

1932 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:

26 Mar – Died, Weybridge, Surrey

Publications:

- Letter, *Week-end Review*, 9 Jan, p. 38
- “In the Service of Others” (letter), *The Times*, 30 Jan, p. 11
- Foreword to E. M. Hough, *The Co-operative Movement in India: Its Relation to a Sound National Economy* (P.S. King & Son, London)

Government:

President of the Executive Council: William T. Cosgrave (Cumann na nGaedheal) to 16 Feb, Éamon de Valera (Fianna Fáil); *Governor-General:* James McNeill

British Prime Minister: James Ramsay MacDonald (National Coalition)

Prime Minister of Northern Ireland: Viscount Craigavon

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1 = £54; \$1 = \$14

Correspondence [Notes]	1932	Diary Entry
	1 Jan, Fri	The New Year begins in bed. Simply extreme weakness. Sister North is down with the prevailing “flu”, a bad type and, the doctors say, very depressing.
	2 Jan, Sat	Beare and Sister North are both down with a vicious type of influenza which is rampant. Twenty years hence that pest will be exorcised. Meanwhile if it attacks me my resistance will be feeble. Ernest went with Mrs. Houlder to a football match. It took them 2 hours to release their car when the match was over. As Dr. Johnson said What wouldn’t life be – but for its pleasures.
	3 Jan, Sun	Called on the Barnes’s – he out and on Sister North in the Cottage Hospital. That was all I could do!
	4 Jan, Mon	Heard from Beatrice that they will all be away from Dunsany when we go over. I wanted to have one more look at the old place & also at Killeen. But I fear the chance has gone. Barnes came to lunch. He was very depressed – and depressing.
	5 Jan, Tue	Went to town to make arrangements for going to Ireland on Saturday <u>if</u> Norman, Riddall & R.A. (all of whom I asked to write to Mount St) thought it would do good. R.A. wrote an admirable summary of the pros & cons. The other two wired that they had “inadvertently” sent their letters to Crest House. So I had to wait till night to get their letters. It upset me. It is quite clear that I am completely at odds with the staff at the so called Plunkett House. Norman has imposed an inferiority complex on the whole movement. Never was such an opportunity to restart the movement, as I shall (if I am well enough) tell the meeting by letter. I looked in on Gerald for tea and he asked me to write a short letter to the <i>Week-end Review</i> in reply to an article by an Eastern American giving the view of the Middle West – Council Bluffs being the exponent! When I got home I wrote to Gerald asking him to withdraw the letter or ask the Editor to make it anonymous. It was hastily dictated & probably unwise!

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<i>Fr Terpenning, Walter</i> [Letter in <i>Week-end Review</i> , 9 Jan, p. 38]	6 Jan, Wed	The worries of yesterday kept me in bed today! The weather is muggy & warm – most depressing to one in my condition. I had to write many letters to Ireland announcing my inability to attend the meeting on the 12th. The Editor of the <i>Week-end Review</i> phoned to beg me to let my letter go in. I left it to his discretion & told him I did not want a controversy I could not follow up. He said there was little fear as he would not give my address! I then asked him to see to the grammar at least.
	7 Jan, Thu	Began a letter to Fr. Finlay for the 12th in hopes of finishing it at Foundation tomorrow. Not equal to the strain of extreme compression.
<i>Fr McNeill, James</i>	8 Jan, Fri	Took Beare to a nose & throat specialist to have his antrum scooped out & brought him back. While waiting I dictated to Miss Lee a good slice of my letter to Father Finlay for the annual general meeting of the I.A.O.S.
	9 Jan, Sat	Went to town in the afternoon with Ernest to see a Russian propagandist film. It showed the squalor & misery of the peasantry & the efforts of the new regime to introduce Cooperation. We had decided to send the letter to the IAOS meeting on Sunday night from London, as the effort was too great.
To Finlay, Fr. Thomas	10 Jan, Sun	Began work on the letter at 6 A.M. At night I was very ill. Beare came and managed to get a nurse from Woking. The pain was unendurable, the gall-bladder being in a state of acute inflammation, and despite copious morphia injected by Beare & the nurse the pain lasted through the night.
	11 Jan, Mon	Doctor came twice. By eating nothing and remaining absolutely still, leaving Ernest to finish my letter for tomorrow's meeting, I got the pain in the gall bladder & surroundings relieved. It looks as if I should be able to do no more work. What, then, is the worth of my life?
	12 Jan, Tue	Beare called again but can come no more as he is too ill. Sister North is also not likely to be out of hospital till I am much better or worse. Barkley will take Beare's place and, if the trouble becomes grave, Isaac Jones might be able to come. An emergency nurse, who knows nothing of me or my complaint, is of little help. But I cannot blame her as the consultation with Jones & Wilfred Trotter showed what an exceedingly difficult case mine is. A 94 word wire came from the I.A.O.S. meeting. The letter, over which I laboured into my breakdown, was appreciated. Ernest has been very kind & helpful.
	13 Jan, Wed	Dr. Barkley rushed in & out. I was "distinctly better" than the last time he saw me etc etc. He advised an enema which was a painful but helpful remedy. My dear Adams came for the night and told Ernest & me a lot about China which I wish I were well enough to write down.
	14 Jan, Thu	A better night. Tomorrow I shall get up and hope to get out soon. The I.A.O.S. meeting for which I wrote the killing letter was a complete frost. Not a word had come to me to help me as to what

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		I was to say – only warnings of what I was to avoid. Adams left after breakfast. Vidge Tyrrell looked in for lunch.
To Terpenning, Walter [<i>Ne sutor ultra crepidem</i> – the cobbler should stick to his last]	15 Jan, Fri	Dr. Barkley rushed in again & confirmed his former opinion that I was “far better than last time”. I got downstairs and told the nurse she could go tomorrow. She cannot minister to a mind any more than the Dr can to a body diseased. Nor, unlike Sister North, would she be any real help if the pain came back. One letter I had to write. Terpenning has got a publisher to take a book of his stories on condition that he writes my biography!! This he says would need a long stay with me and interviews with a host of people with whom I had worked – perhaps whom I had “inspired”. Among these an interview – or “visit with” Premier MacDonald was a pièce de resistance. Politeness, or languid listening, to such people has often had regrettable results. But this is “the limit”. The good man has written a book of some merit on my subject, but he has not heard the old saw “ <i>Ne sutor ultra</i> ”] etc. I had to be emphatic and the effort tired me.
<i>Fr MacNeill, James</i>	16 Jan, Sat	The Nurse left & I went for a short drive.
	17 Jan, Sun	Two drives and short walks! I wonder whether doctors take any interest in nightmares. My suffering from them is <u>horrible</u> .
	18 Jan, Mon	Resting but restless.
	19 Jan, Tue	Ditto. Attended meeting of Brooklands Aero Club Committee. Sole object to help the Club in its educational work – to get the scheme of Jones given a chance. The meeting was at 6 P.M.
<i>Fr Ponsonby, Thomas</i>	20 Jan, Wed	Came to town and had a 1½ hour frank talk with Helme over the affairs of the Pelton S.S. Co. He persuaded me that it would be mad to go into liquidation at present. We may be forced to later in the year. On the other hand things may improve and a part of our capital be saved. A short talk with Gerald made world conditions look more hopeless than ever.
	21 Jan, Thu	Attended the Pelton S.S. Co. and returned to a pile of business letters at Crest House. In today’s Times there is an interesting article of Walter Lippmann’s from the N.Y. Herald Tribune. He takes the same view as I do of the American (Mid Western chiefly) attitude to war debts. I had hoped it would change after the election in November. He says definitely no. The one hope for the world is that Europe should get together and put up unitedly a proposition to U.S.A. Then we must wait and see.
	22 Jan, Fri	Struggling with arrears of correspondence and bad indigestion.
	23 Jan, Sat	Had to get Sister North to give me a wash out at night in hopes of relieving the indigestion.
	24 Jan, Sun	In doors all day. George Barnes & Miss Beresford called.
	25 Jan, Mon	No work.
	26 Jan, Tue	Wrote Cannon and Conrad about my American estate. It is of no interest to me, but may be all I shall have to leave to the family & charities.

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	27 Jan, Wed	To town. Foundation business and attended huge Albert Hall meeting under auspices of Nat Council of Social Service for the P[rince] of Wales to deliver an address on what can be done to right things by private initiative. It was an extremely good address and, as between two & three hundred towns held meetings at which it was broadcasted, it will do good.
	28 Jan, Thu	At Marley Hill meeting had good talk with Godfrey Palmer. Found he would be glad to have the Feb[ruar]y Bowes meeting in town instead of Newcastle. Shortt the same. I have written Glamis & if he agrees the others won't matter. Before coming home wrote short letter to The Times on the Prince's speech, which they will probably reject on account of the number of letters they are sure to have to refuse. He had addressed individuals – I suggested that organisation should be emphasised & managed to reflect, by on the implication on the neglect of the rural community. I wrote from the Foundation, which would be helpful if the letter is published. Bryan, Dorothy & dog came for long week end – a great relief from my loneliness of spirit.
	29 Jan, Fri	Unable to work.
<i>Fr Terpenning, Walter</i> [“In the Service of Others – The Prince's Appeal – Altruism in the Village”, <i>The Times</i> , p. 11]	30 Jan, Sat	My letter appeared on the leader page of the Times. Called on the Barneses. No serious work. [Newspaper item pasted in.]
	31 Jan, Sun	Depression due to a too tiring walk yesterday. Lucky having Bryan, Dorothy and (in the afternoon) Eddie to tell me the family news.
	1 Feb, Mon	Read today in Gerald Heard's “Emergence of Man” a quotation from Roosevelt Rousseau. See p 62. “Only when you prevent a man acting will he think.” In my case I should also have to teff add the qualification “provided he can concentrate[?]”. I tried today to write a letter which would make Rothermere support the Foundation. The letter did not arrive but the jaundice very nearly did!
[See 8 Apr 1911]	2 Feb, Tue	Heard from the wife of Erskine Booth that he had died on 14th inst[ant] [<i>sic</i>]. Another link with my past broken. She mentioned that she had letters of mine written 21 years ago to her husband admitting that I owed him money on some ranch liquidation accounts back in the late 'Eighties. Wrote condolence & asked for copies of the letters.
	3 Feb, Wed	Had to get Sister North to help me through the night. She is more help to me than any doctor.
	4 Feb, Thu	Unable to work. Called on old Lady de Vesci. At 82 she had fallen on her stairs & broke her collar bone. She is doing well.
	5 Feb, Fri	Sick. Went for a drive. Tried to work but failed.
	6 Feb, Sat	Weather getting cold & I seem unable to stand it – that is I am too low in vitality to keep warm working.

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		Ernest & I to tea with Dame Ethel, where we met Sir Theodore Morison, introduced to me many years ago by Sydney Brooks (who Sir T.M. says, has gone to the devil). Got copies of the letters from Mrs. Erskine Booth dated in April 1911. I promised him some moneys and, beyond all question, paid them. But the proof lies buried in the ashes of Kilteragh.
	7 Feb, Sun	An awful night – horrible nightmares – left me very weak. I was unable to do any work or write any letters. I begin to fear that my work must be definitely ended as it will only do harm to what little seed I may have sown. Perhaps a completely idle day may restore me to some sort of competence. I must try to get back some little of the weak courage I used to have at my call for emergencies. That is as much as I dare hope.
	8 Feb, Mon	Today I was going to write to Mrs. Erskine Booth suggesting a settlement “ex gratia”, when a letter came from her saying she had found proof that I had paid £400 – a liberal enough gift.
	9 Feb, Tue	Winston Wood came from Newcastle last night & we spent the morning together going over the year’s accounts of Bowes.
	10 Feb, Wed	Even the little work of yesterday was too much for me & today I was unable to do anything.
	11 Feb, Thu	Lunched with Harold Cox at Athenaeum. Weather bitter & unable to get about.
[NCSS – National Council for Social Service]	12 Feb, Fri	Attended the Conference betw’n C[arnegie].U.K.T[rust]’s Rural Development C’ttee and the N.C.S.S.’s Rural Community policy. Sir Percy Jackson was in the Chair and a more egotistical chairman I never sat under. The only issue discussed was whether we should shovel out more money for Better Living schemes, particularly Village Halls in the country side. Looked in at the Foundation and came home with Ernest.
[Engineer – E.H. Kirkup]	13 Feb, Sat	Pile of papers from Bowes for Wednesday’s meeting. The chief being the auditors’ detailed accounts & the Chief Engineer’s Report.
	14 Feb, Sun	Miss Marie Bacon & Miss Doris Jones, fiancée & sister of my devoted friend & flying master lunched, drove to Boxhill & tea’d with Ernest & me. It was depressing to me, but we did our best – Ernest most helpfull [sic] – to make them enjoy their little outing.
	15 Feb, Mon	Such a bad night that I could do no work and had to get Sister North to help me through the next night.
[Among other things, the codicil retracted a £3000 bequest (ca. £161,700 in 2010) to the Horace Plunkett Foundation.]	16 Feb, Tue	Came to town. Made a Codicil to my will and left it with Gerald Heard my sole Executor. Went to the Foundation and had a good talk with Godfrey Palmer.
	17 Feb, Wed	Glamis came early and I had a good talk with him on Bowes affairs at Mount St & on way to Lombard St. I am earning my fees by training him to do far better in the chair than I did. In the City Bowes & Marley Hill consumed 4 hours. I was very unfit.
	18 Feb, Thu	Meeting of the Foundation over which, in Hall’s absence owing

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		to flu, I had to preside. Adams, Orwin, Prewett, O'Brien & Duncan attended. The meeting was unanimously opposed to Karl's scheme for making the office the centre of a group of his friends who want to set up an Institute of Co-operative organ economics! It was a surprise to me to find so many trustees taking an independent line. Ernest & I (very tired) came back to Crest House at tea time.
[Lady Evelyn de Vescei died in 1939.]	19 Feb, Fri	Called at Lady de Vescei's to inquire. The Butler gave a good account but told Ernest & me that Miss Liddell could be seen in a nearby house. She brought us back to Clonboy, where I was given a short interview with the wonderful patient. She is wretchedly frail and I fear her fine spirit will shortly be taken from her circle of devoted friends. I was very weak after the London visit & could do no work.
	20 Feb, Sat	Wretched indigestion kept me in all day & useless. [printed poem pasted in] For the poor body that I own I could weep many a tear: The days have stolen flesh and bone, And left a changeling here. . . The strength is carded from my bones The swiftness drained from me, And all the living thoughts I had Are like far ships at sea! Padraic Colum
	21 Feb, Sun	The same. Got Sister North to come for the night.
	22 Feb, Mon	Tried to work. But quite unable.
	23 Feb, Tue	[No entry]
	24 Feb, Wed	To town where I dined with Tom & May, George Chum & George Ponsonby in lodgings. Chum goes to India in a few days. I got no fresh news from Ireland. They were as much in the dark as de Valera is himself as to the policy he will advocate when he becomes President of the "Republic".
	25 Feb, Thu	Finished an Introduction to Miss E M Hough's "Cooperative Movement in India" & sent it to the publishers. It was a great strain & exhausted me.
	26 Feb, Fri	Lung attack brought me home to Sister North's care. Temp last night 101 this morning 95.
	27 Feb, Sat	Bitterly cold. K. Leys came for the week-end. I did a bit of work; but it was inadequate for its purpose – an analysis of the Irish situation & its economic possibilities.
	28 Feb, Sun	Leys went to see at Holloway College a fellow-teacher of his wife's. George Barnes called.
To House, E.M.	29 Feb, Mon	The lung became menacing. I sent for Sister North at night. Wrote at length to Fr. Finlay about a letter or pronouncement of some sort on behalf of the I.A.O.S. to be signed by himself, RAA & myself, the three survivors of the pioneers of the agric'l organ[isatio]n movement in Ireland.

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	2 Mar, Wed	Wanted to go to town, but Sister North persuaded me to give myself further rest.
	3 Mar, Thu	Temperature 95° at 8 A.M. Still too weak to go to town.
	4 Mar, Fri	Sir Theodore Morison lunched. I was in the throes of a long letter to Miss Hough, Malcolm Seton having sent me <u>most kindly</u> copious notes on her inaccuracies in Indian history & politics which she need not have touched upon except in the most general and non-committal way. With his permission I sent the notes to her and said I would ask the publishers to hold back publication until they or I hear from her.
	5 Mar, Sat	Very sick but tried to conceal it. Took a ½ hour walk which proved unwise. I am completely non-plussed. I suspect a week in bed is indicated but Bowes and Carnegie Annual General Meetings on 10th & 11th make this impossible.
	6 Mar, Sun	With a hard week before me, I sent for Sister North to attend to my lung and other ailments which deprive me of sleep.
	7 Mar, Mon	With the help of Sister North, a better night. Got some work done. She will be with me one more night & then I must try to do the Bowes & Carnegie U.K. Trust annual meetings in London (10th) & Dunfermline (11th) respectively.
	8 Mar, Tue	To town to prepare for the Bowes meeting.
	9 Mar, Wed	Lunched with Reggie & Kathleen. He is fully occupied with his home possessions and sea job. He is splendidly fit and is enjoying his fortune. Worked hard for Bowes.
	10 Mar, Thu	The annual Bowes meeting only attracted three shareholders – all tame – outside the Board. I had a long speech prepared, but, after a preliminary conference with Godfrey Palmer, decided to cut it short and send a well thought out speech to the printers.
	11 Mar, Fri	Hitch Hitchens and I arrived at the Elgins' (Broomhall) at 8.15, were given comfortable bedrooms & breakfast at 9. Then Committees & annual general meeting till 4, with a sumptuous lunch which I shirked. I was glad I went though this is written at Edinburgh in my return sleeper. The effect will only be known tomorrow. The weather is wintry & the forecast is for colder weather in the South. Mitchell is doing his job really well. Of course I disagree with the rural policy, which embraces only Better Living. I must try to "put over[?]" my Three Betters before I pass in peace.
[Grey]	12 Mar, Sat	Another bitter cold night but I slept in my underclothes & took no risks. A Miss E Bell Robinson from the Orange Free State had an appointment with me to discuss what she had better see in Ireland where she is going to spend some months. She is a rural "uplifter" of quite a sensible kind. She told me some interesting things & took copious notes of what I told her. I hope she won't publish them! I unloaded her on Miss Marks, lunched with Karl, "Dee" and Gray [<i>sic</i>]. Then home & Sister North who will help me with my bad lung.

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	13 Mar, Sun	In bed till lunch. Tom, May & George called in afternoon & we had a good Irish talk. Tom fears the new Republican Army may attack Kilcooley. I don't think this likely. The serious aspect of the political situation in Ireland is to me <u>not</u> the de Valera administration but the impossibility of establishing any other Government with a working majority. This looks like chaos.
	14 Mar, Mon	Called on Lady Falmouth (Hatchlands, Virginia Water) and had a talk about agricultural cooperation in Cornwall. She was enthusiastic but terribly vague & ?loosely informed. Wrote to Father Finlay about the meeting of the I.A.O.S. Committee meeting tomorrow.
[Secretary – Henry Kennedy]	15 Mar, Tue	After sleeping over the I.A.O.S. situation, wired The Secretary, to whom I wrote my views, enclosing cheque for £100 for a public appeal for funds & service <u>voluntarily contributed</u> . It is easier to write a cheque than the appeal. Perhaps money will talk when I no longer can.
	16 Mar, Wed	To town. Heard Gerald deliver to the Howard League for Penal Reform the most brilliant <u>and ex tempore</u> – speech on the whole problem of social survival. I gave £10 to have it widely circulated.
[<i>Sic transit gloria mundi</i> – thus passes the glory of the world] [N.F.W.I. – National Federation of Women's Institutes] [prob. the Society of Friends' Brynmawr Experiment]	17 Mar, Thu	St. Paddy. No one sent me a Shamrock; nor did I see one in the streets. Sic Transit. At the Foundation met Lady Denman & Miss Asher, Pres & Gen Sec'y of the N.F.W.I. I told them of the situation of their applic[atio]n for a grant for the N.F.W.I. Also Strickland, who is itching for a job in Africa (any where), Palestine, etc at the organisation of co-operation. He sees the problem through the eyes of the I[ndian].C[ivil].S[ervice]. Lastly Miss Constance Pim, an exile from Ireland where many years ago she worked at the Plunkett House for the United Irishwomen. She is now helping the "Friends" to start allotments in the Welsh coal fields.
	18 Mar, Fri	Coming home and dealing with correspondence were the wretched tale of today's activities!
	19 Mar, Sat	Nugent Harris & wife to lunch and tea. He left me under no doubt as to his hopeless incapacity to run the A.O.S. His wife is with the Women's Institutes and is doing excellent work.
Sir Horace died at at Weybridge at 7.15 p.m. on Sat., 26th March. His funeral and interment took place at St. Mary's Church, Byfleet, Surrey on Thur., 31st March]	20 Mar, Sun – 26 Mar, Sat	[No entry.]