

1924 Diary of Sir Horace Curzon Plunkett (1854–1932)

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NOTES

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

Horace Plunkett, *Irish Homestead*, 30 July 1910

Conventions

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

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

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

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

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

5) Punctuation (or lack of)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Correspondence

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

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

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

Abbreviations

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

Names

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

Organisations

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

General

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

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

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

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Events:

6 Nov – Boundary Commission meets in London

Publications:

- Memorandum on the Agricultural Situation and Outlook in the United States (unpublished Ms. E.M. House papers, Yale University)
- *Agricultural Co-operation in its Application to the Industry, the Business and the Life of the Farmer in the British Empire*, with K. Walter (London) 28 pp.
- “Ireland’s Problems” in *These Eventful Years: the Twentieth Century in the Making* (Britannica, New York) pp. 514-24
- *IAOS Annual Report*, pp. 42-5
- *UAOS Report*, pp. 31-2
- *Message to the Conference on Agricultural Co-operation in the British Empire from Sir Horace Plunkett* (London) 11 pp.
- “Mary Spring Rice”, *The Times*, 3 Dec, p. 19
- “The Problem of Country Life”, BBC broadcast, 10 Dec

Government:

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

Governor-General: Timothy M. Healy

British Prime Minister: Stanley Baldwin (Conservative) to 24 Jan, James Ramsay MacDonald (Labour) to 29 Oct, Stanley Baldwin (Conservative)

Prime Minister of Northern Ireland: Sir James Craig

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £49; \$1 = \$11

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[Confusingly, the baby is Helen MacGregor Armstrong, daughter of Helen MacGregor Byrne Armstrong and granddaughter of James and Helen MacGregor Byrne.]	1 Jan, Tue	A desperately tiring day. The house was a pandemonium. The baby was christened by a Jesuit priest who had met me with Fr. Finlay in Dublin, Father Wynne. Jim Byrne was here. Had long talk with Judge Campbell on Irish Statesman. A week of New York would kill me. My insomnia is very bad & I feel writhed [<i>sic</i>] beyond words. Col. House came to the function & I had a short talk with him. He is evidently afraid of Coolidge. “Harding’s death was the saving of the Republicans.” Both Pinchots called me up on phone. I had to tell them & Lowell by letter that I am not well enough to visit them yet & must try Battle Creek again.
	2 Jan, Wed	Hectic day, with exhaustion at night. Judge Campbell and James Healy down town discussed helpfully the Irish Statesman. In afternoon Healy met K[arl].W[alter]. & me at the office of the Literary Digest where R.J. Cuddihy editor & two of his assistants – all three Irish – went with us into question of getting a circulation for the I.S. in the U.S. I think we have a plan which will work. Godkin & Stuart Wortley called on me and then the awful experience of a dinner <u>to me</u> at Knickerbocker Club. Armstrong the host and the following important fellow-guests – Col. House, Rollo Ogden (Ed[itor] N.Y. Times) Julian Mason (Ed[itor] N.Y. Tribune) Dr. John Finley (educationist, politician etc) R.C. Lef[f]ingwell of JP Morgan, Dr. Isaiah Bowman (head of Amer’n Geographical Soc’y) Dr. Albert Shaw (Review of Reviews) Ernest Boyd & Jim Byrne.
	3 Jan, Thu	Jolting away in “the Wolverine” to Battle Creek after a furious last-day-before-going-under-treatment. Wilberforce gave a lunch

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		to me at his wife's club. Theodore Warburg ex-Minister to Belgium was there & talked about League of Nations – the importance of getting Ireland in etc.
	4 Jan, Fri	After a wretched night arrived at Battle Creek with K.W. Dr. Kellogg had determined that I should go into the hospital, but I felt I should be too far away from Dr. Riley & his department there & so stayed in the Sanitarium. Riley does not believe in the glucose cure & says there's nothing for it but gradual reduction. The pace can be accelerated greatly with the general health 'procedures' (as Dr. K. calls them) at the San. So here I am – in great misery – but with <u>some</u> hope of a way out.
To 'Encyclopaedia Britannica'	5 Jan, Sat	A talk with Dr. Wafer (Dr. Riley's assistant & a brighter man though less experienced) who is to have chief charge of my case. He spoke understandingly upon it and we came to the conclusion that I shall probably have to give one month to reduction of the drug – if possible to its elimination – & one month to building up the general health. A brighter prospect than either drastic treatment or any attempt at elimination open to me now. The glucose treatment seems to be a fad of Dr. Kellogg's!
	6 Jan, Sun	A day & night nurse laid on with an elaborate treatment. They will make an invalid of me I fear. But I must let them try their best to master the case. A milk diet – that is milk every $\frac{3}{4}$ hour – is to help.
	7 Jan, Mon	Very wretched [<i>sic</i>]. They are planning a complete cure which will probably leave me utterly useless – with no outward sign thereof which makes the whole difficulty.
	8 Jan, Tue	Kept in bed most of the day.
	9 Jan, Wed	Ditto.
	10 Jan, Thu	[No entry]
	11 Jan, Fri	Karl Walter left me. He is crazy over wireless and I did not see as much of him as I should have liked but I shall miss him.
	12 Jan, Sat	[No entry]
	13 Jan, Sun	Had today the general physical examination of the body. Showed a terrible decline since a year ago. Signs of complete nervous exhaustion. I was put to bed for the whole day.
	14 Jan, Mon	Very poorly as the morphia is withdrawn. Insomnia.
	15 Jan, Tue	Insomnia
	16 Jan, Wed	Very slightly better. Insomnia persists. Conrad Young & wife passed through. I was almost too unwell to see them but of course did. She is a fine woman and has redeemed him from drink. He told me his poor sister whom I met governessing the Roosevelts years ago is crippled with Rheumatoid arthritis.
	17 Jan, Thu	As yesterday – or worse as I am getting wearier daily.
	18 Jan, Fri	Learned today that my morphia dosage is almost eliminated. Dr. Wafer has reduced it daily till I am getting $\frac{1}{24}$ th gr[ain] every three hours through the 24. In all $\frac{1}{3}$ gr. a day. Getting up now for a few hours but not allowed or able to get out.
	19 Jan, Sat	Sabbath!

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		They tried the glucose cure for morphinism. Injected into a vein a pint & a half of the stuff. Unpleasant. No apparent effect.
	20 Jan, Sun	Repeated the treatment – still no effect. But I am enormously down on the drug – in fact not more than 1/8 gr. Karl Walter returned which made things more bearable.
	21 Jan, Mon	Repeated – I hope for the last time the glucose treatment. I felt no effect. But I am miserably unwell for the want of the drug which had so befriended me. One hour after the glucose injection – about a pint – my blood pressure was 138 systolic 74 diastolic and 7 hours after 132 systolic 74 diastolic.
	22 Jan, Tue	[No entry]
	23 Jan, Wed	Blood pressure 130 sys[tolic] 75 dia[stolic]. The worst suffering has passed I think. But there is no question as to the awful results of the final withdrawal of morphine. Yesterday I suffered acutely all day. I put myself to sleep with Somnifene (Roche) 20 drops and got 5 hours sleep with only two breaks. Blood pressure 130 sys[tolic] 75 dia[stolic]. I doubt whether the glucose treatment will have had anything to do with the cure when it is complete.
	24 Jan, Thu	120 systolic 65 diastolic. Another glucose injection, painful & useless. My considered opinion is that my useful life is near its end. I have given up the morphia but the system seems unable to adjust itself to the withdrawal. I am very, very unhappy – not for myself but for those I had dreamed of helping.
	25 Jan, Fri	[No entry]
	26 Jan, Sat	[No entry]
	27 Jan, Sun	Still utterly wretched.
	28 Jan, Mon	Motility shown by carmine test to be desperately slow. Result utter misery & no chance I fear of quick recovery from the morphia. Blood pressure 120.
	29 Jan, Tue – 2 Feb, Sat	[No entry]
[Plunkett correspondence includes six letters from Woodrow Wilson, two from his secretary and one from his wife.]	3 Feb, Sun	Woodrow Wilson died & I lost, I think, a real friend. He had frequently written me letters of remarkable cordiality, considering my unimportant position. On Nov 17th he wrote in reply to a letter of mine “As usual I find myself in warm agreement with the views you have expressed” etc. All other of his letters are in the ash heap that was Kilteragh.
<i>Fr Godkin, Lawrence</i> (8 Feb)	4 Feb, Mon – 12 Feb, Tue	[No entry]
	13 Feb, Wed	Left Battle Creek for New York, enormously improved in general health but of course low without the stimulant. I have real hope that with a voyage and a good rest thereafter I shall be greatly improved. If worst comes to worst I shall have reduced the need for the drug (morphia) to a minimum. I know too better than I did how to cut it out altogether.
	14 Feb, Thu	In New York & back in life. Fortunately my host (H.F. Armstrong at 128 E. 36) where I stayed & less time wasted. But

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[Nothing additional recorded.]		hard to do first day back in active life without help. Took lots of coffee & tea. Col. House called. Quite affectionate. Gave me his estimate of pol[itical] situation (see opp). Saw also James Healy & made assignation with Doheny for tomorrow per secretary. Took passage Sat[urda]y etc.
	15 Feb, Fri	Lowell came from Harvard to see me. Fine discussion on politics & education. Informal meeting of N.Y. C'tee of I.S., J Byrne, J Healy, MacDonald & Kinkead present & all inclined to give me full powers. Then to Doheny with whom I sympathised. He definitely promised me the two remaining instalments of his subscription (\$25,000 this year & same amount next). Arranged with R[alph].M[ontagu].S[tuart].W[ortley]. to send Walter a draft for £4000 to help him, as I helped Adams financially. Dined with Jim Byrne to meet Mrs. Frelinghuysen (113 E 65) who will take care of the Bridges in lieu of the Byrnes whose house will not be ready. Conference with Cuddihy & Duffy of Literary Digest upon circulation of Irish Statesman.
	16 Feb, Sat	6.30 A.M. cup of tea. Breakfast strong coffee + gentian & nux vomica tonic. Charles Baldwin & John Quinn both came to see me. At the boat the usual photographers & journalists (to whom I said nothing[]). Somehow I got through the ordeal and found on the Cedric a very nice lot of passengers. Two rooms & a bathroom the Company gave me – all for £40! Now I have to rest. While in the States I think I did two things – got out of the drug addiction and grew in the public regard – God knows why. But the two days in New York have completely worn me out. Don't know what will happen to me. But I shall fight on for Irish and World peace in my small way.
	17 Feb, Sun	348. Hypnotics – (Trional, Adalin (best) and Somnifene) in turn give me fine sleep. But tea, coffee and a tonic (gentian & nux vomica) are required to keep me from depression. Still anything is I suppose better than morphia.
	18 Feb, Mon	372
<i>Fr Byrne, James (likely misdated; ?1926)</i>	19 Feb, Tue	401
	20 Feb, Wed	408
	21 Feb, Thu	390
	22 Feb, Fri	349
	23 Feb, Sat	375 – 312 to Daunt's Rock.
	24 Feb, Sun	Last day of most restful voyage. I was greatly benefited but the insomnia had to be kept off with small doses of morphia as the hypnotic drugs were losing their influence.
	25 Feb, Mon	Special to London. Curtin [<i>sic</i>] met me at Euston too groggy on his legs to come to The crest House any more. Murray my excellent chauffeur had also “drink taken”. The cook had had to be dismissed & his successor is going!
[Smyth]	26 Feb, Tue	Wrote several letters. Went to see Thorne Thorne at Woking about the sphigmoid [<i>sic</i>] flexure lump. He thinks the lower portion of the colon may have been injured by my X-ray burn. Called on Betty Balfour with Gerald Heard. Ethel Smythe [<i>sic</i>]

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		came. They declared me looking wonderfully well!
	27 Feb, Wed	Gerald & I called on George Price & Gertrude (who were “not at home” the footman’s face showing clearly that they were) and on the Walter Parrotts who were really glad to have us to tea. A restful day.
[Managing Directors – R.S. Gardiner and A.M. Palmer]	28 Feb, Thu	Up early for a Bowes meeting. One director (Bainbridge) had resigned on my suggestion! Another E.Y. Western had died, both Managing Directors threatened resignation and questions of the most fundamental kind as to the future management of the property had to be decided. The directors are mostly “duds”. I did my best but had to institute big inquiry before I could act as Chairman. Then came Adams whom I had to lunch at Club with Walter & Heard. After which I was all out and recognised that the “six months rest” the Battle Creek doctors prescribed must be endured.
	29 Feb, Fri	Bryan came early to discuss colliery affairs, and Lowenfels, who was a fellow traveller on the Cedric called about Irish butter. Then went to see AD Hall prior to being called on by Noel Buxton, Minister of Agriculture. The latter is all at sea at his job – I could do it much better except the speech making at which he may or may not be good. Back to the house on the hill – very tired.
	1 Mar, Sat	Torpid after two days in London. There’s nothing for it but a long rest! Bryan & Dorothy came.
	2 Mar, Sun	Beatrice & Randal came to tea, Col. Preston to lunch & Dan Lane after. Restful day, but after a bad night!
	3 Mar, Mon	Wanted Walter to write a letter to Times on British agriculture & cooperation & got Gerald to take him the materials. But he was overworked & could not do it. If only I were well now I could harvest many practical ideas which I have been sowing in the stony ground of Ireland all my working life.
	4 Mar, Tue	To London on business. In evening played for the Athenaeum against Reform Club in a chess match. They made me play the Reform Club’s best man (Rutherford) who played Caro Kann defence which he knew & I did not. I had an uphill game but nearly though not quite pulled off a draw out of a hopeless position.
To Walter, Karl	5 Mar, Wed	Called on Sir Charles & Lady Walston [previously Waldstein] at their request in their apartments [<i>sic</i>] in Carlos St. Saw Wingfield about the insomnia. He advised less Adalin – my best hypnotic & 10 gr[ains] aspirin. But he advised consultation with Wilfrid Harris. Back to Crest House just in time to see Dorothy & Bryan off to Bournemouth.
	6 Mar, Thu	Went to a meeting of the Psychical Society with Heard. Piddington in the Chair & Oliver Lodge was chief performer. He read a paper by an eminent French physiologist Richet who has given much study to P.S. He maintains that there is no evidence of survival which is not destroyed by known physiological facts. Lodge answered him vaguely as I thought. He has a working hypothesis, based wholly upon the mental phenomena observed. Most unconvincing to me alas!

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	7 Mar, Fri	To London for a consultation of Wingfield – who I fear is near his end – and Wilfred Harris about my insomnia and general condition. I fear I shall have to go into a nursing home again for treatment. I hate the very idea of it, but I must get back my health.
	8 Mar, Sat	Quiet day. All I have to do now is to prepare to give up all business, public & private, and get myself cured – if it is possible at my age! Anno-dominitis is a hard disease to treat.
	9 Mar, Sun	Chief effort – tea with the Lanes!
	10 Mar, Mon	Gerald went to see Wilfred Harris, who wants me to go to Dunfermline for the Carnegie U.K. Trust Annual General Meeting “to get it off the mind” and he had arranged for me to start the cure at the nursing home on Monday. He evidently is not hopeful of the success of any attempt to eliminate the morphia and hypnotics. He would rather I stabilised the low dosage I am taking. But that can only be done if I give up work. I might as well be dead! I must think it over carefully.
	11 Mar, Tue	Struggled through a good many letters. Called on Mrs. Earle and found Colonel ‘Max’ who was very interesting about the War and many other things.
[X – Cross]	12 Mar, Wed	Another important Bowes meeting at which I had to preside. Then lunched at Athenaeum where I was introduced by Sir Wm. McCormick to the Ld Advocate of Scotland (Macmillan) and to Sir Arthur Keith, anthropologist? Next to Irish Statesman office to meet, & compose differences between, Walter & Gillespie. Many letters, a call on the Percevals, where I met Monteagle, supper with Tom & May & to Kings X for night train to Dunfermline. On Monday I have to pay for it! I am to undergo another struggle to do without drugs.
	13 Mar, Thu	The Mitchell menage spells tragedy. She is petulant, egotistic, feckless and every way calculated to drive him the way I fear he is going (though he showed no signs of it) to his cups. The Library sub-committee was presided over by Sir John Struthers, who is obviously nearing a stroke. He too has a wife who insists on a “social whirl” now that he, having retired from the Civil Service, has nothing to do with his time. The Irish Committee – well just made it worth while my coming to Dunfermline. Scotland is as incapable as England of understanding us. Called on Sir John Ross, now nearly blind, and found him in private conversation as shrewd & keen as ever. Called also on Sir Wm. Robertson’s widow as she had offered her hospitality in his life time. She was a teacher and I am told stood the rise in their fortunes better than he did. A nice sensible woman. A dance by the Carnegie U.K.T[rust] staff had to be attended. I did not take the floor & retired early to bed.
	14 Mar, Fri	Executive C’tee & General Meeting of Trustees. Took small part, but gave my views privately to people who counted. By night train to London.
[Baffy – Blanche Balfour Dugdale]	15 Mar, Sat	In London Heard met me & we had a busy morning. I promised “Baffy” at the League of Nations Union £200 a year for 5 years. I believe the League offers the only hope of world peace. Dictated

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		many letters at Walter's office & then a quiet afternoon at The Crest House.
	16 Mar, Sun	Rather tiring day being the last before another struggle with the doctors!
[From "Went into . . ." through 8 April, the handwriting is often distorted and ink uneven.]	17 Mar, Mon	St. Paddy & nobody sent me a shamrock! Wrote a long letter to be read at Annual General Meeting of I.A.O.S. by Fr. Finlay to whom I wrote privately. Wrote also to Æ, Norman & many others. Up to London where I saw Walter & Mrs. Moritz Bonn. Got my instructions from Wilfred Harris for my "cure" and supped at Adams' to meet Daisy. She was as brave as ever in her troubles. Went into Nursing Home 4 Dorset Square, N.W. 1, where I was last operated on. Morphia reduced to about 1 gr[ain] & felt very depressed but if I can go through with it I may get rid of the drug altogether.
	18 Mar, Tue	As the time for usefulness, ?Vanishe can give us any ailment that – ?your ?Charming give us . Did over --- ?daughters will Cannot write today. I am too upset by the withdrawal of all drugs. But it will be all right in the near future. If you saw my article for the Statesman. In America ?s-----s all the ?past c-r---t th-- Body Yours H.
	19 Mar, Wed	[No entry]
	20 Mar, Thu	Winston Churchill beaten by 43 votes in a very plucky fight against the Westminster machine.
	21 Mar, Fri	Still in bed & /spending no effort. I shall --- --- be of the morphia again, ?but ---- sleep – there's the rub. Harris gives me powerful powders last thing which give me sleep from 12 to 6. Betty Balfour looked in.
	22 Mar, Sat	Suffering again from the elimination of the morphia. Daisy is over and with me. But it is very very lonely. How I hate nursing homes – and nurses talk.
	23 Mar, Sun	Still wretched [<i>sic</i>]. But pains in limbs going.
	24 Mar, Mon	Moritz Bonn looked in. So did K. Walter, Daisy & Mary Murphy. Not half an hour between the lot. Wilfrid Harris is no better than the rest of them. I begin to suspect that a man must have been "addicted" & have cured himself to know anything about the Morphia difficulty.
	25 Mar, Tue – 27 Mar, Thu	[No entry]
	28 Mar, Fri	Dr. Wilfred Harris told me today that he had reduced my morphia injections to ¼ gr[ain] per diem in 6 parts, of which I often don't take more than 4 or 5. Unfortunately I have to have some sleeping drug every night and now that the morphia is almost eliminated the other drugs have to be got rid of. I am suffering extreme nervous irritation.
[blank in original]	29 Mar, Sat	I see now that I have been living at a rate 20 years younger than my years ever since 1917. I have to be dormant for ___ months & see what happens.
	30 Mar, Sun	All day in bed. Gerald 1½ hours & Daisy 2 hours. Otherwise

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		wretched. The Plain truth is I was a weak man (through my mother's invalidism). After that horrible X ray burning I learned the extraordinary clarification of the brain by morphia. At the end of my life I decided to give the world something which did not properly belong to her. I might have done it for one or two years – but not for more.
	31 Mar, Mon	[No entry]
	1 Apr, Tue	[No entry]
	2 Apr, Wed	I am so low in my dosage that I made up my mind to cut it out and get well. Can I?
	3 Apr, Thu	[No entry]
[Much of entries for 4 and 5 April are illegible or very difficult to decipher.] [Likely reference to Henry Ford's openly anti-Semitic newspaper, <i>Dearborn Independent</i> .]	4 Apr, Fri	Bonn called & I had long talk with him over the war & after war period. He had just seen Lloyd George whom he knew ?as ?well I did. He agreed that a trace of sincerity in him is probably religious. On his opportunism we were at one. He was very sad over the outbreak of the war which he largely attributed to Lichnowsky and Grey's lack of ?sc---t--- – [two lines crossed through] Bernsdorff might have kept the Americans out of the war but the German Foreign office in Berlin had no proper connection with Bernsdorff. ?We discussed the years 1914-1917. - ?working against each other and America. I told him I thought Dearborn the worst & him (M B) the best advocate the Germans had in America.
	5 Apr, Sat	I left for the Crest House. Bonn called again. I must not write what was said. Dr. Wif Wilfred Harris let me go outside [?if] I took Nurse Rhoades. I gladly agreed. She is to come Monday.
	6 Apr, Sun	Much better but can't write. Daisy came and spent the day with me.
	7 Apr, Mon	Nurse Rhoades came.
	8 Apr, Tue	I am beginning an invalid life. But I mean to get well. E.M. Forster the novelist, who lives in Weybridge, called. He will be a pleasant guest.
	9 Apr, Wed	Much better today. Did nothing.
	10 Apr, Thu	Another idle day – getting fitter, I hope.
	11 Apr, Fri	Went to see Dan Lane – otherwise rested.
	12 Apr, Sat	George Adams, wife & boy lunched on way from Eastbourne to Oxford. He told me that if he was offered the Mastership of Balliol he would accept it. I hope he will get the chance! I talked <u>hard</u> with him over the Foundation plans – and principles. He will see that they are kept in accord with my views.
	13 Apr, Sun	Getting stronger. Went to Bateson for afternoon.
	14 Apr, Mon	The nurse had to go to town to see her mother who is ill and Gerald to see Ada about Robin's work. We both feel that his health is far more important than his work & I fear the sins of his father's youth are being visited upon him. I am meditating a desperate effort to drop the morphia.

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	15 Apr, Tue	[No entry]
[Letter among Plunkett correspondence]	16 Apr, Wed	Gogarty motored from London to dine with Heard & me. He was as gossipy as ever. He seems to be in the confidence of the Irish Government & to despise them utterly – behind their backs. Tomorrow he is to see J. H. Thomas, Colonial Secretary, about the Ulster Border, Lady Lavery having made the appointment. I gave him a good deal of information e.g. the reasons why the 3 counties were left out & Tyrone & Fermanagh held on to, Ulster's war record as described in my letter of Oct 11, 1918 to Lloyd George etc. If the Boundary question does not now become acute the cooks in Hell's Kitchen will have failed.
	17 Apr, Thu	Johnny Holroyd Smyth turned up. He had just been "spun" from the air force for his eyes. I should like to help him to find other work. He has some of his mother's brains but I am not sure yet how much or little of his father's & grandmother's character.
	18 Apr, Fri	Callan came & spent the day with me. I heard a lot about Ireland as he is trying to make a living as a barrister there. Both he & Johnny H-S confirmed the gloomy view all informed local opinion gives of the utter demoralisation of the country. Perhaps it was the excitement of this information which gave me a very bad night.
	19 Apr, Sat	[No entry]
	20 Apr, Sun	[No entry]
	21 Apr, Mon	My grand nephew left after a very dull visit poor boy. I told him I would help him to get to his job if he hears of one far away.
	22 Apr, Tue	[No entry]
	23 Apr, Wed	Prebendary Heard & his wife (Gerald's stepmother) lunched. Nice people both.
	24 Apr, Thu	Heard from Wilfred Harris whom I had told I was in very miserable state of nervous irritability through keeping my dosage down to ½ gr[ain]. He advised me to take enough to get me fit & suggested 6 ¼ gr. injections (= 1½ gr.) in 24 hours. Went to 1 gr. & immediately felt better.
	25 Apr, Fri	[No entry]
	26 Apr, Sat	The excellent Nurse Rhoades left me. She watched my reactions with real intelligence & gave me excellent advice on many things.
	27 Apr, Sun	Langlois Lefroy came & spent the afternoon. He wanted to discuss Ireland – he lives in Co. Lon[g]ford & has visited at Kilteragh – but found me too tired. A restful day.
	28 Apr, Mon	Letter from Moorhead who supports Wilfred Harris' advice. He is more insistent on giving up hypnotics.
[guinea pig – a part-time or freelance professional traditionally paid in guineas (an obsolete coin then worth £1/1).]	29 Apr, Tue	Came to London for two days guinea-pigging (Bowes, Stella Gill and S.S. Co). Also for a talk, at Noel Buxton's suggestion, with Walter Smith M.P. his second in command. N.B. said W.S. was an enthusiastic cooperator. I did not discover it. Fitted in talks with Karl Walter.
[R.S. Gardiner & A.M. Palmer]	30 Apr, Wed	Bowes. The two managing Directors were looking ill. Gardiner was distinctly unfriendly. I must call on Lady G. He must be

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		<p>amassing a big fortune while he is killing himself. The doctor keeps telling him he <u>must</u> give up “some of his companies”. He won’t.</p> <p>The papers make it clear that the first Labour Government have more political sense than any of their predecessors. They have introduced a Budget – the Budget was to be their Sedan! – which has pleased, or at any rate disarmed all parties. I think they will stay in for two or three years & then come back with an independent majority. But of all fools the political prophet is the greatest.</p>
	1 May, Thu	Am recovering from the struggle against the morphia, but shall probably have to begin it again soon.
[<i>materia medica</i> – materials of medicine; homeopathy]	2 May, Fri	<p>Gerald went to consult Henry Head, a great <i>materia medica</i> expert on Morphia. He told him the whole of my case and I am to see him myself next week. It is clear that I shall be ordered to give up all work which needs stimulation by drugs. In other words my working Life is ended unless I voluntarily extend it for a few years at the expense of a complete & final collapse in the end of the flicker.</p> <p>Meanwhile I went to tea with Betty B. who insisted on bringing old Mrs. Earle to see The Crest House. She is very old & infirm & won’t remember where she has gone or who brought her there. <u>Euthanasia</u> – why not.</p>
	3 May, Sat	Dear old Wingfield asked me to go & see him before he dies. He has only a few months at most to live. It is painful to watch him struggling for health & I believe he has acute pain from angina. But I went and cheered him up a little I think. His poor wife told me they were desperately hard up. I have helped <u>him</u> without his knowing it in a small way & have to help those he leaves behind.
	4 May, Sun	Bryan & Dorothy for the day. I had a touch of “flu” – or at any rate some of the symptoms – soar [<i>sic</i>] throat, general aches & 2° above normal temp. He is longing for work & is getting it at War office I think.
	5 May, Mon	Flu. 99½°, aching.
	6 May, Tue	<p>Saw Thorne Thorne who said flu of a mild type was rampant in the district & I had all the symptoms. He gave me drugs & as I was nearly well I am sure they will be effective.</p> <p>He had had Arthur Balfour for a patient & proudly kept the letter in which the great man made the appointment! When a young man he was summoned to see Gerald Balfour. Shily he left his car half way up the house. The patient was out, but when he came in his first remark was “Doctor Thorne, <u>your</u> car blocks <u>my</u> avenue”.</p>
[mother – Edith Villiers Bulwer-Lytton]	7 May, Wed	Dermod O’Brien came to lunch & told me some news. Then Betty brought her dear old mother (83) and Lady Selborne. The last a splendid character & fine brain I should say. She recalled – I had forgotten – a visit to Kilteragh in 1911. Came to town at night for a visit to Dr. Henry Head – <i>materia medica</i> specialist – whom I am to consult on G.H.’s recom[mendatio]n tomorrow on Morphia and its antidotes – if any. I fully recognise – at last – that I am an old man, made abnormally young by this stimulation. The drug doubtless not only gives me calm & comfort but wards off

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		other poisons. Its abandonment, probably still possible in my case on account of my low dosage, will mean great suffering from which no doctor has promised relief except the Battle Creek people whose "viewpoint" is moral not physiological. I have been badly misled by all the doctors I fear.
	8 May, Thu	<p>Dr. Henry Head, a wise old pill, in outward appearance like Lenin but I think kindly & certainly thorough gave me a close examination. His verdict was that I was in a serious state of nervous tension and <u>must</u> avoid all mental or physical strain. He too is against withdrawal of the morphia, but if I can reduce it a little, say to 1¼ or 1 gr[ain], so much the better. Took 2½ 1½. He is sending me a man nurse to look after me in the night, giving me massage when I can't sleep. There are of course drugs to take but the main thing is <u>rest</u>.</p> <p>Saw Noel Buxton, Toye of the Ministry of Agriculture, James MacNeill, High Com[missione]r of the Free State and others about the Wembley conference which I suppose I shall be able to attend! Gave Buxton a lecture on his misunderstanding of cooperation & he asked me to see his chief permanent officer – Sir F Floud.</p>
	9 May, Fri	<p>Had interview with Sir F Floud permanent secretary of Ministry of Agriculture as arranged yesterday with Buxton. He will get Buxton to preside at first meeting of Cooperative Conference at Wembley July 28-31 and will, I think, act in his cooperative work more or less in accordance with my ideas.</p> <p>Shall begin keeping careful record of morphia taken in 1/24ths of a grain.</p> <p>Yesterday & today I took 36[encircled] 24ths = 1½ gr. and the figure 36 or whatever I manage to reduce to will be given in a ring until I start a book.</p>
	10 May, Sat	<p>Result of the two last days a bad cold on right lung and temperature 100°.</p> <p>32</p>
	11 May, Sun	Temperature down. 32
	12 May, Mon	<p>A visit from Mrs. Jim Power & her Dunning with Miss Minnie Fitzgerald. I had a temperature & I think they did me good.</p> <p>My night nurse arrived.</p>
	13 May, Tue	<p>At home alone – moping & fighting the drug. G.H. in town to see a cook who failed to materialise.</p> <p>Poincaré smashed in French Elections by the Left. Luck for MacDonald.</p>
	14 May, Wed	<p>Went to London to see Aaron Sapiro, as clever a Jew as Moritz Bonn, who has been organising farmers on a sort of cooperative joint stock plan – pure better business – in America. Saw Bryan at Walter's office. Called at Ministry of Agriculture and on way home called on Wingfield who is dying by inches of heart degeneracy. I have spent a bit of money on making his last months – I fear it is no more. I am paying a night nurse. His family attend him in the day. He begged me not to struggle with the morphia, but to take enough to give me comfort.</p>

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	15 May, Thu	G.H. made me go Treloar's Home for Cripples at Alton where under Sir Henry Gauvain they are 'cured' almost exclusively by light (Sun, carbon arc, Tungsten, Mercury vapor, heat waves[]) for strengthening the bactericidal property of the blood. 350 children admitted, up to 12 years old, were exhibiting miraculous cures.
	16 May, Fri	After 2 rather strenuous days took a complete rest. The Lock[e] Kings called. Nice couple. He has evidently had a stroke. She bears it well.
[Altiora and Oscar – thinly disguised portrayals of Sidney and Beatrice Webb in H.G. Wells' autobiographical <i>The New Machiavelli</i> , 1911] [Ali brothers – radical Indian nationalists]	17 May, Sat	Lunched with Sidney Webbs. G.H. took on "Altiora" and I "Oscar" of the New Machiavelli. I concentrated upon agric'l cooperation in order to get his support for Noel Buxton in the Cabinet. I think I got his mental assent (verbal I did get) for my three Betters policy. S.K. Ratcliffe was the fifth member of the party and the general conversation when it was general was most interesting. G.H. gathered that Ramsay MacDonald <u>was the Cabinet</u> , and the W's highly approved of him with, possibly, a mental reservation as to (a) his 'failure' to give S.W. the Treasury and (b) his inferiority in knowledge & brains to the W's in both of which views I concur. I raised the question of Industrial Psychology. S.W. favored it but entered a caveat against confining its application to employees. She (who monopolised G.H. as a possible convert to Fabianism) only talked personalities. Bertrand Russell was "deteriorating". "The Round Table" had "disappeared". The Labour party had no intention of giving up India. Olivier was "hard" but industrious. Thomas was too flighty for the post. Ireland didn't count. S K Ratcliffe said that now that Ireland was "off" in America the anti British sentiment cultivated India. So he got up the Ghandhi case. He found that the Ali Brothers had behaved much like the Rebel Irish – 'cowardly['] assassinations etc. Ghandhi insisted on taking all the responsibility though he disapproved their methods. He was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment, treated as political prisoner & let out in 3 years. How would the Americans [have] behaved in similar circ[umstance]s?
	18 May, Sun	Visits from Monteagle, Tom Spring Rice and Kit Robinson. The last is private sec'y to Dunraven & tells a sorry tale of the old man's life. With no belief in a personal survival & with no object in life but shere [<i>sic</i>] amusement at the cost of his heirs, he goes from sport to sport in company with Mrs. Blennerhasset with whom he has lived in open adultery for many years. He has just come home from a cruise in his £105,000 yacht!
[Leigh; G. Price's daughter]	19 May, Mon	Called on George Price. Elma Lee [<i>sic</i>] Bennett was there. He is near his end I fear.
	20 May, Tue	Shan Bullock was motored over by his son & we had much converse upon old times. Drove him to Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley, I having become a fellow. Nobody asked me or Shan or G.H. for our tickets.
	21 May, Wed	Took Bullock to town and attended Annual General Meeting of Women's Institutes. Lady Denman in Chair. Miss Hadow Vice Chairman, but a throat which prevented her speaking. Sir H. Hadow spoke well on music for rural communities. It is a big movement judging by the number of women present. Nugent

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		Harris told me he was the founder. His wife may have been.
	22 May, Thu	Multitudes of correspondents dealt with.
	23 May, Fri	To town for many things. Saw Henry Head. No fresh advice. He knows no more of morphia than the rest. So Gerald is consulting Gauvain as to possibilities of Light & rays. Met Balfour in street looking old & shaky. Saw Burt of Nat Institute of Industrial Psychology on rural work. Wrote Doheny for his second \$25,000 for Irish Statesman.
	24 May, Sat	[No entry]
	25 May, Sun	To tea at Fisher's Hill where met Arthur Balfour & Dame Ethel Smyth. Good converse. He did not see any chance of help for the rural problem from the Institute for Industrial psychology (of which he is Pres't). But I explained what we wanted and told him Burt had agreed that they could help later. Ireland came in in connection with abolition of Dublin Corporation which he thought was probably illegal. Dame Ethel was very interesting on political situation in Germany. She had been there recently & was in touch with well informed Germans. There was no National feeling – never had been except in moments of excitement. Bismarck was wrong in trying to create it. A.J.B. corrected her impression that Ramsay MacDonald was no foreign politician. Twenty years ago he heard him make a speech on foreign politics which showed knowledge. We got on to the Ruhr occupation. I told him what Wilson said to me about the Treaty. Its clumsy wording made occupation arguable, but the understanding was that no such separate action should be taken. He though[t] it wrong and had been told by L.I.G. that if the Coalition had survived he would have prevented it. (Damned lie)
	26 May, Mon	Tea with Sir George Barnes. An interesting neighbour.
	27 May, Tue	Finished Draft letter to Foundation Trustees re Wembley Conference July 28-31.
	28 May, Wed	To London. Colonel House had arrived. Saw him for a few minutes. He told me that he was forced to come over here now because past relations of the most friendly character during the great days of his friendship with Wilson had made it impossible to avoid supporting McAdoo's candidature for the Democratic Nomination next month. McA's chances are spoiled by his having taken big money from Doheny (who, incidentally, the Colonel tells me won't get into such trouble as to prevent his paying up "Statesman" instalments). The Colonel has had closest relations with all the possible Democratic Candidates, and will be able to steer any of them in their foreign policy. He goes to see MacDonald at Chequers for week end and asked me to see him tomorrow at 5.30 and give him any hint I can about his talk with the Labour Premier. So I have arranged to see Baffy at the League of Nations Union and get hints from her superiors. Pelton S.S. Co. meeting. The capital of £425,000 I found includes £170,000 bonus shares – water. The accounts are very gloomy. The fact is Gardiner has lost his grip and is now a dangerous financier.

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		Got on to Hall (Sir Daniel) by phone & he sent me the Final Report of the Agricultural Tribunal of investigation. At first glance it looks good & goes strongly for cooperation.
	29 May, Thu	<p>Stayed up to go to dinner of Nat Inst of Industrial Psychology. A.J.B. in chair. Sat at A Table: was so tired with day's events that I slept through the speeches! On my right Sir Charles Sherrington Pres't of Royal Society – a modest kindly man who treated me as an equal.</p> <p>During day attended a Stella Gill meeting. Gardiner is going down hill fast. At any time he might retire. God knows what would happen to the family interests if he did before Bryan is broken in.</p> <p>At 5.30 ³/₄ hour interview with Col. House who tomorrow visits MacD. He thinks McAdoo may still get the Democratic nomination. He would prefer Davis whom he could help. Glass of Virginia would be a good [choice], however, Smith of N.Y. is out of it as a R.C. Before I saw him I had an interview with Wilson Harris & “Baffy” Dugdale who urged me to get House to get M[a]cD to go to Geneva. House agreed: He will prophesy the Democratic Victory at the November Election. I told him this would make M[a]cD deeply interested in his close acquaintance. The League is anxious about Opium, but the Colonel thinks it is not a very live issue in the U.S.A.</p>
	30 May, Fri	A talk with Sir Daniel Hall & brought Karl Walter to Crest House where we planned.
	31 May, Sat	<p>Went to town to see a new doctor who specialises in “Light” treatment. It seems that the value (and safety) of the method depends upon a dosage regulated to the Blood. The test has to be made by an exam[inatio]n of the blood & also light exposure through small holes in a non transparent substance. I go up next week for this. Dr. Albert Eidinow, recommended by Sir Henry Gauvain is very young, but I should say very able. I told him of the morphia. He says <u>if</u> my blood will stand the treatment he believes he can lengthen the influence of the morphia doses & so reduce the total dosage.</p> <p>Gerald & I lunched with the Bernard Shaws. Met Clare Sheridan, Moreton Frewin's daughter. Interesting talk.</p>
	1 Jun, Sun	Daisy came for the day and I drove her back at night. Her courage & unselfishness are wonderful. Alas her troubles – Hetty and Gerald alone would break most mothers' spirits – may prove too much for her.
	2 Jun, Mon	Came to town for light treatment today & tomorrow – and for some other things. House has met Craig & Cosgrave at Chequers with MacDonald! I am to see him tomorrow. Tea with Ada & saw “old Covey”. Poor old boy he is crippled with rheumatism (which doubtless he has had some fun for) & I fear bad pain will follow.
	3 Jun, Tue	Long talk with Col. House. At Chequers he saw Craig but left before Cosgrave arrived. Nothing doing in Ireland, but he had, he estimates, 12 hours alone with MacDonald. He gave the P.M. credit for courage, imagination, political insight and charm – “Celtic” I said & he laughed. He gave MacD. his forecast of

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<p>[Henry Cabot Lodge]</p> <p>[McCormack]</p>		<p>Democratic victory (barring accidents betw'n now & Nov 4) and I gather their talk was almost entirely on Foreign policy and America. He mentioned me, he said. I asked whether, from our (House's & my) world peace point of view, he wished the present Gov't to stay in. "Yes and nobody wants to turn them out except Lloyd George." "What about Birkenhead[?]" I said, at the same time telling him of B's amazing, mixed life. "His work may still be great, but it will be in the law rather than in politics" was the Colonel's shrewd comment. He said Baldwin wants Labour to stay in – and so also does the King!</p> <p>One very interesting point. Kellogg U.S. Minister over here, was a great corporation lawyer. He was for the League and was in the Senate in Wilson's second term. He went to Wilson & said "I am for your League & can swing 34 votes your way. But there must be certain reservations (which House said were Ks – not Lodges – and harmless). I don't want you to tell me what your attitude to them would be, or if favourable I should have to tell others & they would spring new ones". Wilson scorned the help and wrecked his whole political life. Kellogg said recently to House "I have long been convinced the U.S. should join the League". I asked if this was conditional on Germany's inclusion. "With or without Germany" he replied.</p> <p>Dined with the Laverys. Knew few of the guests. But John MacCormack [<i>sic</i>] the singer, a subscriber to the Irish Statesman was there & we had a long talk about American politics. He was sure Smith, governor of New York would be elected, in spite of being a R.C. – if he could be nominated. I doubt it.</p>
	4 Jun, Wed	<p>Derby Day & had to waste hours in town before I could face the road home. In evening G.H. got wire from solicitors in Dublin calling him over to attend in my behalf at trial of Kilteragh compensation claim. Apparently it is to come on next week, but the Board of Works wanted to dispute some furniture claims out of court. G.H. left for town and going to Dublin tomorrow.</p>
	5 Jun, Thu	<p>Went to London & brought Wingfield & his nurse to The Crest House. Hospitality which is really a help to a sick friend gives me great satisfaction.</p>
	6 Jun, Fri	<p>Quiet restful day taking care of Wingfield. Daisy came after tea. A new chauffeur with a wife, who is an excellent housemaid, made my domestic economy far more satisfactory than it had been.</p>
[Foxholm]	7 Jun, Sat	<p>Resting – but working too in a way. Went to dine at Fox Holme [<i>sic</i>] with Sir G. Barnes to meet Ld. & Lady Chelmsford and wife. He had been Viceroy of India 1916-21 and is now First Lord of the Admiralty in the Labour Gov't with whose policy he is not in accord. Ramsay MacDonald told him he was determined to get at the head of the Administrative departments capable men, uncommitted to any policy affecting their departments. The question of collective responsibility seemed to worry him less than Sir G Barnes. H told me that oil burning ships were a blow at British naval supremacy. Formerly we owned nearly all the coaling stations. Now a ship carrying oil often burns 25% to 30% of its cargo on the trip to distant ports. Japan had been far worse hit by the recent earthquake than was generally imagined.</p> <p>Our conversation – and he spoke chiefly to me – was chiefly upon</p>

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		<p>the agric'l policy of the Government, as to which I gave him my full views. He cross-examined me closely and I held my ground. When I was leaving Barnes told me C. was very grateful to me and remarked "I suppose Plunkett would not mind helping any Cabinet Minister who asked his help".</p> <p>Chelmsford was worried over the Wages Board policy of the Gov't & pressed me as to my views upon a central Board versus local Boards. I had no doubt as to the superiority of Boards with local knowledge, but said I feared a town labour Government would not agree with me. On this he thought the Gov't might come to smash. When I said I hoped they would stay in 2 or 3 years he expressed his preference for 1 year – if so much.</p>
	8 Jun, Sun	Aaron Sapiro brought a crowd of Americans – mostly in the tobacco trade apparently – one of whom Judge Robert W. Bingham was the most interesting. Otherwise rest.
	9 Jun, Mon	Daisy suffering a good deal at night, & determined to go into Nursing Home I think. Decided to keep Wingfield over the week end, he is getting better so fast. Rather tiring his deafness, but it is a small thing to endure for the pleasure of seeing the kindly physician enjoying self.
	10 Jun, Tue	Took Daisy to London to see Dr. Albert Eidinow for her aches & pains at night which are making her life wretched – but not breaking her spirit or lessening her wonderful unselfishness.
[Reference to Biblical King David and his brother-in-law (and, perhaps, lover) Jonathan]	11 Jun, Wed	<p>To London by 7 PM where found wire from Heard that he & Lennox Robinson were to be with me in the morning. I fear the joy of David travelling with Johnathan [<i>sic</i>] was too much. Besides he hates Dublin.</p> <p>Saw Col. House and lent him the two portly volumes "These Eventful Years" brought out by the Encyclopaedia Britannica of New York. (They took from me the subtitle "The Twentieth Century in the Making" which House, who contributed a good chapter, said he would have greatly preferred as the Title.) Arranged meeting between him & Baffy Dugdale at my flat tomorrow.</p>
	12 Jun, Thu	Lennox & Gerald arrived early & I did two coal meetings & two Carnegie. Gerald gave the gloomiest picture of Ireland – chaos, squalor, R.C.ism was the kind of summary he would make. I was glad when I could occupy my mind on other things, which I had to do in full measure. Besides coal & Carnegie business I had a conference with Sapiro on cooperative marketing for nearly an hour which was very interesting and informing. Then Baffy Dugdale & Colonel House had a tête a tête on my sofa which was absorbingly interesting. She pressed the Colonel to do all he could to get America into the League, which drew from him his own idea how it should be done. Briefly, never express any wish that America should come in – don't hope that Democrats will win or if they do, say you are glad. Just don't care whether they win or not or whether the U.S. comes into the League. Be courteous – that's all. In time they will come in – he hopes as Associate Members (following the precedent of their participat[io]n in the war[]). The feeling that in abstaining America has for her company only Germany, Russia & Mexico will do its work – if the situation is not forced. I promised to write the Colonel a few

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		words on the Democratic attitude to the farmers.
	13 Jun, Fri	Carnegie Executive. I praised their Rural Life policy which they are adopting on my lines but through another agency – the National Council of Social Services. They believe in Ellis its Sec’y & they don’t believe in me. So I am delighted that the work will go on.
	14 Jun, Sat	News came that General Dawes, the Chairman of the Reparations Commission, had got the Repub[lica]n nomination for Vice President. I wrote to House to whom the nomination of a V.P. so obviously superior in every respect to the Pres’t must have come as a surprise (as it did to me) and urged an immediate effort to get the agric’l vote by a sound agric’l plank in the platform. Drafted one. Charles W. Holman, one of McCarthy’s lieutenants, brought his wife to lunch at The Crest House & I showed him the draft. He approved – and he is well informed upon the farmer situation. Julian Huxley and Daisy came for the week end.
	15 Jun, Sun	Glorious day. Blanche Dutton & a daughter (not my godchild – I must get better acquainted!) called. Gerald & Julian Huxley went to Bateson but I had to do host.
	16 Jun, Mon	To London early. Called at once on Col. House who approved of my draft of agric’l “plank” for Democratic “platform”. He gave me the Republican platform which involves many changes in my effort. On Huxley’s advice called on Sir Walter Fletcher Secretary of Medical Research Council to see if they would provide money for Gauvain to do research work at Alton. I offered to pay ½ the cost if the Medical Council approved the plan & put up the other half. Wingfield went home, greatly benefited by his stay with me. Doheny, I heard, has paid his second \$25,000 to the Irish Statesman.
	17 Jun, Tue	Again early to House for a talk upon the agricultural plank in the Democratic platform. Then to K. Walter and finished the plank. House thought it A.I. He said “The American people are normally Republican. But the Democrats have a good sporting chance”. It seems that McAdoo is determined to run for the nomination, no matter what his chances of election. This is a terrible handicap to him & his friends. Returned, very tired, to The Crest House. In morning took my cash box to Chubbs. It would not open. They (two of the shop assistants) said that it had been tampered with. G.H. asked Ware, who at once said a man we had recently had in to help in the house did it. I think he probably did, but it is unsatisfactory to have to make innocent people think you may suspect them.
	18 Jun, Wed	C.F. Strickland came to lunch. He is the typical Indian civilian and specialises in Cooperation. His account of Indian Coop’n shows it to be 90% at least <u>credit</u> , and as big in proportion governmental. He thinks British Rule in India will soon be over. He saw no hope (for India) in the hereafter.
	19 Jun, Thu	To town to say goodbye to Johnny Holroyd Smyth – off to North Borneo for 4 years. Saw Alice, looking a bit worn, and her three boys (Horace & Bryan were there too). Got her to come & see me

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		<p>before she returns to Ireland.</p> <p>Brought Karl Walter & Hart Synnot to meet me at Crest House, where we can settle some Conference issues.</p> <p>Had sunbath at 7.30 A.M. (sun time) today.</p>
	20 Jun, Fri	<p>Rather heated talk with Hart Synnot who was trying to bring the C.W.S. into the Wembley Conference in a dominating position. He has had to attend the obsequies of the A.O.S. which was his protégé after it had been neglected by all others. With the C.W.S. I am “once bitten etc”.</p> <p>A day of sunbathing & sitting out of doors.</p>
	21 Jun, Sat	<p>Daisy came for the week end – still suffering from either arthritis or neuritis in her arms. She is brave over it – an example to me.</p>
	22 Jun, Sun	<p>Alice & her youngest boy Bryan came for a 24 hours visit. She has been suffering from rheumatism, and the moral torture of having to live at Ballynatray with her useless husband added to physical pain has made a sad inroad upon her strength. Her account of Ireland, as she sees it, is terribly depressing. She knows the people intimately and all she says confirms my criticism of the Irish character in that hapless book.</p>
	23 Jun, Mon	[No entry]
	24 Jun, Tue	<p>Adams came to spend the night. We talked the Wembley Conference.</p>
[SPCA – Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals]	25 Jun, Wed	<p>To town early for business and Conference discussion with Walter. Lunched with E J Dillon, just back from Mexico. He is getting less vigorous as might be expected. Alas so am I. At night took Ada, Robin & Daisy to “Rodeo” at the Wembley Stadium. It is a very poor Wild West show. Roping steers had yielded to the S.P.C.A.’s intervention and while the rope was allowed to be swung on to the neck & horns it had then to be let go. A poor edition of Buffalo Bill’s show.</p> <p>Had a talk with Col. House on arrival in town. The Democratic Convention is simply shouting in Madison Square Garden so far. He hopes Davis will get the nomination yet.</p>
	26 Jun, Thu	<p>Stella Gill. The Directors of all the companies which centre in Gardiner are reducing their fees. Times are hard and the outlook is, to me at least, alarming. Why do people imagine that they can indulge in such an extravagant folly as the World War & not pay for it. The illusion is, I think, to be explained by the War education. Before a <u>people</u> (and now it is the whole people that must fight) will put forth their strength for war, they must be lied to so long and consistently that they cannot be easily or in short time got back on to a truth or fact basis. When the people realise where they stand – God help their rulers. Back to Crest House.</p>
	27 Jun, Fri	<p>Called on George Price & met his wife & daughter (Mrs. Leigh Bennett) whose husband owns [t]he house. Poor George is near his end &, I gather, is rather a trial to Gertrude with whom, when he was at his best, he never got on very well.</p>
	28 Jun, Sat	<p>Sent the car in to fetch Daisy and Col. House, wife & secretary who went on to Hindhead. Turned the Kilteragh Visitors’ Book over & made the Houses start it as at The Crest House.</p>

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	29 Jun, Sun	<p>“General” John H. Morgan, an International constitutional lawyer much used by the Government in Peace negotiations at Versailles &c and more recently in connection with disarmament in Germany was brought by Olive Guthrie to tea & dinner. He left the impression that Germans had had their dormant militarism aroused by the Ruhr occupation. Poland seems likely to be the powder barrel which may set Europe ablaze again.</p> <p>Moorhead very kindly paid me a short visit in the morning. He is off for a two months’ holiday abroad. He strongly advised me to continue the morphia as long as I can keep it down to a low dosage – say 2 grains.</p> <p>He examined Daisy and urged her to give up the treatments she is undergoing in London – she is being electrified by a quack! Complete rest and healthy living – staying at The Crest House quietly would be ideal – for two months.</p>
	30 Jun, Mon	<p>Rested all day. Only mild exercise motoring Daisy & Heard to the Royal Horticultural Soc’y’s gardens at Wisley.</p>
	1 Jul, Tue	<p>Daisy went with me to town where I had to pay my respects to the American Ambassador, Kellogg (an improvement on Col. Harvey but not up to the high standard of his predecessors). Got him to promise to look in at the Wembley Conference.</p> <p>I am very anxious about Daisy’s health and persuaded her to see Sir Thomas Horder, probably the best diagnostician in London. She has pain in her hands at night and her fingers get numb. I fear paralysis if she is not looked after. Moorhead’s advice to keep quiet will, I fear, not be taken.</p>
	2 Jul, Wed	<p>Katherine Tynan Hinkson & her daughter Pamela spent 5 hours with me. The Prices called in the middle of the visitation which was a relief. I came to town to try & finish an introduction for the Book of the Wembley Conference in consultation with Walter, tomorrow.</p>
	3 Jul, Thu	<p>Attended a Pelton and a Bowes meeting. Bryan came up for former. Lunched with Reggie & Kathleen.</p> <p>Convinced Karl Walter that it was better for me to write a separate “Message” to the Wembley Conference and not attempt an “Introduction” which would have had to be ready today.</p>
	4 Jul, Fri	<p>Lunched with Mrs. Alfred Lyttelton who is summering in a cottage at Hascombe with her daughter. Then on to Col. House at Hind Head for tea. He told me a lot about Wilson’s entourage – particularly Mrs. Wilson, whose influence seems to have been all to the bad and whose petty jealousy was the whole cause of the rupture of his & Wilson’s friendship. “Admiral” Grayson, Wilson’s private physician probably caused W’s early death. He it was who advised W., notwithstanding his high blood-pressure, to go on the fatal speaking tour.</p> <p>One interesting political note. It was Kellogg, the present US Ambassador over here, and not Lodge who drafted the “Lodge Reservations” to the Treaty.</p> <p>The more one hears of the intimate life of Wilson, the more his small side stands out. He was a master of phrase, he had dogged</p>

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		determination, of course he had knowledge of history and politics qualifying him up to a point for his post. But the "Fourteen points" were possibly all other peoples arranged, no doubt, by the great conductor of the Peace orchestra. Beyond question, had he been murdered when he first arrived in Paris, before the man had been so terribly tried & tested, he would had <i>[sic]</i> held the foremost place in the page of little man's little history on this little speck of dust in the limitless universe. What does it all – what does anything matter???
	5 Jul, Sat	Rested. Came to the conclusion against all the costly advice I have had, (Moorhead the best, Head, Wilfrid Harris, Craig & Wingfield) that I cannot safely attempt to stabilise morphia, unless at a much lower dosage than the 2 gr[ains] which they consider the max[imu]m. Possibly 1 grain or lower might be better than elimination. But August, Sept & Oct must be given up to reduction.
	6 Jul, Sun	Bryan Stapylton came. We talked coal & went to see Preston about it. In the day Lennox Robinson came but did not talk. Lord Justice O'Connor came and did. He has cast the dust – or rather mud – off his feet & left Ireland – with a goodly pension on which he proposes to live. He told us he was Irish of the Irish, son of lowly parents but made his way by sheer hard work. He damned & double damned everything & every body (except himself) Irish. When I remember his nationalist judicial outbursts – well!!
	7 Jul, Mon	To town to get a Plombieres douche – alias an enema. But the nurse who gave it had great skill and relieved me of a very hard block which made me feel ill. Stayed up to work at the Conference.
	8 Jul, Tue	Hart Synnot, K Walter & I conferred over the Conference at Wembley. K.W. was so over-worked that he could do nothing. Brought Bernard Holland to Crest House. Had a good sleep last night as the result of being washed out inside.
[Rutson] [sister] [Sydney]	9 Jul, Wed	Ken[n]eth Leys – the worthiest but shiest of humans – came for a few hours. Bernard Holland & I motored to the Manor House Byfleet where an old Miss the widow Ruston <i>[sic]</i> , brother <i>[sic]</i> of Sidney <i>[sic]</i> Buxton, showed us many interesting old things.
	10 Jul, Thu	Bernard Holland left. I felt unwell & depressed. I tried to finish my Message to the Conference & realised that I had worked too hard over it.
	11 Jul, Fri	To London to get another Plombiere's douche – a wash out of the intestines with an alkaline water. Brought Daisy back to Crest House. Showed me Horder's diagnosis of her case. It is a gouty affection and "not microbic in origin".
	12 Jul, Sat	Rest at home – but worked at the Message to the Conference.
	13 Jul, Sun	Gillespie came for a couple of hours talk over the business of the Irish Statesman. Drove Daisy to see Phyllis Byrne at the Convent of the Sacred Heart at Roehampton having arranged to meet her mother & brother there. The two latter came to see The Crest House & I was

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		glad to have a talk with the mother.
	14 Jul, Mon	Daisy left, after a very painful night. I fear the symptoms – they are too like my own, though the cause is different. We both have neurotic pains in the arms & legs. She too has great pain at night in her hands alternating with loss of feeling and use. We are both hypersensitive, but she is 10 years younger than I and should have more life before her.
	15 Jul, Tue	Nearly finished my Message – but not quite. My writing power has left me. Went by night train to Newcastle, Bryan accompanying me.
	16 Jul, Wed	Struggled against coma (almost) after a bad night in the train, and managed to see 3 Bowes collieries, Pelton, the Marley Hill & Stella Gill Coke & ByeProducts companies.
	17 Jul, Thu	Wearily did the rest of the Bowes Collieries & went down one pit with Bryan for his enlightenment. Finished the Message to the Conference which he thought good.
	18 Jul, Fri	The Bowes Board meeting. Gardiner made a sorry figure of himself in raising small points – making mole hills into mountains. Bryan & I returned by an early afternoon train to London where I slept the night.
	19 Jul, Sat	Had a talk with Colonel House about American politics. He told me in “graveyard confidence” his plans for the Democratic Campaign. I must not record them even here. He fears Davis’ chances are mighty slim, the party being rent from top to bottom. Conferences about the Conference with Walter, Hart Synnot, AD Hall and others in the Ministry. Brought Daisy down to The Crest House.
[Oscar Browning House at Eton]	20 Jul, Sun	There came Karl Walter & his wife, boy & boy’s school friend, Ralph Stuart Wortley Jr. & wife, Jim Byrne, Sheila, Phyllis & Jimmy. Rather tiring. I drove over in afternoon to the Barnes’ to see a Chetwynd-Stapylton who was at Oscar Browning’s with me. First cousin of Bryan’s.
	21 Jul, Mon	To town to correct proofs of the Message which were not ready. Had, however, useful talk with Karl Walter. Had tea with Jim Byrne (who had arrived from New York) & brought the proofs back to Crest Ho[use].
	22 Jul, Tue	To London to give corrected proofs myself to the printers & back home to lunch. Commander Spring Rice (Monteagle’s brother) called. Dull & good.
	23 Jul, Wed	Pelton Steamship Co & lunch with Gardiner for business, long talks with Adams, Hart Synnot & K. Walter for service and “Plombiere douching” for pleasure!
	24 Jul, Thu	Pelton & Stella Gill. Formal both. Saw Hon. Charles A. Dunning at his Hotel. He is Premier of Saskatchewan – a self made man, likely to rise high in Dominion politics, a keen cooperator. He will attend & help the Conference. We saw eye to eye. Saw also Noel Buxton & Enfield (who has written a book on agricultural economics[]) at the Ministry of Agriculture & had James MacNeill to lunch. All were keen in proportion to their

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		understanding of Agric'l Coop'n. Buxton was the least intelligent. Got hair cut & photographed cheap. Back home.
	25 Jul, Fri	Worked at Conference, writing to important people. E M Forster the author of a Passage to India, one of the best works I have read of late and a most valuable analysis of Anglo-Indian situation came to tea.
[Whiteley Village – built from £1 million bequest of department store magnate Wm. Whiteley for deserving pensioners.	26 Jul, Sat	Wrote & wrote – but got a clear desk for Sunday. Called on Dame Ethel Lock[e] King. Also went over the Whiteley Village with the Superintendent. It is extraordinarily well planned and administered.
[Sherborne – 6th Baron, James Huntly Dutton]	27 Jul, Sun	Bryan & Dorothy brought Piers and Muriel Dutton for the day. He is Sherborne's brother, she a Wingfield of Barrington. I rested mostly but had to do some Conference drafting.
	28 Jul, Mon	The Conference at Wembley opened well. Buxton, half an hour late, read a fairly good & Hall made a very good, speech. Charles Dunning, premier of Saskatchewan moved a resolution I had drafted committing the Conference to a definite policy. It was the Three Beters, without the words. Olivier was to have presided in the afternoon but failed at the last moment. Norman, R.A., Barbour from Ireland, and Indians & Colonials kept up a good debate. I was pleased greatly at the seriousness of the affair. Sir George Barnes, who came in the afternoon to hear agric'l credit discussed said he thought the Government had a fine chance of using the Conference to back up their cooperative agricultural policy. R.A. came to supper.
	29 Jul, Tue	Dunning again dominated the Conference and I have no doubt now as to his future. The attendance improved by 25% over yesterday which is surely reasonable. Smith Gordon & wife, Norman & a McAuliffe of the Ministry for Agric're in Ireland came to supper. The last named is Hogan's man and it was worth while giving him some cooperative ideas.
	30 Jul, Wed	Another really good 4 hours discussion with Dunning taking the chief part again. At night the Government gave the Conference a magnificent dinner in Lancaster House. I heard incidentally that the dinner cost 30/- & the wine 30/- more! This was disgusting. But it stimulated those present and beyond question it marked a big swing of the pendulum toward cooperation. I had to sleep in town.
[Institute]	31 Jul, Thu	The morning the Conference discussed children and the afternoon women in rural life. It was the only dull day out of the four. I again took no part but for all that I was thoroughly worn out. Heard stayed in town to see the National Institution [sic] of Industrial psychology people. I was glad to get out to my Surrey home, where I must rest & be thankful that in my pitiable inability to do fresh work, I may yet see my past work bearing fruit.
	1 Aug, Fri	Wrote endless letters – replies to correspondents kept waiting by the Conference. Then Heard & I motored over to Dan Lane.

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	2 Aug, Sat	Meant to rest but had 20 letters to get off owing to neglecting correspondence for the Conference.
	3 Aug, Sun	Lunched with Betty B. Large family party including Nellie Cole. Then to Manor House, Byfleet to tea, to meet Lord & Lady Buxton. Back to The Crest House where Karl Walter came to see me before going for his holiday. He has taken service under the H.P. Foundation.
	4 Aug, Mon	Went to Brooklands, bet 10/- on a car belonging to "Barnato". Got 8 to 1 & he won as I thought a Barnato would. But no more. And it cost me nothing to attend as the Lock[e] Kings gave me a badge. Otherwise letters, letters . . .
	5 Aug, Tue	Went to see GBS' St. Joan. A great play. I was disappointed in Sybil Thorndike's Joan.
	6 Aug, Wed	Rest after the small effort of yesterday.
	7 Aug, Thu	Rest but very unwell. E.M. Forster spent the latter part of the day with us. He plays chess, but takes 15 minutes over every move!
	8 Aug, Fri	Hart Synnot came to sleep a night & talk over the outcome of the Conference. He too often puts his foot on the accelerator instead of the brake, but is easily made to reverse the process.
[Article re Wembley Conference pasted in.]	9 Aug, Sat	To Lady de Vesci – always kindly gracious & sympathetic. As lovely as an old person can be. Opposite, Æ in Irish Statesman of today gives his views of the Conference.
	10 Aug, Sun	Called at the Manor House, Byfleet. Otherwise rested.
	11 Aug, Mon	F.P. Keppel, director of Carnegie Corporation in New York & wife came to supper. Pleasant, alert, shrewd but not, I should say, highly cultured folk.
	12 Aug, Tue	Went to town to see Daisy, en route from Killeen to Carlsbad, the James Byrnes motoring her most of the way. I would have gone too if she had wanted me to, but she saw it would not be good for my health and I saw that I could not be of help to her.
	13 Aug, Wed	Rested.
	14 Aug, Thu	To the Exhibition to meet G.W. Klerck who represented S. Africa at the Conference. He interested us much. We lunched in the specimen train which looked comfortable.
	15 Aug, Fri	All day in bed with a temperature and general upset.
	16 Aug, Sat	Weak but up.
[Cole – husband of AJ Balfour's daughter Eleanor]	17 Aug, Sun	Went over to the Gerald Balfours. They were very unhappy over the wretched state of Galbraith Cole – a miserable cripple with rheumatoid arthritis at some 45 years of age – but as brave as a lion.
	18 Aug, Mon	The summer has I fear fled. The weather is wet & chilly. But Ireland is probably much worse.
	19 Aug, Tue	Came to Hinton Ampner where I visited John Dutton, my uncle, some 55 years ago! Henry the son & heir is 77! and fitter a good deal than I. The eldest daughter & the only son Ralph were at home, the other daughters (3) away. Blanche and these two

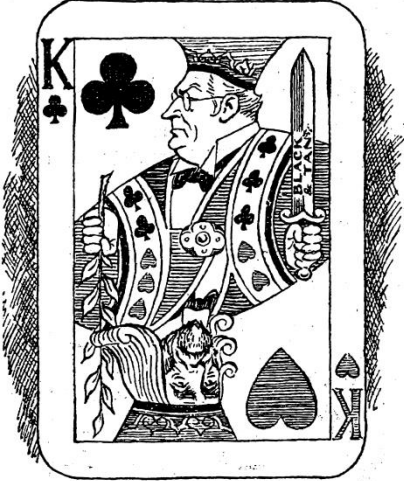
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		children all as nice as possible. I was not feeling well at all and went to bed with fear of a lung attack as the result of a chilling hail storm on the road. Heard was with me and rejoiced Blanche with his knowledge of their common subject, architecture.
[<i>res augusta</i> – limited resources]	20 Aug, Wed	Had to give up the trip to Mary Herbert which I had looked forward to. My right lung was painful in the night and a few days care will be required. In afternoon motored Henry (77) to Winchester where G.H. showed us over the Cathedral. Then we picked up Ella Simeon and brought her back to Hinton for tea from the Eversleys. He is 95 and I did not see him. She (Constance Moreton) must be well on in the 70s at least. Poor thing she was very senile. Blanche Dutton (mère) is a splendid wife, mother & woman. Knowledgeable, cultured and competent. She has steered her rather heavy husband and long family finely. The <i>res augusta</i> won't press till death duties have to be faced & then young Ralph may display his mother's qualities.
	21 Aug, Thu	Lucky I returned. In the quiet of The Crest House I got much better of my chill but have to be very careful. My chest is sore inside & out.
	22 Aug, Fri	Had to idle.
	23 Aug, Sat	All day in bed. Dan Lane called.
	24 Aug, Sun	Very unwell & depressed. Short of breath. Kit Robinson spent the afternoon & evening, telling me of his new job, chiefly, at Crosse & Blackwell's, but I got in some talk about Ireland & Dunraven whose amazing selfishness & extravagance at 84 is sickening.
	25 Aug, Mon	Worse. Went to Woking to see Thorne. His brother was taking his work & sent me home to bed saying "telephone if you want to see me again". As I had a temperature and acute shingles I thought he took the case too lightly.
	26 Aug, Tue	After a very bad night called in the local Dr. Beare, a very nice surgeon-physician. He prescribed inter alia a night nurse & we got a horror by telephone to a Cooperative Nursing Association. A 100.6 temperature.
	27 Aug, Wed	100.6 max.
	28 Aug, Thu	101.2 max. But shingles & lungs both taking their course. Conrad Young, who has crossed the Atlantic with his wife to discuss business had his first talk. As he is deaf in two ears to my one I had to do more shouting than was good for me.
	29 Aug, Fri	100.2 max.
	30 Aug, Sat	100.8 max. Betty B called. But I was hardly able to talk to her – so weak.
	31 Aug, Sun	At last touched normal temperature. No visitors – everybody on holiday.
	1 Sep, Mon	Slightly above normal – about 2° above my normal. Kept in bed all day but doctor satisfied. He is changing my nurse tomorrow. Last thing at night my temperature began to rise a bit. But the

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		doctor likes it to give us the symptom of mischief.
[Gorgon – mythical Greek female monster]	2 Sep, Tue	A nurse Norway came from Plymouth & the Gorgon nurse left without so much as saying goodbye. I like the new one very much.
	3 Sep, Wed	Not a soul called. Temperature remains high enough to give me uncomfortable days and miserable nights.
	4 Sep, Thu	The same. Gardner the chief local doctor called in. He is an antiquarian and except as the two heads better than one I don't know that much was gained. G. suggests anti-flu vaccine which Beare won't try immediately.
	5 Sep, Fri	The same but worse. Restlessness, pain all over. At night had an enema which seemed to clear the whole intestinal tract. This reduced my temperature and gave me some – very little – sleep. It is a bad attack of influenza, as the sputum analysis showed.
	6 Sep, Sat	Doctor <u>sees</u> improvement – I feel the reverse. His tests cannot be as hopelessly unreliable as my wretched feelings. He gave me a small injection of a stock influenza vaccine, which gave me a bit of temperature & much added misery.
	7 Sep, Sun	The two Sunday papers had no letters. Still wretched. Temp up to 100°.
	8 Sep, Mon	Today after a painful night a lower day temp. I feel a bit better.
	9 Sep, Tue	Really better, though weaker. It has been a miserable fortnight, struggling for health.
	10 Sep, Wed	Slight improvement, the nurse says. Temp slightly down – that's substantial. But the weakness & depression are great.
	11 Sep, Thu	The same.
	12 Sep, Fri	The same.
	13 Sep, Sat	The same. But both Daisy & Karl Walter arrived in town from abroad. The Walters had had a terrible experience flying from France. The engine caught fire & they only just got across the Channel in time. They landed at Lympne aerodrome where another machine took them to Croydon.
	14 Sep, Sun	Only slight temperature. Daisy came for some hours which was a relief. She had sad news from Archbp. Duhig of Brisbane about Gerald – the same old story of lying, shirking & stealing. E M Forster brought Lowes Dickinson for a brief talk.
	15 Sep, Mon	No temperature! Still a very sore chest – painful to breath. Weakness of course. But that will pass I hope. My working days are over I fear. I shall have to be a valetudinarian for a few years & then — .
	16 Sep, Tue	Downstairs! And the Conrad Youngs & Karl Walter spent the afternoon with me. I was the better for it. No temperature!
	17 Sep, Wed	Leonard Elmhirst came to spend the afternoon. The Dr. won't let me move. Temperature gone. Strength not come.
	18 Sep, Thu	James Byrne came down & had long talk over Irish Statesman matters. Then came Adams with whom I talked Foundation affairs. I didn't seem the worse but my chest is very sore and the

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		weakness is awful.
	19 Sep, Fri	Got out in the car for two short drives. The Dr. will tell me in a week whether I can safely winter in this climate.
	20 Sep, Sat	Called on the George Prices. He & I were a pitiable pair. Gerald & Gertrude talked well to us.
	21 Sep, Sun	Two short walks and a call on the Barnes. Very, very slow progress.
	22 Sep, Mon	Karl Walter came, greatly refreshed by his holiday, to talk over his new work – the development of my Foundation. Still weak but getting better daily.
	23 Sep, Tue	Adams dined & slept. I am getting on famously in delegating my life work to younger men.
	24 Sep, Wed	Heard that Smith Gordon & D O'Brien wanted to divide the Trust Foundation money with an Irish & a non Irish portion, part of the plan being to find a job for R.A. Anderson. How like poor Ireland. Before I heard this I had written to Father Finlay proposing to resign the Presidency of the I.A.O.S., whose functions I can no longer perform, in favor of R.A.A. He is holding on to the Secretaryship to the utter ruin of that instrument of my life work.
	25 Sep, Thu	Wretched weather. I worked too hard & suffered.
	26 Sep, Fri	The doctor paid a final visit & said my lung was now quite normal. I still feel it sore when I breath heavily.
	27 Sep, Sat	Bryan Stapylton came to talk collieries.
	28 Sep, Sun	Preston called & had a thorough talk with Bryan about the coal situation. Today we enter on a political crisis of the utmost gravity. The Labour Government have to defend themselves for their handling of two Treaties – the Ulster & the Soviet ones. If they back down on either (which I don't anticipate but better informed & wiser people do) they will go to the country on an appeal to the workers against the capitalist system. Then we shall see what with their "fundamental common sense" the British people are now thinking. Probably about unemployment & the cost of living. But what are their remedies[?].
	29 Sep, Mon	Went to London to fetch Daisy to Crest House & to discuss things with Karl Walter. The car broke down & altogether it was a day beyond my strength (which is very low). The nurse, who had remained on to help me through the nights, left.
	30 Sep, Tue	Took Daisy over to see Betty Balfour. I find the illness has made the craving for the morphia far worse. I am at my wits end what to do. I am doing some hard work over the Introduction to the volume of the Conference. I am also going to Carmarthen on Friday for a very important Cooperative meeting at which there is a chance of getting the whole of Wales – South Wales at any rate – to follow my ideas. After that I must try absolute rest & see if I cannot stabilise on a small dosage. I have kept down to 2 gr[ains] faithfully.

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	1 Oct, Wed	Nearly finished my opus magnum. It will be, I think, the last word on agricultural cooperation.
	2 Oct, Thu	Rested for the ordeal of S Wales.
	3 Oct, Fri	Drove with Daisy to London. Thence a 5¼ hour express train to Carmarthen where Jones Davies & his wife met me and also the Dynevors' motor. A 16 mile drive to Dynevor Castle. Arrived at dark & could only see that it was in a fine park in good natural scenery. Wealth outstood. Dynevor I don't remember meeting before. His wife is Beatrice's sister, very cheerful & nice, said to have lots of brains but I was too tired & stupid to discover them. Happily only a nice flapper of a daughter made up the party of four.
	4 Oct, Sat	Imogen, the nice flapper, took me to two small farms & to the old Castle on the Hill. Then I mugged up my speech and Dynevor motored me in to Carmarthen where there was a big gathering. Adams, Sir Alfred Mond & I were the chief speakers. They were kind to me. I was left at the County Club till my train left at 8.10 P.M. I think I did good by coming to the cause if not to myself.
	5 Oct, Sun	Very tired. Daisy came down for the day to The Crest House. The Bernard Hollands, and a Miss Egerton with whom they were staying, came to tea.
	6 Oct, Mon	Tried to rest but there is much to do for the Irish Statesman's circulation campaign – to be conducted through a personal letter from myself to a 33,000 list supplied by the Literary Digest staff, largely Irish. I have also a big work to do for the Foundation – an Introduction to the book of the Conference.
	7 Oct, Tue	A long day in London (1) Conference with K Walter about the Foundation (2) Lunch with the Keanes in St Johns Wood to meet James MacNeill the Free State Commissioner & (3) Listened to the opening of the Debate in the Lords on the Ulster Boundary. Grey came down heavily on the Ulster side.
	8 Oct, Wed	Went with Betty Balfour to "Aunt T." now 88. Her son Max & daughter-in-law are looking after her & find it very wearisome. I pity them all. The Government was beaten in the House of Commons upon a motion to have an inquiry into the Attorney General's withdrawal of a prosecution against a Communist editor who had advised H.M.s fighting forces to play traitor. The Gov't treated the matter as one of confidence & they must go to the country.
	9 Oct, Thu	The Government decided to go to the Country. My anticipation is that the older parties have made a grave miscalculation and that the electorate will send back Labour much stronger.
	10 Oct, Fri	To town for the day – lots of work – and brought Fingall back for tea & dinner. The Introduction to the Conference Volume is not finished. It is a bigger job than I anticipated – but it will be, I think, worth doing.
	11 Oct, Sat	Again to town to get clerical help in Walter's office, to lunch with Lady Coventry where I met Gooch who is a well informed gossip. He did not expect much change in the size of parties after the election. Then to see Mrs. Sydney Brooks, a terrible sight – complete

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		<p>nervous wreck, brutally treated by her husband & too weak to decide whether to divorce him or go for a judicial separation – “What are Barbara and I to do – we are penniless. I shall soon die – but poor Barbara”. I was at my wits end that to say. In the morning I had called on AD Hall, whose first wife was Sydney Brooks’ sister. He told me Sydney had gone utterly to the dogs. His wife says he belongs to 10 clubs, gambles all night, comes home about 6 AM & goes out about 10 AM to his woman – or women.</p> <p>Home to entertain R V Vernon & wife for week end, after a talk with Wingfield en route. He is slowly dying of heart disease. No pain happily. But what a world!</p>
	12 Oct, Sun	<p>James MacNeill & his wife came for lunch & the afternoon. Very nice & quiet both. Lennox Robinson too. He had got into a typical Irish trouble. He had written a story in a rag of an anti-clerical magazine called <i>The Madonna of Slieve Dun</i>. The heroine was raped after fainting in the struggle by a drunken ruffian. She had been very devout, had imagined that Christ would be born again on Xmas and her baby was so born! Thereupon Father Finlay writes to Provost Bernard chairman of the Carnegie U.K.T.[rust]. Irish Advisory Committee on which he (Fr. F) serves & says he can’t even meet the blasphemous Lennox again & resigns his membership. L.R. was a fool, but he was doing very good work, spreading libraries in the most difficult counties of Ireland.</p>
	13 Oct, Mon	Worked at Introduction.
	14 Oct, Tue	<p>Came to town to see Mitchell with Lennox Robinson about the latter’s unfortunate article which has infuriated the R.C.s & also to finish the Introduction which cannot be done without clerical assistance.</p> <p>Went to a stupid play with the Fagans.</p>
	15 Oct, Wed	Worked at Introduction.
	16 Oct, Thu	<p>More Introduction. Old Bullock lunched at Club. Called on Mrs. Mitchison, author of <i>The Conquered</i>. A queer wild creature.</p> <p>To Dunfermline by night.</p> <p>[Item from <i>Punch</i>, 15 Oct. pasted opposite:]</p>

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		<p>Two rather pathetic figures on the steps of the Throne recalled the fatal oscillation of British Governments in the past between Conciliation (Sir HORACE PLUNKETT) and Coercion (Sir HAMAR GREENWOOD), either of which, if consistently pursued, might have brought peace to Ireland.</p>  <p>A MIXED CARD. COERCION V. CONCILIATION IN IRELAND. SIR HAMAR GREENWOOD AND SIR HORACE PLUNKETT.</p>
	17 Oct, Fri	<p>Provost Norval hospitably met & breakfasted me. Then we drove to Lord Elgin's fine house Broomhall, 2 miles from Dunfermline where we held the meetings. It is an extraordinarily interesting house, full of art treasures. Velasquez, Rembrandt, Teniers & heaven knows how many other big artists adorn the walls. A few of the Elgin Marbles are left there.</p> <p>It was well I came as the Irish business needed support. Lennox's indiscretion was hard to defend. Very tired. Back by night. Writing this in sleeping car & too fagged even to record days doings.</p>
	18 Oct, Sat	<p>Home to entertain the Setons for the week end. I did a bit of work in London en route & the Introduction is near its end. Alas I have a temperature over 99°</p>
	19 Oct, Sun	<p>Temperature suddenly rose to 100.4°. Went to bed. Doctor Beare said I had probably taken it in time & dosed me with creosote.</p>
	20 Oct, Mon	<p>Up half the day, but very weak.</p>
	21 Oct, Tue	<p>Had to come to town for Colliery meetings – Stella Gill & then Pelton. Bryan at the latter. We agreed that Gardiner is failing & the situation is getting serious.</p> <p>I worked, much too hard, at the Introduction. It is a big task but worth doing from every interested person's point of view except my own. When the job is done I must rest or I shall have a fatal nervous collapse.</p>
	22 Oct, Wed	<p>Lunched Capt. Ellis, Sec'y of Nat Council of Social Service at Club to meet Karl & Gerald. Pelton S.S. Co. In low water &</p>

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		Gardiner worried & nervous. Dined with Eddie. Talked about himself all the time, Beatrice wrapped up in him as ever. The bringing up of that nephew excuses him largely. But I wish he were a little less selfish.
	23 Oct, Thu	A Bowes meeting. That company is doing very well and if the mines are nationalised it will be a terrible loss to the shareholders. Returned to The Crest House – very tired & feeling ill. Rest will I hope put me right. Robert Bridges is 80 today. I wired him “Pray count me among the host of friends rejoicing today”.
	24 Oct, Fri	My seventieth birthday. Twenty years ago I should not have dreamed of living so long & I have gone through a good deal since. But a merciful Providence has kept me here still. Many kind letters, and a scroll signed by all my seven Trustees (of the H.P. Foundation) full of the most affectionate regards. Wrote many letters.
	25 Oct, Sat	Hall & his wife came for week end. She is extreme in politics & supports the Soviet government in Russia. I didn’t much care for her. I think he disregards her follies.
	26 Oct, Sun	Talked the Foundation. The Halls & I lunched with the Gerald Balfours for Hall to talk to Ruth about her farm. More Foundation talk & the Halls went back at night.
	27 Oct, Mon	Nearly finished the Introduction I doubt whether I shall ever be able to do another such job. It must have shortened my life as I am not fit for hard work.
	28 Oct, Tue	To London alone (G.H. not well) to leave the Introduction with the publishers. I had to rise at 5.45 AM to get it finished. Then with Karl Walter by train to Wembley to see the S African Klerck. He had gone, but his superior Arthur Canham trade Commissioner, advised me about going to the Cape Colony if I so decided. Back home dead tired.
	29 Oct, Wed	The Elections. I voted for the Liberal, who had not a ghost of a chance, to help him to save his deposit. I believe – so I heard after I voted – that he has made this sacrifice several times. If so he he [<i>sic</i>] merely stands to get a platform and I should not have voted for him. Wire from Solicitors Dublin saying Kilteragh case for Compensation would be on tomorrow. Later that it wouldn’t – postponed till Friday but consultation tomorrow. So my secretary went across by night. I too came to town, en route to Oxford, as my Solicitor in London says I have to pay Inc[ome] & super tax in both England & the Free State.
	30 Oct, Thu	Called on Solicitors. Beyond doubt I have to pay income & super tax in both the Free State and Britain for the year in which I partly resided in each and my house was burned! I have not paid it yet but such is the crazy law!! Nor is it clear how I can get it back. The further declarations show that the Tories will have a sufficient majority over the two other parties, and that the Liberal party is practically wiped out! Reaction and Revolution are the horrid twins I see grinning at British civilisation over the stormy horizon. Happily the one thing that won’t happen is what one

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		fears. Motored to Oxford for a four day stay with Adams. Billy was at school. She had a rather dull sister staying with her.
	31 Oct, Fri	Supped with Oxford Irish Club to meet Kevin O’Higgins. He spoke well on the F.S. government’s struggle for democracy, on its economic policy and on the Boundary Question. I spoke atrociously but was obviously indisposed – kindly received.
[Bryner James Owen was flying under false academic colours and was subsequently dismissed.]	1 Nov, Sat	1. Interview with C.S. Orwin. Made him keen about the Foundation in the future without chiding him about his neglect of it in the past. 2. Called on Capt. Owen head of school of Agric’l Engineering, who explained to me all about his hot air scheme for drying crops. Ample photos, blue prints etc. Agreed to help him to get it tried in Ireland for peat. Shall put him in touch with Geo[rge] Fletcher. (3) Lionel Curtis at All Souls. Most interesting political talk. I find we are agreed on fundamentals. 4. Brought K. Leys & his wife to lunch at Powder Hill. Four good interviews thus in the morning. Second post brought news that my case in Kilteragh was postponed till second week in December!! Dined with the Poet Laureate & his wife & heard an amusing description of their American experiences.
[Abraham (grandson of Abram, d. 1903)]	2 Nov, Sun	A day of callers & one Call. The last on Gilbert Murray with whom an hour on the political state of England, the wonderful opportunity of the Conservatives & the danger if they don’t sieze [<i>sic</i>] it & so on. I always find myself in complete agreement with him. Hart Synnot, K. Leys, Abram Hewitt [<i>sic</i>], Hertzog, son of the South African President[,] and most interesting of all Colonel Peel who is working for the School of Agriculture. We had a great cooperative pow-wow and I agreed to get an organiser trained in Ireland at my expense if he would start a society on lines we agreed on. While I was at Gilbert Murray’s Asquith came in, hale & hearty & cheery after his defeat at Paisley. I told him I was delighted at his statement that he would not leave public life. “It has left me” he pathetically replied.
	3 Nov, Mon	Back to London, having again over-taxed my strength & got a temperature. To bed without food. Wrote arrears of letters.
	4 Nov, Tue	R. St. Barbe Baker (a sort of Gifford Pinchot) came again to have a talk about his world-wide afforestation schemes. He told me Leverhulme was losing money in Nigeria for not knowing how to treat the natives. Wrote to his Lordship (whom I don’t know) to say he ought to see B, whose name I withheld as he is a civil servant pro tem. Then to Karl Walter and back to The Crest House. Temperature 99.8!
	5 Nov, Wed	Had to spend the whole day in bed, but did not send for doctor.
	6 Nov, Thu	Went to town to see Lennox Robinson about the row over his story. Temperature went down in the morning to 96.4 & up in the afternoon to 101.5. Had to rush back home. Dr. Beare came & listened to my chest & back. Both lungs are a bit congested. It is bronchitis – natural at my age (& with my history!) & I must not

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		risk the winter in England. It looks as if I shall die abroad!
	7 Nov, Fri	Bryan & Dorothy came for a couple of nights & a day. Very poorly. Gerald went to town to discuss Foundation affairs with K.W.
	8 Nov, Sat	With Bryan, working on Coal etc.
	9 Nov, Sun	Bryan left early & I to my galley proofs.
	10 Nov, Mon	Not well enough even to correct proofs!
	11 Nov, Tue	Came to London to do a few things but was too unwell & wasted my time.
	12 Nov, Wed	Took the slip proofs, with many amendments and a fresh beginning & ending to the publishers to be sent back in page proof. The end of a big job I hope. Returned to The Crest House.
	13 Nov, Thu	Stayed at home – first real rest for many days.
	14 Nov, Fri	London for the day. Spent most of it with R St. Barbe Baker, a counterpart of Gifford Pinchot. Trees is his subject. He has converted the natives in East Africa from forest destruction to forest conservation & is off to Nigeria to do the same, under Colonial Office auspices in both cases. I took him to the Niger Co (Lord Leverhulme's) where the Vice Chairman (Snelling) was very frank about their operations. In the Belgian Congo, where they had large concessions the natives were practically forced to labour for the Co & the palm oil, the chief product for the Co, was cheaply won. In Nigeria the natives were free. Baker argued that, if they were secured in their land tenure, their labour could be used under free contract with enormous mutual advantage. In the afternoon I presided over a small meeting at the house of a Colonel Crompton in Kensington where Baker told his plans & aspirations (very noble) and asked for moral support while he was in the wilds. All very vague as the poor fellow is hopeless in business. But on his "native" heath he is evidently supreme. He is their white brother. The truth is the White Man's Burden is in the White Man's Country. He is trying to make the Black man carry it. Mutuality offers great chances.
	15 Nov, Sat	The Bernard Shaws came for the afternoon. E.M. Forster came to meet them but was silent. I think the Ss liked the house. But in November you don't get a view. She would I think like to reside on St. George's Hill.
	16 Nov, Sun	Remade my will & sent it to Solicitors. Otherwise rested.
	17 Nov, Mon	Drove over to the Prices. George is very feeble & I fear won't live out the winter.
	18 Nov, Tue	To town to see Edward Wood the new Minister of Agriculture and lunch with Sidney Webbs. The former, an immense improvement on Noel Buxton listened attentively to me for ½ hour at least. He will, I think, cooperate with the Foundation. The Webbs told us the whole story of the Labour party's fall. They were very bitter against L.I.G. and Asquith. They think it is better to be back in the two-party system & are glad Baldwin has a big majority. Fingall was in town on account of Minnie Murphy's dangerous condition (double pneumonia). He himself has a troublesome

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		knee & a prostate gland needing attention. Corrected page proof of Introduction & that's the end of a big labour.
	19 Nov, Wed	Looked over Abbotswood for the G.B. Shaws. Too large. Went to an agent & found no other house on the hill is to sell. Dr. Beare injected the anti-influenza bug by the billion again. No good so far.
	20 Nov, Thu	To London to see Adams & Walter. Went to a Cinema with G.H. which was too deep for me.
	21 Nov, Fri	Rested. The phlegm deep down in the lungs getting worse. The injections doing no good I fear.
To Curtis, [Lionel]	22 Nov, Sat	Lunched with the Rutsons to meet the Talbots. He was a friend of my brother Randal & brother of the Talbot of Malahide of those days. I remember his playing cricket at Dunsany some 60 years ago! He is 75. The male Rutson plays a good game of chess & I had 3 games with him. I won them all but he plays too quick to avoid mistakes.
	23 Nov, Sun	Lungs very bad.
	24 Nov, Mon	To town in hopes of getting the Introduction. But the Printers are a cooperative concern! Played for Athenaeum Club vs Savile. Horribly dull game which I played badly against a very tough opponent. Left to adjudication.
	25 Nov, Tue	Very tired & had bad lung condition. Still no pamphlet for my Introduction from the Printer. Yesterday I agreed to speak for ¼ hour to 20 minutes for British Broadcasting Company on Dec 16th on The Problem of Rural Life & this is a bigger job than I had counted on as I shall be addressing a million people at least.
	26 Nov, Wed	Nothing done. Still waiting on the Printers. Met Grinling of the Pioneer Press at Woolwich. He is the President of this Cooperative project. The old story. No capital, no managerial skill – but a fine cooperative spirit. The concern had been kept active 18 years. This should have been with yesterday. The pamphlets came today. Pelton SS Co meeting at which I advocated reduction of capital & -i---s p---. Supped with Ada & Robin.
	27 Nov, Thu	At last the Introductions came & I sent some 30 of them to important people with covering letters. Meeting of Pelton SS Co.
	28 Nov, Fri	Lectured to the Whiteley Villagers on The Rural Exodus & its remedy. I don't think a quarter of them understood a quarter of what I said.
[Haldane – Naomi Mitchison was daughter	29 Nov, Sat	Had to go to town to help Walter with the proofs of the Book of the Conference. A tedious job delayed because of muddling on part of publishers & printers sending the proofs which should go to K.W. to me & vice versa. Brought Naomi Mitchison to The Crest House for week end her husband following by train. A wild extremely clever Haldane. It is fortunate that in Gerald Heard I have a secretary who, however

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<p>of physiologist J.S. Haldane]</p> <p>[Martha – Biblical servant who complains because she’s doing all the housework; Luke 10:38]</p>		<p>ill I feel (and I am far from well) can amuse the most varied and most brilliant guests. His knowledge of literature & the arts is amazing. His father seems to have behaved with the utmost meanness to him and I have dealt sufficiently generously with him in salary & bequests to enable him to do my Martha sins & follow his own tastes. He has written a brilliant book on architecture & clothes (Narcissus – The Anatomy of Clothes) while with me. My only complaint is that it prevented his doing what I most needed – my writing. Having to dispense with his help (beyond occasional use of the typewriter) in my special task has doubtless shortened my life. But he does not see this.</p>
	30 Nov, Sun	<p>Rested. Liked Naomi Mitchison much as I got to know the Child. Greece, which she was now taking up having “done” Rome[,] was “jolly” as was she.</p>
	1 Dec, Mon	<p>Went to see the Prices. Poor George is suffering from an- dominitis – nothing else. His heart is tired and may any time stop. It is a long weary watching for his wife, who happily has enough to hire a nurse.</p>
	2 Dec, Tue	<p>Saw Oculist, Sir Arnold Lawson (12 Harley St) & was told my eyes were young for my age. Got fresh specs.</p> <p>Elizabeth Perceval rushed in to tell us Mary Spring Rice had died last night. I wrote a note about her and asked the Times to insert it as it would be just and a comfort to the bereaved father.</p>
<p>[“Miss Spring Rice”, <i>The Times</i>, 3 Dec, p. 19]</p> <p>[Foundation offices 435-437 Abbey House, Westminster, London]</p>	3 Dec, Wed	<p>[Newspaper item pasted in:]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Miss Spring Rice.</p> <p>We regret to announce that the Hon. Mary Ellen Spring Rice, only daughter of Lord Monteagle, died on Monday at Vale of Clwyd Sanatorium, North Wales, at the age of 44. The funeral will be at Foynes, County Limerick.</p> <p>An Irish correspondent writes:– Mary Spring Rice will be sadly missed in the Irish Free State. From her earliest years she was intimate with the peasantry around her father’s home on the banks of the Shannon, where she was regarded as a kind of parish Providence. As she grew up she became interested in many movements for improving the material and social condition of the agricultural population. Her known sympathies with the political aspirations of the majority added to her popularity, but she never allowed any political activities to divert her energies from the numerous benevolent causes she espoused, which depended for their success upon uniting people of all religious and political opinions. Early last year her medical advisers sent her to an Alpine health resort. Too soon she returned to her work, and may be truly said to have sacrificed her life to it. In her death social service in Ireland suffers an irreparable loss.</p> <p>The Times did insert my note.</p> <p>Lunched at the new Foundation offices and met a lot of fine friends of K. Walter’s – S K Ratcliffe, Thomas Jones (Cabinet Secretary) Vaughan Nash & such like.</p> <p>My chauffeur[’s] log. “That man I was talking to is Ramsay MacDonald’s chauffeur. He was Prince Christian’s. Rather a come down from Royalty to a Labour Prime Minister”.</p>
	4 Dec, Thu	<p>Had Fingall to lunch with me at Club. The cruelty of his father not educating him angers me. He has a fine brain but nothing has been given to it to work upon.</p> <p>Heard & Jack Perceval took me to a play – a realistic picture of life on the West African coast. The acting was first rate – that is</p>

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		there were two perfect performances & no bad ones. A South African I met at the Wembley Conference, to whom I phoned that I could not get a passage in the ships I wanted to travel in, told me he could wangle it. Ought I to be wangled for? Gardiner told me they always keep a few cabins for “distinguished” – i.e. privileged passengers. Well I am going there on a mission – for the Foundation. I think I may. What insincerity. Our social system is a wangle.
	5 Dec, Fri	Back home after breakfasting with Walter to meet Adams & sitting in Mount St while my Trustees sat for 3 hours fighting over a very improper proposal of Smith Gordon’s to spend in advance the money I am to get for Kilteragh.
	6 Dec, Sat	Dan Lane called. He had been to Dublin (his wife having gone with a friend to Algiers) and reported a spirit of optimism at the Kildare St Club!! Alas this poor remnant of Anglo-Ireland can but make the best of things as they are. Dan is usually a thinker. The condition of the <u>people</u> seems to have escaped his observation.
[Wandsworth] [Originally an orphanage, now Ld. Wandsworth College.]	7 Dec, Sun	Motored via Guildford, Farnham & Bentley to Long Sutton where AD Hall & wife were week ending in a charitable Institution of an interesting kind. Ld. Wantage [<i>sic</i>] left a huge fund to buy and equip as an agric’l educational Institution a large farm. There are 40 fine boys being prepared for an agric’l career. Of course I talked to Hall chiefly about the Foundation. Then we went to Alton – 5 miles off – & had tea & a long talk with Sir Harry Gauvain over his noble work at Ld. Mayor Treloar’s Cripples’ Home.
	8 Dec, Mon	Nothing accomplished though worked hard at the Broadcast Message I am to deliver next week on The Country Life Problem.
	9 Dec, Tue	Worked hard at Broadcasting address.
	10 Dec, Wed	Letter from Gerald Balfour saying that Betty had broken both bones in a leg! Now that menage will realise what the slavery of the most unselfish woman in the world means! Finished a draft of my message through wireless on The Country Life Problem. Have got it too academic.
	11 Dec, Thu	To town. Lennox Robinson’s case came before the Irish Sub Committee of the Carnegie Trustees. I did my best but it is absolutely impossible to make a case for his <u>not</u> resigning. I wrote him to this effect & asked him to come & see me in the morning.
		[Plunkett inadvertently begins his year-end summary on blank page opposite 11 December:] 1924 The year began in New York, with a christening of a R.C. child to which I was godfather.
(To Campbell, Richard fr Gillespie, P.J.; IRS)	12 Dec, Fri	Carnegie meeting 4½ hours! Had to fight a losing battle for Lennox Robinson. The Advisory Committee is abolished & his services are dispensed with. His salary goes on till June 30 & so does McGreevy’s.
	13 Dec, Sat	Finished my address for broadcasting & found it 33% too long. Returned very fagged to The Crest House. Bryan came for week

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	14 Dec, Sun	Jack & Elizabeth Perceval & their girl lunched & the Dominick Spring Rices and Mitchisons came to tea. I worked away reducing my Broadcast address which is much too long.
	15 Dec, Mon	Still cutting down & clarifying my Broadcast address. This is, I think, from the Radio Times. Typical publicity stuff! [Newspaper item, with photograph, pasted in:] Two in One. Talking of women and talking reminds me of a good story told by Sir Horace Plunkett, who is to talk on Country Life on December 16th. Sir Horace is now a finished speaker, but it was not always so. And in the old days, after he had delivered a lecture in Dublin on the conditions of the poor, he received from a lady a note, which ran:- 'What you need are two things – first, a wife; second, lessons in elocution.' But Sir Horace was equal to that. He just wrote back: 'These are only one!'
	16 Dec, Tue	To town and had two tiring ordeals – a conference with Counsel over the payment of my super tax for the year I was last resident in the Free State and the Broadcasting of my address on The Problem of Country Life. The last was weird. I may have been heard by hundreds of thousands.
	17 Dec, Wed	Agreed with Mrs. W L Courtney as to the best way to clear up the Carnegie Trust muddle in Ireland. Lunched with James McNeill & sat betw'n Kevin O'Higgins & Lady Byles. Did good work with the former & condoled with the faithful old Liberal. A Pelton S.S. Co meeting and a supper with Tom.
(Walter, Karl to Campbell, Richard; IRS)	18 Dec, Thu	Two Colliery meetings – formally installed Bryan as Director in my place, the other two Walsh & Mrs. Bainbridge, asking me to stay on as honorary chairman. I feel that the agricultural policy is catching on. That makes me happy.
To Campbell, Richard; (IRS)	19 Dec, Fri	Stayed in London to attend the Vocational Committee of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology – industrial guidance, especially as between an urban and a rural career being my special interest.
	20 Dec, Sat	Had intended to take Lennox Robinson to South Africa & leave G.H. to help K.W. at the Foundation's work; my main reason being that G.H. fears L.R.s lungs. I realised after the last two nights that I may want help with my own health & should not be able to look after anyone else's. So G.H. comes. Wrote <u>many</u> letters, twelve that I remember.
	21 Dec, Sun	Lunched with the Barnes', called on Betty B. in bed with her broken leg, tea with Lane, and Chess with Buxton of the Byfleet Manor House. Poor fellow, stone deaf & no one to play the one game he cares for! He is brother of Ld. Buxton & Lady Barnes.
	22 Dec, Mon	Very nearly got a clear table. But a most tiring day of correspondence. Today my chauffeur made both my cars break down simultaneously, the Devil whispered to me. He doesn't want to be away from his wife & nice home for Xmas. At any rate I was demonstrably suspicious. Reggie, to whom I was going does not publish his 'phone number & the train journey is complicated. Towards night fall the big car, which he prefers driving as it is more suitable to his dignity, had the chauffeur told

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		me recovered! Still I was more than annoyed as I might want to see farmers in almost inaccessible places.
	23 Dec, Tue	<p>In the night the small car had recovered! Heard to his family & I to Charborough Park. The comfort of it. A gale with a horizontal torrent from the S.W. & I warm & comfortable.</p> <p>Lunched at a Winchester Hotel. Who should I meet but Wibberley who has got in with a large farmer nearby & is making a success of his farm. As Hall says he has genius but it's a pity the bow he draws is so monstrous long.</p> <p>Reggie, wife & three small girls – another ? four months off, very comfortable, prosperous & happy.</p> <p>He had his agent Profeit, to dine & from him I learned a lot about the agric'l economy of Dorset. He fears cooperation will have an almost insuperable opposition to overcome. Indebtedness to and long standing relations with the competitive trade are the chief trouble.</p> <p>On way stopped at Alton to see Dr. Bannerman, whose research work under Sir Henry Gauvain I am in part paying for. He was very kind in trying to enable me to understand his work. I never made a better investment.</p>
	24 Dec, Wed	Wild wet weather. Rested.
	25 Dec, Thu	A normal Xmas. Nephew, niece, their three children, the household, the Xmas tree and the uncle to represent the outer world.
	26 Dec, Fri	<p>Went to Bere Regis where Reggie & Kathleen had to preside over a Race (7 miles running) for prizes given by the local publican! They did the function quite well – they own the village.</p> <p>Nearby a Mr. Bedford, about my age, had developed a swamp into scientific watercress beds – very interesting. The owner had listened to my broadcast message on 16th inst[ant] & had taken it in. He told me that he and a few others had guaranteed the bank overdraft for the Dorset Farmers Cooperative Soc'y and that they had been forced to go in with the C.W.S. which offered to finance them.</p>
	27 Dec, Sat	Rained all day and as Reggie could not do a shoot with a neighbour I had long talks with him. His views on his duties – he has landed property in six counties including good agric'l land in Lincolnshire and what was agric'l land in Wimbledon. His gross income must be great & he lives so simply (he does not even hunt) that it is only a question how much rates & taxes take. He has a strong sense of noblesse oblige – “one must play the game” – and I think I have really interested him in agric'l & rural social development.
[Ethel Drage was James Ismay's sister.]	28 Dec, Sun	<p>Left with Reggie & Kathleen in time to lunch at Iwerne Minster with James Ismay. I had met him at his father's house (Dawpool) near L'[iver]pool and with the Geoffrey Drages (she was his brother [<i>sic</i>]). My purpose in calling was to interest him in Cooperation. I think I did.</p> <p>Jack de Robeck, with a fat uninteresting wife was staying there. We talked far off days. Then I motored back to The Crest House having spent a pleasant & I think profitable Xmas.</p>

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	29 Dec, Mon	Bryan and his two children stayed the night en route from Sheerness to Tortworth by rail. Karl Walter came also. We had good discourse upon Foreign policy (Æ in Dublin & K.W. as London correspondent having taken rather a strong anti-British line in the Irish Statesman) and upon the Foundation's work, I having much to report re Dorset.
	30 Dec, Tue	Too hard a day. Went to London to see Hall who is going to America at the end of the week. Went into Foundation affairs. Wrote all my letters with the help of the stenographer at the office and went to bed too tired.
	31 Dec, Wed	Back to Crest House, very tired & depressed.
	Year-end Summary	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1924</u></p> <p>Carried me past the three score and ten years and leaves me for what years that may remain with better health than I could have expected after all I have gone through. The only event of my year worth recording is the successful conference at Wembley during the last four days of July. It will, I think, be the starting point of serious agricultural cooperation as a policy for these islands & the Overseas Dominions. The handing over of the work of the Conference to the Horace Plunkett Foundation, with which I shall be able to take counsel for the rest of my life, was a happy event for me. My strength is rapidly failing and all my pleasure is in what my past work, ideas and wealth handed to the Foundation may do to make things better for the farmer folk for whose welfare my chief work has been done.</p> <p>I never went to Ireland as my health would not let me do the only thing which would exceed in value what I am doing from The Crest House & the office of the Foundation – i.e. go round the country.</p>