

1923 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

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

General

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

1923

Events:

29-30 Jan – Kilteragh destroyed

Mar – Cumann na nGaedheal founded by Cosgrave as party of Treaty supporters

May – End of Civil War

22 Jun – Education Act (NI) providing for non-denominational schools under local authority

9 Aug – Hogan Act, providing for completion of land purchase in Irish Free State

10 Sep – I.F.S. admitted to League of Nations

Sep – *Purchases Crest House, Weybridge, Surrey*

Sep – *Irish Homestead combined with Irish Statesman (2nd series)*

Oct – *Resigns Free State Senate seat*

Publications:

- “Farmers as Co-operative Organisations” (hearing before Committee on Agriculture and Forestry), US Senate, 67th Congress, 4th session, 16 Jan, Washington D.C.

- “Irish Unity – Paths to Reconstruction”(letter), *The Times*, 20 Mar, p. 8

- Letter to Annual General Meeting of the IAOS, *Irish Homestead*, XXX:21 (26 May), pp. 317-8

- ‘The Revival of the *Irish Statesman*’, *IS*, 2nd series, 15 Sep 1923, pp. 6-7

- “Colonel Roosevelt: Sir Horace Plunkett’s Reminiscences” (letter), *The Times*, 7 Nov, p. 10

- *Ireland’s Own Agricultural Policy* (Dublin) 27 pp. Originally in five parts in *IS*, 2nd series:

- “Better Farming, Better Business, Better Living”, I:11 (24 Nov), pp. 328-9

- “The Meaning and Importance of Better Business”, I:12 (1 Dec), pp. 359-60

- “Its Evolution in Ireland”, I:13 (8 Dec), pp. 392-3

- “Its Rejection by the Old and Its Hopes from the New Regime”, I:14 (15 Dec), pp. 424-5

- “An Appeal to One People and Two Governments”, I:15 (22 Dec), pp. 455-7

- *IAOS Annual Report*, pp. 41-3

- *UAOS Annual Report*, p. 33

- Introduction to I. Rashad, *Agricultural Co-operation – A Handbook for Egyptian Cooperators* (Government Stationery Office, Cairo) 1923, pp. 258 (in Arabic)

Government:

President of the Executive Council: William T. Cosgrave (Cumann na nGaedheal)

President of Dáil Éireann: Eamon de Valera (in opposition) to 24 May

Governor-General: Timothy M. Healy

British Prime Minister: Andrew Bonar Law (Conservative) to 23 May, Stanley Baldwin (Conservative)

Prime Minister of Northern Ireland: Sir James Craig

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £48 ; \$1 = \$10

| Correspondence [Notes] | 1923 | Diary Entry |
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| | No date | |
| | 1 Jan, Mon | <p>A horrid day. On arrival in New York got a letter from my host (that was to be) Hamilton Fish Armstrong, that his father-in-law [Byrne] had not told him whether I was going to stay with him, that Helen was ill & he had had to take her south, that his servants had all left without notice and that the house was shut up. Godkin was on the pier & pressed me to stay with him which I did. But my cables, wires & letters will all go astray. I never had such an upset of plans!</p> <p>Supped, very wearily, with Byrne, his wife & noisy family.</p> <p>The “one bright spot” was that the Reporters were too tipsy seeing the New Year in that they could not get to the Pier.</p> |
| To Cullinan, J.S. (cable; IRS) <i>Fr Heard, Gerald</i> | 2 Jan, Tue | <p>Lunched with Doheny who after 2 hours talk agreed to underwrite one half of the £30,000 required for the <i>Irish Statesman</i>. A reporter from the <i>Evening Post</i> caught me & made a hash of a short interview. After I went out a swarm of reporters came &</p> |

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| | | will pursue me. |
| <p>To Cullinan, J.S. (cable; IRS) <i>Fr Heard, Gerald</i> <i>Fr Cullinan, J.S. (cable; IRS)</i></p> <p>[Free State Consul – Daniel J. McGrath] [British Consul – Henry Gloster Armstrong]</p> <p>[Institute of Economics]</p> | 3 Jan, Wed | <p>Another interview with Doheny. He told me that the stock of his companys' [sic] was attacked last year by the American & Mexican gov'ts and "the bears" & they were depreciated to the tune of 53 millions! This year he had "got back at them". He wanted to arrange his subscription to the Irish Statesman so as to dodge the income tax. I told him I would fall in with any arrangement he made with Byrne acting for me. We had another good talk & I think I have him well into the project. I called at the Free State Consul's office which had been attacked by the Republicans. The Consul was out & the door was only held ajar to me. I could not even go inside to write a note on my card. Walter got a lot out of the British Consul.</p> <p>Poynton met me at Century & introduced me to Dr. Keppel who was now with Russell Sage Foundation & is to be President of the Carnegie Corporation. Had long talk with him about my agric'l inquirys [sic] & he will help.</p> <p>Dined with Henry S Pritchett. He told me that the Carnegie people had founded & richly endowed an economic institute in Washington. There he will see that I get all the help I want for my agricultural report.</p> |
| <i>Fr Cullinan, J.S. (cable, date changed from 1925; IRS)</i> | 4 Jan, Thu | <p>Lunched with J P Morgan's partners. They seemed a soulless lot but able. They think it matters little what the politicians do in Paris about Reparations. It is all a business question which will settle itself!</p> <p>Met Mitchell Pres't of Nat'l City Bank. He will place his Economic Department at my disposal for my inquiries into agric'l credit.</p> <p>Pritchett will ask the Carnegie Corporation to put up \$2500 for the expenses of my investigations.</p> <p>Called on Colonel House. Very interesting on English & American politics. Thinks L.I.G. will try to unite Labour & Liberalism under Asquith, he being the power behind the throne. He takes Henry Ford seriously as a Democratic candidate in 1924 for the nomination which he won't get. Worse – Wilson wants to run. Mrs. W. is pressing him!!</p> <p>Visited the Stuart Wortleys. By the way I urged House to see that the Democratic party studies Labour problems. He strongly agreed.</p> |
| <p>To Heard, Gerald</p> <p>[<i>Through the Shadows with O Henry, Al Jennings, 1921</i>]</p> | 5 Jan, Fri | <p>Harold Barbour called. He had refused to put more money (at R.A.A.s request) into the I.A.W.S. He seemed happy at being out of Ireland.</p> <p>Called on Morgan J O'Brien & got over his difficulties re Irish Statesman. James Healy (an excellent Irishman) lunched Walter & me. Had preliminary talk with Roberts of the Nat'l City Bank on agric'l finance.</p> <p>Dined with the Pinchots & James Garfield at Ambassadors Hotel. Good talk on the Roosevelt days. I had been reading "In [sic] the Shadows with O Henry" who was imprisoned there for some years. It gave the most awful description I ever read of prison brutality & horrors. I asked if it was true. Garfield said yes, of the time when it was written, 29 years ago.</p> |

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| | | Gifford & his wife were very interesting upon their hopes & fears for the four years governorship. Both his and Garfield's talk was mostly a condemnation of democracy as worked in U.S.A. |
| To Cullinan, J.S. (cable; IRS) <i>Fr Heard, Gerald</i> | 6 Jan, Sat | <p>Went early to George E Roberts & had good talk upon Rural Life in U.S.A. He is a good economist but knew nothing of the cooperative system. Went on to American Bankers Trust where F M Shepherd told me some interesting things but we had no time. Then to one of those 1 to 4 big lunches – M. Albert Thomas & Philip Kerr the chief speakers upon the present chaos in Europe & America's interest therein.</p> <p>Got Morgan O'Brien to agree to the Irish Statesman scheme.</p> <p>Wrote & wrote, phoned & phoned – worn out by bed-time.</p> |
| | 7 Jan, Sun | <p>Wrote innumerable letters re Irish Statesman & think I clinched that business. Lunched with Fred C. Howe. He was chiefly engrossed in the cursed spite which beset[s] all endeavours to effect any reforms in the U.S. on account of the vast size & heterogeneity of the community.</p> <p>Dined, on the invitation of L. Palen with Mrs. Harding 955 Fifth Avenue – both Walter & I. I don't think he had ever seen such ostentatious display of wealth. I only in Londonderry establishments and chez Mrs. Randolph Hearst.</p> <p>Left, worn out, for Washington by 12.30 A.M. train.</p> |
| Fr Heard, Gerald [?Lawrence Ginnell] | 8 Jan, Mon | <p>Arrived Washington early & was welcomed by the pleasant clerk at Cosmos Club. Called on Secretary Wallace & had conference with him, Ass't. Sec. Pugsley & Dr. Taylor econ. advisor of Dep't. with whom I had conferred in Wisconsin a dozen years ago. He agreed to take charge of us. Then went to Professor Smiddy, Free State Consul, where I was mistaken for Ginnell & had difficulty in getting in. Then to lunch with J.J. Broderick. Back to Dep't. of Ag where Taylor & a lot of his subordinates gave us a room for our work & promised stenographic assistance etc tomorrow. We discussed the problem a bit, but I was dead tired.</p> <p>Back to Club where I met Lyman & talked voluntary organisation of farmers.</p> <p>Dined with the Hoovers & sat next to him. He is most gloomy about the European situation. France is a real menace to Europe. The Teutonic & Latin peoples simply cannot get on together. France "draws brilliant conclusions from rotten premises". The antithesis about England I did not catch. Had to talk agriculture. H. definitely asserted that labour (agr[icultura]l) is not organised in U.S. He would favour more men on the land, but machinery & chemistry are working the other way. Looked in on Arthur Bullard who is down with sciatica, but cheerful & interesting as ever.</p> |
| | 9 Jan, Tue | Another desperately hard day's work at Bureau of Economics of Dept of Ag. Lunched with Professor Smiddy meeting Judge Campbell & a Major Ahearn, a nice Irishman, very like T Callan Macardle (outwardly). Tea with Eugene Meyer of War Finance Corporation. S.K. Ratcliffe came to dine with us. Very interesting & charming. |
| | 10 Jan, Wed | Pounding away with the agricultural work. Had a talk with Sir |

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| [Geddes – British ambassador to US 1920-1924] | | <p>Auckland Geddes (Canadian business man & pedagogue) very friendly. I think I interested him about Ireland and my agric'l & Leg[islative] Ref[erence] Library enquiries, both of which he promised to help in any way he could. He admitted that L.I.G.'s policy in Ireland was purely opportunist! Lunched with John Walsh, brother of Senator Walsh of Montana, both Wisconsin born. I think J.W. will help the Irish Statesman.</p> <p>Went to Carnegie Corporation's Economic Institute. The President (Brookings) talked my head off about himself chiefly. But a Dr. Moulton & Dr. Page were helpful.</p> |
| | 11 Jan, Thu | <p>Began with "a visit with" Dr. Page, President of U.S. Tariff Commission, now working in Carnegie Inst[itute] of Economics. A really satisfactory man – how few they be, though Walter who is working with the young men in the Dept of Ag's Bureau of Statistics finds really serious workers among them. Began an instalment of first impressions for Adams. Lyman took us after lunch to the Nat Bd. of Farm Organisations, evolved out of my "Nat'l Agric'l Org'n Soc'y" which could not survive the jealousy of existing organisations! Met Charles S. Barrett, much mellowed. Also Holman who works with Lyman but rather in competition with him, I fear.</p> <p>Henry [C.] Wallace gave me a dinner at the Cosmos Club. To meet me some officials, Senators, Ladd (Non-partisan League of the Dakotas), Lenroot of Wyoming – we had talks of old times, Capper of Kansas, Atkinson President of the Grange, Lyman, Holman & others. I found the lobby folk unsympathetic with cooperation. Senator Ladd was very interesting on the Non Partisan League which used the state to support the farmers against the middle interests. The most amazing declaration of agricultural policy came from Wallace. He wanted labour to leave the land, as the U.S. could not export without loss, no country being able to pay cost of production for American food!!</p> |
| <p>Fr Heard, Gerald</p> <p>[Jitta's]</p> <p>[Bernstorff]</p> | 12 Jan, Fri | <p>Wrote a long preliminary report to Adams. Sent a letter to ex Senator Phelan California asking him to subscribe to Irish Statesman. Wrote Daisy, Jim Byrne & others. Saw the chief agric'l official for Pennsylvania & regretfully found Gifford Pinchot had not kept him on. He promised me a complete report on Penna, & as he is a Dane (Rasmussen by name) he won't omit cooperation, addressed the leading men in the Bureau of Farm Economics for 1½ hour in gratitude for all the help they had given me. In evening went with Walter to see a GBS play (new) Gita's [sic] Atonement. I slept through it all being dead tired.</p> <p>Major Ahern told me that in the War he was in "Military Secret Service" & was told to report on "Irish activities". He saw all the papers. There was nothing against Judge Cohalan, the allegation of his negotiations with Bernsdorff [sic] being untrue. Cohalan's pos[iti]o[n] is:- "The Anti Treatyites have no case. Free State now[,] Republic later.["] He said "Horace Plunkett is a good man but always 3 laps behind".</p> |
| | 13 Jan, Sat | <p>Most interesting talk with Dr. Page, Tariff expert of Inst[itute] of Economics on tariffs as affecting agric're. Asked him why subsidies on exports were not as permissible (on principle) as tariffs on imports. "Because the one takes money out of, the other pours it into the Treasury."</p> |

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| | | <p>Lunched with Wm. H Johnson (Pres't. Machinists) to talk agric'l Labour. Interested but not informed. Very helpful & most interesting & informing on <u>general</u> labour situation.</p> <p>Dr. Ethelbert Stewart head of Statistical Dept. of Federal Ministry of Labour gave me an interview. He had nothing to say about agric'l labour except that no interest was taken in it by labour unions or Gov't Depts. He spoke (in confidence) contemptuously about the domination of the adm[inistratio]n by the party politicians. Wrote many letters – chiefly about plans – & wired Henry Ford asking an interview on way to Battle Creek.</p> <p>Harold & Mrs. Barbour turned up & I had a pleasant talk with her. She wears the breeches.</p> |
| | 14 Jan, Sun | <p>Driven by Lyman to see the Lincoln Memorial. Immensely impressed – except by the roof – a flimsy lid on a massive temple.</p> <p>Lunched with Secretary Wallace, Senator Cummins (Iowa) present. Got no more out of Wallace – no more to get I think.</p> <p>Called on Bourke Cockran, in Gifford Pinchot's house, with pompous manservants etc. He is anti-prohibition – probably retained by rum-running syndicate. As a protest against the Eighteenth Amendment he now drinks – moderately I am sure.</p> <p>On the whole a day of rest.</p> |
| ["Big Four" – Wilson (USA), Lloyd George (Britain), Orlando (Italy), & Clemenceau (France)] | 15 Jan, Mon | <p>After tearing morning was taken to Pres't. Harding by Wallace. He platitudinised about Ireland, "If only peace came I tell you Sir Horace Ireland would be the richest country in the world with her glorious climate & soil. Why American tourists . . .".</p> <p>Then to lunch with Senator Fletcher at the Senate (where I had "the privilege of the floor" & walked about while Senator Ashurst roared & his brother Senators smiled or yawned. F.E. Warren & Hitchcock, among my old acquaintances, I was glad to see.</p> <p>Walter fell sick & left me in a bigger mess than ever. But I had to keep my engagements. Most important tea with Woodrow Wilson. He was sitting up with his wife & daughter (Mrs. McAdoo – he came later) and was better than I had expected. But he is a stricken man. Left arm hangs loose. The face is slightly distorted on the same side. The brain is pellucidly clear, but the voice feeble. House's idea that he means to run for the Democratic nomination in 1924 cannot be well founded.</p> <p>We started on American agriculture & my mission. Got on to the state of Ireland which he asked me to explain. His estimate of L.I.G. coincided with mine when I told the Wizard's handling of the I.Q'n. I was glad to get on to Europe & France. He definitely declared that France's right to take independent action is against the understanding the big 4 had. The best expert advising them was Norman Davis (Amer'n) & his estimate of the proper reparations & indemnity combined was 40 billion gold marks. Tardieu was a crook, Poincaré insane. Loucheur square. I asked whether the Treaty was in accord with the spirit of the Armistice. He said yes, but in details the allies went too far.</p> |
| To Heard, Gerald | 16 Jan, Tue | <p>Appeared before the Senate Committee on agriculture and talked Cooperation for two hours. I think something may come of it.</p> <p>K[arl].W[alter]. got better & we finished up our work as far as</p> |

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| | | <p>was possible.</p> <p>George F. Warren of Cornell, who stayed over a day to see more of us was very helpful. A fine rural economist. Smiddy, Commissioner for Ireland, called & I gave him my views frankly about the awful state of the country. He was strong upon the need of propaganda by free distribution of the Irish Homestead & Irish Statesman.</p> <p>Dead tired.</p> |
| <p><i>Fr Anderson, R.A.</i></p> <p>[B&O–Baltimore & Ohio]</p> <p>[Harper’s Ferry – scene of John Brown’s abortive abolitionist raid in 1859]</p> | 17 Jan, Wed | <p>Long talk with Herbert Putnam Librarian of Congressional Library. He will give me what I want about Legislative libraries. After hectic morning in which I enlisted Maurice Francis Egan for the Irish Statesman, left by B&O for Battle Creek.</p> <p>Passed Harper’s Ferry. In the smoking compartment two very intelligent business Americans could not tell me what happened there!</p> |
| | 18 Jan, Thu | <p>Arrived 4 hours late. Three miserable hours waiting at Detroit. Kind sanitarium people as good as ever to me. Am thoroughly worn out & <u>must</u> rest. But – .</p> |
| <p>[που στω – Greek “pou sto” – “place to stand”; starting point’]</p> | 19 Jan, Fri | <p>Professor David Friday, head of Michigan Agric’l Coll[ege] at Lansing came to see me. Brought up as a poor boy on a farm he has risen to his present pos[itio]n by his own hard work. He strikes me as a man of genius on the whole Rural Problem. I shall get a good report out of him.</p> <p>During the day had many physical examinations to find out my που στω.</p> |
| <p>To Heard, Gerald (2)</p> <p>[welchii]</p> | 20 Jan, Sat | <p>Sabbath! Dr. Kellogg drove me around & talked interestingly upon the latest developments of “biologic living” at the San. He has sickened me by making me take “Lacto-dextrin” a food for the billions of the bacillus acidophilus. It is to be a mass attack on the coli, welshii [<i>sic</i>] & other unfriendly bacilli. I believe in the changing of the flora of the intestines, but not in a few days.</p> <p>23 letters came today, largely owing to the muddle about my address in New York which delayed forwarding. Walter & I are in constant telegraphic communication.</p> |
| <p><i>Fr Heard, Gerald (2)</i></p> <p>[G. F. Warren at Cornell Univ.]</p> | 21 Jan, Sun | <p>Wrote G.H., R.A.A., Mrs. McCarthy, Dr. Moulton (Inst[itute] of Economics Washington), Dr. Warren, Cornell, Dr. Galpin (Bureau of Economics in Dept of Ag. sociological side) Smith Gordon & James Douglas, Cosgrave, Alice, JJ Hayes & Rasmussen of Penna Dept of Agriculture.</p> <p>And I came to Battle Creek to rest.</p> |
| | 22 Jan, Mon | <p>Walter spent 4 hours at B.C. en route to Kansas City from New York where he had had a terrible struggle with J Byrne & others over the Irish Statesman. We had a hectic discussion on our triple job – agriculture, Leg[islative] Ref[erence] Libraries & the paper.</p> |
| To Heard, Gerald | 23 Jan, Tue | <p>Very unwell. Decided to cut out Omaha and get Conrad Young to come to Battle Creek.</p> |
| <i>Fr Heard, Gerald</i> | 24 Jan, Wed | <p>Conrad Young came & we talked business. At the same time I did a lot of agric’l inquiry work.</p> |
| <i>Fr Heard, Gerald</i> | 25 Jan, Thu | <p>Alas worked hard all day & could not help it. The work is not selfish – no glory and in my poor health little likelihood of</p> |

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| | | satisfaction. Conrad Young crooned away on my personal business. My thoughts were elsewhere. |
| <i>Fr Heard, Gerald</i> | 26 Jan, Fri | Eugene Davenport whom I had long known as a Dean of the Agric'l College of Illinois University called on me. He has returned to his native farm in Michigan 30 miles from Battle Creek. He told me a lot about farming in Illinois & will I think write me a report on the whole subject which will be very interesting & helpful. |
| | 27 Jan, Sat | Sabbath. Walter came from Kansas City where he had got lots of information on the agric'l situation of Kansas & Missouri. We worked hours on papers. |
| To Heard, Gerald (cable) | 28 Jan, Sun | Professor Friday came again. He was not as interesting as before. Very able but a pure economist who might be engaged by Steel or Oil. Long talk with Dr. Kellogg about the neurological side of the "San". He almost ignores Dr. Riley's work which on its research side is great. |
| Fr Heard, Gerald | 29 Jan, Mon | Left early with Walter for Madison. In Chicago an Automobile "boosting[]" show was on and we should not have been able in the 3½ hours we had to get a promise of accom[modatio]n on our return in 48 hours but for Dennis Kelly – a leader among the Irish – to whom I had written on an introduction from Judge Campbell. He knew of our difficulty & intervened with the Manager of the Congress Hotel. So we left our heavy baggage & are to have two rooms with baths Wed[nesda]y night. Dennis Kelly told us frankly of the pos[itio]n of the Chicago Irish. Barring "extreme radicals" they are all for the treaty. De Valera had disgusted them. I think we shall get money for the Irish Statesman this week. Saw Newton Jenkins, a fine philanthropic lawyer who is working for farmer organisations. |
| Cables: To Campbell, Richard (HEA) To IAOS (HEA) <i>Fr Campbell, Richard (HEA)</i> <i>Fr Heard, Gerald</i> <i>Fr Kellogg, J.H. (HEA)</i> | 30 Jan, Tue | Went to Capitol early and was met by a reporter who told me that my beautiful house at Foxrock had been destroyed by the Republicans. Servants turned out & house blown up was all the news!! Nevertheless delivered a longish speech to the Wisconsin farmers at the College of Agriculture & then spoke at the Capitol (as chief speaker) at the dedication of a hideous tablet to Charles McCarthy. On both occasions I was very well received. They didn't know of my misfortune and I don't know how it will affect my influence in Irish America. |
| <i>Fr Fingall, Lady Elizabeth ("Daisy"), cable & reply (HEA)</i> <i>Fr Gardiner, R.S. (HEA)</i> <i>Fr Heard, Gerald (cable & letter)</i> | 31 Jan, Wed | No further news of the blowing up of Kilteragh. One paper tells of partial destruction. Poor Mayo's home, Palmerston seems to have been burned. It is clear that the Free State has no hold of the situation. Worked all day at the Capitol, meeting the whole staff of the Legislative Reference Library. Also had a conference with the Committee of Agriculture, composed of the officials connected with the State's agricultural work. Got a pretty full knowledge of their whole agricultural system & also of their government. Left by 5.40 train for Chicago. Later. Arrived at Chicago near midnight & learned that the destruction of Kilteragh is complete. Everything I have in the way |

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| | | of personal belongings is gone – except a few photographs at the Plunkett House and odds & ends at 105 Mount St. I had too many things it is true. But I had records of real historical value. I had too the brightest healthiest home. All pleasure – & I fear health – is gone. |
| To Heard, Gerald (no date) | | |
| To Byrne, James (HEA) To Cullinan, J.S. (HEA) To Heard, Gerald (cable, letter) <i>Fr “Eddie & Beatrice” (Ld. Dunsany)(HEA) Fr Perceval, Jack (HEA)</i> | 1 Feb, Thu | A miserable day, but for a dinner at the home of my old friend Henry A Blair. Saw among the Irishmen I want to get to help the Statesman Edward F Carey (will do so if John D Ryan will), Edward A Cudahy \$4500 and Edward N Hurley who will when times are good. But all day the loss of all my implements of usefulness. All ties with my past life except the few survivors and my poor memory. |
| To Heard, Gerald | 2 Feb, Fri | Dennis Kelly raised his contribution to \$1050 from \$250. Edward I Cudahy came in with \$600 – making from Chicago \$6150 – quite a help. Spent the day mostly writing letters. |
| | 3 Feb, Sat | Had to begin with Conference with chiefs of American Federation of Farm Bureaus & discovered that Hoover was right when he told me one or two years ago that this was the best of the farmer organisations. It will figure largely in my reports. An affectionate goodbye to Henry Blair who placed his office & motor at our disposal – and off by the Twentieth Century Limited, a 20 hour Chicago to New York run. |
| | 4 Feb, Sun | Arrived in New York after a bitter cold night in the train. But we had a “compartment” which is a great comfort. Armstrong met me & took me to his house. Lunched with Byrne & met Judge Richard Campbell. They decided that I could not get the money for the Irish Statesman unless I stayed some weeks. I determined to try & force the pace a bit. Byrne motored me to New Rochelle to see my old friend Martin J. Keogh, his (cooperating) young wife and 13 children. The poor Judge is paralysed, hears but can’t speak or move. Pathetic. Saw Cullinan & got him to promise quick action tomorrow if I arranged details. So to bed with little done. |
| | 5 Feb, Mon | A furiously busy day. Byrne came to the Bar Association & redrafted the underwriting agreement for the Statesman. I took it to Cullinan & he lodged £2000 to my credit at the National City Bank! Then to lunch with Campbell and an interview with John D Ryan who has just “put over[”] a 150 million copper deal! He had no reason for not supporting the Statesman project that he could give. He dislikes Cullinan that’s all. Rest of day writing, writing, telephoning & telephoning. Finally tired out, wasted the evening. |
| | 6 Feb, Tue | Poynton first caller. Then after endless ‘phoning went to see Gloster Armstrong the British Consul General. Next to the <u>Dutch Treat</u> Club (the underlined words signify that everybody treats himself) for a luncheon & speech on Ireland. About 150, good type of journalists & literary folk. Seemed to impress them with my warning not to imagine that the Irish Question was either dead, dying or likely to cease troubling the U.S. I appealed for |

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| | | <p>support for the Free State Government.</p> <p>At night sent a long telegram to Doheny in California asking him to put up his money for the Irish Statesman & let me get ahead.</p> <p>E.A. Boyd dined with the Armstrongs to meet me. He showed much intelligence about the Irish situation.</p> |
| | 7 Feb, Wed | <p>Lunched with a Father Clifford who is intimate with Clarence Mackey who may help the Irish Statesman!! Dined with a lot of Irishmen in Orange N.J. who may do ditto. Otherwise a day of letters & little done.</p> |
| | 8 Feb, Thu | <p>Colonel House dined and “Archie[?]” Coolidge the Harvard Historian came to stay with the Armstrongs. The converse was chiefly about Europe and was depressing in the extreme.</p> <p>I worked all day at the Irish Statesman and it is virtually assured of publication provided the others come in.</p> |
| | 9 Feb, Fri | <p>Saw John Davis ex ambassador to Britain. He very definitely asserts that an ending of the Irish Question is vitally important to the U.S.</p> <p>The Irish Commissioner to Washington Dr. Smiddy came to see me and called on the Irish Consul in New York. The latter ?L--d-- -- ---ford seems to have something to him. Spent the day writing letters and in the evening addressed a big meeting at the Town Hall (113 W 43). Spoke ¾ hour without a note – and spoke badly. The audience which was large, & [“]middle class” chiefly, saw I was dead tired. Jim Byrne presided & when I defended the executions by the Free State in answer to a heckler, jumped up & condemned them with heat. My only “score” was when a heckler said “What effect will Jim Larkin’s return to Ireland have[?]” I replied at once “I suppose what America loses Ireland will gain”. I went to & returned from the meeting with a police escort – two before & two behind on motor cycles! After the meeting I was smuggled out by a back door & missed a crowd of wild women.</p> |
| <i>Fr Young, May & Conrad (cable; HEA)</i> | 10 Feb, Sat | <p>Up early and wrote endless letters. Then boarded the Cedric. Cullinan & P.A. O’Farrell saw me off. Very very tired, but hope much from the voyage.</p> |
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| | 12 Feb, Mon | <p>385</p> <p><u>Letters written on Board</u></p> <p>Eddie, Alice, Bryan, Daisy, Betty Balfour, J.S. Cullinan, J. Byrne. Senator Phelan, John Devoy, J.D. Hackett, F.H. Newell, C - Galpin, Major Aherne [<i>sic</i>]</p> <p>Mrs. Arthur Bullard. Drs. Kellogg & Riley. Conrad Young, Mrs. Harding, George E Roberts</p> <p>Lady Gregory, W B Yeats, Francis Hackett, Shan Bullock, R.A.A., L. Smith Gordon, N O’Roddy.</p> <p>H E Van Norman, Mrs. Dana Gibson, Mrs. Lawrence Parker, Paul Plunkett, Mrs. Covington Nye. Archer Martin, Helen Armstrong, Fred Hesse.</p> |
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| To Anderson, R.A. | 15 Feb, Thu | 385 |
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| | 17 Feb, Sat | 395 – 269 to Daunts Rock. Run by Southern route 2955. Brooding was my chief occupation on board this trip, which ends tomorrow. I wrote 34 letters, mostly work for the Irish Statesman. In spite of all my efforts to put my misfortune out of mind every day the unconscious mind suddenly threw into the conscious mind reminders of what lies on the Ash heap at Foxrock. |
| | 18 Feb, Sun | With a heavy heart passed the Irish coast and by night lay in the Mersey. |
| [Jeffries] | 19 Feb, Mon | Landed early. Walter & I had a carriage with table & chairs reserved in train to Euston, where Daisy, Mrs. Walter & Gerald Heard, looking rather ill after his experience at the destruction of Kilteragh. A dreary homecoming. In course of afternoon & evening saw Gogarty, W.B. Yeats, Lady Leslie, Jeffreys [<i>sic</i>] of the Daily Mail just back from Ireland, T. McGreevy & a few others. I gained the impression that they were all stupefied by the hopelessness of Ireland's relapse into barbarism. My own diagnosis points to nine successive crops of youths coming to maturity in the nine years 1914–23, driven into a pseudo-military life just at the impressionable age when they should be seeking their careers as the chief cause of the trouble. The women have also broken loose from clerical discipline with bad results. A pile of letters which I had hardly touched when I laid my weary head on the pillow. |
| | 20 Feb, Tue | Chief event an evening with Lynd over the Irish Statesman. I explained our obligations to the underwriters & I think he will make the paper as international as is practicable. Very very tired. Cannot get the necessary letters written. Horrible fits of depression. |
| | 21 Feb, Wed | Saw AD Hall in the morning and Adams came up from Oxford in the afternoon & spent the evening with me. So it was a day on the rural problem, a good diversion. The state of Ireland grows worse & worse and I begin to doubt whether I can do anything to help there. My health is <u>rapidly</u> declining. The wreck of my life's work over there is <u>knawing</u> [<i>sic</i>] away at my vitality. Soon I shall have to undergo another cure for the morphia which is coming to be useless in the limited doses I allow myself. And my prostate gland will have to be removed. I got a pathetic letter from Fr. Finlay to whom the loss of Kilteragh appears to be the ending of <u>his</u> life's work. He does not care now how soon the call comes. |
| | 22 Feb, Thu | Nothing to record except that I was far from well. |
| | 23 Feb, Fri | Lowell looked in for a few minutes to condole. We are to have a good pow-wow next week. Letters, letters, letters – still they come. Took Heard in afternoon to Bateson's wonderful experiments in breeding – plants chiefly – at Wimbledon to both their enjoyment. |
| [ambassador – Charles] | 24 Feb, Sat | Lunched with Lady Lavery where Daisy, Ed Marsh (Sec'y to Devonshire) the French Ambassador & wife, two others and, |

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| de Saint-Aulaire] | | <p>incidentally, Sir John. Saw his pictures & cannot believe there is anything big in him.</p> <p>Dined with Leonie Leslie. Gogarty, Shane Leslie, Lady Maud Warrender, Mrs. Crawshay & Daisy dined or came in after. Much talk on Ireland at both meals – all very sad.</p> |
| | 25 Feb, Sun | Went for day to Ayot St. Lawrence. G.B.S. & wife as kind & sympathetic as ever. But it all reminds me that I may take but can never give hospitality. |
| [“ <i>splendide mendax</i> ” – “nobly untruthful”, from Horace, <i>The Daughters of Danaus</i>] | 26 Feb, Mon | <p>“Professor” Wibberley blew in. He, <i>splendide mendax</i> as ever, said he had no difficulty in making £4000 to £5000 a year. Some hapless landlord with a few thousand acres of chalk land in Hampshire has engaged him at £2000 a year to make his farm pay! His writings bring him a competence as his “hardy greens” – “The Wibberley giant” I suppose are being produced by some seedsman on a 10% royalty and so forth.</p> <p>During the day I called on Lady Prothero, Henry James’ “the incomparable Fanny” and she, poor little bundle of nerves, gushed over my unrequited services to Ireland and ungrateful treatment. She told me that JG Butcher was toadied by my having written to congratulate this friend of my boyhood upon his return for York at last election. (It is surely a strange world that can find a real democracy to elect such an ultra aristocrat.[?]) Did a bit of work at the Ministry of Agriculture on my American inquiries.</p> |
| <p>To Cullinan, J.S. (IRS)</p> <p>[<i>anno-dominitis</i> – old age]</p> | 27 Feb, Tue | <p>At Wingfield’s request I was examined by two specialists today – Dr. Sainsbury who was to report (1) whether my shortness of breath was due to heart or lungs (2) whether the former would stand the shock of a severe operation. As to (1) answer Heart. Must not run up stairs etc. No organic disease – <i>Anno-dominitis</i>. As to (2) Wingfield is to be told. Then to Frank Kidd, bladder & kidney specialist. X-rays, many other up-to-date diagnostic procedures. The most unpleasant, the cystoscopic exam[inatio]n, deferred till Monday. Meanwhile I am to go to a man who runs the electri-cardiographic show! I was told this much. The Kidneys are being affected by the prostate gland which must come out if I can stand the “op”!</p> <p>Lunched Tom Spring Rice at Club. He has been British Secretary at Lausanne & is very interesting. No time to ask all the questions I wanted to – had to leave out the Near East! Poincaré is the Black Sheep. If France goes on supporting him the Entente will end. (I think it must anyhow – I inherit the views of “Gaul or Teuton”.) My own nightmare is France in the air destroying London, Manchester, Liverpool etc while all are asleep. Quite plainly the French are simply going to step into the shoes of pre-war Germany.</p> <p>Mrs. Phillimore (the daughter of Mrs. Dryhurst who urged me to try & get Casement off in 1916 – or is she the sister) came to me at Æ’s request after talking to Mary MacSwiney who she says is mad, Thomas Johnson & others in Dublin, to consult me as to how she was to get the British Gov’t to make a great gesture – i.e. scrap the Treaty oath. I said (1) I did not believe the oath to be the real stumbling block (2) I was going to see Devonshire, now Colonial Sec’y and therefore Minister concerned with Irish Dominion & would let her know how the land lay. I said I had</p> |

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| | | little doubt “the answer would be in the negative”. |
| | 28 Feb, Wed | Worked all day till I left 5.30 for Newcastle to look after the family coal interests. Lunched with Eva Wyndham Quin. She & her man are not unnaturally peeved by Dunraven’s spending £100,000 on a yacht at 84 years of age, to enjoy his last years and rob his heirs!! |
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| | 1 Mar, Thu | All day at Newcastle. Did good colliery work & back to London. |
| [David Hutchison. MacGregor] | 2 Mar, Fri | <p>An interesting day. In morning called on Duke of Devonshire who as Colonial Secretary represents Britain in relations with the Irish Dominion or Free State. He pathetically asked me if I could throw any light on the Irish situation. I told him my view of it with which he agreed and asked him if he could not throw a little light on it for my benefit. He had nothing whatsoever to suggest. I admitted that he had inherited from the “first class brains” of Lloyd George, Winston [Churchill] & Birkenhead an impossible situation and we parted with the promise of mutual information.</p> <p>In afternoon, taking Walter with me, gave evidence before the Committee of Economists (Sir Wm. Ashley Chairman, Adams and Professor Gregory [<i>sic</i>] also of Oxford) appointed to suggest an agric’l policy to the Government. I think I did well in 1¼ hours informal talk.</p> <p>Daisy & I dined with Filson Young, who is now Editor of the Saturday Review & trying to bring back its old reputation as an independent Conservative organ.</p> |
| [prob. pioneer cardiologist John Parkinson] | 3 Mar, Sat | <p>The Electro-cardiograph (have I got it right?) was applied by a Dr. Parkinson. He pronounced my heart good for a man of my age and will report that I may be safely operated on!</p> <p>Drove Daisy to Fisher’s Hill. Gerald as stiff as ever and Betty as human. She is the real philosopher – more so than Gerald, Piddington & Nora Sidgwick combined. They were all, I think grieved over Kilteragh.</p> |
| | 4 Mar, Sun | A wretched day after a very bad night. A chill caught and flu in the house. Temp 101. Stayed in bedroom till 4 P.M. when Daisy returned with me to town. Late in the evening my lips began to swell & my uvula also. My eyelids followed & Heard fetched Dr. Sainsbury (at Dr. Wingfield’s advice) who took me off to the nursing home at 2 Bentinck St. Another lie up!! |
| [MacGregor] | 5 Mar, Mon | <p>Absolute rest ordered. It could not have been at a worse time – Adams, Orwin and McGregor [<i>sic</i>] were to have come up to consult with me tomorrow & I was to have gone to the Annual meeting of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust.</p> <p>Came a letter from Pritchett of the Carnegie Corporation offering me a job with them as worker on the Rural Life Problem. He suggests that I might thus even serve Ireland better than by working in Ireland. He is, I daresay, right! But I belong there.</p> |
| | 6 Mar, Tue | Weak & depressed. Sainsbury gave me a long homily on the future ordering of my life. It all came to this: I must not work beyond my strength. He excluded all callers except Daisy and Gerald Heard. |

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| | 7 Mar, Wed | [No entry] |
| | 8 Mar, Thu | [No entry] |
| | 9 Mar, Fri | Got out for an hour in my motor. They have kept me tied by the leg to prevent my overworking. I am the better for the rest. |
| | 10 Mar, Sat | [No entry] |
| | 11 Mar, Sun | The Setons called. The rest is doing me good & I may be able to postpone the operation. Moorhead is in London for an eye operation. Heard saw him & he said after 70 the prostate often shrinks again. So I may be able to avoid the ordeal. Tomorrow Kidd is to look into the bladder & then we shall know. |
| | 12 Mar, Mon | Cystoscopic examination by Kidd decided <u>him</u> that an op[eratio]n was necessary because, as I knew, the prostate was very large and what I did not know may become malignant. Tomorrow a consultation will, I hope, result in no doubt being left as to the best course. |
| | 13 Mar, Tue | Sainsbury came in & told me the consultation was put off till tomorrow. Funny the way these doctors' callousness as to the possible anxiety of their patients over such a decision. I remember having a cyst cut out of the roof of my mouth & the surgeon forgetting to tell me till a week after that it had proved benignant. Kept in another day by yesterday's bladder exam[inatio]n which raised my temperature a little. Wingfield told me that once malignancy can be diagnosed in the prostate – and mine seems a very fertile seed bed for sarcoma – it is too late to operate. Therefore I fear an operation must be faced. I am not so much afraid of the shock as of pneumonia. |
| | 14 Mar, Wed | Wingfield, Harrington Sainsbury and Frank Kidd had a consultation about my prostate. Kidd told them that he feared I was retaining a pint of urine after I had passed all I could, that I was in a dangerous condition in two ways – the kidneys were bound to be affected and the <u>big</u> spongy prostate was very likely to induce cancer. The two physicians who had been sceptical about the necessity for an operation plumped for it. Moorhead who was in a nursing home for eye trouble agreed. So it is to be next Tuesday morning. Eddie has given up both his games of chess by correspondence with me. Lunched Bullock at Club. Adams supped & we discussed his committee's Report on Agriculture. Wrote many letters. |
| | 15 Mar, Thu | Three days left to make a new will (which I could not look at today) and do endless things against "eventualities" with a "major operation" impending. The anxiety not to go out with duties neglected is not a good physical preparation for the ordeal. |
| | 16 Mar, Fri | The penultimate work day. Had long conference with Lynd & his wife, Heard & Walter present. Could not get to my will but wrote endless letters to people I may never see again, chiefly Americans. |
| | 17 Mar, Sat | Lunched with G.B.S. & wife. I don't think his brain is as acute as it was. But I like him more as he mellows. She is thoroughly good all round. |

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| | 18 Mar, Sun | <p>Tried to write a letter to the Times and failed. The effort cost me dear I am afraid.</p> <p>At night came into the nursing home (4 Dorset Square N.W.1) for the “major operation” on Tuesday.</p> |
| <p>[“Irish Unity: Paths to Reconstruction”, <i>The Times</i>, 20 Mar, p. 8]</p> | 19 Mar, Mon | <p>Yet another test of the Kidneys – the injection of a coloured liquid into the blood & the registration of the time it takes to get through the kidneys to the bladder, whence it is drawn off by a catheter.</p> <p>Wrote the letter to the Times. Dawson may or may not insert it. Its object was to show that the “politico-military Bedlam” we enjoy today is not a natural evolution – in which case Ireland would be hopeless, but the direct & inevitable result of the last decade of British rule in Ireland.</p> |
| | 20 Mar, Tue | <p>All the horrid preparations for the operation of prostatectomy to which I now (8.50 AM) am just about to go. It may be many days before it will be possible to record the experience.</p> <p>=====</p> <p>It was many days but I add some notes from the Nurse’s record.</p> <p>Very restless day. Belladonna suppositories, aspirin & morphia. All useless for the pain.</p> |
| | 21 Mar, Wed | Violent spasms off & on day & night. |
| | 22 Mar, Thu | <p>A pessary tube inserted to drain the bladder.</p> <p>[unattributed loose newspaper cutting inserted:]</p> <p>“Sir Horace Plunkett, who underwent a serious operation in a nursing home on Tuesday, was progressing yesterday as satisfactorily as could be expected.”</p> |
| | 23 Mar, Fri – 27 Mar, Tue | <p>[No entry; unattributed loose newspaper cutting inserted at 26 Mar:]</p> <p>“The Hon. Sir Horace Plunkett is making steady improvement and is now out of danger.”</p> |
| | 28 Mar, Wed | Spasms almost over, having lasted for unusually long time. |
| | 29 Mar, Thu | Pain greatly increased by a carbuncle actually adjoining the wound. |
| | 30 Mar, Fri | [No entry] |
| | 31 Mar, Sat | <p>Pessary tube drawn out, wound washed and a Montagne Box with two drainage tubes put over the wound.</p> <p>500 million staphylococci injected.</p> <p>Rather a sick day, but distinct progress. “Passed” 10 oz urine about 40 oz going the other way.</p> |
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| | 1 Apr, Sun | <p>A really good sleep this Easter Sunday night ended the worst suffering of my life. Whatever they say about the wonderful progress in the technique of this operation, it has not been rendered easy to be borne. But my previous bladder opening and the nearby operation for the X-ray burn had doubtless made me unduly sensitive. As bad luck would have it, a carbuncle developed inside the wound. However all is going well and this</p> |

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| | | <p>week I may well be moved to this Nursing Home's (4 Dorset Sq N.W.1) branch at Brighton.</p> <p>Gerald Heard – I have hardly seen any callers – has been wonderfully kind. He is a treasure. He is reading to me my mother's diaries from her marriage on. It is a wonderful picture (so far) of Sherborne & Dunsany life. She was the most intimate friend of Florence Nightingale many of whose letters are inserted though many, many more were burned! She also had an intimacy with Princess Sophia (daughter of George III) after whom my eldest sister "Mary Elizabeth <u>Sophia</u>" was called. Unhappily the diaries are about one half religion of the dreariest imaginable kind.</p> |
| | 2 Apr, Mon | [No entry] |
| | 3 Apr, Tue | Still not allowed visitors. Douglass Haig called. |
| | 4 Apr, Wed | <p>Ella Simeon called at my request. I wanted to hear about the dramatis personae of my mother's Sherborne story.</p> <p>1000 million staphylococci injected.</p> <p>The urine is beginning to pass through the urethra in fair quantity.</p> |
| | 5 Apr, Thu | Bullock called. |
| | 6 Apr, Fri | Got into chair for few hours the urine passing mostly through the urethra. |
| [Master – A.L. Smith] | 7 Apr, Sat | <p>A slight set-back. The wound re-opened after having apparently closed in the night. But Kidd is satisfied.</p> <p>The dear Master of Balliol called & we had a long talk. In the afternoon, Mrs. Arbuthnot (Sir Henry & Lady Blake's daughter) called & told me all there was to tell about poor Alice whom she had seen from Youghal recently. Rowley has deserted Alice & is hunting in Leicestershire, probably on the ground that he would be shot (no great calamity) if he remained at Ballynatray, whereas Alice could "carry on" somehow. Dastardly & heartless cowardice. I was glad to hear that Alice thinks of trying to get a cottage & 10 acres or so of land in Devonshire, leaving B'tray to be let on the 11 months system, the house doubtless being burned. I hope she will get out of the country at any cost.</p> <p>Reggie called on his way back to Berlin where he is on the British Naval Commission. He is optimistic about the state of Europe, but I could not get anything more definite than the equivalent of "I feel it in my bones".</p> |
| | 8 Apr, Sun | <p>The wound still open, but as it is discharging pus, this is as well.</p> <p>Antony MacDonnell called again – a queer old bird.</p> <p>I think the enforced rest is helping me.</p> |
| | 9 Apr, Mon | <p>Kidd has left for a holiday in Scotland. My wound is draining away more urine than the urethra. I am condemned to remain on my back till it dries up when I am to be moved at once to Brighton.</p> <p>Dunraven came to see me. Poor fellow, he really has been fond of Ireland all his life, though not as fond as he is of himself. He wanted to discuss with me whether he must go back (he is a senator) and I strongly advised him not to until there is no fear of</p> |

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| | | his being kidnapped. |
| | 10 Apr, Tue | Sir John Keane called on his way to Dublin. He is going to resign the Senate as a protest against the ill treatment (in the matter of compensation) of the class he is supposed to represent. His account of the state of public life in Ireland is very depressing. The urine passed more freely today, but not yet all the right way. |
| [Ambassador – Sir Horace Rumbold] | 11 Apr, Wed | All today the urine passed naturally. Mrs. Murray Guthrie called. She & her daughter Violet Virginia (alias “V.V.”) had taken a pleasure cruise round the Mediterranean on a 4000 ton “yacht” from Liverpool. Constantinople (where the British Ambassador took them in for 3 days) Smyrna, Crete, Chanak, Gallipoli passed in the short tale she had time to tell. What stood out everywhere was <u>Refugees</u> . A ghastly tale of homeless exiles, i.e. drifting through the Bosphorus hulks full of Russian refugees from the Black Sea, housed in deserted palaces on the Bosphorus shores, Greeks from Smyrna. |
| | 12 Apr, Thu | Daisy turned up. Oliver had to have his appendix out this morning & she crossed over, though she only heard at noon yesterday that it had to be. Her pluck is amazing. She is quite prepared for the destruction of Killeen by the rebels. Sir Daniel Hall was among my callers. He is depressed about the Report of the Committee of Economists and thinks it may not have been a misfortune that the rowdiness of the Labour party in Parliament yesterday prevented its discussion. The C’ttee were given an impossible task and as Adams is so dear to me I deeply regret his being associated with a forlorn hope of the kind. |
| | 13 Apr, Fri | In spite of its being both Friday and the 13th of the month, I got safely to Brighton in an ambulance with my excellent nurse who has “specialled” my case throughout. I have a room facing due west along the front. It is a great change of view, the sea instead of the dreary backs of Baker St. Houses. Gerald Heard followed in the Morris Oxford car. So all is favourable for a rapid convalescence. Later – Heard broke down at Peas Pottage, about 20 miles from Brighton, for the night! |
| | 14 Apr, Sat | Tired after journey, but began to feel benefit of Brighton air. Up about 4 hours in chair. Feet struck work. A bit depressed by diarrhoea relaxed after bad constipation. Bladder rapidly getting normal. |
| | 15 Apr, Sun | Daisy came down for some hours & cheered me up. My weakness is much greater than I had expected. Unless the weather gets much warmer it will be hard to get out & so get up. Daisy’s latest. She had to get rid of a nice local boy she had got in to act as footman etc because being used to the stoneware of his humble domestic board his shattering of china was ruinous. The poor boy wished to continue the career he had opened in the old castle and the only difficulty about the ‘carakter’ [reference] was the reason of his leaving. “Couldn’t your Ladyship just say it was the breaking up of the establishment?” The formula was adopted. |
| | 16 Apr, Mon | Promoted to Bath Chair. But oh so weak! |
| | 17 Apr, Tue | More Bath Chair. Very weak in the knees. |

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| | 18 Apr, Wed | Walked with an arm (Gerald's) ¼ mile. |
| | 19 Apr, Thu | 2 motor drives & a toddle. |
| | 20 Apr, Fri | Ditto. |
| | 21 Apr, Sat | Ditto. Wrote Kidd for full instructions for convalescence. |
| | 22 Apr, Sun | Beastly weather, but am getting daily stronger. |
| | 23 Apr, Mon | Found I had gained 1 lb.(!) since I came to recuperate by the sea. Heard that Kidd will be on holiday till this day week & I shall be under no instructions as to my convalescence. |
| | 24 Apr, Tue | My best of friends Professor Adams came from Oxford to see me. He is keener on my ideas of rural reconstruction than anyone I know & understands them better. It was a great comfort to be assured that whether I can work or not better men than I will make good my neglects. |
| | 25 Apr, Wed | Adams stayed till the afternoon and helped me much in laying out my future life. I begin to realise that I shall have to rest for nearly a year & to get off the help of morphia if I am to be any good again. |
| | 26 Apr, Thu | Caught a chill yesterday and perhaps worked my mind too hard with Adams. Anyhow I am very sick today – diarrhoea, shortness of breath – a bad sign in one so thin – and depressed beyond measure. |
| | 27 Apr, Fri | Very short of breath and some inflammation of the bladder. Was kept in bed all day. Karl Walter came for a long week-end. |
| | 28 Apr, Sat | Kept in house all day. A very bad depression has settled down on me. I don't know how to get back to life. I fear I am failing fast. |
| | 29 Apr, Sun | A very bad night last night. Shortness of breath. Today weather impossible & can't get out! |
| | 30 Apr, Mon | Karl Walter left, after I had told him the whole of my scheme of life for the future so far as I can project it and he may participate. Wrote to Daisy offering to provide the family with a motor. She feels the want of one badly. |
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| | 1 May, Tue | At last a fine day. But I have quite made up my mind that I shall have to undergo some treatment for the morphia. It is losing its effect, but without it life is unbearable! Fortunately my <u>maximum</u> dose on any day has been till now 1¾ gr[ain]. The normal now 1¼. |
| | 2 May, Wed | Dermod O'Brien came for a few hours. He is a good, kind creature, with a fine public spirit. He has supported me in my Irish work for a quarter of a century. I wish the poor fellow had not imagined he was an artist! He is, I fear, almost ruined by the Irish troubles. |
| | 3 May, Thu | Heard left (a day earlier than we had arranged to my great rushing) to go to Ireland, look after my Foxrock estate and act for me in getting the Irish Statesman Publishing Co organised etc. In London he saw Maurice Craig for me and consulted him about my morphinism. Rather he gave him the main facts with a view to |

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| | | an interview early next week. |
| | 4 May, Fri | Motored to The Towers, Beeding, where Florence Geary is living as a paying guest in a convent. Poor thing, she seemed happy and showed no signs of the “oddness” which may or may not be the cause of her break with her Sir William. How I can sympathise now with the enforced idle people of our class!! |
| | 5 May, Sat | <p>Olive Guthrie – kind soul – came to visit me in my depression. She is understanding as she has often had a sorry scheme of things to survey and I <u>think</u> has had physical troubles as well.</p> <p>Her sister Lady Bagot – widow of my old friend “Josh Bagot” is married to a splendid muscular Xian – Vicar of Kingston-by-Sea – named Swann. Olive was to week end there & I motored her over – it was only 6 miles. The Vicarage & church was much as in Good Qu[een] Bess’s time. He had stroked the Cambridge Eight & was the hero of endless athletic feats. His sons (by former wife) are following in his footsteps. Lady B. only turned up as I was leaving. But she was most cordial & I shall call again.</p> <p>Olive had little gossip to tell me, except that Birkenhead, the most astounding intellect in our public life, is dissipating to his end!</p> |
| | 6 May, Sun | [No entry] |
| | 7 May, Mon | Did a kindness to Florence Geary. Brought her to tea at Brighton & sent her back in my new Morris Oxford which I took over today. |
| [<i>Verb sap</i> – abbreviated form of <i>verbum satis sapienti</i> , a Latin proverb, “a hint is enough to the wise”.] | 8 May, Tue | <p>To London to see Maurice Craig, nerve specialist. He had nothing to tell me I did not know, but emphasised the necessity of expending no effort. Morphine is a desensitiser which enables you to tire yourself without knowing it. Anything tires a man in my condition & therefore I must not work in any way. Otherwise it will be impossible to keep down the morphine – still less to get gradually rid of it.</p> <p>The journey to London & the few things I did there were quite exhausting & necessitated extra morphine to enable me to get through & get back to Brighton! Verb sap.</p> |
| | 9 May, Wed | Utterly done up by yesterday’s effort! Moped with the nurse all day! Discouraged by long letter from Æ declining to help the Irish Statesman. |
| | 10 May, Thu | Letter from Walter proposing practicable plan for amalgamating Irish Statesman with Irish Homestead. Wrote fully to Æ about it, sending copy to Gerald Heard. Then comes letter from G.H. saying he will cross Friday. Had to wire him to cross Saturday. |
| | 11 May, Fri | <p>To London to see Frank Kidd & show him his cure. He was well pleased, but told me 6 months was always required to get over the operation, that after my previous experiences I should take longer & that in any case I must idle for the full 6 mo. After that I ought to be a younger man.</p> <p>Heard wired Æ’s provisional acceptance of the editorship of the Irish Statesman & Irish Homestead combined.</p> |
| | 12 May, Sat | [No entry] |
| | 13 May, Sun | Heard returned to me from Ireland. His account of the public life of that unhappy country is very sad. There is literally no public |

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| | | spirit except in the “idealists” who are mostly mad & not a few murderous. We talked about my future work – whether I should be in Ireland – it will be chiefly for Ireland, if I live, in any case – or in England as a better centre from which to work out my rural life ideas. I feel strongly too the essential importance of Anglo-American accord to Western civilisation. In two ways I should like to help – by interesting both in a rural policy for the English-speaking races, who, since the industrial revolution, have gone crazy on the town and by getting the Irish complex understood. But for four long months – they will <u>seem</u> long – I must idle. |
| | 14 May, Mon | My weight has improved. All going well but the morphia. The “crave” is worse than ever. |
| [In 1888 Ld. Sackville, UK Minister to the US, had written privately to a US citizen expressing a preference for the re-election of Pres. Cleveland. Controversy ensued and Sackville was recalled.] | 15 May, Tue | Lunched with Lady Sackville. The queer old lady talked incessantly. She has a house in London & a gorgeous Lutyens restored house in Brighton with priceless art treasures. She also has a bungalow on the sea shore into which she will move when 13/4 in the £ compels her to reduce her scale of living. Knole Park is occupied by Lord Sackville who has another lady in tow. She is a brilliant talker & seems to know everybody. Her recollections of Washington at the time of “the Sackville incident” were most interesting to me. Her mother was a Spanish dancer & whether her father was really Lord Sackville is a society puzzle. This was my last day at Brighton so I went to see Florence Geary at her convent. She was shivering in a fur coat as “no fires after May 1st”. |
| [James Huntly Dutton, 6th Baron Sherborne] | 16 May, Wed | Left the Nursing Home at Brighton & came to Mount St. Lennox Robinson & Karl Walter the only people I saw on business (public) & they were both satisfied that I had done all that was possible for the Irish Statesman. Saw Dorothy also. She wants me to go to Sherborne while she is at the Dower House there by the kindness of the present Lord. |
| | 17 May, Thu | Wrote to Æ & James Douglas about the Irish Statesman. Visited a friend of Walter’s from Kansas City who had had his prostate out 7 days ago & was very unhappy. Cheered him up. That was the best work I did in the day! |
| To Cullinan, J.S. (IRS) [Letter to IAOS Annual General Meeting in <i>IH</i> , XXX:21 (26 May 1923), pp. 317-8] | 18 May, Fri | Carnegie meetings. Lord Elgin (son of Viceroy of India) succeeded Sir John Ross to the Chairmanship & Sir John Struthers became Vice Chairman in place of Sir Wm. Robertson dec[ease]d. Elgin cheery & businesslike. A lunch at which Mrs. Carnegie (Andrew’s widow) attended made too much of a function for me. Hart Synnot happened in. Finding me unexpectedly & having only a few minutes to catch the train, he told me rather suddenly how I was to order the remainder of my days. I am to be the prophet of Cooperation to whom the Empire will listen! “Why not the United States[?]” I asked jokingly & that little area was added!! |
| | 19 May, Sat | Lunched Philip Kerr who was most interesting on world political problems. That Round Table group are as fine a body of public spirited Englishmen as any age has produced. I wish I could work with them. |
| | 20 May, Sun | To Dunstall. Dorothy Key[e]s as I knew her in the Dudley Vice Regal days now Lady Gough (widow of Sir John) with a 15 year |

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| | | old daughter there – so I couldn't sleep. Eddie more egotistical than ever, but I think he is doing work which will pay. Will it live? |
| | 21 May, Mon | In London on Bank Holiday! Met Arthur Balfour in the street. Bonar Law's resignation, generally expected, was definitely announced. The Observer yesterday had named Balfour as the best successor. But B. looked very ill. In the few words we had he told me it was phlebitis! |
| | 22 May, Tue | Went househunting with G[erald].H[eard]. Saw three houses near Walton Heath – one actually on the golf course – this a bungalow which might do but not comfortable. Dined with May & Tom. Then my grand nephew Johnny Holroyd Smyth – 19, a fine badly educated but very intelligent boy. He is looking for "something to do to earn his living". Oh the pathos of that search. If he weren't "a gentleman", a chauffeur he might be. But – . |
| | 23 May, Wed | Nearly every day I write to Æ & try to persuade him that the Irish Statesman opens a vista of possibilities for the finest intellect & character in the Ireland of today. I did so today. Then I worked an hour or two at the Ministry of Agriculture upon the material I had brought from America & had been too ill to use. In the afternoon I went to the house of the JB Fagans – kindly theatrical <u>folk</u> . She, "Mary Grey", sang for me Tosti's Goodbye. There was an accompanist who was a struggling artist – his face showed the struggle – and the two together entranced me, but left me oh so sad. Her voice is to me glorious. I have seen her act Portia. She has too ample a body. But why doesn't she use her voice which moved my philistine soul so much[?] At night G.H. & I went to a "Revue" at the Hippodrome. A tangle of costly absurdities which made a vast audience roar with laughter. Have I no sense of Humour I wonder. |
| | 24 May, Thu | After final letter to Æ & other "last things" I motored to Adams' on Boars Hill. Just before I started Philip Kerr came from Lady Astor to offer me a put up – except in weekends at her "cottage" (of the Newport variety I suspect) at Sandwich. Most kind. Left G.H. house-hunting. I would rather be <u>quite</u> on my own. |
| | 25 May, Fri | It having become painfully evident that there will be no cure unless I stop work I lazed all day. I hope I shall keep it up. Adam's boy is rather a nuisance with his gaucheries, but he will mellow soon. The host & hostess are kindness beyond words. After dinner Adams talked, while I was comatose, upon my future work. He wants me to be the central figure in the new scheme of rural reconstruction. My name he says bulks largely in the Dominions. I know it does in the U.S., where the question how to save the basic industry is discussed! But my health won't stand the strain of leadership! |
| [Windrush] | 26 May, Sat | Motored to Sherborne – only 20 miles as the crow flies from Boars Hill. The Lord (Jim) his lady & family were all off at a Horse Show. So was Dorothy who is staying with the Corbets at Lodge Park – the Dower House. Harry Ponsonby was fishing in the "Winrush" [<i>sic</i>] trout stream. The butler who gave Murray & me tea showed me into the Church which adjoins the house. I saw the tablet to my mother who died in June 1858, less than 4 years |

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| | | after I was born. I remembered the Church, the main staircase in the House and the village where they have a fair at Whitsuntide. I think I never went back after 1858-9, so my recollection was dim. The house looks very comfortable, it was warm, central heat being kept on & not made obedient to the calendar. The house is in a hollow, the surrounding Cotswolds being very cold. |
| | 27 May, Sun | John Buchan & wife, Abraham Hewitt, grandson of the one I knew in New York and Miss Hadow to lunch. Gilbert Murray called. A more delightful party could not be assembled. Gilbert Murray was wholly of my mind about the politics we talked. He is very glad that Robert Cecil is in the Cabinet at last. |
| | 28 May, Mon | A long talk with Miss Hadow at the Barnett House. She is a splendid worker upon the “better living” side of the rural problem, I discussed with her in many of its aspects. One practical matter I raised – the use of wireless. After much discussion as to its possibilities, I agreed to pay £50 towards trying them out. |
| | 29 May, Tue | Wrote what I hope will be a final letter to Æ on the Statesman having heard from Cullinan that he approved the change of plans and that Jim Byrne says the money is safe. Heard arrived having taken a house at Weybridge where I am to be <u>dull</u> for some months. |
| [Robert Bridges] | 30 May, Wed | Saw the last day of “The Eights” from the University Barge. The Poet Laureate (aet 79) came to supper & enjoyed a game of whist although Mrs. Adams & I barely knew the rules & his wife was not very good. Had another talk with Miss Hadow. |
| | 31 May, Thu | [No entry] |
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| | 1 Jun, Fri | In the morning came Miss Hadow & her Mr. Griffiths – a fellow-worker from the Y.M.C.A. on the rural problem – with a wireless set in a motor car. My suggestion is being tried for all it is worth. The Western Electric Co man wanted to be in first in case rural broadcasting is adopted. The car, an old open Austin, stood outside the door with its crazy looking “aerials”. We “listened in” to a songstress in London whose only song I could hear the words of was “Coming through the rye”. But verily here is a town thing which the country can enjoy without having an appetite for the city created. Moreover when the scheme is worked out there is no limit to the educational work which can be done among the rural population. In the afternoon Gerald H & I went to Wheatley a village of 900 to 1000 souls which is full of uplifts. We saw the vicar & some other “uplifter”. It was depressing – so little was the spirit of the Hadow work understood, such a lack was there of enthusiasm for better things. |
| | 2 Jun, Sat | Rested but for more letters (2 & a wire) from A E who is now dead keen on the new paper. Lunched with the Poet Laureate. Alas how poor a show I make when the learned talk around me. |
| | 3 Jun, Sun | A lot of people called, including Orwin. With him had long talk on the rural problem which he knows thoroughly. He agreed |

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| | | generally with my policy. |
| | 4 Jun, Mon | Went to hear a lecture by Gilbert Murray on the Saar & the Ruhr at [St.] John's. Could not get in, but he dined with us. Much talk on the European situation. Rather depressing. |
| | 5 Jun, Tue | Went to Islip – a nearby model village community – with Miss Hadow. The Masfields dined. I was comatose. Saw one Hyde – County Councillor – on C'tee of Barnett House, and a most knowledgeable enthusiastic rural life student. |
| | 6 Jun, Wed | Did two villages – Shipton & Burford on way to Sherborne where Jim [Dutton] & his wife entertained my Secretary & self. At Shipton things seemed to be going well but there were exceptional circumstances. Enough operations in two local industries and railway servants to give the community work an industrial tinge. At Burford saw a Capt. Kettlewell RN & his wife who were interested but doubtful of the wisdom of angering the middle-man. |
| [Lady Sherborne: maternal grandmother – Mary Bilson Legge Dutton (wife of 2nd Baron); current – Ethel Mary Baird Dutton (wife of 6th Baron)] | 7 Jun, Thu | Did Sherborne with “Jim” as he properly asks me to call him. He is breeding Gloucestershire Black Spots (pigs) and poultry in a large & intelligent way. He farms, or rather grazes 2000 acres. I have never been, since the war, in such a pre war atmosphere. House large & very up to date. But it seems that my grandmother (Lady S) sold all that was valuable in pictures, furniture etc. Lady S & her children are “just folks” – not a bit clever but altogether nice. His brains are of a low order, but his character, I should say is of the best. I am stabilising the morphia at 1½ gr[ains] a day. But I fear it will lose its effect & I shall have either to increase or undergo a reduction with the usual upset to my health. Wrote many letters. |
| | 8 Jun, Fri | Motored to Cheltenham to see Mamie & Kirk in their Training establishment on a bleak hill (Cleeve Hill Lodge) about 800 feet above the town. I felt that Mamie was depressed & that the two were not quite as much enamoured of each other as before. There is nothing in him I fear to make him worthy of her. Their child Betty is a charming kid, aet 3. |
| | 9 Jun, Sat | Left Sherborne after the most restful visit to the kindest people & came to Boars Hill. There inspected a house which would not suit, though it had a glorious view. I am still doubtful as to where to end my days. |
| | 10 Jun, Sun | The Master of Balliol lunched & spoke seriously about Adams' over-working – or rather dissipating his energies in too many works (all good) & so losing his academic influence. Many other interesting people called. I looked at three houses on Boars Hill with a view to possible purchase. But I shant decide the how & where of my life till I get over the present physical trouble. |
| | 11 Jun, Mon | Motored from Oxford (Boars Hill) to Mount St. in 2½ hours. Very good as we crawled after reaching Hounslow. Had Colonel House to lunch. He told me that during the war Arthur Balfour, Edward Grey, Bryce and I(!) were the people he (on behalf of Wilson) relied upon for guidance as to British affairs. On American politics he was very interesting. He said he |

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| | | was on friendly terms with all the possible Democratic candidates (so far as known) for 1924, an[d] with Gifford Pinchot whom he would back if there was a chance of getting him the nomination. The complication that worries him most is the preposterous but dangerous candidature of Henry Ford!! "If he got the nomination he would be elected" was the Colonel's judgment. He was hopeless of the European situation upon which we had little time to talk. He said that he was very anxious to get Ireland (Free State) and Germany into the League of Nations. |
| | 12 Jun, Tue | <p>General Hammond, looking very ill, lunched with me. He told me Eddie was talking very foolishly in and about Ireland. He thought that I should have great influence there if I could go into public life. My health precludes that effort, I fear, for the remainder of my days.</p> <p>Wrote to Æ, Gillespie, Lennox Robinson, R.A.A. & Judge Campbell about the Irish Statesman. I hope this is the end of my work upon that project for the present.</p> |
| | 13 Jun, Wed | <p>Tom lunched with me and told me again his views on Ireland & his plans. I dined with the Sidney Webbs who were frank, outspoken & most friendly. They do not expect a Labour Gov't for 7 to 10 years. They say Communism is insignificant & the constitutional Lab[our] party are steadily forging ahead, gaining recruits from all other parties. They are not as despondent as I am about the State of Europe, but agree with me that Western civilisation can only be surely saved by Anglo-American accord.</p> <p>Called on Robert Lynd & told him about the Irish Statesman-Homestead plans. He was quite satisfied that the best had been done.</p> |
| | 14 Jun, Thu | <p>Saw Mrs. Gifford Pinchot. She told me all about Gifford's position in Pennsylvania. He has managed his legislature with great determination & skill, has got the strictest prohibition enforcement in U.S., has kept his patronage (some 5000 jobs, mostly small[]), on reserve & having a year free from legislature will have great power. Meanwhile he is growing in National regard and though making no move towards the White House may get there. This "Leila" evidently hopes. She talked a lot about the power of women & I doubt not she will be a sort of <u>young</u> Lady Aberdeen among them.</p> <p>James MacNeill, Irish High Commissioner, in faultless Tall Hat came to see me. I explained to him my hopes about the Irish Statesman & told him the situation of the Irish abroad. We were in agreement on most things.</p> |
| | 15 Jun, Fri | <p>A rush. An hour with the dentist. Wrote to Master of Balliol in defence of Adams against the charge of scattering his energies to the injury of his academic work. Lunched with the Bernard Shaws. Wrote to Gillespie about Statesman, I hope the last serious work. Called again on Mrs. Gifford. At her request gave her a letter of political advice to Gifford. Motored to Fellside Weybridge where Gerald Heard had taken a small villa. Here I am to rest for 3 months & try to get drugless sleep!</p> <p>Poor Gerald's first domestic worry. The treasure of a cook he had hired had to leave before I arrived for family reasons. So the chauffeur & his wife (who is a good housemaid) will cook for us.</p> |

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| | 16 Jun, Sat | A day of as near nothing as makes no matter. The house is clean and satisfactory. The neighbourhood suburban, but man has not quite tamed its wildness. Fir trees, bracken, gorse & rhododendrons abound. The soil is sandy. Asked Heard a question he could not answer – rare experience. “Why are so many Pubs called The Mitre[?]” |
| | 17 Jun, Sun | Drove to Fishers Hill where Lyttons galore (Pamela & her brood) Piddington & Gerald psyching hard, ?Rae cox & Sanders stroke of Cambridge Eight. Betty cordial & Gerald frigid (in manner only). Otherwise rested completely. |
| | 18 Jun, Mon – 20 Jun, Wed | [written vertically across three days:] Nothing to record. Am vegetating – not very successfully as my depression is bad. Hope is ceasing to spring. But I am not stabilised in gloom yet. |
| | 21 Jun, Thu | Had a very narrow escape. A flapper tried to overtake a motor Bus which we were meeting when we & the bus were not 50 yards apart. Result end on crash. We had stopped (Murray having got on his brakes in time) & the damage was only mud guards & front arch slightly bent. |
| | 22 Jun, Fri | Went to London to see Kidd. He found my internal wound in a bad state owing to my having left off the Hexamine, an internal antiseptic, too soon. Daisy came for a few days at tea time. She liked the House. I had to explain to her that I must remain dull. |
| | 23 Jun, Sat | Heard that Miss Somerville was at the Military Music College, Kneller Hall, Twickenham. We all decide to call but I was not well enough so Daisy & G.H. went. Miss S. was rather anti-Irish but she will write for the Irish Statesman I think. |
| | 24 Jun, Sun | G.H. & Daisy went to Fishers Hill but I had to stay at home again. One or both of my lungs is weezy & I have a slight temperature of a morning. |
| | 25 Jun, Mon | Went (on Betty B’s recom[mendatio]n) to Rich[ar]d Thorne Thorne M.D. at Woking for my shortness of breath. He is strong on heart & lungs & says my heart muscles are very flabby. Horrid depression. He is giving me digitalis. Cable from Mrs. Jim Byrne. “Jim had successful intestinal operation. Doing well.” This makes me very anxious. |
| | 26 Jun, Tue | Letter from James Byrne saying he was going to have a <u>colon</u> operation. Before it he was going to Harvard for a jollification with Jim junior! Wrote & cabled Mrs. J.B. (enclosing note for JB.). Karl Walter & his boy came to tea & supper. The position of the R[eciprocal].N[ews].S[ervice]. was discussed. It must be dissolved & K.W. will be insolvent & job-less. I must help. |
| | 27 Jun, Wed | Tried to reduce the morphia & made myself pretty ill. |
| | 28 Jun, Thu | Wrote my case to Wingfield again & asked definite advice. Killeen came to lunch & took Daisy away. I had a good talk with him about his future. The boy is sensible & right feeling. |
| | 29 Jun, Fri | Betty Balfour came over to lunch & we took her to “Aunt T” the dear old “Surrey Garden” nature lover. It was the first perfect |

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| | | summer day. Betty was every moment delightful & filled G.H. with admiration. Her aunt was, as she said, “just waiting for it to come”. We ended our day with a visit to Shan Bullock at Cheam. His only son had just lost all his capital in a glass-making venture. I could get him a job in America but he is engaged! Another tragedy in that gloomy household! |
| | 30 Jun, Sat | Another exile from Erin, Dan Lane called with his wife. He is resident at Woking, very unhappy, his wife looking very happy. Wrote at length to Æ on Irish Statesman. He fears possible blocking from R.A.A. I wrote to Father Finlay to try and get him to see that the Homestead C’ttee don’t make trouble. They have only to get one Republican shareholder in the Homestead to object to its being linked with a pro-Treaty paper to risk losing the £30,000 I have got in America for the Irish Statesman. |
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| | 1 Jul, Sun | Went to London to fetch Daisy from Ada’s. Considering the demand she is in in London it is real unselfishness coming to my convalescent villa. Ada is the kindest woman I know, and it is pleasant to find that her shere [<i>sic</i>] goodness gets her every kind of friend. |
| | 2 Jul, Mon | Another long letter from, requiring long letter to Æ. It is very exhausting. I am not resting. |
| | 3 Jul, Tue | To London to see Kidd & Maurice Craig. The former found the bladder going on well. Craig, in consultation with Wingfield, advised me to stabilise my dosage at 2 gr[ains] or a little over if necessary. He said it is quite possible to minimise the harm of the drug by cultivating nature’s tolerance of it. Took Col. House and wife to Westminster Abbey where we had good seats for a memorial service after the unveiling of a table[t] to Walter Page in the Chapter House. The service was impressive except the Hymn of the Republic which is to the tune and with most of the words of “John Brown’s body” etc. We had tea with the Hudsons – she being Northcliffe’s widow – where the Austen Chamberlains & Lord Lee were. After the service I met H.A.L. Fisher (late Minister of Education) and remembered the immensely interesting correspondence with him which was buried in Kilteragh. |
| | 4 Jul, Wed | Visited Dan Lane at Woking. Olive Guthrie & her Jew, Sulley picture dealer, came to dinner. |
| | 5 Jul, Thu | Drove Daisy to see the Balfours and called on Dr. Thorne. My heart muscle decidedly better. Adams supped & slept & we had great talk on the scheme of things rural. Thermometer 80° Fahr! |
| | 6 Jul, Fri | 80° Fahr. Wrote at length to Gillespie & Judge Campbell on Irish Statesman. Daisy left. Took G.H. to Virginia Water. Neither of us had seen it. Very beautiful, but nothing like Killarney. |
| | 7 Jul, Sat | A miserable day. Shane Leslie called & did not cheer me. He told me of Moreton Frewen’s piteous state. Bankrupt – out of his mind – two nurses, but no relatives around him except his wife. |
| | 8 Jul, Sun | Went to lunch with Colonel Osborne & wife (cousin of G.H. & a |

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| | | Limerick Bannatyne) at Camberley. He in Staff College. Object of visit to see Colonel Fuller, author of The Reformation of War, a brilliant criticism of our out of date methods & (as it seems to me) a demonstration that the Laboratory rather than the drill grounds will win in future. |
| | 9 Jul, Mon | Utterly miserable between the doses. |
| To Leslie, Shane | 10 Jul, Tue | Ditto. But had to do a good deal of Irish Statesman work. Temp 80° Fahr! |
| | 11 Jul, Wed | Pelton Colliery meeting. Gillespie of the Homestead came over to discuss the Statesman. Brought him & Walter (to whom I gave £500 to help him out) together. Motored Daisy back from London where it was 89°!! |
| | 12 Jul, Thu | Gillespie came to Fellside Weybridge where we discussed Irish Statesman for hours & I wrote to solicitor, counsel & Æ. The heat was very great for England & the damp of the Thames Valley made it oppressive. Gerald Heard stayed in town yesterday night & saw Wingfield about the process of stabilising the morphia. |
| | 13 Jul, Fri | [No entry] |
| | 14 Jul, Sat | The Setons came for tea. |
| | 15 Jul, Sun | Tom & May motored to supper. He is pessimistic about Ireland, but has come off unscathed. |
| | 16 Jul, Mon | News came that a third daughter was born to Reggie & Kathleen when a son was so badly wanted to guard the succession to the Dunsany title! I had to console. All I could think of was that we were nearly at the end of these successions. Daisy left. |
| | 17 Jul, Tue | Not well. Did nothing. |
| | 18 Jul, Wed | Karl Walter came and I did hard work at the Irish Statesman. |
| | 19 Jul, Thu | Daisy returned. Took her & Betty B. to "Aunt T." for tea. Walter left after I had written at length to Æ. Adams arrived at 10 P.M. to have a talk before he goes to Denmark. Went to sleep. |
| | 20 Jul, Fri | Up early & strenuous talk with Adams. In middle of it came letters from Æ, R.A.A. and Gillespie about Irish Statesman. I think they will between them make it impossible to proceed with the project. |
| | 21 Jul, Sat | Wrote long letter to R.A.A. on Irish Statesman. It was a great effort and so upset me that I now see there can be no cure unless I eliminate effort altogether. Hard to do. |
| [guinea pig – obsolete term for part-time or freelance professional paid in guineas (coin then worth 21 shillings)] | 22 Jul, Sun | A sad day after a very bad night. We drove over to Coulsdon where Fingall's sisters are both invaliding at a Hotel (? pub) in dreary surroundings. The Stonors' (Fogey Riddell & her daughter being his wife & progeny) are helping to make life possible while "Bobby" Gradwell is guinea pigging in Dublin, Belfast & London. F's two sisters are fairly intelligent but almost dead in intellectual interests. The three Stonors simply giggle. |

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| | 23 Jul, Mon | Daisy left. Sent Gerald Heard to Walter to get the latter to write to Æ on the business aspects of the Statesman. Walter did so but brought me a copy of his letter, which would have damned the whole project. This gave me a nervous upset. |
| | 24 Jul, Tue | Walter wrote a perfect letter to Æ which put all the points I was too tired to deal with plainly. Lunched with the George Prices at Thorpe Place, Chertsey. Drowsy people in a Sleepy Hollow. I went to sleep out of doors after lunch. |
| | 25 Jul, Wed | Wrote important letters about I.S. which again showed me I am very unfit. I fear more every day that my efficiency such as it was is gone. |
| | 26 Jul, Thu | Came early to Mount St. for the Pelton Coll[iery] Annual Meeting. Eddie came (late) & Lionel Parr put in an appearance. Daisy lunched me at her Club. Lennox Robinson, over from Ireland for the Carnegie Meetings tomorrow, blew in and I informed him about the Irish Statesman situation. Had a short talk with Col. House who was just off to Paris. He is most friendly and will keep in touch with me in regard to my American interests (not business) recognising that we can each help the other. Where he wants help is in working out a Labour policy for the Democrats (or their nominee) in 1924. |
| | 27 Jul, Fri | A day of real progress. Lennox Robinson, Smith-Gordon and Walter lunched with me at the St. James' Club between Carnegie U.K. Trust meetings where I confess I did badly, my languor supervening upon the activity of the other hours. The Statesman difficulties will now I think be got over by S.G. & L.R. in Dublin while Walter will be given the London & N.Y. end to attend to. Daisy left sorrowfully for the loneliness of Killeen. Yesterday she had been at Buckingham Palace Garden party & found herself as popular as ever! What a life, with its social brilliancies & eclipses. Had a long talk with Wingfield. He insists that I must stabilise the morphia at a minimum consistent with physical comfort. He advises 2 gr[ains] as a minimum, 3 gr. as a maximum. The long gap in the night to be filled by taking 1½ doses on going to bed & waking. The dose being ¼ gr. three-hourly, his idea is 9 A.M. & 3-hourly till 9 PM, ¼ at midnight (or 11 PM) and 6 AM (or when I wake ⅜[!]) making 2 gr. in all. |
| | 28 Jul, Sat | Rested. Not at all well after the strain of yesterday. |
| [Randal – grand-nephew] [Smyth] | 29 Jul, Sun | Went to Eton to lunch with E L Vaughan who was with me at Oscar Browning's. Randal came to lunch and showed to be much more intelligent than I had imagined. Mrs. V was an Irish ?Wallace. He is my age & has only been married a year!! Supped with the Gerald Balfours. Ethel Smyth [<i>sic</i>] came in. Michael Sadler was staying there. Ruth very large and expectant. Piddington and Gerald still "psyching". It was too big a day for me. |
| | 30 Jul, Mon | Rest from all except that ever present Irish Statesman. |
| | 31 Jul, Tue | As yesterday. |

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| | 1 Aug, Wed | Lunched with Lady de Vesci at Englefield Green to meet Sir Walter Parrott whom I had not seen since Oxford days. He is now 80 & his wife 82. He told us he prefers Architecture to Music. We had a delightful talk. He is cheery – she unhappy at the loss of St. Georges Chapel for his music – the roof is falling in! He & I began 2 games of chess by correspondence as I found him as fond of the game as ever. |
| | 2 Aug, Thu | We went to Bateson at Merton. He showed us his most interesting recent experiments in plant genetics. He & I played some chess & we opened a (2 games) match by correspondence. I played 1 PK4 & he 1 P.Q4 which I foolishly hurried into a Queens Counter Gambit. |
| | 3 Aug, Fri | <p>Motored to Karl Walter's cottage. Had a talk over the Irish Statesman. He now realises that I am after a big thing for Ireland, the world & him. (May as well expand sometimes!)</p> <p>Newlands Corner where, in glorious weather we stopped to look over the most comfortable and beautiful part of London's suburbs – this is looking not far ahead – and was the better for the day. Had a talk with Grinling, whom I liken to myself, although his work is in Woolwich & mine in Ireland.</p> <p>President Harding died. Coolidge becomes Pres't.</p> |
| | 4 Aug, Sat | Miss Nora Ryan, Lawrence Lowell's private secretary (though she is nothing more than a typist aet (say) 45 intelligence 16) spent a good deal of the day. Gerald took her for me to Hampton Court. Of course it was "a red-letter day". |
| | 5 Aug, Sun | <p>Motored to Shalford Park, now a Hotel, close to Guildford where the ffrenches were staying for his convalescence after a severe abdominal operation. He was interesting on China and Japan which he knows thoroughly. The Japs are determined to control the resources of China and Eastern Siberia and no one can prevent them. The scare as regards the West Coast of America (Pan-America) is absurd. The submarine forbids.</p> <p>Went on to the Caroes at Vann Hambleton. They are buried in a charming old farm house. The first Duchess of Mar[?]borough is said to have stayed there. The Surrey lanes are surpassingly beautiful, but they are narrow and twisty. I was sorry I had not taken the chauffeur.</p> |
| | 6 Aug, Mon | Professor C.S. Myers – psychologist, Cambridge friend of Gerald's called on at the Oatlands Park Hotel close by. Sir Donald MacAlister had told me that Myers had been consulted by him about the Council of Mental Hygiene I had hoped to get the Carnegie U.K. Trust to help. This was a characteristic lie of Sir Donald's – he had not had any talk with Myers! |
| | 7 Aug, Tue | <p>I have almost come to the conclusion that the morphia dosage will not stabilise and that I have before me a period either of protracted suffering, both <u>mental</u> and physical, or a short life under the artificial stimulus. The three operations have taken much of my reserve of strength – much more than I had suspected.</p> <p>A day in London to see Harry & his new wife. She is nice, simple, plain in looks, cheerful & I am sure helpful. Healthy but</p> |

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| | | not very strong I should say. It is a real love match. Harry is the ultra-conservative soldier. His intelligence is not of a high order, but his instincts are true. Absolute fidelity to his inherited principles and ready to go anywhere that duty calls, a rock of common sense. These were the thoughts which passed through my mind as I talked to him. |
| | 8 Aug, Wed | Dorothy called & told me Bryan was in the Mediterranean on his way home. Back to Weybridge, feeling miserable as the morphia is not, I fear, going to “stabilise”. Could not go to Betty’s as I had promised & so lost a pleasant evening. Gerald went & I moped. |
| | 9 Aug, Thu | Began trying <u>absolute</u> non-effort existence. |
| | 10 Aug, Fri | Jack Gwynn came to talk over the Encyclopaedia Britannica (New York Ed[itio]n) article he is to do in my stead. He is very deaf and tired me a bit. |
| | 11 Aug, Sat | Gerald away yesterday & today hunting new quarters in London. Called on the Dan Lanes. They are very nice people – very sympathetic. He is in low spirits poor fellow – I don’t know what about unless it is Ireland where he had a hellish time down in Cork. |
| [KCB – Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath] | 12 Aug, Sun | Bryan, home from India spent the day & I had a good talk with him about family affairs. I told him I should transfer £5000 worth of Pelton shares to him as I had done to Harry. I may later propose living with him & Dorothy, if he would take in Heard. I want him to be heir to some of my fortune <u>and</u> <u>work</u> . He took me to call on a cousin of his, Sir George Barnes K.C.B. a public servant of distinction in India & at home. Hope to see more of him. |
| | 13 Aug, Mon | Betty Balfour supped. |
| | 14 Aug, Tue | [No entry] |
| | 15 Aug, Wed | Came to London to see Walter about the Irish Statesman (London & New York ends) but he was at his cottage – unwell. Stayed the night to see him tomorrow. Dictated to his stenographer another first article for the I.S. The effort gave me a nervous breakdown. I am very depressed & fear my good work is over. |
| | 16 Aug, Thu | A mornings work with Walter & back (a nervous wreck) to Weybridge. |
| | 17 Aug, Fri | Motored to Hindhead to lunch with Sir R & Lady Gardiner. Never before got a good look at both together. Gerald & I agreed that it was a wonderful comedy. Better not write it. I am now convinced that I shall have to do one of these things. (1) Finish my life with Morphia stabilised as far as possible, undergo (2) Reduce drastically & have a year of invalidism with never again any vigour or (3) Reduce gradually say 1/200th a day – or even 1/365th taking over 6 months or a full year for the experiment. |
| | 18 Aug, Sat – 20 Aug, Mon | [No entry] |
| To Leslie, Shane | 21 Aug, Tue | Came to London to see Wingfield. He had no further advice to |

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| | | <p>give me except to stick to the drug, slowly increasing it if necessary. I begin to think I had better undergo another hyoscine cure – if possible under some less slap-dash physician than Purves Stewart who nearly killed me.</p> <p>Had good talk with Walter over the Irish Statesman, whose prospects are now bright I think. Dined – or looked on at dinner – at the Setons.</p> |
| | 22 Aug, Wed | Still horribly depressed. To add to my misery got a letter from Dr. Riley saying that I could not go to Battle Creek unless I gave up the Morphia. It will break me down if I keep it on, in 2 to 4 years – that is if I increase the dose. If I don't I may live longer, but only to suffer. That is my personal opinion only. The doctors all say the drug can be stabilised. |
| | 23 Aug, Thu | Lunched with General Sir Arthur Lyttelton-Annesley who lives here & whom Coventry asked to call on me. Poor old chap, he is 86, nearly blind & deaf and crippled with rheumatism. He is only waiting for the call. Very sad. I did my best & so did Gerald to cheer him up. |
| | 24 Aug, Fri | Adams came for a dine & sleep. Alas after dinner I slept and got very little converse with him. |
| | 25 Aug, Sat | <p>A full & interesting day. Talked with Adams all the morning about our two lives, each advising the other. I told him frankly all about my morphia trouble and he gave me the same advice all the doctors gave. We shall work together on the rural problem for my few remaining years. He will stick to Oxford, although he can have Leeds for the asking (£3000 a year, his Oxford job £900). He is in a rather precarious financial position and I have decided to give him now the £5000 I was going to leave him in my will.</p> <p>Betty Balfour was brought to Fellside by Aunt T. and I took her back to Fishers Hill where we supped.</p> |
| | 26 Aug, Sun | Another day of horrid depression. |
| | 27 Aug, Mon | Moped. |
| | 28 Aug, Tue | To London to see Walter about Irish Statesman. Got a wire from Fletcher to say he was starting for Weybridge! Had to go back. |
| | 29 Aug, Wed | Went with Fletcher to London and looked with Heard at several houses in Wimbledon & on Kingston Hill. Poured all day. Very miserable. |
| | 30 Aug, Thu | [No entry] |
| | 31 Aug, Fri | Came to town with Fletcher & stayed the night. Chief event an interview with Wingfield who now thinks I shall have to undergo the hyoscine treatment again. The morphia is making me very ill, and yet I am keeping up my weight! |
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| | 1 Sep, Sat | <p>A talk with Col. House just back from France. He is hopeless – sees no light anywhere.</p> <p>Harding's death has substantially lessened the chances of the Democrats. He inclines towards Gifford Pinchot, whom I personally think will be the next President! He knows of no good Democratic candidate for 1924. McAdoo is the strongest in the</p> |

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| | | field! Brought Daisy & Wingfield down to Weybridge. |
| | 2 Sep, Sun | Daisy, Gerald & I were driven to the Wentworth Estate at Virginia Water by Tarrant who bought St. Georges Hill & “developed” it & is now developing this wooded estate into a complete residential district for the rich! The man was a working carpenter & has worked his way up in the building trade until he has literally millions of pounds worth of contracts finished & on hand. He wanted to build me a house & if I did make a home in Surrey I daresay he would be the best man I could get to set me up for the rest of my life. But ought I to spend money thus? My problem is horribly difficult. |
| | 3 Sep, Mon | Wingfield left. He practically tells me there is no remedy for my morphinism. I must give I up somehow but it seems impossible without great suffering. Took Daisy to see the Laverys in a House Boat at Hampton Court. |
| | 4 Sep, Tue | Moped. Arranged for consultation Wingfield – Wilfrid <i>[sic]</i> Harris. |
| | 5 Sep, Wed | Called on the Lanes & Betty. |
| | 6 Sep, Thu | Came to town to see Wilfred Harris a splendid physician by all accounts. His advice was to try and stabilise on the 2 gr[ains] morphia. If it fails I am to be treated in a home for a fortnight, followed by a complete rest by the sea or at some healthy spot for a month. Had to do some work with Walter for Irish Statesman. Left Daisy with Ada Watson. |
| | 7 Sep, Fri | Spent the morning in Walter’s (now the Irish Statesman’s London) office working at the publicity etc. campaign. Got a chill and had to go back to Weybridge & go to bed with a temperature over 100°. Sent for R. Thorne Thorne MD (Woking) who found lungs & heart unaffected & said it was probably “flu”. Later a violent sweat and 2 days in bed should see me well. |
| | 8 Sep, Sat | All day in bed. Daisy came. |
| | 9 Sep, Sun | Up but very slack. |
| | 10 Sep, Mon | Daisy left. Gerald tried another house at Brasted near Sevenoaks & found it wanting. I called on Sir George Barnes and on the Dunnings who have got an ideal little house near at West Horsley. Got a furious letter from Betty Balfour denouncing the idea of my not living in Ireland. I replied that my work was as much out of Ireland as in it. |
| [Approx. equivalent £385,600 in 2010. (The Crest House was on the market in 1990 for £1 million.)] | 11 Sep, Tue | An Architect friend of Gerald’s came to look over the house Daisy has set her heart on on St. Georges Hill. I looked over it too. I think it can be bought for £8000 & it seems that if it is well kept up it is likely to be saleable at that. Got an apologetic letter from Betty B. & was sorry I wrote. Called on George Price to say goodbye. I doubt our meeting again. |
| | 12 Sep, Wed | Very busy packing. Went to lunch with the Lanes. They kindly |

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| | | came in the evening & looked over the house we like on St. Georges Hill. They advised me to purchase. I shall make a tentative offer. In afternoon we were shown over Vickers' works – the manufacture of all kinds of aeroplanes. Immensely interesting. |
| | 13 Sep, Thu | Left Weybridge after a morning's packing up. Lunched with Lady Hesketh, Daisy the only other guest. Went to see Lady H's purchase of a big house at Roehampton. She is spending a fortune on it & it will be luxury indeed! |
| | 14 Sep, Fri | A heavy day in town & the worse for it. But got a good deal done. |
| ["Revival of the Irish Statesman", <i>IS</i> , I:1, 2nd series, pp. 6-7] | 15 Sep, Sat | Jack Gwynn came up to discuss the Encyclopaedia Britannica article on Ireland. He had written 12,000 words and the limit is 4500! It can be cut down. |
| | 16 Sep, Sun | Wrote to L Smith Gordon proposing a syndicate to develop my property at Foxrock – I putting in the 90 acres & all the amenities at a moderate figure. In afternoon called on Lady Courtney. She had fainted in Church but insisted on seeing me. She told me she was 76. Beatrice Webb came in, looking much older than I had ever seen her looking. She & I had a few words on the rural problem. She was angry with the Women's Institutes for not appreciating <u>Labour</u> . |
| | 17 Sep, Mon | A hectic morning. Then lunched Filson Young & Karl Walter at Club and off by road to Birchington, where 24 years ago I lay in a Bungalow with a thigh broken for the second time. Daisy was there in the Beresford Hotel. En route the car broke down, 2 miles west of Charing. The clutch ceased to grip. I had to take train to Margate where I was met by the Hotel car, having wired them. Very tired. |
| | 18 Sep, Tue | Cold NW wind. Both of us very tired. But the air is good. We have a nice little drawing room to ourselves. |
| | 19 Sep, Wed | The car turned up. Brought Ada & Robin to tea from Westgate. No events. |
| | 20 Sep, Thu | Motored Ada, Robin & Daisy to Harbledown Lodge 2 miles London side of Canterbury (where we heard an anthem & gazed awestruck at the Cathedral) to see Bernard Holland. He had one weakly boy and the regular type of young English R.C. curate. Bernard has gone over body & soul to Mother Church. He hovered long & then broke down. Discussing halfway houses he said pathetically, "the only satisfactory way is the whole way". |
| | 21 Sep, Fri | Called on Capt. B. Walsh at Kingsgate close to North Foreland Light House. He is happy. About £20,000 a year, a son after 12 years married life. Nothing to do but amuse himself which he does well and attend a few company meetings! Poor Daisy very unhappy about Gerald. Reports from Australia not reassuring. |
| [In 1649 St. George's Hill was the scene of a brief 'grassroots' agricultural and social experiment. Arguing that as there was no longer a | 22 Sep, Sat | Wrote many – too many – letters. But rested physically. Received a cable from the New York Committee of the Irish Statesman saying £8000 had been sent to National City Bank of New York's London Agents, subject to my draft. Meanwhile the circulation in Ireland is far beyond all anticipations. 8500 orders |

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| King (and therefore no Crown Lands), 'Diggers' from nearby Cobham cleared an area, built houses and grew crops, but were ultimately ejected by local authorities.] | | for today's issue!! Today Heard concluded negotiations for the purchase of Crest House on St. Georges Hill near Weybridge. The price makes it a safe investment. I shall be charged with deserting Ireland – but my own judgment is best as to how to serve her with my failing powers. |
| | 23 Sep, Sun | Tea with Ada at Westgate was the only move! |
| | 24 Sep, Mon | The Walshs from Kingsgate and Daisy & I from Birchington met Bernard Holland & his Benedictine Monk, Fr. Milton, at Canterbury Cathedral. The novice & the Monk were both full of knowledge and entertained us greatly. |
| | 25 Sep, Tue | A real rest – bar the post. |
| | 26 Sep, Wed | To London for Irish Statesman business, Pelton Steamship and many other things. |
| | 27 Sep, Thu | Slaved at the Irish Statesman affairs. Saw J T Gwynn about our joint article for the Encyclopaedia Britannica on Ireland. Got back for supper to Birchington. Attended important Pelton Board meeting. Decided to change articles of Association so as to have good successions for present Board. Wrote angry letter to Gillespie who, under the wing of Æ, is behaving badly to Walter and treating me as non-existent. J.T. Gwynn came to see me. He had reduced his 12,000 words down to 6000 and adopted several suggestions of mine. I cabled to the Encyclopaedia Britannica to ask them to sanction the 6000 words, and if they agree we shall have a good article. Back in the evening to Birchington. |
| | 28 Sep, Fri | Wrote to James Byrne & a few others, but was completely worn out by yesterday's over strain. All the above for Friday & Saturday belongs to Thursday & Friday respectively. [Text placed accordingly]. |
| | 29 Sep, Sat | Still very tired. Got a move in my chess game from Bateson and sent reply which will make him resign. Got cabled leave to make Encyclopaedia Britannica article 6000 words. |
| | 30 Sep, Sun | Glorious July weather – and tomorrow chill October. Daisy & I lazed all day & talked of old times and the days that remain. Curious coincidence. Found there had been staying in the Hotel for some 10 days with me, neither of us knowing it, the vendor of Crest House Weybridge, S.A. Pentreath. He is in a mercantile firm which deals in sugar and rubber. Spent years in China. Very nice fellow, with a nice wife & child. I don't think they will be hard to deal with. I think they had to sell and I am glad we did not jew them down to the tourist price they would take. |
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| | 1 Oct, Mon | Daisy left me after a fortnight spent together. It is not good for man to be alone. |

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| [Cato in <i>Origines II</i> ; although Caesar does comment at length on differences between Gauls and Germans.] | 2 Oct, Tue | <p>My dear friend Bernard Holland came for 24 hours. It happened that I was trying to amend Gwynn's draft of his & my chapter on Ireland (in 20th Century) & he was most helpful.</p> <p>In conversation on the European situation he mentioned that he had been reading Froissart Chronicles. He remarks of the English that they were saying that they always beat the French in war but the French always got the best of them in peace. How true of the Poincare-Baldwin negotiations of the moment! Caesar in his Commentaries [<i>sic</i>] (which I must look up) makes two remarks about the Gauls. (1) Their chief delight was talking about the news of the day and their great occupation fighting. "Argute loqui" and "res militaris". He distinguishes betw'n Gauls & Germans. Former had an organised & powerful priesthood & a number of abstract deities not unlike the Roman gods. The latter had no priesthood but appeared to worship only very practical gods, e.g. the Sun.</p> |
| | 3 Oct, Wed | <p>Asked Bernard Holland why he took the plunge into the R.C. Church. His answer amounted to this. He wanted spiritual comfort and could not find it in any human reasoning. It was better to rely upon authority, and none had greater prestige & historical claim than the R.C. church. "It attracted me." Pressed on miracles, discrepancies in the gospels etc he admitted it all, but there was nothing better! When I dwelt on the obviously pagan origin of much of the ritual – and beliefs – he admitted this too. I said that in Rome I had been struck with the way in which the R.C. Church took all it could use from pagan arts & beliefs, he replied "Wasn't she right". It was Pathetic.</p> <p>Jack Gwynn came on a wire from Eynsham to confer with me over the Encyclopaedia Britannica article. He accepted my amendments & tomorrow we shall finish it.</p> <p>Murray chauffeur, driving me to Margate to meet Gwynn drove over – or rather knocked down (declared he had killed) a young woman. It was blowing a full gale with horizontal rain. The young woman was not badly hurt and told the policeman that it was no one's fault. She was blown in front of the car. She showed splendid courage.</p> |
| | 4 Oct, Thu | <p>Gwynn today told me that he would rather not sign the article as there were things in it – especially in regard to Ulster – said and not said, which made it not quite as he would have written it. His chief point is that Ulster was right and I think he feels that the R.C. Church was more wrong than I have thought it expedient to say. This put me in a great difficulty as things he had written were concessions of mine to his views and I had to start almost re-writing the article. It was a terribly difficult piece of work.</p> <p>Got a furious letter from Æ about my suggestions for the Homestead Statesman. I accidentally criticised an article I though[t] was delegated, but he wrote it. It was on a matter of taste! A philosopher in a rage is not an edifying spectacle somebody has said.</p> |
| | 5 Oct, Fri | A second day on the article was a hard strain. Went to bed having failed to get it off as I had promised to America. I am nervously put back. |
| | 6 Oct, Sat | A bad day. Up early to finish the article. Then sent it by Gwynn to be typed in London. It turned out to be 7500 words the limit being |

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| | | 6000! Cutting down will spoil it. Got kindly apologetic letter from Æ and wrote him at length, trying to get him to understand my difficulty. I have promised the American underwriters a not provincial journal and Æ is so obsessed with the Irish situation that he forgets the outside world. Gerald Heard came at night. |
| | 7 Oct, Sun | Had to work at the article. It was not 7500 but 7000 words, but to get rid of 1000 words was practically impossible. Cable from the American Committee of the Irish Statesman saying the <u>first</u> number (Sept 15) had not yet arrived! That is further confirmation, that in their fatal insularity the Irish management of the paper cannot be got to realise the importance of world opinion about Ireland, which the Statesman was to inform, conciliate and interest. |
| | 8 Oct, Mon | Up early to finish the article & send it off to (be retyped) by G.H. who left after the short week end. Wrote a reply to Bernard Holland's attempt to convert me to the R.C. Church which he, dear man, has joined. |
| | 9 Oct, Tue | Wrote a lot of letters. Called on a Mrs. R. Bellew wife of "Buldo's" brother & née Gwendoline Herbert whom I knew many years ago in Ireland. Karl Walter came for a couple of nights. |
| | 10 Oct, Wed | Lunched with Mrs. R. Bellew, had tea with Mrs. Hubert Burke and said goodbye to Ada Watson. Wrote many letters and generally disobeyed doctors' orders. |
| [sculp – alternative spelling of sculpt] | 11 Oct, Thu | Motored with Walter from Birchington to London, 80 miles the way he went. Took only 3 hours. Drove first hour. Lunched with Lady Byles to meet James MacNeill, High Commissioner in England of Free State, Monteagle & the MacDonnells. Talk on Irish Statesman – adjudged to be too high-brow. Dictated letters to America, necessitated by Gillespie's having failed to supply the New York under-writers with copies of the first number before the fourth number had come out. Dined with Mrs. ?Claud ?Kane to meet Derwent Wood who is to sculp me for the Plunkett House. A few more such days & I should be back in a Nursing Home. |
| | 12 Oct, Fri | Attended two subcommittees (Irish & Library) and Exec C'tee of Carnegie U.K. Trust. At latter strongly backed application from Nat. Soc'y of industrial [sic] Psychology. Charles A Lyman, a worker under Charles McCarthy in our joint agric'l work, turned up. He has devoted himself to "Peace" organisations – a world "uplift" still very vague. |
| | 13 Oct, Sat | Long talk with Eoin MacNeill, Minister of Education in Free State. Filled him up with technical education, agric'l organisation & other topics of which I knew a little more than he did. He was very nice: told me he was no politician, a mere bird of passage, longing to get back to his books "which I love". He asked me to get the Irish Statesman to back, <u>but not to anticipate</u> the educational policy of his chief permanent official Joseph O'Neill. |
| | 14 Oct, Sun | Not a day of rest. Wrote two memoranda for the Board meeting of |

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| | | Irish Statesman tomorrow and gave them to Smith Gordon who arrived in London 6 PM from Paris & went to Ireland tonight. Also arranged with him about the sale of my Kilteragh estate to a Foxrock Development Co. Wrote a memorandum in favor of a Nation[al] Council for Social Service in Ireland and offered to endow it out of the damages I get for my losses at Kilteragh. A very busy day after which Sir John Keane – another exile from Erin – called and gave a most interesting and not very encouraging description of the state of Ireland. He took Heard & me to supper with Lady Eleanor in a charming little house St. Johns Wood way. |
| | 15 Oct, Mon | Lunched Pope Hennessy at Reform & had good Irish talk. Discussed my Irish citizenship re income & super tax with my solicitors. As all my income is from England & I live there, and as I am resigning the Senate since I can't attend it, I think England has the moral right to my taxes. But they will find out what is the law. Supped with Tom & May. Met Buldo [Bellew]. |
| [Chicago 'Commons' – a settlement house] [An Seanad – Senate] | 16 Oct, Tue | The Pope Hennessys made the same kind of criticisms as Bryan on my article for the Encyclopaedia Britannica's "Historians' History of the World" as I learn it to be. So I shall cable that I am further amending. Called on "Ken" Maynard (Karl Walter's friend from Chicago "Commons" now working at Woolwich with Grinling) at the Netley Nursing Home, where a quarter of a century ago I lay nine weeks with a broken thigh. He had undergone prostatectomy & I was able to cheer him. I wrote to Glenavy, Chairman of An Seanad, definitely resigning my seat in that body on two grounds (1) Inability to attend (2) aversion from politics & desire to revert to my proper work on social and economic development. |
| [<i>aere perennius</i> – "more lasting than brass" (Horace's <i>Odes</i> , Book III:XXX)] | 17 Oct, Wed | A new experience. Sat for two sculptors D Wood & Shepherd of Dublin. Former a bust, latter a relief tablet. To see the mud pie moulded into me in an incredibly short time (with the hands almost solely) was my first realisation of the master sense. It is too [<i>sic</i>] be a bronze bust in the end. But I do hope when the tale is told that there will be something to leave aere perennius! |
| | 18 Oct, Thu | John Bowes & Stella Gill meetings and sat to Derwent Wood. Supped with Tom. |
| | 19 Oct, Fri | Most friendly letter from Glenavy, Chairman of Senate, accepting my resignation. One from Douglas doubting its wisdom. Lunched with Pope Hennessys. They highly approved of my article which I had considerably amended & despatched in final draft to Hooper, Editor of Eycyclo[paedia] Brit[annica]. Sat for the sculptors & called on Lady Hesketh at Daisy's request. She had been very ill & had rebounded. |
| [Mary Elizabeth Perceval, née Massey] | 20 Oct, Sat | Sat again for the two sculptors. Motored to Boars Hill. Took Elizabeth Perceval at Brightwell near Wallingford. He was away. They have turned an old thatched cottage – little more – into a liveable modern dwelling. But no electric Light or telephone. The two children are barefooted, which is good. But I fear they will soon sigh for Chelsea. Got a horrid chill on the way and I am glad to be with such kind people as the Adams! |

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| | 21 Oct, Sun | <p>Sir Arthur Evans – Cretan explorer – lunched & took me to see the treasures of his house.</p> <p>Had a talk with Poet Laureate & his spouse. Both very kindly to me.</p> <p>The excellent Miss Hadow came to discuss the rural problem.</p> <p>Miss Fanny Curtis looked in & talked rather tiringly in my present condition.</p> |
| | 22 Oct, Mon | <p>Called on Hart Synnot, who was busy burying his predecessor, Bidder. Told him of my new Irish plans which were to increase the funds of H.P. Foundation by the damages I get for the destruction of Kilteragh, thereby making the £20,000 I had endowed the Foundation with available for non-Irish work.</p> <p>In afternoon called on Morris, the Henry Ford of Britain & Ireland. I had some repairs to get done to my car, but I took the opportunity of hearing his story. He like Ford pays the highest wages in his country & gets the best work. No sweating. Any over-worked man goes at once to a lighter job. 75% of the employees are ex-service men. He aims, like Ford, to give the public what it wants at the lowest possible price. Struck me as a shrewd, kindly, public-spirited man.</p> |
| | 23 Oct, Tue | <p>Letter from Dr. Kellogg saying that a new cure for morphia addiction had been discovered. The injection of a “harmless substance” into the veins is the modus operandi. That may change my whole way of life.</p> <p>Attended lecture to a boys school by C.S. Orwin on Land Settlement. I never heard anything so deadly dull. Was sorry because he is one of the Trustees of my Foundation.</p> |
| | 24 Oct, Wed | <p>Wrote last night a letter of two sentences to the Poet Laureate (which Adams delivered) to wish him many happy returns of his birthday. He came today to return the wish. (He is ten years & a day older than I.) He said it was a most beautiful letter. I said I did not alas deal in things of beauty. But he was kinder than ever.</p> <p>Went by motor to celebrate my birthday where I was born 69 years ago. The Sherbornes were most hospitable. Tom & May also came.</p> <p>In today’s papers I read a speech of Smuts which I expect will be truly epoch-making. He called on <u>the Empire</u> to save Europe. Modus operandi a conference of <u>plenipotentiaries</u> to deal with reparations. If France stays out & even America he would go ahead & appeal to the judgment of mankind.</p> |
| | 25 Oct, Thu | <p>Chief advantage of Sherborne visit long talk with Tom & May. He is very able, very narrow in his views upon social questions & yet intellectually honest. I hope to do him good – make him a better citizen.</p> <p>The host & hostess too most interesting. She is evidently very rich and the extravagance of estate & house rather disquieting. He is lazy – but well-informed and would think right if he would take the trouble to think at all. I confess I don’t like a butler & two man servants (in grotesque livery) waiting on me. The outdoor retainers – a small army – are doubtless happy. But how near the vast army of hungry unemployed!</p> |

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| | 26 Oct, Fri | Went to see Mamie at Cleeve Hill Lodge Cheltenham. Gathered that the racing stable was not a paying concern yet – whatever it may be later. She spoke sensibly about her own & family affairs. Hetty, whom she had seen, is hopelessly insane and death would be merciful. |
| [<i>coûte que coûte</i> – at all costs; come what may] | 27 Oct, Sat | <p>Left Sherborne 10.40 (not bad as they breakfast 9.45) stayed ½ hour with JT Gwynn at Eynsham & on to Powder Hill where Poet Laureate to lunch. At tea had to meet 3 Indians, Longford and Philip Morrell J.P. all cooperators, chez the Hart Synnots. Then brought Gilbert Murray to supper with Adams.</p> <p>We discussed the Smuts speech & Baldwin's. He had seen Smuts this afternoon. We agreed that his speech was really great, but I said two things about it to which G.M. agreed. (1) It was not calculated to get the course he advocated taken. It took the wind out of Baldwin's & Curzon's sails, would irritate France & the Tory Diehards who want England to stick to France <i>coûte que coûte</i>. (2) He might have been a little more friendly to the League which he seemed to brush aside. In conversation S. emphasised the terrible military menace of France (G.M. had heard that French air-men were very inferior. "They would never get to London.")</p> <p>G.M. said the League, up to Sept 7, had been immensely strengthened by the Graeco-Italian trouble. The French delegate wanted, at all hazards to back Italy in order to get Italy's help in the Ruhr, but all the Balkan delegates were so strongly united (for the first time in history) and other countries on the side of the League against Italy that Poincare had to change his representatives' instructions. Then the League gladly referred the matter to the Council of Ambassadors & they made the settlement the League had suggested. But afterwards France got the ambassadors to change the terms & this hit the League hard on Sept 13th this announcement was made that the terms had been altered & that Greece had been made to hand over a big indemnity to Italy without any counterclaim in respect of the Greeks massacred in Corfu. The League was ignored & discredited.</p> <p>G. Murray talked of Russia. Capitalism is reasserting itself. Vast illiterate peasantry only wanting to keep its land etc.</p> |
| | 28 Oct, Sun | <p>Tom & May lunched at Powder Hill en route for London in order to discuss farming with Adams. Very kind. A.L. Smith also lunched & then I too motored to London.</p> <p>Supped with Percevals. They think I am very right to resign Senate.</p> |
| | 29 Oct, Mon | After a sitting for the sculptor did half a day's work & played for the Athenaeum in the inter club Chess match against the Royal Automobile Club. I played at the top board. The game was unfinished. The two top board players had to adjudicate unfinished games, but as I thought I had a win & my opponent thought it was a draw the British champion, Sir George Thomas is to decide. As the R.A.C. is much the strongest Club, I did well. |
| | 30 Oct, Tue | Very busy all day. Sent more amendments, suggested by the Editor, to my Encyclopaedia Britannica article and wrote many Statesman & other letters. |

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| | | <p>Had Walter & Haskell, Editor of Kansas City Star to lunch at Club.</p> <p>Dined with the Fagans. Kindly people who had a party to meet me. I thought it was a very private small affair & went in a dining coat. All the others were gorgeously attired. I wonder how it is that we cannot realise the awful state of Europe, in which we must share, and begin to rouse ourselves for the great effort for the salvation of Western civilisation.</p> |
| | 31 Oct, Wed | <p>Smith-Gordon came over with James Beckett. We three are the Kilteragh Development Company. The capital is £20,000 in £1 shares. I put in land valued at £14,000.00 & get 13,000 shares, 1000 being given to S.G. for looking after my interests. £5000 cash is put up by Beckett's firm of contractors & £1 by S.G.s ?financial of ?same sort.</p> <p>S.G., Walter & I also went thoroughly into the affairs of the Irish Statesman. I was most keen about the British & American circulations & Walter & I can develop both if not hampered by Gillespie's hopelessly incompetent management in Dublin. S.G. will arrange for this. He also approves my whole scheme of things for the remainder of my working days.</p> |
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| | 1 Nov, Thu | <p>An early interview with Smith Gordon. The night brought an Idea! I will turn Kilteragh site into an institution of Social Service, keeping a room for myself when I go to Ireland! I hope we shall soon fly over safely!</p> <p>Wrote many letters – business, Irish Statesman &c &c.</p> |
| [step-daughter Constance Grosvenor] | 2 Nov, Fri | <p>Had the gloomy Shan Bullock to lunch. Called on Shaftesbury & found him saturated with the French Ruhr policy. He is State Steward and, as he answers for the Labour Ministry in the House of Lords, he is not without his influence upon his party. Alas his intellect is sadly deficient. I talked hard at him and neither on unemployment (including the loss by emigration of all our best artificers who are received with open arms in America) nor on the agony of Europe, with its inevitable reaction upon the economic life and social order in Britain, could he say a word to relieve the gloom I, ruthlessly, brought down on him. I tried Smuts' great speech on him. He was just going to dine with Smuts & I asked him to convey my regards. In romped "Cuckoo" daughter [<i>sic</i>] of Geo Wyndham & Lady Grosvenor (with all her charm & no more brains) and we had a cordial party for auld lang syne.</p> |
| | 3 Nov, Sat | <p>More worries over the Irish Statesman. Karl Walter is ill & all on edge. Gillespie is writing alternate civil & offensive letters to him, Æ is backing Gillespie & so it goes. I seem to be surrounded by invalids – not good for an invalid.</p> <p>Lunched with Eddie. He is intolerably egotistic. Randal a nice, not clever, boy was on 'exeat' from Eton. Beatrice charming but utterly subservient to Eddie who treats her like a hausfrau (before the war). I do my best to make Eddie think more of others – impossible to make him think less of himself.</p> <p>Supped with Tom & May. He is gradually becoming liberalised by events. Democracy must be recognised & it's no good damning it.</p> |

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| | 4 Nov, Sun | Motored to Woking to lunch with Dan Lane and then to Crest House to look over my last home (I expect) on St. Georges Hill, a real health resort. It is a nice, modern house and I should be able to do good work in it. |
| | 5 Nov, Mon | Walter away & Miss Lee sick. Yet I wrote a Note of the Week for <i>Æ</i> and a letter to <i>The Times</i> , both of which ought to be inserted but probably won't. Sir George Thomas has decided the game I played for the Athenaeum against the best player in the Automobile Club in my favour. It was a clear win. |
| | 6 Nov, Tue | Went to Automobile Show. Lunched with Lady Lavery. Met Lady Londonderry & had a good talk about her Charlie. I liked her. She is daughter of Visc't. Chaplin the ?last/best of the political squires. Good solid English qualities, but of a bygone generation. My letter did not get to the <i>Times</i> yesterday in time but will be in tomorrow. |
| To Wilson, Woodrow <i>Fr Constable & Co.</i> [“Colonel Roosevelt. Sir Horace Plunkett's Reminiscences”, <i>The Times</i> , 7 Nov, p. 10] | 7 Nov, Wed | The letter to the <i>Times</i> read well and may interest some people. Worked most of day at <i>Statesman</i> . Called on Lady Margaret Domville, getting rather ga-ga! Met HG Wells who does not think an election is near. I daresay the people will let Baldwin flounder a bit longer. [Letter to <i>The Times</i> pasted in.] |
| | 8 Nov, Thu | After a busy morning & lunch with Eddie, motored again to Crest House. Ordered a first rate listening-in apparatus. |
| <i>Fr Constable & Co.</i> | 9 Nov, Fri | Worked hard again, chiefly at <i>Irish Statesman</i> . Bought a covered motor car in which I can tour with men & women I want to work with the remainder of my days. Wrote Lowell protesting mildly against his pro-Gallicism. |
| | 10 Nov, Sat | Hard morning's work after which motored to Adams in Boars Hill. |
| | 11 Nov, Sun | Miss Hadow to lunch, as stimulating as ever. My host was sick & should have been in bed. Long talk with poet Laureate, friendly as ever. He knew Smuts well & had just been in conference with him. Thinks him very able & his speech great. Sorry to find he had a poor op[inio]n of Lawrence Lowell. One interesting thing he told me was that a lot of German students – now allowed to come to come to [<i>sic</i>] Oxford – had visited him. They were quite confident of the future of their country. |
| [Macgregor] | 12 Nov, Mon | Adams in bed all day with a temperature. Long talk with Professor McGregor [<i>sic</i>], who with Adams & Sir Wm. Ashley makes up the Tribunal of Economists who have to advise the Government as to their agricultural policy. Poor fellow suffered from shell shock & was a bit hysterical. He has evidently been rather “impossible” to work with. “Never again will I work on a Commission” said Adams referring to McG's conduct! The whole trouble is that if as a question of national policy the rural population must be preserved and if as a question of defence the home prod[uctio]n of food must be increased, then protection and subsidies, disguise them as you may, must be resorted to until a real Policy of Rural reconstruction is worked out. |

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| | | <p>Later conference on many matters with Hart Synnot.</p> <p>The Poet Laureate called in at night, carrying a lantern, to have a goodbye talk with me. He is a most delightful personality and I am sure a real scholar from his talk. Of course I can't judge his poetic gift.</p> |
| | 13 Nov, Tue | <p>On way to Oxford Station – found 3 hours drive tiring – had good talk with Gilbert Murray over Lawrence Lowell's Franco-philism. He advised me to see Wilson Harris at the League of Nations Union office. This I did & got him to lunch with me. The day was mostly L. of N. That is my thoughts were absorbed on it notwithstanding having to dine with AD Hall (There Bateson insisted on my beating him 3 games of Chess, so we had no talk) and Parliament's announcing dissolution this week & an Election on Dec 6. This fits my plan of sailing Dec 22. Walter can go when the election is over.</p> <p>In afternoon drove the Morris Oxford, Murray driving the Sunbeam to the Crest House. I found Heard "getting in". It is an ideal place for both rest & work.</p> |
| | 14 Nov, Wed | Worn out. Got through no good work. |
| | 15 Nov, Thu | Buying necessities for my new house, which I came to sleep in for the first time. There is hardly any furniture yet – no place to write a letter except a table which has to serve for meals. I am quite tired out & perhaps it is well to have the brake put on. |
| | 16 Nov, Fri | <p>Drove to London for shopping, Irish Statesman business etc.</p> <p>Brought back Wingfield for a quiet week end, away from his family. He is so deaf that he is rather tiring. But to give pleasure & health to so dear a man – well that's hospitality in the true sense.</p> <p>Got a letter from Tim Healy begging me to remain on the Senate. That august body I see in the papers – no official communication yet – unanimously (and I think sincerely) expressed a wish that I should remain with them, even if I could only attend occasionally. Being domiciled in England am I eligible? If I remain an Irish Senator may I not have to pay the higher income & super tax of Ireland? All my income being derived from England is this right?</p> |
| <i>Fr Encyclopaedia Britannica Fr Wilson, Woodrow</i> | 17 Nov, Sat | A quiet day. Called on the Gerald Balfours & D Lanes. Wingfield was only fairly well & often gasped for breath. He's a kind good friend & I feel very sad about him. He really likes his put up and it's a real pleasure to be his host. |
| | 18 Nov, Sun | <p>I ought to have rested, but I wrote for the Irish Statesman a long article on Ireland's own agricultural policy.</p> <p>Called on Dame Ethel Lock[e] King. Her husband is senile. He built the Brooklands race course which emits noises against which the neighbours are protesting. They were ruined by the project, which is recovering but is threatened with fresh disaster from injunctions! She did fine work in her house, which she converted into a hospital, during the war. Hence Dame.</p> |
| | 19 Nov, Mon | Took Wingfield early to town, greatly the better for two good sleeps in the country. Worked over I.S. with Walter. Wrote to Cullinan & Judge Campbell thereon. |

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| [Letter to Glenavy, reprinted in debates of Seanad Éirann, Vol. 2, 28 Nov 1923] | 20 Nov, Tue | Sent off letter to Æ with half my article on Ireland's Own Agric'l Policy. Wrote definitely to Glenavy refusing to reconsider my resignation from the Senate. |
| [prob, 'guinea-pigging' – obsolete term for part-time or freelance professional paid in guineas (coin then worth 21 shillings)] | 21 Nov, Wed | In London for Irish Statesman & some similar pigging! Lunched with Lady Courtney – sold a copy of the I.S.! Met Norwegian ambassador Sir George Parish (light weight economist) Mr & Mrs. Hurst of the Economist & Common Sense (since dead). Good discourse. Brought Walter to The Crest House. |
| | 22 Nov, Thu | Tried to rest but had to work. My correspondence – all that matters – I hope to hand over to Gerald Heard in time; but for the present he is absorbed in my domestic affairs. Today he was hanging curtains mostly. Heard from Æ who, evidently likes my first agric'l cooperative article. I didn't like it, but perhaps, like my article for the Historians' History of the World (Encyclopaedia Britannica's) it may look better when I get further from the effort. |
| | 23 Nov, Fri | Began Article II on agric'l policy for Æ. |
| | 24 Nov, Sat | Had to go to town to see Walter and deal with an ugly Irish Statesman situation. The advertising man had been borrowing from the staff of the office & even from the caretaker & had to be dismissed. Had also to work hard at the second article. The first seemed well in the issue of today. Brought Daisy to The Crest House. She was delighted with it. I was glad as its acquisition is due to her having at a glance decided that it was suitable and having rung at the door and walked straight in after saying "I want to see this house if it is for sale". And it was! |
| | 25 Nov, Sun | Dan Lane & wife lunched. He is suffering from melancholia. I tried to interest him in my work, but he said "I've shot my bolt. No longer any good" & so on! Poor chap. I think his wife is very un-understanding & fussy. |
| | 26 Nov, Mon | The meteorological Forecast having boldly promised "improving visibility", I started to drive Daisy to London. After creeping at a snail's pace five miles in a dense fog, I gave it up & brought her back. Got off second Article on Ireland's own Agric'l policy, but had to promise a third as I could not condense the argument into two. |
| | 27 Nov, Tue | Daisy left early and I worked at my third article. Not a sentence came! |
| | 28 Nov, Wed | To London early to meet Gillespie at Walter's office. I don't like G because he dislikes W! But I know his position & made him know mine. I think things will go more smoothly. Called on James MacNeill, High Commissioner of the Free State with Walter. I introduced them to each other & I hope it will lead to some further broadening of the Statesman, to which K.W. is the purveyor of outside news & views. |
| ["Freddy Mush" – see | 29 Nov, Thu | Lunched with the Laverys (Augustus John, Daisy, Lady Gwendolin[e] Churchill, "Freddy Mush", The Bernard Shaws and |

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| Dec 10] | | Desmond McCarthy the party[]]. After which Sir John began a portrait of me. A poor artist I think him, but I don't understand these things. Wrote a lot at the Statesman office & played Chess match (Athenaeum vs Savile) playing on Board I. Ought to have won but my opponent (rather unfairly) took monstrous time over his moves when he got into difficulties. I made the blunder of playing quick to try & get a decision. Drew & so did Eddie who played on Board II. |
| | 30 Nov, Fri | Furious morning's work at I.S. office and Mount St. Lunched TP Gill at Club. He was the same old T.P.G. but more so. He is hard up and begged me to get him on the Senate for the sake of Ireland and the salary. Brought Daisy back to the new house. |
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| | 1 Dec, Sat | Called on Sir George Barnes & met a Sir Wm. Vincent of the Indian Council – a regular I.C.S. potentate. Worked hard at Article III which will be good. Raymond Mortimer, a very nice literary friend of G.H.s, came for weekend. |
| | 2 Dec, Sun | Smith Gordon, his mother, Walter & his boy came to spend most of the day. At dark Daisy & the four went to London. I tried to finish my article III but was too distracted. But S.G. & I discussed many things relating to my Irish affairs and the Irish Statesman. |
| | 3 Dec, Mon | "Business took me early to the City" where I sat for Lavery. He didn't finish & I had to stay in town. There worked to get off Article III but only sent ¾ths of it. Saw Daisy off at Euston to Ireland. Shall miss her. |
| Fr Shaw, George Bernard | 4 Dec, Tue | Finished the article but it was too long. Advised Æ to cut it in two & make the series not two as first intended, nor three as secondly planned but four! My work is deteriorating I fear. Back to Weybridge at night. |
| | 5 Dec, Wed | Managed by wire to get Æ to hold back half my third article and let me improve it as No. IV. Called on the George Prices who were at home & the Prestons & Ld. Meath who were not. |
| | 6 Dec, Thu | Worked worked worked. And all round people were voting a colour. Little they knew – they are a drowsy people & did not look as if they cared – what they were influencing for good or evil for the Empire they talk such phrases about! |
| | 7 Dec, Fri | To London town – chiefly to get off letters to America. The Election news was not complete. But the outstanding features were the triumph of Free Trade, the defeat of Conservatism for its fooling with protection, the large gains of Labour, and lesser gains of Liberalism. Deadlock leading to a Labour government would be my forecast. |
| | 8 Dec, Sat | At last got off the conclusion of my articles. Sent enough to make two (IV and V). Ada Watson & her boy came to lunch & see the house. Both delighted. |

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| | | Julian Huxley came late at night. |
| | 9 Dec, Sun | A real rest – listening to Julian Huxley, biologist, grandson of the great Huxley. Fellow of New [College], friend of Gerald Heard. To record all he said would destroy my rest. He clearly has no belief in a future life but has a great hold on this life where he is doing his bit in a scheme of things he is satisfied is worth while. |
| <p>[<i>Men Like Gods</i>, H.G. Wells, 1921]</p> <p>[hairy heeled – ill-bred, unmannerly]</p> <p>[Pethick]</p> | 10 Dec, Mon | To London for the finishing of my portrait by Lavery. Again the light failed & I must go tomorrow. Lunched there. Lady L. is the best of hostesses as she has been – and is – extremely good looking. She is without sexual passion but I should say excites it in a remarkable degree. She “knows everybody”. Today a Lord in waiting – pompous – Edward Marsh (“Freddy Mush” of one of Wells’ satires), Maurice Baring, considerable author, E.O.E Somerville (who kept me in company by being country dressed) a Lady Colfax who knew me and all about me – no idea who she is or was, Mrs. Rochfort Maguire hairy heeled – tremendously ambitious, socially, big S – while Winston Churchill was to have been there but is sick & sore at having been beaten at Leicester by Pethic [<i>sic</i>] Lawrence!! |
| <p>[<i>vox Dei</i> – voice of God; <i>vox populi</i> – voice of the people]</p> | 11 Dec, Tue | A more interesting lunch today at the Reform Club. (I had come up for the last sitting to Lavery and it was the last.) Walter, A G Gardiner, S K Ratcliffe, Lord Buckmaster “butting in” over the coffee in the gallery. I tried to get A.G.G. to do the weekly London letter for the Statesman during Walter’s and my absence in America. Most friendly but over engaged. Will do a Special later. We then discussed the political situation. All agreed it was wholly unprecedented. A.G.G. on my suggesting that democracy was still on its trial, described his emotions when the news of the great Free Trade victory reached the Reform Club. I said, “Suppose the issue had been – as it ought to have been – the state of Europe. What would democracy have had to say[?] Never was vox Dei (G had said he was beginning to believe that Vox populi etc was justified) so urgently needed.” The radical philosophy was ?checked by my irrelevance. Back to St Georges Hill. |
| | 12 Dec, Wed | Spent the day in London again and brought Bryan & Dorothy from the Paris train to The Crest House. |
| | 13 Dec, Thu | One O’Callaghan came to lunch & talked my head off about butter. He was an Australian Commissioner of sorts. |
| | 14 Dec, Fri | To London for Carnegie meetings. Also attended a meeting of the Rural Committee of the Nat’l Social Service Council. Miss Hadow was there. Much talk about it and about. Brought Capt. Ellis (secretary of above) and Adams back to Crest House for more talks. |
| | 15 Dec, Sat | Worked so hard at my Agricultural pamphlet that I had but few words with Adams and Ellis. But they understood my difficulty & recognised the importance to their work of my work. I had Miss Lee down from London & she typed furiously for some three hours. |
| | 16 Dec, Sun | Wrote a preface for my agricultural pamphlet. Sir Harry & Lady Robinson & “Kit” lunched. It was reminiscent of Kilteragh. |
| | 17 Dec, Mon | Stayed at home and began preparing for my annual visit to America. Lennox Robinson came after dark. |

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| [Lares & Penates – treasured household possessions] | 18 Dec, Tue | The remaining Lares & Penates at last arrived from the ashes of Kilteragh. We had too little & have now far too much furniture! Long talks with Lennox Robinson and Bryan Stapylton on the Rural Life problem work. The latter will I hope join in it. |
| | 19 Dec, Wed | Bryan & Dorothy left. I had had good business talks with B. & like the prospect of his succeeding me in the coal interests of the family. In London – last days ! before sailing. |
| | 20 Dec, Thu | Pelton Board at which only Walsh & I present. Chief business a decision to have Bryan present at meetings and treat him as a sort of Honorary Director (I shall pay him my fees). The proofs of the pamphlet came at last and I wired some small corrections. Lunched with Fanny Prothero where Monteagle & Tom Spring Rice. Back to The Crest House – proof of how I like it – for one night. |
| To Seton, Sir Malcolm C. | 21 Dec, Fri | The last day. Said goodbye to Lady Lavery & Robert Lynd. Had a long business talk with Walsh about Bryan Stapylton succeeding me as Chairman of Pelton and attending meetings, visiting collieries etc. till I pass. Spent rest of day with Gerald Heard making cable codes etc. |
| | 22 Dec, Sat | With Walter to Liverpool where we went on board Adriatic. Small list. Major Beith the only passenger I know. In wretched condition after the overwork of last days. Much pain (chiefly in right leg) after morphine effect wears off. My hope is that I can reduce dosage on voyage & go to Battle Creek in good shape to try a new cure for morphinism, i.e. the injection of glucose into the veins! |
| | 23 Dec, Sun | Got letters off at Cobh to Gillespie & Susan Mitchell giving them instructions re Pamphlet errata slip & corrections if reprint wanted. |
| | 24 Dec, Mon | 402 |
| | 25 Dec, Tue | 400 |
| | 26 Dec, Wed | 357 |
| | 27 Dec, Thu | 391. Suffering from insomnia so badly that I shall have to undergo a course of treatment at Battle Creek the moment I can get Karl Walter started on the Irish Statesman business. |
| | 28 Dec, Fri | 325 High head sea. |
| | 29 Dec, Sat | 310 Real westerly gale. Steady as a rock. |
| | 30 Dec, Sun | 271 – 350 to go. 2810 in all. The Captain told me we were only going 5 knots yesterday afternoon. |
| | 31 Dec, Mon | Landed in afternoon and went to 128 East 36th St. (chez Hamilton Fish Armstrongs). Got in touch with James Healy & (by telephone) Judge Campbell. Too tired to do much. Had a talk with Dr. Lewis Robinson on my morphia trouble. He knows the American cures and warns me against them. They all seem to rely upon violence. They knock you out so badly that you don't want morphia – or anything. When you gradually recover the crave comes back. He had not heard of the glucose plan, but will |

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| | | enquire. His advice is to knock off work & reduce as much as possible off & on never going above 2 to 2½ gr[ains]. He thinks my quantity very small and that complete abstinence would upset me far more than moderate indulgence. |
| | | 1924 Bowes Jan 24 London 11 Feb 28 Newcastle 10.30 Mar 13 AGM London 11 Ap 30 " 11 July 16, 17, 18 Newcastle 10.30 Oct 23 London 11 |
| | Year-end Summary | <u>Retrospect 1923</u> A sad year in some ways, but not relatively to the world's suffering. I was in America the first six weeks, doing a Battle Creek cure & undoing it by strenuous work for Ireland. I was trying to get £30,000 to revive the Irish Statesman. Active participation in Irish affairs being no longer possible for me – health, preference for young gunmen as statesmen being the chief inhibitions – I had conceived a service through an independent organ which would tell the truth in Ireland and abroad about Ireland. This came to fruition in September after endless negotiations & fighting difficulties on every side. Æ was made Editor and the paper made a fine start. But events occurred which made the reorientation of my life necessary. The rebels – an irresponsible gang of ruffians – destroyed my Irish home – the healthiest house in the world and the meeting place of a splendid body of Irishmen & friends of Ireland. Destroyed it with its records of work for the life of a generation – all my correspondence, with Roosevelt & Pinchot, Arthur Balfour & Bryce, G.B.S. and Æ (whose best pictures went too) – with its glorious view of Dublin Bay & Mountains – its little golf course & rock garden. I was in America at the time – made two speeches at Madison Wisconsin the day the news came. Got home in the third week in Feb[ruar]y but soon had to undergo a prostatectomy operation, complicated & very painful. Decided then that I must have another home & bought one on St Georges Hill, Weybridge, where I shall probably end my days. Decided too to devote myself to the rural life problem, making Ireland the source of my and, if possible, my fellow-workers inspiration. Left the Free State Senate. The end of the year found me still very unwell as the morphia habit had grown so that the stabilisation of the dose at 2 grains, which I won't exceed, appeared impractical. The doctors had prescribed stabilisation & the last day of the year – I am writing this on the Adriatic the night before – finds me landing at New York en route to Battle Creek where they have, so Kellogg tells me, discovered a cure for the morphia habit. Meanwhile I am suffering horribly from the insufficiency of 2 grains to give me comfort. Long nights of insomnia with acute pains in the limbs & so forth. I have drawn too heavily on the Bank of Life. I may have to be an invalid, for the want of the drug, for some time & shall probably never have anything which could be called vigour of mind or |

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| | | <p>body. But I have had my day & am thankful. If I never do another stroke of good work, I shall have made many people happier. Alas not one for the hundred I might have helped had I known what I now know.</p> |