

1890 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:

Robert A. Anderson and Father Thomas Finlay recruited to co-operative cause

13 Feb – Parnell and associates exonerated from most serious charges, including complicity in Phoenix Park murders

29 Aug – Opening of Science and Art Museum and National Library of Ireland

30 May – First number of Davitt's weekly *Labour World*

17 Nov – Hearing of O'Shea divorce suit; verdict against Mrs. O'Shea and Parnell

25 Nov – Parnell re-elected chairman of Irish Parliamentary Party; Publication of Gladstone's letter to Morley urging Parnell's resignation

1-6 Dec – Parnell deposed from leadership of Irish Party

Publications:

- *Co-operation for Ireland: Self-Help by Mutual Help* (Manchester, undated) 13 pp.

- *Co-operative Dairying: an Address to the Farmers of the Dairy Districts of Ireland* (Manchester) 8 pp.

- "The Working of Woman Suffrage in Wyoming", *Fortnightly Review*, new series, v.47, pp. 656-69

- *Co-operation in Ireland: the Best Means of Promoting both Distributive and Productive Co-operation in the Rural Districts of Ireland* (Manchester) 12 pp.

- "Co-operation in Ireland", *Report of 22nd Annual Co-operative Congress*, Glasgow, (Co-operative Union Ltd., Manchester), pp. 96-8, 101

Government:

Prime Minister: 3rd Marquess of Salisbury (Conservative)

Chief Secretary: Arthur James Balfour

Lord Lieutenant: Marquess of Zetland

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £105 ; \$1 = \$24

Correspondence [Notes]	1890	Diary Entry
	1 Jan, Wed	Still very weak from my attack of dysentery or dysenteric diarrhoea. Had to dine Jim Winn, D Lawless & Frank Kemp at Club sitting opposite them with a rice pudding & brandy & water of sickly weakness.
	2 Jan, Thu	Went to Romsey for the annual dinner of the workmen of the Berthon Boat Co. We sat down some 112 in all, mostly the workmen. I never saw a nicer lot of men. Evelyn Ashley came over from Broadlands to dine or rather to make a speech.
	3 Jan, Fri	Left early for London where it was Frank Kemp's last day. He & I spent the day mainly in the city.
	4 Jan, Sat	Early part of day spent with Denis with whom I looked about for lodgings. I moved out of 49 Belgrave St. (most dreary quarters) to St. James Club.
	5 Jan, Sun	A wet stormy day. I staid [<i>sic</i>] in the Club reading the Jan. magazines & writing many business letters. Dined with Conny & Raymond.
	6 Jan, Mon	Round of business & shopping. Visited Watson. Wrote some of my article on Woman Suffrage in Wyoming. Dined Monteagle at St. James Club. Found him very dreary.
	7 Jan, Tue	Mary & I went to a good farce, Aunt Jack at the Court together. The day was chiefly spent at business.
	8 Jan, Wed	B.B.Co. meeting at 50 Holborn Viaduct, present 2 Berthons, G

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		Price & self. Things look well for the Co. Left by 5.30 train for Manchester where I met Gray of Coop Union to talk over Irish co-op'n.
	9 Jan, Thu	Gray breakfasted with me & we laid out a programme for cooperative work in Ireland for next few months. Then I went by day mail to Dublin where Cyril Coleridge came & dined at K St. Club.
	10 Jan, Fri	Came Dunsany midday train & spent afternoon unpacking & arranging papers, writing letters, &c &c.
	11 Jan, Sat	Went out to hunt with Meaths at Bellinter but found I was too weak to enjoy it. They had some good sport but I was quite out of it. Came home at 2 P.M. & went back to slop diet.
	12 Jan, Sun	Woke to find I had made a mistake trying to hunt. Felt very seedy. Dined at Killeen Glebe & felt worse. Tom Hare & Percy la Touche called from Killeen during the day.
	13 Jan, Mon	I saw the doctor who ordered me back to boiled milk! Was going to a jolly party at Summerhill for hunt tomorrow & next day. Gave it up by wire. Mrs. Maguire cook at ?15/- per week pending other settlement.
	14 Jan, Tue	Spent nearly the whole day indoors reading, writing & trying to get well on boiled milk & such slops!
	15 Jan, Wed	Another invalid day.
	16 Jan, Thu	Very much ditto.
	17 Jan, Fri	Raymond arrived to look for Cock on Monday when I shall have a shooting party for him.
	18 Jan, Sat	Dinner party. The Heskeths came from Killeen, ?Burns, ?Borrowes & O'Shaughnessy from Swainston, Daisy Fingall & Miss Burke, George & ?Mary Murphy. ?Mackinson & B Haig staying at Killeen. Did the dinner fairly well & the house looked nice with the new furniture.
[Lady Flora Hesketh]	19 Jan, Sun	Raymond & I dined at Killeen with the Heskeths. They of course did us A1 and I really liked the little Californian much better than I thought I could.
	20 Jan, Mon	Coleridge came by morning train. 3 Murphys also drove over & we shot the place. Saw a good many cock but shot disgracefully. Shooters dined. Bell ----- at £1 per week on trial.
	21 Jan, Tue	Coleridge & I hunted at Laracor. I rode the Cahirmee horse & he rode his own ½ day & the colt ½ day: galloped a good bit but unsatisfactory hunting.
	22 Jan, Wed	Busy morning. Bought a new horse with the help of Coleridge & rode him with Wards. Bad twisty run but very good gallop to test a horse. He is A.1. Raymond left.
	23 Jan, Thu	A Business day. Coleridge & I walked over to Killeen Glebe for our amusement in afternoon. Poor Daisy. She & her sister were in this desolate little house with no charm whatsoever about it – not even a pleasurable walk. Rather a come down from Killeen Castle! How foolish it is to enjoy oneself too much unless one

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		knows that there is some chance of its lasting.
	24 Jan, Fri	Coleridge & I hunted at Corbalton Xroads. Cold wet day mostly & very poor sport.
	25 Jan, Sat	Coleridge left. I spent the day at executor's a/cs a quite arduous undertaking. Dined at Warrenstown. They give good wine there now but the house is cold beyond endurance.
	26 Jan, Sun	A wild wet day. Could not get to Church. Falkiner did not come to Dunsany. Dined at Killeen Glebe to meet Col. Dease & talk over Fingall's affairs.
	27 Jan, Mon	Mrs. S. Frewen & Miss Flossy Fowler drove Stephen Frewen over here. He poor fellow was looking miserably ill. He is to stay the week & I must try & send him away a little better in health & spirits. Oliver Brighton called & stopped to dinner. Paid Willy Blacker the last sum I owed him which is a relief.
[MFH – Master of Fox Hounds]	28 Jan, Tue	Snow on ground in morning about ¾ inch deep. Hunted at Dunshaughlin. Long tiring stupid day. Fingall decided to resign his M.F.H.ship & he & George Murphy came & dined at Dunsany to discuss the matter, Daisy & her sister coming to talk to Stephen Frewen while we talked over the business.
	29 Jan, Wed	Hunted with Wards at Batterstown. Very fair gallop. Some good galloping & jumping. I am gradually getting stronger. Wrote a letter for Fingall to the Hunt Committee announcing his resignation. Got a telegram from Kingstown from Johnny announcing his arrival by morning train.
	30 Jan, Thu	Another shoot at Dunsany. Stephen Frewen & 2 Murphys, Johnny who arrived looking very well & I being the guns. The bag need not be recorded!
	31 Jan, Fri	S Frewen & I drove to hunt at Sion. We were late and as I entered along the side of the road towards Harristown my horse fell on his side, throwing me violently on to the road & knocking me altogether out of time. In great pain I was put into a trap & taken to Sion where the doctor was called & ordered me to bed. He found left ankle crushed a bit, liver bruised and left arm badly strained, some muscles being ruptured very painfully. I was a good deal shaken & had some concussion. There was nothing for it but to remain & send for my things. Wrote to Johnny who kindly sent Raines to look after me & came himself for the night.
	1 Feb, Sat	Very sick & sore. Johnny went but left Raines who proved an excellent nurse.
	2 Feb, Sun	Fingall came to see me.
	3 Feb, Mon	In bed at Sion.
	4 Feb, Tue	In bed at Sion.
	5 Feb, Wed	In bed at Sion.
	6 Feb, Thu	Got into an arm chair in afternoon.
	7 Feb, Fri	Spent a good deal of the day in an arm chair.
	8 Feb, Sat	Drove over to Dunsany against the doctor's orders but only suffered a feverish night & some slight extra pain for my folly.

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		The Dunvilles had been more than kind to me & I was quite sorry to say goodbye to them. But Johnny was still at Dunsany & Tom Hare had come to hunt on Monday previous. He & Johnny had not however found much in common, I suppose, for T.H. had not slept at Dunsany, preferring Killeen & other places. He came back tonight.
	9 Feb, Sun	The Fingalls came to see me. I managed to get into the sitting room arm chair where I spent a quiet day & made up for a bad night.
	10 Feb, Mon	A lot of neighbours called. Falkiners, Dillons, 2 Murphys, T Leonard &c.
	11 Feb, Tue	[No entry]
	12 Feb, Wed	Mounted Tom Hare on a "Fisty Butler" hireling. He then went to Dublin & on to Cork.
	13 Feb, Thu	[No entry]
	14 Feb, Fri	Still going on very slowly. The Meaths met at Killeen & a fox ran under the front windows. I stood at the open window talking to people. Got chilled & used my leg & arm too much. Very seedy after it.
	15 Feb, Sat	Boils began to form on my liver. Poor Johnny is enjoying himself here. He does absolutely nothing all day, eats too much & gets fits of indigestion, then drugs himself & does everything to make himself well except take the only true medicine in his case – exercise. I never saw such a useless idle life led by a civilised being. He is weaker than anyone I ever knew. His feelings are good, his abilities are unbounded, his capacity for work nil. Too sad.
	16 Feb, Sun	Willie Blacker came only for a 24 hours visit.
[<i>in media res</i> – into the middle of things]	17 Feb, Mon	Fingall & George Murphy came to dinner – the former to talk over his affairs with me. Result – I was crippled with the boils on my liver which pained me up to the groin where the lymphatic system was all upset & there was much swelling of the glands, so I could not dine with them & Fingall came up to talk privately to me after dinner while Johnny talked to George Murphy. No sooner had we got in media res than F. fell into a deep slumber before the fire & I read a chapter of Ld. Shaftesbury's "Life & Work". This book interests me immensely. The book is not well written but it is mostly his diary & one can form one's own pictures.
	18 Feb, Tue	Tom Hare came back after hunting en route at Summerhill. I like him more the more I know him. He is well read & of a most agreeable temperament.
	19 Feb, Wed (Ash)	Lent begins. The Pope has consented to a great relaxation of the fasting & abstinence regulations on account of the influenza, but he leaves it optional with his subordinates – each diocese to avail themselves on behalf of their flocks of the relaxation. The Bp of Meath (where the influenza certainly has its share of victims[]) is making himself the one exception and won't relax the discipline of Lent one iota. The Catholic faith however won't suffer in Meath on the head of it. My boils are bursting to my infinite relief. I have had great pain from them. I seem to have no

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		recuperative powers.
	20 Feb, Thu	Got out for a drive, the day being what poor old Miss de ---res used to call "Bammy". Got chilled & shaken & more or less put back. Had serious talk with Johnny about his neglect of business. He took it well, poor fellow.
	21 Feb, Fri	I am deluged with daily correspondence which prevents my doing any reading. I regret this much but see no hope of relief unless I get a secretary. But where could I get a secretary who would be any real help? Today letters from Kemp about Powder R. Co, from Chaplin about many affairs – Windsor ditto. Coleridge about horses. Gray of Cooperative Board asking me to attend coop meeting in Belfast – Nixon about Welsh property – Langdale about Berthon Boat, Cullen about Johnny's cattle & many other persons about many other things. It is too much.
	22 Feb, Sat	Directors' meeting of Coop Stores. I attended it per carriage but was unable to manage general meeting later on. Johnny did the latter for me. Heard Lady Castletown was down with congestion of the brain.
	23 Feb, Sun	Heskeths & Fingalls called on me. Tom Hare came back. Did Church at Kilmessan.
	24 Feb, Mon	Meath Hounds met at Bective & came to Dunsany. I drove out after them. They had the run of the season from Ross Plantations.
	25 Feb, Tue	Went to Dublin for the day to see a Dr. In the train Fingall recommended a Dr. Lentaigne & him I saw. He "mauled" my arm & told me to come again. Attended Hunt meeting. In evening Beau Watson came to stay a couple of days.
	26 Feb, Wed	Hugh Cullen of Liverpool & he of Liscarton came to Dunsany to work at the estate a/cs as far as they concerned the cattle.
	27 Feb, Thu	At a/cs all day with Johnny. His ownership of Dunsany results in no financial gain, that is to say he put back all he made out of the property. Beau Watson left looking a little the better for his short visit I think.
	28 Feb, Fri	Went to Dublin in morning intending to go to Belfast to address the shareholders of a weakening cooperative store. Saw Dr. Lentaigne who called in Dr. Hayes & the two decided that if I could not stay in Dublin I must go to Dunsany & lay up but must not go to Belfast. So I stayed in K St. Club for the night. Johnny went over to England.
	1 Mar, Sat	Got up terribly lame from a multitude of boils in the left leg which caused swelling & inflammation of the lymphatics (Bubo). Had to call in Lentaigne again & he put me to bed at the Club.
	2 Mar, Sun	In bed in the attics of the K St. Club. One might as well be at the top of the Eiffel Tower for all the people one can see.
	3 Mar, Mon	Another false start for Dunsany.
	4 Mar, Tue	Still in bed.

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	5 Mar, Wed	Was to have left for Dunsany but had to go back to bed.
	6 Mar, Thu	Left my bed & came to Dunsany. Tom Hare came back.
	7 Mar, Fri	Very busy at a/cs.
	8 Mar, Sat	Hard at work at estate a/cs.
	9 Mar, Sun	Chiefly packing up. Dined with Heskeths to say good bye.
	10 Mar, Mon	Cullen & Wilkinson in the morning. Tom Hare left me and I went to Dublin & on to London by night mail.
	11 Mar, Tue	Arrived by morning mail feeling very tired & weak. As the day went on I felt the benefit of the change & drier air. Saw ?H./A. Barber, surgeon, 87 Harley St. who prescribed massage by one of his tame "Rubbers".
	12 Mar, Wed	Feeling far better. A youth calling himself Mr. Mahomed came to massage me. He hurt my arm a good deal & did me no palpable good. I suppose it is worth giving it a fair trial anyhow. I am to be "massaged" every day for month or 6 weeks. Beau Watson came up from Paddockhurst looking still seedy enough.
	13 Mar, Thu	[No entry]
	14 Mar, Fri	[No entry]
	15 Mar, Sat	Went to Dunstall by a late train. Found Ernle looking ever so much better & Johnny as usual neuralgic.
	16 Mar, Sun	Walked about with Johnny & Ernle and went back to London in afternoon so as not to miss my massage.
	17 Mar, Mon	Jim Winn came to town & I spent most of the day with him discussing the wind up of WP & Bar X Bar remnants on Powder River.
	18 Mar, Tue	Had a Turkish bath for first time in my life. Went with Johnny to Hammam, Jermyn St. Didn't like it or feel any better for it. JG Butcher dined with me at St. James Club.
	19 Mar, Wed	Went with Mary to arrange with Dr. Semon for an operation in Dorothy's throat for the clearing of her nose air passage. Then went to my medic (not A.1) to get a tonic. "Very anaemic condition" he describes my case. Gave me some medicine which will I suppose make it worse. Dined with Conny, met old Ld. Middleton, now nearly blind, a rather nice daughter & some uninteresting people including "Tottie" Bevan.
	20 Mar, Thu	Spent most of the day with D Lawless, dined him at St. Ja[me]s Club & took him to a play – Dr. Bill – at the Avenue. Broad but also very good. Am beginning to think of Parliament. Could I make up for the fearful loss of time & mental rot and do some good in such a sphere? I think the last ten years, if in some ways wasted, have brought me more into touch with human nature.
	21 Mar, Fri	Went to Romsey on B B Co business.
	22 Mar, Sat	Spent morning at B B Co works & also ?trying the carrying capacity of the ships' boats. The 28 ft boat carried 75 men with 16 inches freeboard. Returned to London.
	23 Mar, Sun	Lunched with the Monteaegles & went on to Emily Lawless where

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[Humphry]		I met Mrs. Humphrey [<i>sic</i>] Ward, Lord Morris & old Lady Cloncurry. What more delightful quartette? Dined with the Arthur Butlers. So massage a failure?! My last hope of physical improvement.
	24 Mar, Mon	Board of Works to try and smooth down a quarrel which old Berthon had stirred up about the measurement of our boats which was getting us it into great trouble with customers to whom we had guaranteed certain carrying capacity “by B[oard]. of T[rade]. measurement”. The latter takes no account of our outside skin which is manifestly unfair. Hope I had some effect. Harry Bourke dined with me.
	25 Mar, Tue	Another Turkish bath. They don’t agree with me yet at any rate. I have a feeling of lassitude after them. Dined with JG Butcher, met Father Klein, Mark Napier & some fuzzy haired high culture ladies. Dorothy had an operation successfully performed in the air passage between nose & mouth. Poor Mary was very nervous about it though it was proved there was no risk.
	26 Mar, Wed	A day as nearly wasted as possible. Had arranged to go to Paddockhurst but was put off. Boughton was in town & I spent the earlier part of the day with him.
	27 Mar, Thu	Went to see the Oxford & Cambridge chess match in memory of some 12 years ago when I captained the Oxford team. Cambridge won – 4½ to 3½. Spent an hour with poor little Dorothy at the private hospital, 50 Weymouth St.
	28 Mar, Fri	Lunched Lowther Lodge. Saw another boy, the double of Harold. If I were socially ambitious I should make love to one of the girls. They are really good I believe – fine specimens physically but not fair to look upon. Went with Conny to Psychological Society. Great rot.
	29 Mar, Sat	Had my massage man in the morning. In afternoon played chess match – old Oxonians vs old Cantabs. Played 2nd in team versus J.N. Keynes, whom I had played in 3 inter-university matches 12 to 14 years ago. Got a draw. Went to Paddockhurst to help Beau Watson in his work and have a Sunday in the country.
	30 Mar, Sun	In Watson’s office talking over Paddockhurst affairs with him & Abbott all the morning. Then a good walk in afternoon with Watson & Bertie & more business in evening. Strange as it seems at this date – we had to get out of the sun & walk in shade of trees to be comfortably cool.
	31 Mar, Mon	Returned to London. Lunched with Denis Lawless, dined at Lowther Lodge.
	1 Apr, Tue	B.B.Co. business. Denis lunched with me. Dined with Mary. Am still trying to get my woman suffrage article into Fortnightly. They have kept the m[anu]s[cript] 6 weeks & given no decis[i]o[n]. Too bad.

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	2 Apr, Wed	[No entry]
	3 Apr, Thu	[No entry]
	4 Apr, Fri	Walked in Park with Raymond. Listened to socialist preachers. The first one I selected was inveighing against fox hunting! This was making me do penance in great style. Dined with Mary. In night was violently sick from no known cause.
[Hood – MD & chiropractor]	5 Apr, Sat	Barber having done my shoulder no good & seeing that I was in for a stiff joint unless something could be done more than nothing I went to Wharton Hood. He at once said the adhesions must be forced under ether, so I appointed Tuesday for the operation. Went to Dunstall for Sat-till-Monday visit. Found both J & E well which was a rare pleasure.
[<i>facile princeps</i> – easily the leader] [9 stone, 1 lb. = 127 lb.]	6 Apr, Sun	Of all places to waste a day Dunstall is <i>facile princeps</i> . The boys were home & of course it interested me watching their development. Otherwise such wasted time is hard to beat. Still feeling sick & uncomfortable. Weighed 9.1 naked.
	7 Apr, Mon	Spent forenoon trying to improve relations betw'n Johnny & Ernle, rather a hopeless task. Returned to town.
	8 Apr, Tue	Operated on under ether by Wharton Hood, had my stiff shoulder wrenched loose. Woke up from an agreeable sleep to find my left arm as free as my right. The breaking of these “adhesions” is the secret which the bone setters have kept to themselves. Of course they knew nothing of the anatomy of the thing – only knew that if you forced a stiff joint & then said “Rise & walk” the miracle was done. Dined with “Tottie” Bevan. Stupid party very.
	9 Apr, Wed	Wrote innumerable letters & loafed about feeling rather sick from my etherisation.
	10 Apr, Thu	Dined with Rev. J.S. Verschoyle at 37 Fitzroy Sq. to talk over my article on “Woman Suffrage in Wyoming” for the Fortnightly of which he is acting editor. He is a well read man and was interesting.
[Hugh Oakeley Arnold was adopted by his uncle, W.E. Forster]	11 Apr, Fri	H.O. Arnold Forster, Cloncurry, Johnny & Verschoyle dined with me at St. James Club. I did them well & they enjoyed the talk I think. Had hardly seen Arnold – as he was then – since Univ: days. He has mellowed considerably by a nice wife, 3 boys & experience. He will come to the front.
	12 Apr, Sat	Went to Paddockhurst after lunching with George Price (on BB Co matters) to help Watson to make up R. Whitehead's a/cs for 1889 & show how much had been lost.
	13 Apr, Sun	A busy day with the Paddockhurst a/cs. It became evident that the attempt to do light farming on poor land was to end in disaster. A loss of £3000 and rent is the approximate result.
	14 Apr, Mon	Watson came up to town with me. He was not at all well and I got him up to look after him a bit & help him with his work. We went to a play together. I had to go to a gymnasium & work my newly freed shoulder.

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	15 Apr, Tue	Watson & I lunched with Mary. We spent the day over P[addock]hurst a/cs and I dined with the Monteagles. Met Emily Lawless & some dull people.
	16 Apr, Wed	Dined with the Lowthers and went to a melodrama at the Shaftesbury Theatre.
	17 Apr, Thu	Abbott came up from Paddockhurst & I brought him & Cloncurry together to talk over the P'hurst system of rearing & fattening calves. The system is a terrible money loss but there are some interesting points in it. Then Abbott, Watson & I worked all the afternoon at P'hurst a/cs. Dined tête a tête with Verschoyle to go over finally my article on Woman Suffrage. It is not bad I think.
	18 Apr, Fri	Lunched with Mary & dined with Aunt Isabella. Called on H.O. Arnold Forster & was introduced to his wife, a very nice & quite ?recently (I should say) pretty [-]Maskelyne. 3 curly headed bright little boys – I should like some too I think.
	19 Apr, Sat	Worked at the P'hurst a/cs & did other business. Left 5.30 for Chester where I supped & took the Northwall train on to Holyhead & Dublin. I am taking care of myself, trying to get over the effects of past over work & over worry.
	20 Apr, Sun	Arrived early in Dublin (via Northwall) & had that very uncomfortable pre-breakfast 2 hours at the Club. Then down to Dunsany where unpacking & packing up again. Hunt a/cs with G Murphy & Fingall, dining at Killeen Glebe &c took the whole day. Saw Wilkinson & Barton about Johnny's affairs.
	21 Apr, Mon	Hunt meeting in Dublin where I propounded my new scheme for financing the Hunt on a business basis. Of course it was scouted by the squirearchy & they will continue to cut their coat according to imaginary cloth. Came on to Gowran Grange for Punchestown. The "Hammy" Stubbens, Droghedas & Freddy Lawless & Miss Skeffington Smyth the chief non de Robeck guests, also Flossy Fowler. Played whist with Lady Drogheda, which is good as a play.
	22 Apr, Tue	Punchestown in a not very warm N.W. gale. Still enjoyed it greatly. Lots of welcome renewals of acquaintances.
	23 Apr, Wed	Second day of Punchestown. Weather vile but still enjoyed the day.
	24 Apr, Thu	Stayed on at Gowran Grange as Willie Blacker had put me off & upset my ?arrangements. Went & played chess with Archdeacon de Burgh.
	25 Apr, Fri	Took train for Mallow. At 12 o'clock according to notice (illegally short) all the porters & signal men struck work to show the "power of combination". The ostensible cause was the dismissal of 2 porters for refusing to handle boycotted goods! Got through late but safe. Arrived Old Court to find Mrs. Alexis nearing a young Roche, Bernie & Lady Bernie (she well now) driven to refuge from typhoid at Doneraile Court where a Miss Vernon was lying dangerously ill. Visited Doneraile cooperative & found a nice shop in full blast.

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		They had been boycotted by the bakers and had started a bakery of their own.
	26 Apr, Sat	Found Miss Vernon was the daughter of Hon. G R Vernon M.P. for Louth by as like and old fellow sufferer in Cattle (Dakota Co). Was glad to lunch at D[oneraile] Court & renew his acquaintance. Spent the day at coop a/cs and had a special conference with Com'tee.
	27 Apr, Sun	Spent another Sunday at a/cs – Doneraile Cooperative. Made out their balance sheet – profit & loss a/c for first quarter.
[GS&WR – Great Southern & Western Railway]	28 Apr, Mon	Drove with Anderson to Buttevant where we got together some of the members of committee of a <u>Joint stock</u> Creamery then building and argued in favor of their making it <u>Cooperative</u> . Hard work. But the seed was sown, as the missionaries say. It came out that the word Cooperative had been made to stink in the nostrils of the district by the Doneraile experiment. The shopkeepers had started the theory that Ld. Castletown had got it up in order to have a body of men around him for emergencies who could protect him! I then drove to Limerick, some 36 miles I should say the way we went. This of course on account of the strike of the GS&WR. Glentworth Hotel, seemed clean.
	29 Apr, Tue	Spent the whole day driving round with W.L. Stokes, the butter buyer of the Wholesale Coop Soc'y inspecting creameries in the New Castle West district & investigating the business with the intention of getting the Coop Union to work at them. I was greatly struck with the perfect systematisation (what a word!) of the creameries which enables common farmers to be successful managers. Started at 11.10 & only got back 10.40.
	30 Apr, Wed	Spent the day in Limerick at butter market &c, also beginning my address for Glasgow. Very seedy having got chilled in my drives I think. But got lots of information. Left at 11 PM for Limerick Junction where I had a better chance of catching a train without waiting next day owing to this mad strike on the G.S.&W.R.
	1 May, Thu	After a very sick night at Limerick Junction I spent a sick forenoon lounging about & waiting for a sufficient quietude of stomach to tackle the journey to Castlemartin. Fetched up there for dinner. Found Stewart Duckett & Miss B[lacker] with Willy.
	2 May, Fri	Had to hurry off to Dunsany as Alexis had arranged to come for a red coat race at Fairyhouse & I was to put up him & his horse & one Kennedy (Cameronians) who was to ride for him. In Dublin I got a telegram from Alexis to say he could not come & at Dunsany I learned that neither horse nor Kennedy would come.
	3 May, Sat	Went to Fairyhouse & had a wretched wet cold day. Poor Alexis' horse did no good.
	4 May, Sun	The morning was wet. In the afternoon I drove with George Murphy to Summerhill to talk over Meath Hunt matters.
	5 May, Mon	[No entry]
	6 May, Tue	[No entry]
	7 May, Wed	Raymond & I rode the bicycles which we had bought in London for the first time. I took to it very quick & was able to ride

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		without support & even to mount myself the first day. Dined at Grange to meet Hugh Cullen Sen[io]r and talk over cattle &c.
	8 May, Thu	Most of the day writing. Hugh Cullen Sen[io]r & George Murphy came to lunch & I walked many of the cattle. Had first game to lawn tennis.
	9 May, Fri	Spent the whole day writing the address for Cooperative Congress at Glasgow, which had to go today. Raymond & Conny very kindly made a fair copy of the whole of it.
	10 May, Sat	Went to Navan by morning train to arrange with the Belfast Bank to back Fingall's bill for £1500 to stock some land. Then went on to Drogheda (where Fingall kindly met me from Dublin) to look at a horse for Mary & her children. Did not buy. Then F. drove me to Dunsany in 1 hr 35 minutes! and I drove myself to Rahinston to do a Sat[urda]y to Monday.
	11 May, sun	A real country Sunday. A very long wrought – badly wrought – sermon at Agher.
	12 May, Mon	Fingall drove us (I having returned from Rahinston) to Trim Races on their dray. Pretty race course on the banks of the river with a fine view of the ruins & just out of the smell of the town. Enjoyed a restful day.
	13 May, Tue	Spent a good bit of the day at Fingall's a/cs. Dined at Killeen Glebe with him.
	14 May, Wed	Rode about the country a bit. My first ride I think since my fall. Dined & slept at Summerhill. Met J and Miss Naper, A J Macneil & wife.
	15 May, Thu	Back to Dunsany
	16 May, Fri	Dined at Summerhill to have another worrying evening over the Meath Hunt a/cs.
	17 May, Sat	Raging toothache all night. Abscess under a dead tooth too soon stopped. Telephoned to Dowling, dentist, 1 Merrion Sq. to see me. Daisy Fingall who was in the train kindly came to dentist and got me a speedy interview. Came back by midday train after having my bad tooth, rather violently I thought, prospected & being told that I should be all right soon. Got worse and had to go up again. Then he got at the abscess & relieved me. Slept in Dublin.
	18 May, Sun	Severe pain from abscess. Could not go to Church but suffered a sermon from our very stupid parson in the "Magistrate's Room".
	19 May, Mon	Went to the dentist again & spent the day in the waiting room & operating room of dentist & K. St. Club where I wrote a long report on his affairs to old Whitehead.
<i>Fr Windsor, Kemp & Co.</i>	20 May, Tue	Spent the morning writing a long report to poor old Whitehead about his English affairs & writing up arrears of American correspondence. Spent afternoon at Fingall's a/cs at Killeen Glebe.
	21 May, Wed	Drove on Fingall's coach to Review (Queen's Birthday) in Dublin. My real object was to do the dentist, the Review having

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		few attractions.
	22 May, Thu	Rode over to Oliver Brighton who had written that he wanted to see me to consult me about his affairs. It turned out he wanted me to use my influence (!) with the Ld. Chancellor to get him an English living. Raymond's brother & wife, the Cecil Parr's, arrived for a visit. They seem nice.
[9 stone, 1 lb. = 127 lb.]	23 May, Fri	Naked weight 9.1. Left Dunsany & crossed over in boat from Dublin to Glasgow. Fine passage but we were packed like sardines in a little sleeping cabin with positively <u>no</u> ventilation. Before 4 A.M. the wretched sleepers (?) had to get up and walk the deck till b[rea]kfast.
[Sidney]	24 May, Sat	Up the Clyde & landed at Greenock 8 A.M. This was my very first view of bonnie Scotland. Certainly the first view was favorable, the houses on the banks of the Clyde being neat & clean, reminding one almost of N.Y. harbour. Spent the day cooperating. Met some interesting people. Misses B[eatrice]. Potter, Llewellyn-Davies & Shore-Smith, Judge Hughes (Tom Brown) – I liked him as much as his book – Sydney [<i>sic</i>] Webb the Fabian Socialist & the usual cooperative lot.
	25 May, Sun	Spent the day talking cooperation.
	26 May, Mon	Opening of the Congress – some 700 delegates present. Ld. Rosebery made the inaugural address. In the afternoon Miss Llewellyn Davies read a paper on Cooperation & Socialism. It was a very able paper, well read & well argued on in the discussion which followed, it appeared that the cooperators were determined to go ahead without state help, that they were by no means inclined to give up to the state what they had struggled so hard to get into their own hands.
[Text of address in <i>Report of 22nd Annual Co-operative Congress</i> , Glasgow, pp. 96-8, 101]	27 May, Tue	I read my paper on “the best means of promoting both distributive & productive cooperation in the rural districts of Ireland”. What I wanted to do was to rouse this powerful union of the hardest headed workers of England & Scotland to come over to Ireland & try & persuade the Irish to be thrifty and to adopt cooperative methods – the whole to be performed without the use of political or religious leverage. My suggestions were enthusiastically received. The criticisms were all friendly. I gave £100 anonymously in aid of Irish coop'n.
	28 May, Wed	I had to reply to the criticisms on my paper made at the end of yesterday's sitting. I did it pretty well & was very well received. The ball is now set rolling and I earnestly hope my work may succeed. Went in afternoon to inspect a cooperative factory under the Scottish Wholesale at Shieldhall. They were certainly model works. Roomy, airy, clean. The work done was varied – Boots, tailoring, furniture, brushes, printing, jam-making. Had only been going 3 years & had paid from the first.
	29 May, Thu	Arrived Dublin & spent the day with the dentist. Came on to Dunsany.
	30 May, Fri	Letters & lawn tennis.
	31 May, Sat	Fingall's affairs in the morning at Killeen. Then an attempt to do

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		Johnny's business but prevented by impossibility of getting him to attend to it.
	1 Jun, Sun	Packing and church took up the day. Raymond went to Mullingar to meet uncle Ralph & display piscatorial patience.
	2 Jun, Mon	Left for London by night mail.
	3 Jun, Tue	Arrived London & went to 28 Half Moon St. Found it crowded to excess & accommodation very bad. Did a lot of calls. R. Duttons at home, Emily Lawless, Arthur Butlers, Heskeths, Langfords not at home.
	4 Jun, Wed	Did some calls. Saw Markby & got a bit 'forrarder' in Johnny's affairs. Did a play with Butler, a very stupid melodrama cribbed out of some novels I have read. Derby day today. Poured all day. Anyone who had been undecided betw'n Epsom & Oberammergau was sorry for himself or herself.
[<i>en garçon</i> – as a bachelor] [query in original]	5 Jun, Thu	Dined with Verschoyle. Met 2 literary people – one Watts who lives <i>en garçon</i> with Swinburne, the other a Major Seever(?), Irish Catholic – great globetrotter. He told me the Catholic church were going to use their vast wealth soon for the definite establishment of Christian Socialism. There is no doubt about their wealth, and none about their wonderful organisation. But other Socialistic sects fail for want of any kind of organisation in a system which must depend on central authority. But what will happen if the wealth of the Church is partially absorbed by secular Socialistic legislation? A row of course & has not the day gone by when the religious basis is a help in a social row? It is a difficult thing to conceive, Xian Socialism.
	6 Jun, Fri	Dined with Ducies. All cousins of sorts.
	7 Jun, Sat	Dined with Gen'l. & Lady Louise Fielding, met the Wm. Lowthers.
	8 Jun, Sun	Lunched with the Hoziers, dined with Valentine & Bee, tea-ed at Lowther Lodge.
	9 Jun, Mon	Business, &c.
	10 Jun, Tue	Lunched with Johnny. He looked sodden & unfit. He is evidently overdoing eating & drinking & underdoing exercise. Langfords & Cloncurrys dined with me at Wellington Club & I took them to "She Stoops to Conquer" at the Criterion. Very good indeed.
	11 Jun, Wed	Went with Valentine to Markby about Johnny's affairs – V. being trustee of Pater's marriage settlements. Dined with Charles Martin & his wife at Savoy Hotel (a new hotel made to look foreign. If you want to feel out of London, dine there). When leaving his ranch in /87 Martin says he heard me say Murphy ("Deaf") "did you ever see that kind of lunatic before"? He shows signs of drink I think.
	12 Jun, Thu	Went to see a mesmerist at the Aquarium & saw some very good illustrations of insensitiveness to pain, catalepsy, & total suspension of volition under the spell. I am still persuaded that the effect is purely subjective. One Crounse from Omaha turned up with letter of introduction from Frank Kemp. I took him to

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		House of Commons, lunched him &c.
	13 Jun, Fri	Spent the morning with Vaughan Nash, a cooperative friend at the Coop. Builders Soc’y at Burton Road, Brixton. Went with Valentine to Paddockhurst to look over old Whitehead’s farming.
	14 Jun, Sat	Drove all the morning over P’hurst farms. In afternoon we returned to town & Jim Winn came up and dined with me.
	15 Jun, Sun	Dined with Alston. Called on Goschens, Wharncliffes &c &c.
[Editor – Gilbert Monell Hitchcock]	16 Jun, Mon	L. Crouse of Omaha & his son-in-law, the editor of the World-Herald, a very strong flavored American, lunched with me. I took them to House of Commons where they heard a good Irish row over Questions interminable. Had Harry White, Jim Winn, JG Butcher & Tom Hare to dinner at St. James. Jim Winn fainted & was horribly sick after dinner, which spoilt an otherwise pleasant evening.
	17 Jun, Tue	[No entry]
	18 Jun, Wed	Went to Newcastle in evening.
	19 Jun, Thu	Pelton. A talk with the “Fitter” at the office & then out to the colliery where I spent the day talking to the “Viewer” & managers. The newly built coke ovens had had to be put out as the coke trade had gone to the bad. The coal trade was however looking up & the year is bound to be a very good one.
[Scotsman]	20 Jun, Fri	Got up at 6 A.M. & was at Colliery 7.30. Went down below with Henry Armstrong & had a good deal of enlightening talk. Came to London by “The Scotchman” [<i>sic</i>].
	21 Jun, Sat	Went out to see Tommy Ponsonby at Worsley’s, near West Drayton. A charming school & as far as I could judge a sensible pedagogue. Tommy well & happy. Went to Mrs. Goschen’s “At Home”. The Chancellor of the Exchequer very gracious & nice to me. Knew very few of course but was not bored.
	22 Jun, Sun	No sleep last night. Seedy all day.
	23 Jun, Mon	[No entry]
	24 Jun, Tue	Beau Watson came up & he & I went to Hurlingham. I went imagining that I was asked to dine with John Watson, invitation really being for night before! Fine game polo for onlookers. Easy to understand.
	25 Jun, Wed	An interview with Markby who told me that “our Mr. Charles Johnson” had been laid up for some weeks with a broken leg. This accounts for the terribly slow progress of business in the office. John Dunville, who had just been appointed on the strength of his father’s wealth, Ld. Hartington’s private under secretary dined with me at St. James Club.
	26 Jun, Thu	Went to Coop Wholesale to have a talk with Ben Jones a great cooperator. “Trivy” dined with me at Wellington Club & tore my heart by his frank avowal of his troubles & misfortunes. He told me the history of his life – and wife both sad enough.
[Ecclesiastical livings are	27 Jun, Fri	Met Oliver Brighton who had come over about English livings in

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the province of the Lord Chancellor (Ld. Halsbury), not the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Goschen)]		Chancellor's gift. Hopes to get one – someday. Called on Ld. Wolmer to ask him what show there was for a Liberal Unionist candidate next election. Offish & little information. I would not make any definite proposal as I am not ready. Lunched with the Willie Jamesons & met Daisy, whom I afterwards took to see the mesmerist. Dined with Mrs. Stephen Spring Rice.
	28 Jun, Sat	Dined with Aunt Isabella who introduced me to Lady Colley, widow of the general, who was killed at Majuba Hill. Pleasant woman.
	29 Jun, Sun	Went to Paddockhurst for the day to meet C[oun]t Hoyos & talk over the farming problems. Got back in time to dine George Murphy who had come over from Ireland & shared my lodgings.
	30 Jun, Mon	Spent the morning largely at Cooperative work. Called with J S Trotter on E C Johnson (4 Eaton Place) who was supposed to have influence with Baroness Burdett Coutts & I tried to get him sufficiently ?“posted” to present the case for coop'n in Ireland to the Baroness.
	1 Jul, Tue	Dined with the Heskeths who took me to the Opera. Went to a Ball at the Hoziers with Ernle. I hate night ‘pleasures’.
	2 Jul, Wed	A frivolous day. Lunched Mrs. Willie Jameson, took Emily Lawless, Mrs. & Miss Bishop to the Aquarium Theatre to see the mesmerist, had Dermot & Lady Mayo, Daisy, George Murphy & John Dunville to dinner at Wellington & Gaiety Theatre after, suppered same party & Mrs. Jameson's party at Wellington in evening.
	3 Jul, Thu	Went to S Hampstead to see B S Carey, ex cowboy in service of P[owder].R[iver]. Company which he left summer 1886 to seek his fortunes in Burmah. I always thought he would come to the front & he seems to be very hopeful. He is home on sick leave now. I lunched with George Murphy.
	4 Jul, Fri	Lunched with a Mrs. Johnston Foster, 86 Brook St. Saw Johnny & Markby on business. Dined with the Arthur Butlers & met a Sir J. Colomb M.P. who took an interest in my Irish coop work.
	5 Jul, Sat	Up early & down to Paddockhurst. A boisterous, wet, <u>cold</u> day. Everyone said it was November weather. I had gone to ride over the whole property to pass on certain reforms in tillage which were to be inaugurated by Abbott. Returned to town where Whitehead was expected. He returned late & went to P'hurst & is to come up tomorrow. Dined with the Hoziers. Nice, kind people. Was asked to Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck's Drum. Foolishly did not go.
	6 Jul, Sun	Old Whitehead having arrived in London Sat[urda]y night returned to London to see me, bringing Abbott, Watson & Count Hoyos. I spent the morning & part of afternoon with them going over P'hurst Estate matters. Monteagle lunched with me. George Murphy dined with me & I left for Liverpool by midnight train.
	7 Jul, Mon	Did Liverpool cattle market. Then went to Manchester to attend a meeting of the “Propaganda Committee” of the Coop Union to

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		discuss coop work in Ireland. Back to L'pool where I saw a man who proposed to take the Berthon Boat Co agency & who could I think do it well for a 15% com'n. Left by boat for Dublin.
	8 Jul, Tue	Arrived Dunsany. Got what I long have expected – a letter from Stephen Frewen saying that he must take his brother's part unless I could justify my action in /87 in publishing certain letters of M.F.'s in the paper war with the latter. Shall explain my reasons for S.F. is a good honest fellow. But of course in his brother's hands he will be very pliable & I might as well decline to discuss the matter. Wretched weather for the hay. Barton doing all he can but no hay up yet & very little down.
	9 Jul, Wed	The Fingalls drove Raymond & me, W. Dease, Miss Burton & Lady Mary Murphy to Bellewstown Races. Grand view from the course – no one there. Perfect day, the only fine day we have had for an age.
	10 Jul, Thy	Wet day again & all the promise of yesterday ends in disappointment. Hay spoiling sadly. Hardly any saved in the country. Busy all day at my desk.
	11 Jul, Fri	Business all the morning. To Dublin by afternoon train where I dined Ulick Burke to talk 'cooperation'.
	12 Jul, Sat	To Old Court Doneraile – nominally for Cahirmee Fair – actually to see how the Doneraile cooperative store was getting on. Tom Hare, John Watson & Kennedy of the Cameronians of the party. Mrs. Alexis <u>very</u> near her confinement.
	13 Jul, Sun	Went to church. Canon Nicholson preached on the apparent conflict betw'n religion & science. He said that our Lord believed in Jonah, the Flood &c & therefore he accepted them as true. I wish I were Canon Nicholson.
	14 Jul, Mon	Cahirmee Fair. Two large fields of horses of all sorts – mostly young. Dealers from all parts of United Kingdom. Quiet orderly gathering, not much drunkenness. More lies probably told in those two fields today than in the rest of Ireland. It amused me. Fine healthy day. Then an hour or two of the Coop stores a/cs.
	15 Jul, Tue	Morning at Doneraile Cooperative which I fear must go to the wall. Then the party broke up & I went to Kilcooley. Mrs. Roche daily expecting her first born. ?Gamp in the house. At Kilcooley I found Mary & children (except Tommy) well bright & happy.
	16 Jul, Wed	Had a meeting of 21 influential farmers, Father Kennedy in the chair to discuss a cooperative creamery. Very successful and encouraging.
	17 Jul, Thu	Restful day except that I had 15 letters to write & had to sit up to 12 o'clock over the Doneraile Soc'y's a/cs.
	18 Jul, Fri	Wet all day. I worked at the muddled a/cs of the Doneraile Coop Store. In evening we went to a Church of Ireland temperance meeting & heard songs, recitations & sermons enough to make me take to drink!
	19 Jul, Sat	Left Kilcooley with Mary & Dorothy. They left Thurles for London to attend (D. is bridesmaid) C Buller's marriage with Miss Dunbar. I went to Marlfield, Clonmel to the R. Bagwell's.

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		They have a beautiful place on the banks of the Suir. He is a man of letters, has written a good "History of Ireland under the Tudors". He talks too much, especially about himself. He is however interesting even in his conceit. Mrs. B. is a good hardworking religious woman who spends her life doing good in a concrete practical local way.
	20 Jul, Sun	Church at Clonmel, one of the nicest churches I have been in & service well & plainly done. Wet day again mostly, so spent afternoon dodging showers & trying to see pretty country around Marlfield.
	21 Jul, Mon	Bagwells left for Glengarriff & I went to Limerick. At Limerick J[unctio]n our train was so late that the B's did not "make connections" & therefore can't get to Glengarriff today. He was furious & I was sorry for Mrs. B. At Limerick I found nothing was ready for me in the way of meetings &c, Stokes having been ill. However I had an interview with Shaw the bacon curer & learnt some local points. Hope to do something. Gibson unhappily went to Dublin. But he gets back tomorrow night. Stopped at Glentworth Hotel again.
[<i>ab initio</i> – from the beginning]	22 Jul, Tue	Found little was to be done except to work up schemes at <i>ab initio</i> . Went out to Mount Trenchard in evening where people of the rural type were assembled – a professor of English literature who was unaccountably dull. Mrs. Prothero & a Miss Graves.
	23 Jul, Wed	Spent the day with Monteagles in Limerick. Tried to arrange a meeting of Railway employees for Saturday to start a store. Hope to succeed. But a strike is threatened for Sat[urda]y. So the meeting may not come off.
	24 Jul, Thu	Half a day at the Doneraile a/cs. Got them into very good order out of very bad chaos. Then 10 tenants of Monteagle's & the P.P. (a sour faced one) came to listen to my plan for a cooperative creamery. Then Professor Bradley & I had a drawn battle at lawn tennis on a very bad ground – a tiring day. The creamery will hardly materialise I fear. Got a telegram preventing me from going to address the Listowel farmers on the morrow. Very disappointing as I had hoped for a success there.
	25 Jul, Fri	Wrote a "Cooperative Creamery" leaflet or pamphlet. In afternoon, which was wet of course, went to Glin to see Mrs. Fitzgerald the wife of the Knight of Glin, Boycotted people. Sad story of weak & indulgent landlord & demoralised tenants. Rotten system. Last week moonlighters killed one of the Knight's horses and barbarously stabbed others.
	26 Jul, Sat	Left Mount Trenchard having sown the seed of cooperative dairying I think successfully among the farmers. In Limerick saw Stokes & the Railway officers. Was to have had a meeting to discuss a coop. store with the R'y people, but they went out on strike & so gave it up. Went on to Cordangan Manor where H.H. Townsend put me up. The place is close to old & new Tipperary where, as Smith Barry's agent, Townsend had evicted the old town. He was boycotted & so I could not get a car & had to walk 2 miles & get T. to send for my luggage. I found T., wife & child at home, police barriers in yard. Very pretty place, rather villa style but a really nice spot in a really pretty country.
	27 Jul, Sun	Went over T's farmstead creamery &c erected for the use of the

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		evicted farms which were to be worked as a huge ranche. Wrote out my creamery pamphlet which took up much of the day. But walked a good deal about the hills & enjoyed myself.
	28 Jul, Mon	Went to Doneraile where I entertained the members of the Coop Soc'y to tea & gave them a lecture on their want of loyalty to the Soc'y. I hope it will bear fruit.
	29 Jul, Tue	Moved to Kilcooley where I had a meeting to organise a dairy society. Some 50 to 60 farmers attended but we did not get as far as organisation as there was an undercurrent of opposition got up by the shopkeepers who oppose any kind of coop'n & a Catholic curate who has interests in another creamery, not co-operative. We shall succeed.
	30 Jul, Wed	Left Kilcooley. Dined Coleridge at K St. Club
	31 Jul, Thu	Dunsany by morning train. Found Conny & Raymond packing up. The children left in the afternoon. Rather a dismal feeling such partings engender. A fine day – at last. Never was such a dreary wet summer.
	1 Aug, Fri	And today Conny & Raymond left & I was alone in the old house. What memories, not altogether happy ones, it engenders! Reggy, Julia, Randal, Chum & then our father. God is there no future? Future is there no God? I was busy all today. Happier so. It poured nearly all day which is not cheering.
	2 Aug, Sat	All day at correspondence &c until evening when I went over to Summerhill to dine & sleep. Langford has certainly made himself comfortable. His house is really refined luxury. On the house & place he has spent he tells me some £50,000 since he succeeded or came of age. I think it was all spent on the house & grounds. He was alone with his wife excepting the deaf & dumb sister of the wife. It is rather strange to see the sisters conversing with their mouths but making no sound.
	3 Aug, Sun	Stayed at Summerhill till lunch & then had to come back to Dunsany for fear there should be change of plans from Johnny whom I expect tomorrow. No letter. Spent afternoon at Killeen.
	4 Aug, Mon	Johnny, Eddy & a boy borrowed from Cheam to keep Eddy company named Bigg-Wither arrived. The borrowed boy Johnny calls the "loan" & his son the loon.
	5 Aug, Tue	Got Johnny to practice cricket & take lots of exercise. This is a good day's work!
	6 Aug, Wed	Business correspondence & cricket. No letters came requiring answers so I am getting up to date. Another fine day & even warm.
	7 Aug, Thu	Drove on Fingall's coach to see the Inspection of the Meath Militia. We were late for that function but we were in time for lunch. After lunch Cyril Lambart ran a dray through the camp with the Beauparc hounds & generally played the fool.
	8 Aug, Fri	Sick day. But it was fine & so I got better from an attack of heartburn.
	9 Aug, Sat	Went to Dublin morning train on business & for cricket in

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		afternoon. Played for R.I.C. vs Dundrum. Made 2 ?pokes for 1 each & was bowled. Drove back on Fingall's coach, he having come up to see Polo in the Phoenix.
	10 Aug, Sun	Poured pretty nearly all day. Nathless Johnny & the boys & I went to Church. In the afternoon I worked at Cooperative propaganda work & wrote some 18 letters chiefly thereon.
	11 Aug, Mon	Cricket match at Dunsany (in which Johnny played) Dunsany vs Bohemians – a north Meath team. We got badly beaten as our best man disappointed. Capt. Kincaid Smith played for us & slept at D[unsan]y.
	12 Aug, Tue	Letters on Cooperative propaganda all the morning and constitutional with Fingall's women in afternoon. Tried in vain to get Johnny to come out & look at his men working.
	13 Aug, Wed	Many hours a week I now give to my Cooperative propaganda work & today I had many letters to write about it. The Killeen & Grange people dined with us.
	14 Aug, Thu	Stores meeting in the morning. In afternoon drove on Fingall's coach to Meath Hunt Kennels.
[holiday – Feast of the Assumption]	15 Aug, Fri	The R.C. holiday. We had a rustic cricket match vs Langford's Summerhill team & got badly beaten. I made 0 and 21.
	16 Aug, Sat	After a morning's letter writing and an afternoon's cricket practice – or rather exercise – I went to Drogheda by mail and there took the cattle boat to Liverpool. Hugh Cullen of Liscarton arranged to get me a cabin to myself & I was comfortable enough.
	17 Aug, Sun	Arrived early & went to Hugh Cullen's house. He had a son home from Brazil, the same one who had come out to seek his fortunes in America & who had loafed at Herman for a while. He was then very much of a boy of 20 but 3 years roughing it had made him very much of a man of 23. Hugh Cullen drove me all about Liverpool & I tried to enjoy myself out of gratitude for his attention & kindness.
	18 Aug, Mon	Up at 5.30 & down to the cattle market where I saw Johnny's cattle sold. Then off to Manchester to attend the meeting of the "Propagandist Committee" of the Cooperative Union on behalf of Irish cooperatives. This was my object in coming over from Ireland. Returned to Liverpool & took boat to Dublin after engaging a berth in Teutonic for Oct. 2 from Queenstown.
[D.G.s – Dragoon Guards]	19 Aug, Tue	Arrived early in Dublin by cattle boat. Went down to Gowran Grange to see Mimi de Robeck married to one Tremayne in the IV D.G's. The Regiment did the wedding in style – a carriage & 6 with officers in hunting costume as postillions & outriders – 6 Bridesmaids, 24 flower girls in white &c &c. Then a squash at Gowran Grange such as never was seen. I had to leave before the breakfast, which I hear came on at 3.30 & only went about half round the squash. Came on to Dunsany.
[George F. Murphy]	20 Aug, Wed	Played Dunsany CC vs R.I.C. I made 19 not out & 9. But we were beaten in one innings. Had J. Roberts, G Radcliff, Coleridge & another RIC man in the house. Fingall & GFM dined. Johnny played & the exercise did him lots of good.
	21 Aug, Thu	Played a military team and got beaten again. Close match though.

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		Weather simply awful. I never saw such a wretched summer.
	22 Aug, Fri	Spent the day at Berthon Boat Co., American, Dunsany estate, Coop propaganda & other business and correspondence.
	23 Aug, Sat	Went into Navan to play for Co. Meath vs Leinster C.C. Had a day's leather hunting & got a duck Not worth all the bother.
	24 Aug, Sun	Drove over to Summerhill to lunch. "Jamie" Naper & Miss N. & the boy I had not seen before were there. Went on to call on the Fowlers. Johnny came with me.
[9 stone, 7 lb. = 133 lb]	25 Aug, Mon	Dined with the Fingalls - Johnny self & the "Loan & Loon". Rode a horse of Coleridge's here on approval. Decided to buy. Weighed 9 st 7 lbs naked. I think is the best showing of my life, wretched as it is.
	26 Aug, Tue	Spent the whole day on business & arranging my papers – a job put off from year to year since I went to America in 1879!
	27 Aug, Wed	Moved into lodgings & Club in Dublin for the horse show. Dined with the 4th Hussars at Island Bridge barracks. Saw many friends in course of day & did all I could to drum up my coop dairy scheme.
	28 Aug, Thu	More Horse Show. Also a Meath Hunt meeting which arranged for next season's hunting. Dined with Harry Bourke at Sackville St. Club.
	29 Aug, Fri	Left in morning for London by Irish mail. In morning Trulock & Harris tested my shooting with a "try gun", a device by which the stock can be twisted to correct errors in aim – provided of course the error is constant.
	30 Aug, Sat	Arrived 27 Half Moon St. Did some business with Markby & went to Paddockhurst to stay over Sunday. Found Old Whitehead & his sister & the Hoyos children, Bertie & Watson. The latter seedy depressed. Tried to cheer him up a bit.
	31 Aug, Sun	Shunned devotions. Spent a good deal of the day in the open air as it was really fine for a wander.
[Lares & Penates – treasured household possessions]	1 Sep, Mon	Came back to London & had another tiresome hunt for lodgings. I want to get permanent lodgings in London where I can house my Lares & Penates.
	2 Sep, Tue	I went to Romsey to look over BBCo affairs, only found old Berthon, the son being away on a holiday. Got little use of the old visionary. Called on Uncle Ralph, who for the first time in his life is seedy. He has gout in the bladder with uncomfortable complications.
	3 Sep, Wed	Met George Price at the BBCo office & held a directors' meeting. Langdale was away, his clerk was taken suddenly ill & ?Francis, the auditor who attended to represent the 'staff' could tell us little or nothing. Went to Dunstall & saw poor Ernle. She is rather seedy & very hypochondriacal. I think I cheered her up a bit.
[GWR – Great Western Railway]	4 Sep, Thu	Old Berthon came to town & I lunched him & talked business. Did sundry shoppings & then went to Manchester by the G.W.R.

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	5 Sep, Fri	Cooperative 'shop' all day and at night meeting of United Board. Spread some intelligence about Ireland. Left by night for Dunsany.
	6 Sep, Sat	Came to Dunsany. In Meath train met JG Butcher & found Johnny & both his boys – the Loan, “Tommy” Tapling M.P., Oliver Brighton & two Moores of Balbriggan invited for lord knows what reason. J.G.B. & I drove to the Navan Horse Show. We talked great politics. In the evening George Murphy dined & brought one Hussey Walsh (a Unionist organiser) to talk over organising Meath in the Unionist cause. He was a pushing rather domineering young fellow, but I thought him just the kind of man wanted & so didn't show irritation.
	7 Sep, Sun	Packing, writing &c &c all day. In evening went to Dublin en route for the South.
	8 Sep, Mon	Rose at 6 & went to Lansdown Road where I met by appointment Trulock & Harris, the gunmakers who are to make me a gun. Had many shots at the “vanishing pigeon” with the “try gun”, & finally got the stock so twisted that it apparently corrected my crooked eye. Came to Kilcooley by 9.15 AM train. Met Gibson & Stokes at Thurles & the three of us argued with another meeting of farmers in favor of the coop creamery. A fine day kept the farmers mostly at the harvest. But the Committee mostly attended and we advanced the business part a lot. Stokes left & Gibson stayed over night.
	9 Sep, Tue	Gibson left early. Father Healy came to lunch and I spent most of the day writing to the nationalist newspapers of Kilkenny about coop'n & doing other coop propaganda work. Wrote to Mulhallen Marum M.P. inviting him to join me in the work & offering £2 a day for his services & expenses included.
<i>[precipitato – hasty]</i> <i>[nous verrons – we shall see]</i>	10 Sep, Wed	Left Kilcooley at 10 AM & got to Mount Trenchard 7 P.M. 3 hours delay in Limerick I utilised in consultation with Stokes & Gibson. At Limerick too I got Marum's acceptance of my proposal by telegram & he was to arrive on the morrow & get to work. I half feared I might have been rather precipitato in employing the M.P. He may not be quite worth the money. But nous verrons. Augusta Butcher & a nephew of Monteagle's were at M[t]. Trenchard.
	11 Sep, Thu	Arrears of correspondence & a letter to the Kilkenny papers upon Cooperative Dairying filled the morning. In the afternoon Monteagle & I went to a neighbouring village, Ballyhahill where we met Stokes & Gibson & held a most successful & promising cooperative creamery meeting. We all spoke fairly well & were very well received. Stokes, Gibson & I then drove via Glyn & Tarbert to Listowel where we were to have a meeting Friday. My first view of Kerry was in the dark! The population of the country through which we drove must be large, as it gleamed with paraffin lamps. At Glyn we met the Knight of Kerry driving with a police escort.
	12 Sep, Fri	Carefully prearranged meeting resulted in the attendance of one man – viz the owner of the Hotel where we were to meet!

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		<p>Another disappointment was that Marum did not turn up & could not be caught by wire till just as I was leaving, when he announced his intention of meeting me at Mount Trenchard. So there I drove (24 miles) via Tarbert where I saw the local solicitor to whom I proposed a future meeting. Met Marum at the Monteagles.</p> <p>During the day inspected the "Lantique" railway from Listowel to Ballybunion. The train is like a long 'car' with the supporting rail running through the well.</p>
	13 Sep, Sat	<p>Spent the day with Marum whom I took to Tarbert to interview local celebrities and get up a meeting. This work of organisation he seemed good at. In evening he went on to do similarly at Listowel & I returned to Mount Trenchard. I think I got a good day's cooperation into Marum, my paid philanthropist.</p> <p>Ward, a Toynbee Hall man, arrived at M.T. Seemed nice.</p>
	14 Sep, Sun	<p>We had 3 meetings on our hands today. Marum at Castlemahon – Monteagle at Ballyhahil[1] & self (taking Ward) at Shanagolden. The first two places were already captured but needed fortifying. I had to tread new ground. I did it quite successfully & practically organised a society. Ward was helpful.</p>
	15 Sep, Mon	<p>Left Mount Trenchard & came to Doneraile where I put up with Anderson for the night. During day I had a meeting with Marum & Stokes at Limerick & then came on with Gibson to do a meeting at Shanballymore near Doneraile. Small meeting but think successful. At Doneraile Alexis Roche could not put me up as his wife was too nervous. He, poor fellow, was hard up after his wife's illness. So I lent him £200.</p>
	16 Sep, Tue	<p>Drove to Mallow to see Coote about a coop dairy factory on his property at Ballyclough. Went back to see the P.P. & C.C. & found more could be done through them than through landlord & agent.</p> <p>Went on to Castlecor & saw Barry's factory – a wild rain storm drenched me through & I caught a bit of a cold. Slept at Old Court where young George Goschen – a hopelessly stupid boy I thought – was staying. Mrs. Alexis was invisible.</p>
	17 Sep, Wed	<p>Went to Kilmallock where I met Marum. We addressed a very representative meeting of English working farmers in a theatre which a strolling company had erected in a large hall. I seemed to convince & so did Marum. They asked us to come again which I agreed to do on 23rd. I went on to Limerick for the night sending Marum to work up Waterford & Kilkenny.</p>
	18 Sep, Thu	<p>Up at 5.45 AM off at 6.50 AM via Erris to Miltown Malbay. I fear no people could be less ripe for cooperation than these conservative suspicious West Coast men. Got up a meeting which Gibson & I addressed. We sowed the seed but it will take time to fructify. I drove by the coast to Kilkee where a [sic] came to rest a couple of days from the rather severe strain of organisation & making speeches. The coast people look very hearty & cannot be in abject poverty just here. The holdings are small but they have cows which they winter feed. The thatch of the houses is tied on by a network of ropes. They were hard at it in anticipation of the equinox.</p>

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	19 Sep, Fri	Woke up with a less sore throat which I attribute to the Hotel Claret used as a gargle. I spent the day playing golf – my first game, with Anderson of Doneraile & others on the fields above the cliffs. It is I am sure a grand game for a proficient. But the ground was so rough that chance entered too much. Sometimes a good stroke went into a bog hole or blew (it was a wild day) into the sea. Kilkee is a grand <u>natural</u> watering place & some day will be <u>the</u> place I should say for Munster habitués of such places.
	20 Sep, Sat	Left Kilkee by car for Kilrush. Drove 10 miles in teeth of a drenching rainstorm & got wet. Went down to pier & took the boat for Limerick & got put off in a rowing boat at Tarbert. Choppy sea & got wet. Then drove 12 miles more to Listowel where I found a big budget of letters awaiting me. Expected Marum but he did not arrive.
<i>Fr Neale, Edward Vansittart-</i>	21 Sep, Sun	A very sad day. It poured all night & the country presented a desolate appearance. The little river Feale was in high flood & sweeping down hay, corn, carts, gates, debris of all kinds and even some cattle & sheep by the back of the Town. At 10.15 Marum turned up. He was as full of energy as ever & flew off at once to see John Stack, the local M.P. He then came back to the Hotel, told me about his Waterford & Kilkenny investigations, discussed the proposed programme for the coming week & went to 12 o’c mass. He had not been gone a quarter of an hour when a man came running into the Hotel, bare headed through the rain, saying “Marum is dead”. He had fallen dead from heart disease in chapel & had been carried into the Police Barracks. I went to see him & he had evidently breathed his last. Being Sunday nothing could be done in the way of telegraphing till 5 P.M. Then we did all we could to get the news broken to the widow at Ballyraggett in Co. Kilkenny. We had a shell coffin made & I went to Limerick by night to meet the next of kin whoever it might be. For we none of us at Listowel knew what family had been left. The bell tolled in the afternoon for a funeral & the rain poured all day.
	22 Sep, Mon	After a disturbed night rose to the work of carrying on the coop propaganda. Of course the meetings Marum was to attend were postponed but others had to be substituted later on but before I left on Oct. 2. Wm. Marum, eldest son of dec[ease]d, arrived & I looked after him, told him of his father’s end & pictured the painless death in the House of God as soothingly as I could. “Had my father the last rites of the Church[?]” asked the son. Stupidly I had not enquired. He left with a coffin & did not seem to care about my accompanying him. So after a day’s coop work – interviewing newspaper men &c in Limerick I left late at night for Limerick J[unctio]n where I slept.
	23 Sep, Tue	To Dublin, in Dublin & down to Dunsany where I found Johnny with his semi attached private secretary, P. Hope Cooper.
	24 Sep, Wed	Nearly all day writing arrears of letters – American business – estate business – cooperative propaganda work &c &c.
	25 Sep, Thu	Worked hard nearly all day & in evening we entertained the three nearest neighbors.
	26 Sep, Fri	At 4 A.M. I was called. At 4.45 I was in the saddle riding through the night to Rahinston whither Fingall was speeding me at this unreasonable hour for a cub hunt. Rode a couple of horses, got a

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		fall, rode back, packed for the Rockies – for many temperatures, many businesses & possible pleasures. Then to Dublin by 4.25 & on to Doneraile by 6 P.M. train. Anderson put me up. I was hurrying down to give a parting fillip to my cooperative dairying movement.
[MFH – Master of Fox Hounds]	27 Sep, Sat	Up too early considering the long day before & short night. Anderson & I drove to 8.55 train at Mallow & took train to Lombardstown where we met a body of farmers who were contemplating starting a Joint stock creamery. Talked about 4 hours before their conversion was effected. Then went back to Mallow, wrote letters. Saw Coote & tried to make him understand the really great movement we were working at but failed. Drove then to Castle Cor where Wm Barry, MFH Duhallow put me up for two meetings on the morrow. Hospitable unintellectual people.
	28 Sep, Sun	Sunday is the day for business as well as pleasure in Ireland: so I put in a good day's work. At Ballyclough ½ way between here & Mallow I held a meeting of farmers who attended in force with their wives & daughters. The P.P. & C.C., especially the latter, I had already talked over & so from the altar rails they had recommended cooperative dairying. I explained it fully & I think convinced those present. I then attended a meeting of a joint stock company of farmers at Castle Cor Creamery. I urged on them the wisdom of going into liquidation & reorganising under the Friendly Societies Act.
	29 Sep, Mon	Left early for Kilmallock where we had tried to organise a large meeting. Only some 30 farmers attended, but these had come from an outlying district with their P.P. The latter was a very intelligent good man of business & when he was satisfied of the soundness of the scheme he strongly urged his followers to adopt it. J.C. Gray met us at Kilmallock and he & I returned after the meeting to Doneraile where Brodrick auditor of the wholesale was looking over the store a/cs. We had a directors' meeting there after which Gray & Brodrick went to Mallow to sleep & I staid [<i>sic</i>] with Anderson.
	30 Sep, Tue	Up early – of[f] by 7 AM train with Anderson to Limerick whence after a good breakfast we went to Foynes & took boat for Tarbert, Co Kerry. Here, in spite of a wild rain storm, the chief farmers of the surrounding district came in & the P.P. was good enough to say that the speech I made left no doubt as to the course they should pursue. We then drove to Longhill in drenching rain or rather we drove within two miles of it when we met a man & woman with their baggage on the side of the road who had been disappointed in a steamer which was to have got them to Limerick whence they were to sail for America. We had to give up our seats and run 2 miles in the splashing mud to get up another creamery. Monteagle met us & helped. Meeting unanimous. M. then put us up for the night.
	1 Oct, Wed	Meeting at Shanagolden at 10 A.M. Good lot of farmers. Received me very well. I think I clinched the matter & got up the creamery. £690 subscribed from in the room. We then said goodbye to Monteagle who has been most helpful & hospitable to me & made our way to Doneraile where I arrived at 8 P.M. very

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		tired this being the 7th meeting addressed in 5 days. I did the thing badly. The audience, mostly roughs & only four farmers, disliked me on acc't of store. Fortunately I had brought Gibson with me & he scored an oratorical triumph. Mere wind but just what the Irish like. Got on to Cork after midnight.
[<i>pace favori</i> – favoured peace]	2 Oct, Thu	Sent a goodbye letter to farmers to some newspapers & went down to Queenstown. Found 19 letters forwarded from Dunsany & only had 20 minutes to read & reply to them. Did so mostly on postcards. Tom Hare saw me off. He had with him R. Longfield whom I converted to coop dairying. Duke & Duchess of Marlborough on board S.S. Teutonic which took me out into the Atlantic where <i>pace favori</i> . I hope to rest for a week.
	3 Oct, Fri	423 knots. Passengers all Americans returning from doing Europe. Not an interesting crowd.
	4 Oct, Sat	466. Made acquaintance of AB Forwood M.P., Parl'y Under Sec'y to Treasury. Talked to him about co-operative dairying & said a word in favour of Irish butter for Admiralty contracts.
	5 Oct, Sun	501
	6 Oct, Mon	488
	7 Oct, Tue	477. 425 to S[andy] Hook
	8 Oct, Wed	Landed about 10. The City of New York, which for the first 3 days kept close to us & then disappeared had beaten us by an hour. This looks like wonderful steaming now. But in 10 years it may be slow enough. Found Ralph Wortley in N.Y., had come up from Portsmouth Virginia to see me. He is now Vice President &c &c of a small Railway and is really on the ladder of fortune.
	9 Oct, Thu	Business down town all morning. Played 2 games of chess with Ajeeb in afternoon & lost & drew. Dined at Delmonico's with the Clarence Cary's (steamer acquaintances but seemed to know everyone in N.Y.) to meet the Sharons (Mr. & Mrs.) He is brother of Lady Hesketh.
	10 Oct, Fri	Business down town – enquiries about Cattle Trust &c most of day. Jack Ryder, cousin of Ralph Wortley's & Ralph breakfasted with me. Latter left town & former dined & went to a play.
	11 Oct, Sat	Left N.Y. for Cleveland in a luxurious "Vestibule" train.
	12 Oct, Sun	Arrived at Cleveland & drove out to Westwood, the charming villa of my hospitable friends the Hickox's. Went to see a neighbour, one Perkins who is a horse fancier of the American type. He is going to take 5 of his horses (all jump & can be driven in single or double harness) to St. Neots to hunt with the Oakley & surrounding packs. Funny looking hunters. But I don't think he will go hard.
	13 Oct, Mon	Ralph Hickox's mother is paralysed & cannot last long. He was much worried with this sorrow & had an unusually troublesome amount of business on hand. So I made myself as scarce as possible & in the evening left for Chicago with Mrs. Hickox. During day I did some cooperative writing.
	14 Oct, Tue	Arrived at Chicago for breakfast. Had to put in the day & found a chess club to help. Left by night for Omaha.
	15 Oct, Wed	Arrived early at Omaha & found Windsor & Kemp at station

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		<p>waiting my arrival. Everything seems to have gone well with the firm of Windsor Kemp & Co. of which I am the Co. Frank Kemp took me in at his cottage. His wife is a great success & a very nice hostess. She is bright & clever & could easily be anglicised.</p> <p>At night we went to hear a joint debate on the issues of the campaign betw'n the Republican & Democratic candidates for the district. Prohibition & Tariff were the main issues. Nothing new.</p>
	16 Oct, Thu	Business
	17 Oct, Fri	Business. Windsor & I went out by train to Gretna on the B[urlington]&M[issouri] to look over a scheme for getting a water power out of the Platte to supply Omaha with electricity and possibly to start some local enterprises. The water part of it seemed all right. But it would take 25 miles of wire transfer of the power & whether the waste would not more than counterbalance the saving of coal is doubtful.
	18 Oct, Sat	Had a long interview with Yates as to probable future of Omaha. He is very enthusiastic. I have little doubt that Omaha will double its population (now 150,000) in 10 years. I think she will distance Carson City, St. Paul, Minneapolis & many other rivals before long. I never saw such solid progress.
	19 Oct, Sun	Drove with Windsor & the Kemps round Omaha. Was more than ever struck by the steady growth in all directions. Wrote letters all the afternoon.
	20 Oct, Mon	Went with Windsor out to Hiland & spent a day in the country. I had not seen our farm there for 2 years. It is immensely improved by sowing tame grasses on the lands. Timothy, blue grass & some clover. It is a strange and fortunate fact that the small tame grasses smother & kill out the tall rank growth of the natural prairie. The former comes up earlier in the spring & makes a start kills out the latter.
	21 Oct, Tue	Fred Hesse arrived & I did Powder River business.
	22 Oct, , Wed	Business all day. Took the Kemps, Windsors & F Hesse to dinner at the Club where I was myself a guest & to a play – "London Assurance" by a third class company.
	23 Oct, Thu	Left for Cheyenne after visiting S[outh] Omaha where a city of 10,000 inhabitants has grown up round the stock yards & packing houses in the last 2 or 3 years.
	24 Oct, Fri	<p>Arrived Cheyenne. Found Boughton, Chaplin & Gilchrist of partners & Hay, Teschemacher, Carey among other habitués. Wyoming is now a state. I was greatly amused at the importance of State politics compared with Territorial. I wonder whether there is in the world an easier road to fame than Wyoming opens through the U.S. Senate.</p> <p>Meeting of Wyo Development Co.</p>
	25 Oct, Sat	Farewell dinner to Fred deBillier, the nicest perhaps of the Ranchmen who have congregated at Cheyenne in the last 10 years. Songs (repeated) speeches, dancing & swollen heads.
	26 Oct, Sun	Called on some of the Cheyenne ladies & among others on Mrs. Theresa Jenkins the leader of the Suffrage Women.

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	27 Oct, Mon	Very busy day.
	28 Oct, Tue	Wound up my Cheyenne business & started on the B[urlington]&M[issouri] R'y for Omaha. There are very few goodbyes to say in Cheyenne now. Most of one's friends have said it & "pulled out". Boughton came with me.
	29 Oct, Wed	It seems to have been a terribly dry summer. The Middle & Western Nebraska farms were simply barren. At places where the train stopped I tried to find out what the feeling about Prohibition was. The farmers seem to favour it very generally, and I could see that a very energetic sentimental campaign had been conducted. Banners "For God & Home" were hanging about in stations &c. It seems generally admitted that Prohibition injures the commercial standing of any state that adopts it. Why? Boughton & I went into a Boarding House or rather we took two bedrooms in the house of a Dr. who had lost his health & apparently his intellect & was in low circumstances.
	30 Oct, Thu	Worked at W[indsor]. K[emp]. & Co's business all day.
	31 Oct, Fri	Busy all day. Dined with the Frank Kemps.
	1 Nov, Sat	Lunched with GM Hitchcock, editor of the "World Herald" & met Judge & ex-Senator Crouse, a young lawyer &c. We had some interesting talk on politics. As usual I found these politicians attaching absurdly little importance to the probability of, and necessity for, radical social changes. I astonished them by saying I considered the Americans the most conservative nation in the world, by which I meant that <u>property</u> had more legislative protection there than elsewhere. Took sick after lunch – sore throat & headache. Went to bed early.
	2 Nov, Sun	In bed all day. Windsor & Boughton very kind. Dr. says I have "a horrid" throat. Ulcerated. Gives me spirits of turpentine to gargle with quinine in large quantities & some other drugs. Makes me very sick & sore. "Tonsilitis" is the name he gives to an inflammation which attacks my whole inside lining. The tonsils are the only part he sees.
	3 Nov, Mon	Got out of bed but not out of the house. "Tesche" of Cheyenne called & spent two hours talking over old times.
	4 Nov, Tue	Got out. The State elections were on & I had a chance of studying the unedifying spectacle of American machine methods. I was too sick to do the sight well. The features of the election were – 1. a Democratic triumph, as a revolt against the McKinley (high Tariff) bill and the defeat of Prohibition. The ruffianism at the Polls was disgraceful.
	5 Nov, Wed	Prohibition defeated by over 40,000. This is a great help to real estate men as there is no doubt the suppression of the legitimate traffic in drink is fatal to new states far beyond the loss to the particular industry. Left Omaha for Chicago feeling pretty seedy.
	6 Nov, Thu	Arrived Chicago 1.25 & went on at night by Lake Shore route to Cleveland.
	7 Nov, Fri	Arrived 8 A.M. at Cleveland & drove out to Ralph Hickox whose mother is no better & no worse so that he is tied. He & I agreed to

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		go into a joint spec in Illinois Steel Co shares if certain developments he wotted of came off. We were to stand to lose \$10,000 between us – no more. But he looked on it as a “dead open & shut”. Left at night by a fast train for N.Y.
	8 Nov, Sat	Arrived N.Y. St. James Hotel. Got a comfortable room with bath. Found Ralph Wortley & Ryder. Dined them both. Rather seedy still.
[<i>Uncle Remus: His Songs and Sayings</i> , Joel Chandler Harris, 1881]	9 Nov, Sun	Very uncomfortable with diarrhoea. Like Brer Rabbit in Uncle Remus, Horace Plunkett he lay low.
	10 Nov, Mon	Still seedy. Struggled through business in a very half hearted way.
	11 Nov, Tue	Finished up business. Called on Mrs. Clarence Cary, 54 Park Ave. Went on board Teutonic where sleep was made impossible by honking &c all night.
	12 Nov, Wed	Sailed 6 A.M. Rose to find the good ship well out to sea. I felt quite at home on the Teutonic this being my fourth voyage. Joseph Chamberlain, wife & daughter (the latter being older looking than the former lady) were on board. 200 saloon passengers in November showed the way vastly improved conditions had increased trade. 75 miles from S[andy]. Hook by noon.
	13 Nov, Thu	423. Long talk with Chamberlain on Irish & American politics. He is a shrewd clearheaded politician. He did not strike me as a patriotic statesman as much as an ambitious politician. His radicalism has evidently been tempered by his commercial interests. I think he will fall between two stools, though he thinks little of my socialistic forecast. He talks of the eternal laws (i.e. of capital) as an insuperable obstacle to the progress of socialism.
	14 Nov, Fri	450
	15 Nov, Sat	443. Very luxuriously treated on board. The captain delights in playing chess with me & at the odds of a knight & more he beats me his share. He not only gives me the run of his ship but has given me the best promenade deck room to live in.
	16 Nov, Sun	440. Heavy NE gale backing to S.W. came on.
	17 Nov, Mon	419
	18 Nov, Tue	448. 82 from Queenstown which was reached in a fog about 4.30 P.M. but had great difficulty in landing passengers as tug could not find us till 6 P.M. Went off & slept at Cork. Got letters from Mary & Monteagle. The news was that the Kilcooley Creamery had been nipped in the bud by that glorious institution the boycott.
	19 Nov, Wed	Had to spend the day in Cork because Stokes & Anderson had written of the [m]any meetings for me to attend till next week. Looked into T.B. Ponsonby a/cs at Hussey & Townsend's & wrote letters & cooperative literature for future use. Proposed myself to Monteagle who warmly welcomed me by wire in reply. Shall go there tomorrow.
	20 Nov, Thu	Went via Limerick where I failed to find Gibson or Stokes but saw Shaw who was hopeful about a store among the bacon & the Railway employees. Went on to the Monteagles who received me

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		with their usual hospitality.
	21 Nov, Fri	Spent the day writing cooperative letters, papers &c.
	22 Nov, Sat	Came into Limerick in the morning to meet Anderson. While waiting for him I went to the Locomotive works & had a small gathering of the foremen to broach the subject of a cooperative store. The rest of the day was occupied answering the pick of some 50 letters forwarded from Dunsany & consulting with Stokes, Gibson, Anderson & Monteagle as to future propaganda. Slept at the Glentworth.
	23 Nov, Sun	Up at 6.30. Off by 7.30 train for Newcastle West whence after breakfast with a local solicitor I drove in a gale & drenching rain to Castlemahon & addressed a meeting of the newly formed Coop Society. They had heard that if they joined the Coop Union they would be liable for that concern's debts & the debts of any other societies joining it. This from the local solicitor who wanted the fees for registering a Lim[ite]d Liab[ilit]y Co. Then on to Ardpatrick where by dip light we had a good meeting at 4.30 in spite of drenching rain. Anderson who had held another meeting met me there. I drove across to Foynes & arrived drenched at Mount Trenchard at 8 P.M.
	24 Nov, Mon	Drove to Tarbert where I met Stokes & Gibson & we addressed the farmers in the pig market. No great success. Then on to Glin where we had a very good meeting in the court house. I stayed at Mount Trenchard for the night.
	25 Nov, Tue	Came to Limerick & drove out to Bulgaden (near Kilmallock) for a creamery meeting. It was very successful I think. The drive was nearly 40 miles & I was much chilled.
	26 Nov, Wed	Addressed a meeting of the men at the Locomotive works of the Waterford & Limerick R'y. About 80 artisans present. Made a very good impression in favor of a coop store. There might be a really good store betw'n the R'y & the Bacon factory employees.
	27 Nov, Thu	Had to stay in the Hotel – not a comfortable one for an invalid – owing to an attack of diarrhoea. Spent the day writing an address on coop'n to read to the Prot Young Men's Assoc'n tomorrow.
	28 Nov, Fri	I was still seedy. Spent day working up my paper which is I hope to set people thinking about coop'n. Read it well I think, but made bad hand of discussion afterwards. Had large & attentive audience.
[query in original]	29 Nov, Sat	Left Limerick 9.35. Arrived Dublin 2.50. Weather bitterly cold. Went to sleep about Portarlinton, no snow on ground. Woke up Lucan, 3 inches at least. Had fallen some 3 days ago. Went on to Dunsany & found Johnny with Cooper, his parasite (secretary or gentleman? companion).
	30 Nov, Sun	Frost gone. Rained casts & dogs. I walked to Killeen in the rain & attended service at Dunsany 4 P.M. A Colonel Dyson Laurie & his daughter who have taken Killeen Glebe as a hunting box came. They seemed uninteresting.
	1 Dec, Mon	Rode over to Langford & had a good talk over Kilcooley affairs.
	2 Dec, Tue	My first hunt for 1890. Had a very bad cold & it poured all day,

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		so I did not enjoy it much. Hunt at Rahinston. Rode my new grey. Well carried over some fences, not much sport but brought me home to Dunsany.
	3 Dec, Wed	Johnny & Cooper left. I was too heavily oppressed with a cold to hunt so stayed at home & did business correspondence. Felt rather gloomy all alone.
	4 Dec, Thu	Went to Dublin for the day. Hugh Cullen of L[iver]pool dined & slept. Fingall & G. Murphy dined. Was elected member of Royal Dublin Soc'y. Went up to help my creamery movement.
	5 Dec, Fri	Hugh Cullen & I did the cattle until he went off by afternoon train when I did my correspondence.
	6 Dec, Sat	Old Mrs. Gerrard of Boyne Hill died (aetat 90 or 89) a few days ago. Hunting was stopped for the week & today we buried her. Tom Gerrard did the thing in the old style. We had to walk our carriages – Fingall drove me from Boyne Hill to Donaghpatrick, 2½ hours in bitter cold wind. Then a very cold church & the hats off stand at the grave, a dreary spun-out eulogy from the pulpit &c &c. Had a bad cold to start with & fear results! Dined with Fingalls.
	7 Dec, Sun	Walked to Kilmessan & drove back. Walked to Grange & nearly to Summerhill where I dined & slept. Langford & wife alone. Here is a suitable match. He is spoiled & self willed, hot tempered, imperious. He is just according to his lights & his natural instincts are all good. His wife is the sweetest, most amicable woman I ever met. She is incapable of quarrelling & carries selfishness & submission dangerously far. Still there is peace and absolute happiness.
	8 Dec, Mon	Drove with Langford to Scariff Bridge & hunted Laceman with Meaths. Indifferent sport. Rode back to Dunsany where I was alone but too busy to feel lonesome.
	9 Dec, Tue	Meath Hounds at ?Ros-a--. Rode my new grey & liked him though he is insufferably lazy & shirks fences. Had a long hunting run.
	10 Dec, Wed	Busy morning. Then a gallop with the Wards & a dinner at Killeen.
	11 Dec, Thu	To Dublin early train & visited winter Cattle and Dairy Show. No visitors. Failure. Went by night mail to Chester.
	12 Dec, Fri	Manchester early & then a day of coop'n at headquarters. At the United Board meeting I told them all that had been done in Ireland & they got the impression that we were going ahead too fast & not making good our ground. I shall I hope correct this impression in the dairy business & as for distrib[utio]n we have not gone ahead at all. Left by sleeping car so called on Midland for London.
	13 Dec, Sat	Passed through London, engaged lodgings 12 Curzon St. & went on to P[addock]hurst to stay over Sunday. Found a large party including, of interesting people Francis Plunkett, of smart people Princess Victor of Hohenlohe & her daughter Countess Helena Gleichen. Really well done house – grand hall for dancing, music &c. All very new but very good. Watson getting on very well.
	14 Dec, Sun	Helped Watson with his farm a/cs. A long evening service held in

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		the house, organ well played by the Countess "Maggie". Countess Hoyos played parson in a rather theatrical manner. With a large party, some half dozen prettily dressed children, a host of retainers, a blaze of electric lights, the service far outshone what one sees in Church except the High services. Walked with the Countess who pressed me hard to accept payment for my services.
	15 Dec, Mon	They asked me to stay & shoot. I stayed & immolated 1 pheasant, 1 hare, 1 rabbit & saluted many more! Alack I can't shoot or dance or fish. My riding is poor. I am not much of a man & yet I can help along many who are. I am getting some pleasure out of life & doing a good deal of work – I fear too much to do very well.
	16 Dec, Tue	Back to town early. Very busy all day, 29 letters rec[eive]d. Many requiring answers.
	17 Dec, Wed	Very busy all day. Cooperative & other work. Dined the Francis Plunketts (Father, mother & daughter) at Wellington Club & took them to play. During day selected my share of Plate deposited at Garrards, under my father's will.
	18 Dec, Thu	Dined with JG Butcher & had a good talk over the situation (political). It has become absorbingly interesting. The general opinion seems to be that Home Rule is dead for this generation. In the row betw'n the Parnellites and antiParnellites there is no doubt that the Irish have shown themselves absurdly unfit for self-government.
	19 Dec, Fri	Business all the morning & then went to Paddockhurst for a shoot. Much the same party as before except that the Princess Victor & Countess Gleichen were gone & some naval people had come, an admiral &c.
	20 Dec, Sat	Shot – badly. Hit 4 pheasants & fired about 30 cartridges!
	21 Dec, Sun	Had to work at the year's a/cs which Watson had got out & explain them to Mr. Whitehead. Result a loss of £1000 instead of £3000 on the farms. This is an improvement. Left at night for London.
	22 Dec, Mon	Went to Romsey with Langdale to hold a Berthon Boat Co. meeting. Bitter cold day – Old B. as impracticable as ever. The business properly managed ought to make a fortune for the two large shareholders. As it is it will pay 20% this year as it did last.
	23 Dec, Tue	Went to Campsea Ashe High House in Suffolk to the William Lowthers for Xmas. Party Father, mother & 2 daughters – 2 Misses Farquhars, Miss Mulholland, a very amusing 'ingenue', Phipps, Eton schoolfellow.
	24 Dec, Wed	Algernon ?Lideley, my contemporary at Eton in Oscar Browning's house, arrived. He is Captain in Artillery, bachelor – nearly bald – rather spoiled by soldiering, otherwise much as I saw him last 19 years ago. He is stronger than I am but does not look as young.
	25 Dec, Thu	A good quiet old-fashioned Xmas. Real Xmas weather. The church at Campsea Ashe was not warmed & I had no overcoat. I

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		had a stove pipe hat, a stove more to point. Preacher said a million people were killed at Siege of Jerusalem! Was this so?
	26 Dec, Fri	Did nothing in particular except skate & play squash racquets. Got a telegram from the Goschens to stay Sat[urda]y till Monday at Seacox.
	27 Dec, Sat	<p>Left Campsea Ashe early. Answered letters at St. James Club & came on to the Goschens at Seacox Heath. Found the Francis Plunketts – father, mother & both daughters – there. Old Goschen is certainly as nice & friendly to me as possible.</p> <p>Found in London letter from Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain asking me to a dance at Birmingham. Declined.</p>
	28 Dec, Sun	Shirked Church & wrote an article on cooperation in Ireland for the Cooperative News & several letters. Had a walk with ?Mr. Goschen in the afternoon. Charming conversationalist. Saw more of Mrs. G & liked her more.
	29 Dec, Mon	Came up to town.
	30 Dec, Tue	Business in town. Saw Francis Plunkett about his affairs. He wants to raise a loan on shaky security & I suspect I shall have to lend. I don't see where to borrow. Watson came up to see me. There was trouble at P[addock]hurst as May Plunkett had repeated to Countess Hoyos things I had said of Maggy Hoyos or rather her (May's) 'rival' version of it. What funny things women are! But it is <u>very</u> annoying.
	31 Dec, Wed	<p>Exit the year 1890. In it I have done some good in Ireland by starting cooperation there. I have not advanced myself in any way. Physically – status quo. I began the year with dysentery & then a bad hunting accident. Both have left slight effects. I have overworked. I always do.</p> <p>Mentally some quickening of the machinery but no material run through except what meeting many people on many businesses effects. I turned out a good article in the May Fortnightly on woman suffrage in Wyoming. Have written several cooperative pamphlets &c. I have also made many cooperative speeches which are fair in matter & bad in delivery except when I was unwell & then they were bad in both.</p>
	Inside back cover page	<p>Henry Owen Dana Chambers Shrewsbury Land agent on property of Trustees of Millingtons' Hospital 2000 acres next Beguildy. Refer to Earl of Powis, Trustee & Chairman.</p>