

1914 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’ (ſ) has been expanded to ‘ss’.

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

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

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

Correspondence

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

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

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

Abbreviations

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

Names

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

Organisations

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

General

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

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

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Events:

1,023 co-operative societies affiliated to IAOS; total turnover £3.7 million

- 20 Mar – Curragh “mutiny”
- 2 Apr – Cumann na mBan founded (women’s counterpart to Irish Volunteers)
- 24-25 Apr – Ulster Volunteers’ gun-running at Larne, Bangor and Donaghadee
- 25 May – Home Rule bill passes House of Commons for third time
- 15 Jun – James Joyce’s *Dubliners*
- 28 Jun – Murder of Archduke Franz Ferdinand at Sarajevo
- 23 Jul – Austrian ultimatum to Serbia
- 26 Jul – Howth gun-running
- 4 Aug – Britain declares war on Germany
- Sep – Supreme Council of Irish Republican Brotherhood decides on insurrection before end of war
- 18 Sep – Third Home Rule bill receives royal assent, but is suspended

Publications:

- *A Better Way: an Appeal to Ulster not to Desert Ireland* (Simpkin, Marshall, Dublin) 38 pp.
- *La Nouva Irlanda* (Turin); Italian translation of *Ireland in the New Century*
- *Report of 46th Annual Co-operative Congress, Dublin*, pp. 30-1, 550-2
- “The Irish Crisis: A Review and Some Suggestions – ‘Ulster Will Fight’” (letter), *The Times*, 10 Feb, p. 9
- “Sir Horace Plunkett’s Scheme” (letter), *The Times*, 24 Feb, p. 5
- “Sir H. Plunkett on the New Situation” (letter), *Telegraph*, 1 May, p. 11
- “The Co-operative Reference Library, Its Work and Aims” (abridged speech), *Bulletin of the Co-operative Reference Library* (Jul), pp. 1-8
- “Ireland’s Opportunity”, *Bulletin of the Co-operative Reference Library*, I:5 (Nov), pp. 105-11; also *IH* and *The Times* (letter), 3 Aug, p. 7
- *IAOS Annual Report*, pp. 56-9
- Attributed articles in *Irish Homestead*:
 - Address to Tipperary Co-operative Conference, XXI:22 (30 May 1914), pp. 433-4
 - Report of address to Limerick Co-operative Conference, XXI:22 (30 May 1914), pp. 436, 438
 - Report of address to Co-operative Congress (Dublin), XXI:24 (13 Jun 1914), pp. 478-9
 - Circular (with T.A. Finlay and R.A. Anderson), “War and Our Food Supplies – Letter from IAOS to the Organised Farmers of Ireland”, XXI:33 (15 Aug 1914), p. 657; reprinted as Appendix H, *IAOS Annual Report* (1916), pp. 54-8
 - Letter to Chief Secretary re alleged wartime price increases, XXI:33 (15 Aug 1914), p. 659
 - “Ireland’s Opportunity”, XXI:43 (24 Oct 1914), pp. 781-3
 - Address to IAOS Annual General Meeting, XXI:50 (12 Dec 1914), pp. 878-883

Government:

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

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £95; \$1 = \$17

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To Chetwynd-Stapylton, Bryan <i>Fr Bonn, Moritz Julius Fr Chetwynd-Stapylton, Bryan</i>	No date; date uncertain	
	1 Jan, Thu	I hope this day is not to be typical in its exigencies. Up at cock crow after a rather sleepless night. Got off a letter to Carnegie on the Ulster Question, a rehash of a letter I had written on Dec. 23 to Lowell, asking his advice on the way of peace. Object to please him & make him do what I want for the case of agric’l coop’n in U.S. Leonard Robinson breakfasted. Bosler, Conrad Young & Poynton (Carnegie’s secretary) came to see me off on the Cedric.

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	2 Jan, Fri	276. Bad start. Easterly gale & high sea. On board a Capt. & Mrs. de Bathe. He was a soldier & she is knowledgeable in poultry. They live on a farm near Reading and are making a comfortable £1000 a year selling poultry all over the world. They had 9 large coops of Blue Orpingtons and 'companions' on board.
<i>Fr Salisbury, Ld. (4th Marquis)</i>	3 Jan, Sat	250. Same weather.
	4 Jan, Sun	271. Less than 800 miles in three days!
	5 Jan, Mon	353
	6 Jan, Tue	372
	7 Jan, Wed	380
<i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i>	8 Jan, Thu	385
	9 Jan, Fri	355 – 173 to go. Off Queenstown there was fog & I was carried on to Liverpool.
	10 Jan, Sat	Got to Liverpool but fog kept us from landing.
	11 Jan, Sun	Allowed to go off in tender which just got me to Kilteragh by the day mail. Anderson met me & late at night came Geoffrey Robinson Editor of Times who had been inspecting Ulster & wanted to see me about my scheme of pacification.
	12 Jan, Mon	Lunched with Healy to meet the Primate (Crozier). Did not talk of my scheme to him. Feared his discretion. Chamber of Commerce council. Found Dublin employers as narrow & stupid as ever & the Larkin strikes still on. Called on poor Gibbons, still dying. Shaftesbury & the Smith Gordons came, Geoffrey Robinson left. He was much interested in my Ulster solution & is to see Carson about meeting me.
	13 Jan, Tue	C.D.B., Birrell in chair, most of day. W.J.D. Walker gave me the most alarming account of the Ulster situation I have yet heard. Dougherty tried to persuade Birrell it was all bluff – the ass! Wire from Robinson advising me to go to London to see Carson. Alexis Roche came Kilteragh.
To McCarthy, Charles	14 Jan, Wed	CDB again. Afterwards I lunched with Fingall & went on to see Birrell to whom in strict confidence I disclosed my Ulster scheme. He will back it if I can get Ulster to accept it. The Hannays dined & slept & so did Hanson.
To Godkin, Lawrence	15 Jan, Thu	I.A.O.S. quarterly general ctee. Vaughan Nash, A.D. Hall & Basil Blackwood over. Very good meeting. Went to England night mail with the 3 above mentioned.
	16 Jan, Fri	Arrived after a bad night for a busy day. Geoffrey Robinson had arranged an important interview with Carson. Then I had much writing & many people to see. Dined with the Fingalls. Strange to see that family growing up. Oliver is a fine boy & will make a worthy head of the family when his time comes.

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		<p>Called at 5 Eaton Place & had a long friendly & frank talk with Carson. I dwelt first on his awful responsibility as a promoter of anarchical views in days when the revolt against authority as established by the 'Haves' is being questioned by the 'have nots', and in the event of anti Catholic riots with bloodshed in Ulster being followed by the natural consequence in such places as Limerick. I then discussed the Ulster contention on its merits, urging that its extreme selfishness (the abandonment of the scattered minorities in the S. & W. & the total disregard of the interests of Ireland as a whole) and the extravagant anticipations of the horrors of Home Rule. I unfolded my scheme.</p> <p>The net result of the interview was that Carson confessed his incapacity to control his own forces. He does not at all agree with their view and would be quite easy to come to terms with on my scheme if he were master in his own house. He had had an interview with Asquith in which my plan of inclusion, with the option of getting out after a fair trial, had <u>not</u> been proposed. (Birrell thought it had been). C. had intended in his forthcoming three speeches – he was starting today to review his troops in Ulster – to outline the concessions which might be considered. They were badly thought out and I showed C[arson] they were vicious on principle. In the end he strongly advised me to see Asquith before putting my scheme before the public.</p>
	17 Jan, Sat	<p>Cozens Hardy, whom I met on the Cedric, brought Gardiner editor of Daily News to lunch with me at Club. I divulged my scheme to the official organ whom I thought poorly of. I hope he will keep my secret but doubt it.</p> <p>Called on Conny & saw Raymond in bed & very depressed. I fear he is breaking up. Saw Mary too. Excursion in Jim Byrne's motor (Daisy going by train) to the very nice house he has taken in Kent – Mapleton in Edenbridge.</p>
	18 Jan, Sun	<p>In bed most of the day with a feverish cold, largely by Daisy's orders. Thought a good deal over my coming (as I hope) negotiations with Asquith.</p>
<i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i>	19 Jan, Mon	<p>Returned to London far from well. Had S. Brooks, Beach Thomas, Reggie, Pollen & Bullock to lunch at St. James Club.</p> <p>Saw Salisbury who confessed to me that he looked upon the government's difficulties over Home Rule as the best chance of the Tories. He had no sympathy with my scheme. Erskine Childers called.</p>
<i>Fr Kellogg, Dr. J.H.</i>	20 Jan, Tue	<p>Had long talks with Bonar Law (see opp[osite]), Bryce, Geoffrey Robinson, Adams & Oliver about my Ulster solution. When I have seen Asquith I shall know all points of view! Except B.L. all liked my scheme. Oliver has one of his own, not quite developed yet but looking very like Home Rule all Round, christened Federalism. Bryce's criticism was that Ulster would blackmail the rest of Ireland (Æ's point) but he would support me.</p> <p>Dr. John Ross, Adams & I had a pow-wow over the Carnegie UK Trust.</p> <p>[Con't.] Interview with Bonar Law. Got him to admit that awful consequences of Carsonism (stimulation of lawlessness & reprisals in Catholic Ireland) were quite possible. Argued that Ulster's pos[iti]o[n] was morally weak in regard to "scattered</p>

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		<p>minorities” & indefensible in refusing to abide by referendum or Gen[eral] El[ectio]n on Home Rule. In regard to the last he justified their letting %ths of Ireland have Home Rule if %th was saved from the calamity on the ground that the %s wanted it & the %th did not. He admitted that there was grave danger of anti-Catholic riots but was confident that wherever the issue was religious the English would be on the Prot side. When I divulged my scheme he characterised it as “grotesque”, and while I think I made him feel that he had judged it hastily he remained in the “won’t have it” attitude. He counts on the Government’s not daring to send troops and on a general election if they are driven to that alternative. The question was <u>racial</u> & therefore not capable of settlement. On the other hand he told me that this Gov’t were ready to make concessions now which if made two years ago would have been accepted.</p> <p>One interesting piece of intelligence. The Insurance scheme, he is informed on the best authority, is insolvent. That he thinks will help at the general election. I left sadder & wiser. Party before all.</p>
[QC – Queen’s Counsel]	21 Jan, Wed	<p>Lunched with Shaftesbury & Hart Synnot. S. will openly back my scheme. He is sound but slow. Dined with JG Butcher & met J H Campbell KC [<i>sic</i>] MP (lawyer politician representing T.C.D. which is wrong) & George Prothero. Propounded my scheme. I held their prejudices in check by arguments they were not quite ready for.</p>
<i>Fr Pinchot, Gifford</i>	22 Jan, Thu	<p>Gave away Violet Parr to Charles Ponsonby barrister and wished them all happiness. Otherwise chiefly working at my scheme for Ulster crisis.</p> <p>Dined with Daisy to meet Shane Leslie & wife (sister of Mrs. Bourke Cockran), Tom Holland & Lionel Guest & wife.</p>
[Col. Morris died 1 Sep 1914 in France]	23 Jan, Fri	<p>Had an interview with the Prime Minister. He said he would accept my scheme if I could get Ulster to offer it. He had already offered them more & he did not think I had much chance of moving them though he wished me well. I said that my plan was so different from all others that there was some hope. His only criticism of my proposals was that if accepted Ulster would never give the experiment a fair trial. I said I believed once Irishmen came together it was not difficult for one who understood them to get them to agree. He wished me well with my enterprise & asked me to send him the Memo from which I spoke to him. This I did.</p> <p>Saw Ld. MacDonnell who approved my plan after it was fully explained. He sees that my experiment offers the only chance of any discussion of the Bill with a view to its amendment.</p> <p>Daisy got to meet me at dinner Col. George Morris, Killanin’s brother who seems to have lots of brains.</p>
To McCarthy, Charles To Pritchett, Henry S.	24 Jan, Sat	<p>Lunched with Lady Paget where I met Birrell who was keen to hear of my interview with Asquith. Dined with Oliver who has come round to my plan.</p> <p>Had a long talk with Dunraven. He too sees that my plan is the only hopeful approach to Ulster.</p>
	25 Jan, Sun	<p>Went down to Fishers Hill for lunch & explained my scheme to Gerald Balfour. He had no criticism beyond his refusal to consider Home Rule as possibly for Ireland’s good. Came back &</p>

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		<p>saw Carson whom I asked to give me a chance of speaking privately to his advisers in Ulster. He said he would see if he could bring this about. He still feels his responsibility & has more statesmanship in him than Bonar Law.</p> <p>Bryan persuaded me to revive an idea I had that the Ulster army should be 'territorialised' so as to keep it alive in case they accept Home Rule & use it not against other Irishmen but against England's enemies. I gave up the idea because the other side were arming & drilling. But after all they would not want to fight <u>for</u> England – yet.</p>
<i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i>	26 Jan, Mon	<p>Saw in the papers that Lansdowne was passing through town & managed to get a hurried interview. Expounded my scheme and think I impressed him. Said I would send him a copy of it. He looked rather unwell & as usual was slow & cautious.</p> <p>Had a talk (at tea at Brooks' with Sydney Brooks) with Dr. E.J. Dillon. He told me that France & Russia were very nervous about Ulster, thinking that England might be weakened & so the Triple Entente. He had told them that there was nothing in the Ulster business, an illusion which I think I dispelled. I asked him whether the Germans were conversely pleased. "No. It is a principle of the Germans never to discount the strength of an enemy.["]</p> <p>In the evening dined with the Round Table group, chief people there Oliver, Lionel Curtis & Brand. Conversation chiefly on the political crisis, but so discursive that I learned nothing.</p>
[Austen]	27 Jan, Tue	<p>Another day of interesting interviews, see opp[osite]. In the evening Col. Seely (Secretary for War) dined tête à tête at St. James Club. I did him well & he talked freely. He has no political ideas but he told me some interesting W[ar].O[ffice]. happenings too confidential to write down even here. He is not a thinker, altogether rather a light weight for his great office I should say.</p> <p>Had interview with Shaftesbury on CDB & Ulster. We went to Birrell & told him we wanted to meet in London February.</p> <p>[Con't.] Lunched with J. St. Loe Strachey Ed[ito]r of Spectator who has been advocating consistently the exclusion of Ulster (or part of it) which concedes Home Rule to the rest of Ireland. I argued that my scheme was the best bridge for him to cross, his own being broken down. He argued, I thought weakly & will I think come round.</p> <p>Saw Sir J Simon who told me he had been discussing my memorandum on Ulster with Asquith. He seemed pleased with it.</p> <p>Long talk with Austin [<i>sic</i>] Chamberlain. He had advocated an immediate federal solution and objected to mine on the ground of its admission of separate <u>nationality</u>. He was very nice but his intellect is mediocre & his imagination sadly restricted. Of course he is well trained as a politician & has all the feelings of a statesman.</p> <p>I called on Ld. Robert Cecil in his chambers & found him immovable on the Union. On all these men I have pressed the inconsistency of their preparedness to sacrifice 7/8ths of Ireland if they can keep 1/8th in the Union. There is vagueness as to whether they have ever consented to this & also as to whether Ulster <u>now</u> really means the Province or the 4 counties. The fact that in every</p>

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		other county the Covenant has been widely signed makes an enormous difficulty. The drift of my conversation with Ld. R.C. may be gathered from my last words to him which were "Well, all I will ask is that if a situation arises when it is clearly an alternative of civil war and <u>some</u> concession I will ask you to reconsider my suggestion". At present he hopes "something may turn up" to force a dissolution.
	28 Jan, Wed	Lunched with FS Oliver. He is going to bring out a scheme for settling the political (Ulster) difficulty but thinks my plan better. I am inclined to think that my plan would lead to federalism because Ulster would say "if you don't set up a federal system we will go back into the Union". Saw Atkinson. He is hopeless about the Irish (southern) ever being fit for self-government. I never heard such pessimism. Of course he does not like my plan.
<i>Fr Pritchett, Henry S. Fr Young, Filson</i>	29 Jan, Thu	Back by day to Kilteragh very tired & needing rest to avoid possible break down. But how is this possible with Ulster threatening civil war and myself believing I have a plan for averting it.
	30 Jan, Fri	Made some small changes in my draft scheme & sent it to Asquith's private secretary & others. The Smith Gordons came to Kilteragh.
To O'Brien, R.D. [<i>non possum</i> – not able to]	31 Jan, Sat	Began to feel that there was little hope of individual effort succeeding in Ulster. James Andrews (old Tom's lawyer son) wrote me his polite non possums. Austin [<i>sic</i>] Chamberlain yesterday made an uncompromising Ulster exclusion speech. I shall have to appeal to Caesar – public opinion. Began an open letter to "My Lords & Gentlemen" of the Ulster Unionist Council. Hanson & John E Healy came at night to consult with me.
[KC MP]	1 Feb, Sun	Golf in the morning in a gale which did me good. To lunch the Starkies & Fr. Finlay & in the afternoon a crowd including James Chambers ?L.C.M.P. [<i>sic</i>] to whom I unfolded my Ulster scheme. He approved of it wholly but said that if he touched it he would be drummed out of the Tory camp. He loathed politics & wished he was out of it. But what was he to do &c. Letter from Carson saying he could not give me introductions in Ulster. But he wrote in a very friendly spirit. Christopher La Touche came to stay.
	2 Feb, Mon	Worked at letter on Ulster Crisis – probably to Ulster Unionist Council. Lord MacDonnell in Dublin – lunched with him to talk over the business.
To Kellogg, Dr. J.H. <i>Fr Carnegie, Andrew</i>	3 Feb, Tue	Levee at Dublin Castle which I shirked. Too much like fiddling with Rome burning. Worked at my Peace mission.
To Godkin, Lawrence	4 Feb, Wed	Worked hard at my letter to the Ulster Unionist Council. Eddie & Beatrice came for a dine & sleep. Eddie was very brilliant.
	5 Feb, Thu	Went to Belfast & back to Harold Barbour to complete my study of the crisis. James Bristow, Chairman of one of the chief B'fst Banks came to dinner. He would like my scheme tried but fears

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		the situation is beyond the control of reasonable people. The Orangemen want to fight not to negotiate. A man who knows them well summarised the situation thus “A lot of lions led by asses”.
[Colenso – battle in which Boers defeated Gen. Buller’s British troops, Dec. 1899]	6 Feb, Fri	<p>Saw Carson’s chief men – General Richardson, Capt. Craig M.P., Thomas Andrews, The Primate of All Ireland (Crozier), Col. Sharman Crawford, Adam Duffin (not a Carsonian), Geo[rge] Clark (of Workman & Clark, ex M.P.[]) and a very clever solicitor McDowell. In the train back to Dublin I met Lady Londonderry. I should have Ulsteria in an extreme form if I saw much of these people. Such intensity, narrowness of imagination, dour grim determination to fight for their own little corner of this little island – God knows what will come of it all. I made no impression on anyone. They were all courteous though they simply refused to see any of the aspects of the question which are of importance to any but themselves.</p> <p>The chief points of their case are:</p> <p>(1) The obvious insincerity of the government in pretending to be enacting Home Rule on its merits while he is simply paying Redmond for 85 votes</p> <p>(2) The right of Ulster to be let alone because the majority of the people will it so, on the same principle that the rest of Ireland can have Home Rule</p> <p>(3) That they are loyal & the Nationalists disloyal. (The cheering of the news of Colenso seems to rankle)</p> <p>(4) That Home Rule means Rome Rule.</p> <p>Against my scheme, apart from the objection to touching the unholy thing, Home Rule, it was urged that the business of the north would be ruined however short the experiment, that credit would suffer, & that it would ‘keep open the sore’ with all the attendant unsettlement & consequent business unsettlement & loss.</p> <p>Capt. Craig objected to the Territorial Scheme as it would be necessary to arm the Catholics & this might precipitate hostilities.</p> <p>The Primate voiced the general opinion that the rank & file would not obey their leaders if they counselled moderation. Otherwise he liked my scheme.</p>
	7 Feb, Sat	Worked at letter to Times on Ulster crisis. Healy, Maurice Moore & Hanson came to week end & help me.
	8 Feb, Sun	A terrible strain. Some 3000 words of condensed reasoning on the Ulster crisis had to be got off to The Times. It may do real good & avert grave danger. I put very clearly (I think) the Ulsterman’s point of view & showed how hopeless it was to arrive at a settlement by ordinary means. I ended with an appeal to the brave Carsonites to show “the higher quality of courage[”] needed to lay down their arms. Wrote also to Asquith & Carson as well as to several lesser folk who may help.
	9 Feb, Mon	Work at I.A.O.S.
To Godkin, Lawrence To Kellogg, Dr. J.H. To McCarthy, Charles To Pinchot, Gifford To Pritchett, Henry S.	10 Feb, Tue	A hard morning’s work & then off by the afternoon boat to Holyhead & Leeds where I stayed with Professor W. Bragg FRS (Physics) pro Vice Chancellor of the University who entertained me in Sadler’s absence.

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To Young, Filson [“The Irish Crisis – A Review and Some Suggestions – ‘Ulster Will Fight’”, <i>The Times</i> , 10 Feb, p. 9]		My letter came out in the Times & will I think have some effect. Garvin of the Pall Mall writes more in sorrow than in anger. The Times accepts my diagnosis but not my treatment.
To Godkin, Lawrence (cable) (To Butterfield, K.L. fr Carver, N.; MCC/C.41)	11 Feb, Wed	Very tired & of course had to interview people all day though my host & hostess did their best to keep me free from unnecessary distraction. In the evening a banquet of the Court of the Leeds University, attended by important mayors & Ld. Mayor, & 150 other representative people made me --- ?guest. I spoke badly being utterly tired out. I must prepare & so be brief & make few points. By a late train to York en route for Newcastle.
	12 Feb, Thu	Newcastle by 10.00 AM. Meetings of Bowes, Pelton & Framwellgate Collieries. The last two were important. Pelton is to buy a colliery near Cardiff which seems good business. The object in consenting to the investment is to have a continuing revenue from coal when Pelton plays out. We decided to wind up Framwellgate on the first opportunity. Back to London.
<i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i>	13 Feb, Fri	Attended my first meeting at Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. Some very good men in it – Adams, Sir John Struthers, Sir Donald Macalister & Dr. John Ross, Lord Shaw the best I thought. Dined with Erskine Childers & discussed Home Rule situation.
To Kellogg, J.H.	14 Feb, Sat	To Cliveden with Geoffrey Robinson. Mrs. Waldorf Astor in bed after operation. Waldorf a really charming host. Nice party – Garvin, Oliver, Grigg & Brand of Round Table, Winston Churchill, Ld. Winton & some ?commoners. It is a regular millionaire’s establishment. The luxury goes a bit too far.
	15 Feb, Sun	For a millionaire menage it was simple though costly – I mean the ostentation was delightfully absent. Golfed on a muddy course & talked with interesting people all day & to 1 A.M. The atmosphere was Tory – not less so for Winston Churchill balancing Goulding[,] Spender Clay, Hills & Astor M.P.s Winston coruscated – chiefly on Navy aeronautics & European politics. Ulster was kept (by him) in the background. Garvin, Oliver, Grigg & “Bob” Brand talked with me. They all long for a way out & I think they have come to mine as the initial step. They are all hopeless about the Unionist (some also about the Liberal) party outlook. They seem to see the new forces coming to dominate our politics but they are not yet it seems to me really seized of the new situation in our “democracy”.
[query in original; Arthur Murray] [galloper – aide-de-camp]	16 Feb, Mon	Back to town. Lunched with Mrs. Murray Guthrie sister of Jack Leslie to meet Sir Wm Tyrrell, Sir E Grey’s private secretary & a ?Murray M.P. his galloper. I gathered from them that the Gov’t was contemplating passing the Home Rule Bill & then going to the country before it is enforced – a highly immoral proceeding. Dined with Seely the other two being Birrell & Jack Pease. The first & last astonishingly light weights for Cabinet posts.

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	17 Feb, Tue	Congested Districts Bd. in London, took nearly the whole day. Went to House of Lords & to the Commons lobby. Tea'd with MacDonnell. I find I have done good by my Times letter. It distinctly moved public opinion.
<i>Fr Kellogg, Dr. J.H.</i>	18 Feb, Wed	C.D.B. again. Got passages introduced into the annual Report advocating cooperation! Lunched with Lady Paget & met Lady (wife of Sir Alfred MP) Mond, a very clever political woman.
	19 Feb, Thu	Saw Olivier & did some good work for the A.O.S. I think. Lunched with Betty & 3 children & went to sup with Shan Bullock at Streatham.
(To McCarthy, Charles fr Butterfield, Kenyon)	20 Feb, Fri	A long talk with Lord Roberts about the Ulster crisis. He had said publicly that it was inconceivable that the army should act against Ulster! I got him round to my solution, but he will consult Carson about it & that means that he won't be allowed to support it. Went with Daisy to the Little Theatre to see a play with a moral. The theme was that syphilis is such an awful scourge that it cannot be too well understood by the young before they marry & transmit the curse. The play was horrible & I don't think the stage is the proper place for such teaching. Daisy came because she is an enthusiastic suffragist & wants to make up her mind how the woman's movement should regard the matter.
	21 Feb, Sat	Began a second article on the Irish crisis for the Times. T.P. Gill turned up & through him I can negotiate with Redmond.
	22 Feb, Sun	Went on with and stuck in my second article for the Times. It won't come I fear in time.
(To Bullock, Shan fr Bullock, Thomas)	23 Feb, Mon	A Berthon Boat Co meeting, George Price & Berthon turning up. The new manager Brown, when the collapsible boats were condemned (after the Titanic disaster) set to work & invented a new boat which the Board of Trade accepted & the company booms! Interviewed by the Manchester Guardian & wrote a short letter to Times on Ulster question. Dined with G Prothero to meet JG Butcher who was rabid thereon.
["Sir Horace Plunkett's Scheme", <i>The Times</i> , 24 Feb, p. 5]	24 Feb, Tue	A talk with Nash about the A.O.S. & agric'l cooperation generally. In the afternoon a most interesting talk with Henry Wickham Steed (on the foreign correspondence staff of the Times) and a French lady whose name I did not catch similarly attached to the Morning Post. We discussed the foreign aspects of the Irish Question and agreed that any disturbance in Ulster which occupied serious attention of the military authorities would be extremely dangerous to the peace of Europe. Steed told me that England's function of holding the balance of power betw'n the Triple Alliance & Entente did not depend on the Navy except so far as it was necessary to ensure the safe conduct of troops to the continent. The Germans would attempt to smash France on the Alsatian frontier & quickly get at Russia which it feared much more. I gathered that we should be wanted to ensure the integrity of Belgium which had "no army though it would have one in about ten years.[""] These views were agreed to by Edward VII & Clemenceau when they met at Marienbad in 1908. Steed is likely to see Northcliffe in Paris and I suggested that he might try & get N. to use the Times & Daily Mail to support my

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[<i>garçon</i> – boy]		<p>plan (or some other) for the avoidance of the awful calamity threatened by the party ?garçons.</p> <p>Dined with Ld. Methuen. Selborne sat next to me. He is not above mediocrity.</p>
	25 Feb, Wed	<p>Called on Milner early & put my views before him. He is a crossbencher and might help my scheme later. But not now as the party situation is in his view hopeless.</p> <p>Meeting (annual general) of Bowes & Framwellgate. Robert Donald Ed[ito]r Chronicle called on me. He considers that my scheme “holds the field”! But he cannot back it unless it is going to be accepted I fear.</p> <p>Sydney Brooks lunched with me & gave me a good deal of news. Dined with the Gerald Balfours, met Mrs. Alfred Lyttelton, Sir R Finlay, Lady Frances & the Selbornes.</p>
<i>Fr Pinchot, Gifford</i>	26 Feb, Thu	<p>Dined with Caröe & met the Bishop of London (Ingram), not impressed. Went to see Stamfordham, King’s secretary at his request & talked the Irish Crisis for over an hour. King wants exclusion of Ulster (with option of coming in later) which I have condemned. I explained that Redmond could not accept it even if the gov’t would offer it. I explained & defended my scheme & adumbrated the compromise of temporary exclusion – say for 5 years – with the inclusion left to the decision of some third party, say the Privy council. Promised to keep S. informed from Ireland.</p> <p>Rather futile meeting of U.I. and Irish Literary Society at latter’s rooms at night. Shaftesbury sang, Filson Young’s fiancée Ruth Anderson recited Yeats’ best lyrics & I spoke just to introduce Miss Constance Pim. I said she would tell them all about the U.I. What she did tell them was that they were trying to run a paper & that the venture was nominally disastrous from a commercial point of view, that if it failed the U.I. would be deaf & dumb & that those present ought to subscribe 1/6⁻ a year & get this important organ post free!</p>

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<i>Fr Bullock, Shan</i>	27 Feb, Fri	<p>A most interesting day. First wrote an introd[uctio]n to the Round Table (December) article on the Irish Question by E.W. Grigg to be anonymously republished. Then had talks with Aubrey Herbert & Mrs. Tennant on the Home Rule crisis. Got the latter to phone Asquith's Sec'y that A had better see me. Had long talk with Asquith. He promised to tell the Att[orne]y General (Simon) to draft the clauses for Ulster's option under my scheme. I told him all that was in my mind upon the Ulster situation – how it had arisen out of the not unnatural impression that the Parliament Act was Redmond's trick, had been intensified by the neglect to take Carson's preparations seriously and how the making of a bad Bill had complicated the present situation. Told Asquith also of my second string – Exclusion with inclusion after a period on the decision by a competent tribunal that Ulster in all the circumstances ought to come in.</p> <p>Dined with Walter Page. Took in Lady Bryce & after ladies retired had very interesting talk with JA Spender of Westminster Gazette. He thinks Gov't will have to go to the country. I explained my scheme to him. I asked him about his. He had proposed a statutory [body] to decide after a limited period what Ulster's status was to be. I asked him what it was to be <u>during</u> this period. He replied that he didn't know!</p>
<i>Fr Bullock, Shan</i> <i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i>	28 Feb, Sat	Journeyed by day to Kilteragh. Healy & Fingall dined. Former told me some interesting things about the situation. Arnott was induced to let him come out against the exclusion of Ulster on the ground that the Irish Times would sink into pos[iti]on of a provincial paper. Redmond was 'considering' exclusion but Devlin threatened to split the party on it.
	1 Mar, Sun	A regular Kilteragh Sunday. Mahaffy, Hanson, his mother & Fingall to lunch & Wibberley afternoon.
To Bullock, Shan	2 Mar, Mon	Busy Dublin day. In evening Joseph Johnston F.T.C.D. aet 23 who had been writing on the Ulster crisis from a Nationalist point of view (with great learning & no experience) dined & talked over the situation. He wanted me to join in a Conference but I argued doing nothing for a while.
	3 Mar, Tue	Office & Finance Ctee & Leinster Subcommittee of I.A.O.S. took practically whole day. WF Bailey dined, I slept.
To Asquith, H.H. <i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i>	4 Mar, Wed	<p>I.A.O.S. finances the absorbing concern. Also wrote Asquith (and had letter wired from Irish Office) suggesting a modification of my scheme in case he still considers it among the possibles.</p> <p>Col. Maurice Moore & Ed O'Farrell dined. Nugent Harris slept.</p> <p>A great shock to us all in the afternoon. Poor Pilkington died in London of double pneumonia. A sad sad life.</p>
To Bullock, Shan	5 Mar, Thu	Wrote to Birrell on my plan. He had telegraphed me "Prime Minister has received your letter. Does not think it necessary for you to cross now. Your plan is not ruled out by any means."
To Kellogg, Dr. J.H.	6 Mar, Fri	<p>Letter from M Bonham Carter (Asquith's p[ri]vate. sec) saying A. thanked me for my letter & may ask me to go over later.</p> <p>I.A.O.S. work in morning. Afternoon at Kilteragh with Wibberley. Had to dine at Royal Hospital. Took in Lady Paget &</p>

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		after dinner talked to him. Funny people to be <u>socially</u> & otherwise governing us!
To Godkin, Lawrence To McCarthy, Charles	7 Mar, Sat	Governor Carey of Wyoming & his daughter in law Mrs. Robert Carey came by day mail. A strange return visit.
	8 Mar, Sun	Fr. F[inlay].., Æ & Sir Thomas Esmonde to lunch. Fingall, Hammond & the Robinsons to dine. Did Powerscourt. Ld. P very nice to the Careys who thoroughly enjoyed the visit.
To Childers, Erskine <i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i>	9 Mar, Mon	Working in the I.A.O.S. while Nugent Harris showed Dublin to the Careys. The Prime Minister made his statement re the Government's concessions on Home Rule. They amount to this. After the Bill passes Ulster counties will be allowed to be excluded for 6 years. Then they must come in. A rotten compromise but very ingenious as during these years 2 gen[eral] elections <u>must</u> be held & that will, in event of Tory majority, allow Ulster to escape. Meanwhile the Irish Question remains normally <u>unsettled</u> .
To Pinchot, Gifford <i>Fr Childers, E.</i> (date uncertain) <i>Fr Oliver, F.S.</i> <i>Fr Palen, Lewis S.</i> [C. F. d'Arcy was Bp. of Down, Connor and Dromore]	10 Mar, Tue	Rushed through IAOS work & took the Careys & Nugent Harris to the Seven Churches, lunching with Robert Barton. Dined with Mahaffy in his Georgian House, 28 North Georges St. Took in Lady Gregory. Met Lady Ardilaun, The Bp. of Derry (D'Arcy), Fr. Finlay & a few others.
To Childers, Erskine	11 Mar, Wed	A conference between U.I. & Micks, work at I.A.O.S. while Carey did T.C.D. with Mahaffy (whom C considers senile!). I.A.W.S. annual gen[eral] meeting. Then meeting of women interested in suffrage arranged by Miss White to hear Carey on woman suffrage in Wyoming. Miss White mistook the plan & sent the party to Kilteragh. Curtain was scared thinking it was a suffragette raid.
To MacDonnell, Ld. Antony Patrick To Oliver, F.S.	12 Mar, Thu	The Careys left.
To Asquith, H.H.	13 Mar, Fri	IAOS work & wrote a letter to Asquith telling him I thought his concessions would break down not be accepted & <u>hoping</u> ought not to be! I suggested that my plan should be revived.
	14 Mar, Sat	½ day at I.A.O.S. Hanson brought his father & mother to Kilteragh & Tom Ponsonby turned up.
[Broderick]	15 Mar, Sun	[J.] Joyce Brodrick [<i>sic</i>] & wife, Patrick Geddes & daughter, Hamilton Fyfe & wife brought variety into my nice but rather dull house party. The first man was British Consul at Amsterdam, the second Professor of Botany & rather boring though very clever 'civics' exponent & the third Daily Mail & Times journalist who is 'doing' the Irish crisis. Alan Anderson & an Oxford friend came to tea & dinner.
(To de Bary, Richard fr Bigger, F.J.) To Godkin, Lawrence <i>Fr Asquith, H.H.</i>	16 Mar, Mon	Rochfort & Mrs Maguire (she daughter of Lord Peel, Speaker), the Hamilton Fyfes to dine & sleep, Nevins & Æ to dinner. Asquith made a take it or leave it speech which makes the situation very grave.
<i>Fr Poynton, John A.</i>	17 Mar, Tue	St. Paddy. Disposed of my interesting guests & crossed in a

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		stormy night to London.
	18 Mar, Wed	<p>Interview with Monteagle & Betty Balfour. She was fearsome lest I should erupt again in politics when it is all so hopeless. Met Dunraven at lunch with Daisy. He has taken on a political secretary & will write to The Times weekly at least! But he sees no way out.</p> <p>Long conference with Hall & Nash over the I.A.O.S. difficulty. I expect I shall have to foot the bill.</p>
<i>Fr Lett, Mrs. A.E.</i>	19 Mar, Thu	Capt. Arthur Murray M.P. whom I met at lunch with Mrs. Murray Guthrie & who is in the secrets of the government begged me to revive my scheme before the 2nd reading of the HR Bill. Met also Lady Johnston[e] who told me latest news of her brother Gifford Pinchot. At tea with AD Hall met Sir Wm McCormick of the Carnegie Trustees to whom I unfolded my Library scheme. He will support it. Dined & took to a play Governor Carey & Mrs. R.D. Carey.
	20 Mar, Fri	Chief events of day – a lunch with Capt. A Murray M.P. (Lib) to meet Ld. Rothermere (also Lib) one of the Harmsworths. He was a stupid fellow & I could do no good with him as to his newspapers. In afternoon had a long & very interesting talk with Arthur Balfour on the Irish Question. He loathes “Nationality”, which he regards as a sentiment which once made & now threatens the destruction of empires. I explained my scheme but he thought “Ulster” could not be fairly asked to submit to institutions she hates even for a day!
	21 Mar, Sat	<p>A. Murray called on me with Profr. J.H. Morgan who is important at the moment as the Cabinet consults him as an authority on constitutional law. He is a young opinionated person. He is of books not affairs. But he has the ear of men who ought to be both. I think I impressed him favourably with my scheme.</p> <p>Lunched with Daisy to meet H.G. Wells. He is personally most unattractive. His spirit is that of the ?water jumper. I don’t understand how such an imagination can stand it!</p>
	22 Mar, Sun	<p>S. Brooks, Bullock, O’Donovan & Bryan Stapylton lunched with me at Club. Bryan told us how the army felt on the Ulster question. Officers were resigning on being asked by Seely (a nice but brainless young man, put into the Cabinet as War Secretary to do nothing but follow in his predecessor Haldane’s steps) whether they would fight in Ulster! The Army was imbued with a new spirit. Bryan, who could have done well in business had kept on at about £300 a year to help in solving one problem – how England could play her part as peace preserver in Europe by maintaining an efficient expeditionary force ready to go at a moment’s notice to the Continent.</p> <p>The Ulster difficulty is accentuated by Seely’s stupidity in precipitating a trouble which would in all probability never have arisen. He might simply have told the army that if wanted to preserve the peace in Ulster they would be sent there & they would have gone without question.</p>
To McCarthy, Charles with ltr fr Egan, Maurice (To Murray, Capt. Arthur, M.P. fr Brig.	23 Mar, Mon	Lunched with Dalziel M.P. owner of [Evening] Standard. No understanding. Listened to the Lords debate on the Irish military crisis. Had a talk with Sir Edward Grey who explained (not very lucidly) what he had in mind when he suggested “Home Rule

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Gen. J.H. Morgan)		within Home Rule". Roughly it was making the Ulster M.P.s in Irish Parl't. a grand Ctee to deal with Ulster Legis[atio]n. He liked my scheme & will favour it if any support comes from other side. Went with Daisy to hear a joint debate on woman suffrage betw'n a female "anti" & Lady Betty in Queens Gate Hall, Kensington. Not very good. Left by 10.15 train for Dublin.
<i>Fr Hythe, Viscount</i> (T.A. Brassey) <i>Fr Pinchot, Gifford</i> <i>Fr Sichel, Edith</i>	24 Mar, Tue	C.D.B. & IAOS hard all day.
To Hythe, Viscount (T.A. Brassey)	25 Mar, Wed	Wrote a letter to Carson on the situation proposing a mode of settlement. Later the evening papers showed that the situation in Parliament was heading towards a break down of the ministry. It all looks dark.
To Lett, Mrs. A.E. To Sichel, Edith	26 Mar, Thu	Two IAOS C'tees took the day.
To Godkin, Lawrence To Hill, James Jerome To McCarthy, Charles To Murray, Capt. Arthur To Pritchett, Henry S. <i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i> (2) <i>Fr Sichel, Edith</i>	27 Mar, Fri	I.A.O.S. work.
	28 Mar, Sat	½ day at I.A.O.S. Hanson, E.V. Longworth & JE Healy came for week end. The new guest is very cultured & intellectual – most interesting.
	29 Mar, Sun	Rested, golfed & talked. R Hart Synnot came.
	30 Mar, Mon	Wrote another letter to Times for Wed[nesday] issue.
To Murray, Capt. Arthur <i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i>	31 Mar, Tue	After morning in office went to Killeen with Fingall, Wibberley & Hart Synnot to see his farming operations. Night mail to London to see Carson & others.
	1 Apr, Wed	Had a long talk with Carson. I still think he shows more straightforwardness than any of the leaders in this horrible muddle. He wants a settlement, he recognises the awful responsibilities attaching to his own part in leading the resistance of Ulster. I questioned him about the Provisional Government, whether he would not have to set it up immediately on the passage of the Bill. He said he would. I asked whether he could keep this government from doing illegal acts, putting themselves hopelessly in the wrong and even compelling troops to intervene. He could not he thought. He added that in such event he would very likely resign his leadership. We discussed the alternative "settlements by consent" & he seemed to like the Federal plan, but was quite hazy about its working. While I was with him Lady Londonderry drove up. He told the servant to say he was busy & could not see her & then spoke pretty plainly about women in politics! He asked me to go & see him again before I returned to Ireland & discuss the speech he was to make on Monday in the

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		House. My letter to the Times sent Monday night arrived too late for insertion Wednesday. So I withdrew it.
[^d – pence]	2 Apr, Thu	Long walk with Geoffrey Robinson. He is not big enough for The Times at 3 ^d but that kind of Editor the Times at 1 ^d wants Northcliffe probably knows. G.R. is, however, a very good fellow with of course more than average abilities & quite interesting. Went by House of Commons & heard Arthur Balfour on 2nd Reading of Home Rule Bill. Spoke chiefly on Army & not at all well. The House was not really interested. I felt his power had gone – possibly only for the moment.
	3 Apr, Fri	Had a lunch with Lds. Rosebery & Cromer at former's Berkeley Square house. He had not been near the Lords since passage of Parliament Act & did not mean to go there again. That 'places' him politically. Physically he looked a wreck. Intellectually he appeared rather slow. We talked the Irish Question. Both agreed that extension of the 6 years on some pretence (such as federalism in future) was the only "way out". I don't think it is. I still adhere to my plan. After Cromer left Rosebery remarked "these retired diplomatists should leave domestic politics alone. They never succeed there". Curzon might have been a brilliant exception. Dined with the Decies. No brains for the politics he ambitions. Went to a Lansdowne House Unionist crush.
<i>Fr Pritchett, Henry S.</i>	4 Apr, Sat	Trying to write a letter to Times for Monday.
To Murray, Capt. Arthur	5 Apr, Sun	Rose at 5 AM & tried during the day to get my letter to The Times in good order. Failed after over tiring myself. Had a good talk with JG Butcher the rabidest intelligent Tory I know. Left for home by night mail. Poor old Gibbons died after over two years' torture from cancer in the head.
<i>Fr Kellogg, Dr. J.H.</i>	6 Apr, Mon	After a tiring night – very rough sea – back early to Kilteragh. Went with Hall, Nash & M.A. Ennis Development Commissioners to inspect a scheme for reclaiming about 800 acres of an inlet of the sea just North of Malahide. Back to Kilteragh where Shane Leslie dined & slept. R.A.A., Hall & Nash dined. Good talk over I.A.O.S.
	7 Apr, Tue	Presided over IAOS Quarterly Gen[eral] C'tee meeting. Good attendance, good debating, good business. Bryan, Dorothy, two babies, two maids arrived by day mail.
To Pinchot, Gifford <i>Fr Grenfell, Edward Charles</i>	8 Apr, Wed	Lunched at T.C.D. to meet the Editor of the Morning Post (Gwynn[e]) paying his first visit to Dublin (excepting one visit to Ulster probably Mount Stewart!). Mahaffy host, Starkie other guest. The learning of the I.Q. by Gwynn[e] was quite normal. He was at the beginning of the predisillusion stage & cock-sure. I fear I shocked him.
To McCarthy, Charles To Palen, Lewis S. To Poynton, John A. <i>Fr Kellogg, Dr. J.H.</i>	9 Apr, Thu	Morning in office & then to lunch at Maynooth where Shane Leslie was staying over Good Friday and got the President (Hogan D.D. who had criticised my Irish Book in the Ecclesiastical Record) to invite me. Saw over the place & had a long talk with Hogan & Walter McDonald D.D. (Prefect of the Dunboyne whatever that is) a really broad minded modernist I

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		should say. Got little information but heard the Maynooth view of Home Rule. They fear popular control of education!
	10 Apr, Fri	Sat for Æ. Otherwise rested.
	11 Apr, Sat	Sat again for Æ & rested.
	12 Apr, Sun	Æ & Prof. Campbell lunched. Also Wm. C. Eustis & his wife. Wm. Mackenzie of Dundee & wife came to tea. Golfed, rested.
	13 Apr, Mon	Began a third letter to Times on the Irish crisis & golfed.
To Kellogg, Dr. J.H.	14 Apr, Tue	CDB & I.A.O.S. all day. Mary Spring Rice returned. Riddall dined & told me about organisation in Munster. WGS Adams came late at night from Oxford.
<i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i>	15 Apr, Wed	Sir John Struthers, Sir Wm. McCormick, Dr. John Ross arrived. Ld Shaw another Carnegie Trustee was in Dublin. I spent the day with them & I think got my cooperative reference scheme practically through. Lowes Dickinson & Æ dined. An interesting crowd.
	16 Apr, Thu	Spent day with the Carnegie Trustees. They all left except Sir Wm. McCormick.
	17 Apr, Fri	Golfed with Lord Shaw & Sir Wm. McCormick after a busy morning at I.A.O.S.
<i>Fr Poynton, John A.</i>	18 Apr, Sat	Half day at Plunkett House & rest.
<i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i> <i>(date uncertain)</i>	19 Apr, Sun	Daisy, Mamie & Oliver, Tom & May Ponsonby came. Lady Paget came to tea. Mahaffy & Minnie Fitzgerald to lunch. A restful Sunday.
	20 Apr, Mon	12 people left – Bryan, Dorothy, 2 children, 2 nurses. May, Tom & chauffeur, Mamie, Oliver & Kate the maid of Killeen. Alexis & 2 daughters came. Wrote an election address for Tom for S. Tipperary Co. Council which he probably won't use. Worked at memo for Library for Carnegie Trustees.
	21 Apr, Tue	Sent Alexis & his two daughters to Punchestown. Did ½ day at Plunkett House & had College of Science Agric'l students on to my Kilteragh farm! Mary Herbert (née Vesey) & the Selbornes came. Æ dined.
<i>Fr Adams, W.G.S</i> <i>Fr Pinchot, Gifford</i>	22 Apr, Wed	Took the Selbornes, Roches, Mary Herbert & Daisy to Punchestown. Had to drive my Daimler car, chauffeur the ?Minor. Dust awful. Punchestown brings back memories. The ranks of the old friends are sadly thinned. Strangest thing about this meeting the utter ignoring of every trouble in the political situation – (what phraseology – tired!)
	23 Apr, Thu	½ day at I.A.O.S. & took party to Powerscourt. Lady Selborne went to England. Fr. Finlay dined.
To Godkin, Lawrence	24 Apr, Fri	Leopardstown Races – such dissipation! Mamie came. Moira Roche left.
[Sheila Margaret]	25 Apr, Sat	Selborne, Alexis & his Sheelah [<i>sic</i>] and Mary Herbert left. After a morning at Plunkett House I ended up a week of frivolities with a game of golf with Sir Arthur Paget. He & I played at Foxrock

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[Commanding Officer in Charge]		<p>(after lunch at Kilteragh where poor Daisy had to look after Lady Paget for 4½ hours!) against Bertie Paget & Sir H Robinson. After 9 holes he was summoned to Dublin to consult with poor distracted Aberdeen over a daring feat of gun-running in Ulster. 70000 rifles & 5 million rounds of ammunition have been landed (the evening Papers say) from a Norwegian ship in two steamers & distributed over Ulster in 200 motor cars. The police were fooled by a test mobilisation of the Ulster Volunteers.</p> <p>Paget tells me that there is not a word in writing beyond what has appeared of his negotiations with the Cabinet over “The Plot”. Hence even if the judicial inquiry demanded by the Unionists is granted little will appear. The poor C.O.C. is terribly worried over the whole business. I doubt whether he will survive it professionally. He has gone straight but he is not clever enough to stand between the politicians & the Ulster “rebels”.</p> <p>Sir Thomas & Lady Myles dined & brought Arthur Vincent (who is a clever Irishman married to a rich Californian & the purchaser of Muckross Abbey) with him. I see a new ally for Irish work.</p>
<i>Fr Kellogg, Dr. J.H.</i>	26 Apr, Sun	Motored Daisy & Mamie down to Killeen for the afternoon.
[RM – Resident Magistrate]	27 Apr, Mon	Work at I.A.O.S. Called on Sir Arthur Paget. Had a long confidential talk with him on his action regarding Ulster. Poor fellow he has not the brains or energy to deal with the political plots & counterplots which make up the “Ulster Crisis”. The Government were today expected to set up martial law in Belfast. They only made the general commanding there (Sir F Macready) a R.M.
To Kellogg, Dr. J.H. To Murray, Capt. Arthur <i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i>	28 Apr, Tue	Not very well, no work.
	29 Apr, Wed	All my guests left. I went to Roscrea with Anderson & H Barbour to discuss the affairs of the Bacon Factory with the directors. A useful day.
	30 Apr, Thu	Gave the Press (Irish Times, Daily Telegraph & Manchester Guardian) interview in which I deprecated the partition of Ireland which seemed to be the “settlement” to which English politicians were moving.
[“Sir H. Plunkett on the New Situation”, <i>Telegraph</i> , p. 11]	1 May, Fri	Sir Arthur Paget & Major Webb golfed at Foxrock in the morning. Worked at IAOS in afternoon.
<i>Fr Chetwynd-Stapylton, Bryan</i>	2 May, Sat	Callan & Healy came for week end & we had a good political talk. C is clever & well read & would have made an ideal private secretary for me in the Department. Dudley took him as his p. sec both as Ld. L[ieutenant] & Gov[ernor] Gen[eral] of Australia. I don’t think this experience improved him morally.

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<i>Fr Bonn, Moritz Julius</i> <i>Fr Palen, Lewis S.</i>	3 May, Sun	Lady Paget called & bored me. She poor woman was born with a golden spoon in her mouth, some native ability & a social ambition which eats up money heart & brain. She thinks I may be a lion & cultivates me. Of course the talk between us is the Ulster Crisis & her husband's part in it which he obviously does not tell her. A nice Spaniard de Posas spent the day. He is a Plunkett House inquirer.
To Chetwynd-Stapylton, Bryan To McCarthy, Charles <i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i> <i>Fr Sichel, Edith</i>	4 May, Mon,	Undergoing treatment at Swedish Institute for enlarged prostatic gland.
	5 May, Tue	Rather a grind at the I.A.O.S. & then left for London by night mail. I am on another peace mission.
	6 May, Wed	Arrived early. Lionel Curtis & EW Grigg of The Round Table called and unfolded to me the best Federal solution I have yet seen. The Bill was to pass with 6 counties left out, separate P.O. & customs duties abolished on condition that separate scheme for devolution for U.K. be at once proceeded with. For G.B. matters to be handled by small commission. For Ireland by national convention. Must think it over. Lunched with Aubrey Herbert to meet Ld. Henry Bentinck M.P. two back bench Tory moderates. They had no definite ideas but were longing to find a way out. Had a long talk with Sydney Brooks & AH Pollen & called with both on Page (Walter U.S. ambassador). Got little news from Page – he is getting discreet! Dined with Mary and met the Bagwells & Ernest James'. Bagwell is the ablest of the South of Ireland Unionists but his mind is set too much for facts to change. E.J. is a blatant atheist.
<i>Fr Chetwynd-Stapylton</i> <i>Bryan (date uncertain)</i> <i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i>	7 May, Thu	A talk with Carson, Dunraven and Oliver. Lunched with Daisy to meet Rochfort Maguires. Arranged to meet Redmond on the morrow & thus I may get nearer to the facts of this perplexing situation.
<i>Fr Sichel, Edith</i>	8 May, Fri	Prof'r. Wrong (Geo. M) of Toronto University called and expressed a desire to help in working out a solution of the I.Q'n out of Canadian experience. I asked him to come & see me in Ireland. Called on John Redmond & had a frank friendly 1¼ hour chat with him. He has no illuminating thoughts to give out. He knows the Parl'y situation & manages it cleverly I should say & his eloquence – still more his elocution – being very good he is a power <u>there</u> . But his touch with the currents of Irish life which interest me most is of the remotest. He is under no illusion as to the seriousness of the Ulster opposition & would meet it in almost any way if they would only "come in". He agreed that my scheme was by far the best and would support it strongly if I could get Ulster to look at it. Redmond showed me a rifle which had come to him in a delightfully characteristic way. Ld. Willoughby de Broke (leader of the Die Hards in the Lords) is organising a volunteer force to

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		<p>assist the Ulster Volunteers. A Nationalist wrote that he should like to enrol & was at once sent a rifle which he passed on to Redmond.</p> <p>R. said the Bill would go through & that the concessions (if any) would be made in an amending bill to follow immediately, the time for negotiating the terms of this being betw'n the final passage of the Bill and the King's signing it – a period of about a month. He regarded the position of the 4 parties (Asquith's, Bonar Law's, Carson's & his) as about equally difficult. The crux was Tyrone & Fermanagh which could not be left out or put in now without a tussle.</p> <p>Dined with Dunraven, nothing new there.</p>
	9 May, Sat	Met at lunch Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart M.P. (& wife a Preston of Gormanston). He was one of the stupidest Tories I ever met. He represents Cardiff. Her politics are dominated by the interests of his Scottish landed estates. I can only account for his survival in Parliament by his conceding all the Welsh democracy [they] want as long as they leave Scottish land alone! <u>She</u> was bright enough & must carry him on her back.
	10 May, Sun	Went down with Daisy to see Betty Balfour but she was so surrounded with children that we got no talk. Dined with Erskine Childers & discussed Home Rule.
<i>Fr Hythe, Viscount (T.A. Brassey)</i>	11 May, Mon	Back by day mail to Kilteragh. Sir J Keane dined & slept & told us of men & things in Co Waterford.
To Murray, Capt. Arthur	12 May, Tue	Congested Districts Board at which Dr. O'Donnell urged me to stick to my "solution". Wrote in draft a letter to be signed by the Protestants of the S & W to the Ulster Unionists appealing against exclusion.
To Green, Alice Stopford (Mrs. J.R.) To Hythe, Viscount (T.A. Brassey)	13 May, Wed	I.A.O.S. office & Finance meeting. Alexis Roche came for a couple of days to consult me about his literary work.
<i>Fr Kellogg, Dr. J.H. Fr Persse, W.H.</i>	14 May, Thu	I.A.O.S. work.
To Chetwynd-Stapylton, Bryan To Godkin, Lawrence To McCarthy, Charles To Persse, W.H. (2)	15 May, Fri	Alexis left.
	16 May, Sat	½ day at I.A.O.S. Then brought Christopher La Touche & John Barton to Kilteragh for week end. Æ to dinner.
	17 May, Sun	A most interesting Father Ryan formerly a P.P. in U.S.A. who left America to die, recovered his health in his native air & is devoting his life to the development of a system for providing reading, writing, music &c for the blind. He explained his system to a typical Sunday Kilteragh party.
[queries in original; names not indexed]	18 May, Mon	Spent the afternoon in Belfast. Tom Andrews had John Sinclair, RT Martin, Adam Duffin, Garrett Campbell, ? Heyer & ? Bristow to meet me at lunch. They were all hard headed (& hearted) Ulstermen and took the narrowest most selfish view of the political situation. I was frank about my views & did not lose their respect. I made no converts! Supped with the Harold

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		Barbours & went by boat to Glasgow by night.
	19 May, Tue	<p>After a poor night's sleep got to Dunfermline at 10.40 AM & spent most of the day at meetings of the executive & general body of The Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees. They were a very difficult lot & I did not get them to consent to my Library scheme this time. They will do so at their next meeting in June I think.</p> <p>Had a long walk & talk with Adams. Saw Carnegie's benefactions in his native town. People don't respect him much but his memory will be cherished for much lasting benefit. By night to London.</p>
	20 May, Wed	Colliery & steamship Co meetings morning & afternoon & in the evening a Proportional Representation meeting, well attended with Dunraven in chair. I was put in at last moment to speak in lieu of the Provost of Glasgow. I was well received but spoke as usual! 10.15 PM train to Northwall.
To Kellogg, Dr. J.H. <i>Fr Pinchot, Amos</i> (PIN.114)	21 May, Thu	I.A.O.S. most of the day. Fingalls came to Kilteragh to dine & sleep.
(To Wilbur, J.B. fr Gill, C.O., MCC/C.54/2) [Text of address in <i>IH</i> , XXI:22 (30 May 1914), pp. 433-4]	22 May, Fri	Attended an IAOS conference at Tipperary at which I think I did good. Went on with R.A.A. to Killarney.
	23 May, Sat	<p>Conference at Tralee moderately attended. I think it did good.</p> <p>On by train to Dunraven Arms, Adare, the only really comfortable small country inn in Ireland.</p>
[Carrigkerry] [<i>sub Jove frigido</i> – “under a cold sun”; in bad weather]	24 May, Sun	<p>Drove to Carrakerry, [<i>sic</i>] not far from Ballyhahil where I started a creamery (still living) 25 years ago & addressed the people as they came out of mass <i>sub Jove frigido</i>. Riddall & Fant wanted me to back them up. I was well received.</p> <p>Went to Mondellihy to see Peter Fitzgerald's stud farm. Golfed with him after in Adare & dined with him. Got a good deal of local news.</p>
<i>Fr Bullock, Shan F.</i> [Report of address in <i>IH</i> , XXI:22 (30 May 1914), pp. 436, 438]	25 May, Mon	Went with RAA to Drombanna Creamery 3 miles from Limerick. The best equipment I had seen, a good manager. The P.P. (Fr. McCarthy) met us. He was a timid man & in the farmer vs labourer conflict was entirely with his big parishioners. On to Limerick where I met a deput[atio]n of the Limerick & Clare Farmers assoc'n on the dead meat trade. We had a good discussion. At 2 P.M. the IAOS conf[erenc]e Ld. Monteagle in chair. Good attendance & debate. Prof'r. GM Wrong, Toronto University, joined me (RAA going back to Dublin) & we returned to Adare. A good day's work.
(To Pritchett, Henry S. fr Wilbur, J.B.; MCC/C.54/3) <i>Fr Osgood, Margaret C.</i> (CHI.34)	26 May, Tue	Conference at Newcastle West took most of day. Dermod O'Brien presided, a bad chairman. Did good however on whole.
<i>Fr Russell, George W.</i> (AE)	27 May, Wed	Called on David Roche at the I.C.A.S. Limerick. On to Bridgetown, only creamery in Co Clare, where I met an excellent committee. On to Nenagh where I saw a new well equipped (“best yet”) creamery & held a conference. On to Roscrea where talked with manager & back to Kilteragh very tired. Smith Gordon & his

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		mother dined. Very much tired out by this tour. But it surely did good.
	28 May, Thu	Very tired. Alexis Roche, Eddie, HG Wells & wife came. He (Wells) seemed softened since he was with me 2 years ago. He has made peace with himself I think.
To Bonn, Moritz Julius To Kellogg, Dr. J.H. (To McCarthy, Charles fr Pritchett, Henry S.)	29 May, Fri	Closing up for the Whitsuntide holidays at the IAOS in the morning, amusing the Wells in the afternoon – garden golf &c. Sir Wm. & Lady Byles called & I enlightened them on the Ulster crisis. They admitted the Gov't had blundered badly. Mrs. Cornish came to dine & sleep. Maurice Headlam & AE to dine.
[Lunch was at the Gresham]	30 May, Sat	A 2½ hour lunch at the stuffiest Hotel in Dublin given by the I.A.W.S. to the Cooperative Congress, or about 200 of them, Harold Barbour (who made an excellent speech) paying the bill. Wells, to whose mill all experiences are grist, came & was duly bored. Mahaffy, Nugent Harris & Ian D Colvin a Morning Post leader writer came to dinner.
[prob. Baron von Herman-(Reuti; illegible) allegedly a spy. An agric. expert of that name had earlier been attached to Germany's Washington, D.C. embassy.]	31 May, Sun	A very intelligent German Baron von Reuthi [<i>sic</i>] came to stay a day or two introduced by Nugent Harris. He is attached to the German Embassy in London. Took the Wells to see Howth Castle & the Rhododendrons.
<i>Fr Wells, Catherine</i> (<i>Mrs. H.G</i>)	June – date uncertain	
<i>Fr Cornish, Mrs. Blanche</i> (<i>date uncertain</i>) <i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i> (<i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i> <i>to Wilbur, J.B.</i>)	1 Jun, Mon	Opening of Cooperative Congress, huge attendance, dreary proceedings. Was not very well & only attended morning sitting. Wells's went to Dunsany. The Baron stayed on.
	2 Jun, Tue	At the Cooperative Congress Fr. Finlay opened a discussion on the effectiveness of cooperation to reduce the cost of living. The socialists who took the floor with great ability & vigour denounced his timid suggestion that the elimination of middle profits might avail. They want the sources of production. Mrs. Hannay came. I dined with Henry Robinson to meet Birrell. He is very pessimistic about the prospects of the H.R. Bill.
To Cornish, Mrs. Blanche To Pinchot, Amos (PIN.115) <i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i> [Report of address in <i>IH</i> , XXI:24 (13 Jun 1914), pp. 478-9]	3 Jun, Wed	Last day of Coop Congress. Æ read a brilliant paper. I spoke (fairly only) to it. I think we made the English & Scottish present understand the Irish movement.
To Oliver, F.S.	4 Jun, Thu	Very tired. Had to do a lot of parting correspondence.
(To McCarthy, Charles fr Pritchett, Henry S.) <i>Fr von Herman-Reuth,</i> <i>Baron</i> <i>Fr O'Brien, Dermot</i>	5 Jun, Fri	Up early, off by evening boat & motored Sir John Barton to Shrewsbury. Fine day, enjoyable.

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	6 Jun, Sat	From Shrewsbury to Oxford which we reached 3.30 P.M. Then to the opening of a “social centre”, The Barnett House in memory of Canon Barnett, by Bryce at which I had to say to the most critical audience those inane “few words”. Next to the cooperative shop, an undergraduate social service effort probably down to my inspiration, a dinner with a few of them & a talk to 20 of them in Alan Anderson’s rooms in Univ[ersity College]. Then home to bed ‘at Adams’.
<i>Fr Kellogg, Dr. J.H.</i>	7 Jun, Sun	Breakfasted at Ch[rist] Ch[urch] with John Murray, a Scot interested in the Oxford University ‘Coop’. Then to St. John’s College to talk to Haldane (Ld. Chancellor) on the Irish Q’n. He sees its gravity but not the way out. He agreed to my condemnation of the Government’s treatment of the earlier stages of the Ulster drilling &c. His hope is that the Lords will amend the Amending bill & that real negotiations will open up in the discussion of the Lords amendments. “What” I asked “if the Lords reject the Amending Bill on 2nd Reading”? Then he thought the catastrophe must come. After this I had a long talk with Bryce. He thought that if Ulster held out for the Province their action would be condemned by English pub[lic] op[inio]n. He could not understand how Ulster could snap its fingers at any outside op[inio]n. But so it is. Haldane, by the way, advocates having inclusion or exclusion at the end of the Govt’s temporary exclusion to be settled by the Parliament of the day. Motored to London. Found James Byrne.
	8 Jun, Mon	Parliament not reassembling till tomorrow, my chief London interest was in abeyance. Daisy took James Byrne & me to hear Mrs. Annie Besant on Theosophy & Reincarnation. She has a wonderful tongue but was to me utterly unconvincing. Her appeal is to the desire – the true father of any thoughts she gave us – to live again.
<i>Fr Page, Walter Hines</i> [<i>Maurice Harte</i> by T.C. Murray, 1912]	9 Jun, Tue	Worked at a new edition of my Irish book – no easy task. Took James Byrne to the Irish players at The Court Theatre. Saw Maurice Harte the best performance I have seen for many a day.
<i>Fr Cornish, Mrs. Blanche</i> <i>Fr Kellogg, Dr. J.H.</i> <i>Fr Pinchot, Gifford</i> [President Porfirio Diaz]	10 Jun, Wed	Miscellaneous visits. Lord Eustace Percy lunched with me. He wants to study & get work in agricultural organisation. Col. EM House, President Wilson’s chief adviser arrived in town & I had a good talk with him about Wilson’s administration. He thinks he is right about Mexico. For 200 years the country has been savage. For 25 years of Diaz’s reign it was quiet because he developed the resources of the country. But he did nothing to educate the people, so when he grew old & was got rid of Mexico reverted to type. “Wait & see” seems the only possible policy.
	11 Jun, Thu	Golfed with Filson Young at Sandy Lodge a good ½ day escape from London should my work ever compel me to live here again.
[U.S. Court of Appeals]	12 Jun, Fri	Long talk with A.D. Hall. Shan Bullock who will help me to get out my revised ed[ition] lunched with me. Dined with James Byrne to meet Judge Lacombe of Supreme Court [<i>sic</i>] of U.S. Never met such a Tory. But he must be 70!
[Bishop- Arthur Winnington-Ingram]	13 Jun, Sat	Lunched with the American Ambassador to meet Roosevelt, an interesting party. Curzon, Grey (Earl), Henry James, E M House, the Bp. of London, Merry del Val [(Spanish ambassador, brother of the Cardinal)] were the men I spoke to chiefly. Curzon & I

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		were in a hot discussion (he is immensely able) on the Irish situation when Roosevelt called him off. Went to Warren House, Combe Hill (the Arthur Pagets) for week-end. Sat at dinner next Duchess of Marlborough, a clever suffragist.
[Bucks – Buckinghamshire] [River of Doubt – the Rio da Dúvida on Roosevelt's 1913-14 expedition through Brazilian wilderness]	14 Jun, Sun	Went by motor to Chequers Court, Bucks (a charming Elizabethan House bought by the Arthur Lees) to have a talk with Roosevelt. He explained his River of Doubt with the map in a very interesting (& modest!) way. Our private talk was about the Pinchots who I fear are impossible allies. They have (T.R. says) joined the "Independent Workers of the World", the syndicalists of America. He is a "practical politician". I doubt my being much use in building a bridge. Lady Gregory & Lane were at the Pagets & also Sir Arthur who looked in for lunch and tea at his wife's week end party. He is more hopeless than ever about the Irish situation.
<i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i> (2)	15 Jun, Mon	Back to town none the better for high living. Worked at the revise of my book & went out to Streatham to discuss it with Shan Bullock, a good critic.
	16 Jun, Tue	Called on Ernest Aves chairman of Trade Boards about Donegal outworkers. Never met such a red tape official in my life. Sat through Irish debate in House of Lords. Lamentable.
	17 Jun, Wed	Lunched with Shaftesbury & discussed situation also with Hythe. Dined at duldest of dinners at Lord Chancellor Haldane's.
<i>Fr Chetwynd-Stapylton,</i> <i>Bryan</i>	18 Jun, Thu	Had Adams, S Brooks & Col. House to lunch at Club & then meeting of Carnegie Trustees the old multi-millionaire himself being in attendance. He is in a state of drivelling vanity. I got only £2000 out of the £6000 I wanted for the Cooperative Reference Library to run it for 5 years. This will suffice for 1½ years after which I daresay the case will be made for the balance required.
	19 Jun, Fri	Had a talk with Carson who is now looking for a solution on these lines. For a time under exclusion – separate administration for Ulster in a way which could be continued in a reunited Ireland. This is a hopeful sign. Carnegie & Alec Wilson called on me. Dined with Lord ?Cornbury, met Grey (Earl), Norman Angell & Hugh Law. Interesting talk.
<i>Fr Sadler, Michael E.</i>	20 Jun, Sat	Motored Hart Synnot (with whom I stayed) to Reading. We golfed in afternoon & in evening attended a meeting of the "Speculative Club" of the University college – a very academic body to whom I expounded in an hour's informal talk my views on the Irish situation. Then we dined & afterwards sat discussing my remarks till midnight. Interesting but not very informing. Very English & rather narrow the views of most but a fine feeling of 'fair play' to Ireland. There were only 10 of them & they seemed to be half & half Conservative & Liberal.
<i>Fr Chetwynd-Stapylton,</i> <i>Bryan (date uncertain)</i>	21 Jun, Sun	Fortunately a dullish party at Checkendon where I went today to finish my week end. I was tired out. Brand of the Round Table & Philip Kerr both were there for part of the day.
	22 Jun, Mon	Back to London.
To Pinchot, Gifford <i>Fr Pinchot, Amos</i>	23 Jun, Tue	Opening, dinner & reception (swarry) of Internat[iona]l Congress on Imperial Agriculture took most of day. Also called on Lady Londonderry and listened to introduction of Amending Bill in House of Lords. No hope of peace so far.

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	24 Jun, Wed	Hythe came with his Imperial Federation scheme & bored me, worthy man. I hope the plan is a possible way out but it looks to me too slow for the crisis. Lunched with the Londonderrys & Castlereagh. The last-named kept quiet & so my time was wasted. Went to the House & had a talk with Birrell who is more than perplexed. He kept saying of these gathering forces "Who are they going to fight[?]" Took Lady Paget, Grey, the Houses, Sydney Brooks's, Daisy to the Irish players.
Fr Sichel, Edith	25 Jun, Thu	Began day with an hour with Redmond. Very reasonable but unable to suggest any way out of the impasse. On to Lansdowne who postulates the satisfaction of Ulster's wishes. I said I thought this wrong. The narrow bigoted selfishness of their outlook made them unfit arbiters of the empire's destiny at this crisis. The House of Lords had a fine opportunity to strengthen its pos[iti]o[n] enormously by influencing Ulster. Went to Oxford for Univ[ersity College] gaudy. Met WB Paton, CG Steel, Lord Ashton, ?Borsted & other contemporaries. Had to speak & did it badly.
	26 Jun, Fri	Rushed back to London to preside over the discussion on agric'l coop'n at Internat[iona]l Congress of Tropical Agriculture at the Imperial Institute. Fair attendance. Spoke pretty well for me. Lunched with Sydney Brooks at Brooks'. Sir Hugh Clifford & ?Beck MP most interesting people. Had a talk with Geoffrey Robinson who feels sure the gov't will go to the country before end of August.
	27 Jun, Sat	Fingall & I trained to Birmingham and motored to Holyhead. We slept at Kilteragh.
	28 Jun, Sun	Hammond & Fingall spent the day talking the Irish Question & the Volunteers. Rested & badly wanted rest.
To Adams, W.G.S. To Cornish, Mrs. Blanche To Sichel, Edith To Wells, Catherine (Mrs. H.G.) [KCSI – Knight Commander of the Star of India]	29 Jun, Mon	Heavy day at Plunkett House. Sir James Dowie K.C.S.I. came by day mail & Sir Charles & Lady Waldstein (he to get a TCD honorary degree tomorrow) at night. Godkin was rescued from the California of the Anchor Line which went ashore on Tory Island & only got to Londonderry. Awful news of assassination of heir of Emperor of Austria & his wife in morning papers.
To McCarthy, Charles To Page, Walter Hines To Shaw, Charlotte F. <i>Fr Sichel, Edith</i>	30 Jun, Tue	Godkin arrived having been rescued from the sinking California. Also James Byrne & Colonel R.G. Monro[e] his chief friend by day mail. Work at Plunkett House & garden golf.
<i>Fr Bonn, Moritz Julius</i>	July – day uncertain	
<i>Fr Oliver, F.S.</i>	1 Jul, Wed	I.A.O.S. morning, golf & talk afternoon. Starkies & Mahaffy to dinner. Very interesting evening. Sir James Dowie left.
To Oliver, F.S. To Sichel, Edith <i>Fr Waldstein, Sir Charles & Mrs. Florence)</i>	2 Jul, Thu	Lady Drummond of Montreal & her son were brought to lunch by Aberdeen & an A.D.C. They only gave me an hour's notice. She was not very interesting. He was odder than when I last talked to him. The Waldsteins left.
	3 Jul, Fri	Worked at a long letter to Times on the crisis.

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<i>Fr Lowell, A. Lawrence</i>	4 Jul, Sat	Finished letter to Times. So long they may not put it in. But the work can be used later if they don't. Vincent Massey of Toronto Canada, a young & wealthy (manufacturer of agric'l machinery) philanthropist came to visit me.
	5 Jul, Sun	With Æ back from his painting holidays in Donegal had a typical Kilteragh Sunday.
To Channing of Wellingborough	6 Jul, Mon	Byrne & Monro[e] left after a morning's golf. Spent afternoon at Plunkett House.
To Lansdowne, 5th Marquess <i>Fr Shaw, Charlotte F.</i>	7 Jul, Tue	IAOS half day.
To Shaw, Charlotte F.	8 Jul, Wed	Tom de Burgh & Gerty de Robeck came. Thirty years ago they were my adult playmates!
To Bonn, Moritz Julius <i>Fr Bonn, Moritz Julius</i> <i>Fr Hythe, Viscount</i> <i>(T.A. Brassey)</i>	9 Jul, Thu	The same.
To Hythe, Viscount (T.A. Brassey)	10 Jul, Fri	Went with Æ to Nathaniel Hone's and bought from the old painter a picture for the University of Wisconsin. Came back to Dublin & went to Æ's house in afternoon & bought 3 pictures from him for same. Hanson & his wife (Deena Tyrrell) came to stay.
To House, E.M. <i>Fr Bullock, Shan</i>	11 Jul, Sat	Motored Anderson to an agric'l organisation conference at Navan. Good attendance & good discussions. Called at Dunsany on my way back but Eddie & Beatrice were at the cricket ground. Bought a new small "run about" Morris Oxford car.
	12 Jul, Sun	Up at 5.30 AM & did 4 hard hours work at pamphlet on Irish situation. Then had a Kilteragh Sunday with usual guests.
To Bullock, Shan <i>Fr Lansdowne, 5th</i> <i>Marquess</i>	13 Jul, Mon	Again an early morning's work. Then IAOS & back to Kilteragh for more work. My pamphlet grows. S.S. McClure of McClure's Magazine whom I met at Battle Creek came. He is an Ulster man, had been visiting his friends near Ballymena and was thoroughly indoctrinated with the purest Ulster bigotry.
	14 Jul, Tue	C.D.B. Birrell in chair. Dr. O'Donnell & he were both very uneasy about the political situation. Worked at pamphlet which is growing.
<i>Fr Bullock, Shan</i> <i>Fr Cornish, Mrs. Blanche</i>	15 Jul, Wed	A horrid rush. Had to dismiss all my guests, finish my pamphlet, see Birrell at the Under Secretary's Lodge and get off by the 1.40 PM boat. It was late & I missed connections at Manchester & had to sleep there. Vile Hotel. Birrell was helpless & hopeless. He said the Government would be able to remove the time limit but the crux was the area of the Ulster exclusion. From what I told him of Redmond's attitude on this he said there would be no settlement. He expects a general election.
	16 Jul, Thu	Took 7.20 train for Newcastle. It was late & I missed connections at Leeds only getting to Newcastle at 12.15 when the Bowes

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		meeting was 5/6ths over. In pouring wet visited half the collieries. Dead tired.
	17 Jul, Fri	Inspected rest of collieries & traveled back by night to Ireland.
To Cornish, Mrs. Blanche	18 Jul, Sat	Arrived by morning mail after a nearly sleepless night. Everything went wrong. Crowd of Manchester cheap trippers, good & worthy folk piled into first class. A lady suckling two babies with a husband, sister & 5 other children! in my carriage. Arrived at Kilteragh, Dorothy invited herself with her husband, 2 children, two nurses to come immediately as they were afraid of diphtheria where they were. Lucky I had just, but only just, room. Daisy's Mamie & JE Healy week ended. Senator Fletcher & his wife & the Smith Gordons dined. Four unknown Americans telephoned & tea'd. And yet I got ahead with my pamphlet.
	19 Jul, Sun	The usual Sunday crowd. G.S. ?Freeman & wife Ass[istan]t. Ed[ito]r of Times spent the day. Senator Maggiorino Ferraris Italian statesman & economist came for lunch & tea. Many others.
[Speaker – J. W. Lowther]	20 Jul, Mon	News came that the King had called a conference of British & Irish Unionist & Nationalist leaders (8 with Speaker as chairman) to discuss the situation. I don't believe they will agree but it makes the terms of my pamphlet very difficult to settle. Daisy & Mamie left, Monteagle & Mrs. Hannay came.
<i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i>	21 Jul, Tue	Began work at 5 AM & finished my pamphlet rather eloquently I think. Then IAOS quarterly meeting, only V Nash from Development Com'n but a very good & impressive 2¾ hours business. Back to Kilteragh for golf with Nash.
To Bullock, Shan To Lowell, A. Lawrence	22 Jul, Wed	Tired out & felt effects of over work. Monteagle left.
To Murray, Capt. Arthur	23 Jul, Thu	½ day at IAOS chiefly getting at pamphlet. I saw several bad misprints or rather wrong words but 1500 had been printed off. Fingall dined & Eddie dined & slept & I educated them both a little on the "crisis" I think.
To Ely, Richard T. To Kellogg, Dr. J.H.	24 Jul, Fri	Wrote to Ministers & ex Ministers enclosing my pamphlet which I think may be considered as the King's conference has broken up without coming to any agreement.
	25 Jul, Sat	Same as yesterday. Alexis Roche came, Mrs. Hannay left.
	26 Jul, Sun	Golfed at Kingstown with Healy & brought him back to lunch to talk over the policy of the Irish Times. Decided to talk to Arnott. Ford left for the Vice Regal Lodge.
	27 Jul, Mon	Morning's papers brought news that the Nat Volunteers had landed some 2000 rifles & had been resisted ineffectively by police. 200 soldiers were called up & in a short riot in Dublin shot 3 men. The Servians committed an act of war today & all looks very dark. Alexis Roche left & Christopher La Touche came. Got a very nice appreciation of my pamphlet from John (now Viscount) Morley. Morley wrote from Wimbledon 26th ["I am extremely obliged to you for sending me your tract. I have read it through with keen interest. If only one could hope its force would prevail in this hour of blind and aimless strife. Yours very sincerely, Morley of

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		B[lackburn].[?] Went in to the Civic Exhib'n & Lady Aberdeen collared me for a conference at which I had to preside.
	28 Jul, Tue	Dorothy went to Dunsany leaving her two children. Christopher La Touche I saw too little of as I was busy all day. In the evening Prior Wandesforde came to dine & sleep & George Stewart to dine. We had a talk on the situation. I am fathoming Irish Unionism & seeing how much of it can be used. Ralph Stuart Wortley came at night en route to New York.
<i>To Seton, Sir Malcolm C. Fr Grey, 4th Earl</i>	29 Jul, Wed	Wandesforde, La Touche, Æ, Mahaffy & I had a symposium on the Irish situation over dinner. Not much forrader. They liked my suggestion of a postponement of Irish Bill for a year, Oppos[iti]o[n] extending Parliament Act operation.
To Chetwynd-Stapylton, Bryan To Hythe Viscount (T.A. Brassey) <i>Fr Waldstein, Sir Charles</i>	30 Jul, Thu	La Touche & Stuart Wortley left. I sent a message to Asquith through Birrell advising postponing action on Home Rule Bill till after next session if the oppos[iti]o[n] would agree to extend the operation of the Parl't Act.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	31 Jul, Fri	Vaughan Nash met the Creameries subcommittee at the I.A.O.S. & we discussed further grants for the IAOS. Rev EF Campbell came to dine with me & talked the Home Rule question.
	1 Aug, Sat	Wrote a short letter to The Times on the Irish situation advocating postponement of the proceedings in Parliament during the European crisis. Dorothy came back from Dunsany & Daisy came for week end.
[Sylvia]	2 Aug, Sun	A special Sunday Irish Times brought the awful news that Germany had declared war upon Russia & that France was mobilising. It seems almost impossible for England to stay out of the quarrel & the Armageddon is in sight. All my thoughts must turn now to what Ireland (where I have a little influence) should do. The day was disturbed by my chauffeur brutally beating his wife. I had to get him away to Dublin & to dismiss him the moment he can pack his furniture. Dorothy & her maids, children, "prams", baths & patriarchal impedimenta had to leave by the morning boat. A nice muddle. Mr. & Mrs. R Ponsonby Blen[n]jrhassett (she Silvia [sic] Myers, daughter of the late Fred[eric]k Myers) came for a dine & sleep.
["Ireland's Opportunity", <i>The Times</i> , p. 7]	3 Aug, Mon	The news got worse & worse but being Bank Holiday it was mostly rumour. Fingall arrived & met Col. Maurice Moore at Kilteragh. Negotiations with Fingall with a view to his taking the inspectorship of the Meath National Volunteers got at Moore's mind which is very hazy. I fear he will lead them nowhere.
<i>Fr Wolff, Henry W.</i>	4 Aug, Tue	Meeting of Plunkett House Trustees to whom I finally turned over the House with all its funds & responsibilities. La Touche, Barbour, Æ, R.A.A., R Barton present, Monteagle & Fr. Finlay absent. News got worse & worse. It looks as if we should be dragged in tomorrow.
To Adams, W.G.S.	5 Aug, Wed	Another anxious day. Wrote to Gardiner & Sir Lindsay Wood that

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(cable) To Wolff, Henry W. [<i>per contra</i> – by contrast]		I would support any action of coal owners for keeping down the price of coal. Discussed actions I.A.O.S. might take to keep down price of food by eliminating middlemen & profits. Discussed with Col. Moore & his equally inefficient staff the organisation of Nat'l Volunteers. Saw Paget about possibility of helping them with expert advice & trained officers. The morning papers brought the news that England had declared war on Germany last night. The Armageddon is at hand. So far Italy is neutral. My chief fear is that Germany knows Russia to be powerless & its government possibly corrupt. <i>Per contra</i> both Belgium & Holland are mobilised & ready to resist the infringement of their neutrality.
<i>Fr Sichel, Edith</i> Fr Young, Filson	6 Aug, Thu	Called first on Col. Moore & then Powerscourt visited me at Plunkett House. Later advised Carlow Unionists about joining volunteer force, having already arranged with Moore to give Powerscourt chief post in Wicklow. Had long confab with Major Webb one of Paget's advisers about scheme for bringing about cooperation of both volunteer forces with Government. Wrote Bryan about the scheme. Attended meeting of Automobile Club to discuss making motors available for military service. Wrote Vaughan Nash for more money for IAOS to work among western newly settled peasantry. A big day's work.
To Balfour, Lady Betty To Dunsany, Ld. Edward To Ponsonby, Thomas	7 Aug, Fri	Worked nearly all day trying to get Col. Moore to understand things. At night his Provisional Ctee met and seem to have shown their utter incompetence to understand or deal with the situation.
To Young, Filson [Text of circular "To the Organised Farmers of Ireland" in <i>IH</i> , XXI:33 (15 Aug 1914), p. 657] [Letter to Birrell re alleged wartime price increases in <i>IH</i> , XXI:33 (15 Aug 1914), p. 659]	8 Aug, Sat	Telegram was published signed by Birrell & TW Russell protesting on behalf of the Cabinet against the cooperative creameries for raising the price of "butter bacon & the foods in which they deal". I had to write to Birrell & the press giving the lie direct. This is the meanest of the Russell-Dillon attacks against me & my movement. Had to go to Powerscourt to see him about his connection with the Volunteers. There is great work to be done here but P. was in the Irish Guards & feels he ought to have rejoined.
<i>Fr Bullock, Shan</i> <i>Fr Chetwynd-Stapylton, Bryan (date uncertain)</i> <i>Fr Kellogg, Dr. J.H.</i>	9 Aug, Sun	Erskine Childers came to help the Volunteers. He had done gunrunning for them – the Howth landing which led to the Dublin riot in which the Scottish Borderers killed 3 people – & was looking to them to counteract the Ulster Volunteers and force Home Rule. He met Moore & his Capt. Hemphill, Fingall, Everard & Anderson at Kilteragh & gradually got a new point of view – the real all Ireland one. He is a rabid radical Home Ruler & quite ignorant of the facts of Irish life which count most with me.
To Chetwynd-Stapylton, Bryan To Young, Filson Cable to press fr A. Birrell & T.W. Russell; reply fr HCP (IRC.1) <i>Fr Waldstein, Sir Charles</i>	10 Aug, Mon	Meeting sundry people & trying to arrive at a settlement of the Volunteer difficulty.
To Bullock, Shan <i>Fr Chetwynd-Stapylton, Bryan</i>	11 Aug, Tue	Mary Spring Rice arrived and R O'Sullivan a very nice Irish friend of Bullock's in the Exchequer & Audit office dined.

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		C.D.B. meeting. But spent most of the day writing a letter to the Press on the situation. Then changed it to a letter to Asquith. Finally decided to write to Redmond! I want to have a political armistice and a military reunion in Ireland.
[Prob. barrister Serjeant Sullivan]	12 Aug, Wed	Long hard day writing to Redmond, Birrell & others on this awful Irish muddle. Interviewed Jack White & his chief man in the Nationalist Volunteers of Tyrone. Long talk with Sergeant [sic] Sullivan. Monteagle, Tom & May Ponsonby came. Erskine Childers left.
To Grey, 4th Earl To Sichel, Edith To Young, Filson	13 Aug, Thu	Monteagle left. From Limerick he telephoned that Dunraven had seen Redmond who said that the Home Rule Bill must be signed as the price of the cooperation betw'n the Nationalist & Ulster Volunteers which he offered in a notable speech on Aug 3rd. General Sir Bryan Mahon was over for Lord Kitchener to enquire what use if any could be made with the Nationalist Volunteers. He came first to me & I told him the whole story. Tom & May went to Killeen.
<i>To Waldstein, Sir Charles</i> <i>Fr Pinchot, Cornelia Bryce (PIN.119)</i> <i>Fr Sellar, Mrs. G.</i> <i>Fr Young, Filson</i>	14 Aug, Fri	Meeting at Plunkett House of representative Dublin folk, largely of the labour element, to discuss formation of a consumers League. Godkin returned to me unable to get a passage home. He had been in Paris when the war broke out, went on to Havre where he stayed on board his ship a week hoping she would sail, then returned to London. Tom & May returned for the week end.
To Sellar, Mrs. G.	15 Aug, Sat	Wrote to Redmond calling for an answer to my open letter & saying I should have to publish it if I didn't get one. Got a wire from Waldstein to whom I had sent it saying he would see Redmond or Asquith if I wished but advised me not to publish letter at moment. Replied I was trying to see R, helpful if he would see A. Erskine Childers returned.
<i>Fr Sadler, Michael E.</i>	16 Aug, Sun	Daisy & Fingall, Mrs. Jack Leslie, R O'Sullivan, Mrs. J R Green among the callers. But a day of rest. Badly needed after the terrible anxiety – or rather in the middle of it.
	17 Aug, Mon	Erskine Childers was called back to the Admiralty probably for service in the North Sea where he is a good pilot. Redmond answered that he could not accept my plan & I wrote to Poe (Sir Hutcheson) asking him to propose an appeal to Carson & Redmond. I would back it up. This occupied most of the day – I mean thinking out this plan.
<i>Fr Waldstein, Sir Charles</i>	18 Aug, Tue	Hutcheson Poe came up from Queen's Co & I arranged with him to give me a peg to hang my political settlement on. He will father an appeal to Redmond <u>and</u> Carson to settle their differences & let Ireland play its part in the war.
<i>Fr Waldstein, Sir Charles</i>	19 Aug, Wed	Got my letter off. It was an awful day 5 AM to 5 PM when I had to entertain a party of American economists at Kilteragh for tea & supper. Monteagle came.
To Waldstein, Sir Charles	20 Aug, Thu	Meeting of Consumers League. Otherwise rested after hard day yesterday.
To Adams, W.G.S.	21 Aug, Fri	Worked ½ day at I.A.O.S. & golfed with Godkin in afternoon. He

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To Waldstein, Sir Charles <i>Fr Waldstein, Sir Charles</i>		left for America.
	22 Aug, Sat	Daisy, Gerald & his tutor – a Mr. Delbos – & the Hart Synnots came for the week end.
	23 Aug, Sun	Golfed early with Robinson to talk over question of unemployment during war & its effect on the Irish military situation. Then wrote a letter to Asquith telling him if only he would put off the decision on the Home Rule Bill procedure we <u>might</u> move Ulster, as the South of Ireland Unionists are on their way to Home Rule & much inclined to resent their desertion by Ulster.
To Gwynn, Stephen L.	24 Aug, Mon	All my guests went except Eddie. Began day with meeting of Meath Hospital Board. Had to appoint a woman House Surgeon because most of the staff had gone to the War. Wrote a letter to press on Irish political situation.
To Bullock, Shan To Seton, Sir Malcolm C. <i>Fr Gwynn, Stephen L.</i>	25 Aug, Tue	I.A.O.S. work.
To Gwynn, Stephen L. To McCarthy, Charles To Waldstein, Sir Chas. <i>Fr Shaw, Charlotte F.</i>	26 Aug, Wed	Still no news which gives any indication of the prospects of the war betw'n France & Germany. The Russians <u>seem</u> to be advancing into Prussia.
	27 Aug, Thu	The news was cheering except for a report in one London & one Dublin paper that Lille had fallen. As the day went on it was not contradicted. I went to the Irish Times office & had a long talk with Healy. I fear the news next to hand will be gloomy. Wrote a long letter to Stamfordham (for the King) urging an immediate settlement of the political question in Ireland so that this country might play its part.
To Shaw, Charlotte F.	28 Aug, Fri	IAOS work & waiting anxiously for news.
<i>Fr Adams, W.G.S.</i> <i>Fr Bullock, Shan</i> [OSB – Order of St. Benedict]	29 Aug, Sat	Daisy, Mamie & Rev. Gregory Quinlan OSB from Downside came for week end. Long talks with Fingall over the Volunteers. He is about to leave them & wants me to express his reasons. Anderson in today's Irish Times recommends the enrolment of special constables & asks all & sundry to write to him at Plunkett House. He makes it appear an I.A.O.S. proposal! I had to write to the Gen'l Ctee & make him write to the Irish Times undoing the mischief as far as possible.
<i>Fr Adams, W.S.G.</i> [Katherine]	30 Aug, Sun	Catherine [<i>sic</i>] Tynan & her husband (Hinkson) lunched. Bailey & Fingall dined. A day of awful anxiety. The Germans were reported moving troops Eastwards. Is this the pressure of Russia only, or are they no longer needed for the Western attack? The shipping of troops from Archangel through the Arctic Sea to Holland whence they are trained to the south coast & shipped to France giving new hope. But Armageddon indeed!
<i>Fr Phelan, Canon T.</i>	31 Aug, Mon	W.G.S. Adams came for a night on way back to Oxford. Daisy & I lunched with the Pagets. They were packing up & it was very sad. He muddled "the army crisis" & is evidently being made "a back number". He is not very intelligent but is a brave and honest man. The war news looks better. Russia standing advances & the German staggering blow at France has been at <u>least</u> parried.

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<i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i>	1 Sep, Tue	Tom Spring Rice came through on his way to London. He & I had a good talk on the situation in Europe & the American view of it. He quite satisfied me that the Americans are strongly with us. Daisy & Eddie left.
To Dunsany, Ld. Edward	2 Sep, Wed	The horrors of the war came near. Dorothy wired "Bryan reported missing. There is very little hope". She is probably alarmed by reports that the wounded are being killed. But there are 4000 missing out of less than 6000 casualties. So I hope the poor fellow is either a prisoner or lightly wounded. Tom Spring Rice left, the Hugh Laws came.
To Godkin, Lawrence	3 Sep, Thu	Four thousand "missing". I am not so hopeless about poor Bryan. Got a delightful letter from Reggie describing the Heligoland Bight engagement. His ship the Lion sank two German cruisers.
<i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i>	4 Sep, Fri	The family had a great relief. Bryan was reported well and a prisoner in Brussels. No doubt in trying to safeguard the retreat many small bodies are liable to be cut off. Carson has broken silence. He has offered divisions of the Ulster Volunteers for Lord Kitchener's army without any terms as to the hanging up of the H.R. Bill. Redmond's offer of Aug. 3 of coop'n betw'n the two Volunteer forces (Nat & Ulster) for the defence of Ireland was empty as the Nat[ional] Vol[unteer]s have no organisation or officers or equipment. I must still press for a compromise.
	5 Sep, Sat	½ day at I.A.O.S. Christopher La Touche came for a long week-end.
	6 Sep, Sun	[J.E.] Healy & Robinson to lunch. Eddie & the Hansons to dinner. A restful day.
[Louvain – French town destroyed by Germans on 26 August.]	7 Sep, Mon	A meeting of Relief of Distress Ctee for County Dublin convened by Co Council. Never saw such a helpless body. But it may improve as it goes on. Fr. Finlay came to dine & discuss the situation. He has a loathing for the French. But then Louvain!
<i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i>	8 Sep, Tue	CDB met & I managed to get them to write a letter to the Development Commission which may help to get more money for the I.A.O.S. for the West of Ireland work. Eddie & C La Touche left. The war looks better but the enormous superiority of the German artillery & general equipment remains evident. I also greatly distrust the French organisation & generals.
To Childers, Erskine	9 Sep, Wed	Mary came. After ½ day at IAOS attended a Red Cross meeting of good people with little brains (but some money). Fr. Finlay & Sir H Robinson came to dine & discuss principles of relief. It is evident there is going to be awful mismanagement.
<i>Fr Lowell, A. Lawrence</i>	10 Sep, Thu	½ day in office, ½ with Mary at Kilteragh. Roberts D.D. F[ellow].T.C.D. & wife dined.
To Godkin, Lawrence To White Star Line	11 Sep, Fri	Wrote Carson, begging him to settle with the Gov't on terms the Nationalists could be fairly expected to accept. Mary left.
To Brooks, Sydney	12 Sep, Sat	½ day at P[lunkett]. House. Eddie & Beatrice, the Hart Synnots,

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		Mamie & Arthur Mahaffy, a very interesting & travelled son of the Vice Pres't of TCD came for week end. The war news much better. The Germans retreating rapidly from Paris back over the French Frontier.
	13 Sep, Sun	Arthur Mahaffy a very interesting fellow widely travelled & read. Spent most of the day writing a letter to the Dublin papers urging all & sundry to accept tomorrow's decision in Parliament as to the further proceedings on the Home Rule & Amending Bills.
To Hone, Nathaniel <i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i>	14 Sep, Mon	A technicality prevented the debate in the Commons on the H.R. Bill &c. But in the Lords the government's intention was declared which is to pass it & have it signed with a moratorium of its operation & an amending Bill promised. Had a long talk with Mrs. Fowle, a Belgian wife of Colonel Fowle, who had been to London to look after Belgian refugees. She told me that the brutality of the Germans was not half told in the Press & much of it was untellable. In one place where a priest was with a lot of women prisoners they said to him "You have never seen women, you are not allowed to" they then made him look on while they stripped six women to the waist and cut off their breasts. The officers were worse than the men – far worse. The brutality was partly designed to cow the Belgians & in a lesser degree part of drunken orgies.
<i>Fr Brooks, Sydney</i>	15 Sep, Tue	Office & Finance Ctee of I.A.O.S. Cecil Morison (a friend of WGS Adams) & Alexis Roche came.
<i>Fr Hone, Nathaniel</i>	16 Sep, Wed	A sharp attack of lumbago. Went to the Swedish Institute. Miss Schiller & her Swedish assistant were still in Sweden where the news of the war comes from German sources. For all they knew Dublin may be in German hands! So the English assistant treated me & made me more sore but I suppose better. Professor Houston dined. Eddie offered his services (none too soon) to the Army.
To Childers, Mary ("Molly"; Mrs. Erskine)	17 Sep, Thu	A tiresome day with lumbago still. But the Swedish treatment though painful is wonderful. Either neglect or ordinary medical advice would have given me a long attack I daresay. Tom Ponsonby came & Monteagle. Parliament was prorogued & the Home Rule Bill put on the Statute Book.
To Pinchot, Cornelia Bryce (PIN.120) <i>Fr Poynton, John A.</i>	18 Sep, Fri	Not very well. Meeting of Co Dublin Red Cross Branch & IAOS work.
To Godkin, Lawrence	19 Sep, Sat	Meeting of Co Dublin Relief C'tee. Mrs. Fowle, the Belgian, Daisy & Mamie came for the week end. Fr. Finlay dined. Mrs. F who heard from the Refugees in London awful stories of German barbarities admits that the civilians probably did fire on the German soldiers at Liege & possibly at Louvain.
	20 Sep, Sun	A gloriously fine day & this brought calm for reflection on the awful woes of our friends & fellow countrymen on the Continent. Lady Powerscourt, 'Pat' Cox, the Lanes & Æ were among the callers.
	21 Sep, Mon	All guests left & I spent the day at the Plunkett House. The vertigo has hung about me the last few days. I had hoped it had gone for good.
<i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i>	22 Sep, Tue	A nasty attack of vertigo. Struggled through my work and crossed

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<i>Fr Sellar, Mrs. G.</i>		by night mail to London. Mrs. Childers came & implored me to get Asquith to make a speech exalting the National(ist) Volunteers when he comes to “enthuse” Ireland to enlist this week. Just as I went on board I heard that 3 armoured cruisers had been sunk by a submarine in the North Sea. Devilish.
	23 Sep, Wed	Went to Asquith’s official residence & found the Cabinet sitting. However I had a long talk with Bonham Carter his p[ri]vate sec. & briefed him fully for A’s speech in Dublin. The Volunteer situation I put before Asquith’s p. sec was briefly this. The I[rish].N[at]ional.V[olunteer].s were a political force originally but not under Redmond. They were a counterblast to Carsonism in Ulster. Redmond insisted on taking over half the control & nominated 25 to serve on the Provisional Ctee of 25, mostly Sinn Feiners & the like. This 50 strong committee of course has made no progress with the organisation of the force & all is chaos & incompetence. <u>But</u> they are politically powerful enough to stop recruiting in “Kitchener’s army”. My suggestions are (1) Invite the Volunteers to send full companies to existing Irish Regiments now being reinforced in Ireland, (2) Let the W[ar].O[ffice]. agree to train any likely INV recruits as officers for their companies & (3) Let Asquith adumbrate a Territorial status for the INVs (& Ulster Vs) after the war. I think this amount of recognition would get over the difficulty.
To Waldstein, Sir Charles <i>Fr Childers, Erskine</i>	24 Sep, Thu	Had Sydney Brooks to lunch & attended Pelton Colliery meeting. In afternoon went to W[ar].O[ffice]. & had long talks with Col. [Brinsley] Fitzgerald, Personal military secretary, the colonel (I forget his name) in charge of recruiting & Tennant, Parl’y Under Secretary. Put my views before them & urged them to make Kitchener wire Asquith to make the right points in his speech tomorrow to Volunteers. 10.15 PM train to Dublin.
To Childers, Erskine	25 Sep, Fri	Presided over Exec Ctee of Co Dublin Relief of Distress Ctee. Asquith’s meeting at the Mansion House. Rampant Imperialism indulged in by Redmond, Dillon, Devlin, Ld Meath &c. God in Heaven may smile. Mansion House of course packed with its 3000 enthusiastic ticket holders. Sinn Feiners, Larkinites &c strictly excluded. After the meeting a supper at the V[ice].R[egal]. Lodge. I sat next Miss Elizabeth Asquith an infant prodigy.
<i>Fr Waldstein, Sir Charles</i>	26 Sep, Sat	Spent the morning chiefly in taking Miss Elizabeth Asquith from the V.R. Lodge to Æ who took us both to the National Gallery & the Irish Antiquities. Sir J. Barton came to Foxrock for week end.
<i>Fr Pinchot, Cornelia Bryce (PIN.121)</i> <i>Fr Roberts, Ld.</i> <i>Frederick Sleigh</i>	27 Sep, Sun	An interesting luncheon party. Birrell, Sir John Simon, Hobhouse (P[ost].M[aster]. General) & wife, Percy Illingworth (chief whip) & wife. Ld. Lucas & Miss Herbert his sister, Sir Mat[t]hew Nathan (the new Under Secretary), Sir H Verney & Æ. Avoided political talk & war talk. All passed off pleasantly in glorious weather.
To Sellar, Mrs. G.	28 Sep, Mon	¼ day at I.A.O.S.
To Godkin, Lawrence To Lowell, A. Lawrence To Poynton, John A.	29 Sep, Tue	Got a letter from old Lord Roberts asking me what could be done to encourage enlistment in Ireland, to follow up Asquith’s meeting. Wrote him fully my views which were that he could do a

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To Roberts, Ld. Frederick Sleigh		lot if he accepted Home Rule! Mrs. Erskine Childers came for a dine & sleep & told me of her woes in the Irish National Volunteer office. There she works with Jim Byrne's £1000 cheque in her pocket & not knowing how to spend it!
To Godkin, Lawrence	30 Sep, Wed	Norman came for a few days' rest from his mother, an old lady who keeps him reading to her half the night because she cannot sleep! Went to a meeting of the local Relief of Distress Committee at Cabinteely. A good selection of neighbours came including Mrs. Keith, Mrs. Hamilton & E O'Farrell.
[Three]	1 Oct, Thu	Whole morning at County Relief Ctee. No distress traceable to the war yet in the County. It will come soon & we shall have spent much of the available money first I fear. Schemes are hatching. EF Knight ("Where Two [<i>sic</i>] Empires Meet", "Cruise of the Falcon" &c) came to dine & sleep. Fingall, Daisy & Mamie motored from Killeen just for dinner to meet him. Æ, Norman, Robinson & the Tynan Hinksons made an interesting party of 10. Knight has been in 16 wars, sometimes fighting sometimes as correspondent. He lost an arm in one.
<i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i>	2 Oct, Fri	Knight left me. Called on Jim Power & found him rather better after a 6 weeks change in Co Wexford.
To Childers, Mary ("Molly"; Mrs. Erskine)	3 Oct, Sat	Social Relief Ctee met. There was happily nothing to do but as chairman I put our machinery in order for rapid action when distress arises. Daisy & her girls arrived.
<i>Fr Hammond, Dayrell Talbot</i>	4 Oct, Sun	Young Domville of Loughlinstown, Major Webb, Major Crockett & "Pat" Cox came for the day. Four soldiers who before Xmas may be buried abroad. Cheerful we kept of course, but to me it is all very ghastly. While Christian sects fought each other over small doctrinal differences it was a shock to my faith. But now when all the Xian sects of one part of Europe are justifying their murderous action & the rest of Europe – for nearly all Europe is engaged – is justifying the contrary murderous action – well!
To McCarthy, Charles	5 Oct, Mon	Went with Daisy to see the Mayos. She has been ill & looks a good deal older. As usual she is doing her duty in the stolid English way feeling, much more than she lets the world suspect, the cussedness of the Irish she is trying in a hundred ways to help. Worked at a memorandum to give "a fillip" to the I.A.O.S.
To Roberts, Ld. Frederick Sleigh	6 Oct, Tue	Motored Norman & Wibberley to Killeen after a morning at the above memorandum. Anderson's two sons left for the war and Fingall & Eddie have both war jobs though they probably won't go to the front. Sadness brood heavily.

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<i>Fr Roberts, Ld.</i> <i>Frederick Sleigh</i>	7 Oct, Wed	Back to Kilteragh with Norman, doing a good IAOS day on the way.
(To McCarthy, Charles fr Ingalls, R.) <i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i>	8 Oct, Thu	Eddie in a captain's Khaki uniform lunched at the Club today. Worked all day at I.A.O.S.
To Childers, Mary ("Molly"; Mrs. Erskine) <i>[Ireland's Opportunity, memorandum in IH, XXI:43 (24 Oct 1914), pp. 781-3]</i>	9 Oct, Fri	Hannay & family have settled at Mt. Mapas, Killiney. Norman & I called & found them celebrating a silver wedding! Finished my IAOS memorandum.
To Roberts, Ld. Frederick Sleigh To Phelan, Canon T.	10 Oct, Sat	Wibberley's wife has told Anderson that W. is a brute, beats her, tells her he is going to leave her & when she asks "what am I to do then" is told "go on the streets"! So I had a long talk with W. & Fingall (who is giving him £100 a year to manage Killeen "continuous cropping") about future plans, not of course "letting on" about the wife. She gave the information to Anderson in strict confidence. I really don't know what to believe!
	11 Oct, Sun	Went to Killeen with Norman to discuss Wibberley's management there & many other things.
[Eglinton]	12 Oct, Mon	Had to lunch a very nice young Landlord – Sir James Cotter & wife of Rockforest Mallow. He wanted to study my continuous cropping & I tried to get him to go into our movement with the IAOS in his district. Wm. Magee of the Nat Library – "John Eglinton" [<i>sic</i>] of Irish literature, dined. He is a very nice fellow & I must see more of him.
To Godkin, Lawrence <i>Fr Chetwynd-Stapylton, Bryan</i>	13 Oct, Tue	A day of depression about the war. Was not well either. C La Touche joined Norman & me at Kilteragh.
	14 Oct, Wed	Meeting of Congested Districts Board Birrell in chair & Sir Mathew [<i>sic</i>] Nathan the new Under Secretary in attendance. Sat for over 4 hours & did little work.
	15 Oct, Thu	A talk with Birrell about T.W. Russell's attempt to prevent the I.A.O.S. getting the grant for developing their agric'l development policy which the Development Commissioners want to give them. Birrell promised to tell the Treasury not to listen to T.W.R. I also put in a useful word for Mahaffy as successor to Provost Trail[I] of T.C.D. who died today.
To Godkin, Lawrence	16 Oct, Fri	Worked at I.A.O.S. The war news was fairly good on land though very obscure. H.M.S. Hawke (which collided with the Olympic) was sunk by a submarine. My chief fear is the wiping out of our Fleet if the war lasts long enough. Strange if we should gradually grow weak at sea & powerful on land! Lady Aberdeen has exceeded herself. The Irish Worker got hold

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		of a letter of hers to the Ed[itor] of the Freeman's Journal dated Sept. 20 which would have led to the immediate removal of the Aberdeens in any other administration. She congratulates the F.J. on their splendid work for Home Rule & on their triumph. She accuses the Unionists of a plot to "capture the Red Cross", i.e., not to fall in with her plans to cut off the Red Cross of Ireland from the British Red Cross, because the word British is offensive to her political friends in Ireland!
	17 Oct, Sat	Chief event of the day opening the Foxrock school. Tall hat, frock coat for first time here. The Starkies, Hansons, Headlam, D. Fingall, Mamie, Eddie, Beatrice & her friend Mrs. ?Woodhouse, J E Healy all dined & except Hansons & Healy week ended.
	18 Oct, Sun	An interesting party but T. Fisher Unwin publisher & his wife, a daughter of Richard Cobden, came on Rolleston's invitation to lunch. She was one of the political terrorists in Ireland in the time of Arthur Balfour's struggle with the Land League & rejoiced over the Liberal victory – Home Rule in the most tactless way. Otherwise a calm restful day & some thought for future usefulness.
	19 Oct, Mon	IAOS work till V. Nash arrived from England. Monteagle & Barbour came also & with Anderson & Norman we had a good IAOS & Development Commission confab.
To McCarthy, Charles	20 Oct, Tue	Meeting of the IAOS Quarterly Ctee. V Nash & Jones Davies came over for the Development Commissioners. I think we made a good impression on them. The Committee was practical & harmonious. Barbour & I left for England by night. R.A.A., Smith Gordon & Stopford also going for a meeting of the Joint Board for organisation tomorrow.
	21 Oct, Wed	Meeting of the Joint Boards 11 to 4 with 1 hour lunch. Good work done. Lunched at Wellington Club & who should turn up but Reggie who also dined with me. He did not know much beyond what he had seen (of which he was properly reticent) but I cross-questioned him about submarine warfare. At first he treated it lightly but then admitted that it was a new & dangerous factor not yet quite calculable. I pressed him as to whether the big ships could live long at sea with this new craft developing & his answers showed much doubt on the point in his mind. Called on Powerscourt in private hospital and met de Vesci in uniform (Irish Guards). Heard some more Naval gossip. At Carlton Club met Atkinson & Carson who were both rather gloomy about the war.
	22 Oct, Thu	Meeting of Bowes, Framwellgate, Pelton & Meiros collieries. Sometimes I feel that I ought to devote my life to the study of the labour problems to which these concerns give close touch with realities. But alas Ireland is more than my strength allows me to work at. (Grammar?) Dined with Mrs. Childers, Sir R M---y being only other guest.
Fr McCarthy, Charles	23 Oct, Fri	Went to W[ar].O[ffice]. & Bd. of A[griculture]&F[isheries] about direct supply by farmers of W.O. contracts for war. S. Brooks lunched with me & was very interesting on war. Dined with Ada Watson. She had [been] staying with (& I fear sponging on) her Countess "Baby" Hoyos now Countess Camilla

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		Short. He a not interesting & quite impecunious Kentuckian. Dr. Parkin and the American ambassador (Page) & wife were there. Page is extraordinarily uninteresting to me. Mrs. Page is "homely" in both senses. But Parkin is an old dear.
To Chetwynd-Stapylton, Bryan <i>Fr Ely, Richard T.</i>	24 Oct, Sat	Lunched at Athenaeum with Parkin & had interesting talks about the 'empire', his one passion. He has great dreams about the effect of this war upon that hitherto rather shadowy power. All my talks with people who think persuade me that nothing will be tomorrow as it is today. The world is in dissolution. Dined with Sir Wm. (i.e. Lady) Byles & met Ramsay MacDonald M.P. A fine fellow.
	25 Oct, Sun	Went in the morning to Oxford. Stayed with Adams & had very interesting talks. Dined at All Souls where I met the new Warden Francis Pember whom I much liked.
	26 Oct, Mon	Interview with A L Hetherington new Secretary of Carnegie UK Trust. Rather a priggish young man but distinctly clever. I hope he may get & use strong influence against the Dunfermline traders & Ld. Shaw so that Adams & I can remain. Had long talk with Lord Moulton (Sir Fletcher) industrial & patent lawyer about possible industries for Ireland arising from the war. Told him I doubted retaining German industries long after peace. Dined with Conny & was delighted to find Raymond quite recovered.
<i>Fr Sadler, Michael E.</i>	27 Oct, Tue	Busy day with Adams, Hetherington & A D Hall, Carnegie U.K. Trust with first two, IAOS vs DATI with last. Came to Newton Hall, Newton, Cambridge to dine & sleep with the Waldsteins. He is interesting & his house is an art museum. He has married a very rich American wife & is in clover. His German sympathies are too emphatically disguised! We talked nothing but the war.
	28 Oct, Wed	Back to London. Lunched with Ld. Roberts at Athenaeum to discuss Irish recruiting. I had confidential (except to him) information as to total enlistment in Ireland from July 4 to Oct 24 – 31268. Of this Belfast & district provided 14194, Dublin & dist[ri]ct 5770, Cork d[ist]rict 2097, Ulster counties about 4000 more. Leaving very few for rest of Ireland! I asked the old soldier if he would come to Ireland should we manage to get up a proper committee to receive him & an invitation given to him by Asquith. I also suggested that Ld. Charles Beresford might come too. He assented. But I fear the conditions will be hard to fulfil.
	29 Oct, Thu	A long day's work. First came Mrs. Stanton Coit & Miss Crystal MacMillan about Belgian Refugees for Ireland. Then a conference at A.O.S. on W.O. contracts for coop societies. Next Birrell about Recruiting Belgians, T.W. Russell & Lady Aberdeen (who he told me was leaving in Feb[ruar]y. He asked me to think of a successor. I suggested Ld. Grey). Then Bullock & Nash to lunch. Next a chemist who wants us to capture the Farina (potato starch) industry from the Germans & a Mrs. Nutt (the Publisher's widow) who wanted me to tell her how she could solve the Irish Question. Called at L[ocal]. G[overnment]. B[oard]. & had talk with Herbert Samuel about Belgian refugees. Dined with Mary & left 11.30 train for Dunfermline.

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<i>Fr Falmouth, Lady</i> <i>Fr Milner, Viscount</i>	30 Oct, Fri	A long tiring day. Had a good meeting of the Carnegie Trustees though & Ld. Shaw did not have it all his own way although Adams & Struthers were absent.
To Falmouth, Lady To Milner, Viscount	31 Oct, Sat	Got back to Dublin to find immense arrears of work. Wrote Earl Grey asking if he would take the Irish Vice Royalty should the Aberdeens vacate it as they will in Feb[ruar]y. Hanson has left Ireland to become director of contracts at the W[ar].O[ffice]. Daisy & Mamie, Norman & Anderson came to Kilteragh.
<i>Fr McCarthy, Charles</i>	November – no day	
	1 Nov, Sun	Mrs. Fowle & Robinson came in afternoon and we discussed all sorts of schemes for dealing with Belgian Refugees. A restful Sunday.
	2 Nov, Mon	Belgian Refugees Central Ctee which I joined today was perhaps my most important work. The war drags on but the fighting is so furious that it must exhaust itself before very long & a halt must be called. Heard today that a super Dreadnaught had been sunk (The Audacious) & that the news was being kept back for fear of giving too much information to the Germans.
To Falmouth, Lady	3 Nov, Tue	Deputation of IAOS (Fr. Finlay, C La Touche, RAA, Norman & self) to try & secure cooperation betw'n the Society & Department, at Merrion Square offices. T.W. Russell was normally insolent & irrelevant. I fear it is still hopeless to work with him in our scheme for increasing the food supply. We must paddle our own canoe.
<i>Fr Kellogg, Dr. J.H.</i> <i>Fr Pritchett, Henry S.</i>	4 Nov, Wed	IAOS work all day.
<i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i> <i>Fr Poynton, John A.</i>	5 Nov, Thu	County Distress Cttee & other meetings. Spoke (badly) at University Philosophical Soc'y, T.C.D. on opportunities for Irish statesmanship. Fr. Finlay was best speaker but not up to his level. Alice & Rowley came to run a couple of horses at Leopardstown – business not pleasure.
To Pinchot, Gifford	6 Nov, Fri	After morning at IAOS had Princess Baryatinsky who is playing Anna Karenina in Dublin & her friend Miss Vengerova to lunch. Æ came too. They gave us interesting views of Russia's attitude to the war. The whole nation seems to have put aside a big social upheaval (which was quite ripe) & to have united, as Ireland ought, against the hated Germans.
	7 Nov, Sat	Went to Leopardstown Races to help in a collection for the Red Cross which did not come off. Nobody there. Alice & Rowley left. J E Healy for a dine & sleep.
<i>Fr Channing of Wellingborough</i>	8 Nov, Sun	Dr. MacLean of the U.S. Education Dept. came to inquire into University Educ'n in Ireland. I had Mahaffy & Fr. Finlay to meet him. A most interesting discussion. There came too a miscellaneous crowd of others – 3 soldiers Khaki clad including Sir Charles Huntingdon Bt. a very nice boy introduced by S.

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		Brooks. An awful gloom hung over us all.
	9 Nov, Mon	Motored Gregan & Smith Gordon to Rath House, Ballybrittas to lunch & attend a meeting of an agricultural society there forming. 100 miles by road but met a good priest and it was worth while. I spoke badly, but was well received.
To Channing of Wellingborough To Kehoe, Father	10 Nov, Tue	After ¾ day in office went to Wells, Gorey to stay with old Charley Doyne. He is a good type of landlord, Protestant to the core, just, shrewd, unread with a fine sense of justice and a tolerance of (nothing more!) of his R.C. surroundings. He is too old to argue with (76). He had the Parson & his wife to meet us (R.A.A. was with me) at dinner. His family is scattered (wife to heaven) all except a mature daughter who keeps house for him. No artificial lighting except paraffin, no telephone, no second post – even in these times his morning Dublin paper is 24 hours old.
	11 Nov, Wed	Motored Doyne, RAA & I to Ballycanew & on to Enniscorthy. At former inspected a quite good creamery & agric'l society. At latter held a conference well attended to settle a local row. Back to Kilteragh.
To Kellogg, Dr. J.H. To Wells, H.G. [ZV – Russian symbolist writer]	12 Nov, Thu	To Dublin Relief Ctee in morning. Much office work & then a Plunkett House lecture on Russian Civilisation by Miss Zinaida Vengerova. Their Ex[cellencie]s and a goodly company of influentials attended. The lecturer was a brilliant person. Jew I should say & she reminded me of Moritz Bonn quite as clever & much more forceful. She gave all present much hope & encouragement about her country. They are fighting for an ideal of civilisation which merely means self realisation & expression. Deeply religious, mystical very like the Irish in many ways & the very opposite of the Germans. They attribute all the wrong goings of Russian government to German influences in high quarters & are fighting to get rid of this bane of their national life. It is the Nation that is fighting. <u>Mobilisation would have been impossible otherwise</u> . We shall publish the lecture.
	13 Nov, Fri	A local relief of distress Ctee & spoke very badly at Statistical Society.
	14 Nov, Sat	Rose at 5.30 AM after a poor sleep & went to Limerick for agricultural organisation meeting. Did some good for the I.A.O.S. I think & after all that is now my life's work. Anderson came with me. Riddall, Fant & Wibberley were there. It was very cold & I felt poorly all day. Got back to dinner. Bishop Bernard (Ossory) & C La Touche came for week end.
	15 Nov, Sun	Anderson's son Neville, the biggest of the 3 came home & Father & Son dined with me. Fr. Finlay lunched, Smith Gordon & wife came to stay. A peaceful Sunday.
To Pritchett, Henry S.	16 Nov, Mon	B.B. Kelliher, a Kerry poor lad, after 30 years Railroading in US & Canada had made a fortune & wrecked his nerves. Jim Power introduced him to me & I lunched him at the Club. He would like to take part in Irish work if & when he recovers. The Bp. of Ossory is a very nice guest. Æ came to dinner & said the Bp. had thought widely if not deeply. I agree.
To Godkin, Lawrence	17 Nov, Tue	I.A.O.S. office & Finance Ctee, C.D.B. & finished up at

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To House, E.M. To L&NW Railway To McCarthy, Charles To Poynton, John A.		Waterford for two days organising in Cos Waterford & Kilkenny.
<i>Fr L&NW Railway</i>	18 Nov, Wed	Visited 5 creameries with Father Phelan (Glenmore, Carrigeen, Piltown, Kilmacow and Mullinavat) making 5 speeches to their committees. They were very encouraging. Fine enterprise, especially at Glenmore where Fr. Phelan is a real Parish Providence. Came on to Kilkenny whence Wandesforde fetched me by motor to Castlecomer. R Prior Wandesforde is a fine citizen. He is trying hard to develop the Castlecomer coal field which he largely owns, helps the IAOS & all other good movements & is instructing "Tommies" from Kilkenny in musketry.
	19 Nov, Thu	Motored 22 miles to Goresbridge & met the Committee of a new creamery, the best building & equipment I have seen in Ireland. Back to Castlecomer for a meeting of the creamery & Bank & then to Ballyragget where under the chairmanship of Dean Barry we had a good meeting of the Bank, Poultry society (turnover £13,000) & U.I. branch. Then after 8 speeches in ten days back to Kilteragh.
To Godkin, Lawrence To Phelan, Canon T. <i>Fr Wolff, Henry W.</i>	20 Nov, Fri	Huge arrears of work in the office. Began my annual general meeting (IAOS) speech which will be peculiarly difficult this year. So much to say & not to say.
	21 Nov, Sat	Mamie, Hetty & the Smith Gordons came for week end. ½ day at office.
	22 Nov, Sun	Mahaffy brought Dr. Boyd Carpenter formerly Bishop of Ripon & his wife to lunch. A charming old man of 73 & I am told of marvellous eloquence. Col. Hammond, up from Mallow for a week end rest, dined with us. He was suffering from nerves & was very depressed about the war.
To Dunsany, Lady Beatrice <i>Fr Adams, W.G.S.</i> <i>Fr Falmouth, Lady</i> <i>Fr L&NW Railway</i>	23 Nov, Mon	Party left except Norman. Worked all day at I.A.O.S.
To Adams, W.G.S. To Godkin, Lawrence To Lowell, A. Lawrence To L&NW Railway To Phelan, Canon T.	24 Nov, Tue	Worked at my speech for the Annual meeting of the IAOS (Dec 4).
To Kellogg, Dr. J.H. <i>Fr Rolleston, T.W.</i>	25 Nov, Wed	I.A.O.S. all day.
To Rolleston, T.W.	26 Nov, Thu	Lady Harriette Holroyd Smyth came to Dublin & Alice asked me by letter & wire to get her some medical help. I turned her on to John Lentaigne. Dublin Distress Ctee & IAOS work.
	27 Nov, Fri	Seedy after sleepless night. Did ½ day at I.A.O.S. & came home to attend local Relief Cttee. SS Primo of the Pelton Steamship Co reported sunk by a submarine. Crew saved.
	28 Nov, Sat	Work at IAOS morning & dinner at University Club with Healy to meet Mahaffy, Hannay, Bailey, Norwood K.C. & Alton. Interesting general talk. Ireland I gathered is honeycombed with

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		pro-German rebels!
	29 Nov, Sun	Anderson & his son Neville came. Still no news of poor Alan. I fear the worst.
	30 Nov, Mon	Worked at my speech for Friday next. It is to be one of my best public efforts – if it comes off!
	1 Dec, Tue	Same as yesterday except a lunch with Mrs. Fowle who had been to see her sons at the war, one in the Belgian the other in the British army. Very interesting accounts. But oh the horror of it all!
	2 Dec, Wed	Hannays lunched. Mary Spring Rice came to stay for UI & IAOS meetings. Attended Belgian Refugees & Red Cross committees.
<i>Fr Waldstein, Sir Charles</i>	3 Dec, Thu	Mrs. Francis Acland, Harold & Mrs. Barbour, Mrs. Thomas Andrews & Daisy came for the IAOS function.
[Address in <i>IH</i> , XXI:50 (12 Dec 1914), pp. 878-883]	4 Dec, Fri	The Annual General Meeting of the IAOS was a distinct success. Spirit excellent. My address was good I think & well received. Powerscourt, Mahaffy, Hannay, Plunket, Monteagle made the audience “influential” but the backwoodsmen were there in force which is what one wants.
To Waldstein, Sir Charles	5 Dec, Sat	The aftermath of the annual gen’l meeting of the IAOS and packing for America is too much for one day. But I got through fairly & left by night mail for London. I feel that things will go on fairly while I am away.
	6 Dec, Sun	Arrived tired after poor night. Adams came up from Oxford & we had a long talk over the war & England’s case. For the rest worked at IAOS things & visited Conny & Mary.
[query in original]	7 Dec, Mon	<p>A full day of private & public business. In latter lunched with Lady Paget to meet two American Lawyers Anderson & Hales(?) from Washington. They were enquiring on behalf of American Gov’t into condition of prisoners in Europe on both sides. Dorothy told me that Bryan says he will be home before end of Feb. Whether that means he will be exchanged or the war will be over she cannot say. Called on Julie Bonn who was very discreet. Dined with Mrs. Childers. But chief event of day long interview with Sir Edward Grey for which see opposite.</p> <p>[Con’t.] 1¼ hour interview with Sir E Grey (who was extremely friendly) about the merits of the war. I told him I was going to U.S.A. where I knew many influential people – ½ the Cabinet, Lowell &c – & that I wanted to put the Eng[lish] case in the best way. I did not believe in missions – in fact all attempts to influence Amer[ica]n opinion were likely to drive it in the opposite direction to that intended. But I should be talking to important people on other things & they would ask my op[inio]n on the war issues. I then said I would, if he would allow me, look ahead 200 years, when he was being on the verge of canonisation as the great Apostle of Peace, and play Devil’s advocate. The case I made against him was that in refusing to tell the German ambassador in the final interview under what circumstances he would remain neutral (the G.A. had suggested preservation of Belgian neutrality, no territorial acquisition for France) until</p>

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[Prince Karl Max Lichnowsky – German Ambassador to London]		<p>Parl't had been consulted he practically forced Germany to conclude that he meant to join in. That his naval arrangements with France (that she would look after our interests in the Mediterranean & leave our Fleet free for the North Sea) & other understandings of momentous importance had <u>not</u> been submitted or reported to Parl't. Then the Germans had discovered in the Belgian archives proof positive that an Anglo-Franco-Belgian understanding existed by which Eng'd was to be free to march into Belgium if France was at war with Germany & that an intercepted letter from the Belgian minister at Osterburg proved that Eng'd had promised to support Russia while she (Eng'd) was still "working for peace".</p> <p>Grey told me that subsequently to his interview with Litchnowsky [sic] on Aug. 1 (Documentary Blue Book no. 123) L <u>telephoned</u> to him that the Germans would not carry out his proposals. As regards consulting Parliament, well he had to, and the cabinet. Here again as in the case of the telephone message, he could not publish the facts. The withdrawal of the navy from Mediterranean had regard to our friendly relations with France which made it no longer necessary for us to "rule the waves" down South. (This was not quite convincing to me.) He pointed to a letter which he had written to the Eng[lish] Minister in Brussels in the summer of 1913 which showed that England would not "be the first" to violate Belgian neutrality. This letter was published in today's Times. The intercepted letter was a mere report of military attachés' gossip & in no way committed.</p> <p>Grey said he had much more proof of Germany's long determination to fight us than he could give to the world. Of the evidence we all know, he thought Germany's refusal to join the three other great powers in an attempt to compose the Austro Serbian trouble the most sinister. He told me that a forgotten evidence was Joe Chamberlain's speech about 1899 at Leicester in which he advocated (after meeting Ed[ward] VII & William II at Sandringham) a German English alliance. The German answer was the naval policy.</p> <p>I thought E Grey dead honest and a good fellow every way. But I don't think him a big man intellectually. He lacks imagination & I should say his psychology was weak for diplomacy.</p>
	8 Dec, Tue	Went to W[ar].O[ffice]. to see Tennant. Got nothing . I wanted to get some ideas as to the progress of the new army. He knew next to nothing. Hall of the Dev[elopment] Com'n & Hanson lunched with me. Interview with Gardiner. Sydney Brooks & Rolleston to dinner. A very hard finishing up day.
	9 Dec, Wed	Up early & down to Liverpool by White Star Baltic. Wrote endless last letters en route. The company gave me a bedroom, sitting room & ball room! Small party on board. I suppose the neutral ships are more attractive just now. Stuck in the river by a fog.
	10 Dec, Thu	Got started 2.30 AM! 140 miles at noon.
	11 Dec, Fri	356. Few passengers. JG Crawford of York St. Spinning Mills talked pure Ulster position to me.
	12 Dec, Sat	270 Marvelled at the comfort of the great ship in really bad

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		weather as seen by the run.
[German]	13 Dec, Sun	368 Professor Jas A Field (Economics) of Chicago University & a very nice wife discovered today. British Fleet destroys 3 American [<i>sic</i>] cruisers in South Atlantic.
	14 Dec, Mon	370 Professor A L Dennis (Modern History) of Wisconsin University who has been travelling on the Continent studying the war situation very interesting. Shall keep in touch with him. He takes a quite dispassionate view – knows all sides & seems up on our side but with tremendous reservations.
	15 Dec, Tue	380
	16 Dec, Wed	339
	17 Dec, Thu	279 News came of bombardment of Hartlepool, Whitby & Scarborough by German cruisers which after destroying much property and killing many civilians, mostly women & children, fled sowing mines far & wide. North Sea now closed!
	18 Dec, Fri	298. 255 to go.
	19 Dec, Sat	Arrived N.Y. after a rare (for these days) experience of a 10 days voyage). Byrne & Godkin on the Dock. Went to Godkins. Cannon was waiting to go over my accounts which he had audited up to Nov. 30, 1914. He had also done the Diamond Cattle Co & Rock Creek Conservation Co. a/cs, so we spent the day together going over these. They were all in order. Omaha estate had done well. Bosler's Cos not so well. But there was one bad piece of news. Conrad Young had taken to drink. His brother Percy who has a good post in a big business concern in New York came to see me about it. Four years ago the habit began. The family think my influence offers the only chance of redemption.
	20 Dec, Sun	Bosler spent half day with me going over the affairs of his Cos. John Quinn came in after dinner. He says that out of the 4 to 8 million (as you count) Irish in America not 10000 are pro-German. Sir Roger Casement stayed with him in N.Y. talking pro-German nonsense before he went to Berlin and talked treason with the Imp[eria]l Chancellor. Casement it seems argued in N.Y. that the Kaiser had always been pacific & that Germany did not want to fight! Bourke Cockran & Quinn after a talk with Casement agreed that he must be mad which I suspect he is. Quinn knows the Irish Americans as well as any one & his opinion is that their anti British influence is now inconsiderable.
(Fr Hall, A.D. to Bostock; HARR.24/3)	21 Dec, Mon	News came that Alan Anderson had been killed on Oct. 19 or 20 – a sad sad loss. At lunch met Senator Root & had a talk with him about Peace. He is chairman of Carnegie's Peace Foundation. I was glad to find that Root is strongly against premature Peace talk. He says that after the last big European war (The Crimea) certain international agreements were reached. These have done good but their defects have now to be remedied. "New rules of conduct" are wanted above all things. Saw Carnegie who drivelled a good deal. Had talk with Pritchett who also came & dined to meet Prof. Dennis. Called on the

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		Gifford Pinchots.
	22 Dec, Tue	<p>A long talk with Col. E M House. It is quite clear that the President has some peace proposals in his mind & that these are being suggested by Germany. The territorial status quo & the consideration of arbitration arrangements for future interna[tiona]l difficulties are the suggested basis. Russia to have Constantinople & Alsace Lorraine to be negotiated, evidently Germany to keep the best part. I spoke strongly against any action on part of U.S.A. which would embarrass England e.g. any proposal which assumed Germany <u>not</u> to be the aggressor.</p> <p>Dined with the Pinchots.</p>
	23 Dec, Wed	Business, chiefly for Hanson's War Office contracts about which I cabled him expensively – & little of interest. Dined with the J. Byrnes & met Tom Spring Rice. Told him to warn Sir Cecil S.R. against the President's German inspired peace negotiations.
	24 Dec, Thu	Chiefly packing up & getting away to Omaha.
[ukase – edict, ban]	25 Dec, Fri	<p>Had 4 hours in Chicago betw'n trains. Spent 2 hrs with Charles R. Crane a friend of Pres. Wilson's a rich travelled man. He knew Russia intimately. He read me letters from Wickham Steed & others on the Russian & Turkish intervention in the war. In the Pittsburgh papers (but not in the Chicago Tribune) I had read a report that a Russo-German treaty of peace was brewing. Crane said the thing was incredible. For 1000 years the Russians had groaned under the German "menace" & German interference. Now they were determined to cast it off once for all. He told me that the Russian national spirit was very different from the German. It did not look for material gain for Russia but for freedom to pursue their religious & spiritual aims. It was largely altruistic, could be cosmopolitan as easily as Russian. He confirmed Zinaida Vengerova's statement that the Russians liked the English as allies because the Anglicans were so much nearer the orthodox faith than either the Romans or the Germans. He gave a very interesting description of the Tsar. He was shy & reserved but had a splendid sense of duty. His liberalism, e.g. his support of the Duma, was pursued at the danger of his life. The bureaucracy have a regular system for putting their enemies out of the way. The vodka ukase was his doing. W.J. Bryan, Crane said, is playing the game admirably. He supports the President loyally.</p>
	26 Dec, Sat	<p>Engine broke down 9 P.M. last night & the steam was cut off. All the cars froze up quickly as the temperature outside was -10°! Sleepless night. After 6 hours an engine arrived and steam was turned on. All the pipes had burst & the cars were flooded! Arrived Omaha 6½ late. However saw Victor Caldwell of the U.S. Bank my only important business engagement. Had a long talk with Conrad Young & sketched a complete procedure for overcoming his drink habit. He agreed & is to begin with me at Battle Creek Jan. 1st. I hope the poor fellow will be saved. My interests are safe in his hands for the present at any rate.</p> <p>All I have spoken to at Omaha so far feel that if the allies are beaten the U.S. will be cursed with militarism. This is the key to their support for the allies I am convinced.</p>
	27 Dec, Sun	Inspected the S. Omaha properties with Conrad Young & Selwyn Doherty in the office Ford car. They had managed them very well

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[<i>filioque</i> – doctrine that the Holy Spirit proceeds “from the son” (Jesus) as well as the Father]		<p>for me & I shall, all well, leave a fine estate for those who come after me in this city & suburb. Lunched with Dr. Alec Young & family and called on Bishop (R.C.) Scannell an old travelled & liberal cleric. He argued that the war would be a splendid thing for Christianity as it was due to the influence of atheists. I confess I could not follow him. Took train to Chicago at night.</p> <p>Bishop Scannell of Nebraska told me some interesting things. He has many German clergy under him. They are all absolutely sure that Germany must win “because she is right”. A silly reason the Bp. thinks but then he is with the allies. He was not so at first but Belgium convinced him. He has Ruthenians in his diocese & their priests are Roman but not celibates. This makes difficulties. I asked the Bp. what was the real diff[erence] betw’n the Greek & Roman church. He asserted that the omission of “filioque” in the procession of the Holy Ghost was the formal difference. But the real difference was not religious but political.</p>
	28 Dec, Mon	In Chicago met Sam N Harper (son of President Harper of Chicago University) who had spent some years in Russia. Charles R. Crane brought us together at lunch. He said that before the war Russian patriotism was largely manifested in resentment at the Russian diplomacy which was regarded as too German. The commercial treaty of 1894 betw’n the two empires was renewed in Germany’s favor in 1904 as price of German neutrality in the Russo Jap[anese] war. Harper confirmed the views I had heard of Russia’s pacific attitude. Everyone I met told me that Bernard Shaw’s articles attacking Grey’s diplomacy were doing much harm in U.S.A. Dr. Charles McCarthy came in from Madison to see me. Pritchett was also at the Chicago Club where I spent the day. I think we are getting things in shape for a real agricultural organisation movement in U.S. Saw Henry Blair & came on to Battle Creek at night.
	29 Dec, Tue	Physically examined. Have gone back a bit since last year. Few patients & no interesting ones except Irving Fisher so far.
	30 Dec, Wed	One of Dr. Kellogg’s banquets! Had to speak. This is the one unkindness the good man <u>will</u> do me.
	31 Dec, Thu	An eventless day except for a bit of bad news. Ki--lla one of my men at Foxrock, the milk delivery man, had asphyxiated himself with a bushel of charcoal taken into his bedroom. Stupidity not suicide. Wrote Anderson to deal liberally with widow in my behalf.
	Year-end Summary	<p style="text-align: center;">1914</p> <p>A year which threatened civil war in Ireland, which was only postponed on account of the ghastly European war, will be a black one indeed to look back upon. I think my Irish work did not suffer and that it may even prove to be very helpful both in enabling Ireland to suffer the minimum of material loss & possibly even to reap some economic advantage from the war. It will certainly help to get good men into public life when the war is over & Home Rule has to be started somehow. To the end of the year I only lost one intimate friend in the war – Alan Anderson. Bryan Stapylton was taken prisoner quite early. Reggie was safe in the Lion. Eddie, Harry Ponsonby & Fingall will probably have to go to the front in the spring. So my immediate anxieties are not at an end. During the year I went down hill a</p>

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		little physically but not enough to make another 10 years of work impossible.