

# 1912 Diary of Sir Horace Curzon Plunkett (1854–1932)

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## NOTES

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

Horace Plunkett, *Irish Homestead*, 30 July 1910

### *Conventions*

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

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

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

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

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

5) Punctuation (or lack of)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Correspondence***

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

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

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

### ***Abbreviations***

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

#### **Names**

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

#### **Organisations**

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

## General

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

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

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

## 1912

### Events:

- 8 Feb – Winston Churchill and John Redmond address a Belfast crowd on Home Rule
- 9 Apr – Andrew Bonar Law attends a demonstration and pledges support of Belfast Unionists for Ulster resistance to Home Rule
- 14-15 Apr – *Titanic*, built in Belfast by Harland and Wolff for White Star Line, sinks
- 28 Sep – Solemn League and Covenant subscribed in Ulster

### Publications:

- *The Crisis in Irish Rural Progress* (London), 20 pp.; also Part III, *The Times*, 1 Jan, p. 15
- *IAOS Annual Report*, pp. 44-53
- Foreword to S.F. Bullock's *Thomas Andrews, Shipbuilder* (Maunsel & Co., Dublin)
- "Proportional Representation and Home Rule" (letter), *The Times*, 4 Nov, p. 8
- "Agriculture and Politics in Ireland", *The Spectator*, 30 Nov, p. 898
- Attributed articles in *Irish Homestead*:
  - Text of address to Ulster branch of IAOS, XIX:15 (13 Apr 1912), pp. 294-5
  - Letter to J. Irvine re co-operation, XIX:21 (25 May 1912), pp. 428-9
  - Letter (with Fr. Finlay and R.A. Anderson) to societies re Irish Creameries and Dairy Produce Bill, XIX:27 (6 Jul 1912), pp. 543-4
  - Letter to Lord Mayor of Dublin re meat trade in XIX:38, (21 Sep 1912), pp. 768-70
  - Letter to Strabane District Conference, XIX:42 (19 Oct 1912), p. 853
  - Report of address to Enniskillen District Conference, XIX:42 (19 Oct 1912), pp. 853-4
  - Report of address to Omagh District Conference, XIX:43 (26 Oct 1912), pp. 874-5
  - Letter to R.A. Atkins, XIX:45 (9 Nov 1912), p. 908
  - Letter to Fr. Finlay re Development Grant, XIX:52 (28 Dec 1912), pp. 1073-4

### Government:

Prime Minister: Herbert Asquith (Liberal)  
 Chief Secretary: Augustine Birrell  
 Lord Lieutenant: Earl of Aberdeen

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £94; \$1 = \$17

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[8 st 11 lb = 125 lb.]  ["The Crisis in Irish Rural Progress" Part III, <i>The Times</i> , p. 15]	1 Jan, Mon	Weighed 8 st[one] 11 lb. Year opens again at Battle Creek Sanitarium. This Diary arrived on Jan. 21 the publisher having promised it on Dec. 1. The interleaved blank pages are a good addition & I shall be able to jot down thoughts occasionally as well as movements & events.  The medical missionaries (the best variety & a fine body of men) met for a four days' conference here.
[Ménière's]	2 Jan, Tue	Gifford Pinchot arrived but only for 24 hours' stay. During his visit I had an attack of vertigo and the combined aurist & oculist (Dr. Colver) together with Dr. Riley my physician, a neurologist, diagnosed the trouble. It is the nerve of the inner ear & is Meniere's Disease. This should have been diagnosed before by Lentaigne, Cox & McVittie. The determining symptom is a revolving of part of the eye during the attack.  I got well in time to go & hear Pinchot speak to a fair audience in behalf of La Follette. He spoke simply & well & had a good reception. He is becoming politically better informed & more diplomatic.
	3 Jan, Wed	G.P. left. I was very weak after my attack & had lost 2 lbs.
	4 Jan, Thu	Strength test taken. I had lost considerably. Every muscle in the body is tested & the strength expressed in lbs. My aggregate

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		works out 3780 lbs against 4631 lbs a year ago, a loss of over 18%.
	5 Jan, Fri	Some interesting talks with Chinese medical missionaries. They think the Chinese are really waking up to the new (Western) ideas & are democratically minded. They are determined that the national interests neglected (or sold) by the corrupt Mandarins shall be attended to. The great struggle betw'n East & West will come out of repudiation of concessions – railways & minerals chiefly – extorted by “foreign devils”. The indemnity for the attack on the foreign missions was as scandalous as the looting. The Americans however remitted all except out of pocket expenses.
	6 Jan, Sat	[No entry]
	7 Jan, Sun	Dr. Headlove missionary preached a really fine sermon on “The bye products of missions”. His point was that if you put aside all higher considerations it can be shown that every important advance in science, art, government, law and business had been preceded by the bible ever since there was a bible.
	8 Jan, Mon	Insomnia bad & I begin to fear the cure is going to fail.
	9 Jan, Tue	Dr. Riley my physician this year, in absence of Dr. Kellogg, attributes my insomnia to the after processes of digestion. In the earlier process I am too drowsy. But when the food gets into the smaller intestines the disturbance begins & increases in the large intestines. He put me on a fruit diet as an experiment for 7 days.
	10 Jan, Wed	[No entry]
	11 Jan, Thu	Another “vertigo”.
	12 Jan, Fri	Insomnia relieved by fruit diet but loss of weight & strength in spite of better sleep.
	13 Jan, Sat	Resumed a general (of course vegetarian plus eggs & milk) diet.
	14 Jan, Sun	[No entry]
[American soprano Lillian Nordica]	15 Jan, Mon	Nordica at the Opera House.
	16 Jan, Tue	[No entry]
	17 Jan, Wed	The Times of Dec. 28, 29 & Jan. 1 came with my three letters on The Crisis in Irish Rural Progress written on the steamer. They gave them great prominence though they aggregated some 5000 words and had a very appreciative & supporting leader. They are going to republish them as a pamphlet.
	18 Jan, Thu	[No entry]
	19 Jan, Fri	Dr. Kellogg returned from Europe last night. He had seen Sir Bertrand Dawson who told him to keep me tied here as long as he could. He went over my case with Dr. Riley and the two decided that they could “fatten” me if I gave them time. But Kellogg says at least 8 weeks more will be required. It seems that Meniere’s Disease is serious only when one gets below par physically – then it makes one quite useless. If my nutrition can be got right – and I have so far lost 3 lbs here – all will be well. I decided to cable that I should probably see it through here.
	20 Jan, Sat	Very depressed over prospect of 8 more weeks (at least) looking

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		for working strength when so much is going on at home which I ought to be studying and helping in. But I fear there is no alternative.
	21 Jan, Sun	Had to go to Chicago – 4 hours off only at night for a meeting of the “National Country Life Board” [ <i>sic</i> ]. Of this organisation I know no more than its title conveys. But Henry Wallace of Des Moines begged me to attend and David Brown the chief promoter wired from Spokane (Washington) that it was of immense importance for me to be there. I was not sorry to get away for 24 hours change with perhaps a cup of coffee for breakfast and one square meal!
	22 Jan, Mon	The meeting was a fiasco. A lot of well meaning impracticables have “organised” a “National Country Life Board” up to the point of having their names on stationery. Those who came to the meeting (8 in all) were to draft a programme & get to business. They knew nothing about the situation with which they proposed to deal & upon which I wrote in my “Problem of Rural Life in the United States”. They asked me to do their work for them! Henry Blair lunched me at the Chicago Club & I had a pleasant talk with him. Met J.J. Hill whom I asked whether he stood by his figures on the national resources exhaustion question – especially the coal & iron figures. He said he did. Returned to Battle Creek at night.
	23 Jan, Tue	<p>It was today decided that I was to have another Xray exploration of my whole intestinal tract.</p> <p>Dr. Stephen Smith of New York has joined the table at which I sit. He told me that he had suffered from a very delicate stomach &amp; bowels all his life. He lived on a low protein diet &amp; had succeeded in being vigorous &amp; erect at 87. He believed greatly in a milk diet. Bacon, in one of his essays, says that people who complain that milk does not agree with them don’t take enough. In his practice Dr. Smith was formerly troubled about his many patients who could not take milk &amp; he pondered over Bacon’s dictum. He came to the conclusion that B. was right. A small amount of milk in about 5 minutes becomes a hard cheese. Take more and the acids suffice only to make a soft cheese. He is a great acquisition. An old man of 87, very like Gladstone in face &amp; figure. He had brought his daughter to Battle Creek in hopes of avoiding an operation on which the New York surgeons insisted, a good advertisement for Battle Creek.</p>
	24 Jan, Wed	Fed only on bismuth & sour milk at Breakfast. Then Xrayed all through the day to see the progress of the metal through the stomach & intestines. Very slow.
	25 Jan, Thu	Xrayed again this time the colon. They are very advanced here in this work. They not only take a picture (to keep) of the colon when full of bismuth mixture but they watch it going up as they do the swallowed meal going down. It all makes one very sick but will I suppose reveal the weak places in my internal economy.
	26 Jan, Fri	The bismuth meal and injection have shown that my whole internal machinery works dangerously slow. They Xrayed the movement frequently. What should have taken 2 hours took 6 & after 30 hours a big block of bismuth mixture had to be washed out. Dr. Kellogg took a good deal of trouble with my case. He says the displacement distentions & contractions of my intestinal

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		tract explain all my troubles. The only remedy is diet, air, exercise, baths & electricity. Drugs useless or worse.
	27 Jan, Sat	Sabbath again. Went to Olivet College with a fellow patient, Mrs. Osler sister-in-law of the famous Dr. Osler. The college is a co-educ[atio]n secondary school of a useful Middle West type. It is moderately endowed & is an honest attempt to supply the local needs. About 250 students.  Got Times of Jan. 16 & 17 with bitter reply to my letters by John Dillon. A third letter is to follow when I may have to nail a lie or two.
[prob. Barclay (banker) and inadvertent repeat of John Walter]	28 Jan, Sun	Wrote Vaughan Nash (“Confidential”) saying Hanson would be a splendid successor to Hopwood as Deputy Chairman of Development Com’n. Also said I thought time ripe for Home Rule but things seem to be going untowardly.  Wrote Hanson, O’Toole, Vaughan Nash, Henry Wallace, Snyder, AD Hall, R.A.A. (2), Mary, Langdale, John Walter Barclay (Pass book) John Walter.
	29 Jan, Mon	Saw the report of my inside after the X-ray diagnosis. It is not very cheerful. But nothing can be done except to try & get nature to adjust the wretched machinery so that it will do less work.
	30 Jan, Tue	[No entry]
	31 Jan, Wed	Went with Mrs. Osler, Dr. Smith & W Barnes a 5000 acre Dakota farmer to see Lansing Agricultural College. Had to address the students some 1200 in an acoustically bad Drill Hall. This nuisance seems inevitable. The college interested me & I was glad to learn that its agricultural side was holding its own with the engineering side. Most of these “Colleges of Agriculture & the Mechanic Arts” have a strong townward tendency.  The Governor Hon. Chase S. Osborn, a man of world wide travel and evidently an alert & aspiring politician was very kind to the party. He gave us the use of his motor all day.
<i>Fr Channing, Francis Allston</i>	1 Feb, Thu	Tired after yesterday. Proof of my miserable reserves of strength.
	2 Feb, Fri	Two more treatments today. For the tangle in the intestines “sinusoidal current” of electricity. For the vertigo – in case its course should be rheumatism – radium bath!
	3 Feb, Sat	Spent the “Sabbath” with old Dr. Smith, formerly Lunacy Commissioner of N.Y. State, going over Asylum at Kalamazoo. About 2000 patients, more men than women to my surprise because, I was told, Men are more subject to violent forms of mania. The Superintendent was a mere administrator & had none of the understanding sympathy which would make him glory in his opportunities for good. We wasted a day with him. However it was well to take a change of venue for the “off” day.
	4 Feb, Sun	This is the coldest winter so far they have had in Michigan for 40 years. Last night it was 20° below zero, the night before 24° below. My wretched circulation won’t keep me warm out of doors however violently I exercise my limbs. This keeps me back.
	5 Feb, Mon	After another radium bath I asked Kellogg whether he really

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		believed in the procedure. He vehemently answered that "We cannot afford to try experiments here". The Germans had proved the virtue of radium beyond yea & nay. Still I was sceptical about the possibilities of a small bottle of water supposed to contain the emanations poured into a big bath – some 30 gallons of water. I asked if I might not drink the bottle. This I am to do 4 times a day.
	6 Feb, Tue	Another blood test and a Renal efficiency test. This latter is one of the latest diagnostic devices. They inject a coloring fluid into the blood & the time it takes for the color to appear in the bladder (from which it is drawn by a catheter) and the time it takes for all the coloring fluid to pass out shows the "efficiency" of the kidneys.
	7 Feb, Wed	Wrote most of a further letter to The Times on The Crisis in Irish Rural Progress, this time in answer to Dillon's 3 letters in reply to me. There's no end of this sort of thing.  My "Renal efficiency" is reported quite normal.
	8 Feb, Thu	Finished my letter to The Times but found it necessary to promise them another!
	9 Feb, Fri	Began another letter to Times. Jim Byrne arrived at night to look over the place for his wife. A great relief from the monotony though he flies at noon tomorrow.  Strength test came out better. I lifted in all the muscle tests together 4220 lbs against 3780 Jan. 3. On Dec. 29, 1910 I raised 4631 lbs.
	10 Feb, Sat	Jim Byrne left having thoroughly inspected the establishment & made up his mind to bring his wife here in the spring.  Decided to recall my letter to the Times by cable & send another!
[8.6 = 118 lb.]	11 Feb, Sun	Found I only weighed 8.6! But Dr. Kellogg examined my colon by electric endoscope(?) & saw great improvement. He is going to try & feed me up. The radium is to be dropped.
[letter not found]	12 Feb, Mon	Got off my letter to The Times in answer to Dillon. It was rather bitter, though sweet compared with his attack on me.
	13 Feb, Tue	Yesterday's little effort completely upset me. Today they tried "diathermic" treatment for the Meniere's Disease. It consists of passing a current through the body which <u>heats</u> at any part they wish. They sent the current through my brain.  A doctor here gave me a good hint. I had said that I found vegetarian diet indigestible. He said "atonic" stomachs often miss the stimulant of meat. Try the tonic of sips of cold water while eating. He also strongly favors cultivating habit of evacuating bowels last thing at night & before breakfast.
	14 Feb, Wed	Weighed 8.6 before breakfast, 8.8½ after, showing importance of weighing under same conditions when you want to know whether you are gaining or losing.  I was introduced to a Canadian who called for the day to inquire into the system. He told me he had suffered from what looked much like a mild stroke or hemiplegia. A distinguished medico in Montreal, differing from his local doctor who was more alarming, diagnosed uric acid. I asked what tests he applied. My informant



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		said the urine was tested on the spot & the heart & lungs were listened to – there was no blood examination or blood pressure taken & no test of nerve condition. I urged him to come to B[attle].C[reek].
To Channing of Wellingborough	15 Feb, Thu	S McClure of M'Clure's Magazine came to our talk & relieved the dullness with a little live talk about the outside world.
	16 Feb, Fri	Very depressed with a stomach attack quite unaccountable & probably quite unimportant. But it keeps me back & I want to get away.
	17 Feb, Sat	Henry Wallace of Des Moines, Ed[ito]r of Wallaces['] Farmer & best member of Roosevelt's Country Life Commission paid me a visit & we talked Country Life problems.
	18 Feb, Sun	Henry Wallace is 76 & is doing more work than I do when I am going full blast in Ireland. He smokes heavily but is otherwise temperate. He does not believe in vegetarianism but eats little meat. After Rest Hour (9 P.M.) a boiler explosion in the basement shook the whole Sanitarium & brought out a bevy of not very fair ladies in dressing gowns. There was a good deal of damage in the Entrance Hall, the lower flight of the heavy marble staircase being shattered.
	19 Feb, Mon	Wallace left.
[8 st. 5 lb. = 117 lbs]	20 Feb, Tue	Weighed 8 st[one] 5 lbs naked before breakfast and after movement of bowels. This is very disappointing. But it seems that I am badly auto-intoxicated and it must take a long period of healthier living to get the machinery to work normally. I am very fortunate not to have some bad organic trouble.  On my suggestion we had a Symposium on the Battle Creek Idea among the guests. I had to open the discussion which was quite interesting. I think the guests' symposium will become a regular institution here & do much to spread the "idea".
	21 Feb, Wed	Had talk with Dr. Kellogg about my plans. He agreed with much reluctance to my leaving after a 10 weeks' stay, i.e. on March 5th.  Dr. A.J. Read today discussed the fasting cure with me. The chief value is, he says, a cure for bad auto-intoxication. He prefers another method. The object being to change the flora of the intestines, he says if you change their food it will have the same effect as transplanting plants. If you change a plant's soil say a couple of times you stunt its growth. He says if you live on fruit for 3 days, then on cereals for three days & lastly on raw vegetables (carrots, lettuce, sweet potatoes &c) for three days you will utterly rout the unfriendly germs. The idea is worth following up.
	22 Feb, Thu	A blizzard through the Middle West. Traffic paralysed but temperature about 16° above zero. Cabled Anderson to forward to New York which would tell him that I should be leaving in about 10 days.
<i>Fr Wilson, Rev. Dr. H. Warren</i>	23 Feb, Fri	Cable from AD Hall "Convinced your best tactics remain in America". From Daisy "Very foolish return if improving no hurry now". Fr. Finlay, Everard, Barbour, A.E., Stopford, Ld. Plunket & Anderson joined in cabling "We entreat you to remain. Situation very encouraging." It is how to know what to do. Of course a few more weeks here, or better months, would be good

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		<p>for me, but times are critical in Ireland &amp; I know I could do good there. I cabled the Plunkett House that I would reconsider plans &amp; cable Tuesday.</p> <p>A fellow patient described his case to me. It was mine barring the Meniere's disease. He had been here off &amp; on – mostly on – for 6 years. He had not entirely cured his auto intoxication yet! He finds that the moment he departs from the fleshless diet he gets much worse. His chief remedies have been exercise of the abdominal muscles, cold water injections after morning evacuation &amp; at night and a much smaller number of calories than they pressed him to take, 1800 to 2000 he finds ample.</p>
	24 Feb, Sat	<p>Yesterday a strange accident happened on the Grand Trunk Railway here. The flange of an engine flanged, the engine jumped the track and charged into a wooden house carrying away half of it. Inmates badly scared but not hurt. I went to see the house.</p> <p>Mrs. S. Osler my most interesting fellow patient left.</p>
[8.6 = 118 lbs.]	25 Feb, Sun	<p>Weighed only 8.6 naked and empty. Weighed later in the day 8.8. The food is bulky.</p> <p>Dr. Read gave me useful hints about bracing up the abdominal muscles so as to support the prolapsed colon &amp; stomach. In addition to the usual exercises he recommends breathing exercises with special effort to move the lower abdominal muscles in the supporting direction.</p>
	26 Feb, Mon	<p>Dr. Kellogg celebrated his 60th birthday &amp; I had to take part in expressing guests of Sanitarium's feelings on the occasion. Wrote 17 letters! Happily had clerical assistance.</p> <p>Kellogg in answer to a question of mine in the Question Box about the Fasting cure condemned it altogether. He says the bad bacteria get all the poisons they want from the liver &amp;c when their special food – excess protein – is withheld. He recommends non protein – preferable carbohydrate diet. Fruit gives this. Hence grape cures, cherry cures &amp; apple cures.</p>
[8.4½ = 116½ lbs.]	27 Feb, Tue	<p>Weighed 8.4½ !!</p> <p>Had to do something as my share of entertainment. Gave address on The Ireland of Today which quickly emptied the room of the empty headed. The 50 odd who remained were I think really interested.</p>
	28 Feb, Wed	<p>Kellogg told me today that I have not stamina for my work, that I ought to have a skilled nurse with me to give me Battle Creek bath treatments, massage, Swedish exercises &amp;c for a year, or have a perfect rest &amp; physical upbuilding for 6 months.</p>
	29 Feb, Thu	<p>Down in vitality I fear. Weight getting less &amp; less. But I am keeping my bowels working much quicker than before &amp; possibly the nutrition has not time for its slow working.</p>
	1 Mar, Fri	[No entry]
[Stanton] [Sir Robert Hart]	2 Mar, Sat	<p>Lewis Stanford [<i>sic</i>] Palen, of whom I hope to see more delivered a most interesting lecture on China. He is in the Imperial Customs Service. He served 9 years under ?L R Hart. The Revolution is dynastic &amp; political. Betw'n 2200 BC &amp; now there have been 25</p>

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		such, dynasties having lasted from 4 to over 800 years. The Manchus were a fine race & would not have fallen but for the corruption of high officials. The Republican idea is undoubtedly due to Occidental training of Dr. Sun Yat Sen & others. Provincial prejudices the great danger to the Republic.
	3 Mar, Sun	Long talk with Kellogg. He wanted me to take a nurse along with me to give me proper physical exercises baths &c. I would but for the psychological depression of such an entourage. I may come to it!
[8.6 = 118 lbs.] [Peirce]	4 Mar, Mon	Weighed out of Battle Creek 8.6. Goodbyes galore. To Chicago where I met Bosler, Johnny Pierce [ <i>sic</i> ] & Conrad Young to talk over the Laramie Plains Irrigation scheme which Bosler has embarked upon on a scale which taxes our resources badly.
	5 Mar, Tue	Had long business conference & came to an understanding with Bosler on many important points. Left by a very fast train for New York with Bosler, Conrad Young going on my advice to Battle Creek to get 'vetted'.
	6 Mar, Wed	A rushing day in New York. James Byrne housed me as Godkin was full up. Business with Ralph Stuart Wortley & making plans. Dined with Godkin.
	7 Mar, Thu	Got through some business, chiefly Diamond Cattle Co, wrote some letters and called on a Mrs. Haynes daughter of my old Wyoming friend Bill Nye. ?Palmer whom I met at Battle Creek knew her & gave me an introd[uctio]n by letter. I wanted to get Bill's works or hear where they could be got. Telephoned to a son of B.N. & offered to try & get Macmillan to publish them. A nice dinner party of Byrne's friends. Quiet thinking people.  Got a cable dated London today Babe till tomorrow Bug. Haven't faintest notion what it means. P.S. It was a code which Anderson had devised & which arrived 2 days late!
(Fr Wallace, Henry to Anderson, R.A.)	8 Mar, Fri	Cable from Anderson that the Development Commission looked favorably on the IAOS application and the intelligence in the newspapers that the Home Rule Bill won't be introduced till after Easter determined me to stay till 23rd & sail in the Olympic, the largest ship afloat. My chief reason is a belief that I can advance the cause out here.
	9 Mar, Sat	By day to Washington where I was housed by Mrs. Pinchot. Gifford had just come in from a Western 'stump' in the Roosevelt interest. A dinner party (I only just arrived in time for dinner) & an At Home occupied the night. I spoke to mostly stupid people. But Mrs. Harriman, the richest woman in the world probably, is of the party. I talked the Country Life Problem to her. She was narrow in her knowledge & view but I felt there was a chance of getting her broadened & interested in the right way. Got an invitation to go & see Roosevelt which I shall do.
	10 Mar, Sun	Politics (American) with Gifford Pinchot & lunch & walk with James Bryce who talked Ireland & the alarming state of British political & social conditions.  I came to the conclusion that the Progressives were hopelessly split. La Follette is bitter against T.R. & G.P. which leaves Taft in a very hopeful position for the nomination. But it looks as if the

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[ <i>pour rire</i> – a joke; laughable]		<p>Democrats have only to keep their heads to win.</p> <p>Bryce has a very low estimate of American politicians all round. Taft he rather admires but considers a poor politician &amp; indifferent statesman. “Who ever heard of a President who did his thinking aloud” is an excellent comment on speeches Taft has been making in answer to Roosevelt. Champ Clark who is a possible Democratic nominee &amp; who if nominated might, owing to the split in the Repub[lica]n ranks, be President is beneath contempt – “pour rire”.</p> <p>On Home Rule Bryce is pessimistic. He sees my point (&amp; Erskine Childers’) that unless the Customs are conceded Ireland will not raise the revenue she spends &amp; the things I postulate will not be. But England he says will never stand the right to tax her manufactures. Nor under Tariff reform could the Tories give the right (which they would know England by retaliation could make harmless) because it would be too near separation.</p> <p>On the strike situation Bryce was curiously uninformed. He did not know <u>labour</u> politics or the or the progress of Socialism &amp; so could throw little light on the gravest British crisis in my lifetime at any rate.</p>
	11 Mar, Mon	[No entry]
	12 Mar, Tue	Was taken to a ridiculous Woman Suffrage meeting, a society affair at which the silliest of talk bored me to distraction. Another talk with Bryce redeemed the day.
	13 Mar, Wed	Had a talk with Senator Bristow from Kansas who was supporting La Follette but wished him to retire, as to possibility of getting La F. to give up 1913 & work for 1917. The union of R[oosevelt] and La F forces might carry the nomination for R & that ?strange/strong personality might sweep the country. Bristow said my plan (which was I think well worked out) was good but that La F was not in a normal condition & was not reasonable. Went to New York.
[ <i>advocatus diaboli</i> – devil’s advocate]	14 Mar, Thu	<p>An interesting day. Went to Oyster Bay to lunch tête a tête with Roosevelt and we had Ida Tarbell, an interesting writer on Free Trade &amp; other subjects in Amer[ica]n magazines to dinner. For Oyster Bay interview see opp[osite].</p> <p>[Con’t.] Roosevelt interview, lunch Oyster Bay 14th. Object of visit to get R. to revive his interest in Conservation &amp; Country Life. Advised him to make the dropping of these sins of omission on part of Taft. People wanted to know more about differences betw’n T. &amp; R. It was agreed that Gifford Pinchot &amp; I should make a speech for him which he would deliver at early date. Rest of interview I (as <i>advocatus diaboli</i>) heckled R. about his declarations re third term and candidature. I asked him why he did not frankly say he had changed his mind. “Because I haven’t. In 1904 I said I would not be a candidate &amp; condemned third term. I did not say ‘in 1908’ or ‘consecutive third term’ because that would be tantamount to announcing that I would be candidate in 1912”. I replied “why don’t you give this explanation?” “I have” he said. “Then give it again as clearly as you have given it to me” was my rejoinder.</p> <p>I found R greatly chastened. He told me confidentially he had little hope of the nomination, that he knew that from his own</p>

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		<p>point of view he had made a huge blunder. But he said he had no choice, he was drawn into it. I noticed that he let me do most of the talking. This is a great change &amp; may mean that he will do a little more thinking. But he is not a thinker. He is a shrewd demagogue with honest purposes &amp; great courage. His ends justify his means too much altogether &amp; he sometimes is quite unfair to his friends. He may be president again as the masses expect him to make “howlers” &amp; don’t look closely into his “rekkud”.</p>
	15 Mar, Fri	<p>A long tiring day. Went to a Country Life Conference at Philadelphia in City Hall. Good representative attendance. I spoke about 40 minutes extempore but I think well. I told them they had no rural civilisation &amp; of course showed that they could not make one without cooperation. Gifford Pinchot turned up &amp; spoke also. Bosler was there &amp; in interests of the killing by kindness process I did business with him. Left for Boston by night.</p>
	16 Mar, Sat	<p>An interesting day with A Lawrence Lowell. Among other things we visited a Laboratory of Psychology where the professors (there are 3 I think at work in it) seem to be going pretty deep, e.g. Earthworms are put into a box where they can go in two directions – one leads to an electric shock, before receiving which they have to wriggle over sand paper, the other leads to succulent food. 100 experiments on one worm showed that nothing was gained by experience, when the parting of the ways was reached it was a toss up which way the wriggle was continued. Higher up chickens were similarly treated. They do seem to distinguish differently colored &amp; shaped lights which led respectively to the disagreeable &amp; the delectable. What of man? It was Saturday &amp; no pupils were available as subjects. Of course it is a neglected subject, but I begin to fear that an awful amount of priggishness &amp; quackery may be developed before the really valuable pedagogic &amp; other human knowledge is developed. In the west I have run across a good many professorial &amp; pupillary psychologists.</p> <p>In the evening we went to the Tavern Club where Wm. J Burns the detective who has revealed the secrets of the x band of labor leaders which for two years dynamited murderously all over the United States gave a dramatic history of his experiences. Of course the man was not cultured &amp; was a bit egotistical. But he has carried his life in his hands &amp; done things. The great question is whether he will convict Gompers, the head of American labor, whom he openly accuses of complicity. He confessed to Lowell that he had no evidence but said that there [were] 6 men, any one of whom may turn state’s evidence &amp; convict Gompers.</p> <p>We held over most of our political talk. On Home Rule L. thinks the chapter of accidents will prevent this Gov’t getting a Bill through.</p>
	17 Mar, Sun	<p>More talks with Lowell chiefly on the Irish Question. He favors a strong measure of Home Rule &amp;, on the whole, the exclusion of the Irish representatives. He does not think the Home Rule Bill will pass in the present Parliament.</p> <p>Lowell thinks property in England is not in as great danger as I think it to be.</p> <p>I read Lowell Mrs. Sidney Webb’s opinion (in a letter dated Nov.</p>

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		20 “on China Sea” to Lady Betty) that the Chinese were kept back by the Confucian materialist philosophy & that Japan’s idealism was the secret of her success which would end if she got Americanised. He said “Yes. And the socialists can be idealists. Idealism involves sacrifice. Labor unions are not idealist & cannot be. Their end is practical & selfish necessarily. Roosevelt & Lloyd George make the same error. They both appeal to selfishness and no permanent movement can be thus established.”  Left for New York by night.
	18 Mar, Mon	A tired day in New York. Got little done.
	19 Mar, Tue	Another talk with Roosevelt & the Pinchots. Sketched part of a speech for Roosevelt to make in Minneapolis on Rural Life.
	20 Mar, Wed	Worked at Roosevelt speech. Dined with James Byrne. Norman Hapgood came in after dinner from a Roosevelt meeting in Carnegie Hall. Huge crowd, overflows enthusiasm but no great significance I gathered, though N.H. is (as Editor of Collier’s Weekly) a warm supporter of T.R.
	21 Mar, Thu	James Robertson came to New York & Godkin housed him for me. Very interesting talks.
[‘The Colonel’ – Roosevelt’s preferred term for himself after participating in Spanish-American War.]	22 Mar, Fri	Bosler came early & we had a business talk in which we came to an agreement on business matters. Robertson & I went to Oyster Bay & went over a speech on Conservation & Country Life which I had prepared for Roosevelt. Met Owen Wister whom I had met in Ranching days & who has since made a name as a writer of fiction. His The Virginian had a good run. It was quite well done. “The Colonel” was as natural & frank as ever. He is rather a pathetic spectacle. He knows he has made a mistake in trying for the third term. But he may pull it off.
	23 Mar, Sat	Up at 5.30 A.M. Packed, worked at final draft of Roosevelt’s speech, wrote many parting letters, had a business interview with James Robertson and went on board The Olympic. The company gave me accommodation worth 3 times what I paid. Met on board Ld. Louth and oh horror! Lady Warwick. She had gone on a lecture tour under a manager to make money. She says she could not stand the racket – got a doctor’s certificate and fled. I wonder whether her audiences were shy?  462
	24 Mar, Sun	[No entry]
	25 Mar, Mon	546. The Olympic 45000 tons, 22 knots, is a magnificent structure. But the luxury of it all disgusts me. The Company charged me £30 but the accommodation they gave me was value for at least £75. A large “Louis XV” room with luxurious lavatory attached. In addition to the ordinary (& very luxurious) meals a section of the guests patronises a “Ritz Carlton” restaurant where the charges are I am told exorbitant. In the larger assembly rooms you cannot believe you are at sea travelling along at some 26 or 27 miles (geographical) an hour. Palms, flowers & windows instead of port holes keep up the illusion. But this ostentatious luxury is all wrong & most unwise.
	26 Mar, Tue	542. Much talk with GR Stirling Taylor, Fabian Socialist who went to America (for the trip I think) as private secretary to Lady

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		Warwick.
	27 Mar, Wed	531.
<i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i>	28 Mar, Thu	531 & 493 to Eddystown Lighthouse. The fastest travelling I have done across the ocean in 33 years.  Today practically finished a 3000 [word] article on "Cooperation & Country Life" for an American magazine of wide circulation. This & my speech for Roosevelt (if he makes it) will work well together.
	29 Mar, Fri	Landed at Plymouth at noon & got to London at 6.30. Had an interview with Gardiner who rather allayed my apprehension about the coal strike.  Daisy was in town & told me lots of gossip. I am much better than I was last summer but no better than I was when I left England I fear. I had a mild attack of vertigo before leaving the ship.
	30 Mar, Sat	Saw FS Oliver (Pacifcus), Geoffrey Robinson, Monteagle, Monypenny, Lady Londonderry, Mary, Conny, Nugent Harris, Vaughan Nash & Dale. Thus I got many points of view on recent events which I am too rushed & tired to put down. Roughly the political situation seems to be rushing towards a reaction from Liberalism of the Lloyd George type.
<i>Fr Kellogg, Dr. J.H.</i>	31 Mar, Sun	Reggie was up for the week end. Lunched again with Lady Londonderry. Called on Aubrey Herbert & talked to him & his charming wife (Mary Vesey) on Home Rule. Dined with JG Butcher meeting Monteagle & Everard. J.G. agrees that Colonial Home Rule & none are the alternatives, he says the former is politically out of the question.
	1 Apr, Mon	Began the day with a long talk with Bonar Law, see opp[osite]. Saw on I.A.O.S. business Shaftesbury, Londonderry, N Harris, Sidney [ <i>sic</i> ] Brooks & others. Called at night on Earl Grey who wanted me to declare for Federal Home Rule on condition Proportional Representation was included! He was shocked when I told him I was for (1) Colonial Home Rule (2) the status quo & (3) Federal H.R. as my alternatives in order of preference.  [Con't.]Bonar Law is a very nice Scotchman. He has a colonial air about him & is very unlike one's idea of a Tory leader. He is a strange successor to Balfour. I found him frank, direct and I should say absolutely straight. He is a quick but not a deep or subtle thinker. He certainly won't make a great name in history. In America he would be above – far above – the average of their statesmen. On Home Rule which we chiefly discussed he had the views he had been given by Carson & Campbell. He was sympathetic with my economic & social views and promised to read some things I gave him (Plain Talks to Irish Farmers & the Problem of Rural Life in the U.S.). I have a hope he will be useful to the Plunkett House workers.
To Godkin, Lawrence To Pinchot, Gifford	2 Apr, Tue	To Dublin by day mail. Coal strike made us go slow to save coal. R.A.A. & A.E. met me at Kilteragh & we had a good pow-wow. Glad to be home. In ?many way[s] no place like it for me also.
	3 Apr, Wed	Woke to find the windows moving ominously but the fit wore off.

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[Ld. Mayor – James McMordie] [Text of address in <i>IH</i> , XIX:15 (13 Apr 1912), pp. 294-5]		A cup of tea braced me up & I got away to Belfast by 9 A.M. from Amiens St. Met by Harold Barbour & Tom Sinclair. Andrews joined at Ulster Club. Londonderry & Shaftesbury most kindly came & we had a meeting of the Ulster Ctee of the I.A.O.S. in the Council chamber of the City Hall, the Lord Mayor in the chair. I got through & spoke as much as I could remember of a speech I had dictated last night at Kilteragh to Miss Sullivan & today to a stenographer in Belfast. Was well received. A symposium at Hopefield afterwards. Ulster as grimly determined as ever against Home Rule, yet thinking a bit of alternatives.
	4 Apr, Thu	A busy day in Dublin during which the Setons & Sydney Brooks, R.A.A. & Alan moved into Kilteragh. I was very tired.
	5 Apr, Fri	Rested while my guests golfed.
	6 Apr, Sat	Glorious weather. Rested. I must get again on to a non-meat & <u>non-tea</u> dietary. Mucous colitis is increasing badly.
	7 Apr, Sun	Rest. Fr. Finlay came out & was in his best form. Saw poor Gibbons my nicest of neighbours. He has had an operation for a cancerous growth in the “antrum”. Half the palate & the right cheekbone is removed. The nerve of the right eye is cut & altogether he is in a miserable plight. Brave & cheery as ever with the awful probability of a return of the growth. Cruel cruel!
	8 Apr, Mon	Golfed. Called on Mrs. Keith whose new son I am godfathering.
	9 Apr, Tue	Harold Barbour & Fr. Finlay spent an evening discussing I.A.O.S. vs Traders difficulty.
	10 Apr, Wed	A day at IAOS work. The Setons left.
To Green, Alice Stopford (Mrs. J.R.)	11 Apr, Thu	Ditto.  The Home Rule Bill was introduced. It is much better than the 1886 & /93 Bills in that it goes further. But my fear for it is that as every approach to the Colonial status, which alone will develop the essential sense of responsibility, makes the necessity for further concession more obvious, it may break down. Moreover “Ulster will fight” if force is applied but will yield to a dollar argument. The Bill would have to be remodelled to make that argument. But we must wait for the Bill.
To Oliver, F.S.	12 Apr, Fri	I.A.O.S. &c all day. John Corbin American Journalist to Foxrock for week end visit. He is bright but wants copy so badly that he is tiring. He came recommended so well to me that I had to take him in. I must use him to spread the Rural Life idea.
To Balfour, Lady Betty To Kellogg, Dr. J.H.	13 Apr, Sat	Busy ½ day at I.A.O.S. Then to Foxrock where Anderson & I went over my estate with a valuer to decide how I would value it under the provisions of the Finance Acts 1909. If you value it low you pay 20% tax on any income on sale, or at death a similar duty is levied. If you value it high it increases any tax which may be levied on it. The valuer one ‘Good’ was a Bantry born Protestant Unionist who had been electioneering in England on behalf of the Irish Unionist alliance & he was very amusing on his experiences. He was of a splendid physique & had all the love of fight. But he would fight charily rather than grimly & is one of the forces we must look to when we have Home Rule to make the New Ireland.  Mrs Stephen Spring Rice came with a “flapper” daughter. The mother is not clever but has very strong feelings on the suffrage



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		<p>question which she cannot express lucidly. It is rather pathetic to hear her arguing with a clever controversialist such as John Corbin turns out to be.</p> <p>He improves on acquaintance. He is a real live yankee &amp; I think will help us a lot.</p>
<p><i>Fr Pinchot, Gifford</i> [<i>malgré</i> – in spite of]</p>	<p>14 Apr, Sun</p>	<p>A quiet Sunday malgré a visit from the widow Green (Mrs. J.R.). She &amp; I are now as thick as thieves. She is I think a little mad on the Irish Question. As a controversialist she is outrageously unfair &amp; stops at nothing. But I don't think she can help it.</p> <p>I begin to be troubled over my attitude on the Home Rule Bill. It will probably be forced through. A.L. Horner K.C. M.P. (North Derry) came to lunch today (Sunday) &amp; told me that he was sure that (1) the Bill would pass by the normal party majority in the House (2) that he saw no prospect of a change of government in the near future. The Bill is bad, might be made good.</p>
<p>To Sellar, Mrs. G.</p>	<p>15 Apr, Mon</p>	<p>Meeting of Chamber of Commerce (Council) at which a letter came up from Donohoe, trader at Enniscorthy, inviting the Council to join in the protest "against the Development Commission's grant to the I.A.O.S. I had a rather bitter fight for my child, could not get friendly but was able to prevent hostile action. Went on to a meeting at Mansion House where I presided (as Chairman of the Ctee) over meeting of Industrial Law Committee. Shaftesbury, who came to Kilteragh, &amp; Mrs. J H -rusbur- were chief speakers. I did very poorly. Lady Lyttelton brought her husband &amp; a nephew Claud L to dinner. The Hannays also came for the Synod week and Corbin left.</p> <p>The awful news of the Titanic's foundering on an Ice flow off Cape Race came. At first the report said no lives lost. Then only 675 out of nearly 2500 saved, but no certainty. On the Olympic I heard stewards looking forward to getting on the new ship as the O was so unlucky. I fear the crew must have been mostly lost including my friend the Captain.</p>
	<p>16 Apr, Tue</p>	<p>Congested Districts Board. A day wasted by Shaftesbury &amp; me.</p>
<p>To Roosevelt, Theodore</p>	<p>17 Apr, Wed</p>	<p>Quarterly meeting of IAOS Committee. Well attended &amp; well conducted.</p>
	<p>18 Apr, Thu</p>	<p>Mrs. Spring Rice left.</p>
	<p>19 Apr, Fri</p>	<p>T.W. Russell received in The College of Science(!) a deputation of Irish Traders (hucksters &amp; gombeen men largely, for the big traders are with us) to protest against H.P. &amp; all his works, and against any recognition of the I.A.O.S. by the Development Commissioners.</p>
	<p>20 Apr, Sat</p>	<p>John Corbin, Callan, Healy (J.E.) Hanson, A.E., Alec Wilson came. Willie Plunket &amp; the Hannays left. The Home Rule Bill was discussed a good deal. Callan who did not come till late at night is a Federalist. The others were all for Colonial Home Rule &amp; against "half-way houses". Corbin of course knowing nothing but talking interestingly on American politics.</p>
	<p>21 Apr, Sun</p>	<p>WF Bailey joined the party. It rained all day &amp; we discussed Home Rule.</p> <p>Alec Wilson says that there is a growing silent sensible opinion in Belfast &amp; that if they had a leader something might be done</p>

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		towards a national settlement. He says I am the only leader he or they can see! Alas very poor health forbids.
	22 Apr, Mon	The party broke up & I spent the whole day writing a letter – some 2500 words to the Irish Press appealing against TW Russell's behaviour to my work.
<i>Fr Kellogg, Dr. J.H.</i>	23 Apr, Tue	A gloriously fine day. Rose 6 A.M. & worked at I.A.O.S. business till noon. Then motored Willie Plunket down to Punchestown where I went mainly to see Shaftesbury about a C.D.B. trip & Alice about her family affairs. I missed her in the crowd as I could not stay long. I had a long talk with Dudley over Home Rule and with Aberdeen over T.W. Russell. A. was evidently ashamed at the action of his government in supporting the dirty little office holder. To London by night.
	24 Apr, Wed	Talk with Vaughan Nash elicited the facts of the situation I.A.O.S. vs Dept in re grant for [ <i>sic</i> ] Development Commission.  Had F.S. Oliver to lunch at Club. He is strongly against Colonial Home Rule though he is not strongly for the status quo. I told him he must read Childers' book which demolishes half way houses.  Dined with Childers & had long political talk.
[Letter from J. Irvine in <i>IH</i> , XIX:21 (25 May 1912), pp. 427-8]	25 Apr, Thu	A heavy day. Began with conference with Anderson & Harold Barbour about our meeting in the afternoon at the Development Commission. Then went to the Bowes & Pelton meetings.  Had 1½ hours at Dev[elopment] Com'n. In the morning TWR's gombeen army had filled them with disgust. But we were in a difficult position. The I.A.W.S. is developing a trade in domestic requirements. The I.A.O.S. is encouraging all Societies to deal with it in agricultural requirements. Therefore the IAOS is encouraging domestic trade & the Development Grant can be given only for agricultural business. The difficulty will be got over. The Treasury may be got at by the Nat M.P.s but I think not. Hall, Milne & Harold Barbour dined with me at Wellington Club (see opposite).  [Con't.] Important talk with Milne Barbour, President Belfast Chamber of Commerce. Told him that Home Rule must come for the old reasons & one new one which is final. We cannot share the new social legislation programme of a highly industrial & commercial community which begins with the budget of 1909, old age pensions & national insurance. The Union too is bankrupt, Ireland costing some £2,000,000 more to govern than her tax revenue yields. I said I did not approve of this Bill whose financial provisions appear to me to give us the maximum of inconvenience of a separate fiscal system with the minimum of opportunity. The moment we vary the duty on, say, tea within the narrow limits prescribed, every passenger & every package passing between Ireland & Great Britain must be searched. Yet we cannot start industries. Would not Ulster business men consider the situation?  The upshot of the answer was "not yet". The resentment is too grave. But perhaps in a year or two reason may return. That is I think the truth.
<i>Fr Palen, Lewis S.</i>	26 Apr, Fri	Informal meeting of members of the Joint Boards for agric'l organisation & agric'l cooperative trade to discuss the federation

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		of Farmer vs trader & Development Grant. Lunched with Seton to meet Morison of Indian Mail and Godfrey Locker Lampson. Dined with Monteagle & met Cecil Spring Rice now Minister to Sweden after 26 years! He was not much changed but aged of course.
<i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i>	27 Apr, Sat	To Fisher's Hill, golfed with Gerald. Betty expecting shortly number 6 had a fall in the house. Doctor summoned – no damage done. But she had to disappear & I had only Gerald in the evening & the two together are much more agreeable company than he alone – greatly as I admire & love them both.
	28 Apr, Sun	A quiet sunny but cold day. Dined with Erskine Chiders. After dinner there came in 2 Cabinet Ministers (Runciman & Herbert Samuel, Agriculture & P.O.) and a lot of “young Liberals[”]. They were all very anxious that I should “come out for” Home Rule – or was it their Bill? I confessed that I thought the time had come for Home Rule but not for me to abandon my non-party attitude.  Raymond was sent off to a Sanitarium in Norfolk by Risien Russell, nerve specialist, in a fit of depression bordering on melancholia.
	29 Apr, Mon	Had a fit of giddiness just as I was going to attend a Berthon Boat meeting so I had to get the meeting to come to me. It came out that there was a huge demand for our boats, far larger than we can supply owing to the Titanic Scare. We were tempted to go to the public & sell the troublesome business but we refrained.  Dorothy of a son, 2 weeks too early but 7½ lbs.  Visited Secretary of Development Commission & arranged some details.
To Lowell A. Lawrence by sec'y) <i>Fr Roosevelt, Theodore</i>	30 Apr, Tue	Went to Oxford & spent the afternoon with Adams at All Souls. Met old Dicey. We talked of course little but the Irish Question & the Home Rule Bill. Adams, having been on the Committee which recommended the Treasury (who appointed it) to give Ireland a large measure of fiscal freedom, was very illuminating. He strongly advised me not to declare myself for Home Rule now at any rate. I told him I thought I would write him a letter, which could afterwards be published showing where I stand & why I am silent.
	1 May, Wed	Last day & all its characteristic rushes. Chief events a talk with AJ Balfour, Ld. Milner, Ld. Atkinson, S Brooks & Bullock at lunch, AD Hall and the Editor of Daily Chronicle last thing at night. I record these conversations briefly opposite. Donald Ed[ito]r of Chronical talked the TW Russell business & I enlightened him.  Rushed in to Arthur Balfour who is to speak on Home Rule Bill 2nd reading tomorrow. I told him frankly that while I did not like the Bill two considerations made me a convinced Home Ruler. (1) The social question was too fundamentally important to our civilisation to allow a question to remain open, the unsettlement of which threw 85 votes thoughtlessly into the Scale against our present economic & political system (2) The growing interference of government in the life of the people – into its most intimate

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		<p>relations – forbade common institutions, adm[inistratio]n &amp; legis[atio]n for widely different conditions e.g. a population 80% ‘urban’ &amp; one 70% rural. He replied to the latter, “but you might say the same of the rural &amp; urban parts of England”. “The Wiltshire argument” I said “Just so”. I said that because the conditions did not admit of a remedy in England – where, incidentally, it is not demanded – it was no reason for not applying the remedy in Ireland where, it is demanded &amp; is feasible. He agreed. He talked a good deal about the weakness of the nationality plea. Historically Ireland never had developed any nationality at all unless when England created the sentiment by persecuting the Catholics. He was very open-minded &amp; said he was searching his conscience to see that he was not still obsessed by the feeling of 1886 &amp; 1893. I promised to write to him as we were both busy.</p> <p>Milner &amp; I had been named as a committee of two to devise for the Unionist party a rural life policy. Steel Maitland, head of party organisation, undertaking to provide an official secretary with £1000 a year salary if possible. I found M. quite ignorant, as indeed is Steel Maitland, on the whole subject. They don’t know how much of the ground is covered &amp; would only overlap. I shall have to explain things to them which is a nuisance.</p>
Fr Young, Filson	2 May, Thu	To Kilteragh by day mail. Daisy met me. She has a hard problem to face. They cannot live at Killeen on their income. But where else can Fingall live & she economise! Anderson & I had a good pow-wow over the IAOS vs Department row. It is war to the death betw’n the Farmer & Trader.
To Young, Filson	3 May, Fri	Spent day writing to the IAOS Committee putting before them the terms of the grant from the Development Commission. A few of the Societies are developing cooperative stores & with this the trade element in Parliament will not let the Development Com’n have any truck. <p>Dined at Castle, sat next Lady Aberdeen. I don’t like her. She is an advertising philanthropist, a goody-goody political intriguer. She has a good side to her, which should outweigh all this though.</p>
To Godkin, Lawrence Fr Young, Filson	4 May, Sat	Golf & I.A.O.S. Loftus Bryan opposed & persuaded Stopford, Norman & A.E. to oppose my settlement with the Dev[elopment] Com’n. This was a blow, but it will blow over. They don’t see the practicalities.
	5 May, Sun	Mahaffy, Starkie, Fr. Finlay & A.E. lunched with Anderson & me. I unfolded my ideas on Home Rule and they all agreed. They were that we must have self government of a very thorough kind as a preparation for a federal system of some sort. Fiscal autonomy (as far as possible) must teach Ireland to economise. Then as a free contracting party we may come into a fiscal union with Eng’d & Scotland. <p>Harold Barbour came from Belfast to help me with the Development Grant difficulty.</p>
To Nash, Vaughan Fr Godkin, Lawrence	6 May, Mon	Harold Barbour developed a swelling in his left elbow with a temperature. We had to put him into a nursing home under Lentaigne who diagnosed blood poisoning, happily localised. H.B.’s is a very valuable life. I look to him to carry on my work. <p>Spent whole day at I.A.O.S. business chiefly with organisers</p>

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		discussing the Development Commission's conditions about non-agricultural trading.
To Palen, Lewis S.	7 May, Tue	<p>Shaftesbury arrived by night mail from London &amp; we went by 9.15 AM train to Athenry where Edmunds inspector of the C.D.B. met us &amp; took us in a motor car over long stretches of Galway grazing ranches bought &amp; being redistributed by the Board. We entered some of the ugly houses the Bd. is building &amp; the people seemed to be happy in the improvement of their condition. At Tuam we called on the RC archbishop Dr. Healy who told us the CDB were giving landlords too little!!</p> <p>We were housed by the Grattan Bellews at Mount Bellew. The Parish Priest Canon Fallon dined. He was a bosom friend of John Dillon's &amp; now supports cooperation! Had some vertigo during day.</p> <p>The Congested Districts where the Board's land purchase operations are advanced are marvellously improved. Of course with the money at its disposal, enabling it to buy a farm, improve it &amp; resell it at much less than cost (with improvements) it is easy for the Board to make a showing. Still I think the work is really efficiently done by Doran &amp; his staff.</p> <p>The great defect I see is the utter ignoring of the social aspects of the problem. No attempt is made to build up rural communities. The holding should not be the unit, but the group or colony. The settlers on new holdings have had their circumstances immensely improved. But when their standard of comfort rises I wonder if they will remain contented.</p> <p>An interesting illustration of the rising standard of living in congested districts: When the Board gave out windows 2 ft. 10 in. x 2 ft. 2 in. the people complained that they were too large. Now they complain that they are too small.</p>
<i>Fr Nash, Vaughan Fr Wolff, Henry W.</i>	8 May, Wed	Cecil Kelly inspector came early with another CDB motor and took [us] over his districts, Roscommon & part of Mayo. We lunched in Castlereagh & stopped at Ballaghaderin, John Dillon's home & gombeening centre. The creamery there was doing excellently. The town is lighted by electric light. Called on the P.P. Fr. Gallagher as President of the coop creamery. He was in much doubt about the agricultural supply business of the society as the townsmen were furious about it. Slept at Castlebar.
	9 May, Thu	At Castlebar went over the Board's surveying office (for the whole of Ireland) in an abandoned Barracks. A large staff is mapping & computing values of holdings & estates for the field valuers' minute valuation of plots. It seemed an admirably organised staff. Went with Vereker (Chief Land Inspector) to Partry where Fr. Corbett, chairman of Village Hall & Coop Agric'l Society gave us lots of information. The guano of the C[operative].A[gricultural].S[ociety]. was stored in the Hall where lace & cooking classes, theatricals &c take place. On through grass "ranches" which the Board is dotting over with its ugly but sanitary & weatherproof houses. There is a great chance of building up agric'l communities when the Paternal authority gets through & teaching "better farming, better business, better living". Saw where the Estates Com'n. had bought the Clanmorris estate too dear & unable to get tenants to pay correspondingly otherwise were letting them cut down the timber to make up the

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		difference. Vereker foresees war upon every farmer who has more than an economic holding so long as any labourer has less.
[DC – District Councillor]  [C.C. – Catholic curate]	10 May, Fri	Called on Fr. O’Hara (not <u>the</u> Fr. O.H) PP Ballycroy. A fine specimen physically & I should say an ideal benevolent tyrant. Then to Bangor Erris where a faire was on. Met two Englishmen who had taken the shooting of the ?bogs & mountains & raved about the charm of the wild healthy life. The road was crowded with walkers & equestrians going to the Fair, the ladies carrying their boots or riding pillion & enduring them, very comical & quaint. Met John Gallagher D.C. chairman of the local agric’l Bank & heard the details which were as satisfactory as could be expected. Then on to Belmullet where my old friend Father Hegarty formerly of Pulathomas had been promoted to this comparatively civilised spot. He was as gloomy & next worldish as ever. His C.C. who runs the Bank was absent & Fr. H. gave me little information about it. But I think I did good & got him interested again.  We went on & saw some desperately congested estates in process of resettlement. At Pulathomas Fr. Timlin who was the promoter of the very successful Geesala Bank had succeeded Fr. Hegarty. I shall enthuse him by letter. He is a fine young fellow.
[Naboth’s vineyard – Old Testament, 1 Kings, 21-2; highly desired property]	11 May, Sat	Called first on PP of Newport Canon McDonald. I enlightened him on the Plunkett formula. Then met at Fr. O’Toole’s (Kilmeena) the secretaries of an agric’l Bank & agric’l Society & gave all these an economic homily which will I hope do good.  I’ve gained many impressions of value in this trip. The C.D.B. land work is splendid, its social work nil, or possibly a minus quantity. But it lays an admirable foundation for cooperation better than I had realised. The agrarian revolution is working splendidly but it will have to be stayed at a point where all who have more than an economic holding will be in Naboth’s vineyard.  [Con’t.] Home again. Maurice Headlam & Harold Barbour met me at Kilteragh. The former is the new Treasury Remembrancer – an able & nice fellow I should say. H.B. was recovering from a nasty blood poisoning in the left elbow of obscure origin. His life is very valuable as I regard him as my successor in agricultural organisation. For inspection work by Shaftesbury & me see opp[osite]. Hannay & wife lunched us. He was delightful as ever. We agreed that Ulster must somehow be brought round.
<i>Fr Channing, Francis Allston</i>	12 May, Sun	A quiet day. Gloriously fine. Harold Barbour visibly recovered. Daisy and Mamie came. Fr. Finlay in best form dined.
To Palen, Lewis S. To Wolff, Henry W. <i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i>	13 May, Mon	Worked at I.A.O.S. Shan Bullock arrived.
To Wilson, Rev. Dr. H. Warren	14 May, Tue	The Dairy Committees of the I.A.O.S. had to consider T.W. Russell’s proposed Creamery Bill. That took all the morning. The afternoon was given up to a study of the situation in regard to the grant from the Development Commission.  Mary & Kathleen Lawless came to stay for a week.  Alec Wilson turned up after tea (with his mother & sister! making

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		my dinner table too small) to consult me about the Ulster situation. I am getting dragged into the position of conciliator & shall get pretty badly hated for the love of God.
To Channing, Francis Allston To Godkin, Lawrence	15 May, Wed	I.A.O.S. Daisy & Mamie left.
	16 May, Thu	Christopher La Touche came for a 24 hours visit. He is not a dying man as we feared but he will have to be careful – like myself! He is an invaluable Irishman & we must take care of the good soul.  Caroe came to look over the house which leaks badly. We found all manner of careless defects – Irish I fear – which his surveyor ought never to have passed. It has cost me a large sum to deal with those which revealed themselves & I have to spend much more.
	17 May, Fri	Spent morning talking the political situation with Christopher La Touche. A slow but very sound mind.
	18 May, Sat	Healy & A.E. (with wife & two little undisciplined boys) lunched & spent afternoon. Delightful agony.
<i>Fr Channing, Francis Allston</i>	19 May, Sun	An old time Sunday. Took the two Lawless girls to Killeen where Daisy had Major Pat Cox dangling & Fingall & Mamie looking on. George Murphy & Minnie called & we had the old talk on the ?civil days before the grazier.
	20 May, Mon	To Belfast for a meeting in the minor Ulster Hall to promote Proportional Representation. Shaftesbury, Milne Barbour, Alec Wilson & I were the speakers. In a pro forma “election” 303 voted. Carson headed the poll with 75, I next with 71. There were 12 candidates.  Dinner of a dozen or more Ulster moderate unionists at which we had a fine talk. Wavering was the note.
[Letter to J. Irvine in <i>IH</i> , XIX:21 (25 May 1912), pp. 428-9]	21 May, Tue	Back to Dublin rather “chippy” with Shaftesbury. Congested Districts Board all day Birrell presiding.
	22 May, Wed	Council of Agriculture meeting. T.W. Russell said nothing, or next to nothing, about the IAOS in his speech.  Rathmore came out in the evening & played a round of golf. He plays well for 72 – quite as well as I do at 57!  Henry W Wolff came for a couple of days at night.
	23 May, Thu	Spent day at Plunkett House chiefly picking Wolff’s brains. He poor fellow is evidently a very sick man – a Battle Creek case but of course he won’t go.
	24 May, Fri	Dentist & I.A.O.S.
To Godkin, Lawrence To MacDonnell, Ld. Anthony Patrick <i>Fr Wilson, Rev. Dr. H. Warren</i>  [Robert Trotter Herman- Hodge] [incongruous – Sir John	25 May, Sat	After busy morning visiting Carriglea Industrial School, writing at I.A.O.S. & c went by train to Dundalk with Daisy & thence by motor to Mount Stewart. At Newry had tea with old Irwin who is still fighting for his railway which I tried to get out of the government for him in my Departmental days.  House party Sir Herman Hodge (stupid ex Tory M.P. absurdly long moustachios, perfect dress), Sir John Strachey [sic] [(old soldier Beau Brummelish), R Lucas & Edmund Gosse, ?Sultzer

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<i>Fr Wolff, Henry W.</i>	26 May, Sun	Rest except that I motored over to Comber to discuss with Tom Andrews the publication of a memorial book on his Titanic hero son's life & death. It was a rather sad & constraining talk especially as I met the whole family including the widow, Harold Barbour's sister.  The House party is rather dull except Gosse. R. Lucas is very unwell which does not permit of his 'helping out'.
	27 May, Mon	Sundays & Bank Holidays have none of their distinguishing features at the home of these princely folk unless shooting is in season & then Sunday might have some of its aching voidness! We motored to Portaferry (14 miles) at the outlet of Strangford Lough. Saw the beautiful place & gardens of Colonel Nugent, an old deaf man whose outdoor taste seems admirable. We crossed the 9 knot tide to the other shore where we went over Castle Ward, Ld. Bangor's less lovely place with a no less lovely outlook.  This Whit Monday I spent largely in trying to perform the hopeless task which brought me away from my own too luxurious but not so extravagant house. I discussed the political situation with L[d]. & Lady L[ondonderry] separately as you cannot possibly find a common point of view for their common policy. I tried to give them both a different perspective in order to show them how insane was their "Ulsteria" when the foundations of what <u>they</u> were really getting the Ulster democracy to fight for were being undermined. She is clever & can think, but she is a woman & feels more than thinks. He is hopeless. His experience as great landlord & great coal owner, as cabinet minister (of Education!!) his achievement in sport & so forth give him so much authority for his prejudices that he cannot change. Besides one has to begin with the A.B.C. of politics & that alone is offensive. He is a charming fellow with the finest sense of duty as he has learned or inherited it. One cannot hope that he will live to see the disillusion which looms on the horizon brought near by the lowering sky.
	28 May, Tue	Back by motor to Kilteragh. Edmund Gosse & Daisy as passengers, he crossing by Kingstown. Brought the man of letters & A.E. together for two hours which they both enjoyed. Tom de Burgh & Emmy came for a couple of nights. She is marvellously preserved. Plucky cheery not intellectual but by no means slow minded, a fine mother to a long family.
	29 May, Wed	I.A.O.S. &c at Plunkett House. In evening Lewis Stanton Palen, American in Chinese Customs Service, very interesting on the East, came.  Got from Battle Creek the last reports of sundry examinations. the chart skiagraph showed symptoms of aortitis & sundry adhesions, ossification at end of ribs &c.
	30 May, Thu	S. Armitage [ <i>sic</i> ] Smith arrived by early mail for a few days' rest. He is a very interesting Treasury man, has written good historical stuff & is a pleasant fellow withal. To dinner came Alec Wilson to try & get me to bell the cat for the Ulster moderates. I told him definitely that I was not going to break silence on the Irish Question until I could do so without risk to the 'movement'.



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		Wrote my name at Vice Regal & Ch Sec's Lodge!
<i>(Fr Palen, Lewis S. to N.Y. pharmacy)</i>	31 May, Fri	Aurist, I.A.O.S & lunch with Miss White took till afternoon when I went & lazed at Foxrock in glorious sunlight. Skilbeck, Ed[itor] Nineteenth Century, & wife dined & slept. He married Sir James Knowles' daughter & inherited the literary asset which he is certainly not the man to develop.
To Young, Filson	1 Jun, Sat	Wrote or rather dictated a long letter to Wm. H Allen, almoner, I think, but certainly adviser to Mrs. E H Harriman of New York the richest woman in the world! I had agreed in New York, but have had no time till today, to sketch a plan for starting a Rural Life Movement on the Plunkett plan (better farming, better business, better living) in the U.S. The chief suggestion was to send organisers to Plunkett House to be trained.  Mahaffy dined. He is 75 about & as cheery & boyish as ever. A fine fellow with one little weakness, an awful snob.
	2 Jun, Sun	Golfed with Healy in pouring rain & then lunched Hanson, his bro[ther]-in-law & sister the F Dales & 2 Miss Watts. Afterwards motored to Killeen with Healy and S Armitage Smith. Took 1 hr. 10 minutes. Quickest possible time by horse and trains, assuming all connections made without delay of a moment 2 hrs. 10 min.
To Wolff, Henry W.	3 Jun, Mon	Rev. R de Bary & wife & Christopher La Touche came.
<i>Fr Palen, Lewis S.</i>	4 Jun, Tue	The Fingalls came to discuss with W.F. Bailey the advisability of selling their grazing lands. The sale would mean a loss of income but the question is whether landholding on a large scale is not going against the general national interest & policy. S Armitage Smith left & Pilkington came.  I had a slight vertigo. I fear I shall never be quite free from this nuisance.
To Godkin, Lawrence	5 Jun, Wed	The de Barys left & the Fingalls. James Andrews came out from Dublin to talk to Bullock about his late brother.  Had a talk with some of the United Irishwomen about amalgamating with the Home Brightening Committee.  T.W. Russell again lied to the House of Commons.
	6 Jun, Thu	Shan Bullock left. I heard from Armitage Smith that the Treasury were going to refer the Development Commission's recommendation of a grant to the I.A.O.S. to the Irish Government. I asked Dougherty to get me an interview with Birrell for tomorrow. B comes to stay with him for a night.
To Shaftesbury, 9th Earl <i>Fr Wallace, Henry</i>	7 Jun, Fri	Birrell gave me an interview. I took A.E. with me & when I had discussed things thoroughly with B, A.E. joined in and we two got assurances which were entirely satisfactory re the grant. See opp[osite].  [Con't.] <u>Interview with Birrell</u> . I explained the exact situation of the quarrel betw'n the IAOS & the Dep't over the Dev[elopment] Com'n grant and the unanswerable case the organised farmers had for its concession. He said that he left the Dep't entirely to T.W.R., that he disapproved of his action in this matter & that it must come before the Cabinet. He would advise the Cabinet to approve the grant & he had no doubt they would do so. After all

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		therefore we shall get the grant & meanwhile we have had a stimulating grievance.  Willie Plunket joined us, La Touche staying on an extra day for him. Christopher La T is a fine citizen & an excellent friend.
	8 Jun, Sat	Half day at I.A.O.S. D. Lane came, C La Touche & Willie Plunket left.
	9 Jun, Sun	T.W. Lyster Librarian of National Library came out with a party of IAOS folk. He was very interesting & must be added to the Kilteragh visitors. Glorious weather, out all day.
	10 Jun, Mon	David Roche came from Limerick to discuss with me the future of the I.C.A.S. I urged its amalgamation with the I.A.W.S. Harold Barbour, RM Smith came to Foxrock in the evening to consult with me on the whole question of Trade Federation in the movement.
To Pinchot, Gifford	11 Jun, Tue	Up at 5 AM to write a Leader for Homestead A.E. having gone on his holiday to paint in Donegal for 4 weeks. Meeting of C.D.B. at which I tried to get my colleagues to agree to nominate 3 members on the C'tee of the I.A.O.S. in order to meet the conditions attached to a grant by the Development Commissioners. They refused but I think will do so when actually asked. Their action is purely political. Sent motor to Holyhead & motored from there to Shrewsbury where I slept. At Holyhead met Pilkington who came with me to Llanfair to interest me in the latest scheme for his land settlement for soldiers.
	12 Jun, Wed	To Rugby where I put up with my old Univ[ersity College] friend C.G. Steel & his wife. They have a house with 56 boys. I came to redeem an old promise to address the sixth form boys on Ireland. David the Head Master was nice to me. I spoke poorly. Too tired. Motored to see Kenilworth Castle after the meeting. Then David came to dinner. Impression that Rugby is not nearly so inspiring as Eton, but a good type of Eng[lish] public school.
Fr Godkin, Lawrence	13 Jun, Thu	To Adams at All Souls where I lunched & dined with interesting people, Sidney Balls, Goudy, Egerton &c.
	14 Jun, Fri	Goudy, prof'r of International Law, had Macan (Master of Univ[ersity College]), Dicey & other interesting people to meet me at lunch. Went on then to Reading to see Hart Synnot & his new wife (a nice girl I thought) in their new house. Sent car to London & went by train to Paddington. Bernard Shaw was in the carriage with me & I had a very interesting talk with him. An epigram every mile I should say.  Dined with Filson Young to meet Henry James (delightful as ever) and Ruth Anderson daughter of a London doctor whom he is to marry & with whom I trust he will be happy. He loves her.
	15 Jun, Sat	Called on Ld. Methuen about Pilkington's Land Settlement for Soldiers scheme at his request. A fine fellow I thought. He knew nothing much about the scheme but will be sensible & not touch it till he does. Saw also a horrid Jew named Samuel who has bought some land & wants to come in. Lunched with Prothero. Called on the family, wrote endless letters & went to the Palace to see Pavlova dance.

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<i>Fr Grey, 4th Earl</i>	16 Jun, Sun	Motored Reggie & Armitage Smith down to Lower Woodside, Hatfield to spend the day with the JH Scott's where Daisy & Mamie were stopping. Daisy & I went on to Ayot St. Lawrence about 10 miles off to tea with the Bernard Shaws. There we met the Sidney Webbs & Lorraine the actor & aviator. Interesting talk, B.S. being as usual brilliantly paradoxical.
	17 Jun, Mon	After a busy morning (seeing Vaughan Nash about IAOS grant &c) motored to Thornhill, East Grinstead taking Countess Camilla Hoyos whom I had known over 20 years ago a "baby" at Paddockhurst. She is now I suppose about 29 and lives on her own in London organising good works. A very nice half Austrian half English girl who unhappily is still hoping a worthless fellow who was engaged to her & broke it off will return.
	18 Jun, Tue	Rested till 4 & then went by motor to Well House, Banstead where Monteagle is staying with his sister Mrs. Arthur (widow). He was looking fairly well & so was Mary. He had had pleurisy & Mary was just out of a rest cure. Went on after tea & dinner to London.
	19 Jun, Wed	Meeting of Joint Board for Agric'l Organisation & Joint Board for Trade at 11 & 2.30, Anderson & Barbour having come to me for them. Went to Oxford with Anderson & Sidney [ <i>sic</i> ] Brooks to attend the annual dinner of the St. Patrick's Club. The young people were very nice. That old war horse F H O'Donnell was there. Also Macan, master of Univ[ersity College] & Adams who again put me up at All Souls. I spoke rather well they told me. I was not eloquent but deliberate and I think made a fairly reasoned statement of the I.A.O.S. ideas.
	20 Jun, Thu	Back to London tired out. Had Geoffrey Robinson of the Times to lunch & heard the news. Saw many other people in connection with my work – nobody very interesting.
	21 Jun, Fri	Saw Birrell & Vaughan Nash about the Development Grant. It is practically settled but the details will take time. The Department, Council of Agriculture & C.D.B. won't be asked to nominate members on the committee of the I.A.O.S. Saw also Mrs. JR Green & William O'Brien. He poor fellow is hopeless. He has no sense of proportion. Lunched with Shaftesbury on CDB matters, wrote endless letters chiefly about my work & left by motor for Checkendon Court in the Chilterns for a week-end with FS Oliver "Pacificus". A perfectly charming house in a model English country.
	22 Jun, Sat	Golfed at Huntercombe in the morning & lazed in the afternoon. Austin [ <i>sic</i> ] Chamberlain & wife, a Miss Hamilton, Messrs Curtis & Brand connected with the Round Table made up the other guests. A very nice genial interesting week end party. After dinner The Irish Question came up and Austin [ <i>sic</i> ] C. argued his best for the Union. His only argument – his last hope – is that the Unionist policy (Gerald Balfour's & G Wyndham's) is bound to convert the Irish farmers. I simply know & say it won't.
	23 Jun, Sun	More golf on another glorious day. Austin [ <i>sic</i> ] Chamberlain was very interesting on Cabinet experiences, on talks with Winston Churchill, on the Defence Committee & many other matters of high political & imperial import.
	24 Jun, Mon	Back to town and work. Dined with Mrs. Willie Jameson.

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		Lunched with Erskine Childers.
<i>Fr Pinchot, Gifford</i>	25 Jun, Tue	Introduced a numerous Deputation from the Prop[ortiona]l Rep[resentatio]n Soc'y of Ireland to Asquith, Birrell & Jack Pease present. I spoke I think fairly & most of the deputation very well. We got 14 speeches into an hour! Lord Courtney who is a V.P. of the Irish Soc'y as well as Pres of the parent Soc'y in Eng'd dined the deputation in the House of Commons where after dinner speeches on Prop Rep'n!! Alec Wilson & I looked in at a dinner party at Mrs. JR Green's where Vaughan Nash, Sir John Simon & other interesting & possibly useful people congregated.
	26 Jun, Wed	Introduced Proportional Rep[resentatio]n Society's Deputation to Bonar Law & Carson who agreed to treat an amendment in a non-party way. So now all that remains is to arouse public opinion in Ireland in favor of the system.
<i>Fr Rolleston, T.W.</i>	27 Jun, Thu	Tired after yesterday. Did no good work & little bad.  Pelton Board meeting – a dull affair.
	28 Jun, Fri	Had an American Journalist Clarence Poe, S. Brooks, O'Donovan & TW Rolleston to lunch at Club. Dined with JG Butcher & worked at Proportional Repres[entatio]n Society's business.
	29 Jun, Sat	Motored Daisy to Fisher's Hill. We saw the new baby, met in addition to the whole family Lady Alice Shaw Stewart & had a pleasant day. Before starting I had ¾ hour – we both wished it could have been longer – with A.J. Balfour to whom I got nearer. His is the most delightful intellect I know. See opp[osite].  [Con't.] Again I pressed upon Arthur Balfour the folly of the Unionists in expending <u>all</u> their energy upon the negation of Home Rule. The Bill, I said, is bad. Historically, constitutionally, economically, socially badly supported by its authors. In fact I said I knew it was the 'best the government could do' with their own <u>English</u> supporters. Still H.R. was inevitable.  He seemed to agree & we discussed the analogy of Scotland. Why could not Ireland combine Nationalism with Unionism as did the Scots[?]. Because, I replied (1) At the time when the present 'sentiment' was in the making the Church was a factor – or <u>the</u> factor (2) Because Belfast brought in its coal & iron, Scotland had it at home (3) Scotland gave a king to the U.K.  We went on to talk of A.E. and I failed to describe him as I should have liked. But B. was greatly interested in him & asked me to bring them together if I could.
[Samuel]  [Hope] [RE – Royal Engineers]	30 Jun, Sun	Motored Lord Methuen, Nugent Harris & Pilkington to Mayland in Essex, a property of some 600 acres bought by one Henry Samuels [ <i>sic</i> ] for Joseph Fels who sought to colonise it with wastrels. He sunk £50,000 in improving the property but the scheme failed. Samuels [ <i>sic</i> ] met us. We did not see much hope of settling it with soldiers although it was bought very cheap. We went on to another "colony" at Stanford le Home [ <i>sic</i> ]. One Capt. Petavel, ex R.E., was solving the social problem. An honest enthusiast but alas wildly impracticable. Pilkington dined with me & we talked it over.
	1 Jul, Mon	The most interesting event of the day a call on H.G. Wells (with

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		his friend GR Stirling Taylor who introduced me). He is a brilliant talker a sort of compromise betw'n Bernard Shaw & Henry James if an equator can be fixed betw'n such poles. I asked him to Kilteragh with his charming little wife to whom he confesses in his books ( <i>Ann Veronica</i> & <i>The New Machiavelli</i> ) he considers himself free to act outrageously.
[nephew Bryan Chetwynd-Stapylton]	2 Jul, Tue	<p>9.30 AM motored L.d. Methuen to AOS where we met Pilkington, Nugent Harris &amp; H. Samuel to discuss the Land Settlement project. Bryan was, by my not wholly disinterested nepotist manoeuvres, invited to attend on behalf of the W[ar].O[ffice]. We did little business but decided what not to attempt. Harold Cox came to discuss with me an article "Pat" had written for the <i>Edinburgh [Review]</i> – for the first issue under H.C.'s Editorship. <i>Shades of Macaulay</i>. Fancy employing "Pat"!</p> <p>Went to House of C[ommons] to discuss Irish matters with Masterman and to the Lords to discuss Proportional Rep[resentatio]n with Courtney. Then dined Sydney Brooks &amp; Filson Young at St. James Club. F.Y. drank ½ bot[tle] champagne, 2 glasses port, 3 liqueurs, Brandy all of the best &amp; a Brandy &amp; soda. I drank ½ bot[tle] still moselle &amp; 1 glass port – I suppose a worse excess than F.Y.'s.</p> <p>A funny sequel to my call on Wells &amp; my invitation to him to see Ireland from Kilteragh &amp; the Plunkett House. Taylor writes enclosing a letter from Wells in which W. asks T. "Does H.P. whom I like know my story. I don't like being taken up &amp; dropped. Tell him all about it &amp; he can say whether the invitation to his house shall materialise or not". I replied to T. that the only difference the story (the seduction of a girl which I now heard for the first time) was that I should be the more anxious to have them <u>both</u> together. The fact is the girl has married, the Wells family are all in perfect happiness, the wife regarding the affair as an unfortunate incident. Who am I that I should stand in judgment when she has forgiven the poor sinner? Possibly the R.C. Church will be more hostile to me when I have Wells at my house. But I don't care for that.</p>
	3 Jul, Wed	Rose early packed & motored Fingall to Shrewsbury. We are going to Holyhead taking Beguildy on the way. He is a charming travelling companion when one is tired & does not want to think hard or converse strenuously.
	4 Jul, Thu	Spent the day looking over Beguildy with my agent Thomas Whitfield, a dull knowledgeable man. Saw 7 of the 11 tenants & their holdings. My system is all wrong. I do buildings & repairs, they do without everything necessary in my sphere of provision & put nothing right that goes wrong no matter how they lose by it. Still I am not bound to do anything. Thriftlessness is the result & the class of tenant (naturally a good ?lot) are rotters & slackers. I ought to be among them more. Slept at Llangollen.
<i>Fr Hythe, Viscount (T.A. Brassey)</i>	5 Jul, Fri	Motored to Holyhead where I had an hour with Pilkington. Then with Fingall to Kilteragh.
To Hythe, Viscount (T.A. Brassey) To Pinchot, Gifford	6 Jul, Sat	½ day at I.A.O.S. The morning papers showed that Dillon & TW Russell had made a violent & lying attack on me in the House. Determined to take no notice of it. In evening I had to go to the banquet of the Booksellers Assoc'n of G[reat].B[ritain]. & Ireland. 4 hours in a stuffy room. Speeches of the dullest to which

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		I contributed only 5 minutes. Healy came back to sleep & have a talk. Monteagle & Mary Spring Rice arrived.
	7 Jul, Sun	Hannay came & we had a quiet Sunday at home.
	8 Jul, Mon	Visited Nathaniel Hone, Raheny, the old artist aet. 83 & bought a sea piece. Spent the rest of the day at I.A.O.S. work.
To Haslam, Lewis <i>Fr Rolleston, T.W.</i> <i>Fr Sellar, Mrs. G.</i>	9 Jul, Tue	Work at I.A.O.S. and a dreary Conversazione at the Museum.
To Godkin, Lawrence To Sellar, G.  [Massey]	10 Jul, Wed	Half day's work. Mrs. Tom Andrews Jr. the (widow of the Titanic hero) lunched with two American friends & spent the afternoon. I fetched old Mr. & Mrs. Hanson from Kingstown for a few days. They are a queer old couple & rather difficult to fit in with other guests. But I owe much to their son. Mary Spring Rice left & Mary Massie [ <i>sic</i> ] came.
To Rolleston, T.W.  <i>Fr Haslam, Lewis</i>	11 Jul, Thu	Mr. & Mrs. Julius Smith (of Pennsylvania U.S.A.) turned up to enquire. I had met her in Philadelphia & had to stand up against their tremendous energy. Monteagle & Mary Massie [ <i>sic</i> ] left me alone with the 3 Hansons.
[Junius—pseudonym for author of late 18th-century letters bitterly attacking King George III and his ministers.]	12 Jul, Fri	Had to keep my bed all day. Vertigo with sickness. Lived on water only & tried what nature would do. Alas nature works slower & slower as one gets on in life, & I have got on very far for my age.  The Homestead came out with "An open letter to John Dillon[?]" as its leading article, a most brilliant piece of writing. Junius at his best – by A.E.
To Haslam, Lewis To Dr. Colver (KEL.13)	13 Jul, Sat	Not very well but up & about. Did ½ day at I.A.O.S. The three Hansons left & there came Christopher La Touche, Fingall, G. Murphy and Dr. George R Parkin a man I had long wanted to know. He is now head of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, has travelled all over the Empire & United States, is a copious & most informing writer in Imperial subjects & altogether a delightful personality. A great addition to my visiting list.
	14 Jul, Sun	Had Starkie, AE, T.P. Gill & Stopford to lunch to meet Parkin who was at his best. It was a happy thought getting him introduced in the Irish Question in the right way. Some U.I. folk came in the afternoon. Willie Plunket & Callan dined. A most enjoyable & informing day.
<i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i> <i>Fr Haslam, Lewis</i> <i>Fr Pinchot, Gifford</i>	15 Jul, Mon	Whole party left. I spent the day looking after Parkin & was well repaid. We lunched with the Aberdeens.
	16 Jul, Tue	C.D.B. meeting during which a fit of giddiness came over me but passed. Shaftesbury & Rathmore came to Kilteragh & also Barbour for a dine & sleep. By the last boat came a Capt. Orr now soldiering (or A.D.C.ing?) in Cyprus whom Mrs. JR Green advises us to try & persuade to work in Ireland. He would if convinced that there was real work to do. He wants an occupation only as he has a competence.
	17 Jul, Wed	Quarterly meeting of IAOS C'tee. Capt. Orr attended & was I

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		think impressed. He proposes to bring his family to Ireland if he can find work. I hope he will come. He is Colonial Secretary in Cyprus, wants to leave the service & work at home. Has administrative experience and his alternative to economic & social work is party politics. Just the kind of choice I like to help in. Willie Plunket came again.
<i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i>	18 Jul, Thu	Spent most of day instructing Capt. Orr in Plunkettism. At night came Mrs. JR Green who introduced Capt. O. to us & she told me he was "in a very nervous condition" & ought not to make a hasty decision. I therefore cooled him off.  Asquith arrived at night & has a wildly enthusiastic reception in Dublin. So would Gladstone have had in 1888 & 1893. His chances are better however. Much water has flowed under the bridge.
	19 Jul, Fri	Lunched at Vice Regal Lodge to meet Asquith & party & talked to a few Liberals & Nationalists (of the Cawstle Cawtholic variety largely). Brought Lady Horner & her daughter Mrs. Raymond Asquith back to Plunkett House to see A.E. & Lord Ashby St. Ledgers to see Willie Plunkett about the Creameries Bill the I.A.O.S. are watching. Took Mrs. JR Green to visit Boss Croker. She wanted money from him for an Irish school. His conversation did not favour educational topics! He expects Woodrow Wilson to be next President & says the people want a change.  Alice's boys, my grand nephews, John & Horace came for a week with a nursery governess. They are fine little fellows & I hope she will educate them well.
<i>Fr Montgomery, Hugh de Fellenberg</i>	20 Jul, Sat	Mrs. J.R. Green left for England. She is a strange woman. Wondrous kind to those who agree with her political views but unbendingly hostile to those who offend her national susceptibilities.  Had a long talk with Doran about the Congested Districts Board land purchases.
	21 Jul, Sun	Golfed & talked IAOS with Æ & Fr. Finlay. Then left for London & Newcastle as I.A.O.S. business is the centre of trip & sordid personal business in the North. Wrote a long talk of exhortation to the United Irishwomen who are to have an important committee meeting in my absence.
To Anderson, R.A.	22 Jul, Mon	A very busy day in London. At Development Com'n office I gathered that the enemies of the I.A.O.S. were preventing those the Com[mission]ers asked to serve on the Ctee acceding to the request. It is a bitter fight.  S. Brooks, Tom Ponsonby & Bryan Stapylton lunched. Tom has had a blind eye out & I think is greatly relieved of anxiety for the good eye thereby.
	23 Jul, Tue	A day which would shock my medical advisers. 6.30 AM rose & prepared. Had to make a morning call on Miss Lloyd Bryce who was passing through London. Then an hour with Arthur Balfour, see opp[osite], ½ hour with Birrell, an interview with Dale of Development Commission. A call on Bryan at the War office over Pilkington's scheme. Luncheon to Mr. & Mrs. (new) Abram Bosler, not so horrible as I had pictured him, though rather a little 'boulder' socially. Then to House of Lords where I had hard

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[painter – tow line]		<p>work to steer our Creameries Bill through Committee. Also talk with Lord MacDonnell who had been asked to serve on the IAOS C'tee &amp; hesitates with the fatuous idea that he may use acceptance to do a deal with the Nationalists. Dined JG Butcher at Wellington Club &amp; found him violently anti Home Rule. He has an alternative of provincial councils with very limited powers. Called after dinner on F.S. Oliver and took night train to Newcastle.</p> <p>[Con't.] My interview with Arthur Balfour was taken up chiefly with a letter Æ had written upon his (A.B.'s) Romanes lecture on Criticism &amp; Beauty. Æ as a practical artist resented the brilliant dialectics to prove that the art critics, the aristocracy of taste, were not genuine – that they were influenced not only by their own standards but by the popular standards which they could not ignore. This, said Æ, is tantamount to saying they are not genuine. But if AJB is told that beauty is essentially truth he will proceed to prove with fiendish ingenuity that there is no such thing as truth!</p> <p>We talked on the Irish Question. We agreed about the impossibility of Home Rule as proposed &amp; agreed to by the Nationalists. Also that there was something to be said for virtual separation – Canadian Home Rule minus military powers as the practical right Canada possesses to 'cut the painter'.</p> <p>On the Navy Balfour felt much alarmed. He is evidently in the confidence of Asquith whom he likes but regards as having no independence. He sees no end to the building of ships. Austria is building as well as Germany &amp; Italy[,] which might not build for the triple alliance[,] will build against Austria[,] &amp; England will be faced with the possibility of an invincible combination against her at sea.</p> <p>On the general social &amp; political outlook I found Balfour thought much as I did. I said "I have been all my life an optimist. I am now for the first time a pessimist". "That is exactly my case" he said.</p>
	24 Jul, Wed	Motored round Bowes Collieries and the Jarrow Staithes. Useful & informing day. Talks with good representative men unfortunately all on ?employers/employers side.
<i>Fr Dr. Colver (KEL.14)</i>	25 Jul, Thu	<p>"Did" Pelton with Walsh, Gardiner &amp; Armstrong. It is very well managed as far as I can judge. The new governmental regulations seem to do all that is humanly possible to prevent accidents. In some cases the expenditure is great for contingencies which would not occur in 100 years.</p> <p>9 hours train to Holyhead &amp; across by mail boat. Pilkington met me at Holyhead at 1.15 AM!</p>
	26 Jul, Fri	I.A.O.S. business. Rupert Ellis of the Welsh Section of the A.O.S. spent the night – an interesting fellow though not intellectual.
To Godkin, Lawrence To Roosevelt, Theodore <i>Fr Ponsonby, Thomas</i>	27 Jul, Sat	<p>Wrote to Roosevelt asking him to fortify me against some obvious criticisms of his candidature for a third term. It may make him angry but I want to understand him.</p> <p>Alice came to fetch her boys home after a week end visit. Maurice Headlam, Treasury Remembrancer and Sir H Reichel also came for week end.</p>



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		I visit almost daily my nicest neighbour poor Gibbons who is bravely bearing his last illness a tumour pressing on the brain. Euthanasia surely is justified here.
	28 Jul, Sun	A.D. Hall joined the party by morning mail. We golfed in the rain, had Fr. F[inlay], Robinson & Æ to lunch, the Cases to dinner, Mrs. Hamilton to tea. A regular Kilteragh Sunday.
To Ponsonby, Thomas	29 Jul, Mon	W.G.S. Adams & wife, Christopher La Touche & Nellie Balfour came, Reichel, Headlam, Alice & her children left.
	30 Jul, Tue	Mostly with Hall discussing how to get the Development Grant block removed. Lord Iveagh sent us £500, a most timely unasked aid. Rathmore came. Hall left.
	31 Jul, Wed	Wrote a letter to Hall about tomorrow's Development Commission meeting which I hope may help him to fight our battle. Daisy came to lunch & left her two girls with Nellie Balfour, a quite charming girl.  In the evening Christopher La Touche felt ill & left for the Kildare St. Club to be near his doctor.
	1 Aug, Thu	Dear old Mrs. Sellar – now 86! – joined us. Rathmore left. Fr. Finlay dined, also Healy of Irish Times. I am having a lazy but stimulating time with all these good people.
To Wells, Catherine (Mrs. H.G.)	2 Aug, Fri	Not a word about the Development Grant. I had hoped at this meeting yesterday the Commissioners would have brought matters to a head.  Sir Roger Casement whom I had formally met as a friend of Mrs. J.R. Green dined. He is at the moment in the public eye, a report of his as to the treatment of the Indians by the British! Rubber Company in Peru having staggered humanity. Mrs. Sellar & I both felt that he would not be an altogether reliable chronicler of facts where emotions were easily aroused.
<i>Fr Roosevelt, Theodore</i>	3 Aug, Sat	Nellie Balfour & the Adams' left. Æ left & Sir John Keane came.  Every day I have a sad duty of friendship to perform. I go to comfort my very nice neighbour Gibbons Pasha (as he is entitled to be called for his service in the Egyptian police) who is dying of cancer. He harbours a hope (which his doctors do not believe in) that the two operations he has had, the last removing the left eye & cheek bone may be the end of the troubles. I have no such hope.
	4 Aug, Sun	Poured & blew all day long – a regular winter day of the worst kind. It was lucky having such delightful people in the House. Mrs. Mores Hyly lunched – quite a nice neighbour.
	5 Aug, Mon	Mrs. Sellar left & CG Steel came. Æ & Professor Houston of the College of Science dined. Interesting talk.
	6 Aug, Tue	Idled.
<i>Fr Sellar, Mrs. G.</i>	7 Aug, Wed	Maurice Headlam asked me to lunch to meet Sir Alfred Lawrence an English judge. Amused Steel as best I could.
To Dr. Colver (KEL.15)	8 Aug, Thu	Golfed with Steel & Anderson.
To Sellar, Mrs. G.	9 Aug, Fri	Steel left & Daisy & Cissie came.

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		Met at Gibbons' Sir John Ross of Bladensburg who delivered himself on Home Rule. He talked the greatest rot I ever heard. He would like H.R. with "a real aristocracy – not a "Caticocracy which is the only present democracy" & so forth. His talk was not worth recording but I was amused to hear him hold up as the ideal social system that of Henry VIII when the Monasteries (until they were destroyed!) did all the State ought to do for the poor!
	10 Aug, Sat	Sir Alfred Lawrence ("Mr. Justice L.") Lady L & their barrister son lunched. The father stopped for the week end. Mahaffy came for the week end too & Hanson. The whole party went to the Powerscourt Garden party which was admirably done. The place must be the most beautiful in the U.K. It certainly is the most beautiful in Ireland. Killarney House has a more beautiful view but the grounds are not nearly as good. Derreen is the loveliest spot on earth, but the House is a shanty.
	11 Aug, Sun	Rested in pleasant company. Daisy & 'Cissie' left early. Mahaffy was excellent company.
	12 Aug, Mon	I.A.O.S. business, which was relieved by a legacy of £500 from a Miss Sharman Crawford. Apart from the money aid the consideration of the Society & its work by benevolent testators is significant. A Chamber of Commerce & Privy Council meeting. At the latter I spoke & promised to write to Aberdeen – urged thereto by Betty Balfour – in behalf of the militant ladies who got 5 years' personal servitude for trying to burn down the Theatre where Asquith was to address the Irish July 19. Called on Antony MacDonnell, now at Killiney, about the IAOS grant which awaits his joining & getting others to join IAOS C'tee.
	13 Aug, Tue	C.D.B. & I.A.O.S. Campbell (Professor) came to dine with Anderson & me & we had a good agricultural development talk.
	14 Aug, Wed	Office & Finance C'tee of I.A.O.S. Hythe came early & went on to Westmeath. He returns tomorrow & I hope to have some talk about cooperation in England.
[Green]	15 Aug, Thu	Wrote to Aberdeen on behalf of the two women serving 5 years' P[ersonal]. S[ervitude]. for attempting to burn the Theatre Royal to prevent Asquith speaking in it. Betty Balfour moved me to this & I don't think I would have done it for anyone else. It went especially hard with me today because the morning papers announced the appointment of Max Greene [ <i>sic</i> ] to succeed my poor friend Gibbons as Chairman of Prisons Board. The worst Aberdeen job yet!  Hythe & Beaumont Nesbitt dined & slept.
	16 Aug, Fri	A visit to Lord MacDonnell about the shocking jobbery of Lady Aberdeen – Max Greene's [ <i>sic</i> ] appointment to Gibbons' post the most flagrant case – dining with Katherine Tynan, now set up at Shankill, meeting HG Wells & wife at night at Kingstown & bringing them to Kilteragh where I had Æ to meet them made a full & interesting day. H.G.W. & his wife are distinctly middle class. He is I fear vicious in sexual matters. But his wife has forgiven him, all is now regular & I feel the world should help <u>her</u> to keep it so.
<i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i>	17 Aug, Sat	Studying Wells was the chief interest of the day. He is amazingly quick in intellect but suffers badly from lack of culture. Oxford would have just done for him what his life – a struggle against his

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[ <i>res augusta domi</i> – limited resources; narrow domestic circumstances]		early <i>res augusta domi</i> , the narrowness going beyond things & into thoughts in the house – needed to broaden a rarely receptive mind. He seems to have made the moral conventions co enemies with the social conditions which almost condemned him to be a draper’s assistant! Daisy, The Mayos, Killanin & Healy joined the Wells party for the week end.
	18 Aug, Sun	Powerscourts dined. Bailey (W.F.) spent the day absorbed & rather bored (I should say) Wells. It poured most of the day but the party was so interesting I enjoyed myself.
	19 Aug, Mon	A meeting of graziers (Fingall in the chair) to which Anderson & I went & took Wells, the chief event. But it proved very unsatisfactory talk & was uninteresting. Wells also went over the College of Science with Campbell, Johnson, Cole & Houston who had tea with him in the Royal Coll[ege] of Science London many years ago. We all lunched at the Plunkett House. Then Daisy took the Wells’ & Killanin to Powerscourt. I had an attack of vertigo with violent sickness & the day ended with a dinner party made by adding the Starkies & Mahaffy & subtracting me.
	20 Aug, Tue	Rather sick all day. Upset by note from MacDonnell saying without any explanation that he had abandoned his “well meant efforts” to get people to join the Ctee of the IAOS & would not join it himself!
	21 Aug, Wed	Still unwell & useless. An interesting New Zealander named Hiland called.
	22 Aug, Thu	Awful weather. Most depressing. Did a little work at I.A.O.S.
	23 Aug, Fri	Reggie came. He is a very fine man as he promised to be. I think he will do well with his life. Last year in July he proposed to Mamie who refused him. It seems to make no difference to him. I think he was not desperately in love.
	24 Aug, Sat	A nasty attack of vertigo. Had to stay quiet all day. Daisy & her Glebe tenants the Goolds, Oliver & Mamie lunched & went to Leopardstown Races. R Hart Synnot & his wife came for the week end and Rev. W R Roberts of T.C.D., Jr fellow, Mathematics dined.
<i>Fr Hythe, Viscount (T.A. Brassey)</i>	25 Aug, Sun	A quiet day. Reggie left.
	26 Aug, Mon	Still not well. Have lost 4 lbs. the last few days.  Coventry, Tom & May, Alice & Rowley came for the Horse Show.
To Oliver, F.S.	27 Aug, Tue	Urban Broughton and Ralph Stuart Wortley arrived & completed my Horse Show party.
To Hythe, Viscount (T.A. Brassey)	28 Aug, Wed	Horse Show. The Aberdeens had a most chilly reception. Did not see many friends because I wanted to keep away from the Vice Regal folk whose jobbery I may have to attack.
	29 Aug, Thu	More Horse Show. Finished an introd[uctio]n to Bullock’s Thomas Andrews Shipbuilder. Coventry left. Eddie came for the night.
	30 Aug, Fri	A day of giddiness. Finished an introduction to Bullock’s little Book on Thomas Andrews.

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	31 Aug, Sat	All left except Alice & Mary came.
<i>Fr Wells, Catherine</i>	Sep – date uncertain	
	1 Sep, Sun	A Mr Landers brought his wife, two daughters & boy to lunch. They are the --suses of Anderson's sons in the Argentine & so there was a purpose in the liaison. Eddie dined on his way to sleep on the mail boat, an 8 o'clock start being too early.
	2 Sep, Mon	½ day at Plunkett House & drove Mary to call on the MacDonnells. Every day I go & sit a while with poor Gibbons who is dying of cancer in the head, a most awful end for the dear brave man & heart rending to his friends.
	3 Sep, Tue	The Irish Times came out with a splendid article on "The Vice Regal Régime", accusing the Aberdeens of Jobbery & favouritism, of assembling sycophants & flatterers around them & with monstrous interference with the government of the country.  Milne Barbour dined & slept.  A very busy day at Plunkett House. Miss Schiller came to sleep & vet me. She finds me better but bowels still very 'stringy' & nutrition consequently poor.
	4 Sep, Wed	A fit of vertigo at breakfast. The Erskine Childers came later in the day & I was well enough to enjoy his talk.
<i>Fr Curtis, Lionel</i>	5 Sep, Thu	Had to preside at a meeting of the Proportional Representation Society and to dine with Iveagh. The combination upset me.
	6 Sep, Fri	Another attack of vertigo which kept me in bed most of the day. The Hannays came at night. Æ & Healy joined & we had a conference on the Aberdeen situation.
To Curtis, Lionel <i>Fr Jones-Davies, H. Fr Smith-Gordon, Lionel (date uncertain)</i>	7 Sep, Sat	An aeroplane race from Leopardstown to Belfast & back billed for today. Of course I had a big party for it but the event was a very partial success. The news came that the weather in B'fst was foggy & the Morne Mountains were enveloped in mist.  The Sidney Balls from [St.] John's, Oxford & Goo[l]d, Fingall's tenant at the Glebe came.
	8 Sep, Sun	Katherine Tynan & her not as interesting husband came to lunch. A Barry of Ballyellis near Doneraile called to talk over I.A.O.S. work &c in his district – a promising young man.
	9 Sep, Mon	Goold left. I walked him up the Three Rock Mountain & tried to put an altruistic philosophy before him with an Irish object!  A young Oxonian, President of the Union, Smith Gordon came to dine & sleep. He is interested in Ireland & is the kind of man we are looking for – that is the older workers.  My daily visit to Gibbons gets more & more sad.
To Jones-Davies, H.	10 Sep, Tue	45° in the shade! Mary & the Sidney Balls left. I wasted the day at the CDB chiefly.
To McCarthy, Charles	11 Sep, Wed	To Lurgan to open an agric'l Show. There was an excellent attendance & I spoke I think rather well. Then to Harold Barbour's to meet Tom Andrews & his son John & discuss the proof of the little book. Two and a half hours at this. Then back to

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		Lurgan (19 miles off) to give prizes at Technical School – another speech. Much too much & quite tired out.
[Letter to Lord Mayor of Dublin re meat trade in <i>IH</i> , XIX:38, pp. 768-70]	12 Sep, Thu	Vertigo in morning & had to stay till the second train. Met by Bonn at station in Dublin. Lunched at Club, wrote necessary letters, on to Kilteragh where Erskine Childers & wife came for a couple of days. Interesting little party.
<i>Fr Collings, Jesse</i> <i>Fr Jones-Davies, H.</i>	13 Sep, Fri	Day spoilt by amazing folly of Development Commissioners. The Freeman's Journal came out with the list of 20 persons they had asked to serve on the C'tee of the I.A.O.S. 18 of them were sworn enemies of the Movement who had voted on the Council of Ag against us. One had headed a deputation to the Development Comm[issione]rs against the grant and one did not vote against us (or for[]) us on the Council as he was Chairman of a Coop Society! Wrote Hall & Vaughan Nash.
To Wolff, Henry W.	14 Sep, Sat	The Childers left. He is driest philosophic in his radicalism, she is awfully tiring in her enthusiastic reverence of him & her determination to elicit every fact & thought which one may have of possible use to him.  Healy came to dine & sleep.
	15 Sep, Sun	Golfed at Kingstown with Healy, Anderson & another in the morning & had Æ for lunch & the afternoon. Daisy came at night after leaving her two boys at the Mail boat.
To Collings, Jesse [Ld. Mayor – Lorcan Sherlock]	16 Sep, Mon	Rose early & wrote a long letter to the Lord Mayor of Dublin on the dead meat trade.  Cissie came to Kilteragh. Lady Arnott & Fa Conyngham came out to talk over the state of the country!  Thomas Esmonde (Mr. not Sir) came to dine & sleep.
	17 Sep, Tue	Vaughan Nash came to the Plunkett House & to Kilteragh & we had a good talk over the I.A.O.S.–Dev[elopment] Com'n situation.  T.W. Russell had a special meeting of the Council of Agriculture to discuss the cattle disease situation. He made a ridiculous attack on the Development Com'n for trying to help the I.A.O.S. which will do him harm & us good.  Daisy left. Hanson came.
To Ponsonby, Thomas	18 Sep, Wed	I.A.O.S. &c. Christopher La Touche & Godfrey Locker Lampson M.P. came.
To Collings, Jesse	19 Sep, Thu	Locker Lampson left. An idle rather sick day.
<i>Fr Collings, Jesse</i>	20 Sep, Fri	Wrote endless letters chiefly for the I.A.O.S. Not feeling well.
[CDB bought a McCartie estate in Kerry]	21 Sep, Sat	Sent car to Mallow & went by train with Bonn. Motored to Killarney. Met en route by appointment AH McLean the very efficient CDB officer who showed us some of his migration work on the ?Macartney estate & told us a lot of interesting things about the rural economy of Kerry. Got a wire forwarded from Foxrock from Lansdowne who had only just got my letter of 18th offering to visit him as he had asked me in London in July. Wired

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		accepting. A fit of vertigo at Mallow.
<i>Fr Haultain, Arnold</i>	22 Sep, Sun	<p>Spent most of the day at Derreen with Ld. Lansdowne. It is the most beautiful spot in Ireland to my thinking. Ld. L. has made the most of the scenery &amp; the soft climate which gives him great opportunities for gardening. The flora seem subtropical. I wish I were a gardener. The effect is glorious. For our conversation see opp[osite]. Had tea with Henry Maxwell at Kenmare.</p> <p>Conversations with Ld. Lansdowne. He did too little of the talking. He is the quintessence of caution. He prefers listening. But I gathered that he thought the government would <u>not</u> survive the two years necessary to Pass the Home Rule Bill. He thought it “quite on the cards” that they would break down this session as the actual Bill was so hopelessly indefensible. I ventured to prophesy that the gov’t would go through with their contract with Redmond. They would not go to the country till they had passed through the unpopularity of the Insurance Act, widened the franchise &amp; abolished the plural voter &amp; got the first fruits – the justific[atio]n – of the Parliament Act, Home Rule. Ld. L. agreed that this would be a strong inducement to stay on but the awful mess the Unionists would be in with a small majority might tempt them to go to the country.</p> <p>Ld. L. told me the story of the Hay Pauncefote treaty which he negotiated. It shows the U.S. to have behaved absolutely dishonourably in their Panama business.</p>
	23 Sep, Mon	<p>Motored with McLean all round the Dingle Peninsula. There are some very bad congest villages but not as bad as the Connemara ones. The people have a good deal of stock, the quality of which is excellent. Territory is short. I become more &amp; more convinced that the Board is fooling with the problem – or rather they are fooling when they pretend they are solving it. They are doing little beyond striping &amp; giving money for houses. But they teach neither better farming, better business nor better living. Saw mackerel curing at Dingle. Slept at Tralee.</p>
[See 21 Sep 1890]	24 Sep, Tue	<p>From Tralee to Listowel seeing a C.D.B. drainage scheme in operation &amp; another in contemplation, both important. At Listowel lunched at the Hotel where the old waiter reminded me that the last time I was there Mulhallen Marum dropped dead in the chapel just before a meeting we were to hold 20 years &amp; more ago. How I remember that ghastly day!</p> <p>Saw Ardfert, Brosna, Ballyclemesig &amp; Rattoo creameries, the Collis Sandes estate &amp; put up with Monteagle for the night.</p> <p>Got a letter from Sinclair imploring me not to go over to the Nationalists. Wrote him as I had to Andrews that I would not take any political plunge (on the Irish Question) without letting him know &amp; consulting him. I feel increasingly uncomfortable not having the courage of my convictions. But my position is extraordinarily difficult. The strongest Nationalists in the I.A.O.S. want me to leave politics alone.</p>
	25 Sep, Wed	<p>Motored to Kilteragh stopping at Roscrea to examine the Bacon Factory &amp; at the Plunkett House to write some letters. Distance 151 miles 6½ hours on the road. Bonn left for Belfast to ‘do’ Ulster Day.</p> <p>Bonn is very interesting about the economics of the C.D.B. He regards the whole business as a scandalous robbing of the British</p>

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		taxpayer. There is no doubt the Wyndham terms were all that and this will come to be seen. The Birrell terms (which have stopped land purchase) are about 4½ years purchase worse for the landlord – chiefly owing to his having to take depreciated stock instead of cash. So purchase is stopped – but purchase must go on if the country is not to have a terrible land agitation.
To Harris, J. Nugent To Rolleston, T.W.	26 Sep, Thu	Meeting of C.D.B. for Birrell's convenience. Shaftesbury came over for day & came back with me to Kilteragh. Had an interesting talk on the Irish situation. He agrees with me as to the selfishness of those 4 Ulster counties and generally as to the situation in England. He told me that the King had seen the Irish Times article on Lady Aberdeen's jobbery.
	27 Sep, Fri	A talk with Birrell. He thinks the Home Rule Bill is dead, that the Gov't will not live long enough to force it through under the Parliament Act. He expressed disapproval of the Aberdeen jobs but did not explain why he permitted them. The Land Question he admits must be solved & he is doing his best to get the Cabinet to give more millions.  Dead meat industry committee meeting.
To Kellogg, Dr. J.H. To Oliver, F.S. To Pinchot, Gifford	28 Sep, Sat	The Erskine Childers', Hanson, Healy, Fingall, Daisy & Hetty, the last two en route for Belgium where Hetty's educ'n is to be rounded off! – came for night or week end. Much interesting talk on the Ulster situation. I still feel it cannot be handled now because it is unreasoning & can be later because it is unreasonable.
	29 Sep, Sun	Mrs. JR Green, Goldman M.P. & wife were among the callers. They had been in Belfast (Mrs. JRG in Portadown I believe) & were evidently deeply impressed, Goldman being Unionist with the splendid help it would all be in smashing Home Rule, & poor Mrs. Green with the sorry smashing of her Irish hopes.  I had a nasty vertigo in the morning.
	30 Sep, Mon	S. Armitage Smith arrived. Childers' & Hanson left. His Royal Highness Raj Rana Bhawani Singh Bahadur of Jhalawar, Rajputana! called at the Plunkett House. He wanted to learn about our work. I told him what I knew, introduced him to Æ & took him to tea at Kilteragh. He was very intelligent & so was his [ends]
	1 Oct, Tue	Bonn came back from Belfast & told us the full story of which I give some opposite [page]. Maurice Headlam also came. Took Armitage Smith over to Glendalough House to see the Erskine Childers chiefly & Robert Barton.  Bonn's study of the Ulster situation convinces him that there is absolutely no room for reasoning at present. Nor does he think they will ever yield. The religious bigotry is not all – the Ulsterman looks down on the rest of his adopted country as semi civilised. Lying lazy dirty idolatrous treacherous childish & so forth. He seems to see no way out of the present difficulty. He would push through with the Bill & then leave it to Redmond to say what he proposed to do! Sinclair, Bonn thinks, is the brain of the whole movement. He (Bonn) was very disappointing in one way. I had hoped that he would have got the leaders to say what

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		they would do after the[y] defeated the Bill. They absolutely refuse to look ahead.
To Childers, Erskine <i>Fr Haultain, Arnold</i>	2 Oct, Wed	I.A.O.S. work. Proportional Representation meeting &c.
To Gallagher, Patrick	3 Oct, Thu	Worked at I.A.O.S. rather too hard & had bad vertigo at night. Armitage Smith left.  The little Thomas Andrews book came out & was well received in Belfast.
	4 Oct, Fri	Unable to do any work. Bonn left.
	5 Oct, Sat	A sick day fighting against vertigo. McPeake Ed[ito]r of Ev[en]g Mail (whom Hearst has hired to fight Northcliffe in English journalism, it is thought) came with Healy to dine & sleep. McP was of humble origin but also of Ulster (in the new sense) with all its push & go. He was very interesting.
	6 Oct, Sun	Glorious weather & I felt much better. It is quite clear that I cannot overstrain myself without immediate vertigo. I fear my usefulness is largely curtailed.
<i>Fr Wolff, Henry W.</i>	7 Oct, Mon	Monteagle, Mary Spring Rice, Hanson & Willie Plunket came.
	8 Oct, Tue	C.D.B. poor attendance, dreary proceedings. I.A.O.S. work. I begin to see that Anderson is a tired & stale man & that the office administration needs to be overhauled.  Monteagle left. Harold Barbour came.
	9 Oct, Wed	Daisy arrived early for a U.I. meeting. George Wyndham passed through Dublin on his way to hold a Unionist meeting in Limerick! He looked in at the Plunkett House & I lent him my car to run through the Phoenix Park. His thoughts I can imagine. Poor fellow, what a splendid chance he threw away.
<i>Fr Gallagher, Patrick</i>	10 Oct, Thu	Satisfactory meeting of Committee of I.A.O.S. They are a fine body of men. Their behaviour in face of the monstrous injustice of the withholding of the Development Grant (not yet paid!) was very fine. No attempt to make political capital on the Unionist side & respect for them by the Nationalist majority on that account. Mary Spring Rice & Barbour left.
	11 Oct, Fri	Spent the day in bed & drank water. Daisy chattered to me & made the day pass easily. It was Bertrand Dawson's prescription – only he advised one day a week in bed. I have taken 2 days in 4 months!
	12 Oct, Sat	Went to Howth Castle for lunch after ½ day at Plunkett House. The Gaisford St. Lawrences have got Lutyens to make the old barrack of a castle quite liveable without spoiling its character.  Consulted Dr. Gogarty about my vertigo. He seemed clever & may help.
	13 Oct, Sun	Dr. Gogarty & his wife lunched. They are both nice & he is brilliantly witty. Saw Robinson who told me more of Lady Aberdeen's meddling with the local government business.
[Letter to Strabane District Conference in <i>IH</i> , XIX:42 (19 Oct 1912), p. 853]	14 Oct, Mon	Meat Trade Committee at I.A.O.S. Sent car to Omagh & went by train. Met Anderson, Barbour & Adams (organiser) at the Hotel. Had a cooperative pow-wow. I came for a couple of conferences.



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[Report of address to Enniskillen District Conference in <i>IH</i> , XIX:42 (19 Oct 1912), p. 853-4]	15 Oct, Tue	<p>Motored to Enniskillen &amp; held a conference of cooperative farmers in Court House. Some 70 delegates from societies present &amp; a very useful discussion. I spoke for an hour, very tiring. Barbour, Adams (organiser) &amp; Anderson with me. J. Porter Porter in the chair.</p> <p>Then back to Omagh where Anderson &amp; Adams stayed &amp; Barbour &amp; I went on to Baronscourt. Duke [of Abercorn] (very near his end I fear) Duchess &amp; Lady Alexandra Hamilton living very quietly.</p>
[Report of address to Omagh District Conference in <i>IH</i> , XIX:43 (26 Oct 1912), pp. 874-5]	16 Oct, Wed	<p>Cooperative conference at Omagh. Good business talk to small meeting. Unionist Clubs were demonstrating, a rival attraction which took away most cooperators. Business even in Ulster subordinated to politics. There were Cavalry with s--- lances and the Clubs excellently drilled. I am told that they are expert at the miniature rifle ranges. They surely mean business.</p> <p>I went back to Baronscourt, Barbour &amp; Anderson went to their respective houses.</p>
	17 Oct, Thu	<p>The old Duke (he told me he was 74 &amp; he is fatally ill) insisted on motoring me to see the Spamount woollen mills of which he is chairman. Quite a good little factory in an altogether rural part of Co Derry. Then I left for Derry where I put up with a terrible bounder (with a delightful wife &amp; daughter) Marshall Tillie, largest employer etc. He had a large dinner party of locals to meet me at 6 P.M. I had to be the chief speaker at the Guild hall at an All Ireland Industrial Conf[eren]ce public meeting. Larkin presided. Lady Aberdeen turned up &amp; spoke. I did fairly well.</p>
	18 Oct, Fri	<p>Up early &amp; inspected Tillie's factory. The girls in it looked bright &amp; happy. The atmosphere was altogether healthy &amp; I began to forgive Tillie his awful manners. Saw also Tech School &amp; then left for Kilteragh by motor. En route lunched at Glaslough with the J Leslies'. Moreton Frewens were there &amp; we were very distant. Tea'd at Slane where the Marquis [of Conyngham] was in solitary grandeur. Glad to get back. Daisy &amp; Anderson came to Kilteragh.</p>
[In 1913, Jack White, with Connolly and Larkin would organise the Irish Citizen Army]	19 Oct, Sat	<p>Sir George White's son &amp; heir came to see me. He is a fine young soldier who wants to do his duty as a citizen. He has read Noblesse Oblige &amp; Æ's Cooperation &amp; Nationality. He will I think join the IAOS &amp; cooperate with Harold Barbour in the North.</p> <p>Big arrears of correspondence. Glad to be home again after my Ulster trip which tired me a bit.</p>
	20 Oct, Sun	<p>Capt. J. White &amp; Philip Barry (of Ballyellis, Buttevant) an Ulster &amp; Munster recruit to Plunkettism spent the day. Æ, Fr. F[inlay] &amp; the Starkies lunched.</p>
	21 Oct, Mon	<p>A busy day at IAOS before leaving for a week or 10 days in London where I hope to get the Development Grant scandal put an end to. The appeal of the "Moderates" – Dunraven, Hutcheson Poe, Fingall, Everard et al came out without MacDonnell's signature. The idea is a Conference of all parties to settle the Irish Question. I suspect MacDonnell withdrew because his cut &amp; dried scheme for amending the Home Rule Bill was rejected by the others.</p>

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<i>(Fr Roscrea Bacon Factory (Spain, C.J.) to Anderson, R.A.)</i>	22 Oct, Tue	Meeting of Pelton Steamship Company. Then a conference with Development Commissioners Nash & Hall & Sec (Dale) & Asst Sec Ld. Basil Blackwood. The position is that so far as the Dev[elopment] Com[missione]rs know there is no opposition in high quarters to the grant – only delay in getting the formalities complied with.  Sydney Brooks told me his wife is deplorably if not fatally ill.
To Roosevelt, Theodore (To Roscrea Bacon Factory (Spain, C.J.) fr Anderson, R.A.) (To Barbour, Harold, fr Anderson, R.A.; ROSC.4) <i>Fr Anderson, R.A. (ROSC.3/1)</i>	23 Oct, Wed	Another conference with Hall & Nash after a talk with Birrell over the Development Grant the chief business of the day. Had also a good talk with Bullock at lunch & with old Chaplin & Barrymore at Dinner.
(To Anderson, R.A. fr Barbour, Harold; ROSC.5)	24 Oct, Thu	Bowes Board. Lunched with a ?Mr. Liddell, 1 Chester Square to meet Col. Seeley [ <i>sic</i> ] Sec of State for War. Had a good talk over the Ulster situation & over Pilkington's scheme. S. struck me as a very fine specimen of the British soldier politician. I don't think he is intellectually brilliant, but such men rise in democracies by their character which is better.  Had a talk with Childers & then dined with the Courtneys where I met Frank Acland, Under Secretary for Foreign affairs. Had tea with Wolff & talked Cooperation. A varied busy day & I was very unwell & had great difficulty in getting through it.
To Anderson, R.A. (ROSC.6/1) To Roscrea Bacon Factory (Spain, C.J.)	25 Oct, Fri	Meeting of Land Settlement for Soldiers Assoc'n. Went off the Managing C'tee & subscribed £50. To Rye with Hall & Sydney Brooks for a week end golf.
	26 Oct, Sat	Played golf in morning & called on Henry James in afternoon. Poor fellow he was in bed with "shingles" very depressed & miserable.
	27 Oct, Sun	Morning's golf. Then back to London. Dined with JG Butcher & met the Protheros by arrangement. "J.G." is as bigoted as ever – I think more so.
	28 Oct, Mon	The day all taken up with a Proportional Rep[resentatio]n Assoc'n Deputation from Dublin which I had to meet in the morning, introduce to a gathering of M.P.s at the House in the afternoon and dine with at the House in the evening. I did fairly only.  At the Carlton met Dudley, looking depressed & dissolute. I believe his wife can no longer endure him & is going to cast him off. He asked me to lunch to talk the Irish Question.
	29 Oct, Tue	Lunched with Lionel Curtis & met Dr. Jameson, Waldorf Astor M.P., John Stevenson of Winnipeg & several others whose names I did not catch. Lionel Curtis impressed me immensely & so did Stevenson who is doing my work among Canadian farmers. Dined with Harold Cox.
	30 Oct, Wed	A meeting of the Berthon Boat Company. The resourceful manager explained that in spite of our boats having been knocked out by the Board of Trade panic regulations arising out of the Titanic disaster he was going to do even better with a new form of

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		boat which these regulations will permit.  Went by afternoon train to Oxford & stayed with Adams. Called on Dicey & had a pleasant chat on the Home Rule Bill.
	31 Oct, Thu	A walk with Adams. Then called on the Balls, lunched at Balliol with A L Smith & others, had an hour's talk with Goudy at All Souls upon Home Rule which he had just repudiated in the Times as 'a life long Liberal'. Back to town & dined with Filson Young who is working hard.
	1 Nov, Fri	Day opened with a call from Major P. Cox, Daisy's friend who is in financial difficulty. I am going to guarantee a loan he is raising of £1500 if 3 other solvent persons will each shoulder ¼th. Then came Ld. Grey who talked interestingly for an hour. Then I called on Arthur Balfour, lunched 'Pacificus', visited Emily Lawless who had come to town to see me. Called on Lord Channing, a most feeble person, but a friend of my work, had a ½ hour with the Lansdowne's, a call from Geoffrey Robinson Ed[itio]r of Times. I dined with Childers, S Brooks & Reggie at Club.  Arthur Balfour was as pessimistic as ever. I asked him whether he thought this Gov't was getting shaky as I didn't. He admitted he had no proof of its difficulties but said it was like a patient whom the d[octo]rs say may live for 10 years or die any moment! I spoke very strongly about my views upon the Irish Question, my conviction that Ulster was wrong though she would fight none the less. I asked him whether he really believed Home Rule could be prevented even if this bill (which I detest) failed. The most interesting thing said was that he utterly distrusted the governing qualities of the Irish or indeed their <u>doing</u> capacity. Clever voluble ineffective, not trustworthy in business & so forth. He gave instances of the latter failing which had been brought to him by big business men who had had to keep out of Ireland.  With Lansdowne I discussed the House of Lords' treatment of the Home Rule Bill. He agreed with me that they ought to read it a second time & tear it to pieces in Committee. But he says a majority would object to this inconsistency with their past commitments and that the Lords were no good in committee. This I said astonished me as they did excellent work 'up stairs'. "Yes, picked men" he replied.
<i>Fr Roosevelt, Theodore</i>	2 Nov, Sat	Up early and wrote a letter to the Times on Proportional Representation before leaving for the day mail to Ireland. Saw Pilkington at Holyhead.
	3 Nov, Sun	Rested.
["Proportional Representation and Home Rule" (letter), <i>The Times</i> , 4 Nov, p. 8; letter notes that Plunkett is 'Pres., Proportional Representation Society of Ireland'] [ <i>sine qua non</i> – indispensable requirement]	4 Nov, Mon	A meeting of organisers at the Plunkett House consumed most of the day. I also dealt with a big arrears of correspondence. Capt. White (Sir Geo[rge] White's nice impecunious heir) came to dine & sleep. He seems a dreamy ex soldier. He married a R.C. (in a Registry office because he would not allow "dogma to triumph over love"! & is childless, "in consequence" the RCs will say) and is going to settle down in the ancestral estates in the Glen of Antrim. I fancy he has no money. He wants to work with us but opines that a purification of Catholicism is the <i>sine qua non</i> of all Irish progress.

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[Letter to R.A. Atkins in <i>IH</i> , XIX:45 (9 Nov 1912), p. 908]	5 Nov, Tue	Capt. White left & Mrs. Jack Leslie came. She told me all about her eldest boy's renunciation of his heritage, his marriage to Mrs. Bourke Cockran's sister (which seems to have been a real love match, however unsuitable) his searchings for himself & his hopes of finding it. It is a strange story. The boy is gifted undoubtedly but awfully unbalanced. Office & Finance Committees of IAOS most of the day.
	6 Nov, Wed	Worked at I.A.O.S. Col. Wood, R.A.A.'s cousin dined & slept.
	7 Nov, Thu	Wrote a rather angry letter to Runciman about the Development Grant.  John Stevenson of Winnipeg, formerly of Scotland & Oxford, inquirer into agric'l coop'n which he is promoting among the Canadians wheat growers came for a few days.
	8 Nov, Fri	Sinclair & Andrews came to dine & sleep and convert me to their Ulster policy. Æ tore them to pieces, left poor Andrews silenced in all except the dreary reiteration of "We won't have it" & Sinclair evidently impressed. It was most interesting & I now know much better where we stand – I mean we moderates.  Sinclair & Andrews' visit gave me first hand the real Ulster position. In our debate we did not of course shake their firm resolve but we drove them from one fort. We simply pulverised the "Home Rule means Rome Rule" absurdity. They fell back on the material prosperity argument with its great half truth that this is due to their superior qualities & that these have play under industrial England & would lose their chance altogether under R.C. agricultural Ireland.
	9 Nov, Sat	The debate betw'n the Ulsterites & us Southern & Western Irish continued at breakfast & I think we held our own. Sinclair & Andrews returned to their new Ulster wiser & not I think much sadder men. Daisy, the Hannays & Shaftesbury came. Very interesting times these. Oh for health & strength. I really could help if I could stand the work.
	10 Nov, Sun	Ld. Grey arrived, Mahaffy lunched & the Robinsons dined. A perfect Kilteragh Sunday & I think they all enjoyed themselves. I felt better & did not even mind the awful weather we had. Grey is a nice fellow – all generous enthusiasm, of course more than average intelligence but, I feel, rather a loose thinker. Æ was still brilliant.
	11 Nov, Mon	Spent the day showing Grey round the Plunkett House people. Had a meeting of the Proportional Repres[entatio]n Ctee. He left at night & Daisy went home.  The Government were beaten by 22 on an important clause of the Home Rule Bill. I don't know what the result will be but it looks like trouble for them.
[Letter to agricultural societies in <i>IH</i> , XIX:46 (16 Dec 1912), p. 927]	12 Nov, Tue	Most of the day at Congested Districts Board with Shaftesbury who left at night.
	13 Nov, Wed	Another annoying giddy fit. But I am better than I was. I tried to do more work than I had strength for.
	14 Nov, Thu	Not at all well – a temperature, aching all over & depressed. But got through a good bit of work upon my difficult IAOS speech for Tuesday next. I learned from Hall that the chances are against our

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		knowing anything about the grant by then! Pilkington came for a couple of nights. His Land Settlement for Soldiers scheme seems likely to go.
	15 Nov, Fri	A day of poor health & hard work. Hannay left, his wife stayed.
	16 Nov, Sat	Fingall & PJ O'Farrell, a Canadian-Irish friend of his & Callan came for the week end. Æ dined & I worked at my speech for Tuesday.
	17 Nov, Sun	Had a typist out & worked at IAOS speech.
	18 Nov, Mon	Lionel Curtis, Sir James Wilson, HW Wolff, Maurice Headlam, Daisy & Mamie came for tomorrow's meeting. Fingall & O'Farrell & Mrs. Hannay left.  Lionel Curtis made the same impression on us all as he does wherever he talks. He is the finest Imperialist I have ever met.
[egg flip = eggnog]	19 Nov, Tue	A day to be remembered. After a sleepless night I rose before there was a glimmer of light & finished off the long speech – it could not be finished before as I did not know whether we were to have the grant – & with the help of an egg flip delivered it to the best meeting of farmers & others I ever addressed. The room at the Ancient [ <i>sic</i> ] Concert Rooms usually ample was crowded to utmost capacity – 1/3 of the audience standing. True to the traditions of the I.A.O.S. the fury of the farmer at his treatment by the trader bossed politicians was kept under so that no man might say the society was tainted by partisanship. I never had such a genuine & generous – too generous – appreciation of my life's work for Ireland. Sick & worn in body I was greatly pleased in spirit & felt really elated – not, I hope, puffed up. The discussion was excellent and made a great impression on Shaftesbury. Lionel Curtis, Sir James Wilson &, I think, Maurice Headlam in our party. Wolff & Fr. Finlay did the Credit part of the debate excellently.
<i>Fr Collings, Jesse</i>	20 Nov, Wed	Horribly tired. All guests left. During day the United Irishwomen met. They asked me to talk. I preferred to listen. They talked good sense & will I think work out their programme in time.
To Collings, Jesse [Rosse died in 1918, age 44, in WWI]	21 Nov, Thu	Professor Campbell & Ld. Rosse came for a dine & sleep. R. is one of the young Irish aristocrats who ought to have (and take) a place in the society government of Home Rule Ireland. He is a bit "sticky" (as we used to say of a cautious hunter) like his father. But he is a good type of educated gentleman.
	22 Nov, Fri	Rosse stayed on to participate in a pow-wow of IAOS inner circle – RAA, Æ, H[arry].F.N[orman], H Barbour, Stopford & self. Interesting.
[B. Tollemache died in 1915 with the Coldstream Guards.]	23 Nov, Sat	Finished up at Plunkett House. 'Fa' Conyngham invited herself, 2 daughters, a maid & chauffeur and a London business friend to Kilteragh on top of my packing for America! I had to get Daisy to house-keep for them. Fr. Finlay, Æ & Healy dined & had final talks.  The London friend was one Bevil Tollemache an astoundingly mature youth of 23 who has a scheme for colonising farm lands all over the Empire which he wants me to join. I would if I were younger. He is a business genius.

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	24 Nov, Sun	With the help of Anderson & Daisy I packed off the weekenders & packed up my effects for America. I left by night mail having said a very said, I fear a last, goodbye to Gibbons, unless I am to see him lingering in pain with no hope a while after my return in Jan. or Feb.
	25 Nov, Mon	Arrived rather the worse for the journey – and crossing. The Development Commissioners now tell me that Lloyd George will decide the question of the grant & not the Cabinet. Hall & Nash want me to see him but he goes to Scotland on Wed[nesday] & cannot see me today or tomorrow! So Fr. Finlay is to see him later. What a farce! Lunched a JW Barrett of Melbourne, a public spirited man introduced to me by Lionel Curtis. Went to see Eddie's play <i>The Golden Doom</i> very well acted at Haymarket. It is well written too.
<i>Fr Wolff, Henry W.</i> [“Agriculture and Politics in Ireland”, <i>The Spectator</i> , 30 Nov, p. 898	26 Nov, Tue	The second of my three last days taken up chiefly in writing a letter to the Spectator & lunching Hall, Nash & S Brooks, all on the Grant question. Dined with FS Oliver & met an interesting party including the Waldorf Astors.
	27 Nov, Wed	<p>A busy but interesting day. Anderson arrived to help me. Meeting of Pilkington's Land Settlement for Soldiers assoc'n at which I think I was useful. Then interview with Vaughan Nash. Lunch with S. Brooks. Long interview with Arthur Balfour who was almost affectionate. After ¾ hour talk at his house I walked to The House with him. (See opp[osite] for talk.) Then packing, writing &amp; finally dined with the “Round Table” group Philip Kerr, Grigg of Times, Hawksley (solicitor Eighty Club enthusiast, negotiator betw'n Parnellites &amp; anti Parnellites over Paris Funds dispute of more than 20 years ago) &amp; another whose name I did not catch. Most interesting. I gave freely my views of Home Rule.</p> <p>Arthur Balfour talked a good deal of the European situation. He did not see how Russia could want war as it would take her at least a year to organise her army for action. He is not an alarmist.</p> <p>On domestic politics he was less pessimistic than he was last summer. He admitted the folly of Lansdowne &amp; B[onar]. Law committing themselves to food taxes &amp; dropping his referendum. But he says the slip is not irrevocable.</p> <p>We then talked medicine &amp; I told him about Battle Creek. He was immensely interested &amp; I determined to send him the prospectus of the place. I wrote him a long letter on Kellogg's rational therapeutics &amp; hope he will turn his mind to the lengthening of his valuable life.</p> <p>My impression of Arthur Balfour is that he has the most marvellous instrument in his intellect which he likes to play – so to speak, to life – a sort of Orpheus. But I fail to detect any great purpose, any desire to get some great work done for his generation which would come easy to him. He looks on, a brilliant critic and of course taking a big part when an actual crisis comes to him to deal with. But must he not sometimes ask himself what account can I give of the stewardship of such a mind?</p>
To Grey, 4th Earl [Letter to Fr. Finlay re	28 Nov, Thu	Up early & must have written 30 letters between breakfast & bed. Anderson came to Liverpool with me & helped me to get through the work. I sent AJ Balfour my Battle Creek prospectus. Went on

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Development Grant in <i>IH</i> , XIX:52 (28 Dec 1912), pp. 1073-4]		board the Cedric & found Carrick, two business friends & John Stevenson who had been sleeping at Kilteragh.
	29 Nov, Fri	Very depressed. Left Queenstown 10 AM with a cold following E wind & rain to noon.  28
<i>Fr Sturgis, Thomas</i>	30 Nov, Sat	384.
	1 Dec, Sun	284, after stormy night.
	2 Dec, Mon	332
	3 Dec, Tue	348
	4 Dec, Wed	341
	5 Dec, Thu	374
	6 Dec, Fri	412. 318 to Sandy Hook. Course 2821.
	7 Dec, Sat	Got to Godkin's (he met me at the Dock) for lunch. The James Byrnes dined with us. So I began to get in touch with my other life. A pile of letters mostly asking me to address meetings. One from the State Department sending me Taft's invitation to be present at conference of governors of States on agricultural credit! This is really an indication of the consequence of agric'l coop'n into practical politics – my doing to some extent perhaps.
	8 Dec, Sun	Called on John Quinn one of the best Irishmen here. He has his flat crammed with pictures, the best Hones & AEs among them & he showed me some wonderful Chinese pictures 1000 years old, the most marvellously preserved coloring I have ever seen. They were on silk. The drawing was devoid of the grotesque.  Had tea & talk with Frissell at the Century Club and dined with the John Milburns.
	9 Dec, Mon	Meeting of Wyo Dev Co at which RD Carey presided. Sales going slow but prospect fair.  Madame Grovitch, Virginian wife of Servian Minister in London dined. A very interesting woman but got little information of an impartial character.
	10 Dec, Tue	An almost wasted day talking to people who professed an interest in rural progress but had no facts. RD Carey & wife dined at Godkin's.
	11 Dec, Wed	Had talk with officers of Municipal Research Bureau, financed largely by Mrs. E Harriman. The Director Wm. H. Allen seemed to me to be rather a journalistic sort of person & all the work a bit in that line. Business down town & dined with the Byrnes.
	12 Dec, Thu	Business with Bosler & R D Carey. Had a flutter on the stock exchange buying 400 Anacondas (copper mine) at 38 $\frac{7}{8}$ on Ralph Stuart Wortley's advice. Left for Chicago & Omaha by 5PM P[ennsylvania].R.R. train.
	13 Dec, Fri	Four hours in Chicago, for the rest on super-heated Pullmans.
	14 Dec, Sat	Found my Omaha affairs in as good shape as my Wyoming are in bad – a clear £5000 profit for the year which will I fear be more

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		than eaten up by the loss on the Diamond Co, if not on the Wyo Dev Co. However, the way I arrange my business, I deserve an all round loss. My profit sharing arrangement with Conrad Young is working very well. I am thinking of extending it to Selwyn Doherty who might grow into an understudy to C.Y.
	15 Dec, Sun	A quiet day of letter writing reading & thinking.
	16 Dec, Mon	A big farmers convention on & I had to agree to address them tomorrow. Plunkettism is in the ascendant out here. If I had the necessary strength I could make a great change in the rural economy of the U.S. with far less labour than a small change in that of Ireland has cost me.  I dealt very liberally with Selwyn Doherty, Conrad Young's understudy & with T.C. Cannon my auditor. Gave the former a 2½% com'n on my profits (C.Y. has 10%) & the latter \$600.00 for services this year & \$500 a year in future.
	17 Dec, Tue	Worked much too hard at a speech to a convention of Nebraska farmers. Preached the Better farming, better business, better living programme to a body of men who were the laziest farmers, the most selfish business men and the most unsocial. But they were thoroughly representative & were the leaders of the rural communities from which they came. I may have done good.
	18 Dec, Wed	Finished up some business with Conrad Young & left for the Laramie Plains & Cheyenne.
[Peirce]	19 Dec, Thu	Arrived at Rock River shortly after sunrise & was met by my old friend Johnny Pierce [ <i>sic</i> ]. We drove first & then motored over the Diamond Cattle Co lands & I got to understand Bosler's irrigation work, which is very good & his general land policy which is defective.  I suffered a bit from the cold. The thermometer registered 26° which is not cold for the place & time of year. But it blew a gale. Got back to Cheyenne after midnight & put up with the Careys.
<i>Fr Hythe, Viscount</i> ( <i>T.A. Brassey</i> ) [Peirce]	20 Dec, Fri	The chilling of yesterday kept my feet cold all night & I hardly slept. But got a good deal of business done with Johnny Pierce [ <i>sic</i> ]. Agreed with him as to the policy of the company. We have either to continue as a Land & Cattle Co or to get out of the cattle & bank upon land sales. If the latter, we must do well for the settlers & give them all the help we can to succeed on the land they have bought from us. The cattle & ranch would now sell at very high prices. Met the RC bishop of Wyoming, one McGovern born in Omaha & educated at the Creighton University there. An interesting contrast with the Maynooth variety. Broad, business-like, non-arrogant.
[Peirce]	21 Dec, Sat	Bosler came in from the East & I spent the day discussing the new scheme for operating our interests in the Laramie Plains. He seemed favorable – at any rate open minded. Pierce [ <i>sic</i> ] was happier after he had listened to my discussion of our affairs, in which he has a small share, with Bosler. I did good by my visit. I also got the staff into better relations with each other & the company I think. They are a good body of men except one ?Dir[ector] (V.S.) Bishop who I agree with Pierce [ <i>sic</i> ] is a good hustler but not quite reliable, “not a lazy bone in his body or an honest hair in his head[”].





Correspondence [Notes]	1912	Diary Entry
		<p>Then I had a talk with Professor Merriam of Chicago University, an economist &amp; a Progressive who I was told was studying the cost of living. He was doing so but from the town point of view only. He told me that Roosevelt was more keen than ever on the rural problem and begged me to write him &amp; make an appointment with him immediately I got to New York. The Progressives are going to send a Commission to study rural economy in Europe.</p> <p>Arthur Young told me yesterday – I forgot to mention above – that when Roosevelt took up the new spelling &amp; had all government documents printed in it as well as in the old, it cost \$500,000 extra in printing bills before it was abandoned! Saw Henry Blair &amp; had a pleasant talk with him &amp; then left for Battle Creek at night.</p>
	25 Dec, Wed	Not a merry Xmas. I began my cure with the usual discomfort of a change of diet & life. Kellogg was as interesting as ever & very kind.
	26 Dec, Thu	<p>Another uncomfortable day. No guest of the slightest interest at the Sanitarium so far as I can discover.</p> <p>A young Gernon (son of Harry Gernon dec[ease]d of Athcarne Castle, Co Meath whom I knew well in my hunting days) turned up. He had come to Battle creek but not to the sanitarium. He was with an osteopath outside for an injured back. The boy had come out to New York to seek his fortune &amp; was chauffeuring at \$35 a week!</p>
	27 Dec, Fri	No event.
	28 Dec, Sat	Ditto.
<i>Fr Childers, Erskine</i>	29 Dec, Sun	Today I began with a bismuth meal & through the day the X-ray doctor watched its progress. They feared a stoppage in the pylorus but happily the stomach emptied in fairly good time. The long passage through the intestines will be watched again tomorrow.
	30 Dec, Mon	More X-raying.
	31 Dec, Tue	Still having the colon examined by the X-rays.
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	Year-end Summary	An unsatisfactory year. Like its predecessor began & ended at Battle Creek. Vertigo troubled me again in the Fall. The Plunkett House idea made undoubted progress & it spread a good deal outside Ireland. The Nationalist bosses fought harder than ever against us & all through the year they prevented our getting assistance from the Development Grant. I kept out of the Home Rule controversy but let friends know I was a Home Ruler. Did little literary work, my part in a little memorial volume written by Bullock giving the life of Thomas Andrews Jr. being the chief.