was going to call expressed strong wish to meet me. I got on with "Abe" & hope to interest him in good works later.
	18 Sep, Mon	Golfed. Foursome in glorious weather.
	19 Sep, Tue	Idled & read Emily Lawless' Story of Ireland.
	20 Sep, Wed	Sydney Brooks came down & we had a foursome. Then I came to London for the Pelton meeting tomorrow. Back in business!
	21 Sep, Thu	Busy day in town. Saw A.O.S. & Dev[elopment] Com'n Sec'y. Pelton meeting &c. Motored back.
	22 Sep, Fri	Golf foursome & croquet! Also much correspondence.
	23 Sep, Sat	Idled.
[8.11 = 121 lb.]	24 Sep, Sun	Went for last examination to Abbott who finds my heart not intermitting. I have kept my weight nearly. It was 8.11 naked (& empty) today.
	25 Sep, Mon	To London to shop & do a little agric'l organisation work. Met Eddie who wants to be specially elected to the Athenaeum for distinguished services to literature. He says he with Hardy & Kipling are the only people who have not given up trying to write prose! Dined with Conny who with Violet is starting this week for a trip to Japan & back in Japanese steamer.
	26 Sep, Tue	Did much more work at the AOS than I ought to have done & got very tired.
	27 Sep, Wed	Drove Daisy over to Oxon Hoath to see Sir Wm. Geary & Florence.
	28 Sep, Thu	To London to see an aurist & work at the A.O.S. on a memorandum of some importance. To a play with Daisy.
	29 Sep, Fri	Up early & some work. Then 11 AM train to Shrewsbury where the motor had gone on by road starting 5.30 A.M. Had two hours with Thomas Whitfield my new Beguildy agent. A dull dog but seems to know his job. Motored on 30 miles to Llangollen where I put up for the night.
[RSO – Railway Sub-Office]	30 Sep, Sat	Met Pilkington at Bangor new university building & motored him to Presaddfed, Bodedern, Valley R.S.O., Anglesey, Major Fox Pitt's. He is a fine fellow, devil of a radical but very nice. Met Ellis Griffith the leader of the Welsh "Nationalists" but he only called & our talk was short & interrupted. He poured out the statistics of Anglesey which showed considerable poverty & low vitality. Cancer notably ravaging. Good talk with Pilkington & F[ox] Pitt on agric'l coop'n about which the latter is really keen.
[Hans – dog]	1 Oct, Sun	Golfed with Pilkington & Fox Pitt on a rabbit warren. Then motored to Holyhead where my car had to be left till the strikers in Dublin will allow it to be unloaded. On to Kilteragh where Hans & Anderson met me with delight. Very glad to get back & only hope I shall be able to keep my health where my work & heart are.
<i>Fr Wolff, Henry W.</i>	2 Oct, Mon	Mary & Fabian Ware (to dine & sleep) arrived. I went to the Plunkett House who were very glad to see me & to lunch with

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		Healy at his Club. Struggled with arrears of correspondence.
To Wolff, Henry W.	3 Oct, Tue	F.S. Oliver and Geoffrey Robinson arrived. Latter is a Times & prospective editor (Healy whom I invited to meet him tells me) & both came to study the I.Q. They are more intelligent students than one is accustomed to.
	4 Oct, Wed	Hannay dined & slept & Hanson joined the party. A.E. dined. So Kilteragh is going full blast again.
	5 Oct, Thu	Mild golf, a few hours at Plunkett House & general talks on Irish Question made a delightful & useful day.
	6 Oct, Fri	Day of agreeable discourse. Mary left in afternoon & Oliver at night.
	7 Oct, Sat	½ day at Plunkett House. Geoffrey Robinson left after bringing another Times man Freeman to lunch. Then came Prof ^r . Campbell & wife, Major Fox Pitt & wife & Healy for a weekend.
	8 Oct, Sun	O'Toole lunched. Healy & Alan Anderson left. A glorious summery day.
	9 Oct, Mon	Monteagle & Mary Spring Rice came. Prof ^r . Campbell & wife left.
To Ponsonby, Thomas	10 Oct, Tue	I.A.O.S. Quarterly Ctee. Good morning's work. Kildare St. Club at lunch swarming with "The Old Guard", Carson having come over to address a great Anti Home Rule rally. I find I am labelled an enemy. Harold Barbour & Shaftesbury to dine & sleep. S. very interesting. He is evidently in difficulty about Home Rule! Monteagle left.
Fr Harris, J. Nugent	11 Oct, Wed	Meeting of C.D.B., Birrell & T.W. Russell present. Some talk with both. Shaftesbury & Mary Spring Rice left.
To Harris, J. Nugent	12 Oct, Thu	Had Richmond Noble IAOS organiser in Ulster to dine & sleep. He has developed greatly. The IAOS staff gave RAA his picture by Dermot O'Brien. I made the presentation though not a subscriber!
<i>Fr Wallace, Henry</i>	13 Oct, Fri	Worked too hard. Must slack off.
To Godkin, Lawrence	14 Oct, Sat	Work & play. Reggie came for week end.
Fr Dawson, Bertrand	15 Oct, Sun	Ditto.
	16 Oct, Mon	Erskine Childers & wife & Robert Barton came, also Willie Plunket. A pleasant evening.
	17 Oct, Tue	Went to Dunsany to see Beatrice & Eddie.
	18 Oct, Wed	Back to Dublin & work at I.A.O.S.
To Oliver, F.S. To Pinchot, Gifford <i>Fr Noble, Richmond</i>	19 Oct, Thu	I.A.O.S. all day & then to Holyhead by night mail for meeting at Bangor tomorrow.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , XVIII:23 (28 Oct 1911), pp. 250-2]	20 Oct, Fri	After 4 hours of broken sleep in the noisiest hotel in the U.K. went on to Bangor where I addressed a very good meeting in the University College, Ld. Boston in the chair. I made a good speech and was very warmly received. But the effort was too great. Went on to London where I arrived at midnight the worse for wear.

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	21 Oct, Sat	Very tired. Did nothing interesting.
To Noble, Richmond	22 Oct, Sun	To Oxford for the day & night. Stayed with Adams & had long talks on the Irish situation. Dined at All Souls. Met Simon (Sir John Solicitor General) & had interesting talk with him & others.
[<i>pur et simple</i> – pure and simple]	23 Oct, Mon	Saw Sir Bertrand Dawson who told me I was better than he expected me to be. That is good. Daisy & I dined with JG Butcher & had a good Irish talk. “J.G.” is a last ditcher <i>pur et simple</i> .
	24 Oct, Tue	A busy day. Moritz Bonn called. Then an interview with Lawyers about a sort of pretestimentary [<i>sic</i>] arrangement I want to make – a provision for the conduct of my affairs on the lines of my Will in the event of my being non compos for some time before my death. A gloomy task but one which I thought it right to face in the interests of my work. Then lunched Hart Synnot & called on the Development Commission. Lastly dined with FS Oliver (“Pacifcus”) to meet Willoughby de Broke & Milner to talk the Irish Question. Very interesting talk & a look into two very different minds. Hopeless!!
	25 Oct, Wed	Rt. Hon. John X Merriman ex Premier of S. Africa called and told me interesting things about the difficulties of the S.A. situation. He also told me the history of PJ Hannon in S.A. Most entertaining. Wild promises which fooled the Gov’t to subsidise his projects. Thousands of pounds for creamery machinery where there were no cows &c. Had A.D. Hall, Oliver & S Brooks to lunch at Club. Dined with the Setons.
	26 Oct, Thu	Bowes meeting which I had to leave early to keep an appointment with Oliver at Austin [<i>sic</i>] Chamberlain’s. He seemed open minded on the Home Rule Question but “the party” must fight it. Dined at the Wellington.
<i>Fr Grey, 4th Earl</i>	27 Oct, Fri	Anderson, Harold Barbour, Stopford, Bryan & Smith (I.A.W.S.) came over & we had a Joint Bd. meeting at the A.O.S. offices. Scotland represented by 1 & Eng’d by 4 members. Did good business. Had talks with Bryan Stapylton about Pilkington’s land settlement for soldiers, Ld. Lucas about that & Agric’l Cooperation. Hopwood about the latter. A very busy day. Dined quietly with Mrs. James Byrne at her hotel.
	28 Oct, Sat	Journeyed to Kilteragh, saw Pilkington at Holyhead en route. Very tired.
	29 Oct, Sun	Robinson, Fr. Finlay, the Starkies, J. O’Toole & Healy (J.E.) lunched & we had a very interesting talk on the political situation.
	30 Oct, Mon	Work at I.A.O.S. Meeting of Council of Chamber of Commerce at which I was asked to oppose a resolution (condemning the Govt’s conduct in the recent Railway strike) at the forthcoming special general meeting of the Chamber. It seemed that I was considered the only man who could do it having no trade connections. Or where [<i>sic</i>] the others afraid?
To Grey, 4th Earl To Ponsonby, May (PON)	31 Oct, Tue	Worked at IAOS. Hanson & Erskine Childers & wife came to Kilteragh. Sent letter to “Outlook” (London) in answer to assertions hostile to I.A.O.S.

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["Sir Horace Plunkett and An Irish Farmer", <i>Outlook</i> , 4 Nov, p. 620]		
To Godkin, Lawrence To Grey, 4th Earl	1 Nov, Wed	Hard work at I.A.O.S. Presided at Annual Meeting of Dublin Chess Club & renewed my acquaintance with the Chess Board.
	2 Nov, Thu	Wrote a long letter to Dr. Healy trying to get him to support the IAOS vs the D.A.T.I. Opposed a vote of censure on the Irish Executive for their alleged inaction during recent strike at a special meeting of Chamber of Commerce. I was not in good form at all & was not very well received. The Childers left.
<i>Fr Grey 4th Earl</i>	3 Nov, Fri	Work at IAOS.
To Healy, Dr. J. (Archbp. of Tuam)	4 Nov, Sat	Ditto. Callan came for week end.
	5 Nov, Sun	Prof'r. Campbell, A.E., O'Farrell (Ass't. Under Sec) came for afternoon, dinner.
<i>Fr Healy, Dr. J.</i> <i>(Archbp. of Tuam)</i>	6 Nov, Mon	Worked at IAOS all day. Callan left & Monteagle came for a dine & sleep.
To Grey, 4th Earl To Healy, Dr. J. (Archbp. of Tuam)	7 Nov, Tue	Congested Districts Board. Waste of time. Then work at I.A.O.S.
	8 Nov, Wed	IAOS Committee & much work.
	9 Nov, Thu	Work at I.A.O.S.
To Wallace, Henry	10 Nov, Fri	Ditto. Ld. Plunket came to stay at Kilteragh.
	11 Nov, Sat	Hard work. Received, sent anonymously, a letter from the United Irish League to a member of the Council of Agriculture (who had cut out his name – a woman addressed the letter –) asking him to support TW Russell against the I.A.O.S. JE Healy & his friend Ensor came to dine & sleep. Daisy passed through to Killeen.
	12 Nov, Sun	Restful day after an early morning at my speech for Tuesday.
	13 Nov, Mon	Speech preparation. Monteagle, Mary Spring Rice & R Barton came.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , XVIII:46 (18 Nov 1911), pp. 911-5]	14 Nov, Tue	Willie Plunket left. Up at 5 AM and finally polished my speech for the IAOS general meeting. We had the best attendance & the most enthusiastic proceedings in our history. My address was an attack on TW Russell for withholding the Development Commission's grant from the I.A.O.S., ending up with an offer to work heart & soul with the Department if he removed his obstruction. I perorated the two-sided Irish movement for solving the Problem of Rural Life, rather well I think, & had a great reception. In the afternoon a big crowd assembled at Plunkett House to present me with my picture. I failed badly from fatigue. Rev. EF Campbell came to dinner, a fine specimen of Fighting Ulster.

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	15 Nov, Wed	Another exciting day. The United Irishwomen met and did very well. I was too busy with the morrow's fight to attend. I had to write endless letters (one to the Press) & endless interviews. In the evening a dinner party of friends of the movement & so forth. But I prophesy we shall win at tomorrow's fight.
	16 Nov, Thu	The enemy prevailed today. TW Russell carried the Council of Agriculture by 47 to 33 against us. He lied shockingly. But the United Irish League were the determining factor. It rather upset me as it confronts us with a serious difficulty. T.W.R. decided to push the Dev[elopment] Com'n to give the Dep't the money instead of the I.A.O.S. I don't think they will. But I fear they cannot give it to us.
	17 Nov, Fri	The sky cleared a bit. I worked at the I.A.O.S. & I think got my mind clear as to its future course.
To Wolff, Henry W.	18 Nov, Sat	AD Hall came to stay a few days. He greatly relieved my mind by telling me the Development Commissioners were not at all likely to subsidise the I.A.O.S. [<i>sic</i>] for agric'l cooperation. Monteagle & Everard left. Daisy came. The Times had a very appreciative article on my policy (Rural Life).
	19 Nov, Sun	A quiet day though a lot of United Irishwomen came to tea! Fr. Finlay & JE Healy & A.E. mealed.
	20 Nov, Mon	Busy IAOS work. Then motored to Palmerston where poor Lady Mayo is lying with a broken leg (bicycle). The Hannays came to Kilteragh.
	21 Nov, Tue	IAOS special committee meeting to consider situation created by the Council of Agriculture's vote. Very calm & strong the meeting was. It passed & published an admirable resolution.
	22 Nov, Wed	Hard work at I.A.O.S. I saw Campbell & Gill & I now begin to see that the societies have threatened the movement's progress by premature invasion of the groceryman's preserves. I fear the IAOS will not be allowed any subsidy to be given to it by the Development Com'n over which the Parliament of a nation of shopkeepers presides. Hannays & Hall left.
	23 Nov, Thu	Worked all day trying to see a way out of the IAOS difficulties.
	24 Nov, Fri	IAOS all day. Barbour came up & Bellew to dine & sleep & talk IAOS into the night.
	25 Nov, Sat	A heavy last day. Left for London by night Mail.
	26 Nov, Sun	Arrived in London. Lunched with Sydney Brooks & dined with JG Butcher. Called on Mary & wrote letters galore.
	27 Nov, Mon	Lunched with FS Oliver. Very interesting. Otherwise ?'Chairs'.
	28 Nov, Tue	Conference with Ld. R Bentinck, Sir Francis Hopwood, AD Hall & H.E. Dale of the Development Commission about IAOS application. We understood each other. Lunched with "Tab" Brassey now Visc[oun]t Hythe & met Geoffrey Robinson who arranged to put in three letters for me into the Times. Meeting of Joint Board for organisation. Dined Nugent Everard & R.A.A. & took them to Macbeth at His Majesty's Theatre.

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[Runciman – president, Board of Agriculture]	29 Nov, Wed	In the City to talk to Gardiner. Then talk with Ld. Lucas over the I.A.O.S. troubles. He got Runciman to say that if I would try to get Yerburgh to give way to Ld. Grey as Chairman of A.O.S. he would do his best to scotch T.W.R. Had dinner party of S Brooks, Seton & Bryan Stapylton, RAA & Beach Thomas. Called on Northcliffe who said his papers would back me through thick & thin. Saw Sir B Dawson who found me a bit gone back! No wonder.
	30 Nov, Thu	Left Euston with RAA who came to L[iver]pool with me & saw me off. In train wrote a long letter (dictating to him) to Irish farmers in Irish Press. Came on board the Baltic (23500 tons) very tired & hope for a good week's rest.
[Veronal – first commercially produced barbiturate]	1 Dec, Fri	An idle sleepy day under the effects of bromides & Veronal which gave me 9 hours sleep instead of my usual 5 last night & made me drowsy all day.
	2 Dec, Sat	No concert. Utterly dull fellow-passengers.
	3 Dec, Sun	Engaged on three letters to the Times on "The Crisis in Irish Rural Progress".
	4 Dec, Mon	Ditto.
	5 Dec, Tue	Ditto.
	6 Dec, Wed – 8 Dec, Fri	[No entry]
	9 Dec, Sat	Arrived after a slow stormy passage & went to my best of friends Lawrence Godkin. He had the James Byrnes to dine. A slight return of vertigo. I must go to Battle Creek & "brace up".
	10 Dec, Sun	Gifford Pinchot called & we had 3 hours' interesting talk. He is as charming as ever & I think knows a little more about public affairs. Called on his mother. Dined with John Milburn (lawyer, big corporate variety) & met a lot of dull people.
[‘Ab’ (Abram)]	11 Dec, Mon	Writing letter to Times – third & last of series which they may not publish after all on The Crisis in Irish Rural Progress. Very tired. Sleeping badly. Must go to Battle Creek. F.C. Bosler & his cousin ‘Abe’ [<i>sic</i>] turned up & we had some very unsatisfactory Diamond Cattle Co talk. I feel I am utterly powerless in their hands.
	12 Dec, Tue	Had the Glens to dine with me in hopes of getting some help from the Russell Sage Fund for the U.I. No hope. Did Wyo Dev Co business at Ladenburg Thalmann's.
	13 Dec, Wed	Lunched with Laurence [<i>sic</i>] Abbott of the Outlook. A very mediocre intellect. Left for Omaha.
	14 Dec, Thu	Spent en route.
	15 Dec, Fri	Omaha early. Day's business with Conrad Young agent & TC Cannon auditor. Year (closing Nov. 30) satisfactory. Apparent

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		profit of over £5000, against which interest on purchases of Alston's, Monteagle's & Blacker's interest & voluntary distribution of profits – liquidation of Frontier Co. must be charged leaving the year about quits. Still this is very satisfactory compared to the days when Windsor & Kemp were both robbing me.
	16 Dec, Sat	Finished my business.
	17 Dec, Sun	Left by night for Cheyenne.
	18 Dec, Mon	Met the two Carey boys & John Chaplin, Governor Carey & wife being expected tomorrow night & having arranged to take me in at their house. Not feeling very well & am anxious to get to Battle Creek as soon as possible. Insomnia, constipation & nervous irritation returning.
	19 Dec, Tue	Annoying delay in getting letters necessary for business. Spent most of day talking with Walter Fahy, journalist, engaged by Wyo Dev Co to sell their lands & trying to get him to take the larger rather than the merely commercial view of land settlement in Wyo. Of course I had to argue that it would be good policy in the end from the point of view of his own commission! Saw some of the State officers at the Capital where the new Governor seems to have swept out an Augean stable.
[Peirce]	20 Dec, Wed	My host & hostess arrived in the night. She was as talkative & uninteresting as ever. He always interested me & now in his first year as governor has become much more alive & full of information. Johnny Pierce [<i>sic</i>] came in from the Ranch & I had some hours' talk with him. He hates Bosler & despises ?him. I gather that the company would make lots of money if everyone did not dislike & distrust Bosler.
[Sec'y of State – Frank L. Houx; Land Comm. – S.G. Hopkins; State Engineer – A.J. Parshall]	21 Dec, Thu	Governor, Secretary of State, Land Commissioner & State Engineer received Johnnie Pierce [<i>sic</i>], Whiting (engineer) & self in deputation about our Laramie Plains irrigation scheme. Our scheme is bona fide & is blocked by restrictions put in our way by ?purely the frauds which have prevailed in grabbing public lands. This is not my judgment but that of all the officials. I begin to see that Bosler is cheating me as might be expected.
	22 Dec, Fri	Wyo Dev Co business all day.
	23 Dec, Sat	Bosler came late in the day & I began a business talk with him.
	24 Dec, sun	A business talk with Bosler whom I convicted of having jockeyed me badly in our joint business affairs. He is a contemptible dishonest little Jew but I cannot escape from him, unhappily. Spent day in goodbyes & left by an afternoon train, 4 hours late & got later in the night.
	25 Dec, Mon	Arrived Omaha 6 hours late. Dined early with Conrad's brother Dr. Alexander Young specialist in mental diseases. He explained his methods which appeared to be psychical almost exclusively. He tried by "dream analysis" & personal observation to trace the causes of abnormal mental states, e.g. a patient, male, 18 yrs, had a horror of anything red. The Doctor discovered that his father & mother were anything but congenial to each other & that the boy had always been on the mother's side. The father had a red face. This was a sample. The man is not a quack. But he is a ?regular

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		American ?specialist. Left by night for Battle Creek.
	26 Dec, Tue	Got to Battle Creek. Very different place without the head Dr. Kellogg who is in Europe & won't be here till I am nearly "through". However invalids cannot be choosers. Weighed in 123 lbs = 8 st[one] 11 lbs.
	27 Dec, Wed	A depressing day. Dreary people who expect one to "be sociable" which I find hard. I am physically depressed & the reaction from over activity of mind is grievous.
["The Crisis in Irish Rural Progress", Part I, <i>The Times</i> , p. 6]	28 Dec, Thu	Not so well as I had hoped. Giddy & depressed still.
[The Crisis in Irish Rural Progress", Part II, <i>The Times</i> , p. 6]	29 Dec, Fri	Cure!
	30 Dec, Sat	The Sabbath at Battle Creek! Treatment various. Odious existence but necessary if I am to do good work.
	31 Dec, Sun	A secular Sunday. Seventh Day Adventists are consistent in this.
	Year-end Summary	<p>And so ended 1911 as it began in the Battle Creek Sanitarium. The year was one of struggle with ill health. A low vitality made "vertigo" dangerous & I had to be "rest-cured[""] for three months in the summer. After this the I.A.O.S. had a bitter struggle with the Department, my successor TW Russell being forced by Dillon to fight on behalf of the U[nited]. I[rish]. L[eague]. & the Traders against a powerful movement making for the commercial & political emancipation of the farmers.</p> <p>I think my ideas are gaining ground. The Country Life idea has caught on widely, especially in America. Home Rule will I think help them in Ireland if it comes, as I think it must. But the future is darkened by two heavy clouds – a European war and social revolution. I am quite convinced that a rapid equalisation of opportunities must come. Things are not fair & the masses are beginning to realise that they have the power to change them.</p>