

1927 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:

- 28 May – Agricultural Credit Act provides for establishment of Agricultural Credit Corporation
 10 Jul – Kevin O’Higgins, Irish Free State Minister for Justice, assassinated
 9 Jun – Cumann na nGaedheal re-elected in Irish Free State; Fianna Fáil largest opposition party
 11 Aug – De Valera and Fianna Fáil sign oath of allegiance, deny its validity, and enter Dáil

Publications:

- “Ireland’s Economic Outlook”, *Foreign Affairs: An American Quarterly Review*, 5:2, pp. 205-18
 - “Combination Vital to Farming – Sir Horace Plunkett on the Necessity for Organisation”, *Daily Express*, 25 Jul, pp. 1,7

Government:

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

Governor-General: Timothy M. Healy

British Prime Minister: Stanley Baldwin (Conservative)

Prime Minister of Northern Ireland: Sir James Craig (created Viscount Craigavon, 20 Jan)

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £50; \$1 = \$11

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<i>Fr Armitage-Smith, S.</i>	No date	
	1 Jan, Sat	[Entered on Memoranda page, end of 1926 diary.] 1927 Saturday, Jan 1. Quiet at home. Hope to get a diary on Monday to go on with. Gerald had one of his friends to keep him company – a nice young schoolmaster. He never asks me tells me whom he is asking & would probably leave me if I objected. Strange want of consideration in small things accompanied by the tenderest regard for my interests – if not always my feelings – in big things. I can never understand why people with such brilliant intellect cannot ask themselves how they would like it if the positions were reversed. [1927 diary.] A new kind of Diary, with many columns & lots of other useless stuff. But a page for a day makes it possible to note anything worth noting. Nothing this week end – Gerald & I spent it quietly at The Crest House.
	2 Jan, Sun	[Entered at end 1926 diary.] Rested & worked.
[Ainley]	3 Jan, Mon	[Entered at end 1926 diary.] Ditto. The oculist gave a good report. [1927 diary] To an oculist (Hudson, 50 Q[uee]n Anne Street W.1.) who will change my glasses after another attempt at adjustment, which he said was very difficult. Second visit to oculist & ordered new glasses. Gerald & I did Macbeth (Henry Ainsley [<i>sic</i>] & Sybil Thorndike[]). She the best Lady Macbeth I have seen, he an indifferent Macbeth.
	4 Jan, Tue	[No entry]
	5 Jan, Wed	A feverish cold. Temp 99.4. Put on creosote yesterday by Beare until tonight.
	6 Jan, Thu	To town to meet Hart Synnot & Walter. Returned with a temperature, 100.2.

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	7 Jan, Fri	Still sick. Worked all day at the case of Gerald Gardiner's wife. He is my godson & like a fool married a low down thief. But she is clearly mad & he ought to be protected from the awful bondage which threatens to ruin his life. She is in gaol for 6 months & I am going to join in an appeal to the Home Secretary if there's any chance of getting her treated for the kleptomania she undoubtedly has.
	8 Jan, Sat	Heavy cold. Still kept to house. Bombarded with Colliery letters.
	9 Jan, Sun	Most of the day in bed. I am failing.
	10 Jan, Mon	Came to town for two nights to transact Colliery & Foundation business. Still very weak from heavy cold & some temperature.
[6th Baron Clarina – Eyre Nathaniel Massey] [corner boy – layabout]	11 Jan, Tue	Swallow met Dash, Walsh & me in my rooms. He made it clear, to me at any rate, that his chief object in acquiring Pelton & Stella Gill was to have a status for acquiring Bowes later. I told him that he must not imagine that I should use my position as Chairman of Bowes for any purpose other than that concern's interests. He is going to recommend his principals to pay some £13 for each £10 of Pelton. In afternoon we had a meeting with Aspland over the affairs of Stella Gill. Supped with the Percevals. They had Clarina with them. He seemed to me to be as mad as a March hare. He shouted nothings & whispered into my ear bawdy stories. He has left Ireland, where I gather he lorded it among the peasantry on his father's estate, because the F[ree].S[tate]. government is all corner boys.
	12 Jan, Wed	Brought George Adams home & had long talk on the Foundation. Gerald came later & joined in the Conference.
	13 Jan, Thu	Worked quietly. Went to Cheam to see Shan Bullock who has had a minor operation. Found him in a nursing home quite happy.
[Edward Hastings Mayow Lloyd]	14 Jan, Fri	To town to meet Tallents, Secretary of the Empire Marketing Board. Showed him over the Foundation, Coop Ref[erence] Library etc. Took him Gerald & Karl to the Reform Club. There we met Lloyd who is one of his subordinates & we had a very good talk. I definitely stated the Foundation's claim for a grant. Karl has been supplying the Board with a good deal of information. Daisy arrived at Ada's in the morning & went on to St. Leonards where Minnie Murphy is lying ill with bronchial pneumonia. Henrietta is also down with "Flu". Fingall was not allowed by his doctor to come over. I fear the death of all that generation, leaving Daisy with the awful problem of Gerald [Plunkett] who is morally and Hetty who is mentally deficient. A sad look out. I must begin to think how best to help.
	15 Jan, Sat	Oliver came to discuss the sale of Killeen in America. It is a ---ty problematical adventure – I must do all I can to help.
	16 Jan, Sun	Worked at the Sale of Killeen. Gerald [Heard] went to London for lunch & stayed for dinner. More & more of his time is given to his own avocations & less & less to mine. Indeed he rarely helps me with my <u>work</u> , but looks after my domestic affairs, which must be hateful to him and certainly is a waste of his time. The question arises whether I ought to keep so brilliant a thinker – so

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[approx. £22,000 in 2002]		fine a character at my work which he regards as of doubtful value. My life is nearly over and I am wasting it largely for the want of help in certain work I have not the strength for. I must not waste his. I think the salary I have paid him (£600 for most of the time he has been with me and almost the whole of his board & lodgings) has been of substantial help to him. But I must, while my mind is fairly clear, think about what is best for him. I don't think I shall live 3 years – but this will seem like ages to him.
	17 Jan, Mon	Worked at a letter to Hamilton Fish Armstrong re sale of Killeen, <u>or</u> alternatively a syndicate to establish a big stud farm there. The place in my mind includes Oliver as Managing Director which would permit of the Castle not being parted with and Fingall's staying there for the rest of his life.
	18 Jan, Tue	To town, chiefly to see Bryan who had returned from St. Jean de Luz, where they seem to have had ceaseless rain – Irish weather.
	19 Jan, Wed	Heard that Minnie Murphy had died last night, while Henrietta Gradwell lies in London in a state which would mean her death if she heard of her bereavement. Two more links snapped. Those two childless women may have been “useless”. But what could they have done but marry beneath them (<u>Socially</u>)? They clung to their religion – their one interest in life.
	20 Jan, Thu	A meeting of Stella Gill and Pelton, Bryan having returned to relieve me of my job – in part at any rate. In afternoon had to decide whether to go to the funeral of Minnie Murphy at Mortlake or go to Oxford for Foundation work. Weather very cold & I had a chill. Decided not to risk a procession with bear [<i>sic</i>] head in a cemetery. Hart Synnots put Gerald & me up with their unrivalled hospitality & menage. Had chill & slight temperature. Was allowed not to dress & to go to bed early.
	21 Jan, Fri	Snow on ground & Minnie's funeral out of question. Began day with long talk with Miss Hadow – the leader of Better Living. Then on to Orwin. I asked him to issue a leaflet getting farmers to think in terms of live weight. Then more talk on coordination of 3 Betters and on to Watson. He is starved by the Treasury for the sins of omission of Somerville. My host got him & Adams, with their wives to lunch at St. Johns college. Then rested for 2 hours & had a long talk to Watson at tea. After that called on Lindsay, Master of Balliol and think I interested him in my scheme for the Foundation – viz to get one country and one university to adopt our 3-fold policy. Then I was tired out & went early to bed.
	22 Jan, Sat	Snowing hard. Had to give up seeing Daisy in town and came to Crest House. She was to cross tonight but won't – as I expected. My temperature (owing to a chill, the Chrysler heating apparatus failing[]). Bryan came for the week end, which I may have to spend in bed. Temp at 8 P.M. 101°
	23 Jan, Sun	A wretched day. It was not a dangerous, but a painful form of “flu”. Bryan sat with me and we talked as much as we could on coal. Daisy was telephoning angrily to Gerald, condemning my Stud Farm idea. Bryan liked it.
	24 Jan, Mon	Still in bed. The rest will help. But how one hates losing days

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		which are now so few.
	25 Jan, Tue	Very unwell. Fever 100°. In bed all day.
	26 Jan, Wed	After a painful night sent for the doctor who gave me some salicylic compound to relieve the aching of the muscles. Temperature became normal. Must go to London tomorrow for a Bowes meeting. I told Beare and I hope to manage it. Heard from Daisy that her grandchild was threatened with peritonitis or appendicitis. They hope to avoid an operation. Fortunately the child is in a nursing home in Dublin where the surgeons are of the best. I never knew a more charming child.
To House, E.M.	27 Jan, Thu	To town to attend Bowes. First business was to coopt son & heir of Sir Lindsay Wood, whose Harton Collieries have taken in the great coal dealers Stevenson, Clark & Co. I have no doubt they will favour an amalgamation with Bowes which will preclude any Pelton amalgamation likely to help us – if the amalgamation comes off. As Chairman of Bowes I am bound to look at the matter from the Bowes shareholders' point of view. Gerald stayed in town. Mitchell, Sec'y of the Carnegie U.K. Trust came to dine & sleep at Crest House. He was immensely interesting.
	28 Jan, Fri	Out for a few minutes – all I could stand in the gale that was blowing. Also went with Gerald to get a few things in the village. Gerald again went off to dine in town. Oliver (who rode & got a place with, an unexpected mount at Kempton Park) called at Crest House on his way back to Farnborough with Jessica. We worked at the stud farm scheme.
	29 Jan, Sat	Gerald came back to me. Miss Marks came for the week end. That is the kind of hospitality I delight in. She respects me and part of the enthusiasm for her work I verily believe is loyalty to my ideals. She is becoming an A1 Librarian and I should say will make a great success of the Coop. Ref. Library in its new home. My own strength is failing fast. I wish more of my fellow workers were young.
	30 Jan, Sun	A wretched day with a heavy cold. Miss Marks was interesting on her work and also on her life. She was one of 11 children & the family belonging to Cork. For 9 years she was nursing a weak living, at Teneriffe [<i>sic</i>], I think she told me. She has had a hard struggle to make ends meet and is one of those to whom my work & wealth has been of material advantage.
	31 Jan, Mon	Temperature 100°.
	1 Feb, Tue	To town where I lunched with the Garton Foundation, did a little work at the H.P.F. & then nursed a temperature of 101°. Mathew Keating ex-M.P. (Nat) called on me. Evidently he was out of luck & was touting for a big chemical concern. He proposed to interest it in my work & I promised to call on his boss. Lynton Fletcher (son of George Fletcher) called to get my help "influence" with his employers the British Broadcast Company of which Gainford (Jack Pease) is Vice Chairman. A poor day.

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	2 Feb, Wed	<p>Temperature normal. Each of these little attacks takes my strength & I am declining rapidly in efficiency.</p> <p>The barber at St. James Club made me part my hair on the right side. He told me 70% parted left, 20% right & 10% middle. But I was doubtless meant by nature to be among the 20%! He said nobody would notice it & they didn't.</p> <p>Sir Frederick Keeble D.Sc. F.R.S. came to the Plunkett House Foundation to discuss the exploitation of grasslands development through the use of fertilisers manufactured by "Nitram Ltd.", one of Mond's group of companies swept into the huge chemical combine he is organising. He says he wants to introduce the "New System of Grasslands Management" into Ireland first because the Irish will understand and practice the three Betters. His academic & post graduate distinction entitles him to consideration. I had met him on Boars Hill with his wife Lillah McCarthy.</p>
	3 Feb, Thu	<p>Back home. Heavy cold hanging round me. No word from Dr. Kennedy whom I had asked to wire whether he could come to town to see Sir Frederick Keeble. I fear he is too busy.</p>
To House, E.M.	4 Feb, Fri	<p>Went to see Nellie Cole, whose poor husband Galbraith is trying a new cure in a clinic near Windsor for Rheumatoid Arthritis due to exposure in the Boer War! He has been nearly a month under treatment & is of course no better. Nellie & her two boys are in a house nearby where I lunched. Betty was with her & by arrangement I took her home on my way to Crest House.</p> <p>Bryan came to discuss Pelton, which is again in great financial difficulties.</p>
	5 Feb, Sat	<p>Each successive attack of influenza weakens me the longer & the more. Loafed. Happily Bryan was with me. If I could get on with Dorothy, I should ask them to keep house for me for the remainder of my days. But she is so tactless & forgetful that she would be a constant worry. Moreover she is <u>S</u>ocially inclined and would use every petty distinction I may have been given by uncritical Governments to magnify herself & children.</p>
	6 Feb, Sun	<p>Got down to coal business seriously with Bryan. We called on George Barnes who gave us the best advice in our difficulties.</p>
To House, E.M.	7 Feb, Mon	<p>Our manservant Lee left & William [gap] came. I was far from well & stayed in all day – very depressed.</p>
To Armitage-Smith, S.	8 Feb, Tue	<p>Another sickly day. But I managed to get over to Farnborough to see Killeen about the stud Farm scheme. He is sensible & should make a success of it – if he gets the chance.</p>
	9 Feb, Wed	<p>Came to town to see Mrs. Jim Byrne, chiefly about the efforts to sell Killeen to rich Americans or get them to invest in a stud farm there. We talked chiefly about her health as she had done her best before she left New York for the Fingalls whom she loves. But it seems hopeless.</p>
	10 Feb, Thu	<p>The Prime Minister, on Adams' suggestion, has asked me to call on him at the House at 4 P.M. on Tuesday next to discuss agric'l development. This may be a big help to the Foundation if I happen to be fit.</p> <p>Returned home to rest.</p>

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<i>Fr Young, Conrad</i>	11 Feb, Fri	Rested.
	12 Feb, Sat	Hubert Butler came to week-end with us. He is a Kilkenny young man (26) who did well at Oxford and took part in the Library movement in Ireland under the Carnegie U.K.T[rust]. He now seeks a post as librarian (or assistant Librarian) – a blind alley as regards promotion. We are thinking of him for second in command at 10 Doughty St. Inoculated myself against cold, influenza, pneumonia & God knows what else!
	13 Feb, Sun	Gerald took Hubert Butler to town for some film display. I gathered that he was meeting many friends. It would have been better to leave Butler with me as we are thinking of him as a helper to Karl Walter in the Foundation.
	14 Feb, Mon	Worked quietly at home; partly at my Cambridge address on 25th, partly for my interview with Baldwin tomorrow.
	15 Feb, Tue	Came to town. Event of the day an hour's tête a tête with the Prime Minister. I was not physically fit for the ordeal. He listened attentively. I left the two books the Foundation has brought out & my pamphlets on The Foundation & South Africa. I suggested he should hand them over to one of his secretaries. He said he preferred making his own précis.
	16 Feb, Wed	Resting after yesterday's strain. Lunched with Mrs. Byrne & called later to discuss her domestic troubles with her. Good soul. By night with Bryan to Newcastle for Bowes & Pelton.
	17 Feb, Thu	Hard day at Bowes & Pelton. Left by night mail train for London. Got Sir Alfred Palmer to resign hand over the Managing Directorship of Bowes to Godfrey Palmer, the arrangement to be approved on March 3rd at a Board meeting after the Annual General Meeting. Went out to Pelton & saw the officials and called on Atkinson's wife. Leaving Walsh & Bryan behind returned by night train to London.
Fr Armitage-Smith, S. Fr Young, Conrad	18 Feb, Fri	Back wearied to Crest House. Tried on the way through town to write to Baldwin. Failed.
[Tyndall] [“the promise and potency of all terrestrial Life”.]	19 Feb, Sat	Sir Harry Reichel came for week end. He is shortly retiring from headship of Bangor College (of the University of Wales). I hoped he would remember his father's controversies with Tyndal [<i>sic</i>] in the days of the famous Belfast pronouncement that he found in matter the germ & potentiality of all terrestrial life. (I may have got it wrong but it was something like this.)
	20 Feb, Sun	Poor Reichel was the dullest guest we have yet entertained. I think hospitality consists largely of entertaining worthy bores!
To Baldwin, Stanley	21 Feb, Mon	I cannot get Gerald to help me with any of my literary work. He looks after my domestic affairs, is the most helpful Trustee of my Foundation. I cannot understand him. I pay him £600 all found. The payment in kind, on which he pays no income tax, must bring it near to £1000. He is the most delightful companion. His intellect is first rate, his knowledge encyclopaedic. Some people would no doubt say he is wasted on me. I don't think I take anything like half his time. Today I had to work at the address I

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		am to deliver on Friday at Cambridge. If I really put my whole strength into it I shall probably do myself grave harm. He must know this. But he simply won't help. A few days ago he did write a part of the address – a very rough draft, but it showed how easily he could do the whole thing. It's a puzzle.
	22 Feb, Tue	To town. Lunched with JG Butcher. His wife is very feeble & won't last long. Played for Reform against Savile Club. Had 5th instead of top Board & won easily.
To House, E.M. [Christian Science founder Mary Baker Eddy]	23 Feb, Wed	Lunched Godfrey Palmer at the St. James Club and had frank Conference with him over Bowes. He does not favour amalgamation with Pelton & Stella Gill. He wants me to remain on the Bowes Board as Chairman. Afterwards went to Pelton SS Co meeting where met Gerald Gardiner. His wife will be out in 6 to 7 weeks & will go at once to a Nursing Home. Then a companion will be prescribed by the Doctor. Called after tea on Walsh. He & his wife took me to the Christian Science service where we sang hymns, listened to the First Reader who read from the bible & Mrs. Eddie [<i>sic</i>]. 4 women & 2 men testified to the miracles – mostly moral – which had earned their gratitude. Could not keep awake for the whole time.
	24 Feb, Thu	By motor to Cambridge. Lunched at a Hotel & met the head of the Agricultural College who told me I could talk as I liked. On to Falmouth Cottage to my old friend Walter Alston. Bad with asthma but as charming as ever.
	25 Feb, Fri	In house preparing speech most of day. Kirk lunched & Alston & he discussed the Killeen Stud Farm proposition. It emerged that prices for blood stock have soared and that an enormous capital would have to be sunk. Alston took me round his stud farm. Saw many mares & foals & a stallion that had won the Derby. The expenditure of his employer was colossal! At night went in to the School of Agriculture where I spoke for an hour on the Foundation & its service to Agriculture throughout the Empire. Heard spoke much better. His ability may be of great value to the Foundation. I got back 11 PM & found my host [incomplete]
	26 Feb, Sat	Back home. Raymond Mortimer who has travelled through Mesopotamia, Persia & parts of Russia came for week end. While I was away the negotiations for the sale of Pelton have taken a bad turn. 3500 million bugs injected at night to avert flu, pneumonia etc.
	27 Feb, Sun	Julian Huxley & charming wife, Bryan, Dorothy, Eddie & Eddie all turned up (with no more notice from the last four arrivals than a phone message in the morning, Pelton being the excuse reason) for lunch & Oliver for supper!! Gerald & Raymond Mortimer went to lunch with Joe Ackerley at Richmond so what with business & science, the hospitality and my sickness from last night's inoculation, I was pretty badly over-strained. The stud farm idea is, I fear, about hopeless. Oliver told me that Dr. Murnane gives Fingall only two years to live!! I give myself no

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		more, though I may hang on a bit longer.
	28 Feb, Mon	Gerald told me he must go to Paris at once with Raymond Mortimer. The idea of consulting my wishes or convenience never occurred to him. It is, I regret to say, quite clear that I ought to have had [incomplete]
To Young, Conrad	1 Mar, Tue	Gerald off to Paris left me a very heavy days work – of a kind, however, which he does not willingly undertake. Had an old engagement to play against Athenaeum & for Reform Club. Won easily – I played 3rd.
	2 Mar, Wed	Ash Wednesday, I see above. It brought me sorrow. In the afternoon Karl Walter repeated a cable from New York. “Ralph died today Virginia”. My friend for 45 years – a man of the highest character and of extraordinary courage. Twice he was absolutely ruined by business partners he trusted. Friends & acquaintances stood by him & he struggled manfully against outrageous bad luck. He worked right up to his death which was unquestionably hastened by his misfortunes & the awful strain of the Stock Exchange. Frank Schlesinger the Yale Astronomer, whom we met on our way to S Africa 2 years ago, lunched with me & brought Sir F. Dyson. Afterwards, he told me the latter was the Astronomer Royal!!
	3 Mar, Thu	Bowes Annual General Meeting, purely formal. Thereafter a Board Meeting at which Godfrey Palmer was installed Managing Director & I gave him, as Chairman, the fullest instructions. In afternoon brought Karl Walter down to recuperate in the country. The Foundation heard today that its application for a subsidy from the Empire Marketing Board had been favourably entertained.
To Young, Conrad	4 Mar, Fri	Fairly restful day. No Confirmation of Subsidy to Foundation, but think it’s all right. Karl visibly the better for his stay out of London. Took advantage of his visit to “vet” a radio set offered by a local dealer. Our set is 3 years old. Probably the new one will be much sooner out of date than the old one was. But if that prevented us, Lord!!
	5 Mar, Sat	Rather sick after inoculation (5000,000,000 bacilli or bugs this time) against pneumonia, bronchitis, catarrh, influenza, etc. Karl’s wife & child – now a fine <u>man</u> of 17 – came for week-end.
	6 Mar, Sun	A very pleasant Sunday. Took the Walters to see a cousin at Esher and after tea went to see Betty Balfour. <u>Did no work.</u>
	7 Mar, Mon	Took Margaret Walter back to her domestic toil the boy having left early for School, did some Foundation work, brought K Walter back. Found wire saying that Swallow deal was off.
	8 Mar, Tue	Sick with giddiness all day. Gerald came back for supper.
	9 Mar, Wed	Formal meeting of Stella Gill which Walsh, Dash & I alone attended. Wrote many letters & went to Dunfermline by night train.

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	10 Mar, Thu	Arrived for breakfast at Mitchell's house in Dunfermline. His wife more discontented and quarrelsome than ever. After poor night slept most of the morning. Talked for an hour to old Sir John Ross who expects – and will – die very soon. He told me a good deal about the Carnegies & their narrow outlook. In afternoon Rural Development C'tee. Almost wasted day.
	11 Mar, Fri	Dreary day – perhaps because I felt ill. We all went to Broomhall, where Elgin did the whole body of the Trust splendidly. Herself was affable. He is quite a good Chairman. The absurdity of having half the Trustees Dunfermlinites and meeting in such a parochial village takes a lot of work to offset. Mitchell does the work. Night train to London.
[Schlesinger]	12 Mar, Sat	Picked up F. Slesingar [<i>sic</i>], the Yale Astronomer we met on the outward S. African visit, & brought him to Crest House before lunch. At that meal Conor O'Brien, who had gone round the world in a ketch with one 'hand' on board, & the Percevals turned up. Very tired.
	13 Mar, Sun	Gerald went to London. Fortunately Schlesinger resisted his attempt to take him along & I had a delightful day's rest.
	14 Mar, Mon	Quiet day with Schesinger [<i>sic</i>] whom we took to The Cripples Home at Alton. My researcher, Dr. Bannerman is, I fear, going to give up his job. He is given a cupboard for a Laboratory & a salary he cannot educate his boy on. Sad. Gerald went to town. Schlesinger & I discussed a future life in which he believes – without any basis of fact he admits. Pure hypothesis is not a working one.
Fr Young, Conrad	15 Mar, Tue	To town. Lunched with Garton Foundation staying 2 nights in hopes of doing something towards amalgamation of Pelton & Bowes.
	16 Mar, Wed	Very depressed. Did nothing all day.
	17 Mar, Thu	Felt a bit bitter. Returned to Crest House – taking Dorothy. Found I had a slight temperature. But I am getting better.
To Kennedy, Henry	18 Mar, Fri	A quiet day. Dorothy & Bryan, who also came for a long week-end, did Sandown races. Gerald & I rested.
	19 Mar, Sat	Went to Sandown to see Oliver ride 3 races. Saw him ride one – quite well though he did not get placed. After this the Kirks turned up. Mamie was very sensible about her parents.
	20 Mar, Sun	Another restful day, thanks to Bryan. A fine friend!
Fr Hogan, P.J.	21 Mar, Mon	Bryan & Dorothy left. I was far from well.
	22 Mar, Tue	Quiet day with Gerald at Crest House preparing for a heavy week ahead.
	23 Mar, Wed	Swallow turned up in the flat with news that he was still negotiating with Ramsay & Co. He was also going to see whether the Gas Light & Coke Co would make a deal with us. I have little hope but we may get out somehow. I lunched Hugh Butler & F.A. Sterling, American Minister to the Irish Free State. I hope to help him & get him to help the F.S. Government. Played for Reform vs Authors Club. My opponent played

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		wickedly slow. But I won an adjudication. Went to hear Orwin on the Transition of Agriculture at the Royal Society of Arts.
	24 Mar, Thu	Very tired but worked at Colliery business & Foundation. Adams came to lunch with me at the Reform. He then came to the flat & we had a long talk on the Foundation. Then I went to sup with Eddie & talked about his Colliery interests.
	25 Mar, Fri	A Stella Gill & Pelton meeting. Bryan came up for it. Gardiner was there and had no explanation of his disastrous mismanagement.
	26 Mar, Sat	James MacNeill & wife came to tea & we went back to London together. I had to speak for an hour upon "Some Defects of our Qualities" to the Irish Literary Society. It was a dreary performance. Colonel Lynch, who defeated me at the Galway Election was in the Chair. I spoke for an hour or so. Got back home "dog tired".
	27 Mar, Sun	Moorhead, now nearly blind, came with his wife to see me. I did my best to cheer him in his affliction. I think I helped him to face it by discussing with him the ways in which he could play a big part as a leading health authority in Ireland. It was very sad. I was too tired to think connectedly, but he knew what I was trying to say as we had both conversed & corresponded. Beare called at my request. I wanted him to hear of my case from my Irish medical adviser. They had a consultation and wrote a joint opinion that I could not be deprived of the morphia without danger to my life. This was a spontaneous act on their part. They feared my falling ill in some other doctor's hands – or in America.
	28 Mar, Mon	Came to town by noon & Gerald told me he had a wire from his stepmother summoning him to his father's bedside. So again I have to go to Ireland without his help in the hard work I have to do. This time no other Trustee is available which makes it worse. I took Curtain – a wicked extravagance but I cannot carry my desk & typewriter neither of which would I trust to porters. I ought not to have asked Gerald to come, as I knew his father was in precarious health & Gerald hates the sight of Ireland.
	29 Mar, Tue	All day struggling with my speech for tomorrow. Got Norman & Riddall to come out & dine with me. Saw Fr. Finlay, A.E., Smith Gordon had left for home, his father being very ill. The day passed somehow. I felt wretched.
[Address reported in <i>Times</i> and <i>Northern Whig</i> , 31 Mar.]	30 Mar, Wed	No speech written. But with the help of stimulants did a fair extempore attempt. I am not sure that it was not a good speech. I was very well received. The meeting was large. Daisy came to the Plunkett House after lunch & insisted on taking me to the Hotel, where I was to entertain Kennedy – the new Sec'y of the IAOS. I made her take me to Kilteragh on the way. Most unselfish of her. We both felt it painfully – we had had such good times together there! Kennedy was very interesting & I think will do his job well. I went to bed feeling dreadfully weak.
	31 Mar, Thu	Over tired. Lunched with Gogarty where I met Hogan & we had

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		<p>more talk. Daisy came again to town. Alice came to the Hotel for tea.</p> <p>The Press did the meeting of yesterday well. I think I have helped the Government.</p>
	1 Apr, Fri	<p>Quieter day & felt better for it. Took Alice to the Revenue Officer at the Castle & then to Hemphill. She owes £2000 odd for arrears of inc[ome] Tax (Schedule A. Lands) and it was quite clear that the government were treating her very generously. She owes (in law) a good deal more.</p> <p>Had a conference with the Irish Statesman group & Æ came to the Hotel for supper when we talked “survival” in which he firmly believes.</p>
	2 Apr, Sat	<p>The Fingalls sent their motor for me and after a talk with Norman, making an appointment with Tim Healy to see me on Tuesday, writing a few letters etc. went to Killeen where I found F. much better than I expected.</p> <p>I was unwell with a temperature of 95.8° Fahr!! I have two days of hard work – Monday & Tuesday – to get through. A week-end at Killeen will be invaluable.</p>
	3 Apr, Sun	<p>Most restful Sunday. Veda Lentaigine called & I instructed her with a wealth of caveats. Kevin Browne, a fine upstanding, well-spoken youth of 24, the son of my old groom came & presented his case to me. No education beyond the Dunsany National School, where Irish is <u>not</u> taught, no experience beyond that of the stables and too heavy to go into a training stable. He wants me to implement his and his mother’s pathetic Micawberism. In three weeks he is to be discharged from the stables – one of Eddie’s much boasted economies! The boy tried to get into “The Guards” – i.e. police. He <u>has</u> qualified <u>with 800 others</u>. Some of these say they are Irish-speaking, which gives them preference over Kevin. What on earth can the boy do?</p>
	4 Apr, Mon	<p>Borrowed Eddie’s Chrysler for two days – a 6 cylinder open car, a year later model than mine & much lighter. Left Killeen early & began at Plunkett House trying to find some usefulness to Foundation in little Norman who we are paying £250 a year for his services. Called on Mrs. J R Green, on R.A.A., on Mrs. Alfred Hamilton, Kennedy was away. Riddall talked about his house. Had Sir Philip and Lady Hanson to dinner, I eating nothing.</p>
	5 Apr, Tue	<p>Called on Tim Healy whom I got to join the Foundation as an Associate Member. He was very cordial. Another conference with Hogan in the afternoon. Kennedy came to dinner. I lunched with John Healy who will, I think, help my work in the Irish Times.</p> <p>Thoroughly tired out Curtain & I left by the Mail for London. My diary these last days should show my state to any who read it when I have gone.</p>
	6 Apr, Wed	<p>Back in town. Gerald came up in afternoon. Karl Walter very unwell still.</p> <p>Dined tête a tête with Eddie. His selfishness & self indulgence, conceit and vindictiveness against all who do not appreciate him at his own preposterous estimate, his — well no more. I forgive or</p>

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		condone it all as so much is inherited. But my patience is getting strained.
	7 Apr, Thu	Meeting of Foundation. Hall, Gerald, Adams & Harold Barbour, making 5 with myself, attended. We laid out a programme of work, increased Karl's salary to £1000 and agreed to give him the needed clerical assistance. Gerald was most helpful. Got home worn out.
	8 Apr, Fri	A rest though there was a great deal of work I should have liked Gerald to do. I must get some clerical assistance: but then Gerald will leave me. It is difficult.
	9 Apr, Sat	In bed or comatose in a chair. No help.
	10 Apr, Sun	Summer Time. Gerald left me to entertain Ferris Greenslet, a partner in Houghton Mifflin & Co who want to get an autobiography out of me, Constable doing the business in England. He was only 1½ hours with me – just the business & no more. I made no promise, but told him I was considering the matter.
	11 Apr, Mon	To town but left so many papers behind that I had to go home again. Worked at Foundation.
	12 Apr, Tue	Back to town early. Smith Gordon looked in and I had much converse on The Free State, the Foundation, the IAOS and Kilteragh. Lunched with Garton Foundation and agreed with Tom Jones to brief him for Baldwin's speech on Agriculture forthwith. Went to inspect the Libraries at Wormwood Scrubbs prison – first offenders only – in order to judge the value of the Carnegie Trust. It set me thinking whether I ought not to give a good deal of my time & attention to [incomplete]
<i>Fr Young, Conrad</i> [Metcalf]	13 Apr, Wed	Lunched with Karl at St. James Club & had serious talk over the Foundation's future. I told him I had in the morning 'vetted' Metcalfe [<i>sic</i>], recommended as Karl's second in command by Venn of Cambridge. He was not so <u>difficile</u> as formerly. The last meeting of the Trustees[,] when they insisted on making the appointment to the staff themselves, has done him good. Took Bullock home for a brief stay. Gerald was engaged in town for the night.
	14 Apr, Thu	Bullock gloomier than ever. I was glad to have anyone to keep me company as I see less & less of my secretary. We three went to Kew Gardens. I worked at a letter to T. Jones for the P.M.
	15 Apr, Fri	Bullock went and Christopher Wood came. I was in poor form. Most days now I suffer from depression.
	16 Apr, Sat	Gerald & Chr[istopher] Wood wanted to visit a friend at Earlswood Asylum. Given the choice of staying alone or going, I went. Worked some hours.
	17 Apr, Sun	Feeling bad depression. G.H. & his friend left me alone, which was probably best – certainly for them.
	18 Apr, Mon	The three of us went to Lord Wandsworths orphan home 30 miles distant, near Alton. Daniel Hall is one of the Trustees. A thousand acres of difficult land and on it costly roads & fences enough to

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		make it uneconomic. But the Buildings!! They must have cost nearer £100,000 than £50,000 – or rather will have cost when finished. All to make boys into agricultural labourers. The donor now dead must have been mad. But I wanted to see Hall & I had a good talk with him about the Foundation.
	19 Apr, Tue	Gerald has in his prison work a new job which will take more of his time than he devotes to my <u>work</u> . His looking after my household economy is beyond praise as he must hate the job. But I asked him to take his position with me in hopes he would carry on my work after I die. He went to London today and I fear I shall see less & less of him.
[<i>Nunc dimittis</i> – willingness to depart]	20 Apr, Wed	To town where Metcalfe [<i>sic</i>] of Cambridge had called at the Foundation & had declared his eager desire to work with & for us. He will make an excellent understudy & ultimate successor for Karl. Nothing helps more towards my Nunc Dimittis than the assurance of the Foundation fulfilling its mission.
	21 Apr, Thu	Dictated a letter to Venn of Cambridge about Metcalfe [<i>sic</i>]. Miss Lee thereupon shows the letter to Karl who flies in a temper with Gerald but does not mention the matter to me. All my life I have had to fight my own nerves; but the next generation does not seem to recognise any such duty to their neighbours. Karl is not well and God knows that may excuse any behaviour. But it is hard to do one's very best for a friend – all to no avail. By night to Newcastle.
	22 Apr, Fri	See page 114 [a page inadvertently skipped] Pelton, Bowes & Stella Gill. Chief interest of the day was Walsh's earnest attempt to convert Bryan & me to Xian Science!! To town by night mail.
	23 Apr, Sat	Very unwell. Gerald helped me to cheer up.
	24 Apr, Sun	Came to the conclusion that I must take life more quietly for the two or three years which may remain to me. I don't fear death but fear very much getting non compos, with pain and no power to end or mend it. Called on the Barnes' to see the Neville Lytteltons.
[blanks in original]	25 Apr, Mon	Again no work. Gerald kindly warning me of my danger. I am failing – those years 1900-7 begin to tell. Sometimes my eye sight gets so blurred that I cannot write at all. Well. Well ____ ____ Lennox Robinson turned up for the night on his way from Spain to Ireland. A good soul.
	26 Apr, Tue	To town. Lunched with Garton Foundation & had talk with Tom Jones who had just been with the Prime Minister at Chequers. Baldwin is so tired that I doubt his helping the movement the Foundation is promoting. I was very unwell all day.
	27 Apr, Wed	J. Robertson Scott ("Home Counties" in the Press) called at Foundation. I think he will give it support. General Hammond to tea to talk over Eddie's business affairs. He reports that it is impossible to keep him to any kind of business – or, indeed, point. Lunched with Mrs. Byrne, Phyllis & Sheila. The two latter

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		screamed all the time.
	28 Apr, Thu	Attended Bowes meeting, lunched Dermod O'Brien at Club, had a conference with him, G.H. & Adams at 105 and had a talk with Colonel Robert E Key 169 Regent St. W.I. Walsh's Practitioner. He is to treat me for all my infirmities. A good, simple, kindly man.
	29 Apr, Fri	Much better, but squandered energy in helping the National Union of Scientific Workers with an applic[atio]n to the Carnegie U.K.T[rust]. and interviewing Gough of the Overseas Federations of Farmers Cooperatives. Then home for a good weekend of meditation on Xian Science. I begin to see telepathy as the best working hypothesis in the extraordinary suggestion-cures.
	30 Apr, Sat	Sold the Morris Oxford for £125 and bought an open touring Chrysler for £410 – giving the former in part payment for the latter. The other Chrysler has to go into hospital for 10 days. Hence the necessity for two cars, if I am to finish up my life work. I like driving – it rests me if I don't do too much. But it is best to drive only one type of car as you then react unconsciously & safely to the traffic you have to divide the road with.
	1 May, Sun	Rested and walked in Kew Gardens to see the blossoms – especially the double-cherry.
	2 May, Mon	To Oxford in the new car which had to be kept down to 30 miles an hour in order to smooth the bearings. Its ultimate velocity is probably 70 m.p.h. Put up with the Hart Synnots, rather to the chagrin of the Adams. But Boars Hill is too out of the way when many people have to be seen. Moreover I dislike the trouble I give to poor Mrs. A, who insists on coddling me beyond my deserts. Most of the afternoon spent talking to Prewett. He has fallen foul of the N.F.U and its branches.
	3 May, Tue	Gerald woke with a bad sore throat, headache and temperature, the latter being round about 100°. We both thought if he stayed in today I could go round with Prewett: tomorrow he would take the "rural ride" & I would rest. When I got back the doctor had diagnosed tonsilitis [<i>sic</i>], the temperature had risen to 103° and the poor fellow was very sick. I was not allowed near him. Our host & hostess were absolutely ideal helpers in the trouble. The doctor promises great improvement tomorrow. In future I shall have to think more of his invaluable life than of my own which is very near its end. I can't help being nervous about Gerald. The days wandering with Prewett were most interesting. Berkshire & its Downs were the chief study. Saw the huge ranch of the Wilson brothers – some 30,000 acres, I was told. Also some very advanced "factory farms" and unorganised small holdings. But Prewett was a mine of information & suggestions. I learned a lot.
	4 May, Wed	Gerald was very poorly. I had no idea tonsilitis [<i>sic</i>] could give so much pain & discomfort. I was not allowed to see him but I did see the doctor at night. He is to get some analyses – says he has no anxiety but etc. etc.

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		<p>Spent the morning with Orwin & Prewett and Adams, with whom I lunched at All Souls.</p> <p>Then Prewett came again with me & showed me some groups of small holdings I am sure could be “organised”.</p> <p>I have hit on a plan. It is to get a student to live in a rural community which could be organised but not to mention the word organise or cooperative. I suggest that he should take a good wireless set with a “frame aerial” amuse his neighbours who will be told he is there for his health. When he knows their agro-economy he is to try & get them to <u>suggest cooperation to him</u>. He can get interested and cautiously help them. Orwin approved the plan. Then I saw Professor Watson who is going to Cambridge Friday. I am to go with him & get Venn to duplicate the plot.</p>
	5 May, Thu	<p>Saw the doctor again and, for the first time, was allowed to see Gerald. The analysis showed that there is neither diphtheria [<i>sic</i>] nor scarlet fever. The doctor advised me to leave Gerald in the care of the Hart Synnots & come back when he is ready to move. I had to go to London on Foundation business & to Crest House. I was deluged with letters about the colliery business and every other business of every body who knows of my existence – so it seemed!</p> <p>Alone at Crest House I phoned Walsh & Bryan and found it hopeless to deal with the domestic affairs of the house on the Hill of Millionaires.</p>
	6 May, Fri	<p>A killing day. Dash, Bryan & Walsh all have views upon the Pelton–Stella Gill–Bowes problems. The Foundation is very active. My American correspondence is sadly in arrears.</p> <p>In the day I (1) arranged things at Crest House, (2) spent 4 hours in London, (3) picked up Prof'r. J A Watson of Oxford & took him to lecture at Cambridge at night, attended the lecture & slept through it and (4) went on late to Alston at Falmouth Cottage, Newmarket.</p> <p>My new car is very restful. When I got to Alston's he was awaiting me with sandwiches & whiskey of which I had to partake. When I went to bed I found a message, which the man servant had forgotten to give me, to call up Hart-Synnot's house in Oxford. It was too late to do so & I had an anxious night for fear Gerald should be ill.</p>
	7 May, Sat	<p>Phoned Walter Fletcher, head of Medical Research Council, to ask whether the scarlet fever anti-toxin can be obtained. He said Burroughs & Wellcome stocked it. I then asked Mrs. Hart Synnot so to inform Gerald's Doctor (Hobson). Spent day writing people whom I must inform of Gerald's illness and visiting Venn to meet Dampier-Whetham and a farmer cooperator. Very tired but better than I expected to be.</p>
	8 May, Sun	<p>“Tank” & Mamie came to lunch. Afterwards I hunted up G Lowes Dickenson [<i>sic</i>] & asked him to tell all Gerald's Cambridge friends of his plight. Also told the Lodge porter at his College, Caius, a probable fine medium for gossip.</p>
	9 May, Mon	<p>Through London to Crest House, the better for the quiet hospitality of my dear friend Alston. News of Gerald better. The</p>

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		pain has passed.
	10 May, Tue	To town to meet Swallow. Got Walsh to come also to 105 Mount St. S. declares his friends mean business this time. We have no agreement with him but will let him have all the Pelton shares at par or over if he will assume debts of Stella Gill. I definitely refused to pledge myself to amalgamation of Bowes & Pelton if he does buy us out. This will probably prevent a deal. But one must be more or less honest. Slept at Crest House for health's sake.
	11 May, Wed	Good news of Gerald. Sent him fruit anonymously. Wrote many letters about him. Had a Pelton meeting in 105, all directors, Dash and Atkinson being present. Walsh is behaving most generously. He is convinced that his "practitioner" is helping him and that all will be well. The practitioner is also helping me. He is a Colonel Key – a very sincere believer in the absurd & illogical faith. Telepathy may be operating on my physico-mental processes. Who knows. I have certainly done far more work since Gerald fell ill than I could ever have expected to do.
	12 May, Thu	After a busy morning went to bed for part of the afternoon to enable myself to keep awake at the dinner of the British Science Guild. Sat betw'n General Milne & Admiral Richmond. Former had bought – or been given 5000 acres in Kenya. Told him of the Foundation. Latter had corresponded with me during the war. Very interesting. Sir Herbert Samuel made a brilliant & Sir A Mond an intolerably dull speech, after which I left. Gerald much better.
<i>Fr Young, Conrad</i>	13 May, Fri	Carnegie Trust. Good attendance. Got Hichens to listen to the Nat'l Union of Scientific Workers appeal. He will, I think, back it up. Brought Karl to The Crest House. Dee & Grey to follow.
	14 May, Sat	A special general meeting of the Carnegie U.K. Trustees to adopt a Playing Fields Association – in other words to give £200,000 to the National Playing Fields Assoc'n. Felt very unwell, but was able to bring Margaret Walter to The Crest House, Grey following by train.
	15 May, Sun	A quiet Sunday with the three Walters. She, when the other two had retired told me of her worries over Grey. They want to give him a University (Cambridge) Education but can't quite afford it. That's the simple truth. The boy – 17 now – has just had his first love affair and Margaret feels that he ought to be encouraged to go on or he will feel that he has not fulfilled himself. Called at George Barnes & he most kindly promised to help us out of our Colliery difficulties.
	16 May, Mon	To town with the Walters. I lunched James MacNeill & did a lot of butter marketing business in a very indirect way. Then home & so tired that I was glad to be alone.
	17 May, Tue	To Oxford where I put up with the Adamses. Their wood was

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		glorious in bluebells.
	18 May, Wed	Morning with Colonel Peel, one of Orwin's assistants – alas leaving him. In afternoon went to a Matinée of Macbeth, Wilfrid Walter in the title role. Very good, but the play impossible. The belief in witchcraft necessary to its understanding.
[grandson]	19 May, Thu	Morning with Orwin. Lunched All Souls with Adams. Returned home to receive TP Gill (a pathetic figure over here to get his pension enlarged). At Orwin's saw Skilbeck, son or grandson of first Ed[itor] of Nineteenth Century – one Knowles.
	20 May, Fri	Karl is now sick. Why are all the social workers so handicapped by indifferent health? T.P. Gill to London & back while I struggled with arrears of correspondence.
	21 May, Sat	Quiet at Crest House. T.P. Gill very tiring. The poor fellow pontificates at the top of his voice. He is more deaf than I am.
	22 May, Sun	Rested but had to write many letters.
[Lindbergh]	23 May, Mon	Ditto. The news came that a mere boy had flown the Atlantic all by himself. Capt. Lindberg [<i>sic</i>] is the hero of all time – so far.
	24 May, Tue	To town with T.P. Gill.
<i>Fr Young, Conrad</i>	25 May, Wed	After a busy morning at the Foundation & endless letters in the afternoon, took Daisy to Crest House. She talked on the softy, sloppy fibre of our aristocracy. She does "Society" brilliantly when she gets the chance – e.g. last night she took Mamie and Jessica to a Court at Buckingham Palace. For the rest she endures Killeen! What a pity she was not educated. She has an amazing intelligence which enables her to make her ignorant points in conversation.
	26 May, Thu	Long talk with Daisy. Bryan came to lunch and we went to George Barnes to discuss Pelton. Then Stevenson, Secretary of the Irish Cooperative Agency Society came to discuss their position under a government controlled marketing pool. He seemed a very bright fellow. He realised the weakness of the agricultural personnel – God don't I know it! – and the consequent danger to the government's economic development schemes.
	27 May, Fri	After a very hard days colliery business at Lombard St, all Pelton directors, Dash & Atkinson being present, motored to Oxford, saw Gerald looking pulled down but extraordinarily refined in feature and went on to the Adams for two nights. Was very badly oppressed with phlegm at night.
	28 May, Sat	A long talk with Prewett which, inter alia, showed me that Orwin has too many rural researches of his own to make and is not likely to spare a good man for mine. He advised me to get Watson to name one of his pupils. I saw a good deal of the Hart-Synnots and Gerald. But I was too ill for the work I wanted to do and I realise that I am failing rapidly.
	29 May, Sun	Wrote a long letter to Prof ^r . J.A.S. Watson, which I delivered to him, upon the experiment in cooperative organisation I want to get tried both by Oxford & Cambridge. The N.F.U. is determined to block cooperation. Their influence in this direction is exerted

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		<p>through the large farmers. My plan is to get the small farmers & smallholders to organise spontaneously, regardless of the big men who can come in or stay out. A student is to camp in a district where there are a sufficient number of small men & “suggestionise” his neighbours. Watson was entirely favourable & will try to find a man.</p> <p>Brought Gerald home. Beare, who vetted him at once, is strongly against letting him do any work whatsoever till he gets back his strength.</p>
	30 May, Mon	K. Walter sick in bed. I ought to have gone to town, but the phlegm in my bronchial tubes so nearly chokes me at night, that I have to coddle.
[Institutes]	31 May, Tue	<p>Went to town to attend the National Federation of Women’s Institutes [sic]. I stood it for 2 hours. They have now 234,000 members! Guinness, Minister of Agriculture addressed them before I came. Adams who was there said he spoke well.</p> <p>Karl is to be X-rayed with the bismuth meal. I devoutly hope – I almost confidently believe – there is no growth. It is, I think, nervous irritability of an acute variety.</p> <p>I went to bed early.</p>
	1 Jun, Wed	Early up and had to go home, feeling miserable after a very bad night.
	2 Jun, Thu	<p>Lunched with Daisy & met Mamie. Karl has been X-rayed and we are all anxious for the verdict. He has been 3 weeks in bed with a temperature & no other symptom except slight occasional nausea.</p> <p>Keating (Matthew I think) a Nationalist ex M.P. came to the Foundation & offered me his services as Secretary in Heard’s absence! It is sad to see these hopelessly out-of-it but once such important people trying to scratch a living.</p>
	3 Jun, Fri	<p>The Doctor came & gave me a bottle & advice. But it comes to this – I must not work. I did not get up till 1 o’clock. The Dr. did not come till evening.</p> <p>Daisy came for a long week-end.</p>
To Young, Conrad	4 Jun, Sat	<p>Still very unwell with an all-pervading cold.</p> <p>Raymond Mortimer joined the party to Gerald’s delight.</p>
	5 Jun, Sun	At 2 AM had the worst attack of breathlessness in my life. Is it Asthma[?] I knocked on the wall & Gerald came in. He was very helpful & the attack passed. Most of the day in bed.
<i>Fr Campbell, Richard</i> <i>(IRS)</i>	6 Jun, Mon	Quiet day. Did some work – very little possible with Daisy in the house. Betty Balfour called – as wonderfully alive, interested & helpful as ever. Raymond Mortimer left & with a whole heart I wished him to come back.
	7 Jun, Tue	To town. Daisy left. Saw the Taylors & Karl (unhappy about his health[]). But I shall know soon. Gerald improving greatly.
	8 Jun, Wed	Kept quiet at home.

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	9 Jun, Thu	A terrific day. Dr. Kennedy turned up at the H.P.F. without notice. I had to lunch with Prof'r. Gangulee to meet Linlithgow & members of the Royal Comm'n on Agriculture in India. Then a conference with Godfrey Palmer on Bowes. By night to Newcastle with Bryan & Lionel Parr who turned up at last moment.
	10 Jun, Fri	Very bad heart burn. Unable to go to pits. Bryan and Lionel Parr went while I discussed the whole situation with Walsh. He is acting very generously towards the rest of us. Before we left him, Bryan and I taking the night train, he had committed himself to a very large advance to Pelton owners which may save them from a disastrous liquidation.
To Gillespie, P.J. (IRS) To Young, Conrad	11 Jun, Sat	Home, too tired for good work.
	12 Jun, Sun	Professor Gangulee, member of Royal Commission on Indian Agriculture spent 5 hours with Gerald & me. He showed me some Confidential papers which will enable me to write a useful Memorandum to the Comm'n.
	13 Jun, Mon	My health is declining rapidly. Today I have been unable to do any work at all from shortness of breath.
	14 Jun, Tue	To town. Steamship meeting and afterwards had a call from Walsh who agreed to put up £25,000 to save Pelton if I would put up 10,000 making £35,000 wanted July 1st. Saw Raymond Barker about Eddie's coal interests. Col. House & I had long talk. We shall meet frequently.
(To Norman, Harry F. fr Gillespie, P.J.)	15 Jun, Wed	Unwell. Got very little work done. Another conference with House. Little done.
	16 Jun, Thu	Saw Beckett Overy who diagnosed my trouble Asthma. Well, that is about due! But I hope my heart will be able to fight it. B.O. also told me that Karl Walter can do his ordinary work after two more weeks rest. That was good news.
To Campbell, Richard (IRS)	17 Jun, Fri	Home. Bryan & Dorothy came. I was bad with my Asthma. Worked at Colliery matters.
[Gardner] [query in original]	18 Jun, Sat	Dr. Gardiner, [<i>sic</i>] senior partner of the medical firm of which Beare is junior member, came to see me. An absent-minded creature – but very nice, sympathetic and ?competent. Diagnosed Asthma beyond doubt.
	19 Jun, Sun	House came to tea. Brought with him a young poetess, & his wife & secretary. The last competent very, Mrs. H hopelessly incapable. Mrs. H. talked nonsense so incessantly that I had little discourse. He will help the Foundation. It is possible but very improbable that he will be elected in 1928.
	20 Jun, Mon	Harry & Bea Ponsonby came to lunch & went on to Bryan & Dorothy.
	21 Jun, Tue	Worked a little. Went over to see Karl Walter.
	22 Jun, Wed	To town. Asthma very oppressive.
	23 Jun, Thu	Another talk with House. Senator Hitchcock & he are lunch[ing] with me at St. James Club tomorrow. He seems keen about the

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		1928 Election & I am trying to draft a platform for the Democrats!! To come to still baser things, Godfrey Palmer called & discussed Bowes affairs. There is just a faint hope that an amalgamation of the 4 companies may come off.
	24 Jun, Fri	Colliery all day. Mrs. Bainbridge, Walsh, Bryan, Gardiner & I held a Stella Gill Meeting. Alternatives – Liquidation July 1st or payment of £15,000 before that date, after which liquidation might or might not be averted.
	25 Jun, Sat	Bryan, Walsh, Dash & I spent the whole day at Colliery affairs.
	26 Jun, Sun	Neither of us well. I slaved away at the Coal business. I am afraid Gerald's "secondary nervous system" is against going to Ireland.
	27 Jun, Mon	To town without my Secretary. Whether he will be well enough to go tomorrow to Ireland remains to be seen. I have no doubt that his resistance is lowered by the antipathy to Ireland & the Irish. If he is well he ought to come as I am utterly unfit to travel without better help than my dear, faithful Curtain – never a servant but drunk or sober a devoted friend. Met Godfrey Palmer & Aspland to agree upon a circular letter to the Bowes Board from its Chairman. Agreed. Went to House of Commons at request of JJ Lawson M.P. miners' representative from Chester le Street. He had a story of victimisation at Kibblesworth Colliery into which I must go when up there. Supped with Tommy, having taken Walter to lunch. Too hard a day as a dozen letters have to be --ded.
[Baldwin visited Canada in July]	28 Jun, Tue	In train to L'[iver]pool & Northwall Boat. Too tired & old to do the Eclipse. Had a very hard day's work – Coal & Foundation. The faithful Curtain with me. Too jerky to write. Had good talk with Tom Jones. Baldwin is to make a speech at Louth, Lincolnshire on July 21. Promised notes! Then he goes to Canada June [sic] 23. Promised notes!! Shall consult House.
	29 Jun, Wed	Total Eclipse 5 A.M. Clouds made it invisible. Arrived in Dublin, went in Eddie's car to Salthill Hotel. Then to town & spent most of day at Plunkett House with Norman. Very tired but got a lot of work done.
	30 Jun, Thu	Another terrible day's strain. The Foundation was represented by Smith Gordon, D O'Brien, Hall & Adams; Norman acting as Secretary. Hall in the Chair was first rate. Adams most keen, kindly and constructive, D. O'B really helpful upon our finances which he treasures as if they were his children. Smith Gordon gave real attention to the business which lasted I should say five hours. We decided on a really good – if not too young – ass't secretary, on the whole instead of half Miss Digby's time. Karl is to be sent to do Australasia & New Zealand, partly for me, partly for his health. The chief <u>Irish</u> difficulty consists in a feeling among the so called cooperative farmers that the Gov't is bound

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		<p>to support the I.A.O.S. & they need not. I have to see Hogan about this.</p> <p>Hall & Adams left for Eng'd. I tried to write my letters but was too tired.</p>
	1 Jul, Fri	<p>Father Finlay, Norman, Æ, Gogarty, Hugh Butler, R.A.A., Erskine Booth & Dermot O'Brien were all preached at! I also had a first interview with Hogan and arranged with McGilligan to be shown over the Shannon works.</p>
	2 Jul, Sat	<p>After a busy morning at the Plunkett House, went to Killeen for the week-end. En route I called on Tim Healy. To him I put two proposals – that he should support Hogan's agric'l coop: policy & interest himself in the candidature of Al Smith for the Presidency of the U.S. in 1928, but <u>not to talk</u> about it.</p> <p>At Killeen Murnane – Fingall's local medical adviser came to tea. He gave a very good account of Fingall. He will outlive me I am glad to say. His bladder trouble is not serious & his heart is a little enlarged & out of place. Blood pressure 190°. No intermission in the beats.</p>
	3 Jul, Sun	<p>Murnane came again and told me more about Fingall. He confirmed by cogent reasoning ?Gunn's/Green's judgment that there is no reason for an operation. The prostate is not seriously enlarged.</p> <p>Spent a good deal of the day with Hammond going over Dunsany and discussing Eddie's finances.</p> <p>The usual callers – Gogarty, Veda Lentaigne, her mother & a lot of interesting foreigners came. I had no time to talk to them.</p>
	4 Jul, Mon	<p>To Dublin & Salthill. Saw Dr. Thos A McLaughlin, M[anager] Director of Siemens Schuckert (Ireland) Ltd., Contractors of Shannon Scheme. Had long conference with him. Found he was chiefly engaged on economics of distribution of heat, light & power. Don Gill, professional Elec[trical] Engineer called on me & damned the project – not convincingly.</p> <p>Thoroughly tired out & fear the trip which must begin at 5.30 AM tomorrow in Eddie's Chrysler.</p>
	5 Jul, Tue	<p>Bad attack of Asthma at 3.30 AM. However, started at 5.30 AM in car, picked up R.A. at his diggings, breakfasted at Maryborough, inspected creameries at Toomevara & Nenagh, had a very tiring but quite adequate inspection of the Shannon Works, did the IAOS & I.C.A.S. offices & finally got to Adare where inspected Black Abbey Creamery. Early to bed & hope to get good sleep. But it was too much.</p> <p>Reverting to the Shannon Works of which I was too tired to write above, it was a stupendous operation. Two villages of German skilled workers (at one huge workshop mending with coal generated electric power the trucks & engines of the little railways, monster excavators etc) and a removal of mountains to fill valleys. The imagination boggled! The danger is outrage in letting the floods loose. For this there is no absolute precaution.</p>
	6 Jul, Wed	<p>Another too full day. Started from Adare at 6 AM. Could not find a Hotel where a fire was lit and breakfast possible, till we reached</p>

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		Roscrea. After breakfast we inspected the Bacon Factory – one of the institutions which could not have been cooperating farmers started unless some 3490 small pig-owners had found £15,000 over twenty years ago. They were glad to see me. Then to Dublin where I saw Hogan, McGilligan, Moorhead, Æ, Riddall, Smith-Gordon and many others. Gave John E Healy a note for Irish Times about Shannon scheme. Crossed over by Liverpool Boat leaving 8.15 P.M. thoroughly tired out.
	7 Jul, Thu	Back to London to find Gerald better – with a lunch & dinner to keep him in town. Karl still ill & myself only fit to go home & to bed which I did.
	8 Jul, Fri	Carnegie meeting. Very unsatisfactory. Mitchell is making a career of the work & does it well. But he only supports projects which influential boosters back. Went home with Gerald, feeling miserably ill after the overstrain of Ireland. Rest for the week-end is imperative, but the coal situation gets worse & worse.
	9 Jul, Sat	Asleep or writing re Colliery to Dash most of day. Metcalfe [<i>sic</i>] the new ass't sec'y of H.P. Foundation came for week-end.
	10 Jul, Sun	Clearing my desk but doing no work of serious character. Too tired still. Metcalf was more than up to our expectations. Lady Lavery phoned that Kevin O'Higgins had been murderously attacked. The B.B.C. at 9 P.M. told us he was dead. What on earth can be done with that unarmed police? Murder is too easy!
[Elliot]	11 Jul, Mon	In town for a meeting of the Empire Marketing Board [&] other bodies working with it, including the Foundation. A violent thunderstorm made me very unwell. I never was affected by one before. The meeting was futile. Presided over first by a Major Elliott [<i>sic</i>] M.P., Under Secretary for Scotland, who talked bosh. Sheer waste of time.
	12 Jul, Tue	One of those dreadful luncheons. The Houses had 37 guests – Balfour[,] Grey in the lead & self having to inter---- to the lesser guests. 2 hours. Got through it & brought Gerald back to Crest House. Dead beat but I think I got through all that I had [incomplete].
	13 Jul, Wed	Wrote Daisy, Tim Healy, Lady Lavery, Hogan, James McNeill condolences on Kevin O'Higgins. Worked at Colliery & other affairs.
	14 Jul, Thu	To town and worked too hard at & for the Foundation. Tom Jones has gone to Birchington to prepare his master's speech in Louth on 21st. I sent him some hints for it.
	15 Jul, Fri	Stella Gill A.G.M. Walsh in the Chair moving resolutions, I seconding them, Aspland (representing the general public) passing them unanimously & Dash minuting them. Then Dash & Bryan came with me to Crest House for the week end.
	16 Jul, Sat	Dash left after useful conference on Colliery affairs. Sir Geo. Barnes very kind & helpful. I had bad soar [<i>sic</i>] throat – very depressing. Gerald doctored it.
	17 Jul, Sun	Bryan left. I worked at Memorandum for Royal Com'n on Indian

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To Johnson, Thomas	18 Jul, Mon	A tiring day in town – mostly at the Foundation. The more I see of Metcalf the more I like him.
	19 Jul, Tue	Another dreary day “inspecting” the Bowes Collieries – a farce. Throat bad.
<i>Fr House, E.M.</i>	20 Jul, Wed	Inspecting more Collieries. Wrote many letters and tried to cure sore throat.
	21 Jul, Thu	Same as yesterday except that Walsh, Dash & I had long interview with Cooper our Solicitor. A cultured, honest, shrewd legal adviser.
<i>Fr Johnson, Thomas</i>	22 Jul, Fri	Home after a tiring day at office & the fatigue of the night journey.
	23 Jul, Sat	Slept much of the day & felt better for it. A young reporter from Daily Express (Beaverbrook) came to interview me on agriculture. At last the Three Beters will have a chance of being put over.
	24 Jul, Sun	Sebastian Sprott, psychologist friend of Gerald’s came to lunch. So did Adams & had a very useful talk on Foundation matters.
[“Combination Vital to Farming – Sir Horace Plunkett on the Necessity for Organisation”, <i>Daily Express</i> , pp. 1,7]	25 Jul, Mon	To town for Foundation work & then to Bryan in his healthy but not comfortable or convenient home at Minster near Sheerness by Car. The Daily Express had an excellent interview with me on agricultural cooperation in India.
	26 Jul, Tue	What this house would be in the long wintry nights to one afflicted with insomnia and accustomed to electric light I shudder to think. But the days are still long and somehow I get through the night. Drove about the island. Saw the Senior Officers School in whose mess Gerald & I are to live as Bryan’s guests.
	27 Jul, Wed	Talked to a bona fide Farmer (large) who had shops in Sheerness. He was prospering; but it was not the farm. But for the shop end of the business he would have failed. “Agriculture won’t pay a decent wage.” The rates & taxes added to the wages made his farm like Pelton! For the rest of the day worked & rested alternatively.
	28 Jul, Thu	Motored to town to attend a meeting of the Bowes Financial Reorganisation Committee. Cooper attended. It was quite clear that Bowes cannot help Pelton. We went to Higginsons – a big House of Issue. We had a preliminary talk with a very shrewd partner – Akers-Douglas. He told us his Firm would prefer only to issue & underwrite Debentures. That gets over the difficulty of the Bowes shares Pelton holds. We can sell them without hurting Bowes. But Pelton is doomed.
	29 Jul, Fri	A Pelton & Stella Gill meeting. Cooper (our Newcastle solicitor) attended both and we arranged for action leading to a liquidation or reorganisation of the companies. Bryan & Walsh attended the Pelton & Gardiner came in for Stella Gill meeting. In the evening I went to the International Chess Congress. I took part in a Lightning Tournament for the first time in my life. I had

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[Thomas – former British chess champion]		<p>to play 4 games. In the first an ex lady champion won – I won the other three.</p> <p>The last was Sir George Thomas whom I beat. He lost his temper and exclaimed that he I took all the time and he none. The fact was that he under-rated my play. In the first 12 moves his game was hopeless & mine easy to win. Here is the score. I am White.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">1 PK4 PK4</td> <td style="width: 33%;"></td> <td style="width: 33%;">7 PK5 PxK^t</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 PKB4 PxP</td> <td></td> <td>8 PxK^t PxP(ch)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 BB4 K^tKB3</td> <td></td> <td>9 BxP QxP</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 K^tQB3 PQB3</td> <td></td> <td>10 BB3 QK2ch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 K^tKB3 PQK^t4</td> <td></td> <td>11 KB2 QB4(ch)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 BK^t3 PK^t5</td> <td></td> <td>12 BQ4 QKR4</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>13 RKSqch KQsq</td> </tr> </table> <p>Obviously won for White with 4 pieces in play against none!! (14 K^tK5 QxQ 15K^txPch KchB2[!])</p>	1 PK4 PK4		7 PK5 PxK ^t	2 PKB4 PxP		8 PxK ^t PxP(ch)	3 BB4 K ^t KB3		9 BxP QxP	4 K ^t QB3 PQB3		10 BB3 QK2ch	5 K ^t KB3 PQK ^t 4		11 KB2 QB4(ch)	6 BK ^t 3 PK ^t 5		12 BQ4 QKR4			13 RKSqch KQsq
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	30 Jul, Sat	An interesting talk with Gangulee and an Indian friend of his. Then brought Eddie Stapylton to his parents at Minster nr. Sheerness & went on to the Mess Quarters of the Senior Officers School as Bryan's guests. If only I can get rest all will be well.																					
	31 Jul, Sun	Went by motor to Canterbury where we picked up Gerald who had been amusing himself.																					
	1 Aug, Mon	Weather awful for the working folk on Holiday. Got a bit of rest, but the lungs did not benefit. Bryan's arrangements for our health have been splendid.																					
	2 Aug, Tue	Today was as fine as yesterday was wet. I was far from well – so was Gerald. We lunched with Bryan & Dorothy & their children & went for a drive showing Chrysler to Gerald.																					
	3 Aug, Wed	Did nothing except motor about the island with Bryan & Dorothy. Gerald announced his intention to go to London tomorrow and stay till I came. The secretaryship is becoming a farce and, although I shall never get half as capable a secretary, I shall have to get one who can give me a little more attention.																					
	4 Aug, Thu	Gerald left me for town. I went with Dorothy, Bryan taking the children to see Kent vs Notts at Canterbury. It was the Canterbury week & the city was beflagged. My heart was functioning badly.																					
	5 Aug, Fri	The asthma symptoms are disappearing, but my heart is still functioning very badly. It is unquestionably "tired". I spent the day with Bryan, Dorothy & the children very pleasurably. Went over the many farms & orchards of one W. Goodhew a butcher, greengrocer etc. etc. He admitted that he made his money out of the general adventuring & not out of the farms.																					
	6 Aug, Sat	With Bryan & his children. Talked with a farmer who had been at Wye and got real information. He was young – 24 at a guess. He saw no other occupation he could work in. But it was a hard experience. Up at 4.30 A.M. to milk his cows. Delivered the milk 3 miles off in Sheerness at 6.30 A.M. A seven days job!!																					
	7 Aug, Sun	A children's party at East End House. It was enjoyable for the young people but Dorothy found it very wearisome. So did I, but it was only one day.																					

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		The father of the farmer boy, whom I saw yesterday, called on me. He was most interesting – believed in Cooperation but found his neighbours hopeless & helpless. I had a long talk with the old chap and convinced him that something could be done on I.A.O.S. lines; the N.F.U. notwithstanding.
	8 Aug, Mon	Motored early to town where I picked up Moritz Bonn, & Gerald he & I came down to Crest House. Too tired to talk. Bonn, now only 54, as interesting as ever. He is gloomy about England – and well he may be. His general conclusion is that we have not the power of thinking seriously upon serious problems. He praised e.g. Lord Salisbury with his 20 years of firm government for Ireland.
	9 Aug, Tue	We motored over to Philip Snowden. Bonn was most interesting and P.S. sucked his brains with skill. Alas! My health is, I fear, breaking down. I tried to do a little serious work in the morning & had an awful depression in the ev[enin]g.
	10 Aug, Wed	Bonn went to town and Gerald, who had proposed to go to town to fetch him, stayed. Bonn saw I did not want to be left alone and took the train both ways. If only Gerald could be as understanding! I felt very unwell. My end is not far off.
	11 Aug, Thu	Took Bonn to lunch with Garvin at Beaconsfield, where he was living in an old house formerly owned by Edmund Burke. Very interesting. Bonn left before dinner.
	12 Aug, Fri	Trustee business with Ralph Wortley's solicitors & Foundation matters took me to town. Went with Gerald at night to Ben Hur a preposterous film. A naval battle betw'n Triremes – ships rammed & burned, and the chariot race horses going at 110 m.p.h. at least – delighted the audience!!
To Johnson, Thomas	13 Aug, Sat	I asked Gerald twice or three times if he would come to Ireland with me. He made no answer, which was explained last thing at night when he burst out with a prepared speech on my complicity before & after the fact in the Irish murders. It made me ill and makes it very difficult to know what to do. I knew he had a poor estimate of my intellect, but this was the first intimation that he had such a low conception of my public morals. I am afraid he is tired of the job, though God knows I have done my best to make it easy for him. I may live another two or even three years. Certainly not more. But I must have some one with me who has at least respect for me. I have no one to consult.
	14 Aug, Sun	Very unwell, which I tried to conceal. Wrote an Introduction for Professor Gangulee's book on Rural India. I had promised it earlier & had to do it. Went to tea with Dame Ethel – G.H. pleasant, having launched his torpedo at my morals.
	15 Aug, Mon	Work for which I am not fit – Gerald not well & unable to help.
To House, E.M.	16 Aug, Tue	After a good night to town. Did some work at Foundation & back to Crest House.
	17 Aug, Wed	Gerald & I sat in the Sun. I worked – he called it a grave error to do the work I wish he would help me in – at the Royal Commission job. It is difficult; but if I carry conviction I may

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[ryot – peasant]		improve the lot of anything up to 1½ million Indian ryots. Worth the sacrifice.
	18 Aug, Thu	To town for Foundation work – especially the Indian Memorandum on which I consulted Seton. (I was delighted to find that that old friend was greatly benefited by a starvation cure. I think he may get rid of a most menacing ailment.)
	19 Aug, Fri	Home unwell. Told G.H. that he had said the bitterest unkindest thing which had ever been said to me. Sulked & left the room.
	20 Aug, Sat	Tried to get Gerald to interest himself in my immediate work – the Royal Comm’n Memorandum. No good.
	21 Aug, Sun	M.R. Metcalf came and we had a good deal of Foundation talk. I was quite satisfied that he will insure good work when I am gone. Had to see Beare for my shortness of breath. He allows me to go to Ireland.
<i>Fr Johnson, Thomas</i>	22 Aug, Mon	To Liverpool & Northwall after a day at Foundation work. Left Gerald behind at Crest House, having had a boil on the neck lanced by Beare.
	23 Aug, Tue	Tried to work in Dublin but failed. Far too tired. Rested a bit at Salthill Hotel in late afternoon in order to be able to talk to Dr. (pol[itical] econ[omy] at Nat[ional] University) George O’Brien who dined with me. So to bed.
	24 Aug, Wed	To Dunsany where Eddie, more self centred than ever, was grouching about his poverty before a butler & three footmen who travel with him round his three domicile existence!! But the occasion of the visit is Randal’s coming of age tomorrow. He had brought with him an Oxford friend Allen Rogers of California. Of Randal, notwithstanding his bringing up, I have hopes if – and only if – he some time is “up against it”. He has courage, generosity but little else. Still he is young, healthy in mind & body. I shall see more of him tomorrow than heretofore.
	25 Aug, Thu	A red-letter day for the future head of the Dunsany family. A feast in a big tent and dancing in the garage – the old Coach house of many years ago. At the gorge Randal was presented with a costly cup by the employees. He responded tactfully to the toast of his health. Eddie spoke too much about himself – otherwise well. Hammond & Beatrice and some tipsy rustics did well too. In course of day saw Fingall twice & his doctor (Murnane) once. His ailment is not as serious as we feared. Daisy came to the speechifying.
	26 Aug, Fri	Was lent the Chrysler car to take me to the Plunkett House, where I did ½ days work. Cosgrave has sprung an election less than three weeks off (Sept 15, nomination Sept 3) and has not, I fear, given the people time to think over the situation. Well, I am glad I am not bound to take any part in the melée. On to Kilcooley, May meeting the train at Thurles. She had a house full of children. Bryan & Dorothy with their two young people, Nettie & two boys, Zoe Maxwell (née de Burgh) with her brood. Tom in Dublin but back tomorrow. What a change after Dunsany. There Beatrice worships & spoils Eddie and no one darkens its doors unless they can stand Eddie’s

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		selfishness. They were kind to me; but I have toiled for them.
	27 Aug, Sat	<p>When Curtain called me he gave an interesting picture of our last visit together – some 25 years ago he thinks. It was mid-winter & there was deep snow across the country – mostly bog – which separated the station of Thurles from the then characteristic Irish mansion surrounded by 8 miles of wall ten feet high built as a famine relief measure – /45 to /47 probably – from the squalid Thurles. We had discussed whether to remain in that pig-stye or brave the road at night. We ventured & got there some time. Now a motor meets the train. Thurles is still squalid but has electric light. The monastic building & huge church still dominate the semi-urban scene, but cinema and listening in sets tell of the outer world. Kilcooley has heat, light & power from dynamos driven by an engine whose boilers are fed by sawdust from the farm where all kind of rough wood work & farm operations are carried on in juxtaposition. The house is American in its conveniences & comforts <u>but</u> the servants still live underground! A softer generation the rising one will be surely.</p>
	28 Aug, Sun	<p>Had a talk yesterday with Sefton, Tom's most efficient farm manager. The large dairying operation with splendidly bred pigs swilling the whey from the cheese factory – excellent cheddar – interested me most. There is no such farming elsewhere in Ireland. If the house with its ample hospitalities pays a fair price[,] for what it consumes the farm <u>must</u> pay. I asked Sefton several questions about the Cooperative Societies in the neighbourhood. He told me there were far too many churning centres, expensively equipped and on the morrow I said I would try to see some of the Societies. He was all for cooperation for the small farmers.</p> <p>I met "Mat the Thresher" (Matthew Duves) a sturdy Palatine of 77 years of age. He had boundless admiration for Tom's courage and tact in saving his house & costly farm buildings from the wreckers during "the troubles". I longed for youth and strength to deal with the present situation. Alas, I am failing fast.</p>
	29 Aug, Mon	<p>Inspected three Creameries and came to the Salthill Hotel by mail from Ballybrophy. During the Kilcooley visit I discussed with Bryan the difficulty with Gerald Heard and we both wrote to him. At Salthill found affectionate letters from him! I have offered to release him if he cannot help me with my work.</p> <p>I don't expect to see Kilcooley again and am very glad to have inspected Tom's fine attempt to build up a sound agricultural economy on his estate. I wish he would go into public life; but perhaps his example is better than any political stand he might take.</p> <p>"General" & Mrs. Hammond were at the Hotel and shared a sitting room with me. His chief interest to me is his tactful – if expensive – management of Dunsany.</p>
	30 Aug, Tue	Usual I.A.O.S. work.
	31 Aug, Wed	Same as yesterday and at night returned to England by the Liverpool Boat. Moorhead vetted my heart and found it satisfactory.

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[M/s – morphine/sulphate]	1 Sep, Thu	<p>Quite made it up with Gerald. It really was his nerves which got the better of him. He did not wait for me to open the discussion – he initiated it himself. I am very glad of this. I could not replace him but before I went to Ireland he behaved in a way – <u>doubtless</u> through illness which which [<i>sic</i>] he will in future fight a bit harder.</p> <p>The journey was hot & uncomfortable and I arrived wretchedly fatigued.</p> <p>The M/s supply today was: – 844 Crest House Reserve 6327 Mount St. " <u>102</u> 7273</p> <p>or 101 days @ 3 gr[ains] p.d.</p>
	2 Sep, Fri	<p>To Town. Still too tired to work. Norman came for a long week end.</p> <p>Wrote the Bonns that we proposed to go to them on the 10th Sept, all well. Told Bryan, Daisy, Walsh, Godfrey Palmer.</p>
	3 Sep, Sat	<p>Karl & family (now with an “Austin 7”) motored over to see Norman. George Barnes called. Gerald was much more helpful with my papers. Did a small bit of the Indian Memorandum.</p>
	4 Sep, Sun	<p>Mrs. Norman called for tea, being brought by her brother, an Ealing Dr. (Oliver White). She is very learned & every inch of her a “schoolmarm”. Worked on Indian Memo.</p>
[Wilbraham]	5 Sep, Mon	<p>To London where I met Randle Wilbrahame[<i>sic</i>] from Cheshire where he will inherit an agric’l estate. He will, I hope, try an experiment in organising a cooperative society “on his own”, on behalf of Orwin’s institution at Oxford (whence Watson, professor of Ag recommended him for the job) and for the Foundation as well. The latter cannot do the job openly, as it does not interfere with work undertaken by other institutions (e.g. N.F.U.!).</p> <p>In afternoon Bledisloe received at the Ministry of Ag some 30 American farmers. I also spoke to them and the Ministry sent a communique to the Press & the B.B.C. which may help the Foundation which I represented.</p>
	6 Sep, Tue	<p>Worked wearily at Indian Memorandum. I have a strong case but fear I shall not be believed.</p>
	7 Sep, Wed	<p>To town & very hard work trying to get to the bottom of the fathomless pit of Indian poverty & distress. Well, well. My spirit is as willing as ever but!!</p>
	8 Sep, Thu	<p>Went to town and worked at the Memorandum. Smith, the Sec’y of the Royal Com’n was providing me with clerical help. Alas, I found that that very able I[ndian].C[ivil].S[ervice]. had written a memorandum which covered a large part of the ground taken by mine. I had to give up the hope of writing the blessed thing today & tomorrow.</p>
	9 Sep, Fri	<p>Another hectic day in town and a sad one. Before leaving Crest Ho[use] a message came through on the ’phone from James Byrne. I asked whether he was speaking from New York or London. He said from neither but from Amberley and asked if I had heard about Beatrice his second daughter. I had not. Then he</p>

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[query in original]		<p>explained that she had fallen from a great height into a river at Berne. She seems to have been walking & got a giddy fit (?vertigo – I so diagnosed it to J.B. & to his wife in a letter of condolence). Jim turned up before lunch (to which I took him & Gerald[]), Jim is deeply religious, I think. He was brave & sensible over the tragedy. The body was not found for 10 days!! It is to be buried tomorrow at Arundel.</p> <p>Saw secretary of the Royal Commission & promised Memorandum done before Oct 1st.</p> <p>Foundation got a letter from Lord Henry Bentinck asking for information which was sent. I wrote to (and hope I hooked) him.</p>
	10 Sep, Sat	Left London at 11. Comfortable in boat but it was raining a deluge & got feet wet at Calais. Train deluxe (Orient Express) not luxurious till it got on to German road beds. How it recalled my week at the front 11 years ago!
	11 Sep, Sun	Arrived at Bonn's where I had a suite, bed- & bath rooms adjoining. Kindness inexpressible. I <u>was</u> tired. Slept on arrival for 2 hrs. There was a German Countess only staying. The house (near Salzburg in Austria[]) in beautiful forest & mountain scenery. Menage like the Adams's at Oxford, but far better done. A farm house converted into villa it seemed.
[“Anna Anderson”, a.k.a. Anna Tchaikovski, who claimed to be Anastasia, daughter of murdered Tsar Nicholas II]	12 Sep, Mon	<p>Gerald & I discovered we had made a bad mistake. It rained most of the day, had rained all yesterday & would probably rain all – or most of – tomorrow. Temperature in the lower 50s out of doors. My lung begins to give trouble. We shall have to leave much sooner than would permit of a real holiday!!</p> <p>A Russian princess – aet circa 24 – dined. She was as wild as a hawk owing to which fact she probably escaped assassination.</p>
	13 Sep, Tue	<p>Stayed in bed, so kept warm, till lunch. Poured & poured but in afternoon picked up & the sun went down red. Raymond Mortimer turned up in Salzburg. Doesn't matter as Bonn is such a good friend, & his wife will look after my health.</p> <p>Engaged accommodation for this day week for home. Too short a time for the distance travelled! But we have come to the wettest spot in Europe!! Did not know it & ought to have inquired.</p>
	14 Sep, Wed	<p>A gloriously fine day. Bonn took me for a drive in a hired car in the afternoon while Gerald was spending a more strenuous day with Raymond Mortimer. I feel better for the change & rest today.</p> <p>Salzburg was formerly a Bishopric – Archbp., I suppose. We went to his palace & gardens and the story of luxury – the suggestion of worse – was writ large in the surroundings.</p> <p>We had to walk up hill – about twice the climb of the “Mount” at Dunsany. I had to sit down several times on the way. The end gets near.</p>
	15 Sep, Thu	Another glorious day & we went up the little cog wheel railway to the Gaisberg mountain top. I wonder if there is any more beautiful panorama in the world. The contrast between the Mountains & the green valleys & plains, the former beautified by snow, the latter by obviously continual rain leaves little to desire. There are some small lakes & no sea, of course. But I don't remember being more impressed with the wealth of beauty spots in this sad world.

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		The people all look contented & no poverty meets the eye.
	16 Sep, Fri	Lunched with Raymond Mortimer & was shown over the Castle of Salzburg, a fifteenth Century edifice in an ideal position for defence against the artillery of the period. Otherwise rested.
	17 Sep, Sat	Rained again, but long fair intervals – glass rising. Bonn left for Munich to deliver a Sunday lecture. Back tomorrow & off to Geneva later.
	18 Sep, Sun	Poured most of the night & nearly all day. Bonn returned. He, Gerald & I lunched Mrs Bonn and Raymond Mortimer at latter's Hotel.
	19 Sep, Mon	Rained all day. Rested. Bonn left for Geneva.
	20 Sep, Tue	Did nothing. Rained all day.
	21 Sep, Wed	A glorious day, but we had to take our departure. "Therese" was not sorry to be rid of us, I think. They live so meagrely that guests who transgress the border betw'n a visit and a visitation are not wanted. We went back via Innsbruck, Zurich, Basle & Dover. The scenery till we got to Innsbruck where the sun went down leaving no twilight was of marvellous beauty. I am the better for the rest & change. But the weather was mostly "impossible"!
	22 Sep, Thu	The journey home. Glorious weather till Calais. Then a gale & shortly after we left the pier a deluge. At Dover the car met us & we got to London 7 P.M. having had "road trouble". The inevitable pile of arrears – quite enough to more than (here is a justifiable split infinitive) counteract the rest! Gerald went off to one of his friends at once & I fear he will not shoulder my work.
	23 Sep, Fri	Motored to Cambridge with Gerald. There attended conference of "Aslib" (Assoc'n of Special Libraries & Information Bureaux!). Of course I had an axe to grind, it was the Cooperative Library a necessary adjunct to the Foundation.
	24 Sep, Sat	Attended the Conference and spoke. Left at 10.30 AM. Got to town in 2 hours & comfortably to Crest House in 1 hour. Bryan & Dorothy came – he to talk coal. Very, very tired.
[Montague-Chelmsford Reforms – basis of 1919 act granting India limited provincial autonomy]	25 Sep, Sun	Not very well – the Cambridge rush was too much after the journey home. Day brightened by a call from Harry Ponsonby, who Dorothy recalled having told their mother that he did not know what it was to be unhappy. I fished up a letter he had written to me from India on the supreme folly of the Montague-Chelmsford Reforms. The best answer to the advocates of "Indianisation" is in Harry's view that there is no <u>India</u> in the native conception. The trickery, suspicion, superstition – and, of course, caste – make democracy ridiculous. As for self government in the national sense, the day England goes her place would be filled by local assassins until another European native came and cleaned up the mess once more.
	26 Sep, Mon	I came to town to try & finish the Memorandum. It is too great a strain; but never was a duty more clear – a responsibility more grave. I tried to dictate, to write, to remember. I had done the reading & thinking required but the Expression failed.

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	27 Sep, Tue	Worked at Indian Memorandum.															
[prob. Sir Frank Noyce]	28 Sep, Wed	Worked & went home after seeing 3 Indian office helpers – Sir Louis Kershaw, Noice [<i>sic</i>] & Seton.															
	29 Sep, Thu	Had to rest. A neighbour named Couchman – an old I.C.S – came with his wife to tea on Seton’s recommendation. I found him useless.															
	30 Sep, Fri	Came to town. Saw Wilbraham whom I hope to get employed by Orwin trying out the possibility of organising farmers Cooperatively from a farm where he is to be an apprentice. For the rest worked at India Memorandum – a terribly hard job.															
	1 Oct, Sat	Last of summer time. Worked at Memorandum & got home where Fletcher spent the afternoon. This morning I had M/s supply as under <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Current</td> <td style="text-align: right;">475</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emergency</td> <td style="text-align: right;">93</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mount St.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">900</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>7834</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Crest Ho[use]</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>6366</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">7834</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Current	475		Emergency	93		Mount St.	900	<u>7834</u>	Crest Ho[use]	<u>6366</u>			7834	
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	2 Oct, Sun	Went to see Lady Betty & Gerald. They were alone, Piddington being sick, with two nurses up stairs. Gerald was more gracious than I have ever known him – even to my Gerald who was glad he came.															
	3 Oct, Mon	To town for work I was not fit to do. Stayed the night.															
	4 Oct, Tue	The India Office typist came early and I dictated a new beginning for my Indian Memorandum. Gerald liked it. Lunched with the British Film industry – or people interested in it – at the Savoy. Birkenhead in the Chair. It appeared to be got-up by Mrs. Sidney Ball who had found a Producer to film a story of hers called Barbara Goes to Oxford. Not a word about the story or the production. Birkenhead spoke feelingly about Oxford. One David Coyne, son of my old friend W.P. Coyne seemed to be running the lunch which was simply an advertising stunt!! When I got to the Foundation at 3.30, the Hersham police had phoned me that our William had been badly smashed on a Motor cycle (Morris). Later Gerald went to Crest House, I staying in town for the Indian Memorandum which should go in tomorrow but now cannot. From my poor secretary heard that his step mother, whom he likes far better than his father, was ill & he must go at once to Newton St. Loe. I looked up his train & wired his sister-in-law who is visiting his parents that he would arrive Bath 12.35 A.M.															
[F.W.H Smith –Royal Commission on Agriculture in India]	5 Oct, Wed	About 8.30 A.M. got wire from Gerald. [“]Funeral Friday meet you London Saturday, Gerald”]. I saw Tom Jones, Smith of Royal Commission & Seton. Then took Curtain down to Crest House to help me there. William both doctors (Burrell & Beare) gave a favourable prognosis. Terribly tired. Cannot even write my diary.															

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	6 Oct, Thu	Via London, where Foundation work, to Edinburgh by night.
	7 Oct, Fri	Nothing of interest. The new house for the Trust was not ready. We had the meetings in one room. Of course it is a farce meeting in Dunfermline and the Charity Commissioners ought to be asked to interfere.
	8 Oct, Sat	Very tired. Gerald got to Raymond Mortimer's last night a complete nervous wreck from insomnia. I brought them both & Mrs. W. Hard to The Crest House. Asked Dr. Beare to see Gerald which he did.
	9 Oct, Sun	Rested all day. Very pleasant. The guests went to see the Snowdens. Gerald told me he had written me a long letter of resignation as his father needed his attention. The letter will reach me tomorrow.
	10 Oct, Mon	Dentist, London, Foundation.
	11 Oct, Tue	Another attempt to dictate the Memorandum. Did better. Hall brought some of delegates to Imperial Research Conference to tea at 10 Doughty St.
	12 Oct, Wed	Worked much harder than I ought at my Indian task & came to Crest House for rest before finishing it on Friday.
	13 Oct, Thu	The Dentist, the Memorandum, Mrs. McCarthy & her daughter for lunch & tea, motored to London & more Memorandum is the tale of the day!
	14 Oct, Fri	The job proved too hard. I did not finish it. But the Indian mail goes on Thursdays. Now I have (1) to finish the Memorandum, (2) to prepare an address for Hampstead Garden Institute (under auspices of League of Nations) and (3) to do a lot of John Bowes & P[artners] Ltd, Pelton & Stella Gill work, all before 20th ins[ant]!!
	15 Oct, Sat	Worked at home.
	16 Oct, Sun	Lowes Dickenson [<i>sic</i>] came for the day and was as inspiring as ever.
	17 Oct, Mon	Today & tomorrow I <u>must</u> finish the Indian job or it will finish me. So to town and dictating to Miss Lee most of the day.
	18 Oct, Tue	Worked at Memo. By night to Newcastle.
	19 Oct, Wed	Bryan[,] Walsh & I met to discuss the possibility of meeting & conciliating our creditors – mostly ?Newcastle people. By night back to London.
	20 Oct, Thu	Bowes subcommittee on Finance and Pensions. Foundation meeting (Adams, Hall, Gerald & I) to hear Karl Walter's tour round the world plans. At night a speech on Ireland, The Empire & the League of Nations, made for me by Gerald & was wretchedly delivered by me. Daisy, dear, good friend, came with me, as did Gerald and endured a deadly dull performance. Dame Henrietta Barnett had begged me to call on her at the Hampstead Garden suburb just outside the Institute – where I lectured. I looked in. She asked me when I started my cooperative creameries – 1889, I replied. "In 1889." "I started the movement with Lord Monteagle in 1888" she said. I congratulated her & she

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		was happy.
[Ld. Irwin - E.F.L. Wood, Indian Viceroy]	21 Oct, Fri	Dog-tired. But had one real pleasure. Birkenhead, Seton told me, had blessed a letter I had written to Seton to show him. B. wrote to Irwin about my scheme.
	22 Oct, Sat	Daisy came & made it impossible to work.
	23 Oct, Sun	Lowes Dickenson [<i>sic</i>], whom I greatly like came for the day. He, Daisy & Gerald had good discourse.
[Ladies' Automobile Club at Claridges Hotel]	24 Oct, Mon	To town. It was the 73rd milestone which gives to think. Daisy & Florence lunched Gerald & me at the Ladies Automobile. For the rest that Memorandum. I must never again undertake such a task!
	25 Oct, Tue	Again the Memorandum. I must finish it tomorrow. I ought to have done so long ago. The man Swallow came on to the ?mat again. Dash & Walsh attended. It was agreed that Swallow & Dash should work out a scheme for the amalgamation of Bowes, Marley Hill, Pelton & Stella Gill. Meanwhile as Chairman of Bowes I would not do more than promise that I would let the Bowes Board have any scheme which seemed to promise good results.
	26 Oct, Wed	Overworked at Memorandum dangerously. Result, must put off the mailing for another week.
	27 Oct, Thu	A Bowes meeting. I was so sleepy I could not even discharge the function of Chairman over those boobies! Saw Seton, who goes for a fortnight's holiday to Birchington at week-end, where I think of going for a cure! I asked him to arrange for an interview with Winterton next week, which I did.
	28 Oct, Fri	Back to Crest House via Slough where Bryan & Dorothy were at a Hotel, D. wanting to be with her boy at Eton. Fortunately his character is such that D's intervention won't do harm. I got back dead tired to Crest Ho[use] for tea.
	29 Oct, Sat	Raymond Mortimer, Morgan Forster & a friend of R.M.s (Sheehan)* American journalist made a highbrow week-end party. *Vincent Sheean is the full name rightly spelled.
	30 Oct, Sun	A delightful day – Chiefly for Gerald as I had to work & work hard at the Memorandum which Morgan Forster & Raymond Mortimer both criticised most kindly & helpfully. Joe Ackerley came to lunch. All the party left.
	31 Oct, Mon	To town early & to the India Office, where Sir Louis Kershaw gave me the services of the excellent typist who to help me for the next two days & enable me to finish the Memorandum. Gerald's father is ill again & he is not himself too well.
	1 Nov, Tue	Worked all day at Memorandum. Gerald ill & unable to help. Had Conference with Atul Chatterjee High Commissioner for India whom both Malcolm Seton & Sir Louis Kershaw recommended.
	2 Nov, Wed	Another conference with Chatterjee, but I failed to finish the Memorandum. I doubt whether I can till I have had a rest. My

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	3 Nov, Thu	Sir Louis Kershaw told me much about the diarchy in India & how to mention it in my scheme. He also wrote to Linlithgow explaining my holding over the Memorandum for another week. This enables me to discuss Foundation affairs with Karl who goes around the world tomorrow.																		
	4 Nov, Fri	Sick & depressed, Karl Walter set out for his trip round the world & Sir William Beach Thomas came to Crest House. In morning I had long conference with Talents of Empire Marketing Board. He entirely approved my marketing suggestions for India. M/S Reserve at Mount St. <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td>1/3</td><td>5 tubes less 2 tablets</td><td>976</td></tr> <tr><td>1/4</td><td>4 " " " "</td><td>588</td></tr> <tr><td>1/6</td><td>_____</td><td>100</td></tr> <tr><td>1/8</td><td>_____</td><td>75</td></tr> <tr><td>1/12</td><td>— — — — —</td><td><u>50</u></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td>1789</td></tr> </table>	1/3	5 tubes less 2 tablets	976	1/4	4 " " " "	588	1/6	_____	100	1/8	_____	75	1/12	— — — — —	<u>50</u>			1789
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	5 Nov, Sat	Christopher Wood came to dine sleep.																		
	6 Nov, Sun	Motored via London, where I lunched with Eddie, to Birchington. The last stage in 2 hrs 20 min! The Memorandum I left with Gerald. He has no interest in it. If he would put his mind to it I should really save millions from misery & possible starvation.																		
	7 Nov, Mon	Struggled with Memorandum with Seton's help.																		
	8 Nov, Tue	Weather quite awful. It recalled the day I went to Galway to introduce myself as the Unionist candidate to a constituency 90% Nationalist. I remember the windows of the train opaque with a thick coating of snow. The reception was no warmer than the journey. Well, well, journeyings are nearly over. The worms are waiting for their poor meal.																		
	9 Nov, Wed	Seton & I both seedy. Worked & got little done.																		
	10 Nov, Thu	To town early and on by night to Newcastle. Gerald met me & he told me he was threatened with pernicious anaemia. It shocked me greatly. I hope he is wrong as I have always – with complete sincerity valued his life far more than my own.																		
	11 Nov, Fri	Bryan & Walsh had preceded me last night, the latter being very unwell, which he attributes to e----. Dash, Cooper, King (of Price Waterhouse & Co a fine specimen of the humane accountant[]) spent the whole day trying to get us out of the tangle Gardiner has inflicted on us innocent fools. I am afraid it is quite hopeless & I may be ruined.																		
[<i>Nous verrons</i> – We shall see.]	12 Nov, Sat	A morning & part afternoon in which I saw Strickland I[ndian].C[ivil].S[ervice]., one of the best informed Registrars, and then to Birchington where I mean to finish the Memorandum on Monday. <i>Nous verrons</i> .																		
	13 Nov, Sun	Very cold & I felt very ill. I shall soon pass away.																		
	14 Nov, Mon	Miss Lee came and I got off about half the Memorandum. Tomorrow I hope to send the remainder. Never again must I try																		

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		hard work. My strength is failing fast.
	15 Nov, Tue	Worked. Bad pain in night.
[Dr. Heaton]	16 Nov, Wed	Had to send for the doctor who treated Denis Lawless (with Splenic Leucocythaemia of which he died in 1900) and my broken leg in 1899! Much water etc. He had grown in wealth & self-importance. But it was interesting to talk to a live man on the changes of 3 decades. He could not account for my pain. I had to endure it – and miss another Indian Mail!
[Major P.H.G. Powell-Cotton]	17 Nov, Thu	Another Indian Mail & no Memorandum ready. Well, Well! However, the pain which so scared me two nights ago – I felt sure it was angina and am not now sure it was not. Went to the Quex Museum where a Major [gap] had collected all the wild fauna of Africa & India. He had set them up in huge glass cases, little theatres in which the wild beasts are shown killing each other. A horrid but extraordinarily able presentation of Jungle life.
	18 Nov, Fri	3 letters from Dash – all with bad news & a wire calling a meeting in London next Thursday. And I had to try to do the most difficult part of the Memorandum. The Birchington holiday has been a sorry farce.
	19 Nov, Sat	Worked & got on badly.
	20 Nov, Sun	Left Birchington at 8.40 AM & got to Victoria Station by car in less than 2 hours – 2 hrs & 3 min to 105 [Mount St.]!! Saw Eddie & Beatrice about Pelton. They are both selfish in their outlook & don't care a straw about the effect of the liquidation upon the poorer shareholders.
	21 Nov, Mon	Back to work. Dash had discovered that "T.B. Ponsonby" was manager of one of the big Insurance Companies and as T.B.P. owns shares in Pelton, the company would have to finance us!! So, probably that resource is also & [sic] wash out & Pelton must go. Did a lot of work on the Memorandum which, Seton being at the India Office again, I should be able to get off this week.
	22 Nov, Tue	Struggled hard with the Memorandum and in vain. Gerald has spent his time for weeks past trying to get work which will enable him to leave me. All very sad and bitter.
	23 Nov, Wed	Saw Swallow about the Sale of Pelton to his friends. No hope I fear.
	24 Nov, Thu	A Pelton & Stella Gill Meeting. All directors present & Cooper & King in attendance. Gardiner came in & was worse than useless. We came finally to the conclusion that unless Swallow buys us out we must appoint a receiver.
	25 Nov, Fri	Another day's struggle with the Memorandum. Called on Chatterjee, High Commissioner for India who [incomplete]
	26 Nov, Sat	Gerald back by noon & will week end with me.
	27 Nov, Sun	Far from well, but Gerald kind & helpful. Harry Ponsonby & wife lunched & I slept soundly after! Very tired & worn out, I could not help it.

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		George Barnes called & helped me with my coal troubles. He was very interesting about India too. He is not hopeful of my scheme.
	28 Nov, Mon	Early to town & worked all day at India job. Dash phoned at night that a receiver must be put in.
	29 Nov, Tue	Hard at it all day. Saw light towards evening. Coordination of Central & Local Government cooperative activities obviously the line.
	30 Nov, Wed	Worked all day for tomorrow mail.
	1 Dec, Thu	Sent 98 per cent of the Memorandum off. But it was an awful day. I shall never forget the effort. No one to help. Cooper & Dash came to say we must give him £3500 next week or close down! A receiver comes now and God knows what trouble.
	2 Dec, Fri	Colliery & nought else occupied my whole day. Gerald returned and wrote a few letters for me but his poor father's pitiable case occupies rightly all his thoughts. Dash & Walsh, Cooper, Raymond Barker & self at it hard – a poor team.
	3 Dec, Sat	Back, quite worn out, to Crest House. Got on to the Weston firm of solicitors, told them of the collapse of Pelton but they have found it impossible to induce Lord Strathmore to sell his shares which may be impracticable when the Pelton Bowes shares are thrown on the market. Gerald came home with me. He is to give me half his time henceforth.
	4 Dec, Sun	Worked during a sunless day at arrears of correspondence.
	5 Dec, Mon	To town. Saw Eddie who said he would <u>help me</u> but not Pelton. Told him he cannot do that. It was not a question of his feelings for me, but of his duty as a shareholder of Pelton who has derived a huge income and amassed a large capital.
	6 Dec, Tue	Saw Tom Jones & told him of the Indian Memorandum. He approved it all & gave me good advice as to how to get it read. Hired a typist & worked at Memorandum.
	7 Dec, Wed	Tried very hard to finish the Memorandum & hope I shall get it off tomorrow. Brought Norman to Crest House for evening.
[<i>dies irae</i> – day of wrath; Judgement Day]	8 Dec, Thu	Very early to town. Had to try to get off the Memorandum. Failed again. It was a dies irae. The Pelton & Stella Gill Companies were practically put into the Liquidator's hands. A Bowes Board [incomplete]
	9 Dec, Fri	Work & sleep. One Albert Coyle came to me about the establishment of an International Cooperative Bank. I thought I should have to get rid of him as I know nothing of banking. He turned out to know all my American cooperative friends and seemed sincere, sensible and full of knowledge of rural conditions in America and Europe. He stayed 2 hours.
	10 Dec, Sat	Home via Eton, where I picked up Bryan. He will make my lonely week end endurable, although he will leave early on Sunday. Gerald, is & will have to continue, looking after his father in Bath.

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	11 Dec, Sun	Kit Robinson came to lunch (probably on Gerald's kindly consideration for my loneliness). We tea'd with Dame Ethel.
	12 Dec, Mon	To town early. Gerald has almost left me. He went to Bath, leaving no address.
	13 Dec, Tue	A desperate effort to finish the Memorandum. Decided to go to Kilcooley for Xmas with my car & <u>have another last look</u> (!) at the work in southern Ireland.
	14 Dec, Wed	Very unwell and fear I cannot get the Memorandum off tomorrow. Without any companion or secretary I am helpless.
	15 Dec, Thu	Tried an experiment with my vile body which was probably a physiological outrage upon it, but it fulfilled its purpose. Seton had told me the Memorandum must go. It required much alteration & addition. I had slept only 4 hours with help of drugs. I eat a minute breakfast & for the rest [incomplete]
<i>Fr Seymour, Charles</i>	16 Dec, Fri	Dazed. I am trying on Saturday to remember what I did yesterday. I must have slept.
	17 Dec, Sat	Home with Gerald. Never again must I attempt such a week's work.
	18 Dec, Sun	Gerald & I went to Fishers Hill. Present Pidd[ington] & his ugly efficient daughter, Mrs. Sidgwick, Betty & I talked on many things. Gerald B. was genial and my Gerald talked Psych Research with the wonderful old lady. She believes in personal survival & thinks it is likely to be demonstrated (as telepathy has been) by an immense accumulation of small proofs.
	19 Dec, Mon	To town & Gerald went to Bath. I had to have the chauffeur at Crest House. The weather is bitterly cold – we are having the winter one reads about. Everyone has turned weather prophet and is prophesying one of the coldest winters on record – why? It is very dangerous for me & having no one to look after me rather frightens me. If I had my will ready I should not mind. If I can get safely to Kilcooley & they can keep the house warm I may have the rest I need. Otherwise my days are getting few.
<i>Fr Hogan, P.J.</i>	20 Dec, Tue	Lytton lunched with me & told me a lot about his governorship in Bengal. He thought I should never do any good in India. But he was up against the people – I am not. Listened from Distinguished Strangers' Gallery to the most irrelevant debate on Agriculture.
	21 Dec, Wed	Gerald came from Bath & I had glimpses of him. Having practically no private secretary is a terrible burden.
[<i>annus mirabilis</i> – a wonderful year]	22 Dec, Thu	Up 5.30 AM for a start to Shrewsbury where I was to have an afternoon, night & morning with Dorothy & Bryan. They have a likeable house, too near a ?steamer bridge to be dry. They will probably make their home there when his W[ar].O[ffice]. job ends in a few years. Chauffeur late & we did not get off till 6.45. Breakfasted at Dunstable and on to Shrewsbury for lunch. Long stretches of road were shallow rivers. Meteorologically it is <i>annus mirabilis</i> ! Bryan, Dorothy & the children seem happy. He is too disciplinaire. But as they all respect him I shall give him a hint &

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		I think he will take it.
	23 Dec, Fri	Motored via Chester to Birkenhead. Thence by Ferry to Nelson Dock L'iver]pool. Hours of weary waiting – raining all the time. Nowhere to perch. Wretched.
	24 Dec, Sat	After not too good a passage two hours getting the car off the ship in cold rain above & slush below! Then a long talk with Æ, a short call on R.A. & got off in time to reach Kilcooley by daylight dusk. But road troubles & endless delays at a Naas Garage made where we lunched made the journey pretty hard on me. Was told that there would be no letters in or out for 4 or 5 days. As a pile was waiting for me (including very important letters from Hogan and Raymond Barker on agric'l policy & the family coal troubles, respectively) I was glad. Went to bed before dinner & hope to have a week's complete rest. Harry & wife, the whole Kilcooley family & I made the Xmas party.
	25 Dec, Sun	It was worth all the trouble & risk to get here and be happy in a vicarious – the very best – way. Chum, George & Noreen all most kind to me. Harry & B[eatrice], Tom & May all doing their best to make me comfortable. How can I ever repay such hospitality?
	26 Dec, Mon	Bitter N.E. wind. I could not go out for this and for another reason. The steps of the front door were coated with ice.
	27 Dec, Tue	Went out for 10 minutes. The cold too much for me. Harry to Ballynatray with Beatrice. I dare not face it.
To Hogan, P.J.	28 Dec, Wed	Still kept in the house by bitter N.E. wind outside. May had a children's party of 180 all told. Prior Wandesforde came to my bedroom & played 2 games of chess. I won both by complicating the game beyond his unravelling! Wrote long letter to Hogan upon the organisation of Agriculture in the Free State. Would that I were beginning instead of ending my poor efforts.
	29 Dec, Thu	Drove to Newtown Anner, Clonmel (where Lord Osborne Beauclerk & his wife have inherited from the old Duchess of St. Albans) to fetch Sir Hubert & Myrtle (flapper) Gough, who are to be guests at Kilcooley for shoots next week.
	30 Dec, Fri	[No entry]
<i>Fr Hogan, P.J.</i>	31 Dec, Sat	[No entry]
	Year-end Summary	<u>1927</u> Invalidism increased. Did one (I think good) big piece of work – the Indian Memorandum. But, strength failing, I took six instead of say 1½ months for the task. Heard has half left me. It is right that he should take thought for his future. I was grieved at his picking a quarrel to justify his action. But he is the slave of his unconscious mind & I must be more thoughtful for his than for my own future. I may live 2 years – not more. Sometimes in the past year the depression was near melancholia.