

1921 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/ com'tee	committee	Rel'n / Rel'ns	Relation/s
DD	Doctor of Divinity	RR	Railroad
dep't	department	R'y	Railway
Do / do	ditto	Sec / Sec'y	Secretary
ed'n / educ'n	education	Soc'y	Society
Eng'd	England	SS	steamship
Ex / Exs	Excellency/ Excellencies (usu. Lord Lieutenant)	TD	Teachtaí Delai (representatives in lower house of Dail)
exhib'n	exhibition	Tech/Tech:/Tec'l	technical
gen'l	general		
gov't	government		

N.B. The apostrophe in a contraction usually indicates that in Plunkett's handwriting the word ended with underscored superscript letters (e.g. Parl^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:

Ongoing attacks on, and compulsory closure of, co-operative creameries by military

4 Feb – Carson resigns as leader of Ulster Unionists; Sir James Craig elected by Ulster Unionist Council.

May – General Election to parliaments of Southern and Northern Ireland. All candidates nominated for Southern Ireland (Sinn Féin 124, independents 4) returned unopposed; in Northern Ireland 40 Unionists, 6 Nationalists, 6 Sinn Féin elected.

25 May – Custom House, Dublin, destroyed by I.R.A.

7 Jun – House of Commons of Northern Ireland meets; cabinet appointed

22 Jun – Northern Ireland parliament opened by George V

9 Jul – Truce between IRA and British army in Ireland; signed 11 Jul

16 Aug – Southern Ireland parliament meets in Mansion House, Dublin, as second Dáil Éireann

6 Dec – Anglo-Irish Treaty signed in London; precipitates Sinn Féin split

Publications:

- *Oxford and the Rural Problem* (Barnett House papers no. 6, London)

- President's Address to the AGM of the IAOS, *Irish Homestead*, XXVIII:14 (2 Apr), pp. 228-30 and *IAOS Annual Report*, pp. 42-50

- *Report of the 53rd Annual Co-operative Congress*, Scarborough (Co-operative Union, Manchester), pp. 442-4

- "The Irish Sore – Effect on Foreign politics" (letter), *The Times*, 14 Mar, p. 8

- "Irish Elections – Futility of Policed Voting" (letter), *The Times*, 11 May, p. 6

- "Ireland Today – Sir Horace Plunkett's Plan", *The Nation*, v.122, no. 2916, pp. 738-9 (25 May); also *US Congressional Record*, v. 61, no. 38, pp. 1746-7

- Letter to Editor (24 May), *Yorkshire Herald*, reprinted *Irish Homestead*, XXVIII:23 (4 Jun), pp. 392-3

- "A Formula and its Test" (letter), *Times*, 25 Jun, p. 12

- "The Move Towards Irish Peace", *Saturday Review*, 2 Jul (unsigned, Diary 28 June)

- "Sir H. Plunkett's Appeal to Mr. de Valera", *Manchester Guardian*, 25 Jul, p. 9

- "The Vital Issues – Sir Horace Plunkett on the Problem of Unity", *Daily News*, 26 Aug, pp. 1,3

- "Search for a Formula – Ulster's Part in a Settlement" (letter), *The Times*, 31 Oct, p. 10

- "The Message of the Farmers of Ireland: Agricultural Co-operation; its Origin, Achievement and Aim", *The Survey* (New York) 26 Nov

- "Foundations of Unity" (letter), *Irish Times*, 8 Dec, p. 5

Government:

President of Dáil Éireann: Eamon de Valera (Sinn Féin)

Prime Minister: David Lloyd George (Liberal/Conservative coalition)

Chief Secretary: Sir James Hamar Greenwood

Lord Lieutenant: Viscount French to 2 May, Viscount Fitzalan-Howard

Prime Minister of Northern Ireland: Sir James Craig, 7 Jun

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £38; £1 = \$10

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(To Balfour, Lady Betty fr Fingall, Lady Elizabeth (Daisy))	No date; date uncertain	
	1 Jan, Sat	Battle Creek. The new year opens with the I trust pardonable anxiety as to the verdict of the doctors 2 days hence upon an intestinal obstruction. There is a block in the sigmoid flexure. Is it malignant, must it be removed and can I stand the operation? If it succeeds shall I recover the working power I so badly need? A dull drizzling Irish day & no friends around, except the doctors who are in that category.
	2 Jan, Sun	Dr. Riley told me that he hopes & expects to find that the obstruction in my "sigmoid flexure" is fecal & not a growth. He has known cases where the appearances were equally

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		unfavourable & where the obstruction did not require excision. He said my medical history was very like that of these cases who were all nerve-wracked. He gave me one very important piece of confidential advice. Case was not a good enough surgeon. A specialist in bowel surgery should be got from Chicago or elsewhere. For the after care I should stay have the operation at Battle Creek.
	3 Jan, Mon	The third Xray examination resulted in a verdict against an operation. For this I am very thankful. Charles McCarthy came from Madison.
	4 Jan, Tue	Spent the day with 'Mac'. He was examined (against his violent protest & on my equally violent insistence) by the first rate chest specialist here and was condemned to an idle life in New Mexico or Arizona. Poor fellow, I feel deeply for him and his loss will be a calamity to the people of this country. Because he has no money – and has rejected all opportunities of getting rich – he is, of course, under-estimated. But his service to democratic progress especially in the rural population has been great.
	5 Jan, Wed	McCarthy left in low spirits. He is convinced by the specialist of the seriousness of his condition & faces it with his amazing courage. The verdict on my lower bowels is – lesion in the iliac colon in which however spasm plays an important part. Case's "final verdict" is "high grade spasticity of the iliac colon with relative obstruction, apparently intermittent". The growths – papilloma – are "evidently due to scybalous masses in the bowel". Dr. Martin agrees & thinks a cure can be effected without operation.
	6 Jan, Thu	Cabled R.A.A. that I should stay at Battle Creek till end of January. Riley tells me that is absolutely necessary if I want to get benefit from the treatment of the nerves and the bowel trouble.
[The sale of alcohol was constitutionally prohibited in the US from 1920 to 1933.]	7 Jan, Fri	Had threats of vertigo in the morning. K. Walter came in the afternoon & cheered me up. He brought bad news of Gerald Plunkett. He is in debt, has been smuggling whiskey & generally playing the fool. I pity the boy & want to help him. But how??
[127 lb. = 9 stone, 9 lb.]	8 Jan, Sat	Walked & talked with Walter about the future of the Reciprocal News Service which seems to me to be problematical now that the government subsidy ceases. Weighed 127 lbs at night.
	9 Jan, Sun	Walter left and I think I arranged satisfactorily with him to carry on without me and help to get my other fellow-workers to do the same till I can get drugless sleep. I had to write to Gerald Plunkett to come & see me at Battle Creek as he is going to the dogs in Kansas City.
	10 Jan, Mon	A miserable lonely day. Down to ¼ gr[ain] in 2 injections. Riley is against cutting it off suddenly on account of the insomnia which would follow.
	11 Jan, Tue	[No entry]
	12 Jan, Wed	[No entry]
	13 Jan, Thu	Gerald came for 1 day from Kansas City to see me & tell me his

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		story. It is, of course, of failure & disappointment. The boy would not <u>learn</u> enough to do anything but manual work for which he had no training & not the necessary physique. I have helped & shall help him to get on his feet – but how when & where is a puzzle. The boy is not vicious but horribly untruthful from weakness I think. He tells me his debts are only \$360. Walter told me they were over \$500. After a long questioning I discovered that the boy had been very extravagant in a small way, had made money by smuggling whiskey, had held no job more than a week or two. I don't know what to do for him.
To Green, Mr. W.T. (fr. R.A. Anderson)	14 Jan, Fri	With Gerald till his train went. I gave him \$250 to help him in his struggles. He says he could do better if he could make a fresh start where he was not known (as an earl's son) & where he could live with his fellow workers. He does not want to return home. He is ambitious. The grown boy realises how he fooled away his chances of getting a decent education.
	15 Jan, Sat	[No entry]
	16 Jan, Sun	Very depressed on giving up morphia. Digestion has struck & I am on milk diet.
	17 Jan, Mon	Examination of bladder by cystoscope showed prostate in very inflamed & swollen state. Dr. Martin says it must come out!
	18 Jan, Tue	Bladder tested for retention of urine after voiding it. 7 oz drawn off by catheter & a good deal of pain with it. This is rather disheartening. It means another serious operation.
	19 Jan, Wed	[No entry]
	20 Jan, Thu	Kellogg showed me a good deal of the laboratory work. The food experiments on rats are wonderfully interesting. His next book on foods is going to tell us a lot about dietaries.
(To Balfour, Lady Betty fr Fingall, Lady Elizabeth (Daisy))	21 Jan, Fri	Took an extra dose of morphia as the last & determined to get off the small dose I have been taking & face the horrors of insomnia at night & malaise all day for a week.
	22 Jan, Sat	[No entry]
	23 Jan, Sun	A sad day. Mary cabled Dear Conny died almost suddenly last night. There was no signature but I guessed it was Mary. She and I are all that is left of our generation of the Dunsany Plunketts. Poor Conny had a deadly dull life & one great sorrow the loss of Bertram in the War, towards the end. If there is a heaven she will be there.
	24 Jan, Mon	[No entry]
	25 Jan, Tue	Had a bit of a set back & Riley persuaded me to abandon my plan of going to New York next Sunday. I must fight on here a while longer. The prostate gland is inflamed & troubling, I have acute colitis and the insomnia on giving up the morphia completely & taking Veronal &c was bad. I fear I shall be increasingly an invalid if I don't stop work & worry.
	26 Jan, Wed	Wired Walter at length to find out whether I can stay away till March 7 which would mean postponing sailing till Feb 26.
	27 Jan, Thu	[No entry]
	28 Jan, Fri	[No entry]

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	29 Jan, Sat	Reply from Walter that I could stay till March 7th – i.e. sail Feb 26.
	30 Jan, Sun	Conrad Young & his wife (an extremely nice, clean, intelligent woman) came for 24 hours at Battle Creek on way East. Discussed all my Western business thoroughly.
	31 Jan, Mon	C. Young left. I told him to transfer 100 shares in the Nebraska & Wyoming Investment Co to R. Stuart Wortley & similar amount to K. Walter. I wrote them both explaining the reasons of the gift. The former has done much business for me, the latter is my executor & will help me in my life's work to the end I hope.
[George Junior Republics – residential self-help homes for disadvantaged youth.]	1 Feb, Tue	Was motored by a Post Factory official & his wife to Albion where a miniature “George Republic” has been set up by one Floyd Starr under name of the Starr Commonwealth. A worthy scheme but over done in “the best of everything for the boys” boast.
	2 Feb, Wed	Gave a talk in the Parlor on the Irish Question without notice so as to dodge Reporters. Very tired & did it badly. Riley advised me to get it over & not do it at the very end so as to go away tired.
	3 Feb, Thu	[No entry]
	4 Feb, Fri	Eddie appears today on a map of Ireland in the Chicago Tribune as one of the excitements of the day. He is to be court martialled for keeping his sporting guns. The Irish news gets worse & worse.
	5 Feb, Sat	Gerald wired he would arrive tomorrow.
	6 Feb, Sun	Three trains out of four possible ones I met but no Gerald. I am afraid the boy was put off by my letter offering him board, discipline & education for such work as he could do.
	7 Feb, Mon	Gerald arrived. He says he wired me that he had postponed his departure from Kansas City. But he is congenitally untruthful I fear – or at any rate irresponsible. I shall do my best to get him disciplined here.
	8 Feb, Tue	Bad attack of prostatitis [<i>sic</i>], but worked hard with Gerald on his career.
	9 Feb, Wed	Unwell, but worked again with Gerald. Introduced him to some nice people. During day had a general examination of my eyes – field of vision, fundus &c.
	10 Feb, Thu	Strove hard with Gerald – introduced him to a lot of new people. He came to see me off in the train & got carried to the next stop 45 miles on! I think I have saved the boy. The last examination (the sight & brain as seen through the dilated eyes) showed a very toxic condition, probably Riley thinks, attributable to the bladder which has given me much pain the last few days.
	11 Feb, Fri	Arrived in N.Y. Conrad Young & wife met me at station & we had an interview with F Sturgis & R Fulton Cutting on Wyoming companies liquidation. Wrote many letters & dined with Col. House. Interesting party. Began to feel the prostate again.

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	12 Feb, Sat	Bladder inflamed again. Great discomfort. It was Lincoln's birthday & nothing doing in a business way. I loafed & moped.
	13 Feb, Sun	<p>Lunched with the Godkins at the Brevoort. She is pluckily & cleverly holding on to the Library & two other rooms, letting the rest of the house for a rent that just carries the overhead expenses. Long talk with Colonel House who is still keen for his naval treaty by which nations would agree to give complete freedom to neutral vessels in time of war. Then America would not want to build a huge navy & England could have all the navy she wanted for defensive purposes. I was not convinced. He is very keen for an Irish settlement & will help me to get publicity for my views upon it with which he agrees. He told me the whole story of his relations with Wilson which I must not write even here.</p> <p>Supped with Lewis Palen, the very interesting fellow patient I met years ago at Battle Creek. He gave me a memorandum on Japan's policy to read at leisure. He knows China & Japan intimately.</p>
[calomel – mercurous chloride]	14 Feb, Mon	<p>A miserable day. Dr. Lewis Robinson, Jim Byrne's nephew, vetted me after I had gone out to breakfast with Poynton to meet Dr. Angell, Pres't. of the Carnegie Corporation. A bright hustling American educator who gets \$30,000 a year for his job! The Dr. found me all over a blistering rash, itching intolerably. It was nothing worse than urticaria (nettle rash). I was dosed with calomel & told to drink carbonate of sodium in water & to bath in a bath of same.</p> <p>During day attended a meeting of the American Committee for relief in Ireland. They are going to have one of those infernal "drives" assessing each state its quota & having an Irish committee to bulldose [<i>sic</i>] people into subscribing. The office we met in was on a large scale – like a big bank or Insurance Co. Willert called on me. He says the time is ripe for a Dominion propaganda.</p>
	15 Feb, Tue	Very sick but struggled through a journey to Boston & a dinner party at Lowells where I put up as usual. They are the kindest of the kind.
	16 Feb, Wed	<p>Luncheon. F Dixon of the Christian Science Monitor & some university people. D told me that the R.C. Church took a big commission on the funds collected for the Irish.</p> <p>Interviewed Ferris Greenslet of Houghton Mifflin & Co. about an Irish auto-biography & agreed to consider writing one. They work with Constable in London & he will see me there in March.</p> <p>At dinner Mayor Peters and Loring Young, Speaker of the Mass[achusetts] House of Rep[resentative]s dined. They were interested on the Irish Question merely from the Massachusetts & Boston party politics point of view. But they were informing.</p>
<p>[J.D.M.]</p> <p>[APL – Anti-Partition]</p>	17 Feb, Thu	First interview with Prof. J.M.D. [<i>sic</i>] Ford who was very pessimistic over Ireland. His father was a Fenian & he is a strong Nationalist R.C., but very anticlerical. He is disgusted with the part taken by his Church which he thinks is very sinister – supporting extreme impossible demand in order to keep the question "open[er]". He says Coote M.P. & the other Ulster missionaries last year stirred up bigotry among the Methodists & other non-conformists. Many Canadians are active over here and the bitterness of the R.C. Church is largely down to their revival

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League]		<p>of the old A.P.L. activities.</p> <p>Dined with the Commercial Club Lowell & I being the guests – some 50 <u>good</u> representative business men present. I think I gave them a clearer idea of the Irish tangle than they had before. I spoke for an hour & not badly. Lowell followed with an admirable address.</p> <p>Midnight train for New York.</p>
[Bayley]	18 Feb, Fri	<p>Spent the day with R. Wilberforce, who took me to the British Consul General (Armstrong, a great improvement on Clive Bailey [<i>sic</i>]) and James Byrne, talking over the eternal question. I think the extremists are getting discredited and the time will soon come for the moderates. But at the present the anti British feeling is at fever heat. Met John Quinn at James Byrne's and explained to him the difficulty I had in exposing the "Big Business" inwardness of Carsonism.</p>
	19 Feb, Sat	<p>A busy morning in New York & went by afternoon train to Philadelphia where Gifford Pinchot is living (he has a big estate in Penn[sylvania] & a big house in Washington & I think one in N.Y.!) in order to work in Penna politics. He is State Forester & if he makes that one issue – forest preservation his life's work he may yet go far. His wife is working in womens movements, they have a fine boy & all is well. He is not a thinker!</p>
[rubbers – (U.S.) rubberised waterproof overshoes]	20 Feb, Sun	<p>Winter at last – heavy snow & I left my 'rubbers' behind & could not go out. My train from N.Y. to Washington did not arrive & they put on a Special. During morning explained the I.Q. to some callers. Got the Pinchots to take over the financing of McCarthy's cure in Arizona.</p> <p>Dined with Mrs. Bagg at the house of her son in law Arthur Bullard who is working at the State Department as an authority on Russia. He does not know what is going to happen in that country. Lenin he says is now like Lloyd George – there is no alternative. Mrs. Bagg talked so much I got little speech with Bullard.</p> <p>The Cosmos Club housed me with their usual hospitality to strangers who they think try to do things.</p>
	21 Feb, Mon	<p>Divided the day between agric'l economics (Lyman & Holman at Nat[ional] Bd of Farm Orga[nization]s) and politics. The latter brought me to a lunch with Rev. John Burke & a Mr McGrath of the Nat. Catholic Welfare Council (a large R.C. propagandist orga[nisation] and a Mr. Howland Shaw of the State Department. Had a frank talk on the R.C. pos[ition] in the Irish muddle. The padre was thoroughly Amer'n and anti extremist. Dined with Mrs. W. Hard. Met the Brodericks, Frank Symonds & Norman Hapgood. Good discourse on the pol[itical] situation over here. The Harding admin[istratio]n bodes fair to be ultra reactionary and to produce a revolution in due season. In course of day called on Gompers. It is clear that Labour in U.S.A. has over profiteered and with its backward state of organisation is at a low ebb. But F Symonds agreed with me that it will build upon European & especially British labour victories.</p> <p>All evidence shows an unprecedented anti British feeling, due chiefly I think to the grabbing at the Peace Conference.</p>

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	22 Feb, Tue	Washington's birthday & the Sunday feel. I could profitably spend a week more at Washington explaining to 'key men' the Irish situation. E.G. Lowry, Hapgood, Brandeis, JJ Broderick, Count de Sales (of the Embassy) & many others. This time I am only trying to learn the sentiment of such Americans as I can get close to. With a new administration only a week off it is no use trying to do anything. Midnight train to N.Y.
[Wilberforce's mother-in-law] [Blaine – unsuccessful Republican presidential candidate]	23 Feb, Wed	Lunched with Mrs. Schuyler Warren with whom Wilberforce lives. They sat down some 20 & made me tell them about Ireland! I expounded the evolution of Carsonism. It was all new to them I think, but of course they were largely on the side of 'big business'. In evening went to East Orange where JJ Hayes had assembled 18 of the leading Irishmen at a private Club (The Washington Society) dinner. We had quite a good debate enlivened by a Mr. Lee who fell upon all the Irishmen for advocating a Republic when they wanted a Dominion. Back very tired at midnight. At the <u>lunch</u> I sat next a Mrs. Damrosch daughter of James G Blaine. I asked her about the famous Rum Romanism & Rebellion indiscretion by a clerical supporter of her father & whether it really affected his election in 1884. She said it did & her father always regretted that he did not dissociate himself from the ?embarrassment.
	24 Feb, Thu	Lunched with John Quinn to meet John D. Ryan. Spoke frankly to both about the way in which those who ought to lead thought in Irish America were merely following the crowd. The Armstrongs had the Evening Post people to dinner – Thomas Lamont (of J P Morgan's) owner, Edwin F. Gay editor, George Rublee lawyer-journalist, Royal Davis & E.A. Boyd. A good talk on Ireland. I think I sowed some seed.
[The Survey – premier journal of US social work in the 1920s]	25 Feb, Fri	Chief events of a crowded day a talk to the group which runs The Survey upon the Irish Question and a dinner at Wm. Randolph Hearst's. There were about 20 at it. Cocktails, champagne (the best) claret, cognac & other liqueurs, a costly gorge, 4 or 5 men servants, a display of wealth such as I never saw before in the space (two flats in a great apartment house reconstructed into one) and awful vulgarity in the company. I talked during dinner to Mrs. Hearst, resentment at whose questionable position by <u>Society</u> has embittered the daily talk of W.R.H. to 10 million readers, and after dinner to Hearst. To him I told my Irish story & he listened with deep attention. I don't know what effect I may have had. The party was regaled from 10.15 to 11.45! with a cinema – Charlie Chaplin's "The Kid"!] Norman Hapgood had an interview with me (i.e. his recollection of what I said at a dinner in Washington) in the N.Y. American. It was a violent & vulgar performance on my part. Wilberforce with whom I lunched told me he would let the British Gov't Foreign Office know I never gave the interview.
	26 Feb, Sat	Up at 6 A.M. to pack & write an Irish statement for the Ev[enin]g Post & its syndicate. Did it badly. J.S. Cullinan called & agreed to come in with the McCarthy group. Henry L Stimson former Secretary of War also came to say goodbye & expressed great sympathy with my Irish efforts. The Armstrongs saw me on board the Celtic where I had a

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		splendid suite! Mrs. Conrad Young met me. I am deadlly tired.
	27 Feb, Sun	332 William Archer whom I had met in the Century Club was on board. Also Admiral Sir Lewis Bayley who sat at the Captains table where I am always placed as a very old White Star Liner. He had the command at Queenstown during the war, a Carsonite by his talk & not an agreeable one at that. I sat between Lady Parker (Sir Gilbert's wife) who wanted me to play bridge & Daniel C Stanwood an American professor of international law from Bowdoin College, Maine. He is going abroad on his job & was interested in Ireland. I gather he will take the British official view of the I.Q. for the sake of the people it will bring him into touch with.
	28 Feb, Mon	348 A Mrs. Charles Tiffany, friend of Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, introduced herself. Evidently society with a big S. Also a Mr. & Mrs. Wm. C. Osborne friends of the Armstrongs who live near West Point and are interested in the Rural Life problem. I shall ask them to Kilteragh.
	1 Mar, Tue	372
[<i>The Autobiography of Margot Asquith; The First World War 1914-1918, Personal Experiences</i> , Lt. Col. Charles à Court Repington]	2 Mar, Wed	376. I have read Margot Asquith & Repington – the two best sellers in 'biographies', the latter only during the war – and am very doubtful about writing my own as suggested by Houghton Mifflin & Constable. It might have a success – it might fail completely. Of course I should not make myself interesting, shouldn't try to, should only work for justice to my fellow-workers. But that would be of no value to the publishers who would insist on the 'personal note', the 'human touch' (preferably sexual) and the breaking of confidences which make up a 'seller' in this class of wares.
	3 Mar, Thu	400
	4 Mar, Fri	396
	5 Mar, Sat	375
	6 Mar, Sun	345. 12 to Daunts Rock.
	7 Mar, Mon	The goodbyes were few & I got off by the Special to London not too tired to begin getting in touch with things. Henry Harrison arrived with me at Mount St. I saw Mary who was being visited by Ella Simeon, supped with the Walters and called after supper on the Pope Hennessys. He told me terrible stories of the official murders, torturings, burnings & lootings in Ireland. It all looks hopelessly black.
	8 Mar, Tue	Henry Harrison came in the morning & much Irish political talk. More at Dinner with T.P. O'Connor & Devlin at former's flat. D. is all for fighting Sinn Fein for Dominion vs Republic if only Gov't will give us a chance. T.P. wants to bring in the Church which I told him America won't like. The atmosphere is still favorable to L.I.G. But he is straining public opinion over Ireland I gather. Letters & some business.
<i>Fr Greenslet, F.</i>	9 Mar, Wed	Adams up from Oxford, Grogan from IAOS, Harrison from I.D.L. at Mount St. Lunched with the Bonham Carters. She (Violet

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		Asquith) very interesting, less tired & more ?human/humane than her father. She cross examined me very intelligently about Ireland. Met Hammond a writer on the Nation who has done good inquiry work in Ireland & written well about it. Desmond M[a]cCarthy called and strongly urged me to write to The Times on the Irish situation in America.
To Greenslet, F. <i>Fr Constable & Co.</i> [GREEN]	10 Mar, Thu	After business talks with Gardiner & Raymond Barker lunched with the Indep[enden]t Liberals at House of Commons. Met some interesting politicians & journalists. Called on Bernard Shaws, saw poor Raymond Parr who is I fear in his last illness & dined with the ffrenchs. Very tiring day.
<i>Fr Greenslet, F.</i>	11 Mar, Fri	Tried to write a letter to Times & failed. Alas my literary output gets worse & less the more I slave over it.
[Cockerill]	12 Mar, Sat	Lunched (to meet General Cotterill [<i>sic</i>] M.P.) with Major & Mrs. Pat Villiers Stuart of S Kensington. Wickham Steed Ed[itor] of Times came in afterwards to see me & we discussed a letter I was proposing to send him about American feeling in Ireland. He was very cautious & I said I would send him the letter to publish or not as he saw fit. Struggled for rest of day with letter & failed to get it done. Determined to have another try before going to Oxford in the morning.
	13 Mar, Sun	Wrote the letter & sent it by Curtain to The Times. It was too hurried to be good, but I rather hope it will be published. By 10.20 AM train to Oxford and Adams. Sir Wm. Beveridge was week-ending there. Among the callers Bridges Poet Laureate & John Masfield. I liked all three in their very different ways. Miss Hadow of the Barnett House, Orwin, Adams, Hart Synnot & I had a long & most fruitful conference on the Rural Problem. My Foundation Trustees are going to work the Oxford end of this scheme from the Barnett House & Miss Hadow who had the offer of Principalship of Lady Margaret Hall decided to stay at Barnett House to carry out our programme. I am very happy about this. If I can look back from the other world I am sure I shall see what will greatly please me. I have failed but I shall have given some others a chance to succeed.
["The Irish Sore – Effect on Foreign Politics", <i>The Times</i> , p. 8]	14 Mar, Mon	Back from Oxford by very early train. Betty Balfour called at 11 AM and at 12.15 we went to the League of Nations Union where she had an appointment with "Baffy" Dugdale & I with Robert Cecil. The latter was very stiff & atavistic about Irish liberties. He told me that Grigg who has just been round the world with the Prince of Wales & is credited with making the boy's excellent speeches, had said that any sign of giving in to Sinn Fein would have results disastrous to British prestige in India which was gravely threatened already. Lunched with Fingall to meet John Dunville who is a more or less liberal Carsonite. He is evidently apprehensive of the Ulster Parliament not being the success its supporters say is already guaranteed. Meeting of London Branch of I.D.L. which I rather bossed. They were rather an inert lot. Finally an interview with Philip Kerr who is now hopeless about Ireland but attributes the situation more than ever to Irish perversity. He asked me for my solution of the immediate difficulty. I said remove the Black & Tans, disarm the police, strengthen the military, offer Dominion Home Rule if the

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		south of Ireland can convince the north. That is offer it to Ireland whether England likes it or not. By night mail to Kilteragh.
[L&NWR – London & North Western Railway] [Martha – Biblical care-taker]	15 Mar, Tue	<p>In the small hours of the morning I shivered on the Holyhead Pier while my baggage was being searched for arms & then boarded for the first time after all these years the L&N.W.R. steamer which had ousted the old City of Dublin Steam Packet Co. At Kilteragh Heard having Martha'd for me a fortnight before my arrival & much developed towards an understanding of my needs. A morning at arrears of correspondence with my not very intelligent, very poorly educated but as good as gold clerical assistant Miss Nora O'Brien – Howlerina as I wickedly call her on account of things in letters I have been too lazy to read before signing.</p> <p>Then the Plunkett House. R.A.A. not at all well and the wonderful Æ calm & helpful as ever. 12 killings yesterday including 6 official hangings, 48 killings for week ending 14th. Daisy to stay & tell me what has happened in her family & Irish society during my absence.</p>
	16 Mar, Wed	<p>Still getting in touch. Lady Aberdeen was looking for me at the Plunkett House!</p> <p>Let the Lodge to Lennox Robinson.</p>
	17 Mar, Thu	<p>St. Paddy. I wonder if he knows how much worse things than snakes plague us now.</p> <p>James Douglas brought two of the "American Committee for Relief in Ireland"'s representatives to lunch at Kilteragh. I explained things to them & asked them for £2000 to enable us to explain to British Cooperators & Labour people the monstrous injustice the I.A.O.S. is subjected to in the destruction of Creameries, Cooperative Stores &c by the forces of the Crown. I hope thus to be able to force the Government to go to Parliament for compensation.</p> <p>Called on the Robinsons & found him as anti-Irish as ever. He thinks the Southern Parliament will materialise. If they can elect one more than half its complement it can function. He defends the Black & Tans & says only 1% of them are blackguards!</p>
	18 Mar, Fri	<p>John Dove editor of Round Table was brought to Kilteragh by Lionel Curtis. They are going to spend at least a month in Ireland – a very dangerous time, neither long enough to learn or short enough to know!</p> <p>Worked at I.D.L. & I.A.O.S. affairs.</p>
	19 Mar, Sat	<p>Sir Edward O'Farrell called at my request. He is one of the three Census Commissioners and I wanted to know whether there was any chance of the census being taken. He told me that they had today unanimously agreed to write to Greenwood that it was not practicable to get enumerators. The S.F.ers have decided not to allow any of their people to act as enumerators! That England cannot govern us has long been demonstrated. That she cannot count us!!!</p> <p>Most of day talking to Curtis & Dove.</p>

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	20 Mar, Sun	<p>Rested & garden golfed. Hugh Law, Neville Anderson & his girl, Lennox Robinson & his sister (Mrs. Dorman) the only callers. But it was enough to prevent my concentrating my mind on the mass of work I have to do.</p> <p>Hugh Law was as nice & colorless as ever. I hear the poor fellow is going to lose his JOB – £1500 a year from “Housing”!</p>
	21 Mar, Mon	<p>Some 20 more deaths in the Anglo-Irish war during the week-end.</p> <p>Had to work all day at my Annual address to the IAOS on Wednesday.</p> <p>John E Healy lunched with me at Club. He is as dishonest as ever, by any other than journalistic ethical standard.</p>
<i>(Fr Anderson, R.A. to Balfour, Lady Betty)</i>	22 Mar, Tue	<p>Curtis & Dove left (Daisy having nearly converted Dove & given up Curtis) & Violet Bonham Carter & Mrs. FD Acland arrived. Meeting of IAOS General C'tee & I worked at my IAOS speech.</p>
[Address to the AGM of the IAOS in <i>IH</i> , XXVIII:14 (2 Apr), pp. 228-30]	23 Mar, Wed	<p>Annual General Meeting of the IAOS. Small attendance owing to awful state of country & transportation difficulties. My address was directed to avoidance of any departure from our non-political pledge & as I had to deal with the destruction of Creameries by the forces of the Crown my position was difficult. I think I did well. Miss [<i>sic</i>] Acland, Lady Bonham Carter, Lionel Curtis & John Dover were among the audience & I think were all impressed. The reaction will be small but not, possibly, negligible.</p>
	24 Mar, Thu	<p>Another Cooperative day – addressed staff of I.A.O.S., A.G.M. of I.A.W.S. Then a small meeting of Irish Dominion League Exec C'tee.</p> <p>The three ladies left.</p>
	25 Mar, Fri	<p>Lennox Robinson & Heard & I bached together restfully. Norman & his wife lunched.</p>
	26 Mar, Sat	<p>Tried (& failed) to write a letter to Times. Wrote a good deal of current correspondence. Walked with Heard & Lennox Robinson round Bray head, motoring to & from Bray. L.R. left at night.</p>
	27 Mar, Sun	<p>Cruise O'Brien the only guest. He gave me some news.</p>
	28 Mar, Mon	<p>Before I got up Heard had interviewed a delegation of two from the I.R.A. who wanted to borrow my motor car! I told him to refuse & they did not commandeer it. A posse of 10 IRA men visited the P.O. & took away the telephone apparatus. Nothing further happened as far as I could ascertain. In the evening the instruments were restored.</p>
	29 Mar, Tue	<p>Worked at letter to Times & fear I can make nothing of it. I am getting depressed & fear I shall never have any energy & spirits again.</p> <p>Got a cable from Mrs. Charles McCarthy that her husband had died at Arizona & was to be buried in Madison. It saddened me greatly as I loved that strange uncouth noble hearted fellow.</p>
<i>Fr Bullock, Shan</i>	30 Mar, Wed	<p>When I started for Dublin today with Heard three ruffians, half disguised, called upon me to stop the motor, pointed revolvers to Heard & me & made me go back. Of course I had no choice. Went in in the afternoon & found Curtis & Dove back from Belfast & on way to Cork. They are evidently bewildered at the</p>

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<p>[instant – the current month]</p> <p>[Mayor George Clancy and predecessor Michael O’Callaghan murdered March 7.]</p>	31 Mar, Thu	<p>Went into Dublin to hear the United Irishwomen at their annual general meeting. Poor attendance but <u>excellent</u> speaking. Daisy good from the Chair but Mrs. Nugent Harris astonished me by showing she had ten times her husband’s brains. She is working at Womens Institutes in England. A Mrs. Rudd from Co Limerick was also practical & inspiring at same time. Had to come back to lunch at Kilteragh as Bryan was visiting me from Avondale. He reports a great change for the worse in the popular feeling since the Dublin executions of 15th inst[ant]. “20 men joined S.F. for one that was frightened to do so” is his verdict. He believes that Winston Churchill is the author of the whole of the Irish tragedy. He agrees absolutely with me on the political remedy which should be applied.</p> <p>Bonham Carters came from Cork. “Kit” Robinson R.M. told me he heard General Tudor say General Crozier (who left the Black & Tans because they were too brutal) must be “removed” i.e. murdered. A Limerick D[istrict].I[n]spector. told him 3 weeks before Gallagher [<i>sic</i>], the Mayor of Limerick was murdered that there would be no peace till he was “removed”! The terror at Drogheda is undescrivable.</p>
	1 Apr, Fri	<p>I.A.O.S. & general political work with poor results.</p> <p>A coal strike in England with the possibility of the Railwaymen & Transport workers joining in menaces us with something very near Revolution.</p>
<p>[Talbot – born “Fitzalan-Howard”, he assumed the surname “Talbot” in 1876 and resumed use of his paternal name in upon becoming Lord Lieutenant.]</p>	2 Apr, Sat	<p>The Bonham Carters left and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence came – not a change for the better. She is a terrible note of interrogation. I feel that I shall have to give the lady material for all the speeches she means to make on the Irish Question which has filled the aching void left by the concession of woman suffrage.</p> <p>Lord Edmund Talbot M.P. announced to succeed Ld. French of Ypres (& Balbriggan &c) as Viceroy of Ireland, I suppose under the ignorant assumption that it will be pleasing to the Irish RCs to have an English R.C. representing H[is].M[ajesty]. I daresay Card[ina]l. Bourne got a private letter from Card’l. Logue (who is <u>very</u> old) approving the change. But it is a blunder of first magnitude.</p>
	3 Apr, Sun	<p>Rested. The Fingalls & I discussed Gerald & decided to try & get PA O’Farrell to give him a fresh start in Canada. Phillip Hanson called & had nothing to say. Sir H. Robinson, just back from Downing Street again implored me to work for an Irish settlement on the basis of the Partition Act which I declined to do.</p>
	4 Apr, Mon	<p>Heard from Ld. Southborough whom I had asked whether he could help Ireland in the House of Lords. He writes a scathing indictment of Lloyd George & his sycophantic ministers.</p> <p>Had a talk with Moorhead my excellent medical adviser. He said I was looking better than when he last saw me. He wants me to have my prostate gland examined by Greene & I must. I told him I was taking ½ gr[ain] morphia as I could not work my best or sleep without this help. He advised me not to try to give it up while I had anxious work to do and indeed not till I could take a</p>

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		<p>six months rest!</p> <p>Went to opening of R[oyal]H[ibernian]A[cademy] exhibition. Met Mrs. Æ & agreed to take Æ into Kilteragh for a complete rest. Yesterday Moorhead had examined him for me & found him with mild influenza but desperately overworked.</p>
	5 Apr, Tue	<p>Mrs. Pethick Lawrence left & the Fingalls went back to Killeen.</p> <p>Had a meeting at Royal Coll. of Physicians to discuss a suggestion of mine that a hospital policy should be elaborated for a time when government funds would be required & with it state control. The question is how to save science from politics.</p> <p>George O'Brien dined & slept.</p>
	6 Apr, Wed	IDL & I.A.O.S.
	7 Apr, Thu	<p>Fetches George Russell (Æ) out to Kilteragh for a complete rest which I want myself. He is the most delightful talker in my acquaintance & his reading is wider than that of any man I know except old Bryce. Yet he does not know any language but English!</p> <p>Raymond Parr died yesterday morning. A nice fellow, but narrow in all his views upon public affairs. We were friendly but never close to each other.</p>
	8 Apr, Fri	<p>Eclipse of the Sun – not quite total at Kilteragh but a bright cloudless sky. The gloom was impressive.</p> <p>The Triple Alliance all threaten strike – Railwaymen & Transport workers to join Miners. England is nearer <u>Revolution</u> than in my life time. 11 deaths in Ireland yesterday!</p>
	9 Apr, Sat	<p>Worked at a letter to Lloyd George which I probably shant send & spent the day thinking over the situation for the meeting on Monday. Smith Gordon lunched spent afternoon in confab. Monteagle came to stay over week-end.</p>
	10 Apr, Sun	<p>Æ attracted Mrs. J R Green & Erskine Childers. The talk is always good when Æ is present. His knowledge is amazing. His reading enormous wide and remembered. I find him the sanest revolutionary I have ever met. Walter Callan called too. He has become intensely anti-Irish on account of the outrages of Sinn Fein. All depends, it seems to me, on the capacity of the better element to control the criminal fringe after the first government under Home Rule have been assassinated.</p> <p>Henry Harrison dined & slept to talk over tomorrow's meeting.</p>
<i>Fr Scott, C.P.</i>	11 Apr, Mon	<p>Had a well attended private meeting at Shelbourne of the Irish Dominion League. I did most of the talking and carried a resolution I had prepared with verbal amendments only. I have suggested a way out of the Irish impasse – in brief, that the Gov't should offer (if Sinn Fein & "Ulster" will agree to meet in a Constituent Assembly composed of the members returned at the forthcoming election) full Dominion status. The essential feature of the plan is that it saves the Coalition's face by giving the Government of Ireland Act 1920 the <u>appearance</u> of working through utilising the electoral machinery of the Act. "Ulster" must be sick of its Parliament now that the Constitutional & Sinn Fein Nationalists have agreed to boycott it. A crown colony in 26 counties and exclusively Carsonian government in 6 is a bad</p>

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		beginning! The plan has been well thought out and if I were younger & more vigorous I am sure I could get it accepted all round. But I have no effective helpers except Harrison whose deafness is a terrible hardship.
	12 Apr, Tue	The aftermath of yesterdays meeting.
[Memorial – a statement of facts forming the basis of a petition to a person in authority (<i>OED</i>)]	13 Apr, Wed	Lunched with James Douglas, France of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland, Harrison & RAA. Worked hard at the Memorial to be sent to Lloyd George.
	14 Apr, Thu	Worked hard at the Memorial to Lloyd George.
	15 Apr, Fri	At last got my draft circular through the necessary consultants & sent it to the printers. Showed it to Sir Henry Robinson who evidently hated it but recognised that it was likely the best the Gov't could do.
[In Britain 'bogy' was still the term for a round shot at 'par'.]	16 Apr, Sat	Keneth Leys arrived early with two splendid young Oxford dons (Walter H. Moberly of Lincoln & AD Lindsay of Balliol both philosophy) whom he is educating in the Irish Question. They did Æ and Smith Gordon. Mrs. Guthrie Stirling & Pat Cox (engaged!) and the Fingalls arrived at night & we had great discourse. In the afternoon my pastor (Welland & his wife) came over to play golf on my lawn (I did a record 4 2s, 4 3s & 1 4 the four being at 5th hole where I stuck in the bank at the back of the green. Total 24, Bogy 27). Got the proofs of my circular to Ll.G. out of the printers and like it much. Among the day's official items was a proclamation suspending civil actions where the forces of the Crown are accused of attacks upon persons & property! A treble stupidity. They might have done this suspended <u>all</u> civil courts & actions when they proclaimed martial law. But (1) to wait till now, (2) to suspend only actions incriminating the military & police and (3) to begin as they did with Judge Bodkin's (he had made himself a hero by severely criticising the crown forces in judgments of in Malicious injuries cases) was incredibly crass.
	17 Apr, Sun	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence came back after a week's trip in the South of Ireland & was interesting though she told nothing we did not know. She has a strong anti-English bias I fear & will use Ireland more as a weapon than as a cause. James Douglas lunched and I think I nearly persuaded him to back my scheme.
	18 Apr, Mon	Still at the memorial to Ll.G. & trying to meet endless criticisms. Harrison I found had gone to London to address meetings for the Peace with Ireland Council. Sir John Keane came, Mrs. Guthrie & Pat Cox left.
	19 Apr, Tue	Between 12 & 1 A.M. bombs were bursting & shots being fired at Cabinteely. After my (& before my guests') breakfast I motored Leys, Moberly & Lindsay to Fr. Connell at Cabinteely. The Police Barracks had been attacked. Windows of it & adjoining houses had windows broken. No casualties.

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		<p>Quarterly meeting of I.A.O.S. Exec C'tee well attended. But I was thinking of my plan of settlement. Saw James Douglas & Æ & Smith Gordon. All agreed to the Memorial. Letter from Harrison written before he left on Sunday suggesting many "vital" amendments which I could not adopt.</p> <p>Fingalls, Moberly & Lindsay left.</p>
	20 Apr, Wed	<p>Got out the memorial. But a very able reply to the Bishops criticism of the Irish Gov't from Lloyd George in the papers today. Mrs. JR Green was wired to by Asquith for the facts for a reply. Æ told her only de Valera could reply to the attack on the Irish Republicans on the Murder charges.</p>
	21 Apr, Thu	<p>Worked all day at letters to important people about the Memorial to L.I.G.</p> <p>R.A.A. left for U.S.A. on behalf of Irish White Cross.</p>
	22 Apr, Fri	<p>Had a long talk with MacMahon Under Secretary at Castle. He tells me the Irish Gov't (Macready & Greenwood particularly with Sir Henry Robinson egging them on!!) are determined not to have peace. They are preparing to "give the rebels Hell". Internment camps to hold 10,000 are being fitted up &c. Sir John Anderson the Treasury expert & co-under secretary is doing all in his power to ruin Ireland economically. He has sent out of the country all the gold & much of the silver & so forth. Greenwood wanted to deprive Ireland of coal – have a blockade & would but for Ulster.</p> <p>I met Anderson on the staircase & he said he had seen my Memorial. He declared the real difficulty was that the Gov't were convinced the Majority of the Irish people would adhere to their Republic. I told him he knew this was not true.</p> <p>Went by motor to Collon & stayed the night with Cis Robinson R[esident].M[agistrate]. Called on Balfour of Townley Hall nearby & left a memorial for him to sign.</p>
	23 Apr, Sat	<p>Set out with Robinson in pouring cold rain & motored via Armagh to Belfast, slept at Ballyanglis chez the Alec Wilsons.</p> <p>Betw'n Carrickmacross & Castleblayne going about 35 miles an hour we crossed a Sinn Fein trench across the road. It was invisible & we practically jumped it. It was a bad shock but the motor miraculously stood it.</p> <p>At Armagh had a long talk with Logue. Explained the Memorial & asked him to help it. He was very sympathetic. He longs for a settlement, deplores the crimes on both sides, said 'the Republic is moonshine'. He believes an offer of the Dominion plan with its fiscal autonomy would go far to settle the Irish Question. He told me an English statesman "to whom L.I.G. "must listen" was with him yesterday & said he could arrange a settlement & was crossing back to England tonight. At Belfast saw Dr. M[a]cRory who told me it was Ld. Derby!!! Saw also Adam Duffin, James Roche R.M. Learned that the Carsonites were exercising as big a terror over their moderates as Sinn Fein has ever exercised.</p>
	24 Apr, Sun	<p>Left Ballyanglis 3 miles the other side of Lisburn at 8 AM. Left Robinson near Monasterboice. Saw the destruction of houses & the hosiery factory at Balbriggan & arrived at the Plunkett House just under the four hours! There Tipping the caretaker told me the</p>

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		<p>military raided the house last night, found a rifle (I think hidden from Sinn Fein by a Methusilier after Easter 1916) & had taken his son. I gave him a letter to MacMahon. George O'Brien was telephoned for by a doctor who saw the raid & told me at Kilteragh what happened. Fortunately it was the regular army & I hope no serious results will follow.</p> <p>James Douglas wife & 2 children, Lady Aberdeen (with that horrid Sir Wm. Thompson in tow) called to get me to interest myself in her baby clubs.</p> <p>Notes on my northern visit made in a separate memo.</p>
["nakedness of the land" – Genesis 42:9,12]	25 Apr, Mon	<p>All day at Memorial. The "Moderates" are hopeless.</p> <p>Had Harrison & Hammond out to dine & sleep. We plotted & planned & ever & anon the nakedness of the land burst into view.</p>
	26 Apr, Tue	<p>Wrote to Bryce, Grey, Shaftesbury, Adams, Leys, Vincent (of Muckcross) Decies, de Vesci, Monteagle, Lombard Murphy, Lady Bonham Carter, Lady Byles & a host of others with the Memorial in its final form enclosed.</p> <p>Attended a meeting of the White Cross & a meeting of Plunkett House Trustees.</p> <p>Crossed by night mail to London dead tired.</p>
[Cockerill]	27 Apr, Wed	<p>Attended Pelton Colliery, S.S. Co & Stella Gill Co Board meetings. Entered Reform Club for first time as member, proposed by H.G. Wells. Had Walter to lunch. Met A G. Gardiner, Spender of Westminster [Gazette], Desmond M[a]cCarthy & many others to whom I explained my Memorial scheme. They all liked it. M'Carthy took me to see Ld. Henry Bentinck & a few Tory independents. Aubrey Herbert, Mosley, General Cotterill [<i>sic</i>] & 3 or 4 others who were discussing Ireland in a C'tee Room. Read the Memorial to them. They were not very understanding but felt right.</p> <p>Wrote a length to C P Scott of Manchester Guardian.</p> <p>Dined with Pope Hennessys who were very hopeless.</p> <p>When I got back was called up from Oxford by Adams who had got the Memorial. He liked it & said if it could be backed from North & South it would have great effect.</p>
	28 Apr, Thu	<p>Sat through a debate on the Chief Secretary's salary which made me rather hopeless. Greenwood was boisterous, vulgar, mendacious. Lloyd George made the only speech to which anyone listened & I am bound to say it was brilliantly clever. The subject of debate was the outrages of the auxiliary forces in Ireland. Among them Asquith had singled out the shooting match betw'n forces in the Crown in plain clothes in the Castleconnell Hotel which Ld. Parmoor had already brought up in the House of Lords, reading a letter from the famous old surgeon his brother Sir H Cripps who was present & described this brawl with 4 fatalities (including the Hotel-keeper) in a most dramatic way. L.I.G. undertook to defend it & I wondered what possible defence there could be. It was quite simple – just soldiers mistaking each other for enemies as often happened in the war – as happens in all wars! The fact that they were all drunk was omitted.</p>

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	29 Apr, Fri	<p>The Asquiths asked me to lunch. A G Gardiner, Birrell & some others I did not know. Sat next 'Margot' who talked brilliantly. She promised to try & get Midleton to back my Memorial. If he did we should make progress. Conversation on orators. Gladstone whom Birrell had heard out of doors at Blackheath address 15,000 was swept aside for Spurgeon. Asquith thought Whitfield the greatest preacher. I butted in with Billy Sunday!!! I was on the job & had to get <u>down</u> to the I.Q. Hope I stirred A up a bit.</p> <p>Many letters & then went to see Wickham Steed about Ireland. Think I got on well with him. He sent for Shaw to whom I was not very warm.</p> <p>Steed had been told by Fred Wrench of a pedlar in Dublin who had recently sold 6000 bibles to R.C.s who were told by the younger clergy that killing police &c was not murder[,] by the older clergy that it was! Rather tall!</p>
	30 Apr, Sat	<p>Tried & failed to write a letter for Monday's Times.</p> <p>Lunched with the Bonham Carters & met Mosley M.P. husband of Curzon's daughter. They are both very Liberal Tories!</p> <p>Long talk with the Sidney Webbs. They liked my scheme for Ireland but were preoccupied with Coal.</p> <p>Derby wrote thanking me for sending him the Memorial but adding that he was "not enamoured with the project" & therefore would not trouble me to call.</p>
[Master – A.L. Smith]	1 May, Sun	<p>To Adams at Oxford (Boars Hill). Found the Poet Laureate waiting for me. He denounced the idea of Ireland being a Nation but would sign the memorial or any support for it by Englishmen. Gilbert Murray called later & he too was most enthusiastic for my plan. Leys & his wife came & gave me a good account of the effect produced by speeches by Lindsay of Balliol & Moberly of Lincoln at a small Oxford meeting to hear their Irish experiences. Dined with the Master of Balliol at High table. In common room after good discourse with many Balliol dons – Davis & Lindsay being the best.</p>
[Archbp. of Canterbury – Randall Thos. Davidson; Archbp. of York – Cosmo Gordon Lang; Bp. of Oxford – Hubert Murray Burge]	2 May, Mon	<p>Back early from Oxford. Wrote to Archbps. of Canterbury & York & Bp. of Oxford, to G.B.S. & HG Wells to back the Memorial. Lunched with the staff of the Nation, Massingham, J.L. Hammond, Masterman, Nevinson, Whitehouse, Hirst (of Economist) & others. They were very pessimistic about Ireland.</p> <p>Tea tête à tête with Margot Asquith. Midleton was to have been there but did not turn up – he was really or diplomatically sick. I had an hour with this wonderful ever young spirit. She deplored the loss of her influence over Lloyd George rather naively. I found she had no depth at all in politics but she seemed remarkably fair.</p> <p>Dined with the Percevals where Heard was staying.</p>
	3 May, Tue	<p>Lunched S. Brooks at Club & got his approval to Memorial. Sent it to Dunraven who telephoned asking me to meet him later. But he went to the Lords where there was an anti-Irish debate & telephoned that he would write. Had a long talk with Archbp. of Canterbury at the H[ouse]. of L[ords]. He liked the Memorial &</p>

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		<p>evidently will sign if others of sufficient weight do likewise. Called on Haldane who lectured me on the impracticability “of you Irish”, and told me what the Scots would do with such a splendid offer as England has made.</p> <p>Then with Robert Wilberforce to Sir Wm. Tyrrell who agreed with the plan, advised me to see Desart about it and inveighed against L.I.G. (whom he described as a [“]Quack” in terms which made me tremble for the future of the British Empire. His dealings with the continent of Europe seem more disastrous than his treatment of the United Kingdom (Labour & Ireland he mentioned).</p>
	4 May, Wed	<p>My correspondence is so overpowering that I am helpless without secretarial help. Lennox Robinson who carries a little typewriter about with him gives me some of his time. Had a long talk with Desart who agreed upon nearly the whole of the memorial & would sign – if Middleton, whom he advised me to see – signed. Sent Memorial to Arthur Balfour with brief note. Very busy day.</p>
[Johnson]	5 May, Thu	<p>Lunched with Fagans in a restaurant close to their Theatre (The Court) to meet Lady Gregory & W B Yeats (who did not turn up). They invited me to see Othello which I did sitting next to Margot who told me she was going to turn herself loose in her second volume.</p> <p>Had two interesting talks with H A L Fisher for an hour in which he was as dishonest as ever & with Henderson the Labour M.P. who will back the Memorial if Irish Labour asks him to. So I wrote to Æ to see Thomas Johnston [<i>sic</i>]. A meeting of the London Branch of the Irish Dominion League very poorly attended.</p>
	6 May, Fri	<p>Drafted a simple endorsement of the Memorial for Britishers, gave copies to Adams for his Oxford friends, sent copy to Bp. of Oxford, Archbp. of Canterbury, HG Wells. Wimborne signed it, Bryce refused as some phrases might be misinterpreted!!</p> <p>Carnegie Trustees met and a narrower bitterer (to Ireland) crowd I never met. I got £1000 for the Barnett House & got them to appoint a Committee for Ireland. We can now get ahead.</p>
	7 May, Sat	<p>Very nice letter from Arthur Balfour giving his reasons for disagreeing with me about a United Ireland. The Archbp. of Canterbury writes wobbling towards support of the Memorial. Ben Plunket Bp. of Meath offers his signature – not a bad day’s news. Tried to write a letter to Times which I must get off tomorrow. Lunched with Desmond M[a]cCarthy. Massingham offered to boom a letter from me to the Nation. Dined with Mary Studd to meet her honest soldier husband whom I partially converted to my Irish views. He was attached to the Supreme Council in the war & was very interesting. He told me stories of dear Douglas Haig’s stupidity which were rather startling. I must see more of him.</p>
	8 May, Sun	<p>Wrote & tore up a letter to the Times on the Irish situation – must try again tomorrow. Dined with Aubrey Herberts & met Bonham Carters. The Tory M.P.s are trying to get L.I.G. to concede Fiscal autonomy. They won’t go further because they could not get a large enough group together on a complete plan to have effect.</p>

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[Toby M.P. – pen name of journalist/politician Sir Henry Lucy in <i>Punch</i> .]	9 May, Mon	Sent the Memorial to Lloyd George without the signatures & with a letter explaining reason (urgency of action & difficulty of collecting signatures). Wrote a letter to Times (to whom I promised Memorial for Wednesday) on the disastrous results of holding the elections unless for a constituent assembly, after telephone conversation with Editor. Nearly demented with the incompetence of the Dublin office of the I.D.L. Walter interviewed Bryce for me & got some very good advice. HG Wells, Sir H Lucy (Toby M.P.) the Bp. of Oxford & the Aberdeens sent their signatures. Lennox Robinson is helping me but a regular typist is almost necessary. He has a small machine. Must try one.
	10 May, Tue	Lunched with the Fagans. She (Mary Grey) cannot act but I am told sings well. She is a kindly soul. My letter to Times was too late for insertion today but goes in tomorrow. Had a long talk with Midleton in the Lords. He was convinced that fiscal autonomy was the only concession worth working for. England would never tolerate any recognition of Ireland's nationhood, and our proposal that the Constituent Assembly should <u>negotiate</u> with England is in his view absurd. Yet he seemed uncertain of this point. Had also another talk with the Archbishop of Canterbury. I found him really anxious to help but so timid about getting involved in politics that I decided to ask him, not to sign, the letter to Lloyd George but to watch for an opportunity to back us. Wrote to Dudley.
["Irish Elections – Futility of Policed Voting", <i>The Times</i> , p. 6)	11 May, Wed	Graham Wallas & Harold Laski lunched with me. Both signed the letter to L.G. So did Adams today. Spoke very badly at meeting of League to Enforce National Economy. Went to House of Commons & found an ignorant expectation that an Irish settlement was in the wind. Attended a meeting of Womens Nat[ional] Lib[eral] Federation to hear Asquith & Simon on Ireland. Both good. Simon referred to me & I was much cheered. My letter pointing out the folly of the forthcoming Irish elections in The Times of today I think has made a good impression.
[Wedgwood] [Wee Frees – anti-Lloyd George "Independent Liberals"]]	12 May, Thu	Long talk with that wise old Clerk of Parl't Sir Courtenay Ilbert. I hope he will back the Memorial, which he highly approves. Lord Robert Cecil & Dr. Orchard sent their signatures. Lunched with Jack Pease (now Lord Gainford) Elsie & a nice flapper daughter. Went to the Fagans to hear Lady Gregory lecture for the Abbey Theatre. Dined with the Francis Aclands & met the Wedgewood [<i>sic</i>] Benns (he little Wee Free fighting cock).
	13 May, Fri	Wrote a lot of letters & then attended a meeting of the Peace with Ireland Council at Cambridge. Chiefly gown but in the Town Hall. French [<i>sic</i>] was first speaker, I second & Mrs. Acland third. I did very badly, French fairly & Mrs. A well. A bad chairman made the most of the occasion by closing questions which he had invited.

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		I put up with Sir Horace & Hon. Lady Darwin – very kind people.
<i>Fr Bryce, James</i>	14 May, Sat	Motored to Huntingdon where I took train to York. Thence by charabanc 40 miles to Scarborough as I was told the train would be so crowded I should probably not get a seat. At a big Hotel met Norman, J. Adams & Bellew representing I.A.O.S., JJ Dent & several cooperators. Found everyone keen about Ireland & hope to stir up the gov't through a movement controlling – or rather influencing – 4 million voters. Very tired.
	15 May, Sun	<p>Scarborough is the best laid out British watering place I have seen. But for the enormous crowds it would be a paradise for children & trippers. The flowers & shrubs, ornamental walks, &c are really well laid out & kept. Catchpenny devices are of course disfiguring, but it is a place for the working masses from Leeds, Huddersfield Bradford &c to enjoy.</p> <p>Got off with a 3 minutes speech at the copartnership breakfast, the veteran E.O. Greening in the Chair. Had great difficulty in trying to persuade the Cooperators not to use the I.A.O.S. as a stick to beat the government with.</p> <p>At night there was a crowded meeting of the Cooperative Party at which 2 Labour M.P.s and a Mr. Waterson M.P. who was returned on a Cooperative ticket spoke – all admirably. The audience about 1000 I should say were bitterly hostile to Lloyd George on all issues & by a majority only with the miners on the strike issue.</p>
[Address in Report of the 53rd Annual Co-operative Congress, Scarborough, (Co-operative Union, Manchester), pp. 442-4]	16 May, Mon	<p>Spoke at the Congress under great difficulty. The “Cooperative Party” insisted in moving an amendment to the Coop Union’s satisfactory Motion (drafted by Central Bd) calling for inquiry into wreckage of Coop Creameries &c by forces of Crown. They wanted to use the Irish grievance for framing an Irish policy for Coop. candidates at next election. I left before the amendment was voted on. Trains are very few & crowded. I motored to York at a cost of £5.6/ for 40 miles! When I got to Mount St. late at night found a wire from Norman giving the result of the cand[dates] vote. For the Amendment 842, for the motion 2772, majority 1930. Satisfactory.</p> <p>C.P. Scott 50 years Ed[ito]r of Manchester Guardian signed letter to P.M. yesterday.</p>
	17 May, Tue	<p>The morning papers tell of more ghastly murders by Sinn Fein, and many deaths in conflict between the IRA & the Crown forces. The killings in two days amount to 36 evenly distributed between the two sides. Met Massingham in the street. We both felt the Irish were making havoc of their cause. I wrote to CP Scott of the Manchester Guardian & asked him to use the influence of his paper – which alone of the British Press counts in Ireland to get de Valera to denounce crimes not authorised. The outlook is very very dark.</p> <p>Left London by night mail. Bought a portable typewriter which I mean to try & learn!</p>
	18 May, Wed	<p>Found Dublin in gloom. It begins to look as if a band of gunmen were acting irresponsibly, their leaders being in gaol. The outlook is dark.</p> <p>Meeting of the Carnegie Trust’s advisory committee. I attended &</p>

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		they did all I advised! I think they will do good work. Beach Thomas (now Sir William) came to Kilteragh & Daisy to meet him.
To Bryce, James	19 May, Thu	Meeting of the Exec C'tee of the I.D.L. present Hammond, Dermot O'Brien, Mesdemoiselles Hayden & Cunningham, Harrison, Sir J O'Connell – not a world shaking combination! Beach Thomas a most delightful visitor. The more I see of him the more I like him.
(To Balfour, Lady Betty fr Fingall, Lady Elizabeth (Daisy); year uncertain, BAL.104)	20 May, Fri	Got my hair cut & was charged 2/6 for the operation.
(To Balfour, Lady Betty fr Fingall, Lady Elizabeth (Daisy); year uncertain, BAL.105)	21 May, Sat	Beach Thomas left for Belfast. The Black & Tans raided the district told people that they knew all about me, that my creameries were “mere camouflage for murder” but they did not raid Kilteragh. The Aberdeens called. He is a piteous spectacle – all nerves & antics. She looks more robust than ever.
	22 May, Sun	Rested. Heard & I were alone for the first time this year. In the afternoon a Colonel O'Sullivan R[esident].M[agistrate]. in Co Kerry called. He had had a fine adventurous life in Africa & was very unhappy about the horrible state of Ireland where he had hoped to end his days.
<i>Fr Bryce, James</i>	23 May, Mon	Bryan & two of his brother officers came over to lunch. He thinks the mass of the people in his (& my) district are heartily sick of the terror & longing for peace. He agrees wholly with my view that the intransigents [<i>sic</i>] are probably the young men who would normally have gone to America during the last 7 years.
	24 May, Tue	Worked all day at I.D.L. & I.A.O.S. affairs. Monteagle dined & slept.
To Bryce, James (To Balfour, Lady Betty fr Selborne, Lady Maud; year uncertain, BAL.102)	25 May, Wed	Not at all well. The Irish Republican Army burned the Custom House a noble building whose only crime was the housing of Government official documents. An act of sheer madness <u>from a purely Irish point of view</u> . But this is the inevitable result of driving the popular movement underground.
	26 May, Thu	Still unwell from sheer worry I think. I am trying hard to get out a circular letter to “The Moderates”.
	27 May, Fri	A chill all through me. Attended a White Cross meeting & struggled with a letter to the Irish Moderates – a hopeless, helpless crowd.
	28 May, Sat	The Sinn Feiners today issue a Proclamation justifying the destruction of the Custom House as a “sacrifice” demanded by “Military necessity” in the war against English government in Ireland.
	29 May, Sun	The Fingalls & Lennox Robinson made a fairly restful day. But I had to struggle with the task of writing something the “Moderate Men” would read about the situation & the I.D.L.s plans for improving it.
	30 May, Mon	At the ‘Hotel’ by Foxrock Station at 3 AM this morning Tom Murphy the odd [job] boy under Curtain at Kilteragh & garden boy under Costello before the War, since doubtless an active

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		<p>Republican Army man[,] was shot dead by an undisguised ruffian. He was either a Crown officer or an I.R.A. man. All depends whether the young man was a suspected leader of the IRA or suspected 'spy'. I think the former from what I heard from Fr. Ryan the P.P. A military inquiry on Wed[nesda]y will in either case leave the horror unexplained. He leaves a Mother & 4 small girls who were dependent upon his earnings!</p> <p>Daisy left for London.</p>
	31 May, Tue	Finished my letter to The Moderates of Ireland. I fear it will have little effect.
[Foxford]	1 Jun, Wed	<p>Heard a horrible account of brutality from Rev. Mother Bernard of Foxrock [<i>sic</i>] & went to the Castle to see what could be done, found Cope, ass't Under-Secretary & promised to take no action if he would promise to make full inquiry. The soldiers of the Scottish Regiment had brutally treated young men – stripping them naked, painting them white & green & throwing them into the river. The promise was given & I did my best to comfort by wire & letter the poor nuns.</p>
(To Balfour, Lady Betty fr Selborne, Lady Maud; year uncertain, BAL.103)	2 Jun, Thu	To the Castle again about the Foxford outrage & much I.D.L. work.
To Balfour, Lady Betty <i>Fr Bryce, James</i>	3 Jun, Fri	<p>Miss Edith Somerville came for a 24 hours stay on her way from London to Castle Townshend. She is a charming guest and altogether in sympathy with my political as well as my social & economic aims.</p> <p>Another horror. T.C.D. on a glorious afternoon were playing a cricket match in their Park against the Military. A couple of lads fired revolvers through the railings of Nassau St. intending to hit soldiers. They killed a girl student of 20!</p>
<p>[Reprint, letter of 24 May to Editor of <i>Yorkshire Herald</i> in <i>IH</i>, XXVII:23]</p> <p>["go and dig" – reference to burying weapons in folksong 'Roisin the Bow']</p>	4 Jun, Sat	<p>Lunched with Sir Nevil Macready & had a long talk with him about the Irish military situation. I gathered that he knows a military decision cannot be obtained as the "rebels" if evicted can at any time hide their arms & "go & dig". He quite admits that the politicians are responsible for the whole trouble. My object in going to him was to get an undertaking that the Foxford case should be thoroughly investigated. I agreed to keep all parties quiet until he had reported to me which he promised to do as soon as the facts come to him.</p> <p>The Freeman's Journal reports 14 more deaths – 853 since Jan 1st.</p> <p>Miss Somerville left. Monteagle came.</p>
	5 Jun, Sun	<p>A lazy day – just Monteagle, Heard & I.</p> <p>But rifle shots on the nearby roads were disturbing to my peace.</p>
To Bryce, James [COC – Commanding Officer in Charge]	6 Jun, Mon	More horrors from M[othe]r. Bernard. Three men stripped naked, flogged & thrown into a river by the soldiers. Added this to the dossier sent to the C.O.C. (Macready).
	7 Jun, Tue	Fresh horrors from Foxford & had to go up to Macready about it. He promised again full & fair inquiry.

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	8 Jun, Wed	R. Anderson came back from America where he seems to have done a good deal of good for the I.A.O.S. Daisy came from London where she had found Ireland in very bad odour.
To Bryce, James	9 Jun, Thu	A quiet day at Foxrock.
	10 Jun, Fri	Wrote Winston Churchill & Bryce about the Irish situation. Lunched with Mrs. Erskine Childers tête à tête. I know no more tiring woman. She is of course good & sincere, but her political extremism, when it gets into such a situation as the Irish is too blood thirsty for me.
<i>Fr Bryce, James</i>	11 Jun, Sat	R.A.A. lunched & gave his American experiences. I received from Senator Fletcher a copy of the Congressional Record showing that the American Senate had unanimously voted on May 25 that an article of mine in the New York Nation of May 25, "Ireland Today – Sir Horace Plunkett's Plan" should be "inserted in the Record". There it stands in C.R. Vol 61, No 38 pp 1746-7. The importance of this is that the article is not pro Sinn Fein. Mrs. Bagg, the very wise old lady who knows European politics very widely came to hear about Ireland.
	12 Jun, Sun	Took Mrs. Bagg into Dublin to see the Childers. Otherwise rested & talked Ireland & the Balkans alternately with the delightful old lady.
	13 Jun, Mon	Monteagle, Mary Spring Rice, Norman & Smith Gordon came to Kilteragh. Went to Chamber of Commerce, wrote many letters on IDL matters.
To Greenslet, F.	14 Jun, Tue	Meeting of the Office & Finance C'tee of the I.A.O.S. I realised that R.A.A. is no longer able to do the secretary's work. He will have to be retired on pension.
<i>Fr Bryce, James</i>	15 Jun, Wed	Had a talk with Fr. Finlay about R.A.A. He quite agreed that Norman should be made Sec'y & R.A.A. retired on full pay as long as I.A.O.S. can afford it.
To O'Mahony, Mr. (?Pierce)	16 Jun, Thu	Worked at correspondence all day. Tried to write a letter to the Times in reply to a vile speech of Lloyd Georges. Heard from Smuts, very sympathetic to my appeal for help, and Winston Churchill whom I had asked what he means by saying that the Irish could have any measure of self government short of a Republic. He merely acknowledged receipt of my letter. I think the King will make a sensational utterance in Belfast – probably appealing to the North to negotiate a settlement with the South, the reply of the North being of course settled beforehand. The trouble will be the reply of the South which cannot be settled beforehand.
	17 Jun, Fri	Meeting of the Committee of the I.D.L. only Esmonde, Dermot O'Brien, RAA, Harrison, Miss Cunningham & Miss Hayden turned up though the members knew a crisis in the affairs of the League had arrived. Of course no money – & that is all we want – was forthcoming. Twenty men dug another trench outside my gate at night.

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	18 Jun, Sat	Harrison & R.A.A. went off together to Lemoore, both very sick & very difficult. Mrs. JR Green came out to Kilteragh & I tried to get her to understand the pos[iti]on of the Irish Moderates as I see it. Smith Gordon left. I have endless jobs on my hands – I.D.L. & I.A.O.S. Fingall & Daisy came for week-end.
To Bryce, James	19 Jun, Sun	Miss Feld of the N.Y. Times called. The Associated Press Association made me telephone an interview. The Freeman's Journal sent a man. I got off my Income Tax returns. A pretty busy day!!
	20 Jun, Mon	Wrote & wrote to people who may help Ireland, trying to make them understand.
	21 Jun, Tue	Motored Daisy to Avondale where Bryan Stapylton is in command of the Cheshires. Had heard from Nevil Macready that the officer responsible for the Military atrocities at Foxford was to be punished & wanted to discuss with Bryan my actions in the matter. On way back called on a Mr. Fitzpatrick who has bought a house at Roundwood. He was taking in Æ for his annual holiday, usually spent in Donegal. Got Æ's views about the future of the I.A.O.S. which I found to be the same as my own.
	22 Jun, Wed	Lunched with Gogarty to meet Dr. Gilmartin Archbp. of Tuam. Came to see me there Dr. Morrisroe of Achonry to whom I talked about Foxford. Had the Bp. of Ross & Gilmartin out to tea & supper at Kilteragh & discussed Carnegie things. The King opened the Belfast Parl't. I fear the Irish settlement is for the present hopeless. Still I wrote to Lord Shaughnessy to ask him to help the I.D.L.
To Balfour, Lady Betty	23 Jun, Thu	Wrote a letter to the Times which I daresay they won't insert as the Thunderer is said to have changed hands. Miss Rose Feld of the N.Y. Times came to stay after her visit to Belfast.
	24 Jun, Fri	Woke with severe pain in right lung. Took morphia which kept it under in hopes it would disappear. Slight fear of abscess.
["A Formula and its Test", The Times, p. 12]	25 Jun, Sat	Saw Moorhead about the trouble in right lung. It is only catarrh he thinks & gave me "a bottle". I asked him about morphia of which I take (hypodermically) ½ gr[ain] a day. He thinks it useless to try & give it up till I can give 6 months to rest from work. The withdrawal symptoms are always serious. My letter appeared in the Times. In it I showed that Winston Churchill had stated in Manchester (June 8) that short of a Republic Ireland could have any government it wished, while Birkenhead in the Lords said fiscal autonomy was out of the question.
	26 Jun, Sun	Lloyd George, the Sunday papers tell us, has written to Craig & de Valera asking them to come & meet him & discuss a settlement. This recognition of the President of the Irish Republic is a sensational new departure.
	27 Jun, Mon	Harold Barbour dined & slept & we had a great pow-wow on cooperative finance. I think I cheered him up & made him more anxious to stick to the I.A.O.S. ship.

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<i>Fr Greenslet, F.</i> [“The Move Towards Irish Peace”, <i>Saturday Review</i> , 2 Jul (unsigned)]	28 Jun, Tue	Meeting at the National Land Bank of Library subc’tee of Carnegie Advisory Irish C’tee. The Southern Parliament met in the Department with swarms of police at the door & auxiliaries on the roof!! A dismal farce. Wrote an article for the Saturday Review now under Editorship of Sydney Brooks.
<i>Fr House, E.M.</i>	29 Jun, Wed	Not at all well & stayed at Kilteragh. Glorious weather. De Valera has asked Midleton & the S. Unionists M.P.s Woods & Dockrell & Andrew Jameson to meet him before he goes to meet L.G. & Craig (if he does go). The leaving out of Devlin & myself representing the Const[itutional] Nationalists & Dominionists respectively is I think a mistake.
To House, E.M.	30 Jun, Thu	Still fine & drought. Col. House has arrived in London & I have written fully to him on the Irish situation. He might mediate.
	1 Jul, Fri	Henry Harrison in town for a day & I found him quite sensible about the I.D.L. & for closing it as soon as we can without harm.
	2 Jul, Sat	The Saturday Review has passed under the editorship of Sydney Brooks. I sent him a first leader on Ireland (which he published under the title The Move towards Irish Peace (By an Irish Correspondent). Whoever is backing S.B. he has put up enough to print 60,000 copies of the first issue. Lady Aberdeen called. She wanted to consult me as to what could be done by the British Home Rulers. Nothing I said till the new peace effort has developed. If it results in a settlement then still nothing. If not a Military decision will be the Government’s policy & against this all should unite. Whether at the same time the Dominion plan should be pressed would depend on many things – and on Smuts.
	3 Jul, Sun	Mrs. Martin to lunch. Went into town in afternoon to see Erskine Childers’s & Æ & pick up gossip. Met Mrs. S. Gwynn, James Douglas. From all gathered that there is not much hope of immediate results from negotiations with de Valera. My prophecy is that they will break down & a settlement will come out of British People’s unwillingness to continue the attempt to coerce Ireland. Both the Childers pressed me hard to come out in the Press with unreserved support of de Valera. It seems that while most of de V.s colleagues are in gaol, he has taken Erskine Childers into his confidence and as the result he has been driven to take up the extreme attitude which prevents the compromise the Irish increasingly want.
	4 Jul, Mon	Tom wired me in the morning that Mary was gravely ill. Crossed by night. Met Alice on boat. No particulars but I fear tomorrow’s news. At the Mansion House de Valera & Griffith met Midleton, A Jameson, Sir R Woods M.P. & Sir M Dockrell M.P. for a discussion upon the Irish crisis. They adjourned till Friday. Met Midleton on board the boat after I had written the above. He told me that he found de Valera as impossible a man as he had

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		ever had to deal with for the discussion of a public question. He was ignorant, opinionated, spoke in formulas & so forth. Midleton saw no hope unless de V. would go to London. There they he & Lloyd George might accomplish something – but they got <u>no nearer</u> a settlement this afternoon.
	5 Jul, Tue	<p>We were seven and now we are one. Poor Mary, a woman of real intellect but cramped by narrow prejudices in public life which she had no working touch with but allowed to dominate her socially, of strong character and absolute rectitude died in the early hours. I do not regret that I did not see her in her death agony or coma – it is better to carry a living picture. She was very angry with me for my Irish views and had ceased to write to me. But she was of a finer type than I. The stern <u>British</u> matron was the picture she will leave on the minds of her children's generation.</p> <p>Raymond Barker brought the will & read it to Tom, Dorothy, Alice & me. Small bequests – then £2000 to Tom & the rest betw'n the 3 younger children.</p>
[Francis Theophilus Brooke died 30 July 1920]	6 Jul, Wed	<p>Saw Col. House. He would help in Ireland if asked. He was very nearly being used by L.I.G. just before Frank Brooke's murder blocked a settlement. After that L.I.G. came to the conclusion that the Labour party must negotiate.</p> <p>He thought Smuts was very good on paper but not a good negotiator. At his room in Hotel Crillon, Paris early in 1918 L.I.G. met Reading & S. It was when a separate peace with Austria was on the tapis. Reading was ordered to go <u>incognito</u> (e.g. "Mr. Smith" to Switzerland to negotiate it. He was Lord Chief justice & so would not do it. S. undertook the job and failed, as he had in another similar job.</p> <p>I asked the Colonel about his American political plans, having pleased him by prophesying a big reaction against Harding admin[inistratio]n (Big Business) in 2 years or so. In brief H. has picked out three <u>good</u> Democrats to run for governor of New York, Ohio & Indiana in 1922. If the N.Y. man wins he will be a strong candidate in 1924. If he loses one of the others must be run. The N.Y. man is a young lawyer of independent means, persona grata to all parties – not a college professor, I asked this – fine speaker &c. Davis has gone in with the Morgans & is out of it. House has no fears of Hoover. He is hated by the politicians who nominate though the people elect.</p> <p>Mrs. Wilson was the cause of the break with Wilson. She resented the credit which went from W. to H[ouse]. "Never was such a man for secrecy as W. It was I who insisted on the open diplomacy 'point'."</p> <p>Had Sydney Brooks & Walter to lunch. S.B. told me that Sperlings people had bought the Saturday [Review]!! It is as I feared <u>Big Business</u>.</p>
	7 Jul, Thu	Back to Kilteragh by Day Mail with Dorothy & Alice, Tom following with poor Mary's remains by night.
	8 Jul, Fri	<p>Mary's coffin passed through Dublin. I could not go beyond Kingsbridge as I could not get back.</p> <p>The Mansion House Conference has led today to peace. There will be a truce and after that I don't think hostilities can be</p>

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	9 Jul, Sat	<u>Truce declared</u> to take effect Monday. Sir John Ross, Chairman, Sir W Robertson Vice Chairman & Mitchell Secretary of Carnegie U.K. Trust came to Kilteragh. Also Lady Gregory, Smith Gordon & Daisy.
	10 Jul, Sun	Fr. Finlay & Dermot O'Brien came to Kilteragh & we had a day of Carnegie Trust affairs. Still wonderful weather – but terrible drought.
	11 Jul, Mon	<p>Meeting of Carnegie advisory C'tee. Archbp. of Tuam, de Vesci, Smith Gordon, Williams and the Provost all absent. Dreary discussion but I think it did good.</p> <p>The Truce began formally at noon. Personally I have no fear of the renewal of hostilities. There will be bickering betw'n Eng'd & Ireland, then a settlement, then the beginnings of Irish self-government will be stormy & in that storm I shall pass out.</p> <p>Dorothy & Alice returned from Kilcooley. The people there showed affectionate remembrance of Mary.</p>
	12 Jul, Tue	<p>All the party left 8 AM except Lady Gregory whom I took to Dublin & had some useful last words with. She will be a great help to the cultural side of the Plunkett House work.</p> <p>Quarterly General C'tee meeting of I.A.O.S. I think I managed to get R.A.A. retired on full salary. I worked very hard to bring the C'tee round to my views upon the policy and administration of the Society which have got rather neglected.</p> <p>Wrote a final appeal to the members of the Irish Dominion League & left by night mail with Smith Gordon for Holyhead having sent the Morris Oxford car on ahead.</p>
	13 Jul, Wed	Motored Smith Gordon from Holyhead to London. Averaged 24 m.p.h. while running. Left 8 AM arrived 105 Mount St. 9.30 P.M. dead tired.
	14 Jul, Thu	<p>Lunched with the Indep[enden]t Liberals Sir D Maclean in the Chair, Birrell, A.G. Gardiner, Spender (West[minste]r Gaz[ette]) E V L----- & many other well known people present. Spoke 25 minutes on the Irish situation without notes & I think did (for me) well. Very well received any way.</p> <p>Saw Eddie's play "If". A wonderful fantasy – but rather chaotic in its exuberance of absurdities. It began with a delightful skit on suburban life & developed into melodramatic burlesque of Eastern life. Eddie follows his fancy but not laboriously.</p>
	15 Jul, Fri	Called on Col. House. He told me Harding's Conference on Disarmament and the Pacific was due to the pressure of public op[inio]n against war expenditure. House had through his Publicity (The Curtis syndicate) agencies pointed out that 85% (he says it is 90%) of the huge Amer'n Federal taxation was for wars past, present & future! As adviser to Wilson he had always sought (1) to avoid fool proposals and (2) to limit his proposals to what the Government would back. This (2) Wilson would not practise. Hence his failure. Harding will have the Gov't at his back. (I said "this reminds me of Taft's success on the Roosevelt policies". "Precisely" said the Colonel. He went on to point out that the Harding conference would fail because France would not

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		<p>– could not – disarm. Germany with its war <u>staff</u> & experience intact & Russia with the greatest army (albeit badly equipped & organised <u>now</u>) in the world had to be reckoned with. Meanwhile Germany would be temporarily benefited by not having a huge military expenditure. The only hope for civilisation was a conference with all the powers in. Harding was merely reviving the balance of power in another way!!</p> <p>Attended Exec C'tee of Carnegie Trustees. They had decided among themselves to cut down on recommendations on essential details – the Coop Ref[erence] Library. They sprang this on me, giving me no chance of informing the trustees who did not go to Ireland what the Irish policy was.</p>
	16 Jul, Sat	<p>Motored to Eddie & Beatrice at Dunstall. She had half a dozen factory girls out for the afternoon which pleased me greatly.</p> <p>Eddie was brilliant and interesting. But he makes himself impossible by his eternal grievance against his day & generation – the failure to give him adequate appreciation. He has a great vogue in America and, therefore, holds the New World to be again adjusting the balance of the old. Czecho Slovakia, Russia & some other countries have translated & appreciated him. But the role of prophet in his own country he cannot bear.</p>
[baby – Peter Edward Gerald Balfour]	17 Jul, Sun	<p>Motored Daisy to Fisher's Hill. There Gerald & Betty, Ruth with her new baby, Piddington, Gerald's fellow spookist and Mrs. Sidgwick looking near her end. It was like old times but sad in a way. Betty told us they had to sell the house & live in a smaller way. Financial troubles (in which I fear A.J.B. is also involved) have made this necessary. The Irish Question formed the ever-recurring subject of curiosity. The scales are falling from these best of English eyes. But it is hard to realise how wrong England has been <u>fundamentally</u>. Ireland is so wrong superficially. "Those murders!" "All we have done" & so forth.</p>
	18 Jul, Mon	<p>The heat very great & I began to feel it. Long talk with Walter who is still sceptical about an Irish settlement. I am optimistic, though I see endless troubles after any conceivable settlement.</p> <p>Supped with Mrs. Perceval.</p>
	19 Jul, Tue	<p>Lunched with "Mrs. Willie" & met Douglas Haig. Heavens he is slow of understanding. Honest, brave, hard working, but what more can one possibly say?</p> <p>Had talks with Bob Barton Irish Republic's Minister of Agriculture & Desmond Fitzgerald their chief publicity agent. Met also Mr. Art O'Brien. They are an amazing group of young men. At the moment they have had such a wonderful rise in the world that one fears a fall. I hope it won't come.</p>
["should" – the older sense of subjunctive of "shall", meaning "would"]	20 Jul, Wed	<p>Consulted Sir James Purves Stewart 94 Harley St. upon my morphia addiction. I told him the whole history of it truthfully (he seemed to believe me!) He said he could cure me with a week in hospital and 3 weeks rest anywhere – a month in all. The quantity (less than 1 gr[ain]. a day) would do me no harm, but also no good & I should be sure to increase it. For that reason I must give it up when I can.</p> <p>Called on the Sidney Webbs & had a long talk with them on the labour & general political situation. They admitted the defeat of</p>

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		labour in its struggle with capital, but thought the fight would be renewed. Ireland they think will get a settlement simply because Lloyd George must have one. Left by night train for Newcastle with Bryan Stapylton who will succeed me on the Pelton Board. P.S. 20/7/21 Met Ld ?Ley in sleeper. He told me that if L.I.G. fools the Irish this time he would denounce him on the platform.
[MDs – A.M. Palmer & R.S. Gardiner] [No Sturton MP at this time, but a Stanton] [NER – likely North Eastern Railway]	21 Jul, Thu	A dull meeting of Bowes. George Western, Major Palmer, Bainbridge & the two Managing Directors present. Then did Felling Staithes, Springwell and Vale Pit Collieries. ?Sturton M.P. a friend & relation of Bryan Stapylton was in the Hotel on N.E.R. business. He told us that the situation would be desperate for L.I.G. if he did not get a settlement in Ireland now. I am hopeful.
	22 Jul, Fri	Inspected Bowes Collieries & Pelton – long tiring day. But alas what a little I do for my directors' fees. Bryan went round and, I think, began to catch on. He will be an excellent successor to me on the Pelton Board. By night back to London.
	23 Jul, Sat	A bad night and a listless day. Had a long talk with H.A.L. Fisher about the Irish situation. De Valera has gone back with an offer from Lloyd George in his pocket, which is as much (Fisher told me this which was no breach of confidence surely!) as the British people would let the government offer. He was hopeful – I am not. But I don't think the Gov't dare face the renewal of hostilities.
	24 Jul, Sun	Motored Daisy to Newmarket where we put up with Mamie & her Capt. Kirk. It is a disappointment to me that she has chosen a Racing career. I thought she might have represented the family in a less popular but more elevating walk of life. However she is supremely happy with her man and a charming one year old daughter.
	25 Jul, Mon	Back to London after a miserable night. My lungs are affected I fear. I am very short of breath sometimes & spit up putrid phlegm.
	26 Jul, Tue	Daisy found me very seedy and telephoned to her doctor (Ladies' Dr.) to recommend a lung man. So a Dr. Morcom was sent. He found my temperature 102° & put me to bed. A night & a day nurse were laid on. Bronchitis he says.
	27 Jul, Wed	In bed - 100°.
	28 Jul, Thu	In bed – fever still.
	29 Jul, Fri	Better but not to get up while fever lasts. It still comes some time in the day.
	30 Jul, Sat	The same.
	31 Jul, Sun	Daisy spent the greater part of the day with me. She is a guardian angel to me. At night Heard turned up. She had written to him.
	1 Aug, Mon	Not a jolly Bank Holiday! But today my temperature only went

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		about 1½° above my normal & the Dr. said the air was getting into the congested part of the right lung. He told me he suspects I had a touch of pneumonia before I called him in & certainly for the 2 weeks since I left Ireland I had frequent temperatures.
	2 Aug, Tue	Temperature normal, but terribly weak. Adams called. Daisy left at night.
	3 Aug, Wed	Up for 4 hours.
	4 Aug, Thu	Up for 8 hours – Lionel Curtis came to see me & Lewis Haslam M.P. a hopeless Asquithian who has weakly drifted into the coalition. To these two I gave my views. Curtis was really interesting & clear headed. He saw the inexpressibly contemptible surrender of Lloyd George to “the gunmen”.
[Edith Cavell, WWI Red Cross nurse executed by Germans for assisting escape of Allied POWs.]	5 Aug, Fri	Allowed to go out to get my hair cut & see my Banker, whom (to his horror) I instructed to buy me £1000 worth of German marks at about 290 M to the £!! Also had a toddle on Heard’s arm in the Park. Left by night mail for home. At Euston saw Jerry M[a]cVeagh, who told me he thought the settlement would come all right. S[inn].F[ein]. has routed the Gov’t horse, foot & dragoons. “Ulster” will be told by L.I.G. that he has done with them & they must fend for themselves. They will probably fall into line. But the horrible murder of Mrs. Lindsay as a spy[,] now confessed by the I[rish].R[epublic].s Minister of Defence[,] has shocked the conscience of more than the Morning Post. It is another Cavell affair – technically justified on the assumptions L.I.G.’s capitulation establishes, but brutal and also insane.
To Armstrong, [Hamilton Fish] To House, E.M.	6 Aug, Sat	A dreary day. Moorhead is on holiday & left his work to Sir John Lumsden in whom I have no confidence. So I must take care of myself. Lennox Robinson came to see me & Daisy looked in.
	7 Aug, Sun	R.A.A., Dermot O’Brien & Lennox Robinson called. Also William Rothenstein the great crayon artist who is staying with Lennox Robinson to draw him, Æ and James Stephens. He is to draw me & this should suffice for the autobiography.
<i>Fr Bullock, Shan</i> [Cork military governor, Gen. Peter Strickland] [inter arma – in time of war] [Sean MacEoin (born John Joseph McKeon)]	8 Aug, Mon	Sat 1½ hours for Rothenstein. For a crayon, which necessitates extreme accuracy of drawing, one has to sit rigidly still & it’s tiring. Bryan turned up. We had a talk on the blunders of the militarists – especially Strickland, the author of burning cottages in a district where he could not defend castles! – in Ireland. They would not admit, as L.I.G. has now admitted, a state of war between two nations. Hence instead of silencing the laws as is proper “inter arma” they set up pseudo-civil courts in Martial Law areas. These have been defied recently by the Master of the Roles in Dublin who compelled the <u>release</u> of prisoners condemned to death! There was no distinction betw’n killing in battle and murder except that which the C[ommanding].O[fficer].s arbitrarily made. Nobody civil or military knew where they were. In the chaos both sides took to murder. It is all the result of L.I.G.’s dictatorship. The Gov’t have released all Dail Eireann prisoners except one – Commandant McKeon of the I.R.A. They will have to release him at once – but why the blunder of boggling over it?
To Bullock, Shan	9 Aug, Tue	Norman came to see me. I told him I was going to get him into secretaryship of the I.A.O.S. as soon as possible and that then I

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		meant to do my utmost to stir up the rank & file of the movement to the necessity of rebuilding it from the foundations. Asked Fr. Finlay to come & see me but fear he is fishing.
[(JAMES) a pencil insertion]	10 Aug, Wed	Wrote a memorandum on the I.A.O.S. its policy and management. The latter included retirement on full pension of R.A.A., appointment of Norman as Secretary, (JAMES) Adams (if he will take it) ass't sec'y, Riddall director of organisation. A vigorous propaganda on the principles & developments of the movement the moment a settlement comes. Insistence on prompt payment & adequate financing of Societies & Federations. Sent in for Fr. Finlay & got him to agree to this programme.
	11 Aug, Thu	I had Æ and James C Adams (our Ulster organiser) at Kilteragh & both fully endorsed my plan for the reorganisation of the staff of the I.A.O.S. Also Tom McGreevy, Lennox Robinson's assistant in the Carnegie Trust business called & I had a good talk with him over his work. Rothenstein finished his drawing of me.
<i>Fr Bullock, Shan</i>	12 Aug, Fri	Rested.
[FitzAlan – Ld. Lieut.]	13 Aug, Sat	Daisy arrived from the fashionable world. She had <u>done</u> the Horse Show & Phoenix Park Races, met the FitzAlans, talked to soldiers &c &c. She is doubtful whether there will be any approach to a settlement, even if hostilities are not renewed, for a long time to come. Ulster seems as bitter as ever and the reactionary party in England are doubtless watching their opportunity to fall upon Lloyd George for capitulating to de Valera. Personally I think Lloyd George will insist on a settlement. Otherwise he cannot represent Britain at Washington.
[Ld. Mayor – Laurence O'Neill]	14 Aug, Sun	Began the day with a long talk to Smith Gordon (who is week-ending at Kilteragh) upon the I.A.O.S. Then came the Sunday paper with a long letter from Smuts to de Valera, in effect, asking him to accept the Ulster partition and take L.I.G.s offer of full Dominion Status for the 26 counties subject to military safeguards. This is doubtless what most Irishmen would like de V. to do. But I doubt his being able to face his extremists with such a proposal. Possibly he may compromise on 28 Counties. Again Tyrone & Fermanagh may be the crux. I sent a letter to de Valera (by hand to the Ld. Mayor at the Mansion House) calling his attention to the importance of emphasising Tyrone & Fermanagh.
<i>Fr House, E.M.</i> [<i>ab initio</i> – from the beginning]	15 Aug, Mon	Lloyd Georges letter of Terms to de Valera of July 20, de V.'s reply of Aug. 10 & L.I.G.'s rejoinder of Aug 13 all appeared in todays papers. L.I.G. offers Dominion status, including army for home defence but also an Imperial Contribution for the 26 counties. De V. declines to accept a limited status and while ready to agree with Ulster refuses to accept the British partition of Ireland. Æ, whom I saw, thinks de V.'s reply unsatisfactory. It is much too abstract and Childersian. I think there will be no more fighting anyhow. Gerald Barry, a young Oxonian aet 25 ass[istan]t Ed[ito]r of Saturday Review under S. Brooks arrived to study (<i>ab initio</i> !) the Irish Question. R.A.A. imagines that my plan for his retirement is Father Finlay's to which I have been converted! This makes my position much

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		easier.
	16 Aug, Tue	Had a ticket for the “distinguished strangers” place at the meeting of Dail Eireann. The crowd was such that I did not get in. Spent the day over I.A.O.S. reorganisation of office. Wibberley supped at Kilteragh & told me a good deal about Sinn Fein in the south. He says the British army made the Irish Republican Army – drove the young men into it by their cruelty.
[<i>New York Times</i> , 20 Aug, p. 2]	17 Aug, Wed	In early to Plunkett House to meet Barbour & A.E. to decide the future position of R.A.A. in the I.A.O.S. We did all that was necessary & I hope the Society will have a new lease of life. Keneth Leys & wife came. Also W.G.S. Adams came down from Donegal to see me about our joint work. Sent a brief note to the New York Times on the Irish situation.
	18 Aug, Thu	Spent the morning with Adams. Decided to give him £2000, which I had intended to leave him in my will, to help him in his splendid work. The poor fellow is financially embarrassed by his having bought (or built) a house and having gone into farming beyond his means. He left by afternoon train to Derry. Mrs. Bernard Shaw arrived.
	19 Aug, Fri	Worked at I.A.O.S. Bryan came to see me. He is hopeful of a settlement. So am I. I simply won't believe hostilities will be resumed.
	20 Aug, Sat	Motored Mrs. GBS & Heard to Killeen. Saw the tag end of a cricket match at Dunsany. The whole thing seemed out of date. I felt it might well be the last. Old Reid is still alive. He told me he did not expect to live many more months. The moment he heard of Mary's death he began to fail. Eddie he evidently thinks is living in a fools paradise. “They mean to have him out of it” the old man said grimly.
	21 Aug, Sun	MacMahon, Under Secretary, lunched. He was absolutely outspoken. FitzAlan is a fool. Honest, ultra-Tory, stupid. Macready <u>dishonest</u> . The Military mostly longing for renewal of hostilities. Thank God, MacMahon is certain there will be peace. Professor Houston spent part of the afternoon and talked I.A.O.S.
<i>Fr Balfour, Lady Betty</i> [IAOS Ulster organiser James C. Adams]	22 Aug, Mon	R.A.A. still unsatisfied, but I went through with the change in the office of the I.A.O.S. Fant & Riddall expressed fear that Norman's successor would make trouble in the societies & possibly in the staff of the I.A.O.S.!
	23 Aug, Tue	Got a letter from R.A.A. telling me that the changes in the IAOS staff (really his retirement) would make a mutiny in the staff & begging me to postpone the matter. He is evidently in a very bad mental state. It is desperately sad. Presided over a White Cross Reconstruction Commission meeting. Hugh Martin Daily News correspondent came to spend the evening at Kilteragh. He gave a gloomy view of the situation. No active hostilities but a long drawn out unsettlement with untoward incidents at any moment likely to cause an explosion.

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	24 Aug, Wed	<p>A D Lindsay from Balliol came again & also Keneth Leys. The former has friends close to Lloyd George & may help towards a settlement.</p> <p>I lunched with the MacMahons. Learned nothing fresh.</p>
	25 Aug, Thu	<p>Spent the day writing a statement on the Irish situation for the Daily News at request of Hugh Martin.</p> <p>Saw Moorhead who found my lungs quite clear. He again advised me not to give up morphia (if I can keep down to 1 gr[ain]) until I can give 6 months to a cure!</p>
["The Vital Issues – Sir Horace Plunkett on the Problem of Unity", <i>Daily News</i> , pp. 1,3]	26 Aug, Fri	<p>De Valera (under the influence of Erskine Childers) has answered Lloyd George. L.I.G. said "if you agree upon principles come & talk to us". De V. replies "if you accept our principle (consent of the governed) we can talk". This silly reply was today given to Dail Eireann & the public.</p> <p>A.D. Lindsay left, having spent most of his time with the Childerses'.</p>
	27 Aug, Sat	<p>Lunched with the Childers pair. Fortunately Bob Barton was there and I talked IAOS with him. The two Cs were intensely bitter and I feel they hate me because I won't hate England. But Bob Barton is a simple honest fellow.</p> <p>Met R.A.A. in the Plunkett House and got him to agree to the plan of reorganisation in the IAOS office again. I don't know how long it will last.</p>
	28 Aug, Sun	<p>Hanson turned up & invited himself to stay. Robert Fitzpatrick a friend of Æ & a very nice fellow who has just bought a farm near the Roundwood Reservoir came to dine & sleep. Susan Mitchell, Lennox Robinson, McGreevy, Alan Duncan, Daisy & Mrs. G.B.S. made pleasant talk.</p> <p>Went with Daisy to tea on board Willie Jameson's luxurious yacht in Kingston Harbour. He is a not very inspiring example of "The idle Rich". But I like Mrs. Willie.</p>
	29 Aug, Mon	<p>Curtain came in early to tell me "no papers, no letters, railway strike". The clouds are gathering. The economic position of England menaces the social order. It could be put right better by the present rulers of society, <u>if</u> they would unselfishly tackle their duty, than by any new order. But these recurrent strikes – of course an <u>Irish</u> Railway strike is not of first importance – will soon make the position hopeless. In Ireland I have striven to get my own class to take an interest in public affairs at a time of unprecedented confusion. Even that they would not do. The strike was only on the Dublin & S.E.R'y. The Post came at night with a short friendly letter from de Valera in reply to mine of Aug 14th. After apologising for the delay he wrote "The point of view you put forward (Tyrone & Fermanagh) I appreciate fully, but an unified Ireland is absolutely essential". He writes all in English and ends "Yours very sincerely". But his letter shows that he misses my point.</p>
To Balfour, Lady Betty	30 Aug, Tue	[No entry]
	31 Aug, Wed	<p>Lunched at the Vice Regal with the FitzAlans. Sat next to Lady F. the dullest woman I have met for a long time. After lunch His Ex[cellency] took me to his study. He won't set the Liffy on fire.</p>

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		<p>The funniest part of the interview was his consulting me as to the “real feelings of the Bishops[”] (<u>his</u> Bps of course) about Sinn Fein!</p> <p>Father Finlay & A.E. conferred with me about the I.A.O.S. They both agreed that R.A.A. <u>must</u> resign & when Norman returns next Monday I said I would consider calling the Committee together.</p>
	1 Sep, Thu	<p>Mrs. G.B.S., the Hannays & AD Lindsay & wife (for a dine & sleep only the last two) came to Kilteragh.</p> <p>Worked at I.A.O.S. & general correspondence on the situation.</p>
	2 Sep, Fri	<p>Mrs. Childers begged me to come & see her. I went to lunch & she had nothing to say but apparently wanted me to assent to all the academic arguments with which the public is confused & not a little wearied. I gathered that S[inn].F[ein]. does not want to fight. If L.I.G. doesn't we shall have peace.</p>
	3 Sep, Sat	<p>Bryan Stapylton came for the week-end. I am still struggling with the I.A.O.S., or rather the R.A.A. difficulty. Dermot O'Brien, Fr. Finlay, Æ, George O'Brien & Smith Gordon all agreed that I must summon the General Committee to decide the matter.</p>
	4 Sep, Sun	<p>Dr. H.M. Ami a Canadian metallurgist turned up. I had given him a general invitation when I met him at Battle Creek. Very interesting on his subject.</p> <p>R.A.A. came out and tried again to get me to agree to his having powers over the staff of the I.A.O.S. I declined and so firmly that I hope he will give up the attempt.</p>
	5 Sep, Mon	<p>Monteagle & Mary Spring Rice arrived & Mrs. GB Shaw left.</p> <p>Sent a short statement to the Press Assoc'n at their request which I hope may do good. See opposite.</p> <p>[Unattributed newspaper item pasted in:]</p> <p>Sir Horace Plunkett interviewed last evening said ‘The situation has now become so grave that any responsible body of Irishmen whose opinions have been ignored may demand a hearing. We may suddenly find ourselves compelled to take sides without any opportunity of making our position clear. We were told to keep silent while the issue of peace and war was in the balance and we obeyed. We fondly hoped that the diplomacy was secret for the sole reason that the negotiations were of such a delicate nature as to require friendly and frank discussion between protagonists who needed confidential enlightenment as to each other's difficulties.</p> <p>“BEHIND THE SCENES.”</p> <p>‘The veil is now lifted, and behind the scenes nothing is disclosed but two incompatible contentions, and no progress whatsoever towards their reconciliation. Before the country is plunged into a war which the British Government has solemnly warned both Houses of Parliament will be of the most appalling character, are we to have no chance of public discussion with our own people, North and South, in order to discover whether they may not have in their minds some alternative to the calamity of renewed hostilities?’</p> <p>‘May we not appeal to the British people, who are completely in the dark as to what has been going on in Ireland since the military regime was established? Do they not want to hear other minorities than that of North-East Ulster? Is not a plebiscite or a referendum the least we and they can ask?’</p>
	6 Sep, Tue	<p>R.A.A. once more agreed to my terms as regards his future position. If he only keeps to his bargain the I.A.O.S. may take a big part in the post war reconstruction. Alas I fear we are all too late. Labour has alone played its cards well in Ireland. It has kept out of all the fighting and is ready to step in as soon as England</p>

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		withdraws and assume control of railways & transport, & so come in to its own.
	7 Sep, Wed	<p>Heard today that the extremists are angry with my communique to the Press Assoc'n (see Sept 5th) as it implies that the S. of Ireland minority want protection from the British!!</p> <p>Wrote a good deal of my article for the New York Survey.</p> <p>Fingall came up to discuss what is to be done with Gerald, James Byrne having given a very bad account of his life in New York and advised us to get him "home". Cabled James Byrne asking him to send the boy home if he still thinks he should come.</p> <p>Henry Harrison wanted me to sign a letter he had written for the Irish Dominion League, "butting in" to the de Valera Lloyd George controversy. I hated doing it but he would have resigned the secretaryship if I had not & we have no other. I blue pencilled it a good deal.</p>
[Sir H. Plunkett's Appeal to Mr. de Valera", <i>Manchester Guardian</i> , p. 9]	8 Sep, Thu	<p>The Plunkett-Harrison letter appeared in the Daily Mail, Manchester Guardian &c & I wished I had had an opportunity of making it fairly good.</p> <p>Norman came to help me with a big article to the N.Y. Survey on the I.A.O.S.</p>
	9 Sep, Fri	<p>Lloyd George's reply was published. He asks de Valera & Co to confer with the nominees of the British Cabinet on one condition only – Ireland to remain in the Empire. Some extremists (and, it is whispered, some of the clergy who scent an anticlerical revolt after a settlement) are said to be anxious to reject the offer. But it will be accepted. The situation is this. There were three obstacles to Irish peace, the British connexion, the Irish Republican demand & Partition. The first two are scrapped.</p> <p>I sent about 7000 words to The Survey in New York on the I.A.O.S. for their Irish (October) issue.</p>
	10 Sep, Sat	<p>After a morning's dictation came to have a talk to Moorhead about my health. I have chronic catarrh in my left lung & he advises me strongly to get to a home in London & get rid of the morphia & the catarrh at the same time. My work & sleep now require the maximum dose I agreed to allow myself 1. gr[ain]. But part of the day or night is spent in misery for the want of more. So I must give it up & I agreed to wind up my IAOS work and go to London for a cure in 10 days.</p> <p>Then went down to Dunsany to have a talk with Eddie, taking Fingall (all alone at Killeen) on the way. Walked over the farm with him, talked Gerald & the future of our regime in Ireland – a dreary subject! Found Eddie thinking seriously about the same & tried to enlighten him as to his duty – and interest.</p>
[?Edward John (Eddie); Randal Plunkett – his 15-year-old son]	11 Sep, Sun	<p>A rustic cricket match. Batter – John against Dunsany. Eddie was more childish about it far than Randal. That boy will I think turn out all right.</p> <p>I spent all my time trying again to make Eddie realise the dangers (and responsibilities) of his situation – a wealthy aristocrat with no roots in Ireland beyond his material inheritance.</p> <p>Left for home after tea on the cricket ground, finding nights out of</p>

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		my own house hard for sleep.
	12 Sep, Mon	Hard days work at the desk. In the evening went down to the mail boat to see Eddie off. Met MacMahon (Under Secretary) who told me the die hards in the Cabinet are getting sorry for their concessions to the Irish. The latter have accepted (he told me) the invitation to send plenipotentiaries, but are a little ambiguous in regard to the one condition. McM. seemed to fear a dangerous hitch. I don't.
"They communicated from Dublin that, interrogated by a journalist, Horace Plunkett strongly recommended a referendum in Ireland. In Dublin, everyone is confident of an honourable agreement, and although the situation is recognised as being critical, they are confident of a satisfactory solution."	13 Sep, Tue	I.A.O.S., IDL, White Cross Reconstruction Commission &c. [Newspaper item from " <i>La Republica</i> (Barcelona), Sept 8, 1921" pasted in. Next to it, "!"]: DECLARACIONES DE MR. HORACE PLUMKETT" [sic] Londres, 7. – Comunican de Dublin que interrogado por un periodista, Horace Plunkett [sic] ha preconizado con insistencia un referéndum en Irlanda. En Dublin todo el mundo confía en un acuerdo honroso y aunque se reconoce la situación come critica se confía en una solución satisfactoria.—Radio.
	14 Sep, Wed	Bryan Stapylton spent the afternoon & Tommy dined & slept (taking his first-born to England to school[]). Much discourse on the Irish situation. There is an ominous silence about the Dail's message to Lloyd George. They approved it in secret session today and appointed plenipotentiaries to go to Inverness to confer with the representatives of the British Gov't. Lloyd George imposes only one condition (remaining within the empire) to conference. Whether the two sides will come to terms when this much is conceded is in doubt (though not with me). The only danger I see of a serious breach in the negotiations is that LI G's die-hards may have imposed upon him a declaration regarding independence the Irish extremists cannot accept.
	15 Sep, Thu	Sir Henry Robinson showed me the reply of de Valera to Lloyd George. De V. refuses to concede the one condition to negotiations conference. The morning papers will probably have LI.G's decision. Norman came back from Tyrone & Fermanagh. He tells me that if there is no settlement & the war is renewed, rather than submit to the Gov't of "Northern Ireland" the majority in these counties will go to desperate lengths. They expect the Black & Tans to burn their houses & the IRA to burn all the houses of the gentry.
[solicitor general]	16 Sep, Fri	A bombshell. Lloyd George refuses to go ahead with the conference at Inverness on Sept 20 and will in a few days (the delay is due to indispos[ition] diplomatic or other) summon the Cabinet and announce what steps will be taken to deal with the impasse. I had to go in to a Privy Council to swear in 5 of the Northern Ireland Parliament. Col. Wallace (!), Dufferin, O'Neil[!] (The Speaker – a ?smart ?looking fellow) Brown the attorney [sic] general & a Maxwell of Finnebrogue. Had a long talk with Cope ass't Under Sec'y. He is an honest English Treasury official who has done his best to make things easy for the Irish under military gov't. He was gloomy about the prospect & wanted me to move Bob Barton or de Valera to a more conciliatory attitude.

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	17 Sep, Sat	<p>Lionel Curtis & John Dove (Editor of Round Table) came by Day Mail. They reported England never so united as now behind Lloyd George's Irish policy. They think the conference will be arranged.</p> <p>Father Phelan (evidently got at by the Creamery Managers' Assoc'n on the religious issue) sent me a violent wire of protest against the changes in the IAOS staff. "The country will not tolerate dictation." R.A.A. has behaved damnably. But he is not normal.</p>
	18 Sep, Sun	<p>R.A.A. came out to back up Father Phelan's wire. He began about the revolt in the movement caused by the proposal to bring [James] Adams to the IAOS office. So I said "we won't bring him". Then he at once fell back on his own position, and wanted to withdraw his resignation. He has behaved very badly throughout. In the afternoon Æ came out. Also "Mrs. Willie" brought Capt. Henry Greer & a Miss Betty Boothby. With him I had a good talk upon the position of our class in Ireland in the intervals of garden golf. Curtis & Dove went into Dublin to see Erskine Childers & returned very gloomy. There is a complete impasse betw'n de V & L.I.G. It looks bad.</p>
	19 Sep, Mon	<p>Wrote Memorandum to members of I.D.L. & struggled with affairs of I.A.O.S. Saw W.B. Yeats who thinks the world is in for 30 years of reactionary politics. The Russian Revolution – with its ghastly sequel of unprecedented famine – seems to be the chief cause of reaction in his view.</p> <p>I still think an Irish – or rather Anglo-Irish settlement will be reached without further bloodshed. The Ulster-Irish conflict is in another category & I don't think we are near a settlement there.</p>
	20 Sep, Tue	<p>A stormy meeting of the IAOS General Committee. Father Phelan was most offensive and I think disgusted the majority of the members. Anderson was reinstated for 3 months and the injustice of the secretaryship being done by others in his name will continue. The whole difficulty was that only a few of the Committee knew that he is drinking hard – not poor fellow for pleasure but originally to drown his sorrows & now to quiet his wracked nerves.</p> <p>Crossed over to London where I am going to fight my drug – and I hope abolish it.</p>
[KCMG – Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George; CB–Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath]	21 Sep, Wed	<p>Walter, Adams & A G Gardiner were the only interesting people I saw. They had nothing to tell me about Ireland that I did not know, but their united judgment leans towards peace (Walter being the most doubtful).</p> <p>Saw Sir James Purves Stewart K.C.M.G., C.B. & all the medical things. He repeats that it will take 10 days at least to get me away from the desire for morphia. He will doubtless leave me a bit – probably very – slack & depressed. Then it will simply be a question how long I can take absolute rest.</p>
	22 Sep, Thu	<p>After writing to Heard, Adams & many others came into Sir James Stewart's nursing home at 6 P.M. He at once put me under treatment with an injection of something which made me very sick, I suspect hyoscine or atropine. I hope the remedy won't be worse than the disease.</p>

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	23 Sep, Fri	Small doses of the drug every hour hypodermically. By night I was feeling very sick & sorry. P.S. The above is bad memory. I was delirious.
	24 Sep, Sat	Delirium all day. Wild dreams & fighting the nurses.
	25 Sep, Sun	They stopped the drug in the early hours & injected pilocarpine to sweat it out of me. Now I am told the cure of morphinism is complete & all I have to do is to get back my strength.
[8 stone, 2½ lb = 114½ lb]	26 Sep, Mon	Weighed 8 st. 2½. 10 to 11 lbs lost in 3 days. My misery is great but what of that if I really am cured of this slavery to morphia. The strange thing about the cure is that it is just as drastic for cases like mine – I had kept the dose down to 1 gr[ain] – as for people who take from 10 to 30 gr[ains]!
	27 Sep, Tue	Walter, Bryce & Stapylton all arrived together while Heard was with me. Then the doctor[,] & all guests forbidden! But I am not sorry. I am very sick.
	28 Sep, Wed	[No entry]
	29 Sep, Thu	Still only Heard allowed in. I am suffering tortures from insomnia – irritation of the brachial nerves.
(To de Bary, Richard fr Childers, E.)	30 Sep, Fri	Another almost sleepless night and I begin to fear that the “anti-bodies” which Sir James Stewart says he has destroyed are there. When he came today I asked him if the symptoms from which I suffer (& which would drive any man to the immediate relief of morphia) are possibly due to the survival of some of the “anti bodies”. “I believe not,” he said, “but I cannot demonstrate it because I cannot make a chemical test.[”] In any case I have dropped & don’t mean to resume the morphia, unless <u>public</u> work of vital importance, otherwise un-doable and thereby doable arises. This I don’t expect.
	1 Oct, Sat	Allowed out ½ hour in a taxi. Weather glorious. Insomnia still very bad.
	2 Oct, Sun	1 hour’s drive today, again in glorious weather. My nice Irish nurse (Josephine Ryan) told me that I was drugged with Hyoscine for 48 hours. Every hour part of the time & part every 2 hours – dose 1/200 gr[ain]. She thinks I had 34 injections. The pilocarpine after was in 1/6th of a gr[ain] & once when I seemed worst I was given 1/60th strychnine.
	3 Oct, Mon	Back to life. Left the Nursing Home but could not go abroad. Walked a few steps in the Park with K. Walter, that was all. Had however to write many letters before leaving tomorrow for Brighton.
[approx. £968 in 2010]	4 Oct, Tue	Up early & wrote a letter to Harrison who had baulked me in my attempt to steer the Irish Dominion League into real usefulness. Adams looked in from Oxford & Heard & I left for Brighton by 11.40 train. Heard had engaged a suite(!) at the Bedford Hotel at 24 G[uinea]s a week. It turned out very comfortable and if I get back my health, it will be worth while. Called on Henrietta Gradwell & Mary Murphy (who was away for the day) in a nearby lodging house. Henrietta was evidently

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[guinea pig – obsolete term for part-time or freelance professional paid in guineas (coin then worth 21 shillings)]		ill, but otherwise unchanged from the old Dunsany days. Gradwell came in while I was there. He guinea pigs in London in the morning & comes & drives his Rolls Royce car in the afternoon. He showed me orders of the Dail Eireann Land Commission depriving him of the use of his freehold estate in Westmeath! He was told by the Irish Government that they could do nothing to help him. Today was like July at its best.
	5 Oct, Wed	If it is ever justifiable to talk about the weather in one's diary, I think I may mention that it was 84° in the shade in London today. Yesterday 79° and at Blackpool 56°! Insomnia very bad still.
	6 Oct, Thu	Daisy came over last night & came down to Brighton today to see "the Aunts" & me. She gives a very bad account of the state of affairs in Ireland. The extremists are fully in the saddle. The great majority of the people want peace in Ireland and with England, but the terror is complete. If an election were held now upon the Republic vs Dominion issue, she is confident the opinions would be strong for the latter, the votes for the former!
	7 Oct, Fri	Insomnia fierce. Wired Sir James Stewart to recommend a Dr. He replied Donald Hall whom Henrietta Gradwell had recommended. But he was away till Sat[urda]y night.
[Parham was sold in 1922.]	8 Oct, Sat	The Gradwell Rolls Royce conveyed Minnie Murphy, Daisy, Heard & me to Parham the seat of the Zouches. It was one of the most interesting old houses I ever saw. Tudor I think, in the larger part but full of wonderful old furniture & <u>crimson</u> . They have sold many of the treasures as they will have to the place. Met Ld. French & had a good talk with him. He is one of the least intellectual people I have ever met in high (post) station! He certainly would have lost the war & as regards Ireland all one can say is that he had not the wit to resign when he saw what he was being forced to do.
[Adalin]	9 Oct, Sun	Dr. Donald Hall called early & gave me "a bottle" with bromide of ammonium to soothe my nerves and a powder "Adenal" [<i>sic</i>] for sleep. I liked the man much.
	10 Oct, Mon	Minnie & Daisy motored Heard & me to Burgess Hill where they inspected a convent which may be a better retreat for poor Hetty than Lucan. Adinal [<i>sic</i>] gave me a perfect sleep – 6 hours, but I was very muzzy.
	11 Oct, Tue	Another good sleep from adinal [<i>sic</i>] but tonight I am to drop it. Daisy left.
	12 Oct, Wed	Poorish sleep without the drug, but with bromide of Ammo[nia] 3 times a day & aspirin in middle of night. Took the adenal [<i>sic</i>] again as two bad nights must not be the Dr says.
	13 Oct, Thu	Woke with a headache after a good night's dope sleep. Weighed in clothes & I am evidently gaining.
	14 Oct, Fri	No drug last night & poor sleep. But I think I am gaining weight.
	15 Oct, Sat	Wrote to Harrison & R.A.A. refusing to withdraw my resignation

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	16 Oct, Sun	The doctor came again and found me with a very low blood pressure. I had had a very bad night & he gave me more Adalin. Daisy & Oliver came down for lunch in the afternoon. He was very nice but I fear has no interest in life but sport – horses chiefly.
	17 Oct, Mon	Still miserably low and unwell.
	18 Oct, Tue	Moritz-Bonn spent the afternoon with me & was extraordinarily interesting about Germany. He thinks the war might have been won but for blunder after blunder by the Generals. Moltke was a small man – so were Falkenhayn & Ludendorf[f]. Hof[f]man[n] was their best man but was not advanced. The biggest blunder was the unlimited submarine campaign before they had the submarines. The Kaiser also made every possible blunder. Over & over again he might have retrieved his fortunes by the right gesture. But I was too sick to take it all in & he will come again.
	19 Oct, Wed	The Dr. came again, gave me another sleeping drug “Medinal”, to alternate with the adalin. Still very very weak. Heard left me.
	20 Oct, Thu	Spent day in London. Presided over Bowes meeting. Walter and a Major Doyle, who is representing the employers of S. Africa at a League of Nations Conference at Geneva. The latter was introduced to me by Dove Ed[ito]r of Round Table and wanted to consult me about agric’l organisation. Met in street J.L. Hammond who has been writing brilliantly in the Nation about Ireland. We had a good talk on the Irish Conference I giving my reasons for thinking it would succeed. L.I.G. wants to go to the Washington Conference & an Irish settlement is necessary for his reception. Called on Beatrice, Eddie being out.
	21 Oct, Fri	None the worse for yesterday’s trip.
	22 Oct, Sat	Dr. Hall called & condemned me to a further stay at Brighton. Rightly, I think, for I am gaining weight & though sleep needs a drug wakefulness is not the effect of intense nervous irritation.
	23 Oct, Sun	Smith Gordon, who is advising the Irish Plenipotentiaries on economic questions, motored down in a Rolls Royce from the House in which the whole deligation [sic] is lodged in London. He seemed a little anxious over the Conference whose chances have not been improved by a telegram from de Valera to the Pope who had exchanged messages with King George on their common desire of Irish Peace. De V. in his message puts the Pope wise on the error of King George in imagining that he has any proper concern for the affairs of the Irish Republic with which his subjects have been vexatiously interfering. Personally I don’t think the conference is in danger – too many people on both sides want it to succeed.
	24 Oct, Mon	My birthday. No wishes of many happy returns as Walter and the waiters are unaware of the interesting anniversary. But the prospect of <u>some</u> happy-in-work years is I suppose brighter since the exorcising of the Morphia Devil.

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	25 Oct, Tue	<p>Another day in London – presiding over Mrs. Bainbridge at a Pelton meeting, lunching with Eddie (to whom I told my morphia story, as he might hear it) and a long talk with Mrs. Jim Byrne who had arrived with Phyllis who is being educated in the Rockhampton Convent. I said I hoped the child would not leave the world before she knew what she was leaving. The mother said she no longer feared it. Helen had left the flesh & the devil & had married a working journalist & the other two were uncertain what they would do with their most marriageable selves.</p> <p>Letters from Norman, Heard & Moorhead all reassuring upon the probability of Anderson’s story of my morphinism being laughed out.</p>
	26 Oct, Wed	Moorhead insistent on my staying away from Ireland. Walter spending the evenings with me & working in London in the day, & my health improving.
	27 Oct, Thu	Ditto.
To House, E.M.	28 Oct, Fri	<p>Walter brought his son & heir down for a dine & sleep. I like the boy & shall help him in his career later if I live.</p> <p>Got introduced to the Sussex Chess Club – the Christchurch Club – where the county matches are played. I played two games with their professional. He tired me with a Greco & though I got the best of it in the middle game & made a blunder & lost. Then I declined a King’s Gambit with B to B4 & won.</p>
	29 Oct, Sat	Bullock took Walter’s place for the week end. Tried to write a short letter to Times on the Irish situation.
	30 Oct, Sun	Spent the day writing letter to Times which I wired Curtain to come & fetch which he did. The letter was poor & wore me out. I think it will be late & I shant be sorry. Bullock was no help. A queer chap – does things in his own way – no good trying to get him to do them in any other.
<i>Fr Byles, Lady Sarah</i> <i>Anne</i> [“Search for a Formula – Ulster’s Part in a Settlement”, <i>The Times</i> , p. 10]	31 Oct, Mon	My letter to the Times appeared & read well. It was given great prominence. Bullock left me & I am alone.
To Byles, Lady Sarah Anne	1 Nov, Tue	Gradwell & Minnie took me to Hindleap, Forest Row to see the Bryces. He was pessimistic about the Irish situation, being wholly mistrustful of Lloyd George.
To Balfour, A. (HOU)	2 Nov, Wed	A wet day. Played chess at Chess Club, wrote a few letters & moped.
	3 Nov, Thu	<p>To London about super tax, to see Walter & Tom Ponsonby, Mrs. Byrne (whom I did not find) & otherwise to keep in touch with things. J A Spender lunched with Walter & me at Reform. I also met Massingham. I told both the Irish settlement would come through the sacrifice of Ulster.</p> <p>At night went to Brighton Chess Club & beat the professional two games. I have won 5 out of 7 from him so far!</p>

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<i>Fr Bryce, James</i>	4 Nov, Fri	Saw Bernard Shaws “Doctor’s Dilemma” at the West Pier Theatre. Miserably acted, but worth listening to the dialogue.
	5 Nov, Sat	Captain Shaw of The Times called. He is staying with Campbell Stuart Manager of Times. Shaw is creeping up to the Editorship. He thinks there must now be an Irish settlement. Lloyd George will throw over Ulster which is really the only way to get a settlement.
	6 Nov, Sun	[No entry]
	7 Nov, Mon	[No entry]
	8 Nov, Tue	Slowly but surely my strength is returning. But no drugless sleep yet.
	9 Nov, Wed	[No entry]
	10 Nov, Thu	Spent day in London. Walter lunched but had no news. Tom Ponsonby I had a good talk with as he hears the Diehard talk in the Carlton Club. He is beginning to see the error of his ways (political) denounces the betrayal of the Southern Unionists by “Ulster”, admits the necessity of self government, but is convinced that only gunmen will be able to govern Ireland for a long time to come. The most interesting thing he said was that if there is (owing to the Ulster difficulty) civil war in Ireland they will have to have conscription in England to prevent Englishmen going over & taking sides.
	11 Nov, Fri	Lunched with Sydney Oppenheim who had married a very nice daughter of Nellie Brodie & therefore is a relative of mine, though I never heard of him before. He is an invalid but very nice. Called next on A L Smith (Master of Balliol) who has had prostatectomy & is convalescing in a nursing home. Most interesting talk about all sorts of things, but particularly about Oxford and the Barnett House work.
	12 Nov, Sat	Received from Moorhead a draft of a letter on my case for Father Finlay. It told the whole story of my morphia treatment & ended with in similar cases he would always prescribe it.
	13 Nov, Sun	Gradwell motored me to Rotting Dean where Chum Ponsonby is at school. We gave him a trip to Beachy Head & bought chocolate & toffee – de luxe for him! Shaw of the Times called again & told me that the Diehards are not going to get the support of the association of Conservative institutions which meets this week. Lloyd George is a wizard indeed.
	14 Nov, Mon	[No entry]
	15 Nov, Tue	Went to hear Eddie lecture to a Poetry Society at the Pavilion on the British Drama in its writer. He spoke well – ex tempore – with great earnestness & was well received. Sent Heard a draft letter to Anderson to be presented to him if he thought it best. In it I told him exactly what I thought about his behaviour to the I.A.O.S. & to me and attributed it to alcoholism. I was equally frank about my morphinism but said, what was true, that I had never taken it except as prescribed.
<i>Fr House, E.M.</i>	16 Nov, Wed	[No entry]

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	17 Nov, Thu	My dearest friend Adams came in the afternoon & we had a long talk on all manner of things.
	18 Nov, Fri	Adams saw Smith Gordon in town and told him (what Heard had told me) that R.A. is intriguing with Sinn Fein and that the sectarian issue is being raised in the IAOS by Father Phelan.
	19 Nov, Sat	Heard from Adams that Smith Gordon will counteract both the influences above mentioned.
	20 Nov, Sun	Very sick. Caught cold, I think and it gave me pains all over. Stayed in & starved all day.
	21 Nov, Mon	Bad night. Sent for the doctor. Medicine & staying in doors, solitary confinement. Very miserable.
	22 Nov, Tue	Diagnosed influenza. Very low & depressed.
	23 Nov, Wed	Walter came in the evening to cheer me up. Heard from Daisy very bad report of Gerald by James Byrne. She wanted me to cable Byrne[,] see if O'Farrell would get him employment in Canada. I turned this down. If Byrne told the truth about Gerald, O'Farrell could not place him. If he concealed it the situation would be worse. We must get him home, cure him if we can & then start him somewhere else.
	24 Nov, Thu	[No entry]
	25 Nov, Fri	Walter left. I foolishly tired myself writing a letter to The Times in answer to a silly letter of Edward Goulding trying to get the Coalition party to revive the 1920 Act for 3 more years after which??
	26 Nov, Sat	My letter did not appear in the Times – probably did not get there in time. Glad. With Flu about my writing is poor. Wrote Shaw not to publish it. Shall probably write 'a quarter' (slang of earlier days) when the Conference breaks down.
	27 Nov, Sun	Dr. Hall paid a final visit. His advice was to get back to <u>health</u> as best as I can & then have the prostate out. A gloomy look out! I told him I was sceptical about the antibodies & he agreed that it was a purely working hypothesis. I may leave Brighton tomorrow but it will be in a dilapidated state from insomnia.
	28 Nov, Mon	To London (in cold fog) rather sick. Could do nothing beyond a little Colliery business with Gardiner. Capt. Shaw of the Times to whom I sent my letter on Friday arrived this morning from Ireland. Hence non-publication.
	29 Nov, Tue	Went to a lecture by Coué the great French auto suggestion healer, and later in the day to a Dr. Monier Williams who practises his method. The theory is simply that in the physiological processes in the body the imagination is a far more important agent than the will (which of course in heart action, liver chemistry etc. has no effect at all). It is Christian Science without the Christianity. Insomnia is the ailment I most want to heal by auto suggestion. The difficulty is that the subconscious mind which it is attempted to persuade by drowsy repetition of 'all's well' formula is apt to revolt & cry out all's not well. Still I shall try auto deception, to use a more precise term. The evening papers announced that Ulster absolutely refuses to

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		<p>come into an all Ireland Parliament & government for national affairs & the situation looks bad.</p> <p>Adams came from Oxford & we had a good talk on politics & social work.</p> <p>Went with Eddie to see four of his plays acted in the Everyman Theatre at Hampstead. It was a wretched [<i>sic</i>] building & the audience was small but highbrow.</p>
	30 Nov, Wed	<p>Tried all day to write a letter to The Times but was unable to do it well. The explanation of the Ulster difficulty to the British people still remains to be done. Had the gloomy Bullock to lunch.</p> <p>Tom had come to town from Kilcooley where he had been raided by ordinary thieves. The I.R.A. repudiated the action & admitted their inability to discover the thieves who took nothing of value.</p>
	1 Dec, Thu	By Day Mail to Kilteragh. Poor Heard had a lot of minor worries to tell me of. Norman came to supper and told me of the troubles of the I.A.O.S.
	2 Dec, Fri	Went to Dublin, saw IAOS people (Fr. Finlay, Riddall, Norman &c). R.A. away. Saw Harrison. Wrote American business letters. Daisy came for week end.
	3 Dec, Sat	Long conference with Moorhead. He tested the urine & strongly advised against any consideration of the Prostatectomy operation for the present. He also said, after what I had gone through, I must not go back to work for another 2 months anyhow. I had better go to America. He was glad I had so decided. Bryan Stapylton & Fingall came to Kilteragh. Called on the Erskine Childers'. She was as extreme as ever. He, who arrived this morning and goes back tonight looked very tired.
	4 Dec, Sun	Smith Gordon, George O'Brien & Norman came. Otherwise a very quiet Sunday.
	5 Dec, Mon	Lunched Fingall & Hammond at Club to talk over Meath – Eddie's chiefly – affairs. Met R.A.A. who talked at length with me, avoiding all real issues. He was evidently relying on stimulants.
	6 Dec, Tue	Wrote in the morning and in afternoon attended White Cross Reconstruction Commission and a Dublin Coal Fund C'tee meeting. Gave £200 to the latter.
["Foundations of Unity", <i>Irish Times</i> , 8 Dec, p. 5]	7 Dec, Wed	<p>The terms of the Irish Treaty were published today. They were, in substance, the Irish Dominion League's policy, the word Dominion being shunned and the <u>method</u> of morally coercing Ulster being camouflage of a high order. Pestered by the Dublin papers for an expression of opinion I telephoned the words opposite which they muddled. Fletcher of the Department supped at Kilteragh & told me a lot about the work of that child of mine.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Given to Press Association</p> <p>[Unattributed newspaper item pasted in, with corrections in pen:]</p> <p>The peace-makers at Downing street [<i>sic</i>] have done all that was possible. They have ensured Anglo-Irish accord, and have given to the Irish people a proud place among the nations who have won their freedom in the British Commonwealth. They have laid foundations upon which Irish unity can be surely built. The representatives of more than forty millions of British people have treated as equals</p>

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		the representatives of less than four millions of Irish people. In that spirit, the majority in Ireland must now deal generously with the dissentient minority, and the Irish question, as we have known it, will trouble the world no more.
To House, E.M.	8 Dec, Thu	The event of the day a banquet to the IAOS indoor (chiefs) & outdoor staffs. I spoke to them for an hour on the principles of the Movement the I.A.O.S. heads &, I think, made an impression. C.J. France of the American Relief for Ireland Committee attended. He & Smith Gordon stayed the night.
	9 Dec, Fri	Talked for 20 minutes to the organisers in conference – again insisting on <u>principles</u> . The morning papers brought the news that de Valera repudiated the Treaty as in violent conflict with the mandate of the country in the 1920 elections! So I went to ask Mrs. Childers what it is all about & came to the conclusion that the Dail may endorse the treaty and may go to the country for a fresh mandate which they would get.
	10 Dec, Sat	Last weekend party, Fingalls, Bryan & one Forbes (a forester from Avondale) Lennox Robinson & Minnie Fitz[gerald]. Cabled a brief statement by request to Newark News (N[ew].J[ersy].) see opp[osite:] “Settlement to be submitted to British & Irish Parliaments substantially Dominion plan which an increasing body of informed American opinion, as voiced by such leading journals as yours (Newark (N.J.) News) has favoured. It has come in best possible way the stronger country treating with the weaker as an equal in the negotiations. If Irish majority approach minority in North East Ulster in same spirit an United Ireland at peace with Britain may be potent factor securing world peace.”
Fr House, E.M.	11 Dec, Sun	Rest(?) & quiet. Mrs. Martin, Æ & Susan Mitchell came to tea.
	12 Dec, Mon	Heaps of work mostly I.A.O.S.
	13 Dec, Tue	Finished up my work & left for London en route for America. Wrote a long letter to Anderson protesting against the attempt in my absence to add a new rule to the IAOS Constitution by which Catholics should have half the appointments on the staff. It had got rumoured abroad that the staff was predominantly “non Catholic”. As a matter of fact there are 5 more R.C.s than Prots. But I objected to such a monstrous violation of the fundamental principles of the IAOS – and of the Spirit of the New Ireland.
	14 Dec, Wed	Tired after a hard night. Irving Fisher & Walter lunched with me. The former is travelling with a panacea for our economic ills – the stabilisation of the dollar (or other currency). Sat through part of the Debate in the House of Commons on the Ratification of the Treaty. Lloyd George had staged the the <i>[sic]</i> business with the most marvelous skill. His Press, his public, world opinion – all did their part. In his speech he had two difficulties only, both of which history will say he faced with magnificent effrontery (1) Why did he not do it all before? The answer <u>is</u> because of party obligations – the answer he gave was that the Irish would not have agreed! (2) What about Ulster? The answer <u>is</u> that having served his English party purpose she was thrown off like an old shoe. The answer given that she must help in the peace.

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	15 Dec, Thu	Desmond M[a]cCarthy, Lennox Robinson & Walter lunched with me. Attended 2 sub c'tees of Carnegie U.K. Trust. Dined with the Pope Hennesys.
	16 Dec, Fri	Had Henry Harrison to lunch. Poor fellow & fear he is hard up now the I.D.L. has ceased to pay him £300 a year, but he gave no sign of worry. The Carnegie Trustees gave Ireland this time all – it was not much – we dared to ask. Tea with G.B.S. As brilliant as ever & very friendly. I told him of the great chance I saw for him in the formative years of Irish self-government. Adams came from Oxford to see me & we had an hour's talk.
	17 Dec, Sat	Conference on Rural Life Development at Oxford. A.D. Hall, V. Nash, Read, Orwin, Adams (in chair) A L Smith, Miss Hadow & Lady Denman of the Women's Institutes chief people. But there were 20 other really earnest rural reformers there & learned a lot – inter alia my own ignorance of English conditions. The points which emerged were the determination to abolish avoid all suspicion of patronage in rural social work, the essential importance of a better general education (Danish analogy) and necessity of dealing with the problem as a whole. Slept at Boars Hill.
	18 Dec, Sun	Miss Hadow & Hart Synnot lunched. I called & had a good talk with Gilbert Murray. Bridges (Poet Laureate) called. On way to station looked in at W.B. Yeats'. Plain living & high thinking with a vengeance. By late train to London where Heard met me.
	19 Dec, Mon	Wrote to Fr. Finlay on the sectarian question coming up at tomorrow's Office & Finance C'tee of I.A.O.S. – perhaps rather too strongly. Host of parting arrangements.
	20 Dec, Tue	Last day. Monteagle, Betty Balfour, Gardiner, Preston, L Robinson, Ella Simeon among those who had to be seen. I wrote many letters but left more unwritten. I am worn out.
	21 Dec, Wed	To Southampton with Heard, where I took ship in the Olympic 46000 tons. They gave me a luxurious bedroom (Louis XII!!) with bath &c at £200 less than the published price. Only two people I know on board – S.K. Ratcliffe & Lippmann of the New Republic, the worst prig I have met in America, I thought. If I see more of him I may change my opinion
	22 Dec, Thu	194 from Lizard Lighthouse. Walter Lippmann asked me to join him & Ratcliffe (who is sick in bed as are many others in this 46000 tons of stability!). One George F Porter from Chicago so far the only other to put in an appearance. Both L. & P. immensely interesting about the state of Eastern Europe – and very pessimistic. "If the war had lasted a year less – but now" The economic smash seems beyond repair. Lippmann & I had a long talk about American intervention – could it have been earlier & what would have been the effect if it had? Had America (as I think) to come in in any case? & so forth. On the whole he agrees with me. The most interesting speculation we discussed was what would have happened if in 1914 Germany had not violated

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		Belgian neutrality or having done so had gone for the Channel Ports & not Paris. The former blunder I attributed to ignorance of the power of their siege artillery, the latter to the fact that the 'plan' was made years before & had to be worked to. In either event I held the result would have been the same & perhaps attained earlier. Perhaps America & England would have come in together. France would have lost Paris but it would have taken time. L is more critical of my views than forthcoming with his own.
	23 Dec, Fri	416
	24 Dec, Sat	527! & against a heavy westerly swell.
	25 Dec, Sun	531. A sad festival & I am glad to be at sea. Mary & Conny gone since last Xmas. When I go a generation of Dunsany Plunkett's will have passed.
	26 Dec, Mon	527.
	27 Dec, Tue	554 (the biggest run in my 42 years experience) & only 172 to Sandy Hook.
	28 Dec, Wed	Called 6.30 AM, & though I had a letter from the American ambassador to the controller of customs which got me quickly through that tedious job, it was lunch time before I got to James Byrne's flat in Park Avenue. Very tired & a talk with Byrne & Stuart Wortley was all I get into the day. The pressmen worried me as usual on the boat. I gave them a short written statement about Ireland. I said the treaty would be ratified by the people if not by the Dail.
[Egeria – mythological consort of Roman king Numa] [prob. Clémence Rose]	29 Dec, Thu	Lunched with the Granards at their father-in-law's (Ogden Mills') place high up Fifth Avenue. The Gs are evidently ambitioning the Governor Generalship of Ireland. Tea with Col. House where many people came, including Wickham Steed, the Editor of The Times & his Egeria, Madame Rose. I gather Balfour has done splendidly at Washington – & so has Hughes. The French may abort the Conference.
	30 Dec, Fri	Most of the day working upon the Gerald problem. Wrote him & his mother. Saw Delbos headmaster of the Newman School, Lakewood, N[ew].J[ersey]. who had befriended the feckless youth. It all comes back to my father's "You can't make an empty sack stand". Cutcheon – late of Byrne & Cutcheon & now on his own – biggest of corporation lawyers dined. A fine specimen of the class, but blind to the world it misrules.
	31 Dec, Sat	Francis Hackett to lunch. He is going to spend a year studying Ireland & Denmark in hopes of conveying the full lesson of the former to the young men who have got to govern the latter [<i>sic</i>]. Left by 5 P.M. train for Battle Creek where I am to begin (well I hope) the New Year.
	Year-end Summary	<u>1921</u> A sad year for the old in Ireland – perhaps sadder for the young! Ireland will be theirs and the emptiness thereof. I worked hard to save my country from a desolating struggle with England and an equally disastrous internal conflict betw'n the Ulster Scot & the

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<p>[<i>H. ipsis H.</i> – ?the Irish from themselves]</p> <p>[<i>ad lib</i> – as you will; as desired]</p>		<p>Celt[,] & the Hibernines ipsis Hibernies. Up to June the politico-military attempt to compel the Irish to accept the 1920 Act for their better Government continued. Then the truce and the amazing negotiations between the British Cabinet (inner) & the ‘Murder Gang’!! And lo & behold – Lloyd George’s Irish policy having suffered the greatest defeat in modern political history[,] he is acclaimed the victor. He has succeeded where Gladstone failed & more of such stuff ad lib.</p> <p>The year took from me both sisters and left me the last of my generation of the Dunsany Plunketts. I had a good deal of ill health but if I could cure insomnia I could still be good for a lot of work.</p>