William George Papers

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INTRODUCTION
The William George Papers were purchased by the National Library of Wales in September 1989 (B1989/38). This was the largest Lloyd George archive hitherto remaining in private hands. (See NLW Annual Report 1989-90, p. 63).

William George (1865-1967), Lloyd George's younger brother, was a Cricieth solicitor responsible for running the family legal practice Lloyd George and George, the profits from which were primarily responsible for permitting Lloyd George to remain at Westminster from his initial return in April 1890 until he entered the Cabinet as President of the Board of Trade at the end of 1905.

By far the most important group of papers in the archive is the long sequence of alm ost 3,300 letters (numbers 10 to 3301), mainly spanning the period 1886-1918, from Lloyd George to William and (frequently alternating between English and Welsh) containing a characteristic mingling of political news and personal and family allusions. Many are brief, hastily scribbled notes, often giving their author's immediate, unbridled gut reaction to momentous national events as they unfolded - he sometimes wrote more than one letter the same day. These letters help to chart the steady, inexorable progress of an outsider to the zenith of political power and complement the similar series of letters from Lloyd George to his wife Dame Margaret purchased by the National Library in 1969 [NLW MSS 20403-42C; see NLW, 'Schedule of the Lloyd George Manuscripts' (1970)]. Many of the more important letters in this latter group have been published in Kenneth O. Morgan (ed.), Lloyd George: Family Letters (Oxford and Cardiff, 1973).

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The letters from Lloyd George to William elucidate many seminal events and themes in their author's tempestuous political career, among them his initial selection as Liberal candidate for the Caernarfon Boroughs and the April 1890 by-election campaign; his early experiences at Westminster as a novice Liberal backbencher; his entry into the Cabinet as President of the Board of Trade at the end of 1905; the framing of the famous 'People's Budget' of 1909 and the political reaction to it; and the events of the First World War, most notably his accession to the premiership in December 1916. The sequence of letters comes to an abrupt halt towards the end of the war, probably a reflection of the more strained relationship which by then prevailed between the two brothers.

Of much interest, too, is a group of eleven of Lloyd George's early diaries, 1878-92, (numbers 1-9a) some of which contain informative and illuminating entries revealing their author's personal life and political development and aspirations. The substantial group of letters to Lloyd George, 1879-1913 (numbers 3586-4614) includes letters from several prominent politicians including Asquith, Campbell-Bannerman, Churchill, Keir Hardie and Bonar Law as well as from a number of backbench Liberal MPs representing Welsh divisions. The archive also includes an extensive series of the diaries of Lloyd George's revered uncle and mentor Richard Lloyd ('Uncle Lloyd'), 1881-1915 (numbers 7244-76) and a similar run of William George's own shorthand diaries, 1883-1916 (numbers 6878-6902).

Few authors have previously made use of the papers. Herbert du Parcq was granted access to the papers when he was preparing his Life of David Lloyd George (4 volumes, London, 1912-22). The papers were also used most extensively by William George in his My Brother and I (London, 1958), and by W.R.P. George in The Making of Lloyd George (London, 1976) and Lloyd George: Backbencher (Llandysul, 1983).

DAVID LLOYD GEORGE
1-9a
DIARIES
A group of pocket diaries and diary notes on pieces of paper, 1878-88, kept by D. Lloyd George.

1
1878
The Diary of the Calvinistic Methodists for 1878, bearing brief entries for July-December 1878.

2
1880
Pocket note-book bearing brief diary notes for the whole of the year, some in shorthand.

3
1881-2

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Loose papers bearing diary entries, fairly complete, some in detail.

4
1883
Detailed diary entries written on the reverse of a printed voters' list for the county of Merioneth.

5
1884
Detailed diary entries written on the reverse of a printed voters' list for the county of Merioneth. A few of the sentences are in shorthand.

6
1886
Collins Handy Diary for 1886 bearing detailed entries for some days only. A few of the sentences are in shorthand.

7
1887
Diary and Memoranda 1887. Very few entries; almost completely blank.

8
1888
The Legal Pocket Book & Calendar 1888 containing brief entries for only a few days.

9
1888
Collins' Pocket Diary for 1888 bearing few entries.

9a
1892
Calendar and Diary of the Alliance Assurance Company bearing brief entries from January to July.

10-3301
LETTERS FROM D. LLOYD GEORGE TO WILLIAM GEORGE, c. 1886-1943

10 (2)
[?c. 1886], 19 Church Street, Blaenau Festiniog
William George should bring the letters with him on Monday. Is to meet 'the Prenteg woman' at Portmadoc. Has one new case for the Portmadoc Sessions; it relates to bastardy. Is writing to the Official Receiver.

11 (1)
[1886, Jan. 28, London]

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12 (3)
1886, Oct. 11, Criccieth
Found William George's letters to be humorous. Discusses legal cases. A 'shabby trick' has been played by RD over a meeting of the Ladies League - 'Now is not that as dirty a conspiracy as was ever hatched . ... I got a letter from JT(R) this morning foaming about it. ... I am afraid it will create no end of bad blood. Mischief will be done I fear'. There are 'two violent attacks' on D. Lloyd George in the Herald this week because of his 'extreme views'. 'Na feindia frawd. They will all agree with me 3 years hence & pride themselves on their Liberal fidelity'.

13 (1)
[?c. 1887]
Has received a letter from Mr Owen, Mynydd Ednyfed.

14 (2)
1888, July 13, Assize Court
Discusses legal cases. Has passed the papers relating to the Gwalia libel case to Ellis J. Griffith. Discusses his prospects of the nomination as Liberal candidate for the Caernarfon Boroughs - 'JT is ardent & assures me that Caernarvon is overwhelmingly in my favour. ... I have also seen Morgan Rds. he thinks that he can carry Bangor even'. Has been invited to attend the demonstration at Amlwch on the Bank Holiday.

15 (3)
1888, Aug. 2, Criccieth
Did not know of William George's whereabouts until he received his letter. Will look for Michael [?Davitt's] letter as it will be of great help to William George in his visit to Ireland next year. Is busy preparing the Llanfrothen case and has resolved to put the case in Indermaur's hands. The letters in Yr Herald Gymraeg. His prospects of selection as prospective parliamentary candidate for the Caernarvon Boroughs; JT believes Bangor to be unanimous and Caernarvon almost so.

16 (2)
[?c. 1888-9], 'Tuesday morning', Mynydd Ednyfed, Criccieth
Has been persuaded by Maggie to stay at home because of an eye infection. Could William George bring over the Pwllheli papers?

17 (2)
[?c. 1888-9], 'Tuesday evening', Mynydd Ednyfed, Criccieth
His throat. Plans to come to Portmadoc the following day. Could William George send a note outlining the affairs of Lloyd George and George?

18 (4)
[1889, Aug. 20], Cambrian House, Llandrindod

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'Lle doniol ydi hwn frawd. Nis gwn yn iawn beth i feddwl o honno'. Discusses legal cases. Has attended a prayer meeting.
Includes a note from MLG.

19 (1)
[1889, Aug. 22, Llandrindod]
Envelope only.

20 (2)
[1889], 'Saturday morning', Criccieth
Refers to legal cases. Was disappointed not to receive a letter from the 'Esgob'.

21 (3)
[1889], Dolgellau
Describes the meeting at Harlech - 'I never spoke better. My fluency was unbroken ... excellent audience in numbers, intelligence & enthusiasm ... I finished up with a fiery war cry calling the Welsh tribes to do battle for their country. ... Many told me that if they had known in the County I would stand an election I would have been selected in a great number of places. I never delivered a more successful speech'. Has been described by W. R. Davies as 'a very able young lawyer from Criccieth'.

22 (2)
(1890, Jan. 13, Bangor)
Encloses the previous day's letters. The adjournement of a case in the County Court.

23 (3)
[1890, Feb. 5], 'Wednesday night', Bethesda
Has arrived from Cardiff. The meetings were 'a complete success'. The South Wales Daily News is complimentary. 'They would not allow me to speak in English shouting "Cymraeg". There was quite an uproar'. Will forward the newspapers.

24 (3)
[1890, March], 'nos Lun'
Samuel T. Evans and Professor Prys are to speak the following evening. Prys's speech will be excellent. Suggests a re-canvass. The report in the Daily Post that Nanney is to be given a baronetcy if defeated. The prospects in the by-election: 'Very doubtful. Very close contest. One vote may win. The other side are making superhuman or sub-human exertions'.

25 (5)
[1890, April 21], 'Monday afternoon', House of Commons
Discusses numerous legal cases. Does not now intend to go to Dr Clifford's as is preparing for the Tabernacle meeting.

26 (3)

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1890, April 29, House of Commons
There is no risk over the division. The Deceased Wife's Sisters Bill comes on in the Commons the following day. 'The Fisheries question is the only one I care for'. Has not seen the Pontypridd Chronicle - 'You really must not keep things from me', - or the Daily Graphic.

27 (3)
1890, May 1, House of Commons
Discusses legal business. Anticipates a good debate this evening. Is now 'perusing the Tithe Bill with a view to drafting amendments'.

28 (3)
1890, May 2, House of Commons
Comments on legal cases. Anticipates the Tithe Bill.

29 (3)
1890, May 13, House of Commons
Has failed to find Bryn Roberts in the House of Commons. Stuart Rendel's speech. Has been praised for his speech in the Tabernacle. Would like the nonconformist report to go to the Herald: 'I shan't send it there because I am not going to recognize that paper at all'.

30 (3)
1890, May 15, House of Commons
Legal work.

31 (4)
[1890, May 19], 6 Craven Street, Charing Cross
Legal work.

32 (2)
[June 1890], 35 Cadogan Terrace, London
Has found suitable chambers for Clifton at South Square, near Holborn. 'My first division last night. I voted against Bi-metallism but I couldn't tell you why'.
Incomplete

33 (3)
1890, June 5, House of Commons
Scored 'a splendid success' at the Free Trade Hall the previous night: 'I roused the immense & dense audience to a wild fury of enthusiasm. ... As regards voice & gesture I never spoke half as well'. Was told by Caine, 'You have made your reputation in England by that speech'.

34 (3)
[1890, June 14], House of Commons

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Legal cases. What does William George think of his maiden speech? It has been praised by Sir Love Parry - 'one of the most sparkling things that ever was &c'. 'I am nauseated with compliments ... they've spurred me to prepare another speech for the House'. Now regularly attends Castle Street Baptist chapel.

35 (2)
[1890, June 16], 'Nos Lun', House of Commons
Legal cases. The reaction to his maiden speech. Has received a telegram to go to Birmingham.

36 (3)
1890, June 18, House of Commons
Has read William George's letter in the Genedl. The list to the Herald. Has received a congratulatory letter from William Evans, the former Official Receiver. Is attempting to prepare a speech on the Compensation Question, but may be unable 'to catch the Speaker's eye'. Is to go to Birmingham on Saturday, invited by Collins to the annual meeting.

37 (3)
[1890, June 19], Committee Rooms, House of Commons
Is in committee 'judging some confounded Scotch Water Bill'. The reports of his maiden speech in the Welsh newspapers. Legal cases. They came within four votes of defeating the government.

38 (3)
1890, June 20, House of Commons
The vote on the tithe: 'Ar y cyfan credaf y profa fod gennyf asgwrn cefn a barn o'm heiddo fy hun'. Has more faith in Evans Jones than in Manager Rees - 'sleek, catlike, dangerous fellow, Judas'. Made an excellent speech last night.

39 (3)
1890, June 24, House of Commons, 'In Committee'
Discusses a number of legal cases. The Local Taxation Bill. 'But of course it is impossible for you to attend to all these things. I am really genuinely sorry for you. When I come down for the recess I shall make up for lost time'. The Scotch Bill Committee. Is invited to dine with Morley on 16th July.

40 (3)
1890, June 25, House of Commons
Breakwater. 'This Scotch Bill takes up all my time & I fear health now. I am confined in a crowded room without moving for 5 hours. No more Committees for me'. The 'compensation issue'. Is spending the evening with W. G. Thomas of Caernarvon. Caine wishes him to speak on his behalf at Barrow.

41 (3)
1890, July 18, House of Commons
Plans to leave for Wales the following day. Legal cases. William George's article in Y Traethodydd.

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42 (2)
1890, July 24, House of Commons
The case Lewis v. Davies. The appointment of Sir John Puleston as Constable of Caernarvon Castle - 'a scandalous piece of political jobbery. But it will have its reward. It will disgust Llewelyn Williams & the Caernarvon Town Council. Still it gives Puleston great power in Caernarvon. ...'.

43 (3)
1890, July 29, House of Commons
Legal matters.

44 (3)
1890, July 31, House of Commons
Legal matters.

45 (3)
1890, Aug. 1, House of Commons
Legal matters. William George's 'brilliant achievement at Penrhyn. It will give you a reputation & that is everything in business. Digon gwir "there's nothing succeeds like success". Once you score as an advocate you are a made man. Get a reputation for pluck & fluency & your "title is assured" `.

46 (3)
1890, Aug. 5, House of Commons
Legal cases.

47 (3)
1890, Aug. 7, House of Commons
Legal cases. Cannot now leave the Commons.

48 (4)
1890, Aug. 8, House of Commons
Has two motions on this day's paper in the Commons. May be able to leave Euston by the 5 o'clock train for Portmadoc. Legal matters.
On the reverse is a letter, 7 August 1990, from Harry Clifton, 8 New Inn, to D. Lloyd George, listing sums of money awaiting investment on the Register of the Law Society.

49 (3)
1890, Aug. 9, House of Commons
Legal questions. Sir John Puleston's appointment as constable of Caernarvon Castle. Describes an incident in the Commons between two Irish MPs.

50 (3)
1890, Aug. 12, House of Commons

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Thanks for William George's points. Plans to stay until the following evening; outlines his reasons. Legal matters.

51 (3)
1890, Aug. 27, Pwllheli
Legal cases. Plans to go to South Wales. Would like Sam T. Evans to meet him at Llandrindod.

52 (2)
1890, Oct. 22, Reform Club, Manchester
Failed to go to Liverpool, but may go the following day. Made a superb speech last night.

53 (3)
1890, Nov. 25, House of Commons
Is to meet Clifton to discuss the nomenclature of the firm, and will insist on 'Lloyd George & Co'. Is depressed by Parnell's refusal to go. 'Anger & despondency reign supreme on the Liberal benches. A gloom has overcast our late jubilance. The Tories on the other hand can hardly restrain their joyousness. Confound it all'. Has been informed by Stuart Rendel that Gladstone is 'very downhearted'. Parnell is 'a terrible man'.

54 (3)
1890, Nov. 26
Stood up to Clifdon. Parnell. Gladstone's letter has caused 'a tremendous commotion'. Anticipates 'a powerful revolt against Parnell's authority'. There is growing pressure on Parnell to resign.

55 (3)
1890, Nov. 27, House of Commons
'Dangosais dy gyfeiriadau campus at Parnell i amryw aelodau fel barn dyn pwysig dylanwadol yn fy etholaeth'. Parnell, 'an exceedingly cunning chap', refuses to yield. Trevelyan has complimented him on a passage in his Manchester speech. The Liberal Party is 'completely demoralized'.

56 (2)
[1890, Nov. 29], 'Nos Sadwrn', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has written a long letter to the Genedl. Parnell's latest manifesto.

57 (3)
1890, Dec. 2, House of Commons
The 'startling revelations' in the Blaenau case. Parnell - 'The game of obstruction is being adroitly played'.

58 (3)
1890, Dec. 3, House of Commons
Legal matters. Plans to go to St Helens and Crunstall to assist the Liberal candidate in the Bassettlaw [sic] by-election. The Tithe Bill - 'We must fight it step by step - even to the point of obstruction. But

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mind you - it is an admirable bill & I hope it will be passed. ... We should take care not to fight it except as a protest against the idea of its being a settlement of our grievance'. Parnell's stand is 'sublime. It shows what a leader he is & the stuff he is made of. It is a grand fight'. Gladstone's action has improved Liberal prospects in the Bassettlaw by-election: 'Never has he attended a more enthusiastic meeting than the one held in the Liberal interest last night'.

59 (3)
1890, Dec. 4, House of Commons
Parliament now cannot adjourn on Friday as hoped. Legal questions. Clifton has yielded; the title 'Lloyd George & Co.' is now a fait accompli. There are negotiations between the Irish and the Front Bench.

60 (3)
1890, Dec. 5, House of Commons
Legal matters. Parnell. There is a rumour that Gladstone refuses to negotiate.
'Late' addendum - The rumour was false. There is every prospect of a settlement. Gladstone has given assurances to the delegates. D. Lloyd George and Sir Wilfrid are refusing to go to Bassettlaw [sic] to speak on behalf of the Liberal candidate 'unless he gives his adhesion to the Direct Veto'.

61 (3)
[1890, Dec. 8], 'Monday evening', House of Commons
Has promised to speak at St. Helens on Thursday. The secretary to the St. Helen's Association, a solicitor, could provide useful agency work. The Steam Mills affair: 'Suicide is to my mind a perfectly justifiable escape out of difficulties & anguish. Seneca's philosophy is orthodox on this point'.

62 (2)
1890, Dec. 13, 'Saturday evening', Scotts Temperance Hall, Retford
Plans to return home on Monday and thence to Portmadoc.

63 (2)
[1890], 'Monday evening', House of Commons
William George should in future write to D. Lloyd George at 6 Craven Street, Charing Cross rather than Grassgarth. Will have to 'prune' his speech at the Tabernacle. Maggie enjoyed William George's description of Dick.

64 (3)
[1890], 'Tuesday morning', Mynydd Ednyfed, Criccieth
Legal matters.

65 (1)
[1890], 'Dydd Llun', House of Commons
Encloses the Statement of Defence. Is leaving for Holloway to speak at Einon Davies's chapel.

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66 (2)
[1890], 'Pnawn Gwener', House of Commons
Legal matters.

67 (2)
[1890], 'Nos Fawrth', 'Yn y tren o Gaer i Fangor'
The Dowlais meeting has crashed. Has shown the passage to D. A. Thomas who mentioned it to Sir Edward Reed.

68 (3)
[1890], 'Tuesday', Llanwern Park, Newport, Mon.
Has agreed, at the insistence of D. A. Thomas, to attend a meeting at Dowlais on Thursday. Legal matters. Last night's meeting was a great success.

69 (3)
[1890], 'Wednesday afternoon', House of Commons
Legal affairs. Did not receive the Welsh papers this morning.

70 (3)
[1890], 'Monday evening', House of Commons
Legal cases.

71 (3)
[1890], 'Friday evening', House of Commons
Legal cases.

72 (2)
[1890], 'Wednesday morning', Lloyd George and George, solicitors, Criccieth
Thanks for William George's humorous letter. The demonstration at Porthmadog. Is to see a morning performance of Hamlet. Legal cases.

73 (3)
[1890], 'Monday', Morvin House, Criccieth
Legal cases.

74 (3)
[1890], 'Nawn Mawrth', House of Commons
Legal matters. Is glad that William George has written to the Genedl on D. Lloyd George's vote - 'I am not going to follow the thumb implicitly when I know the policy of my party is a mistaken one both on the score of tactics & sound reason'. Sir William Harcourt has praised D. Lloyd George's speech.

75 (2)

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[1890]
Is annoyed that Uncle Lloyd is indignant that he [D. Lloyd George] does not participate in Commons debates - 'I can't rush in like a babbling idiot to express my views upon every conceivable topic. ... Unless he restrains himself I'll throw it up in disgust'. Is to dine with Dr Clifford and his son.

76 (2)
[1890], Mynydd Ednyfed
Should D. Lloyd George go to Borth? 'I haven't got any cash. Will you bring me £10 with you tomorrow without fail or I shall be in a dickens of a pickle. I hope to be able before the recess to make London pay for itself'.

77 (3)
[1890], 'Wednesday', House of Commons
Have carried the bill by a majority of six. D. Lloyd George's speech was much applauded. 'Stuart Rendel tells me that the Speaker volunteered a statement to him that I had spoken admirably'. Told in the division with Bowen Rowlands.

78 (2)
[1890]
Willie and Hannah are to spend the evening with them. Appreciates William George's 'funny letters'. Is going up to Roden Street.

79 (5)
[1890], 'Monday evening', House of Commons
Legal matters: Lloyd George and George. Discusses a possible libel case. 'At present the Welsh MPs are on the warpath discussing Tithe'; Rendel is making 'a very feeble & mistaken attack' on the Bill. Anticipates a debate on Welsh disestablishment in February or March, by which time 'the Parnell scare' will be over. Gladstone will speak on that occasion. Parnell's tactics; he is 'an utter desperado'. Schnadhorst has asked D. Lloyd George to speak on behalf of J. W. Mellor in the Bassetlaw by-election. 'If Parnell resigned quietly today we might win that seat. Otherwise I don't know what may happen. I fancy we shall do well as long as the old man has repudiated Parnell'.

80 (3)
[1890], 'Nos Sadwrn', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Gives a detailed account of the Parnell crisis. Has been talking with Michael Davitt. Legal matters.

81 (3)
[1890], 'Sunday', Cricieth
'Affairs appear to me much more complicated than I had dreamt of & I think there is good ground for Phillip Owen's suspicions'. Is to oppose the new licence at Pwllheli. Goes to Llanrwst the following day.

82 (3)

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[1890], 'Friday evening', House of Commons
Has been discussing with Clifton a possible 'sort of partnership' to share some legal work - '... the profits being shared & with economic living I could jog along nicely until I picked up a little journalistic work'. J.T. at Sir John Puleston's.

83 (3)
[1890], 'Monday', House of Commons
Legal matters.

84 (3)
[1890], 'Nawn Mercher', House of Commons
Legal matters. 'Stuart Rendel has just invited me to dine with his son-in-law Henry Gladstone. I eluded it as it meant dress-suit'. Encloses the notes for a speech to be delivered on the Welsh Church at the Tabernacle; would appreciate the comments of William George and Richard Lloyd.

85 (3)
[1890], 'Boreu Dydd Mawrth', House of Commons
Legal matters. D. Lloyd George will not be able to make his speech the following evening; 'Mabon - who is very self-important in his way - tells me that he must get half-an-hour at least otherwise he doesn't speak at all. That means 40 minutes'. There are too many other speakers so that D. Lloyd George will have only five to ten minutes; 'If that be the case I shall probably refuse to speak. I am not going to mangle a good speech'. Is to speak at Finsbury that evening.

86 (2)
[1890], 'At Stoke Newington'
Legal matters.

87 (3)
1891, Jan. 23, House of Commons
Legal matters. His future plans.

88 (3)
1891, Jan. 27, House of Commons
Will discuss the 'agency' with J. Herbert Lewis the following week. Has received nothing from the Paternoster. Spoke last night on the Tithe Bill: 'It will be an invaluable measure for us when we get Disestablishment & a measure which no Liberal Ministry would be allowed to pass'. Has amendments to propose on Thursday. Is to speak for Acland in Yorkshire the following day.

89 (3)
1891, Jan. 29, House of Commons
Legal matters.

90 (5)

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1891, Jan. 31, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Congratulations on William George's success at the Penrhyn Sessions.

91 (2)
1891, Feb. 2, House of Commons
Has spoken four times 'amid signs of attention & approval'. His first amendment to the Tithe Bill was accepted by the Government and the second was defeated by only thirty votes. Gladstone voted for his amendment. Has two further amendments.

92 (3)
1891, Feb. 3, House of Commons
Spoke seven times last night and has been praised by the Star. 'I wish I could get what was said by the Star into the C & D Herald. Never by any chance does the Herald publish anything complimentary to me'. L. O. Roberts should insert a piece in the Chronicle and Udgorn; 'He is servile & flunkeyish enough to publish things sent him by Puleston ...'. Legal matters. The Tithe debate is on Thursday and Monday. Goes to Merthyr with D. A. Thomas on Saturday. Has been highly praised by Sir William Harcourt: 'Well I hear that you have been doing very good work in the country. I have heard great things about your speeches & their success'.

93 (3)
1891, Feb. 5, House of Commons
The Barmouth Local Board Bill. Legal matters. D. A. Thomas wishes D. Lloyd George to go to Merthyr on Saturday. The Tithe Bill is to be debated that evening; '... That is my game - obstruction'. The Bishop of Llandaff is in the Commons.

94 (3)
1891, Feb. 6, House of Commons
Pentrerfelin. The progress of the Tithe Bill - 'Don't you think I am making a very good fight? Give me your candid opinion will you? Is it doing any good down there?'

95 (2)
1891, Feb. 9, House of Commons
The tithe measure. Barmouth - plans to draw up a petition.

96 (3)
1891, Feb. 11, House of Commons
His contribution to the debate on the Tithe Bill - '... the longest speech yet delivered in Committee & they all tell me the best. ... There is no doubt whatever that [ST] Evans & I have taken a decided step forward in the estimation of the House'. As a result of their efforts an important new provision has been inserted in the Bill. The Bill is to pass its third reading the following day.

97 (3)
1891, Feb. 12, House of Commons

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Legal cases. Is sending a copy of that day's Daily Graphic which refers to the 'debating power & astuteness' of D. Lloyd George and S. T. Evans, and has a sketch of Conybeare. Has been with Maggie to see their future home at Grays Inn. There are widespread congratulations for the stand of D. Lloyd George and STE - 'Rowntree the M.P. for Scarborough says that it has raised the Welsh party in the estimation of the House enormously & that it has done good even to Liberalism by adding materially to its fighting power. They all recognize that we two bore the brunt of the fight'. The Welsh newspapers.

98 (3)
1891, Feb. 16, House of Commons
Local issues. Has 'touted for business with Alfred Thomas', and sent an order for Friday's debate to J. Herbert Lewis.

99 (3)
1891, Feb. 18, House of Commons
Has received 'a very curious letter' from Rees of the Herald. Refers to Disestablishment - 'Don't think there will be the remotest chance of getting in a word edgeways. We all want to speak - especially those who didn't help us in the Tithe fight'.

100 (3)
1891, Feb. 23, House of Commons
Has been invited to dinner by Sir Edward Grey, but declined as he was half-expecting the executors of the estate of William Jones. Feels unwell.

101 (3)
1891, Feb. 24, House of Commons
Birthday greetings. Price Owen did not turn up. Legal matters. The Pwllheli affair.

102 (2)
1891, Feb. 27, House of Commons
Legal matters. Came to the House that evening because questions were being asked on the taxation of ground rents and land values. Has a notice on the paper drawing attention to the employment of the military at a tithe sale.

103 (3)
1891, March 2, House of Commons
Legal cases. The Barmouth Harbour Trust. Has received a congratulatory letter from Thomas Gee.

104 (3)
1891, March 3
The discussion in the House is 'dull', but will improve when Gladstone speaks. Legal matters. Plans not to attend the Temperance meeting at the Dome the following day as he wishes to prepare a speech on the employment of the military in tithe sales.

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105 (3)
1891, March 4, House of Commons
Legal matters. Would like William George to be one of the directors of Y Genedl. May go to Brighton.

106 (3)
1891, March 5, House of Commons
Legal matters. The meeting at Brighton was 'splendid' with 4,000 present. The purchase of a machine worth £400 for Y Genedl.

107 (2)
1891, March 6, House of Commons
Encloses the account of Y Genedl. Legal matters.

108 (3)
1891, March 7, House of Commons
The financial affairs of Y Genedl - 'It is a matter of great importance by cutting down Directors fees you may make £5 to £10 per annum for Ll G & G ...'. Is to have tea with Price Owen that afternoon. Encloses a report from The Times of the action against Sir John Puleston; would like Uncle Lloyd to translate it into Welsh for publication in Yr Udgorn. 'The whole thing is a most shady transaction. ... Reading between the lines it is a most fraudulent transaction'. Poor Humphrey!

109 (3)
1891, March 9, House of Commons
Legal matters.

110 (2)
1891, March 10, House of Commons
Robert Williams deceased. Has received a job from Thomas Lewis MP; it may be worth £3 to £5.

111 (2)
1891, March 17, House of Commons
Is 'in the throes not exactly of preparation but of anticipation for tomorrow'. Would like to be able to speak in the debate. Did very well last night at Exeter Hall. Legal matters.

112 (2)
[1891, March 19], London
Is in the midst of a debate on the tithe. The government has accepted two of his amendments. Maggie will arrive on the 6 o'clock train. Sir George Trevelyan has just congratulated him on the previous day's speech in the House - 'I had given the House now a taste of my quality'.

113 (2)

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1891, April 8, House of Commons
'Wedi talu £250 Thomas Palestina'. Has not yet seen the girls.

114 (2)
1891, April 9, House of Commons
Congratulations on William George's success with the Wesleyan minister: 'We were all dancing with joy as we never expected it'. Legal matters.

115 (3)
1891, April 14, House of Commons
Legal matters. Had an appointment at the Commons with Palestina Lewis. Gwylwyn. Plans to speak on the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill the following Wednesday week. Goes to the Oxfordshire election the next day.

116 (2)
1891, April 15, House of Commons
'Newydd ddychwelyd o Radnorshire. Blaenau Festiniog gogoneddus'. Legal matters. Evans's Bill.

117 (3)
1891, April 16, House of Commons
William George should address mail to Clifdon [sic]. Legal matters.

118 (3)
1891, April 27, House of Commons
Richard Lloyd's health - 'Take care of him. He is a good downright honest old soul. A perfect gem of a character however eccentric he may appear at times'. Legal matters. Barmouth Harbour.

119 (3)
1891, April 28, House of Commons
Legal matters. Richard Lloyd's health. May speak the following day on Leasehol ds Enfranchisement.

120 (2)
1891, April 29, House of Commons
Legal cases. Failed to speak on Leaseholds Enfranchisement. Goes to the Tabernacle that evening to address a Baptist Temperance meeting.

121 (3)
1891, April 30, House of Commons
Has been entertaining Anita and her governess to tea: 'Frawd os oes rhywbeth yna ti fe ddylet osod dy gap am yr ieuengaf. Geneth brydferth a chall a chlen i'r eithaf. Dyna fy marn disymmwth i'. Is to meet W. J. Parry that evening. The Herald concern - 'to me a matter of business ... I must be allowed to charge for negotiating the business'. Legal matters. Has sent Uncle Lloyd 'a very amusing & shrewd book on Parliamentary life'.

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122 (3)
1891, May 4, House of Commons
Has spent £125 on furniture: 'The girls helped each other to increase my bill. I could have managed Maggie pretty well but when she was reinforced by Mair I surrendered at discretion or rather compromised'. Hopes that Will Jones has 'sufficient experience & smartness' to manage the office. Enjoyed William George's verses.

123 (3)
1891, May 5, House of Commons
Business matters - Yr Herald and Y Genedl: 'This transaction ought to pay. I shall charge professionally in any event'. Should S. T. Evans be allowed to join the syndicate?

124 (2)
1891, May 5, House of Commons
Legal matters.

125 (3)
1891, May 7, House of Commons
Yr Herald and Y Genedl. Legal matters.

126 (3)
1891, May 8, House of Commons
Pentrefelin. Yr Herald - 'Well I don't see why S. J. P[arry] should share in profits if he can't advance portion of Capital to fund it'. Legal matters.

127 (3)
1891, May 14, House of Commons
Legal matters. 'Influenza microbes teeming in the House. But a fellow must stick here & not funk'. Anticipates an all-night sitting of the House. 'I am rather chagrined at your lack of appreciation of what I've done this session. I have already spoken 40 times & yet you say I've "done nothing". I can't take part in the Irish Land Bill in Committee as it requires expert knowledge of finance & Irish land. This is not the place you can talk of things you know nothing about - at least not with impunity. You must know more than the average before the average will listen to you'.

128 (2)
1891, May 22, House of Commons
Has written to the Liverpool Mercury and would welcome William George's comments - 'I couldn't help slating him. It is so confoundedly gratuitous & malicious. Even Tom Ellis says so'.

129 (1)
[?1891, c. late May], House of Commons

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Has decided to include the enclosed warning; it will give prominence to the Welsh question. Has asked the Liberal Whip to secure a pair for him until 2 June. His forthcoming meetings in Wales.

130 (2)
1891, June 8, House of Commons
William George's health.

131 (3)
1891, June 9, House of Commons
William George's health: 'They all tell me here Bryn, Ellis & Evans & Alfred Thomas that you should guard yourself the first few days you go out'. Wishes to receive a few copies of the pamphlet of the Bangor speeches. Family news.

132 (3)
1891, June 12, House of Commons
Legal matters. The Stanley Reception Committee wish D. Lloyd George to present Stanley with an address at Caernarvon the following Monday, but it is the date of the third reading of the Irish Land Bill. Dick is 'very naughty'.

133 (3)
1891, June 13, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Thanks for the assistance with the Free Education measure. Has attended a meeting of the Disestablishment Committee: 'After a long long discussion we at last formulated a very satisfactory set of resolutions wh: pledges the Welsh party ... to co-operation. This I think means, if carried by the party meeting next Thursday, the success of the enterprise'. Has written a long letter to Y Genedl. Family news.

134 (3)
1891, June 16, House of Commons
Legal matters. Is planning a 'stunning good if not a stirring speech' for the Free Education Debate: 'I have not unearthed any diamonds in doing so, but cold steel in plenty'. Family news. The speech of Sir John Gorst, the Under Secretary for India, 'in defence of the Indian Govts conduct in the Manipur affair. The most remarkable speech I've heard since I am in this House'.

135 (2)
1891, June 18, House of Commons
Is attending a meeting of the Welsh MPs on the Disestablishment campaign. Legal matters. Is 'preparing elaborately' for the second reading of the Free Education fight, but doubts whether he will be given an opportunity of speaking.

136 (3)
1891, June 19, House of Commons

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William George's success has been 'quite phenomenal'. The Welsh Committee has resolved to move an amendment to the Free Education Bill; D. Lloyd George proposed the amendment. The Liberals defeated the government last night - 'The scene was one of considerable excitement & it was followed by all sorts of rumours about resignation. Nothing has however happened & we are today pursuing the even tenor of our day'. Has taken R. O. Roberts to see Clifton, and was introduced by ROR to an influential London Welshman. 'I am taking the hint. I am not sure but that later on when I have thoroughly picked up the work here I may not establish a tolerable London practice'. 'Mabon at it, poor fellow. It is positively painful. He can't command a sufficiency of decent English to express his mind'.

137 (3)
1891, June 22, House of Commons
The Commons is now discussing the Irish question and 'distress in Donegal', and time is reduced for the Free Education Bill: 'On this question the Liberal leaders are showing funk. They don't want to fight. Great mistake of course'. Hopes to be able to speak in the debate and plans to put down an amendment. 'I have just seen Tom Ellis & it seems that we are all anxious to reserve their oratory for tomorrow'.
Addendum: 'Division over Irish Question over & we are now in Free Education'.

138 (3)
1891, June 24, House of Commons
D. Lloyd George's speech was admirable - 'Made the other side very angry & my own very pleased'. Is to fetch Maggie to Caine's party. Legal cases.

139 (6)
1891, June 26, House of Commons
Legal matters. The debate in the Commons - 'You wrong me in making a charge of idleness against me. ... Through no fault of my own I failed to catch the Speaker's eye. That was my misfortune & not my fault'. Spoke last night upon the refusal of the Government to sanction the establishment of a volunteer corps at Festiniog - 'It was only a clever piece of parliamentary manoeuvring. ... I raised some sort of hare'. Justifies his actions. 'My speech somewhat of a topic of conversation. I am getting to be regarded as one of those who represent the fighting Noncon: view on the question'.

140 (3)
1891, June 30, House of Commons
Has disposed of his amendment concerning teachers in denominational schools. Harcourt, Trevelyan and Chamberlain spoke in the debate. Professor Stuart, the editor of the Star, has complimented D. Lloyd George on his sketch in the Star, and has invited further contributions. Has received the enclosed abusive letter from Williams, formerly of Llanystumdwy.

141 (2)
1891, July 6
Legal matters.

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142 (3)
1891, July 7, House of Commons
Legal matters. Anticipates his amendment - 'an attempt to make provision for the surplus so as to prevent its being paid over to the parsons'. Douglas the barrister has committed suicide - 'the result of worry over the Duncan affair at Bettwsycoed. Lost sleep &c.'. Has written a leader for the Star, but it was abbreviated severely.

143 (3)
1891, July 13, House of Commons
Legal matters. The attack by the Caernarvon curate upon D. Lloyd George at the Caernarvon School Board. How should D. Lloyd George react?

144 (3)
1891, July 14, House of Commons
Legal matters. Has spoken of 'the necessity of providing harbours & piers for fishery ports'. Has 'an editorial note' in that day's Guardian. The question about Hugh Edwards is on the notice paper, but it cannot be asked until Friday.

145 (3)
1891, July 15, House of Commons, 'In Committee Room No 6'.
Has been on a committee to try a Scotch Boundary question. Legal matters. John Evans Jones's opinion of D. Lloyd George's letter. 'What do you think of enclosed from Peter the little - Cool, to invite me to stigmatise my own conduct as cowardly'.

146 (3)
1891, July 16, House of Commons
Legal matters. Matters will be rushed through in an all-night sitting. Stuart Rendel has asked D. Lloyd George's advice concerning a suitable donation to the Disestablishment campaign; Rendel proposed £300. But he has now resolved to pledge £500, though not £1000.

147 (3)
1891, July 20, House of Commons
Will probably be unable to come over on Saturday as his motion on the employment of the military at tithe sales cannot come on until next week. This is 'a very dull & flat time of the year'. Discusses Nanney - 'confound him he had no business to insult me'. Is conducting an enquiry into the slate quarry royalties.

148 (3)
1891, July 22, House of Commons
Legal cases. Is about to go to a meeting of the Welsh MPs. Has had a conversation with old Robinson of Talysarn.

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149 (2)
1891, July 23, House of Commons
Is very busy working on the Railway Rates Bills.

150 (2)
1891, July 24, House of Commons
Has ensured that his amendments comprise the most important points.

151 (3)
1891, Sept. 9, Gwalia, Llandrindod Wells, Radnorshire
Is to go to Pontypridd for the conference the following day. Wishes to know how registration is proceeding. Has decided to go for the Bar and is urged to do so by Marchant Williams. Wishes William George to forward the necessary papers.

152 (5)
1891, Sept. 13, Gwalia, Llanrindod Wells
Has heard from a very intelligent boy from Caernarfon that twenty votes are being lost because of W. J. Williams conducting the cases in the court at Caernarfon - 'hollol inept'. The next day a large number of objections and good claims come up, but poor advocacy in the court could cost thirty of these. Begs William George to go to the court. Has been advised it would be unwise for him [D. Lloyd George] to go there. Legal cases. 'A myn siarad dros y blaid'.

153 (3)
1891, Sept. 17, Gwalia House, Llandrindod Wells
Had promised Dr G. B. Clarke MP to visit Scotland and address a meeting at Aberdeen. Has now received an enigmatic telegram from Clarke and is at a loss what to do. Clarke 'is a very wealthy fellow & as he talks of starting an evening paper in London. I should like to be well in with him'. Believes Clarke would like him [D. Lloyd George] to address meetings in his constituency. 'I am in a dickens of a fix'.

154 (3)
[1891, Sept.], Holie House, Wick
Outlines in some detail his proposed Newcastle speech: why an appeal should be made to the Liberal Party to adopt Disestablishment and why the Liberal Party should agree to such a measure - 'Wales wants it & no harm wd ensue to England'.

155 (2)
?1891, Oct. 10
The Daily News meeting - 'John Morley present. He & Edwards had a great tussle in the course of which Edwards being the more forceful man quite overpowered J.M.!'

156 (2)
[1891]

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Legal cases. '... the godfather business. Tom Ellis & Lloyd Morgan & Bryn are keen upon it. So is Maggie'. Encloses the article from the previous day's Star and that day's parliamentary sketch. Stuart Rendel believes the article to be 'too abstract & philosophical for a newspaper'. The result at Carlow.

157 (2)
[1891]
Has received the telegram. Is glad that William George and Uncle Lloyd approve.

158 (2)
[1891], Washington Hotel
Is leaving for Glasgow. Legal matters

159 (3)
[1891], Sheffield, 'Nawn Mercher'
Will be at the Reform Club, Sheffield the next day and Thursday. Enjoyed a wonderful reception at Merthyr, and received the greatest compliment from George Osborne Morgan. Is to send (for a fee of one guinea) an article to Edwards, Y Genedl. Fears treachery at Sheffield, for Ellis Edwards, Frank Edwards and Ellis Griffith have been billed to speak before him. Fears that he may not be able to speak at all.

160 (2)
[1891], 'Bron Eifion', Carnarvon, 'Friday evening'
Went to the Genedl office that evening to see Edwards, but the men were not there. Needs details for the tithe debate - 'I intend making a slashing speech in the House'.
Incomplete

161 (1)
[1891]
Is anxious to deliver a good speech on the tithe question.
Mutilated fragment; may be remainder of no. 160.

162 (3)
[1891], Normal College, Bangor, 'Sunday evening'
Robert Thomas, shipowner, wishes to receive a detailed bill. The meeting at Waenfawr was a 'splendid success'.

163 (3)
[1891], Mynydd Ednyfed, Criccieth [preumably written at Llandrindod]
Legal matters. Llandrindod news; went out fishing with Alavon the previous day. Drinks the saline every morning.

164 (2)

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[1891], House of Commons
Legal cases.
Incomplete

165 (3)
[1891], House of Commons
Was elected a member of the Standing Committee on Law in the House of Commons the previous day: 'That is a distinct mark of substantial progress made in the esteem of the House. Can't you get it into the Udgorn?' 'Don't you think the Puleston case will help to explode him?'

166 (3)
[1891], 'Boreu Sadwrn', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is leaving for Lewes, but is returning early to prepare for important meetings next week. Has missed the train and is thus preparing for Newcastle where he plans to develop a Radical programme. Has ready a plan for an original speech.
Incomplete

167 (2)
1892, Feb. 16, House of Commons
Has been invited by Professor Stuart to contribute a weekly letter to the Weekly Star. Has succeeded in securing the first slot on Friday for his motion condemning Beresford.

168 (3)
1892, March 7, House of Commons
Was alarmed at the receipt of William George's telegram on Saturday evening. Saw Bryn Roberts this morning who is 'confident as usual'. Legal cases. The local election results: 'With the exception [of] Criccieth & Pwllheli they are all eminently unsatisfactory'.

169 (2)
1892, March 9, House of Commons
The Salvation Army debate about the Eastbourne Disturbances is due the following day. Many from Carnarvon have written to urge him to support the bill. Legal matters. Has spoken for a few minutes on the Places of Worship Enfranchisement Bill.

170 (2)
1892, April 12, House of Commons
Had to remain in the House all through the afternoon for the ballotting. Has 'succeeded in getting a night for discussion of Fisheries & another for the Union of Welsh County Councils'. Plans to go to Barry on Thursday.

171 (3)
1892, Aug. 8, House of Commons
Legal and business matters.

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172 (3)
1892, Aug. 9, House of Commons
Has been to the Local Government Board to discuss Uwchyllyn. Gladstone and Churchill are to speak that evening. Suggests William George should go to the Continent for a holiday this summer.

173 (3)
1892, Aug. 10, House of Commons
Legal matters.

174 (2)
1892, Aug. 28, 'Summit Eiffel Tower, Paris'
Is much impressed by Paris. The weather.

175 (2)
['Late August/early Sept. 1892'], Grand Hotel Victoria, E Wessinger, 'Monday evening'
Has received letters from William George and Captain Thomas Iorwerth. Will write to the Postmaster General the following day. Legal matters. The weather.

176 (3)
1892, Nov. 12, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Clarke is 'a most unbusinesslike chap'. Plans to take matters in hand himself. Is to go to Paris on Sunday. Discusses the formation and registration of the Welsh Patagonian Goldfields Syndicate Ltd.

177 (2)
[1892], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW, 'Wednesday'
Legal matters.

178 (2)
[1892], Bronwydd, Cardiff, 'Saturday'
Newspapers. Goes to Liverpool on Monday morning. The previous night's meeting was 'superb': 'fully 1500 present, packed & enthusiastic'. There is a temperance meeting that evening.

179 (2)
[1892], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW, 'Sunday'
Legal matters.

180 (3)
[1893, Jan.], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW, 'Saturday'
Discusses details of the Patagonian company. Is about to leave for Palace Mansions.

181 (3)
1893, Jan. 2, House of Commons

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'Judging by the letters received this morning you seem to have had a high old time of it down there yesterday'. Hears that Prichard is going to 'kick out' Beriah Gwynfe Evans: 'What supreme folly!' Discusses the merits of various individuals as possible editors of the newspapers: Ap Ffarmwr [John Owen Jones (1861-99)] or Ellis Owen. 'Beriah has increased the circulation some thousands, he has raised the status of the papers immensely'. The Patagonian venture.

182 (3)
1893, Jan. 7, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is now concluding the last Patagonian meeting for some time. Are to meet Hoefer at Victoria Station to see him off. Parry and Hughes were ousted from the Board. Believed that William George would enjoy a trip to London when Parliament is sitting. Does not wish to face very much legal work during the next fortnight. 'I have for the last 3 months not given a thought to politics & unless I am going to lapse into the background altogether & let those confounded Methodist snobs sweep past me & deprive me of a hard earned position I must make 2 to 3 good speeches before Parliament meets. I have 3 very important engagements'.

183 (3)
1893, Feb. 18, House of Commons
Gave Acland the transfer deeds the previous day. Quotes a telegram from 'the exploration chaps'. 'They are taking longer time to complete than we thought they would. I hope they won't dilly-dally until the winter is upon them'. The Liberals have won Hexham and the anti-Parnellites have won South Meath. 'The Government is giving way to us'. Dined with Dilke and Lady Dilke the previous night and Harcourt that evening.

184 (3)
1893, Feb. 25, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Encloses the Westminster Gazette and the Budget for Uncle Lloyd. The Tory majority at Horsham has been cut to 600. 'We are getting on beyond our wildest anticipations'. His speech at Shrewsbury is described as 'splendid' in the Carnarvon Herald. A Liberationist meeting held at Manchester on Thursday passed that the resolutions should be sent to Gladstone, Asquith, Rendel and Lloyd George. The Liquor Bill on Monday: 'Tell Cwrdd Dirwest tomorrow. No compensation & direct veto'.

185 (3)
1893, March 3, House of Commons
Congratulations on William George's management of affairs. Has made much money from journalistic work that week, thanks to columns in the Guardian and the British Weekly. Encloses extracts from Lady Florence Dixie's article on Patagonia in the Fortnightly Review. Financial matters. Is to dine with Trevelyan privately that evening. William George should show the British Weekly to Richard Lloyd.

186 (2)
1893, March 15, House of Commons

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His speech has been highly praised.

187 (3)
1893, May 15, House of Commons
Has arrived from Devon. Could William George send him a list of Liberals at Porthmadog, Criccieth and Pwllheli eligible to be appointed as Land Tax Commissioners? Home Rule is 'jogging along'.

188 (3)
1893, June 5, House of Commons
Local news. Has three meetings that week. Herbert Lewis has arranged a meeting at Chatham. Is preparing for the petitions motion.

189 (3)
1893, June 7, House of Commons
Barmouth pier. Goes to speak at Acton that evening. Has written three paragraphs for the Guardian. Did William George attend the funeral of Lewis Edwards? The bill for the Patagonian business should be prepared.

190 (3)
1893, June 10, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Wrysgan: Sam Evans and D. Lloyd George believe that there is a good case for compensation for surface damage. A Patagonian meeting was convened that afternoon.

191 (2)
1893, June 12, House of Commons
Williams will prove to be a most useful employee - 'He will relieve you of a good deal of drudgery which embarrassed your dealings with more important work'. Had heard that [David] Richards has left Chubut for the Patagonian mines.

192 (3)
1893, June 16, House of Commons
Legal matters. 'We are now engaged in an attempt to prod the old man over the Disestablishment question & Rendel late last night wrote to tell me he couldn't write the letter which it is intended to present to Gladstone & desiring me to draft it'. Has prepared six or seven pages which have been submitted to the Emergency Committee. When Rendel see this, '"ructions" will then ensue'. 'I have the greatest difficulty in the world in scraping stuff for the Guardian. There is nothing doing which you are permitted to reveal'. Cannot now approach Rendel as '... we are in the throes of the most delicate negotiations where we have the greatest difficulty with Rendel'. William George's letter about Beresford's petition has been shown to the Lord Chancellor.

193 (3)
1893, July 12, House of Commons

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Legal matters - Y Genedl. 'Critical discussion on tonight. Govt shaky'. Congratulations on the Rhyl business - 'You will soon be the George Lewes of North Wales'.

194 (3)
1893, Aug. 31, House of Commons
The Petitions Committee. 'The Guardian has been rather good business this week. Were one to get a week so full of Welsh incident as this there would be no difficulty in making a very tidy incom e out of journalism'. Judge Lewis has spoken very highly of William George. Sir Charles Russell is speaking at that moment. The 'forgeries & misrepresentations' at Pwllheli. Has 'broken the back of the little D. A. Thomas cave. ... There are now only four of the Dd Thomas rump now left & they are no good'.

195 (3)
1893, Sept. 14, House of Commons
William George's conversation with Sir Edward - 'A curious old chap, isn't he? I read your interesting account of the conversation you had with him to Ellis. He was very much amused. You know how Ellis shakes with delight if there is anything which pleases him'. Has received a cheque for only £17-17-0 from the Guardian. 'It strikes me that the great art of journalism is to make bricks without straw. I am just beginning to pick it up. I'll be an expert by & bye'. When does the Welsh Land Commission first visit Carnarvonshire? The Welsh Debate is on the following day. Sir Francis Powell of Wigan is to raise the row about Miss Hughes, Bangor.

196 (3)
1893, Sept. 18, House of Commons
Congratulations on the evidence given by William George to the Welsh Land Commission at Porthmadog: 'We are all agreed up here that the evidence was the most telling yet given'. Edwyn Cynrig Roberts has died. Hoefer is to arrive at Plymouth that night. Wishes William George well for the following day's session of the Welsh Land Commission: 'You have dealt the most staggering blow yet aimed at Welsh landlordism. Dyna farn pawb. Billson the MP for Barnstaple who watches the Commission keenly says it is far & away the best yet done for the tenants'.

197 (2)
1893, Sept. 19, House of Commons
William Humphreys has failed conspicuously - 'You sat upon him completely in your explanatory statement. Evidence is distinctly good. John Rhys writes from Criccieth to Ellis a glowing a/c of it'. Rhys believes that Walter Jones has 'ruined the landlords'.

198 (3)
1893, Sept. 21, House of Commons
The evidence from Carnarvon to the Land Commission is 'very unsatisfactory' - '... A thousand pities it should have been so mismanaged'. D. Lloyd George's 'lengthy rigmarole' in that day's Guardian. Has spent all day with Hoefer; things have not gone well. 'Now the record is mum - dim sibrydiad wrth neb. Not even W. J. Parry knows anything about it'.

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199 (3)
1893, Nov. 11, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Asquith has been preoccupied with the Employers' Liability Bill, but is now 'out of the wood'. Voted against the Government - 'I had no alternative'. Has been discussing disestablishment with Tom Ellis at Rendel's house - 'We did nothing. I ripped up Rendel's scheme that is all. It is a very difficult task'.

200 (2)
1893, Nov. 15, House of Commons
Plans not to come down if William George intends to retain counsel for the Llanbedrog case. Prefers to write something for the Guardian. 'I am running Wm Jones. ... Privately Ellis would prefer WJ I think'.

201 (3)
1893, Nov. 17, Palace Mansions, Addison Bridge, Kensington
Why has he received no letter from Garthcelyn? William George's case did not come on after all. Is writing for the Guardian. Williams, Garn is resigning - 'forced to owing to bad reports by Inspector. School Grant witheld this year altogether & the poor fellow only gets £14 a quarter'. Williams 'means to try his luck in London. He'll starve I fear'.

202 (3)
1893, Nov. 20, House of Commons
The Game case. Is now writing a summary of a certain Miss Orme's report on female labour in Wales. It may appear on Wednesday in the Guardian. 'What a squasher. Tremendous. Ellis & I sat down for an hour to meditate upon it & chew it like a "joy o bacco" & spit it out'. This should certainly please Richard Lloyd.

203 (3)
1893, Nov. 22, House of Commons
Applauds William George's success with Judge Lewis. The Guardian did not publish D. Lloyd George's article: 'The stuff is too old I suppose or not sufficiently interesting for the general public. Well it is very disappointing. It means three hours work thrown away & the prospect of earning £5 unrealised'. Asquith and Gladstone have written to Rendel 'to ask for the terms of our demands on Disestablishment', and Rendel has contacted D. Lloyd George and Tom Ellis. 'It is a very difficult business'. Family news.

204 (3)
1893, Nov. 24, House of Commons
Has spent the morning with Rendel, Ellis and Sam Evans 'preparing our minimum demands for Disendowment'. Gladstone has 'himself taken the business in hand already. He is full of it. That is a good sign that the Government are really in earnest'. Rendel is to present their 'terms' to Gladstone. '[Sam] Evans was asked in to prevent any South Walians feeling sore because the whole matter was left to North Wales members. Of course this must be treated as a very strict secret'. Dr Clarke's case.

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205 (3)
1893, Nov. 25, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Patagonia - a claim made for provisions and horses. [David] Richards has 'grossly exceeded his instructions'. Is to address a Temperance Demonstration in South London the following day. Family news - 'long & newsy letters' from Uncle and Mary 'consumed greedily all round'.

206 (6)
1893, Nov. 27, House of Commons
Snowdon. Has a long article in that day's Guardian on Poor Law administration in Wales. Letters received from Buenos Ayres. William George should write a formal letter to Sir Edward.

207 (3)
1893, Nov. 28, House of Commons
The Patagonian affair - 'I hope we'll have something soon that will enable us to put together a decent prospectus to raise another £1000 or £2000'. Has sent a column to the Guardian. W. J. Parry has wired to say that he is leaving for Chubut the following day. What about the electoral prospects in Anglesey? Has no plans to interfere there. Has been invited to spend Sunday at the home of Sir Julian Goldsmid [sic], a Liberal Unionist.

208 (3)
1893, Nov. 29, House of Commons
Patagonia - is awaiting Parry's report. Does not believe as much time has been wasted as was previously thought. 'I don't think matters are so bad after all'. His article in the Guardian. Family news.

209 (3)
1893, Dec. 4, House of Commons
Patagonia: there is to be a meeting of the directors the following day. Is to speak at the Covent Garden Theatre, but only for ten minutes. Dick.

210 (3)
1893, Dec. 6, House of Commons
Is to see the Local Government Board on the Pentrerfelin affair. Has a cold and may be unable to attend the Temperance meeting that evening: 'I have hardly any voice left, I feel seedy & would, I am convinced, make a mess of it'. The permanent officials are 'wretched fellows' and Fowler 'such a timid hide-bound chap'.

211 (2)
[1893, Dec. 8], Palace Mansions
His cold. William George should send Caer to Llanystumdwy 'for information' - 'I know he'll do the work thoroughly. He has been perfectly satisfactory on previous occasions'.

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212 (3)
1893, Dec. 9, House of Commons
His cold. Poor Baldwyn Lloyd. 'Sound & fury' characterize the Commons at the moment. The Genedl libel case - 'what a mess, but we ought to get out of this with a small payment into Court'.

213 (3)
1893, Dec. 14, House of Commons
Seaforth v. Griffith. The government is to face 'a life & death struggle with the Tories'. Balfour that day 'threw off the mask & practically threatened obstruction'. A visit to the dentist, 'frightfully painful', prevented his approaching the Local Government Board on the Pentrefelin affair.

214 (3)
1893, Dec. 16, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
His contributions to Y Genedl and Guardian. Is to go to Acton that evening to speak on Disestablishment. Mair is 'singing & screaming alternately'. 'I think Prichard is making an awful blunder in dismissing Beriah. Ap Ffarmwr is no organiser at all & D. W. Davies is a pettyfogger'.

215 (3)
1893, Dec. 18, House of Commons
The entertainment over the New Year. May be unable to come home for Christmas. W. J. Parry and Patagonia. The previous day's 'very fine meeting' at Acton on Welsh disestablishment: 'I was in good form'.

216 (3)
1893, Dec. 19, House of Commons
W. J. Parry's letter. There is a need to raise money if Hoefer is to go out to Patagonia. Wishes William George to send the company's certificates and documents.

217 (3)
1893, Dec. 20, House of Commons
Patagonia; the need to raise money. An Irish MP, 'fired up with enthusiasm', has agreed to approach friends at Dublin to raise a few thousand pounds. 'I am so full of this business just now that even if there were any Welsh items knocking about I couldn't apply myself to it'. There is a need to raise £3,000 to keep the business going for a year. Discusses ways of raising the necessary capital.

218 (£)
1893, Dec. 21, House of Commons
Patagonia; the directors' meeting that day attended by Prichard. Decided to accept the offer of Patrick Chance MP. Issard Davies and the evidence of 'discontent at Bangor'. Maggie and group are to arrive that evening.

219 (2)
1893, Dec. 22, House of Commons

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The second division in the House that day; the importance of supporting the government in the Chamber. Patagonia and Patrick A. Chance, MP, Dublin.

220 (3)
[1893], Dec. 25, Grasgarth, Acton
The Christmas weather and a walk with R. O. Davies. Ellis may forget Pwllheli and needs reminding. The first draft of the Disestablishment Bill has been prepared - 'It is now in Asquith's hands. The secret has been very well kept, hasn't it?' May have to go down to the by-election in Stanhope's constituency, but refused to go to Accrington. Will attend the Monday meeting. Family news.

221 (3)
[1893], Dec. 26, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Drove with R. O. Davies to the Club to find a telegram from Patrick A. Chance. Chance's client has agreed to purchase 3,300 shares in the Patagonian Company and would like to be a member of the Board. Discusses financial details. Parry's letter. The debts can now be cleared.

222 (3)
1893, Dec. 27, House of Commons
Wil Watkin or Robyn Watkin. Financial details of the Patagonian Company.

223 (3)
1893, Dec. 29, House of Commons
Congratulations to William George - 'Providence seems to be with you. ... You have had a run of luck'. The Patagonian Company.

224 (2)
[?1893], '6.30 pm', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Patagonia. Will be discussing until midnight.

225 (3)
[?1893], 'Sunday', The Cottage, Knighton, Radnorshire
Would like William George to visit London, for, 'We had really no fun together last time, one was so absorbed in that wretched speech. But now we can go about a bit'. Is to attend the Baptist Association of Monmouthshire on Tuesday. Patagonia. Has received invitations to speak on Welsh Disestablishment.

226 (2)
[?1893], 'Monday', House of Commons
Bryn Roberts believes in amending. D. Lloyd George had already taken this view.

227 (3)
[?1893], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW

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Patagonia. May be able to raise another £5,000 to keep the business going. Patrick Chance MP is pressing. Letters received from Buenos Ayres. William George's legal work. The 'exultation' of the Chronicle over Horncastle.

228 (3)
[?1893], 'Sunday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has been preparing articles for the Guardian and the Genedl. Doubts if the Guardian will make use of his piece. Patagonia. Horncastle - Guiness Rogers's letter to the Daily News.

229 (2)
[1893], 'Thursday', House of Commons
Legal matters. Would like to have £50 placed at his disposal at one of the banks. Is now going to ask his question on Leasehold Enfranchisement.

230 (2)
[?1894, Jan.]
The meeting at Tredegar was admirable. Patrick Chance is to arrive the following day for a discussion; he is anxious to go to Patagonia himself.
Mutilated

231 (3)
1893 [recte 1894], Jan. 1, House of Commons
Chance's offer of £10,000. Was begged by the whips to remain in London; 'I took advantage of that to urge the Liberationist Society into action over the Horncastle election' where the Liberal candidate is pledged to oppose disendowment. The Society is to send Fisher to interview the candidate. 'The situation is a grave one. I am prepared to go down to actively oppose the fellow. Don't you agree?' A letter from Chance.

232 (3)
1893 [recte 1894], Jan. 4, House of Commons
The Liberation Society has 'proclaimed' against H. J. Torr, the Liberal candidate in the Horncastle by-election. Plans to distribute the resolution to the local electorate: 'We mean to beat this fellow & humble Church insolence. They treat nonconformity as if it were a mere footstool to power'. Patagonia; has received a letter from W. J. Parry. Is to go to Cardiff on Saturday.

233 (3)
1893 [recte 1894], Jan. 5, House of Commons
Patagonia and J. W. Jones's claim. 'We mean to send Hoefer out to square difficulties, to consolidate our property & to report'. The Horncastle by-election campaign; Radical MPs are beginning to refuse to go. 'It is very interesting. We have scored I think'.

234 (4)
1894, Jan. 10, House of Commons

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Patrick Chance MP and Patagonia. 'These Patagonians are rowing because Hughes has told them that we have run short of coin - that is my idea'. The Horncastle election - 'We are getting good reports'.

235 (2)
1894, Jan. 11, House of Commons
Chance is to visit Patagonia. 'I am absolutely at your disposal with regard to next week & it is for you to say'.

236 (1)
1894, Jan. 15, House of Commons
Golf with Secley. The Prime Minister's speech on self-government.

237 (3)
[?1894, Feb.], 'Sunday', Palace Mansions
Hendrefonion. Rhys and Vincent Evans and Sir John Morris-Jones. Patagonia - 'a pretty kettle of fish'. His meeting with W. J. Parry. The 'fight against the Diggleites on the London School Board. Quite pleased. It will bring me into the London Noncon: fight. It will just suit me to go for Diggle as I have for St Asaph'.

238 (2)
1894, Feb. 15, House of Commons
Has been highly praised for his speech by the Montgomery papers - 'very effusive'. Olwen's health. 'We are now voting down the Lords amendments on Parish Councils'.

239 (3)
1894, Feb. 19, House of Commons
Family news. Patagonia - 'W. J. P[arry] has played the fool. He ran away in a panic'. 'I am afraid we are going to be thrown over on the Disestablishment question. ... The old man [Gladstone] is likely to retire soon. He is breaking up visually i.e. in his visual organs & the Cabinet are all at sixes & sevens. This is very private'.

240 (3)
1894, Feb. 23, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Parry's trip to Patagonia. Would like William George to have a talk with Parry.

241 (2)
[?1894, Feb. 24], 'Saturday', House of Commons
Is leaving for Acton to address the Young Men's Society on Christian Socialism. Has spent the afternoon discussing Disestablishment with Tom Ellis. 'We are in a very serious state. Yn ddistaw there is a strong probability that the old man will retire shortly. It is quite on the cards. The Cabinet will fully believe it'.

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242 (5)
1894, Feb. 28, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'Will the Bowens drop their Toryism? That is the only interest I have in their conversion'. Discusses a legal case. His article in that day's Guardian.

243 (3)
1894, Feb. 28, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Legal matters. Patagonia - the Southern Land Company. Disestablishment - 'Four or five of us went to see [Edward] Marjoribanks [MP] this morning. We spoke out straight. I have a good mind to make a speech on the address'.

244 (1)
[1894, March 1], 'Patagonian Committee'
Discusses Patagonia: Hoefer could not go out and is determined to send W. J. Parry out again. 'It is a very troublesome business but I never have ceased to hope that one day we'll pull it off'. The Peter Williams business - 'a complication of financial & domestic trouble'.

245 (3)
1894, March 3, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Fred Ellis. Awaits 'the result of the bishop's bomb in the Holloway district'. Parry's trip to Patagonia; 'May luck follow him this time. If it doesn't then we shall be at our wits ends once more'. Is to preside that evening at a Castle Street Baptist Chapel concert. Family news. 'The atmosphere is full of Gladstone's resignation & the consequent political crisis'. Hopes to extract terms on disestablishment from the new Prime Minister; '[Tom] Ellis was quite enigmatical on the point in his reported interview in the Independent. I am afraid we are approaching "the parting of the ways"'.

246 (2)
1894, March 5, House of Commons, 'Yn y bws am adre'.
Is to write to Lord Rosebery to ask him to receive a deputation of Welsh Members that week. If he refuses to give a pledge on disestablishment, a group of ten Welsh MPs would withhold their support from the government: 'It wouldn't turn them out but it would reduce them to a state of impotence [?]'. His piece in the Guardian.

247 (3)
[1894, March 8], 'Nawn Iau', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
A gift of boots for William George. Rosebery considers a deputation of Welsh MPs 'unnecessary'. 'Ellis has done nothing. He has simply allow[ed] us to do all this disagreeable work whilst he is reaping all the good things. Had he made Disestab: a condition of acceptance of office all would be right but he was afraid to lose all'.

248 (3)
1894, March 10, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW

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Has taken great pains to write to Chance; outlines the contents of the letter. 'You might as well not let uncle see this otherwise he will raise all manner of bogies & scarecrows'.

249 (2)
1894, March 12, House of Commons
Would like William George's impressions of Rosebery. Carried the meeting for his policy today - all except Rathbone.

250 (3)
1894, March 17, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Congratulations on William George's legal success - 'You are clearly cock of that walk'. 'Humphreys Owen has caved in & Harcourt has built us a golden bridge. Our bullying has done good in both cases but "more is yet to follow"'. Does not believe Disestablishment will go through Parliament before the dissolution, 'certainly not without proceeding to the brink of revolt'. 'Ellis has lost prestige enormously by his blundering mismanagement of matters this week. He had not the remotest conception that the Government were within measurable distance even of defeat. It was quite a surprise ...'.
Incomplete

251 (3)
[1894, April], 'Friday evening', House of Commons
The result of the Blaenau case. The motion on Disestablishment is now being debated, and Prichard Morgan is making 'a long rambling dreary speech', to be seconded by Dillwyn. Anticipates a very long, tedious debate with only ten to fifteen minutes for his own speech - 'It would be hardly worth while, would it?'

252 (3)
[1894, April], 'Sunday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Herbert [Lewis] has joined the Welsh Revolt - 'Herbert's presence amongst us will in itself be a source of great strength to us'. Has been invited by Thomas Gee to speak at Denbigh. Means to 'speak out' at the Congregational Union on Tuesday.

253 (3)
1894, April 7, The Hotel Metropole, Brighton
Has to return to London on Monday in anticipation of 'a very important division'. Tom Ellis 'feels the humiliation of last week deeply & he was anxious to see me for consolation'. The Disestablishment Bill cannot now be introduced next week. The compensation to be given to the parsons. Family news.

254 (2)
1894, April 9, House of Commons
Is to discuss the Genedl case with Sam Evans.

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255 (3)
1894, April 10, House of Commons
Anticipates Grantham will be the judge in the libel case involving the Y Genedl - 'a notorious Tory of the rankest type & he will extend to us not a shred of mercy. His presence will inevitably mean a heavy verdict'. Sir Edward Watkin 'is in for a bad breach of privilege' for doing 'a very shady thing' over Lady Watkin's property. Prichard Morgan is to raise it in the Commons on Tuesday.

256 (2)
1894, April 23, House of Commons
'Festiniog is first rate. ... Frank firm as a rock. The "minor" rather ashamed of himself'.

257 (3)
[1894, April 28], 9 Palace Mansions
Pentrerfelin. Is to go to South Wales. Rosebery's assurances are worth nothing; 'We mean to press on but we must do so very circumspectly, if firmly'. Frank Edwards was 'taken in' by Rosebery's pledge. 'Our policy is to crow over it as our triumph, to claim it as a justification of our independent policy'. Has a meeting at Llandrindod on Monday.

258 (3)
1894, May 2, House of Commons
Has received many congratulations on his speech, 'a daring performance. Quite the first thing of the kind ever done here. First bold assertion of our separate National existence & first bold attack on the Church right in the front'. Uncle Lloyd's lumbago: 'I tried to pair to get down but can't'.

259 (2)
[1894, May 17], 'Thursday evening', Carnarvon Post Office
'Llwyddiant perffaith. Better than my most sanguine expectations'. The opposition last night endured 'a pitiable collapse'. Is staying with Herbert Lewis.

260 (3)
1894, May 25, House of Commons
'.. the minor has had another Spree!!! He was as drunk as an owl all day yesterday'. A meeting of the Welsh Party that afternoon when 'an emasculated proposal' to censure the Welsh revolters was presented. D. Lloyd George then moved an amendment. William George should write to him at the College, Knighton.

261 (3)
1894, May 30, House of Commons
The financial affairs of Lloyd George and George. Goes to South Wales next week - 'We are carrying all before us just now'. His proceedings on the Baptist Cymanfa. 'The South Wales Federation declared in our favour - after a tremendous row. So these fellows up here will begin to realise that something must be done either to stamp us out or take the wind out of our sails'. The Four were

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much amused by William George's letter. Would William George advertise for a shorthand writer for him?

262 (2)
1894, July 2, Yr Offis, Portmadoc
Legal matters. Plans to be at the office each day.

263 (2)
1894, July 6, Criccieth
Legal matters.

264 (4)
1894, July 21, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Discusses legal cases.

265 (2)
1894, July 30, Paris
Is writing from the top of the Eiffel Tower. Leaves for St Beatenberg the following day. Plans to visit Napoleon's tomb.

266 (3)
[1894, Aug.], 'Saturday evening', Grand Hotel Victoria, E. Wessinger, Beatenberg
The fortunes of Lloyd George and George - 'Be exceedingly careful of the cases we now take. Avoid doubtful cases - that is cases where the result is doubtful. ... Greed of sweeping everything into the office would be fatal'. Describes the locality - 'an infinite variety of scenery at every turn - a perfect kaleidoscope'.

267 (4)
1894, Aug. 3, Grand Hotel Victoria, E. Wessinger, Beatenberg
Roberts v Jones and legal matters. Describes the local scenery and his holiday 'snoozing & reading Ruskin. Both of them highly delightful occupations in their way, both also highly restful'. May be forced to return to London by the collapse of the Evicted Tenants Bill. Could William George send a £5 note 'as I may be short of cash'.

268 (1)
[1894, Aug. 8], 'Mercher', Grand Hotel Victoria, E. Wessinger, Beatenberg
Has just walked the seven and a half miles down to Interlaken - 'charming walk'. Is to leave Beatenberg the following day.

269 (2)
[1894, Aug. 9], 'Thursday', Grand Hotel Victoria, E. Wessinger, Beatenberg
Is travelling over the Brunig Pass to Lucerne. Describes their journey. Thanks for the £5 note. Legal matters. William George's proposed visit to Ireland.

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Addendum - 'Just arrived Lucerne'.

270 (3)
[1894, Aug. 11], 'Sunday'
Is in an episcopal church with Frank Edwards and his wife. Cannot write very much as, 'They bob up & down so often in this chanting shop'. The article in the Cambaryan is 'excellent'. Plans to spend Thursday and Friday night at Lucerne.

271 (3)
1894, Aug. 15, House of Commons
Has received the papers on the Borth case. Is preparing for the fight on the estimates. Tom Ellis recommends to William George a voyage to Madeira - 'It is the thing for you to get rid of your throat irritation. ... It will take you three weeks - perhaps a trifle over'. Cannot organize a meeting for T. M. Healy MP at Bangor on Friday. 'So they are trying to get Dick Prichard to fight me. He'll do'.

272 (2)
1894, Aug. 16, House of Commons
Is preparing 'a grand splash' on the estimates. Plans to bring the question of the Beach before the House when the Board of Trade estimates are discussed. William George's trip to Madeira.

273 (3)
1894, Aug. 17, House of Commons
'There is nothing that would set you up so thoroughly as a sea voyage'. Is awaiting his turn to speak on the estimates: 'I mean to kick up a row on the Criccieth beach business'.

274 (3)
1894, Aug. 18, House of Commons
Has made 'a ferocious attack' on the Board of Trade on the question of foreshores. A local enquiry on Criccieth has been conceded. 'They are very civil to me - all these Ministers - as a result of my outburst'. Encloses a letter from Professor James Bryce MP, the President of the Board of Trade, about the Criccieth Harbour. A committee to enquire into the question of re-afforesting the Crown hills in Wales has been promised. 'I have another "row" on Monday over the Census Report where the Registrar General insults Welshmen by suggesting they made false returns'.

275 (3)
1894, Aug. 21, House of Commons
Is to leave for the South Wales Liberal Federation meetings. 'What a fling we had up to the early hours of the morning. We led them a dance & taught [them] they could not trifle with Welshmen now as you could in the past'.

276 (3)
1894, Nov. 21, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW

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Is going through the papers received from Clifton - 'The whole thing has a distinctly "fishy" appearance'. John Prichard deceased.

277 (3)
[1894], Nov. 23, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is on his way to Brigg, uncertain what to do. The Patagonian meeting.

278 (3)
1894, Nov. 25, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has just returned from Lincolnshire. The affairs of Lloyd George and George.

279 (3)
[?1894, Dec.], 'Gwener', Bronwydd, Cardiff
'Llwyddiant perffaith neithiwr - especially the peroration'. The cheer for the other Welsh MPs was 'a markedly feeble one'. Alfred Thomas plans to engage Beriah Gwynfe Evans for Cymru Fydd offering £200 plus expenses. 'So there's a good riddance for Genedl if he consents'. 'Cymru Fydd is taking on & will succeed if well worked'.

280 (3)
1894, Dec. 21, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Family news. What does the Cambrian News say? The papers are full of the trouble in Birmingham. Is writing an article for the Liberal Review on the Rosebery deliverance. The fee is twenty guineas.

281 (3)
[?1894], 'Friday', Bronygan, Cemmaes
Last night's meeting was a complete success - 'I was never in better form'. Would welcome William George's views. At the afternoon conference - 'Tremendous cheering. John J. T. was there & looked blue when he saw that & afterwards when he discovered that I bossed the whole show practically a s I did'.

282 (2)
[?1894], 'Tuesday', House of Commons
Has returned from Bradford where he spoke to a crowd of more than 3,000. 'It was quite a cool audience ... but I roused them up to white heat'. The Bradford Observer has a lengthy report.

283 (3)
[?1894], 'Monday', House of Commons
Has seen 'the Local Govt Board chaps' about the Festiniog matter. They consider it 'a very nefarious transaction'. Discusses this 'shameful case' in some detail. May be able to raise the matter that evening. Spoke for twenty five minutes in the Commons causing 'a very protracted debate on the Registrar General's attack on the bilingual returns of the Census'. The President of the Board of Trade is to reply the following day. Is determined to press on.

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284 (4)
[?1894], 'Sunday', House of Commons
Family news. Is travelling to Charing Cross, mulling over in his mind an article for the Guardian. Y Genedl had the cheek to deprive him of his dividend for last year. What does William George think of Rosebery? W. J. Parry has departed for Lisbon. Has had a disagreement with the Major over the conduct of the secretarial work. Would like to engage the services of a firm with experience of this kind of work. 'More anon of this. Don't tell uncle'.

285 (2)
1895, Jan. 15, Criccieth
Leaves for Cardiff the following day. Uncle Lloyd was 'quite delighted' with William George's telegram; 'he was full of anxiety'.

286 (5)
1895, Feb. 8, House of Commons
Congratulations on William George's legal success. His pieces in the Guardian: 'The fun is that whilst the other Welsh correspondents for the Mercury (they have a man in the lobby writing special Welsh notes) & SW Daily News have scarcely anything to write about I am scraping together long paragraphs. They can't make it out'. The Agricultural Holdings case. 'Are you getting ready for Llanystumdwy? You ought to hold meetings before people get pledged - that is the point'.

287 (2)
1895, Feb. 13, House of Commons
Is leaving for Northampton. Alfred Ivor Parry - 'quite the wrong man for Barmouth. He is distinctly a chap requiring looking after & not to take charge'. Send Will and Alfred JP there.

288 (2)
1895, Feb. 14, House of Commons
Ivor's sentence has been suspended for five years. 'Parry is highly pleased. He sees some hope now of being restored'. 'Big debate on in House now. Fine meeting at Northampton. I sat upon a Canon somebody there'.

289 (3)
1895, Feb. 16, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is to see Woods and Forests on Monday. Goes to Colchester that day. William George's appointment of a clerk. The Disestablishment Bill is to come on next week. Chamberlain's motion. Would like to hear from Uncle Lloyd.

290 (3)
1895, Feb. 26, House of Commons
Has been invited by E. R. Davies to speak at Llanhaiarn [sic] on Friday. Proposes a meeting at Llanystumdwy 'after the Tory meeting'. R. O. Davies feels that his mother's health would be

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imperilled if she went out in such weather. ROD believes that Harry Owen will vote for William George. Is now enjoying peace for preparation.

291 (2)
1895, Feb. 28, House of Commons
Will come down the following day if the debate ends that evening. But does not expect to be able to speak. Will keep his speech for the second reading. 'All the life is out of the debate after the Tories announced they were not going to divide'.

292 (3)
[1895, March 1], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
His speech in the Commons was a tremendous success - 'You can read me like a book. You were quite right as to my doing better on Home Rule than on Disestablishment even'. The Newcastle Daily Leader has asserted that he 'held the House with the witchery of words'. Sir James Carmichael applauded, and Sir Charles Dilke was extravagant in his praise. 'This week quite establishes my parliamentary reputation so long as I don't upset it & I don't think I shall'. Sion Prisiart: 'Capital. Things are coming to the very pass I wanted them to. Campus inni'. Has written a column for the Guardian.

293 (5)
1895, March 9, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Legal matters: Barmouth; Mrs Humphreys. Is writing an article for the Christian World. His note in that day's Guardian is the result of an 'agricultural tip' from Uncle Lloyd.

294 (2)
1895, March 11, House of Commons
Will arrive the following day. Has arranged to see Dauckwentz at 4 o'clock. Has also organized an 'important Welsh meeting' at the same time. 'Palace points to Clifton this morning'.

295 (3)
1895, March 19, House of Commons
Goes down that evening to Chingford, Epping Forest, 'to spend tomorrow in utter seclusion to prepare my second reading speech on Disestablishment'. His column in that day's Guardian.

296 (3)
1895, March 27, House of Commons
Legal matters. His success in the previous night's debate - 'It marks a distinct advance in my parliamentary career. House filled as I spoke & ... emptied when I sat down. Balfour came in especially to hear me'. Has been highly praised.

297 (3)
1895, March 29, House of Commons

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The Barmouth foreshore question; has seen Stafford Howard that day. Outlines the steps he has taken and the progress made.

298 (3)
1895, April 1, House of Commons
Legal matters. 'Archdeacon W: ... I read the whole thing out to Willie Lewis Jones. ... He shook with laughter'.

299 (3)
1895, April 2, House of Commons
Has written seventeen pages for a column in the Guardian and arranged a meeting of the Welsh MPs. Discusses a legal case.
Incomplete

300 (2)
1895, April 2, House of Commons
Legal matters. 'Dim amser. Guardian taken all my time'.

301 (3)
1895, April 9, House of Commons
The Barmouth case. Has been in conference with Beriah Gwynfe Evans, Herbert Lewis and Alfred Thomas. Has received a promise from the Board of Trade on Barmouth. The election of the Speaker is in progress. 'Very exciting debate. Harcourt simply sat upon Balfour'.

302 (3)
1895, April 23, House of Commons
The 'appalling news from Muriau. ... An old & feeble man like poor Mr Watkin ought never to have thrown himself into work which involved violent excitement. And one knows how thoroughly excitable he was'. Cannot attend the funeral. Was sought out by the Speaker's Counsel that day. His speech in that day's Western Mail and South Wales Daily News.

303 (3)
[?1895, May], 'Saturday', Grasgarth
'So Colwyn was not deemed worthy of a prize!' Has come down to recruit with Herbert Lewis and Ellis Griffith. The Rating Bill comes on in the Commons the following week; has fifteen new amendments to put down. 'My experience in Carson's office stands me in excellent stead over this business'.

304 (3)
1895, May 3, House of Commons
The Pybus motion.

305 (3)

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1895, May 4, 9 Palace Mansions
Pybus. Gwynoro [Davies] to come up that day. Is to dine with Frank Edwards and Tom Ellis that evening - 'We are now fast friends'. 'Tom [Ellis] has changed. I had a good illustration of it last in the desire he manifested to induce me not to press my amendment in favour of a National Council, his old pet idea. Gresyn'. R. A. Griffiths's letter in that day's Mercury. - 'It is frightfully crushing. Simply crumples Bryn up'.

306 (3)
1895, May 6, House of Commons
Have started with the Disestablishment Bill. Osborne Morgan was the only one to speak 'from our ranks'. 'We mean to pursue a policy of absolute silence as far as possible'. Went against D. A. Thomas in a meeting of Welsh MPs. Has written 'a scorcher' to Beriah Gwynfe Evans for, 'He is doing but malingering at Carnarvon - "very bad"'. Evans had organized a week's campaign for D. Lloyd George during the Whitsun recess, but, 'I wrote declining with thanks telling him that it was just as well to make it clear at the outset that I do not mean to submit to a repetition of Genedl tactics & that I consequently had advised Alfred [Thomas] to withdraw the guarantee of his salary. That may cure him of his ailment'.

307 (2)
1895, May 7, House of Commons
The Disestablishment Bill is 'getting on slowly'. Has two pieces in that day's Guardian.

308 (3)
1895, May 9, House of Commons
The London and North Western Railway Bill - 'Of course we were beaten but we made a pertinacious protest'. Has put down a vote of censure on the Railway Company 'so we'll get our fling at them'. Carried a motion on a Welsh National Council on an amendment to the Disestablishment Bill at a meeting of the Welsh MPs that day; 'Last Monday I could not carry it but they were afraid of voting against it so now they support me'.

309 (2)
1895, May 10, House of Commons
'The L[ondon] & N[orth] W[estern] Rly people are moving heaven earth & the other shop in order to get us ruled out of order'. The outcome remains uncertain.

310 (3)
1895, May 11, House of Commons
Has received a letter from James Bryce MP complimenting him, on behalf of the Treasury bench, on his 'tact & judgment'. Has been highly praised for his speech in the House: 'I distinctly made a deep impression. You could see that the Tories felt quite depressed'. Is to write it up for the Guardian. 'I am frightfully done up. Suffered all the week from excruciating neuralgia - slept not one third of my time - altogether a very anxious week between my National Council amendment & L & NW Rly'. Sexton commented, 'By Jove you are getting on - you'll soon distance us'.

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311 (3)
1895, May 13, House of Commons
Osborne Morgan has informed him of the admiration for his efforts 'on the skilful way in which I handled the case'. Is to meet Gwynoro Davies the following day. Massingham, editor of the Daily Chronicle, has promised to write an article in support of his amendment on the National Council. Hopes to persuade Paul of the South Wales Daily News to do likewise.

312 (3)
1895, May 15, House of Commons
Legal matters. Margaret's speech to the women's group. Has secured an interview with Asquith and Sir Michael Hicks Beach the next day on the National Council question, but, 'Ellis takes the purely whip view of the matter I am sorry to say'.

313 (3)
1895, May 17, House of Commons
Legal matters. Goes to Ferndale the following day to reply to speeches delivered on Saturday by Bryn Roberts and D. A. Thomas. The 'Church party' has decided to support his amendment on the National Council - 'This will frighten the Govt.'.

314 (3)
1895, May 20, House of Commons
Discusses the Pybus case. Expects his amendment to come on. The meeting at Ferndale was 'a tremendous success'. See the report in the Western Mail.

315 (3)
1895, May 21, House of Commons
The Pybus case. The National Council amendment - 'We came within an ace of upsetting the Govt. - They are thoroughly frightened & I hope to induce them to help us on the 9th Clause where I propose once more to raise it'. Vincent Evans's contribution in that day's South Wales Daily News.

316 (3)
1895, May 22, House of Commons
The Pybus case: 'It was very difficult to get him to answer the questions. He rambled & roamed at large all over the shop'.

317 (3)
1895, May 23, House of Commons
'The London papers are now beginning to discover that they falsely gauged Monday's situation & now they perceive that the real advantage in the fight rests with me'. Dr Robert Wallace MP has an article in that day's Star: 'Who ate the leek?' where he condemns Asquith's speech as 'most undemocratic'. 'I think that we may carry it. The Tories mean to stick to us'.

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318 (3)
1895, May 24, House of Commons
The Pybus case. Tom Ellis has given an interview to the South Wales Daily News 'on question in dispute between S[outh] W[ales] Liberal Federation & Cymru Fydd in which he decided on all points in favour of the latter. Go dda ynte? Y mae yn gweld pa ffordd y mae'r gwynt yn chwythu'.

319 (3)
1895, May 28, House of Commons
The Pybus case. Goes to South Wales the following day. 'We must lick them out & out on this Cymru Fydd business & we are on the highway to do so. If I succeed in this & the National Council business the people will begin to believe that the "Gods are with me". They are always apt to judge by result'. Asquith seems about to give in on the National Council; Tim Healy claimed that he had '"got completely off his high horse" & talked rationally about the matter'. The English MPs 'are in a great state of funk about the whole business'.

320 (3)
[?1895], May 30, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Has spent a day at Woking with the Speaker, Sir Joseph Lease and Cairston Case; 'Lease & I gave the speaker & Cairston a very good thrashing which they took in good part'. Lease believes that 'this Preferential Tariff business will smash the Tory party', but does not anticipate an immediate dissolution of Parliament. Has no faith in R. O. [Roberts]; 'Bangor is doing nothing. Could you buck them up at all?'

321 (3)
[?1895, June], 'Sunday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has made arrangements for the funeral and has seen Gwynoro [Davies]. Has been persuaded to come down to meet the District Council, but must return for the debate on Disestablishment. Goes to Chester the next day.

322 (2)
[1895, June 6], 'Thursday', Llandrindod
Is attending a conference. Has heard from Beriah that William George is unwell. Is to be Alfred [?Thomas's] guest at the Pump Hotel. 'Superb demonstration at Treherbert last night'.

323 (3)
[?1895, June 8], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'Roberts & National Press: the terms conceded by Prichard are certainly rather stiff'. Stayed at Herbert Lewis's flat the previous night and has received two letters from him: 'he is deeply grateful, poor chap, for what I have done'. Welsh Disestablishment comes on on Monday, but his amendment will not be debated for a few days. Asquith was not to be seen at the Commons the previous day.

324 (3)

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1895, June 18, House of Commons
The move for a National Council - '... it would be worse than worthless to summon a meeting of the Welsh members to consider this question now'. Is to have an interview with Asquith on Friday. His amendment comes on on Monday.

325 (3)
1895, June 20, House of Commons
'Triumphant! 'In spite of the vilest treachery on the part of Welsh members I have succeeded. Asquith has conceded my point & the National Council is to be set up & the funds to be handed over to them'. The Welsh MPs, 'my amiable colleagues are green with envy & spite. Many a bilious attack is fermenting in their greedy stomachs'. They have attempted to organize a deputation to interview Asquith, but, 'I burst into a fury with Osborne Morgan & stamped the thing out. Poor Osborne was frightened out of his scattered wits'. Is to attend on Saturday a conference at Llandrindod between Cymru Fydd and the Federation. Would welcome William George's views.

326 (3)
[1895, June 21], 'Friday', Gwalia Hotel, Llandrindod Wells
'Llwyddiant mawr ydyw'r gynhadledd. Cariais boreu heddyw yn gwyneb gwrthwynebiad cryf benderfyniad chwyldroadol yn ffafr ymreolaeth all round'. Changed only a few words to please Thomas Gee. 'I fairly rushed the Council by as final reply. Some of them didn't like it & they'll like it less tomorrow but they had to vote for it'.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd-George, '... Dim ond gogio altro ddaru'r brawd a siaradodd yn benigamp. ... Pawb wedi colli mewn admiration o'i oratory a'r wraig nid y lleiaf'.

327 (3)
1895, June 24, House of Commons
'What a mess they have got into. The Liberals blame Ellis for bad whipping. Poor chap, he is down'. Thinks the Carnarvon Boroughs Executive should be summoned for Thursday.

328 (6)
[1895, July 10], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'The Conway proceedings. ... Lloyd was anxious throughout to shirk the real issue'. 'Glorious meeting' at Prestatyn. His work for an Insurance Company. 'Has Uncle Lloyd got over the exposure of himself as a false prophet in the Drapers business?' Family news.

329 (1)
1895, July 20, Criccieth
The Liberals have won five seats that day. Asquith has doubled his majority.

330 (3)
1895, July 23, The Cottage, Knighton, Radnorshire
Has two meetings that evening. Plans to stay at Knighton until the election is over. Leaves for Flintshire on Thursday to assist Sam Smith. Does not wish to take an active part in prosecuting W.

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Humphreys. His success in the Caernarvon Boroughs - 'Let us have news of how the victory has been recd. They all say here it is so far the biggest in Wales. I don't thank you specially for what you have done in this contest because I have so much to be sincerely grateful to you for that [it] is no good my particularising'.

331 (3)
1895, Aug. 21, House of Commons
William George's 'sojourn' at Llandrindod. 'I am glad that `rhen wraig got some gratification from her parentage of her eldest son. She had a good deal of trouble with him in his younger days & I know of no one who made a braver & a more heroic fight to bring up her children respectably & to give them a fair start. She deserves all the feeling of elation which a contemplation of their success affords her'. The Snowdon Summit. Has spoken three or four times in the House.

332 (3)
[1895, Aug. 26], 'Sunday', The Manor, Aundall, York
Discusses a legal case. Is staying at Sir Christopher Furness's 'shooting box. It is right in the middle of the vale of York & pretty as English scenery goes'.

333 (3)
1895, Aug. 26, House of Commons
Has returned. When driving to Thirsk met Morris (of Morris and Jones) who was 'very down on the Ex Mayor'. The licensing sessions on Friday.

334 (3)
1895, Aug. 27, House of Commons
Legal matters.

335 (2)
1895, Aug. 29, House of Commons
The Storey case.

336 (3)
1895, Aug. 31, House of Commons
The Licensing Sessions. The Storey case. The Berriew Educational Scheme. Hopes to be down on Friday. Has Uncle Lloyd heard from Alfred Thomas?

337 (3)
1895, Sept. 2, House of Commons
Thanks for the account of the children and of the Criccieth Local Board. Is unable to attend the Pwllheli Eisteddfod. The Bill comes on the next day.
Badly stained

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[?1895, Sept. 8], 'Sunday evening', Waverley Temperance Hotel, Oban
Describes the voyage from Liverpool. 'This is a temperance hotel - clean comfortable & moderate'. Has attended a Gaelic service: 'The Gaelic singing praying & reading was most weird & picturesque altogether'. They are to leave on Wednesday.

339 (3)
[1895, Sept. 9], 'Monday', Waverley Temperance Hotel, Oban
Approves of the terms of the letting of the flat. 'I came with insufficient cash. Send me a "tenner" to Forres'.

340 (3)
1895, Sept. 10, Waverley Temperance Hotel, Oban
Plans his journey for the next few days. There is a Celtic concert at Oban that evening comprising two Welsh artists.

341 (6)
1895, Sept. 14, Cluny Hill Hydropathic, Forres, NB
Describes the golf; 'Now that we have links at Criccieth we must get up a club'. Describes the place - 'nice people, good feeding, bracing air, fine view &c'.

342 (3)
1895, Sept. 19, Cluny Hill Hydropathic, Forres, NB
'Glad you overthrew the Rector'; gives advice on tactics. The illness of Evan Jones, Carnarvon.

343 (3)
1895, Sept. 20, Cluny Hill Hydropathic, Forres, NB
Plans for the journey home. Describes a visit to Doonaway Castle. The Storey case.

344 (2)
1895, Oct. 4, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The funeral was 'a Methodist gymkana'; 'they spat on him whilst alive but they pounced on his bones like beasts of prey or carrion birds - they wouldn't allow anyone to get near'.

345 (3)
1895, Oct. 30, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Spent the morning with Roskill discussing the case. Met with Sir Robert Hudson in the afternoon to discuss building contracts. Has had to write to Sunderland to gain further information for Roskill. The Barmouth case.

346 (3)
[?c. 1895, Nov.], 'Thursday evening', Cardiff
Has returned home from Caernarvon after 'a singularly successful meeting. Tonight is the last Cymru Fydd meeting I address'. Is much impressed by the large numbers joining the League; 'We would

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have had 500 at the very least at Pontypridd had they gone about it in the right way, but poor Alfred bungled as usual'. The article of Lewis Jones was 'a very treacherous one. ... These Calvins are all tainted with perfidy'. Would like to see a labourers' demonstration at Pwllheli.

347 (3)
[?1895, Nov.], 'Friday', 8 New Inn, London WC
Legal cases.

348 (3)
1895, Nov. 2, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Gives 'the most emphatic contradiction to TJ's story. It is a pure fabrication - probably a "try on" by Tom Jones. ... Contradict it at once'. The 'brilliant' article in Y Seren. Encloses a letter from Griffith, Llanbedr.

349 (3)
1895, Nov. 4, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Legal matters. William George should write to him at Abertillery. Tom Ellis is annoyed with Y Goleuad. Asquith has accepted D. Lloyd George's amendment.

350 (2)
1895, Nov. 8, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The last paragraph of Y Cymro's letter is libellous. William George should write to him at Blackwood the next day. The tour has thus far been 'a distinct success'.

351 (3)
1895, Nov. 9, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Legal matters. 'Sam [Evans] is an ex-solicitor & an infinitely smarter man than either Bryn [?Roberts] or Griffith Jones'. Tom Ellis's letter. Osborne Morgan has given D. Lloyd George a testimonial. William George should write to him at Blackwood.

352 (2)
[1895, Nov. 12], Ferndale
Last night was a success. Goes to town to meet Storey on Thursday. The Cymru Fydd conference that morning was most successful; 'Elfed was present & promised to help us to stamp the country'.

353 (3)
1895, Nov. 19, Heath
Is with Moelwyn Hughes. The success of the tour thus far. The Storey case. William George should write to him at Tonypandy. There are to be Cymru Fydd meetings there the following day.

354 (3)
1895, Nov. 21, The Bryn, Terrace Road, Swansea

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Has been sent to see Vyrnwy Morgan who is ill. The demonstration at Tonypandy last night was 'magnificent': 'Nothing to equal it in the Rhondda seen by "the oldest inhabitant". The fight at the door to get in was a spectacle. Mabon was there & looked green for he had never had a third of the audience at Ton before. I talked Home Rule & treason generally gydag arddeliad mawr'.

355 (3)
[?1895, Nov. 24], 'Sunday', Brynawel, Treharris, RSO
Has been asked to conduct the Pentrerfelin enquiry on Wednesday. The meeting last night 'gave a final kick to the South Wales Daily News. Said that judging from the space given in its columns one would have that the three most popular institutions in Wales were the race course the Divorce Court & the South Wales Libl. Fedtn.'.

356 (3)
1895, Dec. 9, Sunderland Echo Co. Ltd., 14 Bridge Street, Sunderland
The case is 'getting on like a house on fire. Think we ought to squash them'. Has been to the ironworks of Tyzack and Co. to collect evidence, and visited one of the leaders of the Independent Labour Party in the town. Plans to go to Newcastle, Sheffield and Manchester to see witnesses.

357 (3)
1895, Dec. 13, Sunderland Echo Co. Ltd., 14 Bridge Street, Sunderland
Plans to travel to see witnesses and return home on Wednesday. Thanks to Uncle Lloyd for his letter; 'Ferndale was allright, I knew that'. 'Things are shaping alright. Bannerman's speech today puts Self Government first, religious equality second'.

358 (3)
1895, Dec. 14, Sunderland Echo Co. Ltd., 14 Bridge Street, Sunderland
William George's success at the Police Court. Has been 'searching up the slums for dismissed workman who might be useful to us. Got him. Excellent evidence from the poor chap. He had been dismissed because he got drunk at his sister's wedding & failed to turn up at his work the following morning'. Plans to go to Newcastle, Hartlepool and Sheffield.

359 (2)
[1895], 'Wednesday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has been discussing the 9th Clause with Asquith; 'Negotiations not yet complete but think he will give way'. Asquith wishes to consult his colleagues.

360 (3)
[1895], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW, 'Yn y tren'
Is on the way to Tredegar. The 'curious letter of PJ's'. Legal matters. 'Don't leave this letter hanging about the office for boys to see'.

361 (3)
[1895], 'Friday', Degannwy

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Good progress. 'We shall keep up to the last election's standard here - i.e. between 40 & 50. But that will suit. If Bangor & Carnarvon do likewise & I think between them they will then we ought to pull it off by 150 at the very least. All our people are sanguine everywhere. I haven't met one despondent. But there is danger'. Spent Sunday at Rhyl with Herbert Lewis. 'Fire away at Nevin tomorrow'.

362 (3)
[1895], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Should he see Bowen Rowlands on Monday? Will be leaving Chester with Herbert Lewis. Alfred Davies is waiting for him: 'He won't stir an inch nor do a thing without me'.

363 (2)
[1895], 'Saturday', The Oaks, Preston Park
Has come for a rest.

364 (3)
[1895], 'Sunday', St Ermins Hotel, Westminster, SW
Has returned from Durham; 'we had a tip top meeting'. Is to meet the Archbishop of Canterbury the following day to discuss 'the Welsh Clause. I want him to save even a remnant of it in the House of Lords'.

365 (3)
[1895], 'Saturday', Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
The 'most unexpected collapse' at the University Court. 'What a crowd of irresolutes! They were afraid: Why on earth then did they invite deputations [?] What sport for the Philistines who have taunted us with our inability to agree on a capital'. Tom Ellis 'made a bitter & violent anti-Cardiff speech. ... Why on earth he made it is not clear to his best friends!'

366 (3)
[?1895], 'Saturday', York Station
Has just met Storey who 'means to unseat the candidate who defeats him'. Returns to the House of Commons on Monday. Is to spend Sunday with Furness, the great shipowner.

367 (1)
[?1895], House of Commons
Could William George send him £5 at once?

368 (3)
[1896, Jan.], 'Wednesday evening', Albion House, 122-6 High Street West, Sunderland
A legal case - 'You may take it that we are I am sorry to say beaten'.

369 (5)
1896, Jan. 11, London

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Has been to the Local Government Board. Discusses the Pybus case. Patagonia -progress made.

370 (1)
1896, Jan. 25, Sunderland Rail
'Wire me Cliftons Brighton'.
Telegram

371 (3)
1896, Feb. 10, 8 New Inn, London WC
The Barmouth Local Board; plans to see Ellis the following day. The Pybus case. Is now a little ashamed of parts of the interview; 'still I believe in interviews as a general principle. They are read where speeches are not'. Family news.

372 (3)
1896, Feb. 15, Devonshire Club, St James's, SW
Was much pleased to receive 'an explanation of uncomfortable facts. ... It clears up the whole mystery & I showed it to Herbert Lewis who was satisfied'. Pybus's Bill. Has been to the Imperial Institute with [J. Henry] Dalziel. Morley - 'he has been taken quite by surprise with the intensity & universality of the feeling in Scotland. He is a complete convert. As to Irish Home Rule he says "the refrigerator is on just now". 'We are winning & the laggards will have to hurry up'.

373 (3)
1896, Feb. 17, House of Commons
The Barmouth case; has placed the case before T. W. Bursell at the Devonshire Club. Had a conference with him and Tom Ellis that day. Is to see Stafford Howard the next day about Woods and Forests. Family news.

374 (2)
1896, Feb. 18, House of Commons
The Barmouth case; saw T. W. Russell that day. 'Pubus is the obstacle'. 'Brot Home Rule all Round before the Radical Comee. today. Dillon & Labby [Labouchere] very favourable ... Morley wants me to speak for him'.

375 (2)
1896, Feb. 20, House of Commons
The Barmouth Local Board; has seen T. W. Russell who wants an estimate of the amount required by the Council to complete the work.
Endorsed, 'Replied 21/2/96'.

376 (3)
[1896, Feb. 23], 'Sunday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has spent the afternoon with Ellis Griffith: 'distinctly a good family man - kind & very considerate to his wife & simply doting over the baby'. The Liberals have won Southampton by thirty five, and

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Morley has been elected for Montrose by a majority of more than 1900. Has been working on his speech on procedure and articles for the Guardian.

377 (2)
1896, Feb. 25, House of Commons
Has seen Russell about the Barmouth case. Has notes in that day's Guardian. His amendment may be reached that evening.

378 (3)
1896, Feb. 26, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The Barmouth case - 'Church bells discussion very interesting. They ought to be pulled down on a Saturday night. That is the remedy. It is just like the arrogant selfishness of the Establishment altogether'. Hopes to be able to make his speech the next day.

379 (3)
1896, Feb. 27, House of Commons
Discusses legal cases. Hopes to be able to speak in the debate that evening 'unless I am crowded out'. Lichfield has been won by a majority of 528 - 'Flowing tide with us. The Libl. candidate put Home Rule all Round well forward'.

380 (3)
1896, March 2, House of Commons
Legal matters. Is sorry that Mary is ill - 'She is not at all strong & ought to take good care of herself'.

381 (3)
1896, March 3, House of Commons
Legal matters. A meeting of the Radical Members on Tuesday is to consider 'my motion on Home Rule all Round'. Intends to 'lobby ... & buttonhole' in the meantime. 'If we carry it that will at once lift the question to quite a different level'. Is determined to disprove the accusation of the Mercury - 'Mr Lloyd George is not a tactician'. 'Maggie wants me to come down. I don't see the fun of that. This is my place. Don't you think so?'

382 (2)
1896, March 6, House of Commons
The Barmouth case. Presented, with Bryn Roberts, the memorial to the Lord Chancellor today. Tom Ellis and William Jones agreed to sign.

383 (3)
1896, March 30, House of Commons
'Buddugoliaeth ardderchog. ... No good applying for further loans until we place the whole business on a better footing'. The Storey case. Has spoken once that evening and has to speak twice. 'My National Council amendment is in order'.

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384 (3)
1896, March 30, House of Commons
Has spoken on the Rating Bill '& scored the greatest hit of my political life. Immense success. House in a ferment. Congratulations on all sides. ... The Front Opposition Bench was full & Morley, Asquith & the whole lot of them were delighted'.

385 (3)
1896, May 8, House of Commons
His work for the London and North West Railway Company: 'I think we'll make a good show & gain something. No harm in proving that Nationalism means something more immediate & substantial than ideals'. May speak on the Education Bill next week 'altho' I am keener about the Committee stage'. 'I haven't so far got anything striking to say'.
Incomplete

386 (3)
1896, May 12, House of Commons
'Dim y siawns leiaf i gael look in ar yr Education Debate'. Tom Ellis, Ellis Griffith and Herbert Roberts have stayed in the House and stood up at every possible opportunity, but D. Lloyd George could not do so because of the London and North West Railway Company and other commitments. 'So I have devoted tonight to writing up amendments on the Education Bill'. The London and North Western Bill came on today. The Counsel has been instructed to withdraw the Welsh clauses from the Bill 'so as not to imperil the whole of it'. 'So that we have defeated them at any rate for a year. Great rejoicing amongst our men'. Spoke on the Finance Bill the previous night and succeeded in postponing it 'much to the amusement of the whole House'.

387 (3)
1896, June 11, House of Commons
Is sending criminal returns. His amendments to the First Clause have been postponed.

388 (1)
1896, June 19, Criccieth
Cannot catch the nine o'clock train. 'Would Mary like Maggie down?'
Telegram

389 (5)
1896, June 25, House of Commons
Is bringing a sample of his China tea for William George. Has seen Russell about Pentrefelin. Family news. One of his amendments has been accepted. Has received much sympathy on the death of their mother, including from Harcourt and Burns; 'The best way of bwrw hiraeth is to throw oneself into the performance of one's duties'.

390 (3)
1896, June 30, House of Commons

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'Scored heavily last night. ... Everyone recognizes the thing as my deed'. A Tory correspondent claimed that he marvelled at D. Lloyd George's 'ingenuity & skill'. The Barmouth school site has been 'settled'. Harcourt wishes him to speak on the third reading of the Rating Bill the next day.

391 (3)
1896, July 1, House of Commons
Is to meet Russell at the Local Government Board the next day to discuss Pentrefelin. Had five minutes on the Rating Bill that afternoon. 'Harcourt made a most flattering reference to me in his speech in the House. ... This is a most unusual thing to do for a leader to single out one of the men who have fought - for special allusion'.

392 (3)
1896, July 2, House of Commons
Pentrefelin - Russell failed to keep the appointment. The papers are 'full of Harcourt's compliment' to D. Lloyd George. The Standard describes him as 'the acknowledged leader of the obstructives'.

393 (3)
1896, July 3, House of Commons
Cwmllan; encloses TJ's letter. Has seen Howell Thomas about Pentrerfelin. Patagonia.

394 (2)
1896, July 4, 'Saturday', Hornsey
Is at Hornsey addressing a meeting with Tom Ellis and Herbert Gladstone. Pentrerfelin - the 'difficulty is with the Education Department'.

395 (2)
1896, July 7, House of Commons
Corsadda.

396 (3)
1896, July 10, House of Commons
Barmouth. The death of Thomas Parry; strange that he had not made a will. Has agreed to write a '"light & airy" parliamentary letter every week' for the Major's new weekly paper. 'There is no Welsh stuff for the Guardian'.

397 (3)
1896, July 13, House of Commons
Has written to the secretary of the Financial Reform Association explaining that he must be in Wales on the 22nd. Will also attend Portmadoc County Court. Has failed to see TW that day. Patagonia 'looks promising' and the new company 'seem to mean business'.

398 (3)
1896, July 14, House of Commons

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Legal matters. The Finance Bill is coming on that evening.

399 (3)
1896, July 15, House of Commons
Discusses the case Jones v. Williams.

400 (2)
1896, July 20, House of Commons
Will be down the next day. Has received Mr Lloyd's brief. Dick's letter is 'the most amusing literary production I have had the pleasure of perusing for many a long day'.

401 (3)
1896, July 27, House of Commons
Was late turning up Saturday night, and found that his post had been sent on to Wales. Had received a letter from Lewis Jones in Buenos Aires and has shown it to J. Henry Dalziel. Discusses Patagonia - 'So it can't be very serious. It simply means that somebody must go out soon'.

402 (2)
1896, July 31, House of Commons
Encloses a letter received from Howel Thomas of the Local Government Board who has been working on Uwchyllyn. Spoke the previous night. The Military Manoeuvres Bill is dead. 'So we did the trick last night'. William George should write to him c/o Sir Charles Dilke at Shepperton, Middlesex.

403 (3)
[1896, Aug. 18], 'Tuesday evening', Royal Links Hotel, Cromer
Has three days off with Herbert [Lewis], and returns to London the next day to fight the Benefices Bill. The 'fight on Education' begins on Thursday. Describes the golf. Has heard from Patagonia; Von Heyking has returned, claiming, 'The gold deposits are no doubt exceedingly rich'. Discusses the Syndicate's financial position: 'That's the sort of thing I might settle if I just took a voyage there. Ellis would come out with me'.

404 (4)
[1896, Aug. 24], 'Monday', Hotel International, Lisbon
Describes his surroundings - 'The heat is intense but not so intolerable as it is in England'. Cannot send cables as they are too expensive, but will cable from Rio and Buenos Aires to Alfred Davies, Liverpool, and he will circulate a letter to a list of friends. 'I am getting as tanned as a Portuguee & I think otherwise making progress towards an improvement in tone & strength. But of course it is too early to talk about that yet'. Have been given the cabin recently vacated by Sir Francis and Lady Cook.

405 (2)
[1896, Aug. 27]

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Empty envelope.

406 (3)
1896, Aug. 30, 'Sunday', RMS Clyde
'Dyma hi yn brynhawn Sul & I am just thinking that now you are coming out of chapel'. Describes the weather.
Monday. 'I have taken the exceedingly sound advice you gave me in your letter to utilise the time in reading substantial literature. I am now going through Thucidydes ...'

407 (3)
[1896, Sept. 2], 'Wednesday morning'
Describes the voyage and the weather. 'They say I looked careworn & ill when I embarked & so I felt but that now all traces of worry & sickness have vanished'. Is now anxious to get back to work, for, 'holling on deck may be very healthful but it is a trifle monotonous'.

408 (4)
1896, Sept. 7, 'Tuesday', Rio de Janeiro
Describes his surroundings - 'Dreams cannot picture a land more fair. You cannot imagine anything more beautiful. ... You must make up your mind to visit these regions. I'll undertake to take effective charge of the office during your absence'. 'These are the first two days of real downright enjoyment I have had since sailing. Homesickness aggravated by the monotony of ship life deprived one of his appetite for enjoyment'.

409 (3)
1896, Sept. 9, Clyde
His plans to travel to Buenos Aires and La Plata. Hopes to visit Von Heyking to discuss Patagonia on Saturday: 'We shall know then exactly where we stand in the matter'. Describes the voyage.

410 (2)
1896, Sept. 16, Buenos Aires
Has had a large number of interviews. 'We have succeeded in getting on the right side of the chiefs of the mining department'. Describes the negotiations: '... a tug of war between British & German'.

411 (4)
1896, Nov. 8, The Great Northern Railway, Victoria Hotel, Bradford
Has addressed 'two crowded & very enthusiastic meetings'. 'The Rating Bill has been quite a boon for me in England'. Spoke about Rating and Education mainly. Has received no letters.

412 (3)
[1896], 'Saturday', 13 Wallbrook
Has been busy with the G and West Wales Railway. The Great Western Railway Board discussed the matter on Wednesday. Is not anxious to take in Sydney. Includes a note from Dick to William George.

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413 (3)
[1896], Underhill House, Llanstephan, Carmarthen
The 'magnificent meeting' at Llanelly the previous night - 'Place crowded from gallery to floor', though the South Wales reports are 'miserable'.

414 (3)
[1896], 'Saturday', Putney
Has spent the day with Dalziel. Has received Y Tyst from Uncle Lloyd; the Cardiff notes are 'very significant'.

415 (2)
[1896], 'Friday', Raven Hotel
The court proceedings went well.

416 (3)
[1896], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Failed to see Russell as he did not receive the estimate from Blackburn. His work for the Guardian - 'It is hard to scrape matter together. Vincent [Evans] hasn't been able to get up half the matter I have put into the Guardian & the S Wales Daily News has been freely quoting my notes. Of course they had no idea whose they were'. Is to lecture on Llywelyn that evening at Kings Cross Congregational Chapel - 'yn rhad ac am ddim. One must keep the Independents on good terms. They have been ever so faithful throughout all one's struggles'. Intends to speak on the new Procedure Rules. Dines with Ellis Griffith the next day.

417 (3)
[1896], 'Friday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is to come up to Sunderland for a conference with Jelf and Roskell the following Friday. The Criccieth Water Cases. Legal cases.

418 (3)
[1896], 'Saturday', [?from Buenos Aires]
Has had a long talk with Dalziel: 'He is not impressed with the brilliancy of our London partner's capabilities'. Herbert Lewis has gone to Ostend and is to return on Monday. Shall 'stimulate T. W. Russell to action'.

419 (3)
[1896]
Gwynoro Davies's illness. Family news. Has a number of amendments to the Finance Bill - 'The Govt. expect to get it through in a night or two but they don't know what is in store for them'. 'The only thing I am afraid of is that ... the strain will be too much'. William Jones should have spoken on Thursday, but, '"he funked it". Never entered the House. I am beginning to be apprehensive about his career'.

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Incomplete

420 (2)
[1896]
May go down to Brighton until Monday to get some sea sir. 'I am considerably weakened by my illness'.
Incomplete

421 (3)
1897, Jan. 5, Westminster Hotel, Rhyl, N.W.
'Yesterday quite surpassed my highest expectations'. Stayed at Coetmor last night. Has revived the North Wales Liberal Federation. 'Carried a resolution in favour of asking the Welsh members to summon a Conference for the whole of Wales to establish an organization. Just what I have been asking for all along'. 'Sam: Smith declared for Home Rule all Round!!'

422 (3)
1897, Jan. 19, House of Commons
The Welsh MPs have carried his motion that there should be an amendment to the address on Welsh land, to be moved by Sir David Brynmor Jones. 'William Jones is to move the adjournement of the House on the Penrhyn business on Tuesday night'. 'Dwl iawn yw Araeth y Frenhines. Dim llawer o addewid am chwareu'.

423 (3)
1897, Jan. 21, House of Commons
Roberts & Jones. A decision has been taken to bring in a bill on the land question: '... In order to put the Tories in a fix we mean to draft it on the lines of embodying the recommendation of the minority. It was my idea & they all feel in with it'.

424 (3)
1897, Jan. 22, House of Commons
Has been through the case thoroughly with Ellis Griffith. William George should come up by Thursday as the Penrhyn debate is due on then. Is speaking on nationalism at Radnor Street on Wednesday evening.

425 (3)
1897, Jan. 23, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Legal matters; has seen Sir Walter Forster who has promised to write to Sir Richard Quain. Hopes to be able to see S. T. Evans that evening. Is to speak that evening at a dinner to Harry Jones, assistant editor of The Sun.
Incomplete

426 (3)
1897, Feb. 2, House of Commons

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Has talked with Ellis Griffith who appears to have 'mastered his brief'. The Education Bill seems 'a great bungle'. Harcourt asked him to draft a few amendments to the resolution, and it was decided to share out the task of moving the amendments. Was given a guinea ticket by Alfred Thomas to attend the Quarrymen's Concert. Failed to meet Beggan.

427 (5)
1897, Feb. 4, House of Commons
The previous night's and that day's very long sittings. The Barmouth case - 'I think we got out of Tom Roberts all we really want'. Wishes to 'dress up' his statistics and facts before speaking on education. May prefer to speak on the second reading rather than that day. Family news. Has spoken to Ellis Griffith who is optimistic.

428 (3)
1897, Feb. 5, House of Commons
Will make an effort to come down on the 17th although it will be difficult because of the education debate. Has discussed the matter with Russell. Barmouth. Is presiding that evening at a concert to be held in support of the Penrhyn quarrymen.

429 (3)
1897, Feb. 6, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is writing on the bus on the way to Grasgarth. Tom Ellis is to join them on Sunday. Chaired a concert for the quarrymen the previous evening. 'Bil campus i'w ymladd ydyw'r Education Bill. Ni fu ei debyg er dyddiau y Rating Bill. Rwyf am roi nerth braich ac ysgwydd i'w fwrw i lawr'. The Tory press is very critical of the government, especially of Balfour.

430 (3)
1897, Feb. 7, House of Commons
Parliament has reopened. 'I dislike the reopening of Parliament as boys do the commencement of the school term'. A meeting of the Welsh MPs 'passed off very well'. Maggie is in the gallery of the House. Is to see R. O. Davies about the Drapers solicitorship.

431 (3)
1897, Feb. 8, House of Commons
'Digrif digynnyg ydyw ateb Willie Jones. Stroke of genius'. Hopes to be able to speak early in the Education debate and then go to the country on Tuesday. R. O. Davies took D. Lloyd George and Tom Ellis for a drive the previous morning. Family news.

432 (2)
1897, Feb. 9, House of Commons
'Dadl ar Ddadgysylltiad Cyffredinol. Camgymeriad mawr'. D. Lloyd George and Luttrell dined with Harcourt the previous evening.

433 (3)

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1897, Feb. 10, House of Commons
Has spent two hours meeting the Board of the Insurance Company. There was 'great jealousy of the Welsh Drapers' at the previous day's meeting, thus jeopardising the prospect of the Drapers Solicitorship. The small drapers are 'squeezed out by the keen shrewd Welshmen', and may, therefore, object to Welsh solicitors.

434 (2)
1897, Feb. 18, House of Commons
Has landed, met by Margaret and Mair. Travelled with D. R. Daniel, W. H. Williams and Sir John Brunner.

435 (3)
1897, Feb. 19, House of Commons
Has spent all day listening to the cross-examination of Rhodes by Harcourt. Rhodes is 'a powerfully & in several respects distinctly a fine chap. His face betokens not merely strength but many of the qualities of a good fellow'. His evidence was 'startling in its frankness', and Harcourt's cross-examination 'ineffective'. 'But some of his admissions were sensational & will create a very bad impression in the Transvaal'.

436 (5)
1897, Feb. 23, House of Commons
'Da iawn Clynnog. Gwell o lawer na'r disgwyliad'. Encloses a letter from Prichard, the Bank, about the Press Company. Should the matter be discussed with D. W. Davies? Has written suggesting a shareholders' meeting over Easter. Is ready for the Education Bill on Thursday.

437 (2)
1897, Feb. 24, House of Commons
Has been replying to Lord Cranbourne on the Burial Bill. 'Cynulliad da. They all trooped out when I sat down. ... The House cheered'.

438 (2)
[1897, Feb. 25], House of Commons
All the instructions to the Education Bill were ruled out of order by the Speaker except D. Lloyd George's which related to 'the important question of popular control of the Schools'. The debate is in progress and Balfour and Acland have spoken. 'I made, I think, a strong case'.

439 (3)
1897, Feb. 26, House of Commons
The debate the previous night was 'one of the most remarkable in this Parliament'. The London papers have published leading articles on his motion. 'It was a great stroke of luck for me to have been in order. ... Our party delighted with the whole business'. Has been invited to stand as candidate by the South Glamorgan Liberal Association - 'Shall reply "No thank you" altho' I confess I should rather enjoy the task of turning Quin out'.

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440 (3)
1897, March 2, House of Commons
Maggie's illness: 'We are getting on well at Palace Mansions. In fact the crisis is past & it is now simply a matter of care & good nursing'. Much appreciated Mary's presence - 'It has relieved me of a great load of anxiety. I could not attend the House with any sort of ease of mind'. Has tabled a few amendments to the Education Bill that evening and spoke three times the previous night.

441 (3)
1897, March 9, House of Commons
Would have preferred to fight Llanystumdwy. Legal business.

442 (2)
1897, March 10, House of Commons
Legal matters. Spoke in the debate today and made the most important amendment the previous night.

443 (3)
1897, March 11, House of Commons
J. T. Lewis is to come down that evening, but will not be able to do anything until Aeron Thomas turns up. London Water Bills on that night. The Ealing meeting was 'a great success'.

444 (2)
1897, March 12, House of Commons
Has put down a new amendment to the Education Bill. Dines with Sir Robert Reid that evening. Most of the Front Bench will attend the dinner. Lewes is to go to Swansea the next day to consult Aeron Thomas.

445 (3)
1897, March 24, Grasgarth
Uncle Lloyd's letters are regular and interesting. D. Lloyd George's health.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd-George: '... Mae Dafydd yn mendio yn iawn ag yn dechreu fy ordro fi o gwmpas. Mae yn meddwl mae [sic] ef yw yr unig un claf yn y lle'.

446 (3)
1897, March 29, House of Commons
Is getting better. Plans to go to the Board of Trade the next day and to see Russell that evening. Has seen in the Guardian that he is to go to South Africa! Wishes to attend a meeting of the Welsh MPs the next day.

447 (2)
1897, March 31, House of Commons

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'Maggie is very much opposed to the Brighton idea'. Has to go to the Woods and Forests the next day about Hafodywern. 'Bryn is furious about yesterday's defeat'.

448 (3)
1897, April 5, House of Commons
'Magnificent. I never dreamt of just a licking for the parson. I certainly thought his own rag tag & bobtail would have saved him'. Has seen D. H. Evans - 'He promised to back me up strongly if I started business. He can do a lot'.

449 (3)
1897, April 8, House of Commons
There is a sub-committee the following day about the convention '& I don't want to let the other fellows to get any advantage'. The Committee Scheme is in favour of a single Federation for Wales. Sam Evans has suffered 'a most extraordinary accident'.

450 (3)
1897, April 25, 'Sunday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The bad news from Greece; recounts recent events. The serious state of affairs in South Africa as revealed in the Transvaal correspondence published the previous day. 'Chamberlain is making tracks for war'.

451 (3)
1897, April 26, House of Commons
Has received the Raven letters. Met Griffith Jones, Aberystwyth. Legal matters.

452 (3)
1897, April 27, House of Commons
Local news. Lewis's illness. John Burns is to come down with D. Lloyd George on Saturday and is to attend the quarrymen's demonstration on Monday. The situation in Patagonia and the report in the Financial Times.

453 (3)
1897, April 28, House of Commons
Has spoken this afternoon. D. R. Daniel and W. H. Williams are there.

454 (3)
1897, May 12, House of Commons
Legal matters.

455 (4)
1897, May 20, House of Commons
Barmouth - Russell has decided to reverse the decision of the auditor.

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456 (4)
1897, May 12, House of Commons
Did not hear of William George's achievements at Conway the previous day. Gives a translation of the lettering on an eleventh century seal and encloses a letter from Mr Hutton, a Tory MP, on the subject and another letter from Rhys Roberts. No. 456a is the imprint of the seal in wax.

457 (4)
[1897, May 22], 'Sadwrn', Llundain
Saw R. O. Davies, who had already been approached by DH, the previous night. ROD is arranging a dinner of Welsh drapers to enable them to meet D. Lloyd George. Legal matters. Family news.

458 (3)
1897, May 24, House of Commons
Barmouth.

459 (2)
1897, May 26, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Encloses a letter from RR. Departs for Acton. Legal matters. Encloses a cutting from the South Wales Daily News written by D. A. Thomas.

460 (3)
1897, May 27, House of Commons
The prospect of attracting legal work. William George should tell Uncle Lloyd that D. Lloyd George is anxious 'to put the organisation scheme on a good basis. That is more important than he imagines. He must not get frightened at newspaper squibs such as those in
Y Faner. There is generally some personal explanation of them'.

461 (4)
[1897, May 29], 'Dydd Sadwrn', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Congratulations on William George's legal success: 'It is a great thing after all to thoroughly establish one's prestige in the immediate vicinity of one's home'. Is leaving for Littlestone. 'Tell Uncle not to worry about Tyst. ... We are winning. ... Our people are rejoicing in the country. We'll lick them'.

462 (2)
[1897, June], 'Wednesday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The stay at Llangadock was 'pleasant & profitable'. Now feels optimistic; 'I don't believe I ever spoke much better than I did on Monday - the people were quite uncontrollable'. Tom Ellis's engagement - 'He is as sly as a schoolboy'. Encloses verses written for Ellis.
Incomplete

463 (3)
1897, June 16, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW

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William George's telegram about Humphreys: 'So much personal spite against Ll G & G, both as a firm & individually, had been imported into the case that it was highly important for one's piece of mind to win it'. Barmouth. Margaret and Mary should come up on Thursday.

464 (2)
1897, June 17, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The victory in the Humphreys case; reports in the press.

465 (4)
1897, June 19, 9 Palace Mansions, Addison Bridge
The Cymru Fydd garden party. Dick accompanied him to the city that morning - '... He is as keen as a hawk'. The Barmouth papers - 'Asquith will want 30 guineas. What do you say? It is important we should have a leader who has the ear of the Court'. Attended the Rhys Lewis performance.

466 (4)
1897, June 21, House of Commons
A word before the Jubilee. The arrangements for the following day are complete.

467 (3)
1897, June 23, House of Commons
The Jubilee celebrations passed off admirably the previous day. The London illuminations. The Barmouth Board. Has been to Buckingham Palace to present an address to the Queen on behalf of the House of Commons - 'It was worth seeing for once. A great & rather humiliating farce. Not worthy of the expressions of the nation'.

468 (3)
1897, June 24, House of Commons
Has received his very first client - on the recommendation of Tom Ellis - 'Chwarae teg iddo fo. Tom is a brick'. He was responsible for securing Sir Edward Watkin as a client. The Barmouth case; Ellis Griffith has not yet turned up.

469 (3)
1897, June 25, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Margaret, Mary and the family are visiting his office. 'I want a few books to fill my shelves. Haven't you got a few you can spare. Have you ... anything on contracts [?]' The Barmouth case. Took the family around the illuminations the previous night.

470 (3)
1897, June 30, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The new office and the new client. Phil's letter. Has had a small job from Alfred Davies. 'I am reacquiring the art of sitting down'.

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471 (3)
[Early 1897], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
A family stroll along Piccadilly. Family news.
Incomplete

472 (4)
[1897, July], 'Monday', Walbrook
William George's wire was 'too laconic' and thus unclear. Legal matters. Is to speak that evening in the London School Board election. Uncle Lloyd's health: 'Da iawn gennyf fod yr esgob yn gwella. Aeth a llwyth o bryder oddiar fy meddwl'. Is to address the soiree of the Wandsworth Liberal Association. Plans to come to Wales before going to Rome. Acland wishes him to address a meeting in his constituency in January.

473 (3)
1897, July 6, House of Commons
Thanks for the promise of books for the office. Is to dine with the drapers that evening. 'Talked out' the Isle of Man Church Bill in the Commons the previous night 'to the infinite amusement of the Liberals'. Is 'meditating an attack on the South African Committee for shielding Joseph. Much will depend of course on the character of the Report when it is presented'.

474 (5)
1897, July 10, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Thanks for letters. Alfred Thomas. A case from Ivor Parry. Intends placing Kearley's case before counsel. Discusses legal matters. Spoke on devolution in the Commons that evening, an address hailed as 'a very clever speech'. Chaplin's response was 'conciliatory'. Was thanked by Fletcher Moulton for his services at Launceston. Thinks he should go to Conway.

475 (6)
1897, July 16, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Is much impressed by Dick's 'manly conduct'. He should attend Nanney's banquet at Caernarvon: 'People prefer your living on the side of generosity & no one would suspect me of cynffona to Nanney'. The prospect of business from W. O. Clough MP relating to three Caernarfonshire quarries. A Lancashire Member has been praising William George.

476 (7)
1897, July 17, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The thriving Barmouth offices. Business at 13 Walbrook. Mundella is dying of a paralytic seizure. Goes to the Cymmrodorion garden party that afternoon, and so does W. J. Parry, 'a big child - but not a bad sort altogether'. The prospect of taking a holiday depends on 'the Dorothea business': '... Don't you know of a few men who would like a "flutter". It is certainly a first rate "space"'. Discusses financial matters. Vincent Evans may be able to put up some money. 'I may have to go tramping next week to see people. It is much too good a thing to let slip through our hands'.

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477 (2)
1897, July 19, House of Commons
The Dorothea quarry; plans to see Clough that evening. Clough has sent him reports.

478 (3)
1897, July 20, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Dorothea quarry.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd-George.

479 (2)
1897, July 20, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Dorothea quarry. Would like to be able to meet William George at Caernarvon on Friday evening. The men in the syndicate are 'a very good lot'; W. O. Clough has shown him a complete list. 'It looks like business now'.

480 (4)
[1897, July 22], 'Thursday', House of Commons
Saturday's appointment has fallen through: '... my first disappointment in the London busin ess'. The Bethesda quarry still stands good. Legal matters. Made a long speech in the Commons the previous night.

481 (3)
1897, July 23, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Discusses the quarries.

482 (3)
1897, July 24, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The quarries. Gwilym and Margaret are with him. 'What a marvel say you. Will has been jabbering away in Welsh at the clerks'. What about holidays?
Includes note from Margaret Lloyd-George.

483 (2)
1897, July 26, House of Commons
The quarries. 'The other affair didn't come on to day. It may tomorrow. I don't care much. It can only end one way & that is in exculpating the calumniated party'. There was a great debate on South Africa.

484 (2)
1897, July 27, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The quarries.

485 (2)
[1897, July 28], 'Wednesday', Walbrook

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The meeting in South Wales was very successful; 'Think I delivered one of the best speeches I ever gave on the Education Question. Arddeliad mawr'. The quarries; is departing for Liverpool and may go to Bethesda the following day to see the Moel Faban quarry.

486 (3)
[?1897, Aug.], 'Saturday', Osmond House
Has sent Mair to see Kitchener. Business matters. Has met General Walter Kitchener, brother to Lord K. Price Hughes was very enthusiastic about his assault on the Education Bill - 'complained that the English Noncon MPs didn't back me up'.

487 (3)
1897, Aug. 11, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Financial matters.
Incomplete

488 (3)
1897, Aug. 12, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The quarry. Leaves for South Wales on Saturday afternoon.

489 (2)
1897, Aug. 13, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Financial matters. Is to go to Llangadock. Roberts has already gone on his holidays.

490 (3)
1897, Aug. 13, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The Dorothea quarry. Leaves for Llangadock at 1.30 pm.

491 (3)
1897, Aug. 19, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Business matters; the raising of capital. Has received a long letter from Herbert Lewis. The Board of Directors of the quarry.

492 (3)
1897, Aug. 19
Has had to decline the offer of the Birkenhead licensing briefs made by Alfred Davies. Regrets accepting the Barry brief. William George's success at Pwllheli.

493 (4)
1897, Aug. 20, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The long interview with Messrs Dunlop about the Dorothea quarry.
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494 (2)

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1897, Aug. 23, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The quarry project.

495 (3)
1897, Aug. 27, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The quarry project. Barmouth.

496 (2)
1897, Sept. 9, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Has spent all afternoon with a Huddersfield broker, but to no avail. Has made an appointment with another Huddersfield broker and one at Cardiff on Tuesday.

497 (3)
1897, Sept. 10, 13 Walbrook, London EC
'Poor Lewis. ... There are three or four in the running for the succession'. Is being pressed to go to address meetings in East Denbigh on behalf of Moss - 'What shall I do? It would be shabby not to asssist him'. Does not wish to leave London until the quarry business is settled. Wishes to see Norman Davies.

498 (3)
1897, Sept. 11, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has made an appointment to see Carr the following week. Armstrong has reported that the Huddersfield brokers are favourably impressed, but the reports from Liverpool are not as good. 'I stick to the business as long as there is a stone left unturned'.

499 (2)
1897, Sept. 13, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Roberts is ill. Has a new project relating to the quarries. The invitations from East Denbigh are 'most urgent'. 'Applications for me "from all parts of the constituency".'

500 (3)
1897, Sept. 14, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Hopes to attend the meeting on Thursday. Hopes William George can stir up Anthony to ensure that Pwllheli is represented. Fears that an adverse vote may be carried to the Welsh members scheme. Quarry news.

501 (3)
1897, Sept. 21, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The Llanachhaearn case. Legal matters. 'Observe new candidate for Barnsley has gone in strongly for Home Rule all round. Yr achos yn llwyddo'. Morgan Thomas is not worth attention.

502 (3)
1897, Sept. 22, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW

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Sam has wired to say that he will take the brief. The interview about the quarry. Goes to Derby on Friday.

503 (3)
1897, Sept. 23, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The quarry. Goes to East Denbigh the next day and speaks at Wrexham in the evening. The result of the licensing case.

504 (3)
1897, Sept. 28, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Clough's business is 'no good - too risky'. Has, therefore, declined the business. Won Storey's case: 'We must depend on building up a practice of this sort very gradually & get an occasional fat thing'. The meetings were very successful - 'Moss will get a clinking majority unless I am much mistaken. Shall wire you result tomorrow'. Cannot attend the Andrews banquet on Thursday.

505 (3)
1897, Sept. 29, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The result in East Denbigh is 'glorious. It has taken the whole town by storm. It means a Liberal revival in Wales & will materially help our organization operations'. Wishes to devote his time to the convention. Ellis Griffith has acted 'most treacherously'. Is unable to attend the Wesleyan bazaar. Has not heard from Portway.

506 (3)
1897, Sept. 29, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Business matters; has asked Messrs. Clough to send details to William George.

507 (2)
[1897, Oct. 2], Charing Cross Post Office
Is to attend a meeting at Castle Street that evening. Will be down on Monday.

508 (3)
1897, Nov. 3, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Is to see Robson the next day. Business matters.

509 (2)
1897, Nov. 8, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Legal matters.

510 (2)
1897, Nov. 9, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Humphreys - 'He wanted to see me personally. He thought I was not the sort of chap to be bounced by the other side. ... He is a blaenor at Kings X'.

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511 (3)
1897, Nov. 20, Walbrook, EC
Legal matters. The Castle Street meeting the previous night was a great success - 'Cynulliad da iawn o bob enwad. Vide this week's Cymro & Celt. Da iawn. ... Llythyrau yn dylifo i mewn'.

512 (2)
[1897, Nov. 21], 'Sul', London
Has attended the Charing Cross literary meeting.

513 (2)
[1897, Nov. 21], 'Sunday', Charing Cross
Has wired R. O. [Roberts] to arrange a meeting on Wednesday or Friday: 'I must have a meeting. Ellis is strong on it & I agree. ... Either the Mayor or a minister shd. be put in the Chair. Carnarvon must give the cue to the rest of the country. Now I know how busy you are but as you know how dilatory RO is - altho' he is a thoroughly goodhearted chap & I beg of you to run over there tomorrow to arrange'.

514 (3)
1897, Nov. 25, 13 Walbrook, London EC
'Have you seen RO? The Disest: meeting fell thro' because the Liberation Socy. & the local people couldn't agree as to the expenses of the meeting'. Such a meeting would have had 'an undoubted effect on outside opinion'. The local associations ought to pass resolutions and send them to the press. 'Stir RO up will you?' Congratulations are still pouring in. Has received a resolution from the Colwyn Bay Liberal Association.

515 (3)
1897, Nov. 27, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Legal matters. Goes to Grasgarth this afternoon. Now feels very weak - 'Reaction setting in'.

516 (3)
1897, Nov. 29, 13 Walbrook, London EC
His letter has been published in all the papers. Goes to Newtown on Friday. A. C. Humphreys-Owen is to accompany him at the evening meeting: 'He probably shirked the afternoon meeting where the real business will be transacted'. Went to Kings Cross Congregational Chapel the previous night to hear the Mountain Ash Male Voice Choir - 'Magnificent. I was packed off to the "set fawr". W & rest ar y llawr'. Legal matters.

517 (3)
1897, Nov. 30, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The Eifion result is 'campus' - 'What makes the result more startling is the fact that Bryn was there in person & yet beaten by 3 to 1. This I think will settle the controversy throughout the country'. Goes to Newtown on Friday. Has received a letter from Alfred Thomas - 'Said he mentioned my name at a

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Cardiff meeting on Saturday & it simply brought the house down'. Saw Dalziel that day. Goes to Rome the following week.

518 (2)
1897, Dec. 1, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Leaves the next day for Newtown. Is to stay with Hugh Lewis JP, Glan Hafren. Would like a letter from Uncle Lloyd. Has prepared a long speech on organization. 'Rwyf am roddi kic' wrth fynd heibio i Humphreys Owen - y corgi hunanol'.

519 (3)
1897, Dec. 8, 13 Walbrook, London EC
'I am sure you gave him a miserable night - fancy gloating over that as I do. ... Penycai will now depreciate his merits, which is equivalent to saying that the Times lowers its estimation of a statesman'. The previous night's meeting was a great success. Legal matters. 'Preparing for case in tomorrow's list Herbert Lewis & Davies'.

520 (3)
1897, Dec. 9, 13 Walbrook
Legal matters. Family news.

521 (2)
1897, Dec. 10, 13 Walbrook
East Denbigh Liberal Association is to meet the following Monday to choose delegates. Proceedings in the House of Lords. Had a chat with the Lord Advocate - 'a thoroughly decent fellow'. Has been asked by Acland to address a meeting in his constituency. That day's 'Welsh Notes' in the Guardian.

522 (2)
1897, Dec. 11, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Would like to see the Cambrian News. Has written to arrange an appointment with Sir Hugh Owen. Is to speak at Castle Street that evening. Family news.

523 (3)
1897, Dec. 15, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Has spent the afternoon with W. J. Parry and P. A. Chance MP. Family news. 'Have had letters of introduction from Tim Healy to some Catholic dignatories in Rome'.

524 (3)
1897, Dec. 16, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Legal matters. Has received a letter from E. K. Jones, Brymbo, about East Denbigh.

525 (3)
1897, Dec. 17, 13 Walbrook

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Has been to see Sir Hugh Owen who was 'exceedingly nice & obliging'. Family news. The Dorothea Quarry business.

526 (3)
1897, Dec. 20, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has been preparing for a fortnight's holiday. Legal matters.

527 (2)
1897, Dec. 22, Grand Hôtel, Turin
Describes the journey across France. Goes to Rome via Genoa the following day. Happy Christmas.

528 (3)
[1897], Dec. 24, 'Xmas eve', R.M.S. Ormuz
Is nearing the end of the journey. Describes the weather as they sail past Corsica and Elba. Campbell-Bannerman's speech. 'Dywedodd yr hen Oxford Don wrthyf neithiwr mai efe trainiodd Milner ac Asquith, y ddau yn alluog iawn ond yn ei farn ef Milner oedd y mwyaf o'r ddau hyn. Dywedodd fod Oxford yn hongian rhwng dau feddwl pa beth i wneyd yr etholiad nesaf'. There will be a Christmas dinner that evening on board ship.

529 (2)
[1897], Dec. 25, 'Xmas day', Grand Hôtel de Russie, H. Silenzi, Rome
Describes his attendance at a service at the Pope's private chapel in the Vatican. Met Sir George Trevelyan at St Peters afterwards.
Incomplete

530 (2)
[?1897], 'Sunday afternoon', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Tell Gwynoro Davies that D. Lloyd George will send an article to the Christian World the next day. Has written fifteen pages already. R. O. Davies 'called for me at Club last night but I wanted this affair settled & I feel very relieved'.

531 (5)
[?1897], 'Nos Fercher', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The terms are unacceptable. Frank Edwards has wired that the committee must meet. There is a foolish article in the Daily News that day. Family news. 'Dick most unsatisfactory. He evidently thinks that in going down there he has escaped supervision. He looks at it merely as the beginning of delight'.

532 (3)
[?1897], 'Saturday', Coetmor Hall, Bethesda, Bangor
Concluded the Menai Bridge enquiry that day: 'Think I made a good concluding speech. Completely exposed fallacy of Thornton's financial argument'. W. R. Davies has been suspended for two years. Legal matters.

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533 (2)
[?1897]
Is leaving for the Palace. Has just spoken. The majority was reduced to some fifty.

534 (3)
[?1897], 'Dydd Llun', Tyˆ'r Cyffredin
Family news. Delightful weather at Littlestone. Played much better golf. Received ten guineas for his article in the Liberal Review. Travelled with Harmsworth, MP for Caithness, on Saturday. He described D. Lloyd George as 'the most powerful man on our side of the House'. It is important to make a good speech at Bradford.

535 (2)
[?1897], 'Sunday', No 2 Leaside, Rhosddu Road, Wrexham
Moss has begged him not to go to Conway. Has five meetings the next day. 'They want me everywhere. Mewn mwy o demand na'r un ohonynt'. 'Ellis Griffith came down yesterday & got snubbed right & left. Neb yn gofyn beth oedd o dda. Went off in high dudgeon'. The report in the Daily Chronicle about his speech at Wrexham on Friday.

536 (3)
[?1897], 'Monday', St John's, Wrexham
Five meetings that day. Has read Uncle Lloyd's translation of Wilfred Lanesia. Is to see Clough and Armstrong the next day. Feels sure that Clough has been much impressed and has been won over.

537 (3)
[?1897], 'Tuesday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Legal matters. The report of his Southport speech in the previous day's Liverpool Mercury. There was a great fight at the drapers' meeting that day over the Solicitorship.

538 (3)
[?1897], 'Saturday', 41 Oakfield Street, Cardiff
Is sorry William George had to leave London before D. Lloyd George arrived. Has been offered a directorship of a company - 'I am very doubtful. It is an Australian timber company. ... Tom Ellis inclined to advise me not to. Ditto Herbert Lewis'. The previous night's speech was a tremendous success: 'I never made a more successful speech than last night. People mad - quite hysterical. Lewis Wms JP one of the anti-Cymru Fyddites said the speech was worth hundreds of votes at Cardiff to Liberals'. Is leaving for Pembroke and returning to Swansea the next day.

539 (6)
[?1897], 'Dydd Sadwrn', House of Commons
Has not heard from William George or Gwynoro Davies; trusts his wire was sufficient. Believes Hughes to be 'a scoundrelly Priest - a man who has perfected his natural abilities in the quary [sic] by a sacerdotal training. ... I don't anticipate you can turn H: out - his own people will rally to him &

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shdn't be a bit surprised if you lost say one or two seats. You can hardly expect to maintain a 7 to 1 majority always'. The response from T. W. Russell on his motion was 'very satisfactory'. The Committee to draft proposals for a Convention is to meet on Monday. Brynmor Jones is to prepare a draft - 'He is with us completely & he is easily flattered with a little attention'. The charges of extortion and incivility against WO.

540 (2)
[?1897], 'Saturday', 13 Walbrook
Margaret and the children have left. Family news. Cardiff has declared for the Convention - 'Never expected it'.

541 (2)
[?1897], 'Thursday morning', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Tom Ellis called to consult about the Penrhyn motion. William George's visit to London.

542 (3)
[?1897], 'Saturday', House of Commons
Family news. Has gone to Putney to see Dalziel. Herbert Lewis is in Wales. There will be 'a desperate struggle' in the Commons on Monday night, 'but if Harcourt only just occasionally looks in - that helps to cow the Speaker - we shall either prevent their getting the Bill that night or at any rate keep them going well into the early hours of the morning & that will serve to call attention'.

543 (3)
[?1897], 'Boreu Mercher 12.40 pm', House of Commons
Roberts will take the county courts for William George. Legal matters. 'Cardiff. Great collapse of Cardiff opposition. Greatest I've ever seen. We outmanoeuvred them completely & they looked quite silly. We pretended to meet them by putting off the Convention until the latter end of September - a much more convenient date for all of us & especially for the rural districts'. Has spoken on the Public Works Loan Bill.

544 (3)
[?1897]
Assumes that William George and 'little Dick' will be coming to London for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Discusses others whom he might invite. Legal work.
Incomplete

545 (5)
[?1897]
Refers to the Patagonian project.
Fragment

546 (2)
[?1897]

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Refers to the Dorothea quarry business. The Syndicate has purchased properties in Mexico and has sent William Allen MP there to arrange titles. It is expected that the enterprise will make a profit of £30,000 which will then go to finance Dorothea: 'I advised them not to lose time as Dorothea was not a quarry to go abegging'. W. J. Parry has called.
Incomplete

547 (3)
[?1897], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Personal news. D. Lloyd George's education resolution. Has received no further news from America. 'News from Madrid that Spain is likely to give in. Don't believe it'.

548 (3)
[?1897], 'Dydd Mawrth', 'yn y trên i Southend'
Gives William George advice about the Dorothea quarries; he should not confide too much in Charles Breese.

549 (3)
1898, Jan. 3, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The work in the office. Needs a full week to prepare for Bangor on Thursday and Colwyn Bay on Friday. Hopes to arrange an appointment with Clifton the following day. Has received no reply from 'the Llandrindod chaps'.

550 (6)
1898, Jan. 4, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Business matters: 'All I ask for is this. That you should give this experiment a fair trial. Allow us to draw for office expenses on LlG & G until the end of this year. Then as far as the office is concerned it ought to be self-supporting. You would then probably have to supplement my share of profits for another two years. If at the end of a three years fair trial you find that it is a failure I shall then, provided I am in the land of the living, go to the bar. But I for political reasons rather build up a solicitor's practice as it wd. not demand my constant absence from the sce ne of active operations. However I fully realise what is due to you. ...' Legal matters.

551 (3)
1898, Jan. 18, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Dorothea quarry. Legal business. 'You may rely on my putting my back into the business of this office'.

552 (2)
1898, Jan. 21, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The journey was not totally in vain as he had a long talk with Sir William Robson MP. 'Casson was there looking green & quite uneasy at the attention Robson was paying me'. The previous night's reception. 'Acland ill. Quite broken down. Poor Chap'.

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553 (2)
1898, Jan. 21, Reform Club, Manchester
Has been busy with Alfred Davies. A letter from the Pembrokeshire Liberal agent claiming that he is 'simply inundated with applications for Lloyd George from all parts of the county'. Goes back to London the following day.

554 (3)
1898, Jan. 24, Walbrook
Work routine in the office. 'Cwyd dy galon frawd. Y mae pethau yn gwella. Cawsom job arall heddyw - un arall ddydd Sadwrn'. Has been unable to go to the Commons. The meeting of the National Liberal Club the previous night.

555 (3)
1898, Jan. 25, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Will meet Margaret and the retinue at Willesden. D. Lloyd George's 'Manchester performance'. The controversy with Schwann 'over his ridiculous letter'. He is a pompous fussy creature'. Has promised to go to Wolverhampton on Saturday night and to visit Pembrokeshire after the Cardiff convention. 'That fellow Phillips were he any good ought to assist us materially in the City'. D.R. Daniel goes down that night. Griff Jones, Aberystwyth, and his managing clerks. The leading article in that day's Guardian.

556 (2)
1898, Jan. 26, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The 'Cricciethites' have arrived. Has the bill been delivered?

557 (5)
1898, Jan. 27, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Sir Hugh's resignation; William J, Brynffynon, comments, 'We cannot lose services of such a great & good man. It would darken the eye of the sun & there would be no more prosperity for Llanyst-cum-Llanarmon-plus-Llangybi'. The requisition has begun - 'safer than canvassing'. 'I wonder whether there is a nice little plot of this sort. JTJ must be frightened off the ground. He will intrigue now'. Legal matters. The Cardiff committee at 5.

558 (3)
1898, Jan. 28, London
A meeting of the Welsh MPs - 'Pob peth yn iawn. We are invited & think we'll squash the opposition'. Dick should come to London - 'It is time now that I should look after the boy myself. ... Maggie so lonely & depressed leaving them all at home so he had better come up'. The article in the Western Mail is 'trying to create mischief' by claiming that D. Lloyd George is the 'guiding dominating spirit' of the Cardiff scheme, the 'dictator of [the] inner circle'. His Manchester speech - 'no end of leading articles. ... Long one in Christian World'.

559 (4)

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1898, Jan. 29, 13 Walbrook, London EC
On his way to Wolverhampton. The result of the Alfred Davies case: 'I am glad he won as the attack was a dasdardly one'. Legal matters. Daniel. The Cardiff Convention is on Friday next. 'I saw that you had failed Casson - y sinach'.

560 (2)
1898, Jan. 31, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Would like a reply about Dick. Neglected to post to Uncle Lloyd a letter describing the Wolverhampton trip. Returned the previous day and went to Castle Street in the evening.

561 (3)
1898, Feb. 1, Walbrook
Legal cases. Goes to Cardiff on Thursday afternoon and is to make a speech that evening. Listened to Elfed the previuos night and proposed the vote of thanks. Margaret's vote of thanks to Plenydd.

562 (3)
1898, Feb. 2, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The Humphreys case. Would like William George to bring Dick up to London. 'The note about Nanney's retirement in the Genedl is useful & smart'. The advertisements in Y Genedl. Has a good speech for Cardiff. The Rev. Griffith Ellis, Bootle, wishes to borrow his slides.

563 (3)
1898, Feb. 7, 'Monday', 13 Walbrook, London EC
Business matters. Is undecided whether to accept the directorate - 'It is too good to refuse without reflection & too risky to accept without much thought'. His speech at Narberth - 'Local people said my speech was worth 200 votes to Phillips! That of course an exaggeration but it shows what they thought of it'.

564 (3)
1898, Feb. 8, House of Commons
Has made no decision about Australia. Business matters. No decision was reached today about the chairmanship of the party. 'Party will not have Alfred. Strong party in my favour. But I am doubtful. ... I am inclined to believe a self denying ordinance would be a good thing for Wales'.
Incomplete

565 (3)
1898, Feb. 9, House of Commons
Business matters. The Humphreys case. 'Tell M not to be anxious about ship. ... The vessel is bound to be late as Phil could not put full sails upon her'.

566 (2)
1898, Feb. 10, House of Commons

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His decision concerning the directorship. 'Massingham came to me today & begged me to form a fourth party. He said, "You are the man". My present inclination is to try to force Alfred through. Ellis will strenuously oppose. Advise. Squash JTJ'.

567 (2)
1898, Feb. 11, House of Commons
The progress of the Humphreys case. Has secured 'another good job'.

568 (3)
1898, Feb. 12, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Judgement has been reserved in the Humphreys case. Gives an account of the proceedings. Incomplete.

569 (3)
1898, Feb. 14, House of Commons
The Humphreys case. The chairmanship of the party - 'All my real friends here are against my taking it as it will embarrass me'.

570 (1)
1898, Feb. 15, House of Commons
Alfred Thomas has been selected unanimously as chairman of the Welsh Party - 'I was proposed & seconded but declined - strongly supporting Alfred Thomas. Best thing under circumstances'.

571 (3)
1898, Feb. 18, House of Commons
Last night's speech in the Commons was a 'big hit'. - 'On the whole I am of the opinion that it is the speech that has advanced me most in the estimation of Parliament. Papers London & Provincial full of it. ... The one advantage of it was that it gave the Tories an opportunity for judging of my speaking when they were sympathetic'. The Humphreys case.

572 (4)
1898, Feb. 19, 13 Walbrook, London EC
William George's cases at Barmouth. The Humphreys case. Business matters - the timber company. Is pleased that Uncle Lloyd approved of his performance in the Commons. 'Saw you carried a resolution in the Eifion Association to fight County Councils on political lines'.

573 (2)
1898, Feb. 21, House of Commons
The chairmanship of the timber company - 'Don't know whether I shall insist upon getting it. Responsibility is immense & it must necessarily engross bulk of my time but pay is double. I am rather afraid of it as I am new to this kind of work. What say you?'

574 (3)

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1898, Feb. 23, House of Commons
The timber company and the chairmanship of the board. Is leaving for Swindon to speak for Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice. Attended the dinner to David Edwards on Saturday night.

575 (3)
1898, Feb. 24, House of Commons
Having consulted Tom Ellis and J. Herbert Lewis, has resolved not to accept a seat on the board of Hardwoods Timber Company; might well have accepted the offer of the chairmanship. Ellis advised him to wait for better offers in due time. The previous night's speech was an immense success.

576 (2)
1898, Feb. 25, House of Commons
Has received two good cases. One involves 'slander in a chapel - Methodist. I defend. So the business is growing steadily. That makes me all the more confermed [sic] in my opinion of wisdom of not going into guinea-pigging until legitimate practise [sic] fails'. Sir Hugh Owen.

577 (3)
[1898, Feb. 26], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The County Council election - 'I would make it quite clear to Llan folk that I would fight myself rather than let that Parkia beast loose on the parish. JHD probably only wants an excuse for declining to withdraw & I would furnish it if necessary were I you'. 'Would you like to become an Alderman? I can't attend & I would resign on the express condition that you were let in'. Is lecturing at the Tabernacle, Kings Cross that evening on 'Taith i Rufain'. The Local Government Board has sanctioned the Menai Bridge loan. Fitzmaurice's victory is excellent.

578 (2)
1898, Feb. 28, House of Commons
Saturday night's meeting.

579 (3)
1898, March 1, House of Commons
Legal matters. Met recently the Diocesan Inspector who examined him at Llanystumdwy School from 1870-3 - 'He remembered me as one of two who answered everything'. The meeting at the City Temple the previous night was very successful; John Williams, Brynsiencyn, made a 'very fine oratorical effort', and Jones Llwynpia 'rather went to pieces'.

580 (2)
1898, March 2, House of Commons
Congratulations! Expects to hear from William George about Robert Thomas's County Council Election. Family news.

581 (3)
1898, March 3, House of Commons

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The Humphreys case. The Criccieth election - does Thomas wish him to come down? Has to be at Denbigh on Saturday and does not wish to miss another day at the office.

582 (3)
1898, March 8, House of Commons
The Humphreys case; Sam T. Evans has foregone all fees. Business matters. Abel Parry has praised his speech at the unveiling ceremony highly and described Uncle Lloyd as 'a very original thinker himself'.

583 (3)
1898, March 9, House of Commons
Business matters. Drafted the Home Rule All Round resolution that day. 'Ellis is apprehensive of a row with Irishmen over it & wanted us to confine our resolution to Scotland & Wales. But I think it is time Liberals should define their position on Home Rule generally. It is more honest - & more in the interests of the highest expediency to do so'.

584 (2)
1898, March 10, House of Commons
The fortunes of Lloyd George and George.

585 (2)
1898, March 11, House of Commons
Is preparing for Tuesday - 'Y mae yna ystorm yn yr awyr'. Business matters. Will send the life of John Williams to Uncle Lloyd.

586 (3)
1898, March 12, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Legal matters. Is drafting a speech on Home Rule All Round, but will be one of eight or nine speakers. Dillon and Redmond are to speak and perhaps John Morley and a few Tory speakers. Family news. 'As to Aldermanship if they pledge themselves to select you I would much rather resign as I cannot attend'.

587 (2)
1898, March 22, House of Commons
Wishes to receive Pwllheli news. His motion on public education - 'I mean to raise the whole Nonconformist position in England & Wales. I am summoning a meeting of Noncon: members of the House to consider & agree upon the line of attack'. Believes it may well become 'a really important motion'.

588 (3)
1898, March 24, House of Commons
Legal matters. The previous night's meeting was a superb success. Morley described him as 'the best platform speaker I have ever heard'. The reports in the newspapers.

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589 (3)
1898, March 30, House of Commons
The business accounts. Addressed a meeting at Maidenhead the previous night: 'Haldane & I. Y fi aeth a hi o lawer'. 'Broadhurst prophesied yesterday that I would be in the Cabinet within the next ten years - privately of course - nothing can prevent it he says'. 'It is wonderful how members come to consult me about parliamentary moves. They recognize me as an authority - dau neu dri y funyd yma'. Has introduced a deputation from the Menai Bridge District Council to the Board of Trade. The Board would not grant a pier, but allowed an enquiry.

590 (2)
1898, March 31, House of Commons
Has attended the Nonconformist meeting to consider the terms of his resolution on education: 'We had an excellent attendance & they approved of the line I proposed to take'. Was invited to breakfast that morning with Munro Ferguson. Has discovered a man 'who could put Quarries thro' ... a Tory MP - Scott Montagu. I hope they are still in the selling mood'.

591 (3)
[?1898, April], 'Sunday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
His health. Fears that his motion on National Councils will be ruled out of order the next day. Plans to speak on the intimidation of witnesses. The report in the Saturday Review on his Home Rule all round motion. Columns in other newspapers: '... Altho' no resolution was carried & the Liberal papers did their best to minimize what happened there is no doubt that as the result of that meeting the whole position of the Liberal party is altered' - the opinion of Dr Robert Wallace MP. 'The article is quite a remarkable one coming from so strong an opponent. Get it at the Bookstall'.

592 (3)
1898, April 1, House of Commons
The Humphreys case. Has just been to see Harcourt as one of a deputation from the previous day's meeting. Morley attended. His Leicester speeches. Dined with Asquith the previous night and met Sir George Lewis - 'I sat on the right of the hostess wh: was the post of honour'. The fall of W. R. Davies's case. Margot Asquith was 'very interesting. Discussed her husband's prospects most freely. Said his ambition was to lead the House of Commons'. Saw Lewis Jones in the lobby of the Commons - 'I gave him a good bit of my mind until he squirmed'.

593 (3)
1898, April 5, House of Commons
The Humphreys case. Portmadoc Council - 'Penigamp. Another black eye for Casson'. Local schools - 'Put your back into this. You must get well in. There is better work to be done here than in District Council. You wd. be surprised to find how much can be done to improve the schools'. Plans to let Brynawelon. The argument in the House on foreign policy - 'No chance to chip in. Carried on exclusively by front benchers. Impression damaging to Govt.' Is addressing the Council of the Free Churches of Hackney that evening.

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594 (3)
1898, April 7, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Letting Brynawelon. 'I am trying to let my flat here as I want for sake of kids to get a house with even a wee bit of garden where they can play. Very important for children'. Is to play golf at Acton the next day. The Sunderland meeting has been postponed. Is 'in the throes of preparation for my speech on Education. Much depends on the success of that. The Irish University speech & my Leicester performance have given me an enormous lift. You can hardly realize what they mean. But I can feel it in the attitude of people all round. But my speech on Education must be of quite a different order to those. Mwy sylweddol'.

595 (3)
1898, April 14, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The Humphreys case. Encloses a letter from Richard. Business and legal matters.
Incomplete

596 (3)
1898, April 15, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The Humphreys case. Would like to see William George's article in Young Wales. Richard.

597 (2)
1898, April 18, House of Commons
The collapse of the Home Rule All Round debate. Has secured sixty-one promises from MPs to attend the Commons at 9 o'clock: 'The rule is that you must have 60 to ensure an attendance of 40. I think we are now safe'. Is to finish his speech - 'Material is alright. Polish is all that is now needed'.

598 (3)
1898, April 19, House of Commons
'Just before the battle. Think I'll make a House. People come up from the country today specially for it'. Will visit the Light Railway Commissioners the following day.

599 (3)
1898, April 21, House of Commons
The Humphreys case. The Budget speech has just been delivered - 'There is to be an allowance made to those whose incomes are between £400 & £700. What are we assessed at?' There are generous references in the newspapers to his performance on Tuesday.

600 (3)
[1898, April 21]
'Neithiwr llwyddiant digamsyniol ymhob ystyr. Biggest Liberal gathering of this Session. ... Pawb yn canmol yr araeth [sic]'. Business matters.

601 (3)

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1898, April 22
Legal matters.

602 (3)
1898, April 22, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The translation in Yr Udgorn. 'Y mae'r rhyfel wedi dechrau onid ydyw?' Has been invited to dinner with Rosebery on May 6th. Goes to Menai Bridge for a Board of Trade enquiry a week Tuesday.

603 (3)
1898, April 25, House of Commons
Business matters. Goes to see Asquith about a case 'put in our hands by Alfred Davies Liverpool'. Is presiding that evening over a Baptist Translation Society meeting.

604 (3)
1898, April 26, House of Commons
Legal matters. 'Swyddfa yn mynd rhagddo. Next year I hope to clear something that will substantially help us along. I have done quite as well as I anticipated to date'.

605 (3)
1898, April 29, House of Commons
Legal matters. Margaret is speaking at Charing Cross that evening. The Menai Bridge enquiry on Monday night. Is addressing the Liberation Society on Wednesday night.

606 (3)
[1898, April 30], 'Saturday', Palace Mansions
Plans to go to Menai Bridge and Criccieth. Will not now address the Liberation Society: 'They fixed me last but one on the list in order to "keep the audience". They have done this once before so I asked them to take my name off the list of speakers'.

607 (3)
[1898, May 4], 'Wednesday', Menai Bridge
Legal matters.

608 (2)
1898, May 10, House of Commons
'Have forwarded Gwenogfryn & Tuberculosis by this post'. The previous night's meeting was a tremendous success: 'They would not allow me to sit down. "Go on. Go on", a regular roar. The agent told me that he was surprised at the universality of the demand for me from all parts of the constituency - mwy nag am neb arall medda fo. It will be a near thing'.

609 (2)
1898, May 11, House of Commons

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Dines with Sir Charles Dilke that evening along with Lord Jersey, the chairman of the Light Railway Commissioners. The report in that day's Daily News.

610 (3)
1898, May 12, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The previous night's dinner. Had a long conversation with Lord Jersey about 'the Portmadoc business' - 'I explained the whole business to him & he seemed thoroughly satisfied. He is a very pleasant chap & I got on well with him'. Reports of his speech in the newspapers.

611 (2)
1898, May 13, House of Commons
There was a majority of 1330 for the Liberal in the Suffolk election - 'incredible'. The Beddgelert railway.

612 (3)
1898, May 14, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The letter he sent on Thursday (no. 610). Sam Evans is anxious to sell his shares in Y Genedl - 'He wants the money as he has a heavy overdraft at his bank & the bankers wired him for security. He was very annoyed. They are Neath bankers. He used to be their local solicitor'. Business matters. 'Gladstone bron mynd. The Press Association wish me to give them just three or four lines of an appreciation of his career - from a Welsh point of view. The Western Mail wish me to state what in my opinion is Gladstone's greatest claim to fame. Beth ddywedi di?'

613 (3)
1898, May 18, House of Commons
Gladstone's impending death - 'A gloom has fallen upon the House. Y mae fel tyˆ galar yma. Ni welais gymaint teimlad erioed yma'. Made two excellent speeches in the House the previous night: 'Codasant gryn deimlad hefyd. Y mae'r newyddiaduron yn llawn o Gladstone fel nad oes adroddiad o'r ddadl'.

614 (3)
1898, May 20, House of Commons
The tributes on Gladstone's death were 'most impressive' - 'Balfour is seriously ill but he staggered into the House & with painful feebleness got up & delivered a glowing & unreserved panegyric. Harcourt was ponderous & funereal in delivery but his sentences were finished. ... Alfred - the least said the better'. Refused to go to a meeting in Yorkshire the next day.

615 (3)
1898, May 23, House of Commons
Encloses the Cardiff letter. Business matters. The editor of the North Wales Chronicle is waiting outside.

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1898, May 24, House of Commons
'Most excellent Noncon: conference this afternoon. Great success'. Is to attend the Caernarvon Boroughs Association on Tuesday. 'I don't want the enemy to steal a march upon us as over Convention so trust our delegates will attend'.

617 (2)
1898, May 25, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The Barry Sessions. Has been offered another directorate that day. Encloses Tommy Morris's report on Criccieth.

618 (3)
1898, May 26, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Legal matters. Is taking Maggie and Elfed to see Gladstone's coffin: 'Never seen such crowds. They have been streaming in since 6 this morning'. Is to meet Alfred Davies that evening. Could William George accommodate AD the following week?

619 (2)
[1898, May 26], 'Thursday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Gladstone's death: 'Never seen such deep & solemn feeling in the House. Teimlad dwys a chyffredinol iawn. Took Beggan [Margaret] there'.

620 (3)
1898, June 6, House of Commons
'Get Phil's testimonials & will go at it as soon as I can find a convenient opportunity. I shall see Herbert Lewis tonight'. Business matters. Spoke in the House that afternoon. 'Got far & away the best reception at the Hyde Park demonstration yesterday'.

621 (3)
1898, June 7, House of Commons
Hopes to participate in the Foreign Office debate on Friday and thus cannot make it to Barmouth on Saturday. 'Heblaw hynny feel very done up. Am as deaf as a post & must go to an aurist I fear as I am just in the same condition as I was at last election'.

622 (2)
1898, June 8, House of Commons
Is prepared to miss the Foreign Office vote in order to make it to Barmouth.

623 (3)
1898, June 10, House of Commons
Cannot make it - 'I am as deaf as a post'. The doctor is to operate on Tuesday. Olwen's ill-health.

624 (3)
1898, June 11, 13 Walbrook, London EC

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Business matters. Family news.

625 (3)
1898, June 13, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Saturday's meeting at Barmouth. Attended the service at Castle Street the previous evening. Legal matters. Hopes to see Russell.

626 (3)
1898, June 13, House of Commons
T. W. Russell and Barmouth. Tom Ellis is ill. Legal matters.

627 (3)
1898, June 14, House of Commons
Legal matters. 'Philip - Will attend to it this week. Herbert Lewis is not here today'. Is leaving for the National Congregational Union.

628 (2)
[1898, June 16], 'Thursday', House of Commons
The Benefices Bill is on. Was at Sheffield the previous night.

629 (3)
1898, June 18, 13 Walbrook
Spoke for half an hour in the Commons the previous night attacking the government over the education estimates. Postponed a meeting at Cardiff for this purpose. Will work for Philip the following. Business matters.

630 (3)
[c. 1898, June 18], 'Saturday', 13 Walbrook
'Glad you gave D. J. Llanrwst a drubbing. It will do him good'. The heat in London: 'Yr oeddwn yn hiraethu am fin y mor yn Nghriccieth a gorwedd dan balcony Brynawelon'. Has been praised in the Chronicle. Was invited to spend the weekend with Clifton at Brighton. Is to have lunch with Tim Davies the next day at Pantycelyn, Putney. Suggests a holiday in Brittany or Normandy. 'A ddarfu imi ddywedyd fod Greaves wedi addaw gweithio i gael y Welsh County Councils at eu [sic]? gily dd i drefnu scheme of devolution? ... Onid oes bosibl cael yr hyn ddywed y Daily Chronicle i'r newyddiaduron Cymreig?'

631 (2)
1898, June 20, House of Commons
Has been speaking for thirty minutes in the Commons on the Benefices Bill. The doctor treated his ear the previous day.

632 (2)
1898, June 21, House of Commons

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Spoke on the Benefices Bill that afternoon. The reports in the newspapers. 'I called Griffith Boscawen "the Bishop of St. Asaph's tombstone".'

633 (2)
1898, June 23, House of Commons
The Benefices Bill - 'I had a final fling'. Has spoken to a steamship owner about Phil.

634 (3)
1898, June 24, House of Commons
Showed the sample of coal to Thomas Bayley, MP for Chesterfield, and to D. A. Thomas. Thomas has promised to send a man up to look at the place. Barmouth. The debate on the South Wales strike is taking place. Plans to speak on the Irish Local Government Bill. Has been invited to address the Northampton Liberal Association - 'significant incident in a small way. ... These applications tell their tale'. 'Tom Ellis is still bad. Will take months to recover. Poor fellow. Hard lines. His lungs are weak'.

635 (3)
1898, June 25, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Hopes William George can attend the Annual Meetings to be held in London the first week in August. Encloses letter received from Black. Has spoken on nonconformist grievances in the day schools and attacked Lord Hugh Cecil. Margaret and the children are to go to Putney to the Davies's and he is to play golf with Shaw.
Includes notes from Gwilym and Richard.

636 (3)
[1898, June 25], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has placed Gwynoro's papers before Fraser, a 'good man & sound' who has written an excellent book on libel. Shrewsbury was very successful - 'Got it all our own way - so far'. Is now going to Grasgarth and speaks for Costello that evening. 'Oldham is great. There is a great swing around in the country'; has just told Rosebery of this. Is ready for the battle of the tithe on Monday evening.

637 (2)
1898, June 27, House of Commons
Has seen the secretary of the Light Railway Commission about the Beddgelert Railway. Must make application to the Board of Agriculture. 'Ellis still bad. Ordered to remain in bed another week'.

638 (3)
1898, June 28, House of Commons
The Beddgelert railway. Leaves tomorrow to address a conference of nonconformists for the Northern Counties. Is to spend Sunday with Storey at Paxton, Berwick on Tweed. Captain Philip Davies.

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1898, June 28, House of Commons
Has written about the Beddgelert Railway. Has given evidence in favour of Conway on a water bill. The Beddgelert railway.

640 (3)
[?1898, July], 'Thursday', Brynhyfryd, Swansea
William George's 'achievements at this week's courts'. Is staying with Freeman 'who has promised his assistance in the working up of a daily paper. He is an ex-Mayor of Swansea & a wealthy tinplate manufacturer. I have already got the local conditions which Storey required as a basis for his capital. The two local Liberal papers are willing to come in & to take £13,000 between them in shares. ...' Lectures at Treharris that evening.

641 (3)
1898, July 1, Bensham Grove, Gateshead-on-Tyne
Writes in the train on the way to Paxton. The previous day's speech was very highly praised.

642 (2)
1898, July 8, House of Commons
Is leaving for the first aria with Sir James Woodhouse. Has sent the draft memorial to Gwynoro Davies; Russell approves of it.

643 (5)
1898, July 9, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Legal matters. Family news. Is to see Llewelyn Williams about Monday's case.

644 (3)
1898, July 11, House of Commons
Legal matters. Spent Sunday with David Edwards at Dulwich - 'It may lead to business'. Family news. Thomas Owen MP (the brother of Mrs Davies, Grasgarth) has been found drowned near Machynlleth.

645 (2)
1898, July 13, House of Commons
Has made a number of brilliant fighting speeches. Was ruled out of order in the House by one of Balfour's men. 'Great fight & much fun. Still going on merrily'.

646 (3)
1898, July 15, House of Commons
Legal matters. Margaret presided at a temperance meeting at Holloway the previous night and was warmly greeted. 'Nothing more doing in the House this Session I fear'. W. R. Owen has sent him a copy of the North Wales Chronicle containing a statement about tents sent by the government for use at the volunteer camp. Wishes to put a question to Brodrick.

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647 (3)
1898, July 16, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Legal matters. Discusses financial details: 'Business is growing & I have great hopes that by the end of the 3 years we shall have a fairly lucrative practise [sic] which will ease off the burden on LIG & G'. Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd-George.

648 (3)
1898, July 18, House of Commons
'Have just had my final fling at the Local Govt Bill. Smothered the Irish down'. Lunches with Lucy the next day. Would William George like to go to the Pyrenees this year?

649 (3)
1898, July 19, House of Commons
Phil Davies. Has spent a very interesting afternoon with Lucy and representatives of the press. The Irish are very satisfied with his speech the previous day. W. O. Jones is waiting for D. Lloyd George.

650 (3)
1898, July 20, House of Commons
Is expecting a line concerning the trip to the Pyrenees. Margaret's arrangements. The nonconformist conference that day was 'first rate ... llwyddiant perffaith. One MP who had opposed it concluded proceedings by giving cheque a of £25'.

651 (3)
1898, July 28, House of Commons
'I'll endeavour to arrange with Russell some time in the course of this evening'. Has been speaking three times this evening on the London Bills. May not go to Lancaster tomorrow.

652 (2)
1898, Aug. 10, House of Commons
Goes to Conway the following day and thence to London. Is to spend Sunday with Tim Davies: 'I can then talk over holidays. We can go in Septr. surely'.

653 (3)
1898, Aug. 12, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Business matters. The Swansea newspapers. 'Got an excellent reply from Colonel Lockwood MP re train grievances of Conway. He is a Tory MP who is a L & NWRly Director. He writes me a most friendly letter to me personally "My dear George". I have sent it down to the Mayor who is a Tory. It will do good'.

654 (2)
1898, Aug. 16, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Business matters.

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655 (3)
1898, Aug. 17, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Will be able to secure William George tickets for Paris, but it will be extremely hot there. References to him in the newspapers. '... Shrewd Uncle Lloyd is the best counsellor to follow'. Is to spend a couple of days with Tim Davies at Pantycelyn, Putney, London.

656 (2)
1898, Aug. 18, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is on the way to Paxton.

657 (2)
1898, Aug. 19, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Leaves by the 10 o'clock train the next day. William George should write to Paxton.

658 (3)
1898, Aug. 23, The Royal Hotel, 53 Princes Street, Edinburgh
Is disappointed not to have heard from William George or Uncle Lloyd. This is a fine trip. Went to Dunbar the previous day, witnessing en route the scene of the famous battle between Cromwell and Leslie. Have come to Edinburgh that day. Plans to go to Aberfoyle.

659 (3)
1898, Aug. 24, Green Hotel, Loch Leven, Kinross
Conway - 'The Boroughs may not be disfranchised after all & victories are won by weakening the resisting spirit of the enemy as well as by encouraging your own troops. The effect of recent events in Conway may be somewhat obliterated by the lapse of time but they cannot altogether be wiped out. I could see the Mayor was impressed very considerably'. Has not heard from Uncle Lloyd.

660 (2)
1898, Sept. 4, Gwalia Hotel, Llanrindod Wells
'Wedi glanio ein dau yn ddiogel. Balchder mawr gan bawb ein gweled yma'. There is to be a public meeting the following evening.

661 (3)
1898, Sept. 5, 13 Walbrook
Agrees that a visit to Llandrindod is 'not an adequate change. My theory of a holiday is that no holiday is satisfactory unless you go to a place where you can regard life as a mere spectator. The Continent produces that attitude of mind in me'. The rout sustained by the Dervishes - 'I have a curious lurking sympathy with them. They are brave men who believe in a cause & are prepared to suffer for it. Men who do that are too scarce in this commercial materialistic age & we cannot afford to mow them down with Maximo'. Business matters.

662 (2)
1898, Sept. 6, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW

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William George's stay at Llandrindod. Financial matters.

663 (3)
1898, Sept. 8
Barmouth. Financial matters.

664 (3)
1898, Sept. 9
Business matters. 'I hope our office will in the course of another year more than compensate for the loss of all the C[ounty] Court work you will get. ... I am not so sure that you really profit by it now. You must necessarily neglect other & more remunerative work to attend to it'.

665 (4)
1898, Sept. 10, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Business matters. The suggested conference with Owen Davies - 'Meet them by all means. ... I hate their infernal priesthood as much as anybody. But we've got to fight the priesthood with priests. Set dog to harry dog - Noncon: parson to watch Anglican parson. ...'

666 (3)
1898, Sept. 12, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Business and financial matters. Uncle Lloyd and WW - '... They are men of common sense & not children & they must if possible avert a split. The starting of a rival cause at Criccieth would be a much greater & more constant source of irritation to them than the occasional presence in the Bereah pulpit of one of the Black Watch. Besides it would do Uncle Lloyd all the good in the world to run over on a Sunday morning to Beirdd or Garn. He might object at first. But I feel certain he would at last come to like it'. Thomas Owen's death has devastated everyone at Grasgarth - '... It certainly created suspicion as to the cause of death - suicide being openly suggested as a motive up here'.

667 (3)
1898, Sept. 13, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The story about Williams, Penycarran. Goes to Warminster the next day to open a British School. 'Meetings, meetings, no end of them. Invitations come pouring in. One I mean to accept. Great education meeting with Earl Spencer, Free Trade Hall, Manchester'.

668 (2)
1898, Sept. 15, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The meeting at Warminster was a great success. Was driven to Stonehenge that day, and goes to Darlington the following day.

669 (3)
1898, Sept. 19, 13 Walbrook, London EC

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Plans to attend the Fishery Committee at Portmadoc the next day - 'Very important I should attend as it will enable me to capture all the Conway fishermen in the event of Carnarvon Boroughs not being disfranchised'. R. G. Prichard - 'He has the gift of the gab. ... an excellent chap. I would do much for him'. Business matters.

670 (2)
1898, Sept. 21, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Very busy. Goes to see Storey. Saw Jones Parry at Bangor Station.

671 (2)
1898, Sept. 22, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Business matters. Storey has asked him to prepare proposals in writing.

672 (3)
1898, Sept. 23, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
His appointment with Croydon Marles, the promoter of the East and West Wales Railway Bill. Discusses progress made - 'It looks like business now. If you wanted money for Beddgelert Railway. I could easily arrange with Firbank to finance it'. Business matters.

673 (3)
1898, Sept. 26, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'Marshall nothing like as effective a man as Lloyd. Am surprised they didn't get Bankes'. Business matters. Captain Philip Davies.

674 (3)
1898, Sept. 27, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The decision of the Commissioners. 'I told you Dorman was a fine chap. He evidently has made up his mind not to be beaten'. His Criccieth holiday looks increasingly unlikely.

675 (2)
1898, Sept. 28, 4 pm, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is writing down something for the next day. Has been busy all day with the East and West Wales Railway.

676 (2)
1898, Sept. 30, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The Nottingham meeting was a great success; the reports in the newspapers. The funeral of Thomas Gee has upset all his arrangements.

677 (1)
1898, Oct. 5, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Will send William George the draft. Has received no letter from Uncle Lloyd or Maggie.

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678 (3)
1898, Oct. 6, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The East and West Wales Railway. Describes a court case.

679 (3)
1898, Oct. 8, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is glad that Margaret and Mair are to come up. Has been offered another directorship: 'Now it would do one no good to be associated with a thing of that sort. A solicitorship is a different thing. As a solicitor you defend the interests of your clients without being concerned as to their reputation'.

680 (6)
1898, Oct. 11, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has had a Turkish bath with Dr Edwards, Y Genedl. 'We are still on Fraser's job. Tough business as Storey has cried off'.

681 (4)
1898, Oct. 14, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The previous day's meeting at Halifax was a great success. Is very busy with the railway. Business matters. 'Ordinary work in office getting on. Our new Manchester agency firm have given us two rather good cases'. Goes to Grasgarth with Maggie that evening. Phil's testimonials.

682 (2)
1898, Oct. 15, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The railways. There is a report on his Halifax speech in the Daily News. Stayed at Grasgarth the previous night. Expects Philip and Mary on Monday and Tuesday.

683 (2)
1898, Oct. 17, 13 Walbrook
Cannot attend the Alliance meetings the next day; 'Sorry, but the railway must come first'. Has received a letter from Minshall on educational matters.

684 (2)
1898, Oct. 18, 13 Walbrook
The progress with the railways.

685 (2)
1898, Oct. 19, 13 Walbrook
William George's victory at Bala. Is leaving for Portsmouth. Philip Davies.

686 (2)
1898, Oct. 20, 13 Walbrook

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'What did you say to EJ? We are all burning to know. The bounder. How unhappy a man of this sort must make himself. He is consumed with jealousy & is too weak to restrain himself from exhibiting it'. Portsmouth was a great success the previous day.

687 (3)
1898, Oct. 25, 13 Walbrook
His meetings - 'I refuse no end of them but sometimes I can't without appearing churlish'. Has been begged to go to Leicester by Henry Broadhurst, but refused. Has travelled all night to make an appointment on the East and West Railway. Family news.

688 (3)
1898, Nov. 2, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Is departing for Newbridge - 'Rather glad of this excuse for absenting myself from the Ellis affair. Since he has neither apologised nor explained I have no burning eagerness to feast with him'. William George may be needed in London on Friday about the East and West Wales Railway. 'Tomorrow is the crucial day. I am coming up from Monmouthshire tonight in order to be ready for all calls tomorrow. I don't know in the least what decision will be taken by the Great Western, but Marlas may determine to proceed on his own. Bydd barod'. Greaves has given notice for the next day of a motion for a joint committee of Welsh County Councils.

689 (2)
1898, Nov. 17, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Hopes all goes well at Bereah that evening: 'Tell Uncle Lloyd he must not worry about it'. Is to lecture on John Penri that evening at Ossian's chapel. His foot is painful.

690 (1)
1898, Nov. 18, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Wishes to receive copies of the Cambrian News. Legal matters.

691 (3)
1898, Nov. 12, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Financial matters; has asked Gwynoro Davies for a cheque. 'The Mediterranean trip will be an inducement for Gwynoro. You might also get a cheque for Ellis Griffith & Llew. I don't quite like to leave them unpaid so long'. William George's run of luck on Saturday. Llew once published 'a volume of the most execrable poetry - no man in his senses would ever allow his name to be associated with such trash. He is a vain jackass'. Is preparing for Wednesday at Bangor.

692 (6)
1898, Dec. 3, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has been very busy. Attended a meeting of the Welsh National Council at Shrewsbury the previous day. Goes to Scotland with Dalziel the following night - 'He has been so good to us in the matter of business that I could not refuse him - especially seeing I had promised him for years'. The Tom Ellis dinner - 'He is bad - poor chap. He had a dry hacking cough which was quite painful to listen to. It

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quite distressed me. He is in a precarious state of health & ought to quit this country at once for a prolonged stay in a drier climate. ... There is no one in the Welsh party I prefer working with'. Gwynoro's health. 'All the men whom I have a liking for have in one way or other given substantial proofs of my discernment. Dalziel, Vincent, Gwynoro, Alfred Davies, Herbert Lewis - they have all helped me very materially some way or another - the first four in business, Herbert politically'. Will be at Kirkaldy until Wednesday.

693 (3)
1898, Dec. 8, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Has had a very successful speaking tour. Is presiding that evening at the annual eisteddfod of the Independents at the Queens Hall.

694 (5)
1898, Dec. 10, 13 Walbrook, London EC
'I fail to see what you want at this stage with Mabon & D.A. [Thomas]'. Legal matters.

695 (2)
[1898] Dec. 12, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Is going to a public meeting in Sir Walter Foster's. Why did William George not draft the Bill as requested? William George should have attended. 'It is very risky for me to attend at all & you have chucked away another big chunk by not attending'. Did not know the appointment related to the Bill.

696 (2)
1898, Dec. 13, 13 Walbrook
Was at Long Eaton with Sir Walter Foster the previous night. His speech was an enormous success. 'Swansea nos yfory - Cwrdd Mawr - Birmingham nos Iau. Cymru Fydd nos Wener ...'

697 (2)
1898, Dec. 19, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Massingham wishes him to begin a guerilla fight against the government next session.

698 (3)
1898, Dec. 20, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Business matters. Asquith's speech in the overflow meeting - 'He quoted a remark made by "Mr Lloyd George in his admirable speech"'.

699 (3)
1898, Dec. 29, SY 'Argonaut' ('Word Travel', 5 Endsleigh Gardens, London NW)
Hope to reach Algiers before breakfast the next day. 'Ship life is somewhat monotonous but reposeful - & that is what one needs'.

700 (2)

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[1898], 'Thursday', Menai Bridge
Anticipates Captain Vercher's report. Regrets his inability to attend the Tynemouth Conference. 'Never mind Read Roberts. Dare say it will be alright'.

701 (6)
[1898], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Business matters. 'The Mercury para[graph] is in today's C & D Herald. Very flattering ain't it?' When is William George going to Madeira?

702 (2)
[1898]
Business matters - Barmouth.
Mutilated.

703 (2)
[1898] '5pm', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has received a letter from Alfred Thomas congratulating him on his Bangor speech - 'Most brilliant he had read for many a long day. Rejoicing in the great reputation I am making &c &c'. The Hopkins business.

704 (2)
[1898], 'Saturday', 13 Walbrook
Is to meet Tom Ellis for lunch at Palace Mansions and then is off to play golf. The Pwllheli case was unsatisfactory - 'But no use allowing these things to worry one'.

705 (3)
[1898], 'Monday', Sunderland
Jelf's opening statement was very impressive: 'I think the other side were taken completely by surprise with one part of one case'. Is now 'quartered' at Sunderland.

706 (3)
[1898], 'Saturday evening', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Alfred Williams of Fishguard wishes to work at the Portmadoc office. Would welcome William George's views.

707 (2)
[1898]
Has recently returned from Darlington - 'Splendid meeting. Hwyl benigamp. Papers speak highly of my speech'.

708 (3)
[1898], 'Tuesday', Brigg

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Has been persuaded to stay in the constituency that night. Plans to return to town the next day. 'You seem to have done excellently over District Council there'. Can do Llanystumdwy any day next week except Friday.

709 (3)
[1898], 'Wednesday'
Is leaving for Brighton. 'I have come straight here from the Law Courts after ripping up Cassons' Bill'. Describes the case. '... I feel that with these two things & my Guardian screeds I have been doing a decent week's work'. Has written a short article for the Guardian that day. Returns from Brighton that evening.

710 (2)
[1898], 'Monday', House of Commons
Legal matters.

711 (3)
[1898], 'Wednesday', Duffryn House, Abertillery, Monmouthshire
Gwynoro's case. Legal matters. Last night's lecture was a great success 'in spite of the most terrible tornado I have hardly ever been out in'.

712 (3)
[1898], 'Thursday', Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
The tour of South Wales was very successful. Clifton has wired to inform him that the Sunderland petition has been arranged for 19th December. '[Tom] Ellis has written me a capital letter - best he cd. possibly have written. I am fully satisfied. He has gone out of his way to have a dig at Bryn [Roberts] & D. A. [Thomas]'.

713 (3)
[1898], 'Sunday', National Liberal Club
Went to Bristol with Storey to meet his manager: 'We had a long "jaw" about papers. Both go back to Swansea & Merthyr next week. S: is now very inclined to try the latter. If he does he will reduce the circulation of the evening edition of the SW News by thousands. And as their proprietors make most of their money out of their evenings it will inflict a serious blow upon them. But one must wait'. There is certainly an opening for a good evening newspaper. '... If one were to stoop to mere revenge it wd. answer one's purpose better as it would reduce their income much more substantially than a morning wd'.

714 (3)
[1898], 'Sadwrn', London
Has come with Margaret and Mair to Llewelyn Williams's new house at Chelsea. Has been inspecting plans of the proposed water works in Cardiganshire with Sir Alexander Brinie.

715 (3)

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[1898], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
George Davies has called at the office to discuss a finance scheme for the quarry. There is a chance that success will follow. The Barmouth affair.

716 (3)
[1898], 'Friday morning', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
William George's victory at Nevin - 'It will do us no end of good - professionally as well as otherwise'. Is departing for Darlington. Business matters. 'What idiots those Genedl fellows are. When there is something really good about me they'll never insert it. But this drivelling lying 'autobiography' in it goes. It worries me beyond measure. Did you get the Echo I sent you with the contradiction [?] Get that into Genedl'.

717 (4)
[1898], 'Saturday', Osmond House
Has received the enclosed from Cayford. Is going to R. J. Campbell's bazaar at Brighton. Saw the verses in the Western Mail: 'They deeply touched me. On the whole the Tories have treated me very decently'. 'Morley is spreading Balfour's estimate of my fight. ... Education fight is a very absorbing one'. Would like William George to come straight to the Commons.

718 (3)
[1898], 'Saturday', 9 Palace Mansions
His letters to Saffery. Legal matters. Now plans to prepare his speech. Is to see the secretary to the Light Railway Commission on Monday.

719 (3)
[1898], 'Thursday', 13 Walbrook
Business matters. Family news. 'Tell Uncle Lloyd I had a great time in Yorkshire. Never spoke better in my life. [Alfred] Hutton (MP) said he'd never forget my speech at Osselt on Education. And you should have heard the cheering when I sat down'. Was invited to dine with Tom Ellis last Saturday, declined the invitation, but, 'wanted to talk with him as to Towyn speech as it had created some misapprehension & mischief'.

720 (3)
[1898], 'Tuesday', Victoria House, Kirkcaldy
The previous night's meeting was a great success. 'D[alziel] quite taken by surprise. He had never heard me on the platform before & in the House as you know I am rather quiet & matter of fact in my manner'.

721 (2)
[1898], '5.45 pm'
Has spoken again. 'Young Disraeli referred to the "very adroit the member for Carnarvon had given to the debate". I put them in a fix over the farmers income tax'. Has been invited to dine with Rosebery on Wednesday. Is to distribute prizes at Pwllheli school on the 23rd.

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Fragment

722 (2)
[1898]
'What does Gibson mean by advising them not to believe any statements circulated about me in my constituency? ... It is really monstrous & I must get at some of them'.
Fragment

723 (2)
[1898]
Met Philip at Crewe the previous night by chance. The meeting was excellent: 'I am glad as Allen & Newnes were there'. The Lords' case.
Fragment

724 (2)
1899, Jan. 2, 'Off Tunis'
Has just returned from a visit to the ruins of Carthage and Tunis - 'both immensely interesting'.

725 (3)
1899, Jan. 4, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Has written to Uncle Lloyd and sent to Phil papers received from Alfred Davies. The proposed purchase of an illustrated paper called St. Pauls: 'It will be a permanent asset in the office as there will always be something to do with a paper like that - pobol yn cau talu neu rywbeth'. The progress of the business. The Boer War.

726 (2)
[?1899, Jan. 8], 'Sunday morning, 2 am', S.Y. Argonaut
A visit to the opera. Plans to return to town on Wednesday. Uncle Lloyd's letter.

727 (2)
1899, Jan. 13, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Tom Ellis. The Boer War.

728 (3)
1899, Jan. 16, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'E & W Wales. Went with Marks through this statement carefully. It has to be recast in some parts. ... I drafted a "committing" answer for Marks to send. ...'.

729 (2)
1899, Jan. 17, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Is 36 today. Goes to East Manchester the next day and plans to write a speech that evening. William George did well at Llangefni.

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730 (2)
1899, Jan. 18, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Is leaving for Manchester. The 'independent paragraph' in the Post. Has arranged a meeting at Bangor on 1st February.

731 (2)
1899, Jan. 19, Walbrook
Has received no reply from Barrow. The meeting at Manchester was a great success - 'the only meeting of the kind they have been able to get together in the constituency for years'.

732 (3)
1899, Jan. 20, House of Commons
The Barmouth case. Legal matters.

733 (2)
[1899, Jan. 22], 'Boreu Sul', London
Has prepared an address to the young men at Clifford's chapel. Margaret and the children have gone to Walham Green chapel. Business matters. His Manchester speech.

734 (2)
[1899, Feb. 2]
Envelope only endorsed, 'I am sorry I accidentally opened this envelope. I had just been looking at the other letter from your brother when I opened this one without thinking. D.W'.

735 (2)
1899, Feb. 6, National Liberal Club
A meeting of the party - 'all passed off admirably. Bannerman elected with acclammation [sic]'. Is attending a meeting of nonconformist members of the House of Commons 'convened to settle the Anti-Ritualist amendment to the address'.

736 (2)
[1899, Feb. 7], 'Tuesday, 7 pm', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The telegram from Buller. The progress of the Boer War.

737 (3)
1899, Feb. 8, House of Commons
Legal and business matters. The East and West Wales Railway.

738 (3)
1899, Feb. 9, House of Commons
Congratulations on the Trawsfynydd win. The formation of the Drapers' Association that day.

739 (2)

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1899, Feb. 13, House of Commons
Business matters. Did not go to Cardiff. John Redmond's amendment may be on the next day; is uncertain about speaking.

740 (2)
1899, Feb. 13, House of Commons
Has just spoken for fifteen minutes on Herbert Lewis's amendment. Intends to speak on Redmond's Home Rule motion. Won the Manchester Licensing Cases.

741 (3)
1899, Feb. 14, House of Commons
Has promised to address the annual meeting of the Free Church Council at Cardiff the following day, but Redmond's Home Rule amendment is also due to come on. Now feels in a dilemma: 'Wire rec[eive]d. Must not disappoint us. Hall will be crowded to hear you'. Would appreciate Uncle Lloyd's opinion? D. A. Thomas has praised his speech the previous day.

742 (3)
1899, Feb. 16, House of Commons
The Barmouth mortgage. The House of Lords case comes on the next day - 'This takes my time tonight so can't speak on Redmond tonight'. Business matters.

743 (3)
1899, Feb. 16 [recte 17], House of Commons
The case has been on in the House of Lords that day. Asquith has been speaking for three hours. The case has been adjourned. Asquith made an impression. A meeting of delegates from the Patagonian Welsh settlement is taking place. Margaret has just left the House of Lords.

744 (3)
1899, Feb. 20, House of Commons
The provision of typewritten copies of Acts of Parliament for William George. Has arranged 'a long consultation' with Asquith the next day.

745 (3)
[1899, Feb. 24], 'Dydd Gwener', Swyddfa
Has a meeting at Kings Lynn that evening. The Liberal candidate is a client. The Boer War; the victory at Balmont.

746 (6)
1899, Feb. 25, 13 Walbrook
The East and West Wales Railway Company. Tom Ellis's health - 'I am very concerned about him. It is a thousand pities he couldn't be persuaded to give it up for a twelve month - pass that on the Veldt in South Africa. It would prolong his usefulness which I fear now may be cut short. It is very sad'. The Cymru Fydd dinner to be held on 1st March; 'As President for the year I take the Chair'. Is

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reading up for his education motion on 7th March. Family news. His amendments to Greaves's draft report on Welsh County Councils: 'He is full of it. It has disarmed him for an election. I feel certain he will not exert much influence against me'. Suggests meetings in the Carnarvon Boroughs during the Whitsun recess.

747 (2)
1899, Feb. 27, House of Commons
The East and West Wales Railway. 'Da iawn yr wythnos diweddaf i LG & G. Y mae LG, R & Co yn prifio hefyd'. The Manchester case.

748 (3)
[1899, March 4], 'Sadwrn', 13 Walbrook
Spent the previous afternoon playing golf: 'Come home late a new man & sketched the whole of my speech'. St. David's Day was a great success. The Liberation Society and the Nonconformist Council are issuing a special whip for Tuesday. Has agreed to be the guest at the annual dinner of the Newcastle Liberal Club. Business matters. Baker's Bill. Is to play golf with R. O. Davies.

749 (3)
1899, March 8, House of Commons
His speech has been highly praised in the press. Goes to Treherbert that night to open an intermediate school. Will be at Rhayader the next day.

750 (2)
1899, March 14, House of Commons
Hopes to see Hanbury that evening about the Beddgelert Railway. Dined with Munro Ferguson the previous night; he has married the daughter of the Marquis of Dufferin [?]. Is now considering the London Government Bill in a committee in Bannerman's room.

751 (2)
1899, March 16, House of Commons
Has spent two hours on the committee to consider the London Government Bill. Massingham approves of his interest in the measure.

752 (6)
1899, March 18, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The Beddgelert Railway. 'Our Insurance Company is now ripe for action. ... I am fairly hopeful now'. Business matters. Is to speak at Chelsea Congregational Chapel the following day on 'Ritualism'.

753 (3)
1899, March 20, House of Commons
The railway. Has agreed to too many engagements, '... but there are reasons for each engagement'. Is to speak at Holloway to the Calvinistic Methodists on Wednesday. Has attended another meeting

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in Bannerman's room on the London Bill. Does not plan to speak on the second reading: 'It is not a second reading Bill. No big principles involved'.

754 (3)
1899, March 22, House of Commons
The progress of the railway. 'Herbert Lewis & I have been having a high old time in the House after 12. ... We paid them out by downright obstruction for nearly three hours. This morning at 1 we raised it again. The Tories jeered & laughed at Herbert. ...'. Best speech D. Lloyd George ever delivered in the House.

755 (3)
1899, March 23, House of Commons
Has failed to see T. W. Russell as yet.
7.5 pm - Has now seen him. Local Government Board officials are opposed to extending the line for the £5,000. Does not propose to speak on this Bill - 'Prefer reserving myself for other questions in which I take a more genuine interest'.

756 (2)
1899, March 28, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Margaret comes down the following day. Is to speak on behalf of Corrie Grant at Harrow the next evening. Is to return on Thursday morning accompanied by Harold Spender, the lobby correspondent of the Daily Chronicle and the Liberal candidate for one of the London seats. Spender is to speak with D. Lloyd George at Conway. Spoke in the House on Conway that day.

757 (3)
1899, April 2, House of Commons
Was astounded by William George's letter - 'What an independent chap that Rector must be'. Has showed William George's wire to T. W. Russell. Has also been to see Stafford Howard about the foreshore, and he has promised to do his best to assist. 'Ellis & I had a great laugh over the Seamen's Institute leaflet'.

758 (2)
1899, April 13, House of Commons
Business matters. Has been invited by Morley to dine at his home with Harcourt.

759 (3)
1899, April 17, House of Commons
'I am so glad to hear you have started. You ought to have done it years ago. [?Public speaking in chapel]. You know my view about that. Dal ati bellach. I would rather your task than the one I have now irrevocably taken up despite all its pomp & publicity'. Expects Gwynoro Davies to fall. Business matters. The Harcourt - Morley dinner.

760 (3)

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1899, April 19, 13 Walbrook
His Newcastle speech. Is to speak to the local Liberal Association at Northampton Town Hall that evening. Is now going to attend the Board Meeting of Mintoscope.

761 (2)
1899, April 21, House of Commons
Is to take the chair, which was to have been taken by Tom Ellis, for a speech on the use of Welsh in the day schools.

762 (2)
1899, April 22, 13 Walbrook
Received the Northampton paper that day and will send it down.

763 (2)
1899, April 24, House of Commons
Roberts wishes to do the secretarial work for the Ellis Fund. The bank balance of the business is improving.

764 (3)
1899, April 26, House of Commons
The dissension surrounding the appointment of a Junior Whip from amongst the Welsh Members. Campbell-Bannerman said to Alfred Thomas as the chairman of the Welsh MPs, 'I wouldn't dream of offering it to LlG. It would close his mouth in the House & he will get something much better'. The choice thus lies between the two Herberts. Backs Herbert Lewis. 'The worst of it is that it settles now the question of whether we should take office or not if at any time a Liberal administration should ever come in. Personally I am far from clear in my own mind & conscience on this point. I fear Wales will suffer. I am uneasy about it. If they give us cake it will be to stop our mouths'. The Cromwell meeting the previous day.

765 (2)
1899, April 28, House of Commons
'Wedi bod yn gwneyd araeth hir a ffyrnig yn ymosod ar Gorst'. Goes to Aberystwyth the next day. 'Cefais ddylanwad ar y Ty yn ddios'.

766 (2)
1899, May 5, House of Commons
O. M. Edwards was introduced in the House today by James Bryce and Alfred Thomas. 'Former wrote OME to ask him whether he should do it! These big men are greedy of all honours great & small'. Has attended the Old Age Pensions Committee - 'There's going to be fighting & consequently fun'.

767 (2)
1899, May 9, House of Commons

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'Spanked' Henry Chaplin on the Old Age Pensions Committee that day. After a two hour discussion it was agreed that Old Age Pensions would be considered before the Poor Law.

768 (3)
1899, May 12, House of Commons
Has refused the offer of a directorate of a new company - 'I am not going on any Board of Directors if I can by any means avoid it. I believe I am now placed beyond the necessity for doing it - the business is a success. Nothing damages you more politically than a taint of guinea-pigging. And as the question is becoming more & more a public scandal I must "chwedl Plenydd" have clean hands'.

769 (3)
1899, May 13, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Margaret has gone to Battersea Park; he is to fetch her from the home of Llewelyn Williams. The Tynemouth case. Pity about ORJ. Goes to Grasgarth that evening. R. O. Davies wishes to see him, perhaps about William Owen. His letter from Philip Davies - 'very characteristic, thoroughly genial'.

770 (2)
1899, May 31, House of Commons
'More power to your elbow. Go for him "strite" from the elbow. Cast the whole responsibility on the magistrates'. Has received no wire from Margaret.

771 (3)
1899, June 2, House of Commons
The Barmouth case. The victory of the Porthmadoc people; 'M: & I are quite hungering for all the details. Tell Uncle that I am very anxious to hear more all about it'. Is to speak that evening on the Local Government Board Vote. 'Welsh M.P.s given up the game. Surrendered altogether. Poor creatures are they not. They haven't the courage of even such poor convictions as they possess'.

772 (3)
1899, June 6, House of Commons
Has been unanimously elected by the Drapers: 'Other names were proposed but when my name was brought forward all the proposers of other names immediately withdrew'. The appointment is likely to induce fresh business. William George's county court work this week. 'Poor old Wallace. A sad end to a brilliant intellect. Drink. What a reckoning that monster is piling up!'

773 (3)
1899, June 7, House of Commons
Legal matters. Evans's elevation to a judgeship is 'entirely due to the dearth of Welsh speaking barristers on the Conservative side'. Sunday closing in England came on in the Commons that day - 'No chance for it of course'. Is fighting against the Rhyl provisional order. The adjournment of the Sunday Closing Bill has meant that a bill of Herbert Lewis's has come on in the House: 'Jumped up & moved it without knowing anything at all about it. We are now dividing on it. Herbert turned up 2 hours later. Beaten but only by 48'.

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774 (2)
1899, June 13, House of Commons
Business matters. 'I don't think we'll fight the Boers. Even the Tories kick at it'.

775 (2)
1899, June 14, House of Commons
Is glad that William George has heard from the Local Government Board about Barmouth. Margaret and the children have gone to Harrow to spend the afternoon with the Jesse Herberts: 'Very nice people - good clients'.

776 (3)
1899, June 19, House of Commons
Thanks for letters. 'Everybody has been very good to me - the Tories no exception to the rule'. 'Norwich was a Noncon: meeting got up by Judge Cozens Hardy's brother'. 'I never suggested a vendetta against individuals but against Hell. Vengeance is the poorest of games. I have no bitterness - except possibly against EJG but men of all creeds & parties have treated me so well that my estimation of human nature has gone up. Anstruther the Government whip was so nice today - & the feeling of sympathy was universal'.

777 (2)
1899, June 21, House of Commons
Business matters. 'I mean to have another go at Rhyl. I have put another motion down & I'll try yet another before it goes through'. Is to spend Sunday with D. H. Evans.

778 (3)
1899, June 22, House of Commons
Rhyl is on the next day - 'We'll get another licking'. There is a meeting on Old Age Pensions that evening in Joe Chamberlain's private room. 'Joe is getting restless & means I think to kick over the traces. He won't do it over Transvaal but over the other'. Plans to prepare a speech on the Clerical Bill: 'The Tories are swearing - privately - at the folly of their Govt'.

779 (2)
1899, June 23, House of Commons
'I've licked them on Rhyl at last'. Gives an account of the debate. 'Great parliamentary triumph. The Rhyl Town Clerk now came to me to propose a compromise. Chaplin was very complimentary to me in his speech. There was great cheering in the House over the victory.

780 (3)
1899, June 24, Palace Mansions
Hopes to speak on Clerical Tithe on Tuesday or Wednesday. 'The rejoicings in the Noncon: camp' at Rhyl. The interview with Jo Chamberlain who was much impressed by D. Lloyd George's idea. Incomplete

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781 (2)
1899, June 26, House of Commons
Has been discussing the Clerical Tithe Bill with Harcourt and Campbell-Bannerman.

782 (2)
1899, June 28, House of Commons
'I'll stir Roberts up. He is up to the eyes just now'. Did not speak in the debate the previous day.

783 (1)
1899, June 29, House of Commons
'Heb gael cyfle etto. Yn disgwyl cael tro. Da iawn Sir Fon'.

784 (3)
1899, June 30, House of Commons
Last night's speech in the Commons was a perfect success. 'On the whole I think it my greatest parliamentary success up to date'. Comments in the newspapers. Dr Parry, Carnarvon, was in the gallery.

785 (3)
1899, July 3, House of Commons
The Pwllheli disaster. Is dining that evening with Sir William Waddenburn. Spent the previous day with Alfred Davies, Liverpool; 'Rhaid wrth fresh air yn Llundain yma neu fe daga'r machine'. Comments in the press on his recent speech. There is a need to select a delegate for the Swanse a Convention.

786 (3)
1899, July 5, House of Commons
'It is true that I have put more in Llew's way than has every other Solr. What is the use of friendship if it does not stand this test [?] In business I find friends somewhat disappointing - a percentage of them. But I have also discovered true men. This is the time & opportunity for helping a man - when he is starting'. Goes to Shrewsbury on Friday for a meeting of the Welsh County Councils.

787 (2)
1899, July 6, House of Commons
Is to discuss amendments to the Clerics' Bill in a meeting at Campbell-Bannerman's room. Goes to Shrewsbury the next day.

788 (2)
1899, July 10, House of Commons
Has moved the amendment which he and Ellis Griffith put down. The debate has already lasted for three hours.

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789 (3)
1899, July 11, House of Commons
Legal and business matters. Has just spoken.

790 (2)
1899, July 12, House of Commons
The response of the Committee was favourable over Rhyl, but the final decision has not yet been taken. Has not yet spoken in the debate.

791 (3)
1899, July 13, House of Commons
'Rhyl - buddugoliaeth lwyr. We got the very clause I asked for when they defeated us by a majority of 98 in the House'. Has not yet spoken that evening - 'Am reserving myself for the Welsh amendment'. Should he attend the Carnarvon Boroughs Association on Tuesday? Must return for the Old Age Pensions on Thursday. Business matters.

792 (2)
1899, July 14, House of Commons
The tithe battle is over for now. See the Guardian. 'EJG did nothing. Spoke twice but never came off'. Family news.

793 (3)
1899, July 17, House of Commons
Attended the Liberal Garden Party given by Sir Wheetman Pearson at his country house. Gwynoro Davies and D. Lloyd George listened the previous day to John Hugh Edwards at the Portman Rooms: 'Disappointing especially as far as delivery was concerned'. Business matters. May go on holiday with Dalziel in September.

794 (2)
1899, July 19, House of Commons
Did not see the Liverpool Mercury. 'The fight is out of the Session'.

795 (2)
1899, July 20, House of Commons
Has just spoken briefly in the House; 'House almost empty throughout debate owing to phenomenal heat'. Would like to receive the Liverpool Mercury.

796 (2)
1899, July 21, House of Commons
Has written to Sir J. J. Jenkins. William George should send in an official application on behalf of the Barmouth Council. Is glad that William George is going to Madeira.

797 (1)

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1899, July 24, House of Commons
The story of the rector.

798 (2)
1899, July 25, House of Commons
Hughes, Barmouth. Carried the two most important points in the Old Age Pensions Committee.

799 (3)
1899, July 26, House of Commons
The rector. Old Age Pensions - 'carried two most important amendments against the Government today. Adds two millions at least to the Bill. It is curious how two or three of the Tories voted for me'. Legal matters.

800 (2)
1899, July 27, House of Commons
The Barmouth memorial. William George should wire Gwynoro Davies. Moved an amendment that evening. Is to dine with Sir Charles McClarren MP.

801 (3)
1899, July 29, 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is about to go for a stroll with Clough. Parsons' apology is complete. Dined his brother and Tryfan Jones at the House the previous evening: 'They have both been trump cards for me. They think the Tories have utterly broken their hearts in the Boroughs. In Conway itself a Tory candidate now would hardly get a vote - so Hughes says but of course he is so zealous that you cannot place too much reliance on his estimates'. Ellis Griffith 'made an ass of himself last night. ... He attempted the role of a statesman & played that of the fool. The Liberals are very angry with him. ... He has damaged himself beyond instant retrievement. He must go into dry dock for repairs'.

802 (3)
1899, Aug. 3, House of Commons
Legal matters. Goes to a meeting in Wiltshire on Saturday, and has been pressed to spend two or three days with Sir Edmund Fitzmaurice. Has a good speech ready. Lord Hugh Cecil's speech on the Education Bill: his vision of what would happen under a Liberal administration - Fletcher Moulton as Lord Chancellor and D. Lloyd George as Minister for Education: 'I don't mind being grouped with Moulton. He has the biggest practice in the kingdom'.

803 (1)
1899, Aug. 9, 13 Walbrook, EC
Business and legal matters. Has spent a couple of days with Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice in Wiltshire - 'He is a chatty chap & his gossip about Gladstone & other great political personages he has come in contact with during his official career was interesting - highly so'.

804 (3)

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1899, Aug. 17, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Why did William George not visit? Legal matters. Will be unable to see William George before leaving for Canada - 'I felt it was a great chance to get a holiday on the cheap - & a very fine holiday too'. Dined with R. O. Davies the previous night. Business matters.

805 (3)
1899, Aug. 21, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Business and financial matters. Plans before departing for Canada.

806 (3)
1899, Aug. 22, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Business matters. William George should write to him care of Herbert Lewis and Davies. Legal matters.

807 (3)
1899, Aug. 24, Compton Hotel, Liverpool
Uncle Lloyd's englyn was well received by the Welsh settlers. His journey to Canada. W. J. Rees is 'a very pleasant chap'.

808 (3)
1899, Aug. 30, SS Bavaria
Describes the voyage.

809 (2)
[1899, Aug. 31], 'Thursday night', SS Bavaria, 11 pm
There will be an opportunity to post from Ireland the next day. Herbert Lewis, displaying his customary loyalty, came to Liverpool to see them off. Have settled their quarters. Could William George read a paper on his behalf at the Baptist Union at Rhymney the week after next?

810 (3)
[1899, Sept. 2], Canadian Pacific Companies Hotel, Banff, Alberta
Describes the scenery and their activities. His speech at Rapid City. The condemnation of Dreyfus.

811 (2)
1899, Sept. 4, Windsor Hotel, Montreal
Plans to journey to Ottawa. 'Today is a holiday. It is Labour day here & we are off now to see the demonstration'. 'No idea it was so beautiful. This city, in fact this province, is overchurched - Churches without end - gorgeous magnificent - mostly Catholic - Protestants following suit. Far too many for the population & I should say too costly for their resources'.

812 (3)
1899, Sept. 7, Winnipeg

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Their proposed tour through the western provinces. The situation in the Transvaal looks very grave. Will return at once if Parliament is re-summoned.

813 (5)
1899, Sept. 14, Regina, Assa [sic]
Has received a parcel of letters from home. The triumph at Dolgelley. Describes his surroundings. Would like William George to send some of the London papers to Montreal.

814 (3)
1899, Sept. 18, Glacier House, Glacier, BC
Is resting at a chalet hotel at the foot of the Great Glacier. 'Passed yesterday through scenery that defies description for grandeur & sublimity. ... Uncanny is the word for a good deal of it'. Describes the scenery in detail. The news from the Transvaal may cause him to change his plans: 'War means the summoning of Parliament & the former now seems inevitable. The prospect oppresses me with a deep sense of horror.
I shall protest with all the vehemence at my command against this blackguardism which is perpetrated in the name of human freedom'. Has had enough of the holiday - 'I am set up as I haven't been for years & now I want to get to work'. Hopes to receive letters from home at Vancouver.

815 (1)
1899, Sept. 23, Hotel Leland, Winnipeg
Awaits news from the Transvaal. 'The Carnarvon news makes me wild. Gresyn filwaith na buaswn i yno. Pan y dof yn ol ni bydd terfyn ar yr eiddigedd fwriaf ar y spaniels fu'n cyfarth tros y Sais - er mwyn yr esgyrn disgyna o'i fwrdd - yn nghyfarfod Caernarvon'. Will contact R. O. Davies to arrange a meeting at Bangor and Caernarvon.

816 (3)
1899, Oct. 16, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Has just landed and is already immersed in work. Legal and business matters. Margaret has gone to Wandsworth. Has received a letter from the new editor of the Speaker asking his opinion on what Parliament should do about the Transvaal. Gives his views on the Boer situation.

817 (3)
1899, Oct. 17, House of Commons
Finds the Commons 'very depressing after the bracing air of the prairie & the ocean. Can't get myself into parliamentary form or spirit. A day or two this feeling will wear off'. Is to dine with Spender to discuss the Transvaal. Campbell-Bannerman 'did very well under most trying conditions. Our party is divided on the question & his metier as leader is to keep us together. That is what he was elected for'. The Irish attitude towards the Empire is 'one of unconcealed hatred & hostility. That is not ours & it is important we should not be associated with it'.

818 (3)

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1899, Oct. 18, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'Congratulations. These wins keep the pot boiling'. The Boers are bombarding Mafeking. Is to meet the Mayor of Caernarvon to discuss the water supply. Has discussed the matter with Henry Chaplin who was 'quite touched by the open & straightforward way I dealt with him in Old Age Pensions Committee. Opposed him openly but was quite loyal to him as Chairman'.

819 (2)
1899, Oct. 19, House of Commons
Has been listening to Joseph Chamberlain and Sir Edward Clarke in the Commons. The former was 'undignified & inadequate', while the latter made 'a powerful attack' on the government.

820 (3)
1899, Oct. 20, House of Commons
William George's victory at Caernarvon. The defeat of the Boers at Glencoe. Is off now to speak for Harold Spender at Bow and Bromley.

821 (3)
1899, Oct. 21, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The tragedy of Ashton. The news from the Transvaal. 'I went hot & strong at the Government at last night's meeting. You never heard such cheering. I'll find an opportunity in the House I trust before this Session terminates'. 'Regret deeply though to hear her [Mary Ellen Davies] repeat the treasonable utterances of the President of the Garthcelyn Republic. Fancy his hoping that Cecil Rhodes would be captured. Treason. Plus blasphemy'.

822 (5)
1899, Oct. 23, House of Commons
The supposed 'glorious & brilliant victories' against the Boers. Wyndham's statement to the Commons. British losses at Elandsgate. 'The loss in officers is appalling. But it is all to the good. It will bring it home to the parties who are responsible for this wicked war'. Rumours of another British victory at Glencoe. The Queen's Bounty business. Should D. Lloyd George write to Cochfarf?

823 (3)
1899, Oct. 25, House of Commons
Has written to Cochfarf. Failed to take part in that day's debate. 'My office is becoming an embarrassment but I cannot regret it'. The Boers have captured a squadron of hussars. 'Why not details of the battle? Because we were beaten no doubt'.

824 (3)
1899, Oct. 26, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Uncle Lloyd's letter: 'He is the only one in whose fidelity I have absolute confidence'. General Symons is dead. 'What a victory'. Gives an account of the fighting. Is to go with Broadhurst to speak for Spender.

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825 (3)
1899, Oct. 28, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Progress of the Boer War. The reports of his speech in the press. 'No end of congratulations'.

826 (4)
1899, Oct. 30, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Have won the Barmouth case. The battle at Ladysmith. There is a meeting at Farringdon Memorial Hall that evening - the Chapel Extension Association of the United Free Methodists. D. Lloyd George is to be in the chair.

827 (2)
1899, Oct. 31, 13 Walbrook, London EC
'What a mess we are making of things in Natal'. Outlines events in South Africa. 'The glory is already out of the business'. Business matters.

828 (2)
[1899, Nov.], 'Friday', 13 Walbrook
Could William George send 'a list of things unattended to here'? Legal matters.

829 (1)
1899, Nov. 1, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Cochfarf has replied that day. ER is very sound on the question of the Transvaal, but claims to be lonely amongst the people of Pwllheli.

830 (3)
1899, Nov. 2, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The Boers attack the railways. The victory at Glencoe. No fresh news. Legal matters.

831 (2)
1899, Nov. 3, 13 Walbrook
The Ashton case. The Boer War - 'The butchery is horrible'. 'The depression here is patent to any man who walks the street. The fizz is out of the Jingo pop'.

832 (3)
1899, Nov. 4, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Letters received from Cochfarf and his brother. Arrangements to meet Eilir and Ballinger. The advance of the Boers. A possible invitation for the Carnarvon lads to sing at Windsor Castle: 'It looks like coming off'.

833 (3)
1899, Nov. 7, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
No one turned up on the train. Returned from Cardiff the previous night. 'Cochfarf told me that he never saw any public man get such a reception from a Cardiff audience as I did. It was really

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remarkable. For half an hour I had them completely in my hands'. Herbert Lewis, Robert Perks and Alfred Thomas also spoke - 'Ni dderbyniwyd yr un o honynt yn gyffelyb'. Philips is 'amiable but desperately weak'.

834 (2)
1899, Nov. 8, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Philip Davies. The leading article in the South Wales Daily News on his speech at the conference - 'quite fulsome - quite a new thing for the SWDN since my attack on them'.

835 (3)
1899, Nov. 9, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Margaret, Olwen and Mair are with him. Has lunched with the new editors of the Speaker: 'Very glad it has changed hands. It is now a much sounder paper'. No important news from the war: 'Don't think things are as safe at Ladysmith. The organization of another 10,000 troops to send out looks ominous'.

836 (3)
1899, Nov. 10, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The Ashton case. Is to speak on disestablishment at the chapel of Justice Evans at Lewisham.

837 (3)
1899, Nov. 11, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The Light Infantry is here. The meeting at Lewisham was 'capital'. The Carnarvon Choir is to visit Windsor on the 24th: 'I have some hopes that the Kaiser will be there. He is due about that time. If that be so, the glory of Carnarvon will be on a pinnacle. This job means votes. Gwell na deg araeth yn y Ty. Wedi codi'r hen dre. Influence in high circles! I must play the Puleston trick. It will tell in a good many quarters. I did this quite on my own. Dim help gan neb o'r tu allan'.
Includes a note from Gwilym and Richard Lloyd-George to William George.

838 (3)
1899, Nov. 20, 13 Walbrook
Legal cases. A city firm has suggested amalgamation: 'I am not personally well disposed to the idea. They are a very old firm & have good clients. ... But by keeping at it we'll have as good a business as they'. No important news from South Africa.

839 (3)
1899, Nov. 22, 13 Walbrook
Describes a legal case. Alfred Davies is sure to appear soon. Goes to Carmarthen on Monday. Is sending the Morning Post to Uncle Lloyd. Has refused all invitations outside London in December and January. Has a Church of England temperance meeting at Nottinghill in December. Spender is to dine with him that evening.

840 (3)

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1899, Nov. 25, 13 Walbrook, EC
The death of Thomas Roberts, Jerusalem, was 'very sudden & tragic'. Has had to change all his arrangements. Cannot cancel Carmarthen - 'I am the only speaker & Alfred Davies might count it for treachery one to one - so I must go'. Suggests David Edwards for Merionethshire - 'He is sound on the War ... thoroughly anti-Jingo. He wouldn't stand if either H[erbert] L[ewis] or I were stranded owing to a Redistribution Bill. Can you find out confidentially what they would say to him? Don't mix my name in his nomination as both Gwynoro [Davies] & D. R. [Daniel] are candidates. DE will pay his own expenses'. Last night's meeting was 'splendid'.

841 (3)
[c. 1899, Nov. 28], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW. 'Yn y trên'.
The campaign in Carmarthenshire 'a colossal success. The Conference was one of the weightiest as well as one of the most enthusiastic ever held in S Wales. ... Cefais dderbyniad a hwyl anarferol'. Professor Jones's interruption was 'a Godsend to us'. The previous night's meeting at Whitland: 'Abel Thomas made a very strong speech for my policy. Ditto Brynmor'.

842 (2)
1899, Nov. 29, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The previous night's meeting at Liverpool. Goes to Liverpool again that night for a meeting. Has no commitments outside London in December.

843 (2)
1899, Nov. 30, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The previous night's meeting at Liverpool. Little news from South Africa.

844 (3)
1899, Dec. 2, 13 Walbrook, London EC
The Liberal candidature for Merionethshire - 'Beth yw dy farn di ar y mater [?] It is all a question of the probabilities of Redistribution. Apart from that I am like Mrs McCawber "I can't desert Carnarvon Boroughs". They have been very loyal to me as a whole - despite individual instances to the contrary. The latter are unavoidable anywhere. In disposition, training, creed, habit of thought I am everything they dread. For all that they have stuck to me with a personal devotion which I believe is quite unrivalled ... by any other Welsh constituency to its member. Of course a safe seat does minimise the risks of a political career. Fancy being thrown out just as your party is getting into power - & one is always liable to that in a seat like mine. Not that I wish for office - I would hesitate to accept it if it were offered - but I should like to get the offer. Pa beth a dywed y penteulu?' Business matters. Agrees with Uncle Lloyd's opinion of Joe Chamberlain's Leicester speeches.

845 (3)
1899, Dec. 4, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Has been to Braken. The Liberal candidature for Merionethshire - 'I agree with your views on this point except that I wouldn't stand in Herbert [Lewis]'s way if he really wanted it'. Is to address the

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Church of England Temperance Society in Notting Hill that evening. Alfred Davies has probably not returned from Carmarthen.

846 (2)
1899, Dec. 5, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Has returned from the annual meeting of the Nonconformist Council where Perks was re-elected President. Is to discuss Merioneth with Herbert Lewis and Gwynoro Davies. Charlie's letter. Incomplete

847 (4)
1899, Dec. 6, 13 Walbrook
Alfred Davies is 'bubbling over with gratitude for my services to his candidature'. AD has promised to do his best to assist Phil and to find fresh business for D. Lloyd George. Plans to tackle Herbert Lewis. The Boer War. Has been asked to preside at a Liberal dinner.

848 (3)
1899, Dec. 8, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Has recently returned from Manchester where he has been on business. Business problems.

849 (3)
1899, Dec. 11, 13 Walbrook
The Liberal candidature in Merioneth - 'It strikes me there is a good deal of intriguing going on in Merioneth. A section is fearful lest I be selected. So they take good care to assure everybody there will be no redistribution & even if there be Cvon Boros wont disappear. I don't want my name to be kept out of the candidates mentioned - as I want at best the chance to refuse. It will help me in the Cvon Boros when the time comes'. Business matters.

850 (3)
1899, Dec. 12, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Business matters; is to go to Manchester on Thursday. The Boer War: 'This is the most disastrous defeat we have so far experienced. It comes at such a critical moment & in such a sensitive district'. Is to dine with Spender and Vaughan Nash tonight.

851 (2)
1899, Dec. 15, 13 Walbrook
Business matters. The Boer War.

852 (3)
1899, Dec. 16, 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Describes his visitors. The Boer War. Is to preside at Castle Street that night at a lecture by the Rev. Pedr Williams.

853 (3)

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1899, Dec. 18, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The Stock Exchange is in a panic. Bryn Roberts has written an excellent letter to the Westminster Gazette. The Boer War. Has been invited to spend Christmas with Alfred Davies.

854 (2)
1899, Dec. 19, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Letter received. No news. Hopes to spend New Year's Day with William George and the family.

855 (3)
[1899], 'Nos Sadwrn', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Business and legal matters.

856 (3)
[1899], 'Saturday', 179 Trinity Road
Is glad that William George enjoyed himself. Is to write an article for the New Liberal Review on parliamentary business. Uncle Lloyd's health.

857 (2)
[1899]
Has been chairing the memorial service to Tom Ellis for over an hour. Business matters: Aberystwyth - the railway on Constitution Hill and the hotel.

858 (2)
[1899], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is taking the children to Kew. Business. The 'extraordinary article' in the Cambrian News. - 'He is playing up to me now. What does it mean?' Spoke briefly in the House the previous night.

859 (2)
[1899]
Has a few public engagements. Has promised to speak at the Exeter Hall that evening, but has been too busy to prepare a speech. 'It is nothing but hypocrisy to demonstrate in favour of peace whilst snarling at France over nothing'.
Incomplete

860 (2)
[1899], 'Thursday', 'Brynhyfryd', Wrexham
A proposed drive from Chwilog to Nevin the next evening. Would like William George to meet him.

861 (2)
[1899], 'Sunday', National Liberal Club
Is here concerning the Echo. 'Gresyn fod yn rhaid tori'r Saboth but it is no fault of mine'. Family news.

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862 (3)
[1899], 'Sunday evening', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Another British victory in the Boer War. Describes events in South Africa. 'There is some anxiety at War Office'.

863 (3)
[1899], House of Commons. 'Yn y trên'.
His visit to Rhayader. Went to the Elan Valley to see the huge preparations for the Birmingham Waterworks: 'Well worth a visit'. The previous night's meeting. 'I had two objects in view in going there. One was to help Frank Edwards whom I have done nothing for altho' he stuck like a brick during the revolt. The second was to win a claim upon the Methodist Minister who is on the point of moving to Pwllheli & who had worried one for years to promise a visit to Rhayadr'. Would like William George's opinion on his Tuesday speech. 'I mean to confine myself more to these set efforts in Parliament now that I have secured the ear of the House. What say you?'

864 (2)
[1899], 'Monday', Walbrook
Margaret's 'neuralgic pains in her eye'. Went to High Mass in the morning - 'We had a powerful sermon by the Cardinal's brother on the Catholic attitude towards the Bible'. The meeting at Newtown - 'The people seem fonder of me than ever. Humphreys Owen was also very nice. Letters still pouring in. I have given up replying to them. It is a hopeless task'.
Incomplete

865 (3)
[1899], 'Saturday'
The Humphreys case - has been in discussion with Samuel T. Evans. His telegram to Margaret. Describes a recent meeting.

866 (2)
[1899], 'Nos Fawrth', The Gables, Croxteth Road, Liverpool
Ian Maclaren is ill. 'Last night spoke against war. Greatest success I ever scored in South Wales. Conquered completely a hostile audience'.

867 (3)
[1899], 'Sunday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Had to come up to town to see Roberts before he left on a three week holiday. 'Benefited enormously by my trip. Put on 3 or 4 pounds in weight'.

868 (2)
[1899], 'Saturday', Eden House, Lucerne, Rome
Is to return to London. Wishes to work on the Woods and Forests before Parliament rises. Thinks William George should start on his Irish trip. 'If the Borth case is adjourned you may rely upon my being down for it. I should delight to take it up. There is a chance of a good row'.

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869 (2)
[1899], 'Sunday', 179 Trinity Road
Legal matters.

870 (1)
[1899]
General Macdonald's retreat. The Boer War.
Fragment

871 (3)
[1899]
Legal matters. The chairmanship of the Welsh Party - 'All my friends here are in accord with your view - that it would be a mistake for me to accept it. I think I'd get it if I wished - the majority would be for me'. Is delighted 'that Phil's vessel has been spoken to. This dispels the last shadow of a cause for anxiety'. 'Casson looked like a bear robbed of its din ner. He was preparing to gloat over the judgment & has set himself purposely in a place where he could enjoy noting the effect on my too sensitive countenance - the hound'.
Incomplete

872 (1)
1900, Jan. 2, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'Busy with paper'. The previous day's meeting at Cardiff was a great success.

873 (3)
1900, Jan. 3, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Has the newspaper 'on the brain'. Plans to take a short holiday the following week - 'The Election deprived me of it last year & I have been on the rack ever since'. Suggests a fortnight in the south of France: 'I want to be fit for the Session'. Trawsfynydd. The 'patchy paragraph' in that day's Post. The situation in the Cape.

874 (3)
1900, Jan. 4, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Family news. 'The papers are now full of Daily News change. They are beginning to find I am at the bottom of it'. South Africa. A very nice letter from Cadbury.

875 (3)
[1900, Jan. 6], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The football victory of Wales over England. 'What a horrible travesty of my speech at Criccieth appears in the C & D Herald today! Who supplied it?' News of the Boer War; 'a few more days & we shall hear of great events'. Has forwarded Philip Davies's application.

876 (3)

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1900, Jan. 8, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Progress of the Boer War - 'a picture of demoralization amongst the men that augurs dismally for the future'. Has 'talked war' with Sir Robert Reid. The Morning Post and the Daily Mail both suggest that the government should be turned out.

877 (3)
[?c. 1900, Jan. 9], 'Tuesday', 13 Walbrook
Business matters; negotiations with the Linotype Co. Has not received the letters from Criccieth. Is preparing his notes to speak on 'Wales & Imperialism' that evening.

878 (3)
1900, Jan. 16, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Poor old CE's death. Has had to draw out another £40 from Lloyd George and George as the insurance will be postponed by the war.

879 (2)
[c. 1900, Jan. 16], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The Boer War; Butler crossing the Tugela. The report of his speech in the paper.

880 (3)
1900, Jan. 20, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The proposed purchase of a newspaper company. There is no news from Natal. Is to have lunch at the Savage Club with Major Jones.

881 (3)
1900, Jan. 25, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The Boer War; a telegram is anxiously awaited.

882 (2)
1900, Jan. 30, 7.20 pm, House of Commons
'Balfour wrthi yn ateb Bannerman. The latter fairly good. The former wretched'. 'The depression of the Jingoes is most manifest. Chamberlain is specially unhappy. He looks a disappointed man. As if an enterprise out of which he expected a political fortune has turned out disastrously'. Plans to speak towards the end of the debate. His Oxford speech has been highly praised.

883 (3)
[1900, Feb.], 'Foreu Sadwrn', 13 Walbrook
The Boer War - 'The Boer information from the seat of war turned out to be correct as usual. Butler has been compelled to retire. This means the inevitable fall of Ladysmith'. The Unionists were very depressed the previous night. Chamberlain was quite short tempered. A ghastly doubt is creeping toward them - that perhaps after all they may not be able to plant the British flag at Pretoria'. Is to speak on the war the following Wednesday.

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884 (2)
1900, Feb. 1, House of Commons
Wyndham has made a very fine defence of the Government on military grounds. Margaret was in the gallery.

885 (2)
1900, Feb. 6, House of Commons
Has just scored his 'greatest success - far and away - in this House', and has been highly praised by Harcourt. 'The effect was prodigious. Members shouted Bravo! House crowded before I sat down. Greatest effect of all. Ellis Griffith who meant to reply, slunk out fel ci a'i gynffon tu ol'.

886 (3)
1900, Feb. 7, House of Commons
Tim Healy's amusing speech. William George should read of it in the papers. His own speech has also been very highly praised: 'Even the Western Mail representative in the Gallery gives a column to it & says that although he differs absolutely from it all the same "it was a great speech &c."' The Boer War.

887 (3)
1900, Feb. 8, House of Commons
His speech is to be published by the Liberal Publication Department. Is receiving widespread congratulations.
Includes note from Margaret Lloyd George giving family news.

888 (2)
1900, Feb. 9, House of Commons
A telegram received by the Speaker on the progress of the Boer War.

889 (3)
1900, Feb. 9, House of Commons
The Boer War; the retreat of Macdonald. The Tories 'are in a depressed state about that'. A report received from T. W. Russell on the war. His speech highly praised by Sir Wilfrid Lawson in the House. The Star has described him as 'the undoubted leader of the Welsh people ... no serious rival in their affections'.

890 (3)
1900, Feb. 12, House of Commons
Wishes to place the facts about Llangefni before Hanbury. The Boer War. His speech praised in Reynolds News.

891 (2)
1900, Feb. 13, House of Commons

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Has not received William George's letters. Has received 'a delightful letter' of congratulations from Lord Rendel.

892 (2)
1900, Feb. 14, House of Commons
Will attempt to see Hanbury personally. Is to go to a conference. Encloses a copy of the letter from Lord Rendel. 'Letters still pouring in from all parts of country'.

893 (3)
1900, Feb. 15, House of Commons
Family news.
Includes a longer letter from Margaret Lloyd George.

894 (3)
1900, Feb. 16, House of Commons
Kimberley has been relieved. Describes in detail reports of events in South Africa. 'The game is only beginning yet & unless I am mistaken the Boers will be the winners at the end of this move as they have been at the end of Bullers'.
Incomplete

895 (3)
[c. 1900, Feb. 17], 7 pm, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Recent news received from South Africa. Over fifty officers have been killed and wounded.

896 (3)
1900, Feb. 19, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Business and legal matters.

897 (3)
1900, Feb. 21, House of Commons
The relief of Ladysmith remains unconfirmed. The previous day's Commons debate - 'The general idea is that Chamberlain triumphed for the moment'.

898 (3)
1900, Feb. 22, House of Commons
Has sent 'the Boer Commandant at Garthcelyn' a summary of the telegram read by Balfour to the House this afternoon. There is some uncertainty over the meaning of the telegram. 'We'll know the truth when we get the telegrams from Pretoria'.

899 (2)
1900, Feb. 22, House of Commons

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The Boer War: 'De Wet heb ei ddal etto. He'll get off in spite of the tightness of the corner he is in - but he may lose guns & baggage. That is the worst I think that can happen to him. Our Jingoes are clucking prematurely'.

900 (3)
1900, Feb. 27, House of Commons
The Boer War - Cronje's surrender and capture. 'Ymdrechodd ymdrech deg a gorphenodd [sic] ei yrfa'.

901 (2)
1900, March 5, House of Commons
The measures in the Budget - 'shower bath for the fever stricken land. ... It is beginning to sober people'. Is to speak at the Glasgow City Hall the following evening. Professor Arnold thinks that he should have a meeting at Bangor.

902 (3)
1900, March 7, House of Commons
Has returned from the Glasgow demonstration - 'A tumultuous experience. Worst public meeting row I ever witnessed. 10,000 people outside trying to break into the meeting - surging, struggling, fighting, yelling meanwhile like savages. ... For 20 minutes I stood facing a shouting, surging, yelping, fighting crowd. The fights in the body of the hall were quite menacing. ... The roughs attacked our carriage as we drove from the meeting - the glass was smashed & one of the occupants of the carriage had his hand badly cut. They didn't touch me'.

903 (3)
1900, March 8, House of Commons
The 'Welsh Notes' in the Mercury. 'As to Merioneth I wouldn't of course be displeased with an invitation - but the worst of it is you must consent to stand before they submit your name. That I cannot do in any event. I must stick to my guns in the Boroughs'. Is to dine with Edward Blake that evening. A wire has been sent to Sam T. Evans. Would William George prefer STE or Brynmor Jones? The latter would 'go for that fee I think'.

904 (3)
1900, March 9, House of Commons
Would like to hear the news from Pwllheli. 'We could only get Herbert Williams. He is a safe man'. The account of the Glasgow demonstration in the Labour Leader: 'The triumph of the evening however was the fine oratorical speech by Mr Lloyd George. Tact, argument, apt quotation & impassioned appeal followed each other in quick succession, completely capturing the audience & betimes rousing it to bursts of wildest enthusiasm'. Action in Merioneth has been postponed until September.

905 (2)
[?1900, March 9], 13 Walbrook

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'Won handsomely' the case for the Biographic Company - 'Had we lost this I dare not imagine the result to this office. It would have been a most serious thing for the Company as it was a fight for their exclusive right to use the name. So if we had lost I believe they would have blamed us exactly as the Tories are finding fault with the Generals, "All's well that ends well"'. His speech in that day's Daily News.

906 (3)
1900, March 12, House of Commons
Hopes to see Philip and Mary Davies. The Boer War. Saw Gwynoro Davies the previous day. They are to visit Stafford Howard the next day. Legal matters - the London Drapers Chambers of Trade. The appointment of a new clerk.

907 (3)
1900, March 13, House of Commons
Gwynoro Davies is there. Philip Davies. The Boer War. 'Democrats & Republicans vie with each other for electioneering purposes in expressing sympathy with the Boers & I shouldn't be surprised if Kruger can hold out until the eve of the Presidential Election that McKinley won't be forced to intervene'.

908 (3)
1900, March 14, House of Commons
Has not seen Philip Davies as yet. Y Genedl. The Sunday Closing Bill (Monmouth).

909 (1)
1900, March 15, House of Commons
Failed to put his question because of a 'trick' by the Speaker.
Incomplete

910 (2)
1900, March 16, House of Commons
Legal matters. Has introduced his first bill supported by three Tories. Philip Davies.

911 (3)
1900, March 20, House of Commons
Margaret and Mrs Roberts, Bethesda, are in the gallery of the House. The payments made to the Jutlanders and the British soldiers. Secured two libel actions that day.

912 (2)
1900, March 21, House of Commons
Is preparing for Bangor.

913 (3)
1900, March 22, House of Commons

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The Ashton case. Is determined to go to Bangor although 'the bulk of the leading Liberals are strongly opposed to a meeting at this juncture & they entreat me not to go. Ond ni wrandawaf'. Outlines his reasons for his determination to go. 'If the Association still deprecate meetings I resign my candidature as I cannot hope to succeed if I am shut up'.

914 (2)
1900, March 23, House of Commons
Has been on the Grand Committee all day. Legal matters.

915 (2)
1900, March 28, House of Commons
'Grand fight at Nottingham. We thrashed them in grand style. Best bit of work done for many a day. I sat on Massie'. The accounts in the newspapers.

916 (2)
1900, March 29, House of Commons
Joubert's death. Legal matters.

917 (3)
1900, March 30, House of Commons
The letting of Penrhyn Hall by the trustees. The fight for 'free speech & equal rights' in the Transvaal.

918 (3)
1900, April 2, House of Commons
The insurance meeting. Business matters. The Orange Free State: 'There is evidently a big battle proceeding & there will be news tonight or tomorrow'. 'D. A. Thomas not here today. Shall talk to him the moment he comes here. He is our best card'.

919 (2)
1900, April 3, House of Commons
Is to dine with John Morley to discuss the lines of the settlement. The Bangor meeting. Has received a new case from Bambridge MP.

920 (4)
1900, April 4, House of Commons
News from South Africa. The dinner at John Morley's - 'We had a discussion on the kind of settlement we should advocate. Most significant. Courtney pedantically & stubbornly pressing a plan of his own. Massingham enthusiastically standing for the status quo. Shaw with Scottish canniness stating he had an open mind. Morley quite unable to make up his mind ... I pleading for any settlement that fully recognized the nationality of the Boers'. Encloses a page from the Daily News on Monday - 'A most striking letter from their correspondent who has been a wounded prisoner in the hands of the Boers'. Plans to read it out at the Bangor meeting.

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921 (2)
1900, April 5, House of Commons
'Gwynoro [Davies] must not resign. They would all be at sixes & sevens if he went. He alone can control & guide them'. The Boers. He and Margaret are to dine with the editor of Reynolds News that evening.

922 (3)
1900, April 6, House of Commons
The Boer War. D. A. Thomas is not there. Leaves town the following day to secure peace and quiet.

923 (3)
[1900, April 7], 'Pnawn Sadwrn', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'I mean to face Bangor & have written to say so. They can chuck me out next time if they will - & I have no doubt myself they will - but I won't recant a syllable - no, nor even moderate my views even a shade. I know the Caernarvon Boroughs will rue their folly when they are represented by some gilded popinjay. But I am disgusted with them & shall part company with pleasure. Many of them have shown towards me a loyalty & devotion which I shall ever treasure but there have been others who have always been to me a source of sorry & secret pain'. Recalls the advice given to him by 'grand old Gee': 'Peidiwch byth a suro'. 'He had as much reason for doing so as most men. No man ever experienced more ingratitude than he did'.

924 (2)
1900, April 7, 13 Walbrook, London EC
Is leaving for Brighton with Timothy Davies. The Boer War.

925 (1)
1900, April 9, House of Commons
Leaves for Bangor the next day. William George should write to him at the home of Henry Lewis JP.

926 (3)
1900, April 17, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has been informed by Samuel that Crabb Wart has abandoned his opposition to D. Lloyd George's bill. Has received a number of congratulatory letters.

927 (3)
1900, April 23, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Business matters: 'Business is coming in right enough & I hope in good time the pay will also arrive - although that is tarrying much. But the Clients are sound ones all & they are bound to pay up in their own good time. We have quite £800 due to us now'. 'C & D Herald report excellent. Carter very very feeble at Conway. I hope Professor Hughes will be the candidate. I am afraid I have scared him off the ground. I would rather him than even Carter'.

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928 (3)
1900, April 26, House of Commons
Has been overwhelmed with congratulations following the success of the Caernarfon meeting. The Boers. Dr Evans, Blaenau, is waiting outside.

929 (3)
1900, April 30, The Westminster Palace Hotel, London SW
Is attending an insurance meeting and hopes to receive a cheque in payment. Is wary of 'the crankiness of this pragmatist Scot lawyer'.
7 pm - They have resolved to pay up. D. A. Thomas has not arrived as yet.

930 (2)
1900, May 1, House of Commons
Has just been speaking on a very dry subject. His speech has been highly praised.

931 (2)
1900, May 2, House of Commons
Business matters. The previous day's speech. D. A. Thomas has not arrived.

932 (3)
1900, May 4, House of Commons
The government has been badly damaged by the Spion Kop debate - 'Asquith never done better - but the speech of the debate was delivered by Acland. ... Tories are bursting with indignation re the conduct of the Govt. M. was in the Gallery & heard all'. The Boer War: 'People are getting sick of these easy victories which simply lead to the next kopje'.

933 (3)
1900, May 5, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Gibson is overdoing it in the Cambrian News, but as it has 'a circulation at Pwllheli it will do some good'. The death of Hefin Jones: 'inexpressibly sad in all its circumstances. Its appalling suddenness - the poor wife ill in the next room. A thoroughly true & honest soul. We can ill spare such men now'. The Boer War. Has an article on town taxation in the Speaker.

934 (2)
1900, May 7, House of Commons
The Boer War. Has arranged to postpone his motion the next day 'on condition that Chaplin receives a deputation from the Welsh County Councils'.

935 (2)
1900, May 8, House of Commons
Has been speaking on a motion of breach of privilege. Campbell-Bannerman has lost his opportunity of turning out the government. 'I rather went for him. On a division the great bulk of the part took

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my view'. D. A. Thomas claims he is already 'in the job' - 'You know me. I never take a thing in hand without doing it thoroughly'.

936 (3)
1900, May 9, House of Commons
Carried the second reading of the Welsh Sunday Closing (Amendment) Act without a division. Was not required to speak: 'The Tories recognizing our temporary supremacy did not dare to challenge a division'. Has been in correspondence with Professor Hughes as a result of the Caernarfon speech: 'I think I score heavily but I dare not publish the correspondence as I attack his management of the Hospital Fund & I have no desire to be bothered with a libel action for inadequate cause. However I mean to challenge him to publish. I'll send you copies'. Is 'pushing forward with the County Council business'. The Boer War.

937 (3)
1900, May 10, House of Commons
The Boer War. Barmouth. Encloses the Westminster Gazette which contains a cartoon by Gould - 'The Bull among the Band of Hope'. Is busy with the County Council scheme - 'Ceisio cael cydgyfarfyddiad o'r oll o'r aelodau Cymraeg o'r ddwy blaid. I am also drafting the Scheme'.

938 (3)
1900, May 11, House of Commons
'Delighted you gave Carter a whipping. The notice he has recently received has for the moment afflicted him with a swollen head. I hear that he is very sore about the reference to him as a "creature" of the Penrhyn Estate'. The Pybus case.

939 (3)
1900, May 12, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has received a telegram from Caer [sic] announcing that he has passed. The Boer War. John Gibson is 'over friendly'.

940 (3)
1900, May 14, House of Commons
Chamberlain has delivered 'a very remarkable speech on the Australian Bill striking for the admissions it contained applicable to this country & to South Africa. It is worth reading'. His statement 'that he would not force a colony to remain within the Empire is startling'. Greaves is coming up.

941 (2)
1900, May 15, House of Commons
Feels certain that William George has 'conquered' William Evans. The Boer War.

942 (3)
1900, May 16, House of Commons

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The Guardian shows that William George did well at Porthmadoc. Has spent the afternoon in conference with Greaves, Sir John Jones-Jenkins and Herbert Lewis. 'Y mae wedi llyngcu yr holl gynllun'. Uncle Lloyd should not be alarmed about Charles Williams's predictions in the Leader - 'He is a mischievous old chap'.

943 (3)
1900, May 17, House of Commons
No word from Mafeking. Wyndham's statement in the House. D. A. Thomas has written to sixteen firms with copies of the testimonials of Philip Davies. Dined with Morley the previous night; he believes that the war has made annexation inevitable. John Dillon agrees with this view.

944 (3)
1900, May 18, House of Commons
The Festiniog meeting was an enormous success. 'Greaves did uncommonly well'. Telegram from Roberts on the Boer War. 'Had some difficulty in persuading Alfred Thomas to put Sir John Llewelyn in the Chair'.

945 (6)
[1900, May 19], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The response to Mafeking - 'Crowds parading the street shrieking & bellowing - everything is draped in red white & blue ...'. Discusses the significance of the relief of Mafeking and Ladysmith. 'Had they been weak or incapable the Boer cause were lost now. But Kruger, Steyn, Botha & Olivier are just the men who can hearten a crowd into heroes'. Dined with Sir John Jones Jenkins the previous evening - 'he is full of the devolution scheme'.

946 (3)
1900, May 23, House of Commons
William George's proposed visit to London. The Boer War. 'Boers fighting a rear grand action. Our losses 75'.

947 (4)
1900, May 24, House of Commons
The defeat of the Jingo Liberal candidate in the Isle of Wight by-election. Fears that Lief Jones will also be badly beaten. The article in that day's Morning Leader on South Africa.

948 (3)
1900, May 26, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The Boer War - Roberts crossed the Vaal on the Queen's birthday. Manchester is 'a perfect rout. Still it makes dissolution more difficult. It leaves the Tories without a decent excuse for going to the Country. But it will be time enough to talk of that when the Boers are beaten to the ground. We are a long way off that yet'. British soldiers 'dying of filth diseases'. D. A. Thomas has not replied as yet.

949 (2)

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1900, May 28, House of Commons
Has spoken three times in the House - on the London and North Western Railway and on education: 'Hwyl anarferol. Went for them hot & strong amid rousing cheers'. An immediate dissolution is anticipated at Westminster - 'O'r goreu. They won't lick me easy - that I'll guarantee'.

950 (3)
1900, May 30, 13 Walbrook
Is working at the office to release time for a general election campaign. Business matters. 'My holiday depends on dissolution. If Pretoria is entered within the next fortnight it is a certainty. ... For my part I would rather have done with it. Unless a very strong man is brought out by the Tories I shall win. I have a good case on the score of local services'. A meeting to discuss the P wllheli harbour. Is 'apprehensive of a general election before the difficulty with the Local Govt Bd has been completely surmounted'.

951 (3)
1900, June 4, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is leaving for the country with Margaret. Will be glad to hear that Pretoria has fallen into the hands of Roberts. 'The Boer game is clearly to draw us into the mountains'. 'I am getting more & more discontented with the Genedl & Express. Their articles last week on Railway Rates were disgusting. I will stand it no longer'.
Incomplete

952 (3)
1900, June 5, 13 Walbrook
A notice has been posted at the War Office that Pretoria has been occupied. Has sent a wire to Uncle Lloyd to give the news. Ashton's letters. Is surprised that Philip Davies has heard no thing and will stir up D. A. Thomas when the House meets.

953 (3)
1900, June 7, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
Has come to meet the county councils. The defeat at Lindley has postponed the general election: 'They can't very well say the war is over in the face of so serious a defeat'. His election expenses - 'I won't pay for the privilege of fighting an insecure seat'. His shares in the Genedl.

954 (2)
1900, June 7, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is to help the Methodist chapel at Walham Green. Philip Davies's success. No news from the war.

955 (2)
1900, June 8, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
No wire received from Lord Roberts. The Boer War.

956 (3)

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1900, June 12, 13 Walbrook
William George's impending visit to London. The Boer War - 'We are now in the 9th month of the war & the Orange Free Staters are more than holding their own whilst the Transvaalers are almost in tact'. Discusses the Boer War.

957 (3)
1900, June 13, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Roberts has cleared his communications. The Boer War. Spender was with him last night. Perks has attacked William Jones at Conway.

958 (3)
1900, June 15, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is reflecting about Bowen Rowlands: 'At his best he is the man for a case of this sort but he is off colour just now. ... Bowen Rowlands is capable of bigger things than any man on circuit - when at his best'. The serious news from China - 'In the face of this crisis we are helpless & the great Chinese problem will be settled without our assistance & therefore without reckoning us'.

959 (2)
1900, June 15, House of Commons
Has been speaking on education. Had a good hearing the previous night. 'Boers still worrying Kitchener on the line of communications'.

960 (1)
1900, June 18, 13 Walbrook
The Ashton case.

961 (2)
1900, June 19, House of Commons
The Ashton case.

962 (3)
1900, June 20, 13 Walbrook
'Uncle tells me you haven't had my letters. I have written you daily Monday included'. The Boer War. 'There are symptoms that the country is cooling down. A long drawn campaign will tire out jingo enthusiasm. Doniol iawn stori sowldiwr Spion Kop gan Uncle Lloyd. It is an indication of what is going to happen in thousands of villages on the soldiers' return'.

963 (2)
1900, June 21, House of Commons
Structural changes in the Post Office have led to problems recently. The Lords are to debate it that evening. The Russian Foreign Minister has dropped down dead. The Boer War: 'Westminster Gazette military critic predicts campaign will be over in a fortnight. Don't believe it'.

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964 (3)
1900, June 22, House of Commons
Is moving into the new offices that evening. The problems with the GPO. 'Westminster Gazette military critic predicts end of war before July 12. Dangerous date. If it is realised there will be a dissolution. But I don't believe it. There is a lot of fight left in those chaps'. His speech for Liskeard is in preparation.

965 (6)
1900, June 23, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Have moved to new offices at Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street: 'Much larger offices - 4 rooms & a small waiting room'. 'It is the dread & really the consciousness that we are not making the most of our opportunities by giving the impression of being prompt & busines slike - this it is that is worrying me'. Roberts, his partner, 'is a good lawyer & works hard. He also commands confidence by his honesty, straightforwardness & intelligence, thus I have observed. But he does not push matters through. He allows them to drag along attending to them when he needs must'. Has been invited by Viscountess Parkes to dinner to meet Sir James Sweinright from Cape Colony: 'Tipyn o Pro Boer yw hi. Un o hen deulu Gogerddan - Liberals'. 'Disgwyliaf enill [sic] het newydd oddiar Ellis Griffith ar yr 11eg o'r mis nesaf'. Anticipates the end of the Boer War. Encloses a telegram which appeared in the Daily Express from their Boer correspondent.

966 (2)
1900, June 26, House of Commons
The war is not yet over. Is to go home to prepare a speech for Birmingham Thursday evening. 'In the chair of the meeting of the Nonconformist Political Council'.

967 (3)
1900, June 27, House of Commons
Burdett-Coutts's letter in The Times 'describing the awful state of things in our South African camps. ... Disease rampant - 20,000 cases of sickness - the medical arrangements completely broken down - the poor victims lying out on the damp ground soaking in the rain &c - Nothing like it since the Great Crimean scandal. Joe may yet find there is many a slip between the cup & the lip'. 'Merionethshire must go. I cannot abandon the Boroughs now that the position has become untenable for anyone else'.

968 (5)
1900, June 30, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Regrets he cannot attend his aunt's funeral: 'No man is such a slave as he who serves the public. I felt there were some disagreeable things that needed saying last night & so I listened to speaker after speaker on our side I felt they would be unsaid unless I got up. There was a terribl e scene but I held my ground the opposition backed me through & through. Burns got up to say the same thing. He showed me his notes. Bryn also got up for same purpose. ... Bannerman also backed me up splendidly & went for Balfour in fine style'. Has faced 'the most painful struggle between my duty here & my inclination. The Liberals begged me to remain'.

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969 (2)
1900, July 2, House of Commons
Thanks for the letters from Brynawelon. Was very disappointed at his failure to attend the funeral. Has received many letters of congratulation on Friday's speech.

970 (2)
1900, July 3, House of Commons
Did William George hear Llew Williams at Porthmadoc the previous evening? The situation in China. The letter in that day's Morning Leader on his speech. Is to dine with C. P. Scott of the Guardian that evening.

971 (2)
1900, July 4, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The situation in China. 'What a penalty we are paying for our folly in South Africa'. Goes to Liskeard the following day. Dined the previous night with C. P. Scott and Mr and Mrs Courtney, she 'an out & out Liberal'.

972 (2)
1900, July 6, House of Commons
The meeting at Liskeard: 'Stormed platform - wouldn't listen to anybody. Simply 100 or 150 young hobbledehoys. The bulk of the meeting was with us. Assured it will do good'. Courtney is 'very pleased'.

973 (4)
1900, July 7, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has seen Vincent Evans 'firm in the faith & promises to write [to] Ballinger'. He will also 'scout for Ashton's letters'. Legal and business matters.

974 (3)
1900, July 14, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is leaving for Grasgarth to fetch the family home. Is expecting William George the following week. Financial matters. The Ashton case. The Boer War. The situation in Africa and China.

975 (2)
1900, July 24, House of Commons
The Colonial Vote has been arranged for the following day. May be able to speak. 'Bad arrangements. Bannerman is a foozler. He will only get a perfunctory listless house owing to the heat'.

976 (2)
1900, July 30, House of Commons

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Cannot come down the next day. There is to be a debate the following Wednesday on the financial proposals for the war. 'I am going into them carefully tomorrow & if there is anything to fight in them I'll talk'.

977 (2)
1900, July 31, House of Commons
Plans to travel home. Wishes to be in the Commons on Friday for the Colonial Vote. The Boer War.

978 (2)
1900, Aug. 6, House of Commons
Four deputations. The Boer War.

979 (2)
1900, Aug. 8, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'Just given Joe [Chamberlain] the biggest hiding he has had for years. He squirmed, I got him completely & I lashed him for 20 minutes until he writhed. Our fellows mad with delight. Greatest score yet'.

980 (3)
1900, Aug. 21, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The card from Ebenezer Roberts: 'A few stalwarts of his sort are a good foundation for hope'. Ellis Owen of Y Genedl called that day, 'He tells me JRP is hostile to LlG in his tone as well as p olicy. "Have you had any quarrel with him?" meddai. ... Beriah insisted that he was still the best of friends & would do anything for me'.

981 (2)
[1900, Aug. 22], 'Wednesday', G Post Office
It is very busy in Paternoster Square. Another thirty have be en captured by the Boers.

982 (2)
[1900, Aug. 24], London
Last night's committee meeting. Lord Roberts's telegram.

983 (3)
1900, Aug. 25, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Is leaving for Cromer. Encloses a page from the NW Express - 'I send it as a sample of how not to do a thing. What idiots to say that the War Liberals would support me because they had "so far modified their views". Save me from my friends'. The Boer War.

984 (2)
1900, Aug. 29, 63 Queen Victoria Street
Uncle Lloyd's letter - 'He never misses a post'. The Boer War.

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985 (3)
1900, Aug. 30, 'Nos Iau', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is still working on the paper; 'our trouble will be to raise the money necessary to start our paper with'. Has been invited to go to Ireland by Lough. 'If the Election is coming - & Heaven knows what these ruffians will not do - they are capable of any & every trickery - if it is coming I must have a fortnight's rest before I start campaigning. On the other hand this company has got to be put through somehow - ac nis gall neb arall ei wneyd. "Beth na i [?]"'.

986 (3)
1900, Sept. 1, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Proposes a holiday after William George's success at the Licensing Sessions. 'Nothing can be done now for another week in the newspaper line. ... Cricieth is no break in the monotony of politics. I get into the same old whirl of argument about the war & electioneering prospects'. Suggests a week in France where William George and Harold Spender would be able to bike on the 'magnificent roads'. Has sent Roberts the Articles of Association to draft at Llandrindod.

987 (3)
1900, Sept. 3, Ormond House
Much regrets William George cannot come on the holiday. Business matters. 'Ld Roberts' proclamation is another General Election move. They want to be able to say Ld.R. now considers the war to be so far over that he annexes the whole country. Nothing can now save us from a dissolution in October but (a) Serious complications over China or (b) One or two "regrettable occurrences" of some dimensions. Thirty trucks with supplies captured & burnt is not big enough although more serious than the papers will allow'. Will see William George at Caernarfon. 'Osmond retired. WE ought now to get it'.

988 (2)
1900, Oct. 24, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Progress with the newspaper: We are engaging a commercial traveller to work up the country. ...Who would work Wales for us at 2½ percent on amount subscribed?'

989 (3)
1900, Oct. 26, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'London is sad over its disappointment today'. Roberts sends reports of 'stiff fights' in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. Progress with the newspaper - 'It is getting on satisfactorily tho' nothing big landed yet. Who will do Wales for us? Travel the country seeing people - 2½ per cent Commission on amount realised'.

990 (2)
1900, Oct. 26, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The Caernarfon business - 'RO ought to have been sane enough & man eno' to keep out of it - instead of that he is head & ears in it. I wrote him a pacifying letter begging him to exercise that tact

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- which I gave him the credit of possessing i to smooth matters. What earthly harm can there be in this sea motion?' Is working on the newspaper; John Morley has promised his assistance.

991 (2)
1900, Oct. 28, Ormond House
The Penrhyn matter. Goes to Hull the following day for a meeting of the Northern Education League.
Mutilated

992 (2)
1900, Oct. 29, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Mari's 'very kind & sensible letter'. I had an instinctive feeling that things were that way. RO is losing his head. I had already written him a soft letter. I have put a little cayenne pepper in his soup today - half chaffingly'. 'Go dda, Bryn'. Is to see Lord Welby about the newspaper.

993 (2)
1900, Oct. 31, Ormond House
Was the Pwllheli stabbing business an election row?' Progress with the newspaper - It is a very big job & will take time. Lord Welby is helping. Sir Robt. Reid has joined. So has Sedgwick (Oxford)'. Maggie's health. Rev S. R. Jenkins Merthyr writes me of his experiences stumping South Wales during election "What delighted me more than ought else was the magnificent reception given to every mention of your name. Your popularity is unbounded in South Wales". Wish I could make some good use of it'.

994 (3)
1900, Nov. 1, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
News of the Boer War. '90 British captured". ... "Bethlehem occupied". ... These Boers must be mocking us. They are not suffering for nought. Their struggle is a great one'. Is to spend Sunday with Sir Robert Reid near Wolmer 'Y mae yn awyddus iawn i mi i fod yn un o dri gydag ef yn y Senedd newydd i osod pethau mewn trefn'. Business matters; the failure of the Mintoscope.

995 (2)
1900, Nov. 2, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Steet, London EC
Botha's letter has been published in the Dutch newspapers. Is to spend Sunday with Sir Robert Reid. Hopes that William George can attend the Bangor meeting on Wednesday.

996 (3)
1900, Nov. 3, Ormond House
The shares in the Genedl. The Boer War; the alarmist telegram in the Daily Express. Fy marn i ydyw y bydd peth fel hyn yn mynd ymlaen yn y Transvaal flwyddyn i heddyw. My estimate at the beginning of the war as you may remember was April 1901. I think I rather underestimated the difficulties considerably in fact. 'Lief [Jones] whilst privately despising the leaders of the Welsh party

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with true Jonesian conceit - these Jones's Brynmor, Viriamu & Lief are the quintessence of self-satisfaction - did not object to enlist support by pretending that we sympathised with him'.

997 (3)
[c. 1900, Nov. 3]
'Brodrick was most conciliatory & I must admit that he stopped the half rations business when I called his attention to it beginning of the Session'. General Methuen despairs of the war coming to an end - That seems to be the general opinion amongst men returning from the front. The most sanguine base their hopes not on the prospects of our success in capturing the Boe r but on the chance that the latter may get tired of it. They are much less likely to tire than we are. They have the stimulus of a great cause to hearten them'. D. R. Daniel and William Jones are to stay over the weekend. Is writing to D. A. Thomas that day.

998 (2)
1900, Nov. 3, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Professor Hughes has died of typhoid in London. What a horrible war. I told Ellis Griffith just now that I should not like to share his responsibility'.

999 (2)
1900, Nov. 5, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Did not go to see Robert Reid - 'M growled about my leaving London especially as I must go to Bangor Wednesday ...'. The newspaper is developing.

1000 (3)
1900, Nov. 6, Ormond House
I fear that the newspaper business ... will prevent my putting my back into defending the Penrhyn workers'. Can see Daniel at Bangor the following day. Must return on Thursday.

1001 (2)
1900, Nov. 8, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Congratulations on William George's 'splendid fight in Bangor. It is the town talk - ie a siarad gwlad hefyd. It is your greatest score. Between ourselves you had better fight to a finish - dont you think so [?] ... However I am entirely at your service. Gwnaf yn union fel y dymuni'.

1002 (3)
1900, Nov. 9, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Has been engaged in highly confidential discussions with the proprietors of the Daily News. Has spent two hours with Sir John Robinson, the proprietor, who is very sympathetic. It is highly inconvenient to come to Bangor. Could William George come up to discuss the matter with Daniel the following day. 'This paper scheme is now so urgent. If I come to terms I must at once set about the finding of the money'.

1003 (2)

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1900, Nov. 10, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has received no reply to his last telegram. Leave myself entirely in your hands - do exactly what you ask me to do. As a matter of fact you will handle the case very much better than I would'. Bangor was 'an immense success'.

1004 (2)
1900, Nov. 14, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London
Business meetings.

1005 (2)
1900, Nov. 15, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Penrhyn. Daniel writes a very glowing letter to M'.

1006 (3)
1900, Nov. 16, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is 'getting the summonses analysed', and will then be able to prepare his speech. Bryn Roberts feels that there is no escape from the charge of intimidation. Legal matters. Is sending Uncle Lloyd a map of the guerilla operations in South Africa.

1007 (3)
1900, Nov. 17, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The dispositions sent on to William George. Legal and business matters.

1008 (2)
1900, Nov. 23, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Delighted at the Bethesda result. I am now getting up a guarantee fund of £100,000 in order to approach the Daily News people with a view to purchase. Got £10,000 to start with. Next week hope to get another £10,000. The rest I hope to get together when Parliament meets'. Lock out Penrhyn. The fight will be a very bitter one. If it ends without surrender [?Lord] Penrhyn will have someone besides himself to thank for that'.

1009 (4)
1900, Nov. 24, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The Bethesda quarry. 'What a great reception Kruger is getting in France. Nothing immediate will come of it. But it is distinctly a source of danger to us, this high feeling roused in France. Had we the slightest dispute with them over any question of boundary or otherwise it would inevitably lead to war. A Fashoda incident now would mean war. How this silly quarrel is embarassing us'. Is preparing a speech on the war for Liverpool: Very influential platform promised. Fi y "siaradwr pena". ... I am anxious to go as it affords fine opportunity for getting hold of all L`pool pence over for newspaper project'.

1010 (1)
1900, Nov. 26, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC

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No progress has been made over the papers. Is going to a second interview with the solicitor of the Daily News.

1011 (1)
1900, Nov. 29, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Is leaving for Hull and Liverpool. Is staying with Sir James Reckitt that evening.

1012 (2)
1900, Nov. 30, Liverpool Reform Club
'Rat evening's meeting was a 'great triumph. Packed to the ceiling. Tories attempt to break it up. For an hour and five minutes I fought against incessant interruptions & scored heavily. They listened splendidly. Llwyddiant mawr'.

1013 (3)
1900, Dec. 1, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Reflections on the Liverpool meeting - 'The Porcupine a low Liverpool rag incited the Hooligans to attend in order to smash the meeting. But their scheme was a glorious failure'. Expects to secure 'substantial assistance' from Liverpool for the development of the paper. The Liverpool business helped me to prepare for the House'. Saw Roberts, Evans and others. 'John Williams (Brynsiencyn) yno yn selog. It was a fine platform'.

1014 (2)
1900, Dec. 5, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Paratoi araeth [sic] ar gwestiwn llosgir tyddynod yn Affrica'. The article in the Goleuad. 'Prichard Morgan wedi syrthio allan a'i bartner Richards'. Does not know the details.

1015 (3)
1900, Dec. 6, House of Commons
The speeches of Campbell-Bannerman and Balfour - Y cyntaf yn ardderchog. Yr olaf yn druenus'. Sam Evans is ill and D. Lloyd George has to take the contracts & resolution'. Has promised to dine with John Barlow MP. The Prichard Morgan case.

1016 (1)
1900, Dec. 7, House of Commons
Had a row with Joe Chamberlain the previous night - It upset him completely'.

1017 (2)
1900, Dec. 11, House of Commons
Attacked Chamberlain the previous night. Samuel Smith has commented, 'You have done for that Chamberlain - he will never rise again'. It has damaged him beyond doubt & that is what angers him. Ni wneuthum erioed yn well yn y Ty. I have pleased the moderates by the restraint of my manner. I never overstated my case & Chamberlain couldn't get at any slip or indiscretion in my speech'. The papers are 'very complimentary'.

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1018 (2)
1900, Dec. 12, House of Commons
See that day's Punch 'Lloyd George & the Dragon'. The congratulations on his speech, including from Asquith, Morley and Robson. Penrhyn. Is to speak that evening at Johnston with Bryce in the chair.

1019 (2)
1900, Dec. 13, House of Commons
Is working on the newspaper and the case in the Court of Chancery. Received £10,000 this week towards the newspaper. 'Government had a damaging night tonight - their own side going for the mineowners. That's where one of their troubles will come'.

1020 (3)
1900, Dec. 15, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has made an effective speech that day. 'Dywedodd Herbert Lewis ei bod yn un or rhai goreu wneuthum erioed. What a muddle they are in. ... here are two first class disasters in less than three weeks time. De Wet has got clear through the cordon with some slight loss of wagons & a few men!' Progress with the newspaper: 'Yr anhawsder ydyw cael dynion syn hollol groes mewn barnau a thymer ar gwestiynau eraill at ei gilydd ar hwn. Er engraiph [sic] cefais dau lythyr heddyw. Un oddiwrth Cadbury yn addaw £20,000 ar y telerau fod y papur ar linellau Xian Socialism. Llythyr arall oddiwrth Thomasson (hen aelod dros Durham) £20,000 arall ar y telerau fod y papur yn hollol individualist. Y mae ef yn bersonol yn erbyn Local Veto. Y mae gennyf yn awr - pe cawn y ddau yma i mewn - £66,000'.
Incomplete

1021 (2)
1900, Dec. 18, Queen Victoria Street
Has been too busy to look at a newspaper. Received another £1,000 that day: 'Dim llawer mewn cymmariaeth but it helps us along'. A raid into Cape Colony.

1022 (2)
1900, Dec. 20, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is busy preparing his brief for the big partnership action. There is a rumour that the Dutch have risen in the Cape. 'Kitchener now admits that Boers have crossed in two places ... hopes to drive them north. Duw a helpor deymas yma. What a bog they have landed us in'.

1023 (3)
1900, Dec. 21, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The Injunction Motion was won 'after a stiff fight. Judge very severe on Prichard Morgan'. The outlook in Cape Colony is very serious. Has been too busy to see Daniel. Raising money for the newspaper. There is to be a meeting to peruse the draft contracts the following day.

1024 (3)

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1900, Dec. 24, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has received no letters from home. Family news. The newspaper business - We have practically agreed on all the terms & contract is to be signed by parties on Saturday'.
Incomplete

1025 (2)
1900, Dec. 28, Yn y trên'
The newspaper is absorbing all his time: 'Rhaid taro'r haiarn tra byddo yn boeth. Rumours of a change in the D. N. policy are already getting into the papers. Unfortunate ly the editor has been told of it'. His meeting is acclaimed in the Daily Telegraph. Morley delightful yesterday'. Family news.

1026 (2)
1900, Dec. 31, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The Boer War. Goes to Cardiff the following day to a peace conference. 'What is the amount due to you on Election Xs. Tley had promised Beggan [Margaret] a present out of surplus. R.O. [Roberts] wedi sorri'.

1027 (3)
[1900], Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is glad he came to London In spite of the bad exchange I made of London sweltering & maladorous streets for beautiful Criccieth. Y mae Llundain hon yn annioddefol'.

1028 (2)
[1900], Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has no time to write after the meeting of the National Free Church Council: 'It was a great success. As The Times today says it was so representative of Nonconformity as to ensure the acceptance of the Ll.G. policy by English Nonconformity. Very striking gathering. there were elements of opposition. ... English Press quite excited'.
Incomplete

1029 (3)
[1900], 'Monday', House of Commons
The debate on the Kitchener vote - 'Balfour very average & commonplace. Bannerman good in first part of his speech most unhappy in second half. Morley as usual full of fine passages but not sustained'. The Mintoscope dinner at The Cecil that evening. Business matters. Is now working for the Drapery Solicitorship: 'As you know there is a strong jealousy of Welshmen amongst the English tradesmen - owing of course to their success'. Has written officially to Barmouth.

1030 (2)
[1900]
The Boer War; 'White has abandoned Glencoe & Dundee & has retreated 16 miles to the South - not yet sighted the enemy'.

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1031 (3)
[1900], ‘Sadwrn', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The newspaper contract has been signed - ‘It is the sensation of the hour & for the moment I am the centre of it. Dim ods'. Spender's dilemma. Kitchener's telegram.

1032 (2)
[1900], ‘Monday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
‘Prysur. Shall see better at end of the week whether I am doing any good. Meantime I am putting my back into it. Whether it succeeds depends on others'.

1033 (3)
[1900], ‘Monday', 63 Queen Victoria Street
Business matters. Busy on paper scheme. Before deciding upon issuing prospectus we want to secure list of influential partners...’ The Boer War.

1034 (3)
[1900], 'Sadwrn', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The Echo business - ‘Not quite sure of pulling it off. Another party bidding & as we have to put our answer in by Monday morning may not be able to get up our capital in time'. Legal matters. Plans to go to the Cornish coast. ‘Tell Uncle Lloyd to keep indoors this weather. He must exercise sufficient self-control for that. Pawb yn cwyno'.

1035 (2)
[1900], 'Sadwrn pnawn', RMS 'Ormuz'
Is at Plymouth Sound and plans to leave for Biscay Bay about 6 o'clock that evening.

1036 (3)
[1900], 'Saturday', Links, Hanger Hill, Ealing W
Is playing golf with Frank Edwards. Spectator puts me today in the next Cabinet - "a very able man". This from the Spectator is wonderful. Securing Welsh education is now the top priority.

1037 (3)
[1900], ‘Saturday', House of Commons
Has been writing his weekly contribution for Y Genedl at the Commons. Legal cases. Disestablishment - 'I had not the remotest chance last night. Even Osborne Morgan was balked out. About a dozen of us got up. But what a score the reduction of the majority was. Prichard Morgan made a foolish speech & Bryn an inordinately dreary one'. Has not heard William George's opinion of the Herald letter.

1038 (2)
[1900], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW

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'... RO [Roberts] is moving at Caernarvon. Anthony's pomposities don't disturb me in the slightest. He is one of those gentlemen who love to shout with the biggest crowd. The moment I get down there & bring the people to my way of thinking via Harbone &c Anthony will be as rampant as ever on my side. I have got the right end of the stick for Pwllheli & Nevin - & I think Carnarvon also'. His election expenses. 'There may not be a dissolution but it is well to be ready. They will dissolve if they can decently'.
Incomplete

1039 (2)
[1900], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has his speech ready to propose the improvement of the South Bucks Liberal Association. De Wet and the Boer War. 'Gibson still friendly!'
Incomplete

1040 (1)
[1900]
No news. Is afraid he will have no opportunity of speaking that evening. 'Joe [Chamberlain] yn fombastaidd ryfeddol'.

1041 (2)
1901, Jan. 8, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'Got another £5,000 today for my Daily News. Although I have all the purchase money I still require another £30,000 towards working capital'. South Africa still bad. The fools. Africa will yet upset this Empire as a great world power'.

1042 (3)
1901, Jan. 9, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Business matters. Cook's valedictory address.

1043 (2)
1901, Jan. 10, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
'Look out for tomorrow's Daily News. A good Pro Boer is editing it from today'. Goes to Brighton the following day.

1044 (3)
1901, Jan. 11, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'A superb triumph' the previous night. The interview with him in the London Express 'in which I challenged the Jingoes to come on. We would have crushed their thick skulls for them'.

1045 (3)
1901, Jan. 12, Brighton
Is now resting. Has to return to town to complete valuations by Monday. Is to speak on the Boer War at the Reform Club on Thursday next. That day's Daily News comprises 'a most brilliant leading

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article by Paul. Going for the Government in fine style'. An attack on him by Platt - 'a most offensive Liberal Imperialist - a close friend of Ellis Griffiths's & consequently a hater of the MP for Carnarvon Boroughs. I am even with him now for he had a good position on the staff - far beyond his merits'.

1046 (2)
1901, Jan. 18, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
The previous night's meeting. Suggests a holiday on the Riviera -'The strain continuous of the past few months has told heavily on me. I want to be fit for the fight when Session opens. It is clear to me that the Radical section in England are looking more & more to me for a fighting lead & I must be equal to it'.

1047 (2)
1901, Jan. 22, The Daily News Office, London
Has received a letter from Lord Ashton, one of the late proprietors of the Daily News. Returns to Brighton that evening. Should the Queen die must come up to Parliament'.

1048 (2)
1900 (recte 1901), Jan. 22, House of Commons
Returns on Friday, 'partly Parliament, partly business'. '[Campbell-] Bannerman gives up Pontypridd owing to Queen's death'.

1049 (2)
1901, Jan. 28, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the newspaper - 'Stick to my first resolve not to formally go on Bd. of Directors if I can get out of it. Won't do for a fighting politican to be on a paper'. Returns to Brighton the following day.

1050 (3)
1901, Jan. 31, Brighton
'Look out for paper tomorrow. First issue of D.N. under new regime'. David Edwards has been appointed chief manager. Robinson was 'altogether too antiquated in his ideas'.

1051 (2)
1901, Feb. 1, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
What think you of our first number [?]' The articles it contains - Herbert Paul wrote the second. Not up to his usual mark'.

1052 (2)
1901, Feb. 10, House of Commons
The Machynlleth case.
Includes a note from Uncle Lloyd.

1053 (3)

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1901, Feb. 18, House of Commons
Will speak to D. A. Thomas of Philip Davies. 'Llawn anesmwythder yn awr disgwyl am fy awr dod i lefaru. A motion for adjournment by Dillon - first taste of new Irish tactics - has put me off so that I don't expect to come on before dinner'. Winston Churchill is to reply to him; as Harcourt has commented, I am going to stay in the House tonight to enjoy the cockfight between you and young Churchill'. He is the new Tory bully. Bydded. Quite prepared'.

1054 (3)
1901, Feb. 20, House of Commons
'Dadl dirwestol lled dda - but might be more effective on our side. Best feature was the way in which some of the Tories played up'. The reports in the newspapers on his Monday outburst. Has a county council election meeting at Tooting that evening.

1055 (2)
1901, Feb. 21, House of Commons
'Very cold & poeri eira'. The Boer War. At the county council meeting the previous night the chairman described him as 'the only man whom the British democracy trusted'!

1056 (3)
1901, Feb. 23, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Business matters.
Incomplete

1057 (3)
1901, Feb. 25, House of Commons
Legal matters - The hare case is "one of the best" LlG & G have had for years'. The Boer War - De Wet is not in such straits as these fellows imagine ...'.

1058 (2)
1901, March 4, House of Commons
Thomasson, who donated £20,000 to the Daily News, is waiting for him outside. Enclosed the last Saturday Review. His speech at Rugby has been very highly praised. D. A. Thomas is not there today.

1059 (3)
1901, March 6, House of Commons
What a row we had here last night. I had gone home. It will do some good. General feeling on our side is that it is largely due to Balfour's highhandedness in managing the business of the House'. The Rating Bill suspensions: There was a flagrant case & I mean to dig it up to shoot at Balfour'.

1060 (2)
1901, March 7, House of Commons

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'Dadl fawr y Gwyddelod heddyw. I may chip in if I find a good opportunity'. Negotiations are pending with Botha. The Boer War.

1061 (3)
1901, March 9, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is trying (in vain so far) to find a buyer for the Echo: 'It would be a good little business if I could manage it. I may yet'. Will leave for Italy on 3rd April with William George. The impression made by his speech that week.

1062 (3)
1901, March 11, House of Commons
Don't care to accompany that gang. I want to feel quite free of the presence of constituents. Gwell hebddynt. They may be good Company - but they may not & that would be awkward. Well keep to our own gang'.

1063 (2)
1901, March 12, House of Commons
Hopes to have another go at the War before Easter. 'Cornwall will accompany us to the sunny South'.

1064 (3)
1901, March 13, House of Commons
The holidays are arranged. Business matters.

1065 (3)
1901, March 15, House of Commons
The assistance given by Jonathan and Rieland Davies at the election. William George should not write the following week unless it is essential.

1066 (3)
1901, March 19, House of Commons
Is unsure when he can get away because of events in the Commons; If there is likely to be a big debate on war the week before Easter I must remain. Can you not put off your County Court cases [?]' The previous night's speech in the House. 'Tonight I replied to Joe's speech on Ashanti & gave him a thoroughly good trouncing. Llawenydd mawr ar ein hochr ni. Llawer yn dyweyd mai dyma y sort beth sydd eisieu. Joe very angry. House filled up. Harcourt newydd fy llongyfarch'. Botha has refused even to recommend the terms to his government.

1067 (2)
1901, March 21, House of Commons
Is attempting to arrange a sea voyage to Spain on the 29th. Had a row with Balfour this afternoon. It has damaged them considerably. They have settled the China row ...'.

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1068 (3)
1901, March 22, House of Commons
Arranges for the trip. 'Rushed into this House from a Daily News meeting - found a row about my question yesterday. I sprang up & peppered at them hot. Greeted with loud cheers when I got up'.

1069 (2)
1901, March 26, House of Commons
Preparations for the Negotiations Debate. Would William George like to come up on Thursday morning? Made a successful speech the previous night. 'Met Asquith last night to arrange when we should bring on the Botha debate. He was very deferential. Y mae arnynt dipyn o ofn yr aelod dros Fwrdeistrefi Arfon'. Has been invited by Sir Henry Fowler's Association to address a meeting at Wolverhampton - 'Begging me to come, "the only thing that will give new life to the party in that town"!'

1070 (2)
1901, March 28, House of Commons
Encloses a letter recently received from Tim. It is just before the battle with me. Hope I can get up either 7 or 9.30'.

1071 (3)
1901, March 29, House of Commons
Gwilym's attack of measles. Uncle Lloyd's health. 'We were just done last night. The Speaker insisted on switching the debate on to China about 10 o'clock - the very time I had intended getting up. Felt quite disappointed but I may have another chance Tuesday next. ... Debate quite a fiasco'.

1072 (2)
1901, April 18, House of Commons
Scarborough was a tremendous success: '... one of the most remarkable meetings I ever attended. Threats of riot & disturbance. A good deal of interruption but I happened to be on exceptional form. Squashed them. Immense impression'. Gives details of the Budget.

1073 (5)
[1901, April 21], Sunday', The Coppice, Queniborough, Leicestershire
Thousand congratulations on your election as Chairman of School Bd. Now you must make that Bd. a real educational power. ... Let Criccieth be quoted in future as a proof of what can be done'. 'Yesterday I was planning how I could get you elected to my Aldermanship of the C.C. It is no good in my hands. You would make excellent use of it. Talk to W. J. Parry or D.P.W. about it'. Last night's immense success - '2000 people there. Reception immense. ... I gave them war - hot & they took it'. Met a Miss George from Pembrokeshire, a third cousin of theirs. 'Am getting strong hold on English democracy'. Goes to Wolverhampton on Tuesday and then returns to the Commons to fight the Budget. Mean to get up strong speech in second reading. Am getting ready. These meetings a good preparation'.

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1074 (3)
[1901], April 22, The Coppice, Queniborough, Leicestershire
The death of Roland Britannia - 'He was the De Wet of our childhood. There was nothing too daring for him to attempt. His geniality endeared him to boys whose admiration he had completely won by his intrepedity [sic]'. Is preparing a speech for the following day's meeting at Wolverhampton; 'Generally it is more important one shd be at Westminster. This meeting is an exception'. The local Association was not prepared to accept Asquith - The Association however decided by an overwhelming majority to ask me'.

1075 (3)
1901, April 24, House of Commons
The meeting at Wolverhampton: Biggest meeting they have had for years & years. I believe even Uncle Lloyd would have been delighted & quite satisfied with the reception they gave me'.

1076 (3)
1901, April 30, House of Commons
The previous night's success: 'Every member on our side who got up was howled at by the Tories who were hungering for their meal. At last it culminated in a prolonged groan with cheering'. Had peace to speak in the House. Spoke again that evening.

1077 (1)
1901, May 3, House of Commons
Is departing to speak at a meeting of the Sunday School Union at Exeter Hall. Will see D. A. Thomas that evening.

1078 (3)
1901, May 3, House of Commons
Is to spend Sunday with Lough at Littlestone. The City Temple speech has had a great effect. The Penrhyn case.

1079 (2)
1901, May 9, The Daily News Office, London
Wishes Uncle Lloyd to find a verse for Bradford. There is a meeting of the Daily News Board that day and a dinner at the Cecil that evening. Bryn Roberts has a letter in that day's Daily News.

1080 (3)
1901, May 14, House of Commons
Is leaving to speak at Bradford. 'Wedi fy rhoddi yn hwyr ar y rhaglen. Dyna'r gwaethaf. Os bydd yn rhy hwyr ni siaradaf o gwbl'. Osmond was delighted to receive William George's letter; 'curious how a man's opinions of another are [a] reflection of the other's opinions of him'. Poor W. J. Williams.

1081 (3)
1901, May 16, House of Commons

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Has returned from Bradford which was a tremendous success. Will send some of the newspaper reports to Uncle Lloyd. Is to dine with Rosebery that evening.

1082 (3)
1901, May 17, House of Commons
Had hoped to write more of Rosebery's dinner and about Bradford. Denounces Rosebery - 'Fel bachgen y llefara ac fel bachgen y meddylia. A spoilt child'. Driven to the House by Christopher Fumess who told me I had "made greater progress recently than any man on our side - Asquith he said had gone back. I had a great hold on the people"'.

1083 (2)
1901, May 21, House of Commons
The debate is dull and dreary. 'House quite listless & lifeless'. Tim Davies is with some Brighton friends.

1084 (3)
1901, May 24, House of Commons
Morley made a 'very fine' speech the previous night: 'Most effective he has ever delivered in this House. I was glad I was not called. My poor effort would never have been judged on its merits under the circumstances. It will do later on when we come to the second reading of the Loans Bill'. D. A. Thomas is not there.

1085 (2)
1901, May 25, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Bright has been defeated at Oswestry by 1,077 votes. 'Not at all bad considering all the circumstances'.

1086 (3)
1901, June 3, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The Penrhyn cases; urges William George to take sole responsibility - 'I am quite out of it. This is your chance. Take it & don't bother about me. This is not my metier. They only want me for a splash. You are the man for real business'.

1087 (3)
1901, June 6, House of Commons
'Penrhyn splendid according to WJ's a/c. He speaks in enthusiastic terms of your smashing up of the witnesses'. Family news.

1088 (3)
1901, June 8, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Haldane has not yet turned up. The report of the Penrhyn case in Y Werin. 'I am now on the track of another newspaper. Met the proprietors the previous day. Provincial paper this time'. Has discussed the new Education Bill with Campbell-Bannerrnan. - 'He was very free & frank especially in

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his allusions to his esteemed colleagues sitting on the Front Bench around him'. Gives his opinions on the measure.

1089 (3)
1901, June 15, House of Commons
Has heard nothing from Bangor as yet. Is dining with Morley that evening. Believes that he made 'a deep impression' the previous day, and 'the general idea is that much good will ensue to the poor little Dutch kiddies'. His speech has been highly praised in the newspapers. Is to speak about the war the following night at the Queen's Hall.

1090 (3)
1901, June 16, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Is departing for Littlestone to spend Sunday with Lough. The dinner of the Welsh MPs went very well. Rosebery & Carrington more attentive to me than to any other Welsh MP. In his speech paid a very high compliment to "eloquence ability & parliamentary courage - latter a very rare quality"

1091 (2)
1901, June 19, House of Commons
'Assizes! disgraceful! They mean to run them in if they possibly can. ... There ought to be a guarded letter in the papers calling attention to fact that LlG & G are undersheriffs'. Had 'a delightful time'with Morley the previous evening.

1092 (3)
1901, June 20, House of Commons
Has had a 'very satisfactory' consultation with Haldane. The 'ludicrous collapse' at Bangor. The previous night's meeting was a great success.

1093 (3)
1901, June 28, House of Commons
Saw Moss the previous night. Did William George receive the stuffed bird? Spoke in the House the previous night and 'dodged round' the Speaker 'completely'.

1094 (3)
1901, July 3, House of Commons
Relates on 'amusing incident' with Asquith - 'We then chatted familiarly & walked into the division lobbies together. He evidently doesn't wish to quarrel with me ...'. He Irish shouting 'Thanks to Lloyd George'.

1095 (2)
1901, July 3, House of Commons
The crisis in the Liberal Party - 'Potel o soda water. It will all fizz out'. The Lib. Imps. have chosen their ground badly & they are beginning to find it out. CB is doing well. His speech last night was

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excellent. He is showing his mettle & winning - (for first time-) the respect of friend & foe. The intrigues have given him his opportunity.

1096 (1)
1901, July 4, House of Commons
Has sent on to William George a letter addressed to SH. Hopes to be at Bangor the following week and to be able to visit William George.

1097 (3)
1901, July 5, House of Commons
The previous night's sweeping success in the Commons - 'Y Toriaid yn wallgof ... the most exciting debate of the Session. The most remarkable incident was the way C.B. backed me up. He did it quite defiantly. As the Daily Mail & the Graphic put it, "he accepted the leadership of Mr Lloyd George". Derbyniais lawer iawn o longyfarchiadau oddiwrth aelodau - oddiwrth Liberal Imperialists a Thoriaid hefyd'.

1098 (3)
1901, July 6, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is meeting Edwards of the Daily News. Has seen Sir Edward Grey and co-imperialists holding council and has had 'a regular set to for an hour' with Grey - 'He was very genial & very complimentary to me personally. He wanted my forecast of the future. I gave it frankly. I said that as long as [the] nation was in present mood it was right to call Tories in. Liberals could not & would not [do] the job required by England now. But when social reform & bread needed Liberals would be sent for'. 'Imperialist papers foaming at the mouth to-day ...'
Incomplete

1099 (5)
1901, July 13, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Grantharn 'more outrageous than usual'. Legal matters. The previous night was 'simply a great triumph. ... Audience beside itself. ... Tories had organized a mob to put me down. ... I stung & mocked them - poured scorn upon them & then frightened them out of their wits & at the end I had silence as that of the tomb'. Campbell-Bannerman discussed Asquith, Grey and others very freely with him.

1100 (3)
1901, July 15, House of Commons
' ... a famous victory - glorious. I never expected it - so the news sets me crazy'. 'A feather in your cap amongst many others. You have fought a good fight'.

1101 (4)
1901, July 16, House of Commons

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WG's triumph. 'You must impress your men with the importance of keeping out of the meshes of the law'. Legal matters. Meant to speak on education the previous night, but was unable; 'however I'll have my fling when it comes round again'.

1102 (2)
1901, July 17, House of Commons
Accepts Uncle Lloyd's advice on 'the advisability of talking on Education'. Has put down two amendments already.

1103 (3)
1901, July 18, House of Commons
Olwen has gone through her operation successfully: 'Mair has been twice on the telephone tel ling me that "Olwen is alright". So I guess now all will be well'.

1104 (3)
1901, July 20, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has left in the office a letter from Olwen to Uncle Lloyd. What a fool Rosebery is making of himself. I can see he is anxious not to make an enemy of me. That is why he threw in that compliment. But he is destroying his influence with these neurotic outbreaks'.

1105 (2)
1901, July 30, House of Commons
The previous night was the 'deadest debate I recollect on second reading of an important Bill'. 'Settled action by Prichard Morgan on excellent terms today'.

1106 (2)
1901, July 31, House of Commons
Roberts's 'African fiasco'. 'Bryn [Roberts] made a very straight speech, ... I reserved my fire'. Family news.

1107 (3)
1901, Aug. 7, House of Commons
Legal cases. The Boer War - 'Duw a'i helpo nhw. I didn't quite like to get up last night as I would have kept others out & I had had my innings on Friday'.

1108 (3)
1901, Aug. 9, House of Commons
Penrhyn quarry. 'Am now engaged in organising a Great poster Campaign throughout Great Britain on the war. Roping quite a number of members into it'. Has received business from an American Company that day.

1109 (3)
1901, Aug. 14, House of Commons

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Has been speaking on the Military Works Bill; was called by the Speaker in preference to Sir Henry Fowler - 'what a snub to the pretentious Fowler!' Is departing with Spender on Sunday. I am not sure that I will make another speech this Session'.

1110 (4)
1901, Sept. 3, Grand Hotel de l'Europe, Salzburg
Would like to learn more from William George of the Pan Celtic Congress. Spender's health. Philip Davies's prospects. 'Still prosecuting at Penrhyn? The idiots. Why don't they make peace on honourable terms? Same observation applies to South Africa'. 'This town not very interesting. In fact all towns are dull & uninspiring after the mountains. They are glorious. We shall stay here another day & then work our way to Vienna'.

1111 (3)
1901, Sept. 11, Nilmberg
The homeward journey. Hopes to be in London on Saturday. 'Wythnos i ddoe ydyw'r llythyr diweddaf derbyniais oddiwrthych yn [sic] Nghricieth. You are all wretched correspondents - even Uncle Lloyd hasn't been up to his usual mark'. The newspaper cuttings.
Mutilated

1112 (2)
1901, Sept. 11, Hotel du Nord, C6ln
Describes Cologne Cathedral: 'What struck me most was not the imposing appearance of the structure itself - grand as that is - but the gorgeous windows'.
Incomplete

1113 (3)
[1901, Sept. 14], Sadwrn'
Describes his travels: 'Up to the present my holiday has been an unqualified success, more especially that part of it which involved my making a free use of my legs as a means of locomotion'. Plans for a walking tour with Spender. 'South Africa is getting worse & worse. Sept 15th is nigh & things look as if we needed more & not fewer troops. Glad I nailed Beach & Stanley to their calculations in the House'.

1114 (3)
1901, Sept. 27, Ormond House
The Penrhyn case. 'Been reading in the N. W. Express the smashing up you gave to the Police case at Bangor on Monday. Campus'. Smillie's poll.

1115 (3)
1901, Sept. 30, Ormond House
The Penrhyn case. The Llanelly meeting 'Alfred Davies is beneath notice. He is laughed at. Our meeting is to be held in a chapel with sitting accommodation for 900. His meeting is to be in a hall wh: only holds 350 altogether'.

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1116 (3)
1901, Oct. 2, Ormond House
Sheffield was 'a magnificent success. Largest meeting ever held by Liberation Society at their autumnal gathering. Judging by reception given I think it is fair to say they came there to see & hear your brother'. The Liberal paper says that he 'absolutely fascinated the audience'. Has attended Lawrence's wedding. Is addressing the Clapham Junction Literary Society that evening - 'M: worried me into that'.

1117 (2)
1901, Oct. 15, Ormond House
Hopes to see William George on Saturday evening. Is to play golf with T. P. O'Connor at Wimbledon Park that afternoon. 'Meetings are thickening for me. Invitations pouring in daily. Some I can't very well refuse'.

1118 (2)
1901, Oct. 28, Ormond House
The Caernarfon results are 'very much better than could be anticipated'. Is to go to Edinburgh.

1119 (2)
1901, Oct. 28, The Daily News Office, London
A meeting of the directors. Spender has been placed in charge of the leading columns. Has been invited to dine with Cecil Harmsworth that evening, but has declined in order to prepare his speech. 'Thank Uncle Lloyd for excellent votes'.

1120 (4)
1901, Nov. 7, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is on his way to speak at Manchester - 'Hate these meetings. Growing dislike of them & especially of the travelling they involve. But this is no time for a man to consult personal convenience or profit. My earnest conviction is that the British people will despite all we say insist on pursuing their headlong rush to ruin'. Burns has decided to refuse to attend any further meetings. 'If we had only the war to think of this might be sound policy. But the future has to be thought of & this is in my judgment preeminently the time to build up or rather rebuild a new party & a policy ready for the day when the nation is penitent & willing to be saved. What think you?' 'Asquith a minnau yn tynnu CB groes yn groes'.

1121 (5)
1901, Nov. 9, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Family news. 'Aunty Polly & Uncle Philip - & all so unexpectedly. The Heavens are opened in truth for them'. Is to speak at Castle Street that evening. Tim Davies has been elected Mayor of Fulham - 'a great triumph for a bachgen syml o Gymro, and he has done it without selling his faith religious, political or racial. He intends taking the Town Council tomorrow to the little Welsh Chapel which he

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has been mainly responsible for building. 'Rat shows great moral courage. For Cornwall last year took them to Church'.

1122 (3)
1901, Nov. 11, Ormond House
Druan o Salisbury. Hen wr crynedig yn ceisio canu gwagedd. Y mae Rosebery ei siawns os ydyw digon craff iw chymeryd'. Said to Rosebery four or five months ago, 'The Liberal statesman who comes in to continue the war will ... ruin himself'.

1123 (3)
1901, Nov. 14, Osmond House
'Cychwyn i Ferthyr yfory. Rhagolygon am gwrdd mawr'. Saw Lobby the previous night - 'There never was such a collection of good & evil. It is not a blend for you find both in distinct blocks in his nature. ... He says now that he never approved the war. Don't trust him'.

1124 (2)
1901, Nov. 18, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Family news.

1125 (2)
1901, Nov. 19, Ormond House
Family news. Goes to Birkenhead on Thursday to lecture on 'Imperialism' to the Ruskin Society - 'Telir i mi am y job hono'. Is at Wandsworth that evening and Caernarfon on Friday.

1126 (2)
1901, Nov. 20, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'Roberts yn glaf a minnau yn brysur'. Goes to Birkenhead the following day and Caernarfon on Friday.

1127 (2)
1901, Nov. 27, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'Y Bethesdiad yn rhydd'. 'I'll turn in at the Woods & Forests this week to rub them up. J.H.D. paid them a visit about a week ago'. Is to take tea with Courtney to meet Miss Hobhouse.

1128 (2)
1901, Nov. 28, Ormond House
Met Colonel Hanna at Courtney's the previous afternoon - 'He says that at the present rate they will never conquer the Boers. He ridiculed the block horses'.

1129 (3)
1901, Dec. 3, Ormond House
'Agree with Uncle Lloyd that D.N. gave too much notice to Perks'. Has gone through the figures of the last six months with Edwards - 'Improvement shown far exceeding our anticipations. Much

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better than last year under old Company. ... Great financial success. [Edwards] asked only for 3 years to pull it round & the progress already made in what must be the worst year is marvellous'. Goes to Derby the next day.

1130 (2)
1901, Dec. 10, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has been summoned to the offices of the National Liberal Federation.

1131 (2)
1901, Dec. 10, Ormond House
Goes to Wrexham the following day to address the Literary Society of Peris Williams's chapel. 'There will be a tug of war on Thursday but we ought to win'. There is an apology in the Chronicle for misquoting him.

1132 (3)
1901, Dec. 11, Ormond House
Goes to Wrexham at 2.10 'CB is buckling up in earnest'. 'I see the Libl. Imps. are congregating around Rosebery at Chesterfield Monday next like a lot of cats around the catsmeat tray. They are all looking forward to getting some scrag thrown them when he gets in'.

1133 (3)
1901, Dec. 19, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has reached London in safety - 'They failed to inflict even a scratch upon me although they [had] sworn to do for me. We dodged them beautifully & all they succeeded in doing was to kill one of their own men & to smash a policeman's skull. Poor fellows. I am sincerely sorry for both. Altho' the young fellow who died had himself alone to blame still I have no doubt he was perfectly honest & disinterested in his action'. Anticipates the Christmas festivites - 'a fortnight's peace on earth'.

1134 (3)
1901, Dec. 20, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is receiving widespread congratulations. 'Cytuna pawb ei fod wedi gwneyd lles dirfawr ir achos ac i minnau. Dywed y Llaw [sic] fy mod wedi ychwanegu 50 per cent at fy maintioli. Dyna'r fam yma'. Has received a letter from Cadbury.

1135 (5)
1901, Dec. 24, Ormond House
The weather. Family news and books purchased. 'Letters of congratulation still pouring in. The incident has stirred our men throughout the country ir gwaelodion. The fools. They have helped the cause & the man they hate as no single incident hitherto has'. Spender is to dine the next day. Is going to Lewes with the Mayor of Fulharn on Friday and staying in Brighton. Merry Christmas to Uncle Lloyd and Auntie Polly.

1136 (3)

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1901, Dec. 29, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has returned from Lewes. Was delighted to receive Uncle Lloyd s letter. The children at Cricieth - 'Cricieth is where they want to be & I always feel so cruel & selfish to keep them up here when they would be so much happier & healthier down there'. The Boer War - 'What a smash De Wet has given the Yeomanry. Killed 56. List just in. Wounded & missing not yet arrived'.

1137 (3)
1901, Dec. 30, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
The New Year's entertainment at Cricieth - 'one of the most delightful features of Criccieth life'. Wmffra, is 'more than a match for the brainless boozers'. The Boer War. Had prophesied that the British Empire was 'on the eve of a great disaster. It has come true. ... They have thrown the British Empire off the rail. I am not sure it won't roll down the Embankment. One thing I am sure of. Ld. Rosebery is not the man to piece the debris together'.

1138 (2)
1901, Dec. 31, Ormond House
New Year greetings! Has written to Lloyd George and George about the Penrhyn libel. The income tax assessment.

1139 (2)
[1901], 63 Queen Victoria Street
The financial affairs of the newspaper.

1140 (2)
[1901], 63 Queen Victoria Street
Family news. 'Daniel came up Saturday night. Bums & Herbert Lewis spent Sunday with us'.

1141 (1)
[1901], Tuesday', Walbrook
'Da iawn ddoe. Sorry you found yourself opposed to Wm Hughes' Is preparing for that evening.

1142 (2)
[1901], Saturday', 63 Queen Victoria Street
The weather. 'I had my fling last night. A most useful intervention. I believe I last night did something to improve the condition of thousands of poor little Boer kiddies in these horrible camps. I felt quite happy over it'.
Incomplete

1143 (3)
[1901], 'Pnawn Sul', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Family news. Is to meet Roberts who goes to Wales that evening.

1144 (2)

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[1901], 'Pnawn Iau', Stoneyhoe, Littlestone-on-Sea
Is here until Saturday. His cold. Is playing golf.

1145 (3)
[1901] 'Friday', Stoneyhoe, Littlestone-on-Sea
Has received the Penrhyn case that afternoon. Returns to town the following day. 'Shall make an effort to see Haldane. I am strong on that point still. It will strengthen us with Stafford Howard if the opinion is favourable. Haldane is a prospective Attorney General ...'. Is playing golf.

1146 (2)
1901 'Saturday', Queen's Hotel, Oswestry
Has come to Oswestry to speak on behalf of Alan Bright - 'Such a fine chap I couldn't refuse him. Open air meeting. Takes less out of you physically but more out of your voice'. May speak on the second reading of the Budget but not on Fowler's amendment.
[A by-election was held in the Oswestry division on 24 May 1901 on the succession of Hon. G. R. C. Ormsby-Gore to the peerage as Lord Harlech. A. H. Bright was the unsuccessful Liberal candidate].

1147 (3)
[1901], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
What documents did William George send him? Barmouth.

1148 (5)
[1901], 'Saturday', 63 Queen Victoria Street
Has been very busy for the last fortnight. Is 'still on the track of the other newspaper & today I had an appointment with the Manager. I have got cash enough to enable me to bargain but am afraid the Liberal Imperialists may step in & cast us out'. Sir Charles Dilke entertained the Radical MPs to dinner the previous night: I spoke South African [sic] & suggested a line of policy for Liberal party. ... One Liberal Imperialist said it was a most statesmanlike speech & he regretted only that Asquith & Grey were not there to hear it. Another said it was the best speech I ever made! Decided to press C.B. to take the line suggested by me'. Plans to speak in the War Loans Debate the following week.
Incomplete

1149 (1)
[1901], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
No South African news. The blowing up of the bridge South of De[ ]ar is serious'
Fragment

1150 (1)
[1901]
'Another difficulty is I am pledged to support Alfred - so I can't allow myself to be put up in opposition to him. The alternative is Brynmor. What say you [?]'
Fragment

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1151 (2)
[1901]
Discusses the Boer War - Mackinley is symptomatic. There is more restless discontent under the surface than is generally believed. It will break out one of these days'. There is no progress in South Africa.
Fragment

1152 (3)
1902, Jan. 10, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'Gwnest yn fendigedig ddoe. Polite but pugnacious'. W. H. Dickinson, the former chairman of the LCC, is anxious that D. Lloyd George should not attend 'the great C.B. meeting at St James' Hall on Monday'. There are suggestions that 'the new London Liberal organization is Pro Boer & they are anxious to secure cooperation of both sections'. Is in a quandary what to do. Will send a copy of the New Liberal Review to Uncle Lloyd.

1153 (3)
1902, May 20, Bronwydd, Cardiff
William George's health. Regards from Alfred Thomas. Dick s report.

1154 (3)
1902, May 24, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'Rosebery's speech last night was a climb down. He wants now a fusion & not expulsion of pro-Boers. We have beaten him inside the party & the Liberals in the country are with us'. There is widespread confidence that peace is imminent - 'I confess that I am apprehensive as to these details. Joe's greed may yet upset a settlement. The D.N. article today is excellent on that point'.

1155 (3)
1902, June 21
The blunder over Tim Davies's letter. 'They are getting deeper & deeper into the Educational quagmire. ... A high income tax for clerical schools will not make them more popular. They won't be able to take much off taxation next year unless trade keeps up. I mean to have an other go at them on Monday'. Business matters.

1156 (4)
1902, July 22, House of Commons
Has made a successful speech on education in the Commons. 'Great victory at Carmarthen. Had several telegrams. Read one to the House. That will crush incipient treason elsewhere. Greatest personal triumph I have yet had in Wales'.

1157 (2)
[1902, Oct. 5], 'Sunday', Stoneyhoe, Littlestone-on-Sea

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'Sul campus. Lough mewn hwyl iawn. Druan a E. J. C. Morton. Another victim of drink. Chamberlain killed him. He made a mistake once in a speech & C wiped the floor with him. M never recovered & took to drink. Tragedy'.
[Morton was the Liberal MP for Devonport. He died on 3 October 1902].

1158 (3)
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[Beginning is missing]. Relates a conversation with Sir William Harcourt. Intends to stay at Lough's that evening. Has been compelled to devote all his time for weeks to the Education battle. Has been forced to stay at the Commons until the early hours of the morning. The income of Lloyd George and George is in arrears. Wishes to borrow money from William George for the holidays. Envies full-time politicians; 'The worries of making a living eat up one's strength. What could one not have done but for that!'

1159 (4)
1903, Jan. 2, Hotel Continental, Biarritz
Letters from home take a long time to reach him. The weather. Letters are pouring in from Scotland - one from Campbell-Bannerman's constituency and one from Bryce's. The Aberdeen Liberals are anxious for him to go there. The Young Man is anxious to have a photograph of the old house at Llanystumdwy.

1160 (4)
[1903, Jan. 4], 'Nos Sul', Hotel Continental, Biarritz
Family news: Kids as a rule are so selfish - at least self-centred'. Describes the holiday.

1161 (3)
[1903, Jan. 6], Nos Fawrth', Hotel Continental, Biarritz
Is glad that William George has had a chat with Roberts about Ashton. The weather. 'Massingham disabled with gout. Ac yn lled ddigalon ydi o dan unrhyw gystudd'. Plans to return home. Has a series of important speeches to prepare. Has been discussing the future with Margaret.

1162 (3)
1903, Jan. 10, Hotel Continental, Biarritz
Is to spend Sunday in Paris and return to London on Monday: 'the end of a very pleasant holiday & a most healthful one ...'. Has been invited to stay with Harcourt.

1163 (2)
1903, Jan. 12, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has returned from his holiday and been to the office. Have you seen the move to get up a national testimonial to me? Beth yw dy gyngor? I have my own opinion'.

1164 (3)
1903, Jan. 16, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW

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Has been playing golf at Lewes. Is working in the library on his Scottish speech - 'Couldn't get into there at all until tonight. Have got a good sketch now'.

1165 (3)
1903, Jan. 17, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The lecture is off: But I gained nothing by it for Pwllheli insist on a meeting. Inclined to get grumpy about it. How selfish we all are even - or I should say especially - in our affections. Conway is also getting restive & I have Nevin still unsatisfied - one of the most faithful of the lot. I worked last night on Scotch speech'. There is a committee that afternoon 'to arrange Conference of Progressive Councillors for England & Wales. Carried my scheme'.

1166 (2)
1903, Jan. 26, Woodburn, Rutherglen
The Glasgow speech was 'an immense success in every way - audience huge (mostly paid for tickets), enthusiasm & reception of speech'.

1167 (3)
1903, Jan. 30, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has returned from Scotland. The meeting at Dundee. Goes to Halifax the following day. The following week's great conference: We had a great fight over my proposals. Bryce was against my No Rate - Robson, Charring, Ford, Goddard, Whitley &c for it. We beat them by 3 to 1'.

1168 (3)
[1903], Jan. 31, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Hopes to come down for the county council meeting on Thursday. Is departing for Halifax - 'They are coming there from all parts of Yorkshire'.

1169 (4)
[? 1903, Feb.], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has had a meeting with the South Caernarfonshire teachers on the Education Bill. 'The Thursday score was a good one'; has been described in the Daily News as 'a young Parliamentary hand of great adroitness & ability'. The reports in the press of his Wednesday speech.

1170 (2)
1903, Feb. 3, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
His success at Halifax. Had a conversation with Jowell from Birmingham. Believes that he captured the Halifax Town Council for the Cardiff policy.

1171 (1)
1903, Feb. 4, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is leaving for Wales and spending the night at the home of Lewis Jones at Bangor.

1172 (1)

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1903, Feb. 6, Trafalgar Buildings, Charing Cross, London WC, 'Conference of Progressive Representatives on New Local Education Authorities'
The conference was a 'complete victory. Great fight. Lord Spencer opposed us from the chair. He paid me a most effusive compliment. We beat them by 3 to 1'.

1173 (4)
1903, Feb. 7, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Presided over Dr Macnamara's meeting at Herne Hill the previous night - 'a great triumph. My first stand up fight against my leaders'. Praise in the press. Travelled from Chester to London on Thursday evening with the Bishop of St Asaph; gives his views. The Bishop anticipates a Liberal victory in the next general election.

1174 (3)
1903, Feb. 10, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
The Church and the Education Department are 'in a state of complete funk' over his Welsh scheme. The meeting between Sir Robert Morant and the Bishop of St Asaph. Has agreed to meet the Bishop on Saturday. Both D. Lloyd George and the Bishop are to be the guests of Frank Edwards. His meeting with Morant - 'M. is quite frightened & admits he cannot force us. He therefore is quite anxious to promote a settlement on any lines ...'.

1175 (3)
1903, Feb. 11, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Roberts has left for America; I hope I shall be able to keep things going somehow for the next three weeks'. Has agreed to meet the Bishop of St Asaph at Rhyl or Chester, but has refused to stay at the episcopal palace. Has received a letter from Morant about the Roman Catholic schools. Encloses a copy of a letter received from the Liberal candidate for South Edinburgh: 'Go dda onide from a man I never saw'.

1176 (3)
1903, Feb. 12, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Is to meet the Bishop of St Asaph. May wish to meet William George at Caernarfon on Saturday morning. Is to see Dr John Clifford that afternoon to ensure that the support of the English Nonconformists is retained. 'Control is all we want - the crux of that is the appointment of teachers. I would personally go a long way to secure that. The schools would then be freed - the windows would be open & the Church atmosphere would be cleaned off'.

1177 (3)
1903, Feb. 16, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Is leaving for Bristol. Is grateful for the suggestions of William George and Uncle Lloyd. The unanimous vote of the Committee on Saturday was quite a triumph. I rushed them ere they knew where they were. ...'.

1178 (3)

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1903, Feb. 17, House of Commons
The Bristol meeting was a tremendous success. There is a meeting of the Welsh Bishops the following day and the Bishop of St Asaph is to see Balfour. 'The Carnarvon resolution has created quite a sensation & they are also asking me what it means'. Reports of the Scottish tour.

1179 (3)
1903, Feb. 18, House of Commons
'The fat is already fizzing in the fire. Morant told the Archbishop of Canterbury - he told the Bishops & they are furious with Asaph for giving away the Church case. They are meeting today about it in the Church House'. 'Tomorrow I submit a motion to the Welsh MPs. As usual I am getting a lot of trouble with them but I am bringing them round one by one & I shall carry it'. The Bishop of St Davids is 'a little sneak & he rounded on Asaph for not consulting him'. Praise for his Glasgow speech.

1180 (2)
1903, Feb. 20, House of Commons
William George's impending visit. I am very hard pressed office morning & house afternoon. Working at my education plans'.

1181 (3)
1903, Feb. 21, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
The dinner of the Welsh MPs; the speeches of Harcourt, Tweedmouth and Asquith. The Llandrindod Conference the following Friday; hears that the Bishop of St Asaph means to 'stick to his guns'. 'Public life is very embarassing to one's private affairs. The public never give a thought to that & imagine you can live on a mixed diet of abuse & applause'.

1182 (2)
1903, Feb. 24, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Is sending some Tremadoc estate papers. A meeting of the Welsh MPs - 'Rhai rhyfedd ydynt. Today they have agreed to a kind of manifesto which endorses the Cardiff policy. It will be in the Press tomorrow. It is very cautiously worded but it is none the worse for that'. 'Long & interesting talk with Morley. Blin iawn. It is hard work to run an office & Wales'.

1183 (1)
1903, Feb. 26, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Makes arrangements to meet William George at Liverpool.

1184 (3)
[? 1903, Feb. 28], 'Saturday', The Gwalia Hotel Ltd, Llandrindod Wells
Yesterday's 'triumphant meeting''. 'We are going to get a huge gathering here also. They are coming in from the ends of the earth already'. Is staying with Jenkins. The weather.

1185 (1)

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1903, March 2, House of Commons
Has arrived here. 'Llandrindod has created a great impression here on all hands'.

1186 (4)
1903, March 3, House of Commons
His attack on 'the Mayor of Birkenhead's lapse into snobbery. It will do him good. I was very annoyed & rattled & showed it'. The Bishop of St Asaph approves of his Llandrindod speech. The letter from the Vicar of Swansea in the Western Mail. 'The Mail in its leader is toning down but still hostile'.

1187 (2)
1903, March 16, House of Commons
Came to the Commons to cheer Wil Crooks and to arrange a meeting with the Bishop of St Asaph. There is a feeling in the House that the government is close to collapse. Hears that the Rye by-election is going to be won.

1188 (2)
1903, March 18, House of Commons
The Rye result 'is exercising a most depressing effect on the Tory Benches'. Hopes that the government will settle the Irish Land Bill before they go to the country. 'I'll try Balfour tomorrow re Myrddin'.

1189 (1)
1903, March 19, House of Commons
'Had a good innings last night & another today. Had a long go at the question of native labour. Hwyl dda & Joe [Chamberlain] very angry'.

1190 (2)
1903, March 20, House of Commons
Has recently completed an article for the Contemporary Review. 'Greaves writes me that poor Bangor is quite perplexed - doesn't know what to do'.

1191 (2)
1903, March 23, House of Commons
Is preparing for a conference the next day with the incumbents from the diocese of St Asaph. Has seen the Bishop of St Asaph - He has a very influential crowd with him, but they are not all approvers of his policy so I can't tell what will befall'.

1192 (3)
1903, March 24, House of Commons
The conference 'with the St Asaph crowd' - 'For 2½ hours nearly I was examined & cross-examined by one & all of them'. Anticipates a favourable outcome. Stanley Weyman was present.

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1193 (2)
[1903], March 26, House of Commons
Has received a letter of thanks from the Bishop of St Asaph.

1194 (3)
1903, March 27, House of Commons
The result of the Chertsey by-election. Ashton. The Genedl.

1195 (1)
1903, March 30, House of Commons
Praises William George's amusing letter.

1196 (2)
1903, March 31, House of Commons
Is preparing speeches for the end of the week. Is to dine that evening with Asquith, Grey and Haldane, and with Morley on Monday evening.

1197 (2)
[?c. 1903, April], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW, 'Yn y trên o Rhyl i Gamarvon'
Outlines his discussions with the Bishop of St Asaph - '... got on very well as far as we went'. 'One crucial point is an alternative form'. St Asaph is to have discussions with the other bishops. 'I se nd you copy of the Memorandum we both inserted in our respective note Books. We were dealing only with Church Schools ... & not with Board Schools'.
Incomplete

1198 (4)
[?c. 1903, April], 'Saturday', 'Yn y trên'
Discussions with the Bishop of St Asaph about releasing the terms to the press. F. E. Hamer of the Manchester Guardian has written to him to express the approval of the Newtown Liberals with his speeches: '... & they noted especially with satisfaction the tone of responsibility as of a Minister which I had acquired. Big fight in front. We must let loose the dogs at them bye & bye. They are straining at the leash'.

1199 (2)
1903, April 1, House of Commons
A meeting of the Liberal MPs to discuss the Penrhyn crisis - 'quite a striking gathering'. Is to dine that evening with Sydney Webb. Dined the previous night with Haldane and Asquith; Grey did not arrive. 'The Penrhyn meeting decided to go for a Penrhyn Expropriation Bill!'

1200 (1)
1903, April 7, House of Commons
Has been speaking on the London Education Bill.

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1201 (2)
1903, April 8, House of Commons
Has just attacked Campbell-Bannerman for his speech to the brewers. Balfour very feeble. He looked most uneasy. CB replied well. Bryn wrthi yn awr'.

1202 (2)
1903, April 16
The terms from St Asaph are impossible. 'JO has been intriguing in his diocese - so I hear. He is a little skunk & stands in need of slaying'. Has written to Frank Edwards to say that there is no point in even debating these terms.

1203 (2)
1903, April 21, House of Commons
Family news. Norwich.

1204 (2)
1903, April 22, House of Commons
Alfred Davies, Liverpool, is there. Alfred [sic] Chamberlain has made 'a fierce anti-compensation speech today at the Temperance Conference. What forceful & plucky chaps those Chamberlains are. Wish they were with us'.

1205 (4)
1903, April 23, House of Commons
Considering the St Asaph terms: We declined to give way on appointment of teachers but are willing to meet them on subsidiary points'.

1206 (1)
[?1903], April 24, House of Commons
Was unable to speak. Will be able to use the speech again. The bill was carried.

1207 (3)
1903, April 28, House of Commons
Goes to the Penrhyn meeting that evening. 'What a row we had last night. It was dull until I got up. Then there was brimstone'. The 'modifications' have been rejected by St Asaph - "Very relieved". We had gone to the extreme limit of concession on religion & buildings so as to force the clergy to break off on patronage'.

1208 (1)
1903, April 28, Criccieth
'Asaph clergy break off negotiations. Relentless war now'
Telegram

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1903, April 29, House of Commons
Has just spoken briefly on the London Education Bill. The previous night's meeting was a great success.

1210 (3)
1903, April 30, House of Commons
Has made his most successful speech ever in the House: 'Mad Mullah oedd y testyn'. '... I sprang up against all the etiquette of Parliament & wallopped them - the War Office & the Foreign Office until both sides roared with laughter. Llwyddiant mwyaf y Session yma'.

1211 (4)
1903, May 1, House of Commons
'Created a greater sensation in the House yesterday than even I thought I had. It seems to be the talk everywhere. The papers - Liberal & Tory - can hardly find adjectives to describe it. ... Front Benchers all sick & backbenchers delighted. ... Frank Edwards so excited about it that he tells me he didn't sleep all night! ... I thought at once how pleased Uncle Lloyd would be because I saw in his recent letters an undercurrent of dissatisfaction with my inactivity in the House. Now I have made atonement to him'.

1212 (3)
1903, May 2, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is to speak to Balfour about Myrddin's case. Is to chair a meeting of the Liberation Society next week.

1213 (2)
1903, May 4, House of Commom
The Irish Land Bill is being debated. Is to dine that evening with the son of Homersham Cox. Has attended the preaching meetings at Radnor Street: 'Robert Thomas yn debyg iawn i Uncle Lloyd yn ei arddull'.

1214 (1)
1903, May 5, House of Commons
Three committees that day - the National Free Church Council, the Welsh MPs and Penrhyn.

1215 (2)
1903, May 6, House of Commons
Chaired the Liberation Society conference. Next week is very heavy.

1216 (2)
1903, May 8, House of Commons
Tom Jones's story. Did not vote for the Irish Land Bill the previous night 'Thoroughly bad bill. Shall go for it in Committee'. Morley is very ill.

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1217 (3)
1903, May 11, House of Commons
Lady Jennes has cancelled the tea party. Sir William Harcourt is ill; D. Lloyd George has left his card. Has a good speech ready for Scarborough: 'Important meetings, House of C. is not everything. You must sometimes go outside. Applications for meetings pouring in. Frank Edwards has taken them out of my hands & on my behalf refuses them all'. 'McKenna was talking today of the "prodigious energy" I had thrown into public life last few years. But he said also I was [the] only Liberal politician who had struck the popular imagination of recent years. I must pull up'.

1218 (2)
[1903], May 12, House of Commons
William George should write to him at Scarborough, and to Edinburgh on Saturday

1219 (3)
1903, May 14, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is expecting the Bishop of St Asaph: 'He is still full of our agreement & he & I are writing our news on the subject to the Pilot, the High Church organ'. Leaves for Scarborough that afternoon.

1220 (3)
[? 1903, May 15], 'Friday', Golf Club, Scarborough
Is enjoying himself. The 'electrical effect' of the meeting as described in the Yorkshire Post.

1221 (2)
[1903], May 16, Sunny How, Filey Road, Scarborough
The reception he has received at Scarborough.

1222 (2)
1903, May 18, House of Commons
Is departing for Swansea - 'Most important [to] keep County Councils straight'. Has just spoken on the London Bill.

1223 (2)
1903, May 22, House of Commons
'Just given Joe [Chamberlain] the worst quarter of an hour he ever had - so everybody says' on the Old Age Pensions Bill - 'It was a great & almost a dramatic scene. I pounded him. He turned green. He sprang up when I sat down - but he made a miserable exhibition of himself. Our fellows delighted. Tories very disappointed he did not turn & send me'.

1224 (4)
1903, May 23, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is unable to attend the Hyde Park demonstration. 'Have good stuff for tonight but fear it is dull. However I don't care much. I won't talk twaddle anyhow'. Comments in the newspapers on the

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previous day's proceedings in the House; has been described as 'the clever little Welshman with the sharp teeth'.

1225 (2)
1903, May 25, House of Commons
Has been speaking on the Education Bill - 'Chaffed the Government much to the merriment of the House'. His speech at Cambridge was a great success.

1226 (2)
1903, May 26, House of Commons
'Had another great "go" at them. Laughed clause 3 out of existence. They are now dropping subsect. 1 - the worst in the whole Bill. Got a very good time - House roaring'.

1227 (1)
1903, May 27, House of Commons
Has spoken on one measure. Goes on Thursday to play golf with the Speaker at Woking.

1228 (3)
1903, May 28, House of Commons
Joe Chamberlain has made 'a great electioneering speech - protection'. A terrible thunderstorm that day.

1229 (2)
[?1903, May 31], 'Sul', 17 Abercromby Place, Edinburgh
Last night's meeting; he was described by Thomas Shaw MP, the chairman, as 'the greatest political speaker of this generation'.

1230 (3)
1903, June 1, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is researching in the library. The death of Owen Hughes. Margaret's health. Visited Gerald Balfour on Tuesday.

1231 (1)
[1903], June 2, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is departing for a conference at Cardiff.

1232 (1)
[1903], June 3, Cardiff
The conference was a staggering success.

1233 (2)
1903, June 4, Crown Hotel, Pontypool

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'Made the greatest speech I have ever made on a South Wales platform last night'. The reports in the newspapers. Margaret's health.

1234 (3)
1903, June 6, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The success of the meetings. Has been buying books 'on this Zollverein business so that I may be able to take part if necessary next week'. There is a feeling that parliament will be dissolved in the autumn.

1235 (3)
1903, June 8, House of Commons
Has been acquiring facts about Canada. There is uncertainty whether there will be a debate on preferential tariffs the following day or not. Campbell-Bannerman and Morley both believe that the government is likely to resign soon: 'CB already forming Ministry. He & JM acknowledge that I must be in the Cabinet - probably in Local Govt B[oar]d (a £2000 job). That would be a good start'. Margaret's improved health.

1236 (3)
1903, June 9, House of Commons
The 'curious situation' in the House - '... Tories are getting up one after the other to criticise & attack the Government from the Free or Fair Trade point of view. For that is the peculiarity of the situation that both sections are equally displeased with the Govt. As an Irishman said to me "They are in a moodle". Heaven knows what may happen. If Balfour had any self respect he'd clear out'. Chamberlain's policy is 'snuffed'.

1237 (3)
1903, June 10, House of Commons
Asquith's speech - 'best thing he has done for years. Don't think I'll talk in this debate'. 'Ministry mean to stagger along a few more yards'.

1238 (3)
1903, June 11, House of Commons
'Crisis is "off" for a time. With such explosive material about & with such a restless mischievous incendiary as Joe [Chamberlain] carrying the torch about - there may yet be a bursting up of things. CB was simply wretched last night. I had ten minutes & no more & got on well'. Is concerned about registration in the Caernarfon Boroughs; has written to R. O. Roberts.

1239 (2)
[1903], June 12, House of Commons
Has a good speech ready for Oxford the following day. Is to stay with Professor John Rhys at Jesus College. Sir William Anson wants him to visit his college.

1240 (3)

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1903, June 15, House of Commons
Coming down to Bangor will mean travelling all night. Dick's letter. The Oxford meeting was 'an immense success'. Goschen's speech in the Lords.

1241 (3)
1903, June 16, House of Commons
Will come down if required. Chamberlain's success in carrying his party - 'The strenuous man knowing his own mind generally wins in the long run when pitted against a rabble of flabby stodgers. Our leaders are also contemptible. ... Think of the old man or of Joe leading the Liberal party now'.

1242 (3)
1903, June 17, House of Commons
Legal matters. Goes to a demonstration at Stoke-on-Trent the following day with Lord Crewe in the chair. There is an agreement between Labour and Liberals in the Potteries '& they insisted on my going down to initiate the campaign. They would take no one else. So Herbert Gladstone pressed me to go'.

1243 (3)
[?1903], June 19, House of Commons
The meeting at Hanley was 'an immense success'. Delivered a reasoned argument on preferential tariffs. It has been very highly praised: 'Crewe said he had it on high authority I was sure of a high place in counsels of party'. Is to spend Sunday at Brighton.

1244 (3)
[?1903], June 23, House of Commons
'... The withdrawal of the Pref. Tariff amendment has taken all the fizz out of this Finance battle'. Has given his opinion to Rosebery who feared that Chamberlain might win: 'I told him that he would if our Front Opposition Bench could possibly manage it. He smiled & agreed that they were leaving the field to Joe'.

1245 (3)
1903, June 24, House of Commons
Dick's Shakespearian triumph. Legal matters. A letter received from Dr Fairbairn for Carmarthen will be in the papers the following day. It is important 'to teach the Carmarthen Chaps a lesson. It will stop all incipient revolts. I hear the County [is] in arms already'.

1246 (1)
1903, June 25, House of Commons
Goes to Carmarthen the next day.

1247 (2)
1903, June 29, House of Commons

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Carmarthen 'an immense triumph ... [in] numbers & enthusiasm'. 8,000 attended the Saturday meeting. Spoke on Friday and Saturday.

1248 (3)
1903, July 1, House of Commons
The Irish Land Bill. Anticipates a Commons debate on tariffs - 'I am working up facts & figures on that. I prefer working out my own figures to taking them at second hand from pamphlets'. Jewish settlement in Uganda. There is a Welsh Education Committee meeting that day.

1249 (3)
1903, July 2, House of Commons
A settlement for Myrddin: 'Let Myrddin know at once. He has Uncle Lloyd to thank for it. I would never have taken the trouble but for him'.

1250 (3)
1903, July 4, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Myrddin's settlement. 'Dined at Lord Rendel's last night with a dozen other Welsh MPs. He put me in the place of honour - ar ei ddeheulaw - much to the chagrin of Sam [Evans] & one or two others. He was full of the position I had attained'. Balfour is said to anticipate a dissolution in February; D. Lloyd George agrees.

1251 (4)
1903, July 6, House of Commons
The appointment of trustees. Lewis Jones and his wife have been to tea; Nanney is pressing on him to come out - 'That must be stopped somehow'. Rumours of a dissolution in the spring.

1252 (1)
1903, July 7, House of Commons
Myrddin's settlement.

1253 (1)
1903, July 9, House of Commons
Intends to speak in the debate on education - 'Y mae'r Ty yn llipa iawn ar hyn o bryd'.

1254 (3)
1903, July 10, House of Commons
Has lunched with Lady Jeane. Benjamin Kidd was there. Is to speak in the Albert Hall the following day.

1255 (3)
1903, July 14, House of Commons
Has been speaking in the Education debate. Dined with Parks last night - along with Rosebery, Asquith, Fowler and Grey: 'Yr oedd pawb yn dangos parch i'r aelod tros Fwrdeistrefi Carnarvon'. The

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prospect of a quarrel in the Privy Council. 'Ymosododd Rosebery mewn araeth fyr ar gynlluniau - neu ddiffyg cynllun yr arweinwyr Rhyddfrydig. I am delighted he did it & I told him so'. The Museum Committee - 'y peth mwyaf gwasgarog a dibwrpas a welais erioed' in in progress.

1256 (3)
1903, July 15, House of Commons
'Bil Addysg. Very dead. Have spoken once'. Is to dine with Morley that night. Dined with one of the owners of the Daily Mail last night. Details of a legal battle involving the Daily Mail. 'All the fight is out of this House. Transferred to Country. Great scene between Unionist Free Traders & Govt. today. Better let them fight it out. It accentuates & embitters the quarrel. ...'.

1257 (2)
1903, July 16, House of Commons
Regrets that Willliam George cannot come to Dieppe. Last night in the Commons. Spoke with Morley last night over dinner.

1258 (3)
1903, July 20, House of Commons
Is on the 'Old Age Pensions' Committee - 'Got in a good stab at the Corn Tax'. Has received important legal work from Southampton - 'Curious how they come when & whence you least expect - but still they come'. Discusses current legal work.

1259 (1)
1903, July 21, House of Commons
Cannot keep away from Westminster although the only important event is the Welsh Museum Committee.

1260 (3)
1903, July 23, House of Commons
Anticipates speaking on Canada and the Tariffs. Asquith has spoken well - 'not first rate ond yn eitha'. Is departing to stay as the guest of the Mayor of Manchester.

1261 (2)
[1903], July 27, House of Commons
Had to return. Did good work on the Old Age Pensions Committee. There will be no holiday until 15th August.

1262 (2)
[1903], July 28, House of Commons
Cecil's attack on the government. Was prevented from participating in the debate by 'important business'. Legal matters; the Southampton affair - '... couldn't afford to let it pass even for the House'.

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1263 (3)
1903, July 29, House of Commons
The battle between the Board of Education and the Welsh County Councils over the scheme for a Joint Board for Wales: 'As you know it is my idea & I must see it through. The Bd. of Education was really opposed to it & today there was a deputation from the Welsh Councils to Sir Wm Anson & the officials. I went for them hot & strong. I think we have won'. 'Uncle Lloyd would have preferred my being in the House but he must remember my solid reputation depends more on the success of my Welsh policy than on brilliant speeches. The House know what I can do in the way of speaking but I have yet to prove what work I can put through'. Last night's meeting.

1264 (2)
[1903], Sept. 1, Ashdown Forest Hotel, Forest Row, Sussex
Letters from home. The weather.

1265 (2)
[1903], Sept. 2, Ashdown Forest Hotel, Forest Row, Sussex
Has to return by the 21st for meetings at Bangor and Caernarvon. 'Golf & drives here. Cornwall has a fine landau & a pair of horses & he took me yesterday a very long drive'.

1266 (2)
[?1903, Sept. 3], 'Thursday', Ashdown Forest Hotel, Forest Row, Sussex
'Let Naylor canvass as much as he likes. He won't do much good'.

1267 (2)
[1903, Sept. 5], 'London', 1.40
Plans to travel. 'Applications for meetings pouring in from all quarters'.

1268 (2)
[1903, Sept. 9], 'Nos Fercher'
His travels with Margaret, accompanied by Spender and Marvin.

1269 (4)
[1903, Sept. 13], 'Pnawn Sul', Ferdirandshoke, Stalvio Pass
Describes their travels. 'By the way you have no idea what a German scholar I am getting to be. ... Last night we reckoned up the words in my German vocabulary & we found it attained the astounding total of 125 words. Immense. Every word essential to a wayfarer in these "forrein parts"'. Describes the scenery.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd-George: '... Mae y brawd wedi cario y llythyr yma yn ei boced er y Sul ag mae yn ddydd Mawrth heddyw. Piti na fuasech hefo ni, buasech wedi chwerthin llawer. ...'.

1270 (3)
[1903, Sept. 19], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW

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The journey home: 'The rushing about took one's mind clean off politics. We were half way through France when I found Joe had resigned. Wily dog. True to his rodentary instinct he has deserted another sinking ship. ... Nothing but the Opposition Front Bench can now save the Ministry'.

1271 (2)
1903, Sept. 21, Ormond House
Cannot attend the lecture. Goes to Swansea on Wednesday. 'What an exposure of Osmond! He is a dau wynebog chap. A thoroughly poor creature'.

1272 (2)
[?1903], Sept. 28, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has come up to attend a meeting of the National Free Church Council. 'Conway & Degannwy an immense success'.

1273 (3)
1903, Sept. 28, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The result of the Argyll by-election: 'There has been nothing like it in the history of Argyll since the Reform Bill. The country is heavily against Joe [Chamberlain]. He may make a temporary impression in his campaign but if our fellows fight with any sort of pluck he is a doomed man'.

1274 (2)
[1903, Oct. 4], 'Sunday morning', Lydstep Haven, Penally RSO, Pembrokeshire
Is leaving with Wynford for Capel Batus. The meeting at Pembroke Dock. Goes to Aberystwyth the following day; is to stay with J. H. Davies.

1275 (2)
[1903, Oct. 8], 'Thursday', Waterloo
Derby that night with Clifford. Then goes to Oldham and is to stay with Alfred Emmott MP.

1276 (3)
1903, Oct. 9, Midland Hotel, Manchester
'Gwynoro ought not to have pressed me. I owe Griffith 3 or 4 meetings in return for his help to me'. Last night's meeting.

1277 (3)
1903, Oct. 10, Spring Bank, Oldham
'[R.A.] Naylor is a jackass & the longer he remains the more convinced will the constituency become of that fact'. The demand for tickets for the Oldham constituency has been enormous. Has a good speech ready.
PS - 'Hwyl ardderchog - Two overflow meetings. Ni siaradais fawr well erioed'.

1278 (3)
1903, Oct. 12, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC

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Legal matters. 'What do you say about East Manchester? At any rate it is a compliment'. Will be in Bangor on Wednesday.

1279 (2)
1903, Oct. 13, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Suggests October 28th for Criccieth - 'I have no idea what to say for I have forgotten all about my trip'.

1280 (2)
1903, Oct. 15, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
The meeting at Holyhead.

1281 (2)
[1903], Oct. 16, Ormond House
Encloses a letter from Morian - 'The old boy wrote the first newspaper description ever penned of me. It was when I spoke with Davitt at Festiniog - 18 years ago! So he takes a deep interest in me'.

1282 (3)
1903, Oct. 19, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'GR yn dyweyd hanes ... am y gelain wrthyf. Told him they would have done better to have taken the party into their confidence'. Is going to prepare a speech for the following night.

1283 (2)
1903, Oct. 20, Trinity Road
Is preparing a speech for Fulham that evening. 'Uncle Lloyd's notes invaluable. They really set me on the right track for a speech. I was very dull until I read them last night'.

1284 (2)
1903, Oct. 21, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The authorship of the Criccieth note. The success of the Fulham meeting the previous night.

1285 (2)
1903, Oct. 22, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Legal matters.

1286 (3)
1903, Oct. 23, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Cannot make the meeting he has that evening with Spicer at Hackney. Has two important business engagements the next day.

1287 (2)
[c. 1903, Oct. 23], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW

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The reduction of the Tory majority in the Belfast by-election. 'Send me my points for Pwllheli - jokes preferable'.

1288 (3)
1903, Oct. 24, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Dick Llwyd's composition: 'Buck up & you will soon show them a Lloyd George by whose side the present one will be of no account'. Legal matters. Tim's speech; Uncle Lloyd should write to congratulate him - 'Uncle Lloyd is a very influential personality at Pantycelyn & a word from him will be very highly prized'.

1289 (3)
1903, Oct. 29, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Thanks to 'Aunty Polly' for her care of him: 'I wish I could have stayed there much longer. Ddarfu Uncle Lloyd ddim dwrdio llawer iawn arna i'. Willliam George's legal triumph the previous day. His 'passive resistance telegram'.

1290 (3)
1903, Oct. 30, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has had 'a most important interview' with Sir Robert Morant - 'He has practically given up the fight in Wales. He is willing now to treat Wales as a separate entity for educational purposes & to grant us educational autonomy - create a Welsh Edn Department with offices in Wales - hand over to this Department the whole of the functions of the Ed: Department in so far as they relate to Wales. That is great. The Cardiff policy initiated by me has already won - that is what it means'.

1291 (2)
[1903, Oct. 31], 'Boreu Sadwrn', Lewes
Is playing golf. Family news.

1292 (3)
1903, Nov. 2, Ormond House
Discusses a death - 'How imperceptibly & unstrenuously life merges into death - as the day shades into the night'. Cannot leave with Margaret that evening because of the Lunn business: 'He is off tomorrow to America & the money is not all in'.

1293 (3)
[?1903, Nov.], 'Saturday', Thurso
Thanks for the comments on his sketch and would value Uncle Lloyd's opinion.

1294 (2)
[?1903, Nov.]
Note attached to no. 1293.

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[?1903, Nov.], 'Sunday evening', Caskieben, Kinaldie, Aberdeenshire
His success. Is to go to Stirling and Falkirk.

1296 (2)
[1903], Nov. 23, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Family news. Has not received a word from Caer.

1297 (3)
1903, Nov. 24, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Has received an account from Caer of the Naylor meeting. Is to speak in a debate at Oxford on Thursday - '... I have a good substantial bara haidd of a speech - but can't for the life of me find a single joke'.

1298 (2)
1903, Nov. 25, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Goes to stay at Witney, Oxfordshire, and has a meeting there on Friday evening.

1299 (2)
1903, Nov. 26, Hertford College, Oxford
Expects a large audience that evening. Is to stay that night with one of the college officials who is the Liberal candidate for Mid-Oxfordshire. Rosebery was very good the previous night.

1300 (3)
1903, Nov. 28, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Thanks for letters. The success of his Oxford speech. Last night's packed meeting.

1301 (3)
1903, Nov. 30, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Margaret is 'highly pleased'. Is departing for the conference at Leicester and goes to Paisley the next night. Has received much praise for his Christchurch, Oxford, speech.

1302 (2)
[1903], Dec. 2, 'Yn ol i Lundain'
The Paisley speech.

1303 (3)
1903, Dec. 3, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is attending to Myrddin that week. Is dining with J. P. O'Connor that night to meet Bryan the American. Would like Maggie to come to London - 'What does she want sticking down there for [?] ... I know it is the old woman - but it would be infinitely better for her to be with the kids here. M. is like putty in her hands'.

1304 (2)

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1903, Dec. 4, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Grey is to come to Caernarfon on 5th January. Willliam George has many meetings.

1305 (2)
1903, Dec. 7, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'I knew you would all side with Beggan [Margaret]. However it is alright. She is coming up early in January. So the war is off'.

1306 (2)
1903, Dec. 8, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
No letter received from Garthcelyn that day.

1307 (1)
1903, Dec. 11, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Portsmouth was 'a great triumph'.

1308 (2)
1903, Dec. 12, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Thinks he will accept the Welsh Presidentship. Is to meet a deputation at Shrewsbury on the 22nd. Harcourt's speech was good; 'I see they had my name blazoned up with Rosebery & CB's on the wall at his meeting'.

1309 (2)
[1903], Dec. 22, Office
Is very busy and will write again that night.

1310 (3)
1903, Dec. 23, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The result of the Ludlow by-election: '... indeed a blow for Protection'. Negotiations on the Education Act 'so as to bring the Free Traders into line with the Liberals at the next Election'. 'Have sent Gladstone down'.

1311 (3)
[?1903], Dec. 23, 10.15 pm, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has been playing golf at Lewes. Leaves on Sunday with Massingham, Macnamara and Arnold White. Willliam George should look at that day's British Weekly which contains 'two paragraphs which ought to satisfy even Uncle Lloyd'.

1312 (3)
1903, Dec. 24, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Christmas dinner at Garthcelyn: '... I only wish I were there with you. But Roberts' mother being seriously ill it is a good thing I am up'.

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1313 (3)
[1903], Dec. 30, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is glad that Margaret is coming up. Has been ill. Plans to go on holiday during the last two weeks of January.

1314 (3)
1903, Dec. 31, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street
Feels better, but needs rest. 'Met Churchill by appointment today. He is willing to come over to our side & thinks 30 other Unionists will accompany him. I told him that on Education & Temperance we were inexorable. He is willing to meet us on these ...'. Legal work.

1315 (3)
[1903], 'Monday', House of Commons
Discusses legal matters. Developments in the Commons; Chamberlain is to speak in a few minutes. Is to speak at the Tabernacle. Dr Clifford's speech the previous morning.
Incomplete

1316 (3)
[1903], 'Bore Sul', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Gives an account of last night's Albert Hall meeting - 'Llwyddiant aruthrol ymhob ystyr. Greatest assembly ever witnessed in the Hall. Clifford a minnau oedd y ddau "arwr":. Cawsom dderbyniad gorlethol'.

1317 (3)
[1903], 'Wednesday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Congratulations on Menai Bridge. Will be at Llandrindod the following day. Feels that he has been over-working. 'Did you see how Sir Edwd Grey last night endorsed my policy in an address to the Liberal League!'

1318 (3)
[1903], 'Monday', House of Commons
The Penrhyn debate has begun; Asquith's speech. Plans to speak late. 'W.J. on now. Not doing very well up to the present'. Regrets Maggie's rheumatism and suggests remedies - 'Herbert Lewis has been a great sufferer & he dieted himself strictly for months & got rid of it'.
6 p.m. - '... Debate dull & languishing. Liberals begging me to get up to stir it up'.

1319 (2)
[1903], 'Monday', Lydstep Haven, Penally RSO, Pembrokeshire
Willlliam George should write to him the following day at Bala. Is to stay the night with J. H. Davies at Aberystwyth, the venue of a great conference on education the next day.

1320 (2)
[1903], Llundain

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Is to see Morley. Balfour is 'in a quandary [sic]'. Goes to Swansea the following day to attend a meeting of the Welsh County Councils on the Joint Scheme.

1321 (2)
[1903], 'Saturday', Trinity Road
Has been playing golf with Massingham and Artemus Jones.

1322 (3)
[1903], 'Nos Fercher', Trinity Road
Stead has been to see him about the new daily newspaper which he is setting up. Goes to Portsmouth the following day for important meetings. 'I may accept Presidency [of the] Welsh Council. They have appointed a deputation to see me on subject. I am not very pleased with the Secretary'.

1323 (3)
[1903], 'Dydd Llun', Buxton Hydropathic Limited, Buxton, Derbyshire
Has been playing golf. Will return the next day. Agrees with Willliam George's opinion of Morley.

1324 (2)
[1903]
Has no time to write. 'Very satisfactory debate on the Welsh Clause'.

1325 (2)
[1903], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW, 'Yn y tren'
Is on his way to play golf. Is to stay in Brighton that night.

1326 (2)
[1903], 'Saturday', Trinity Road
Cannot now go to stay with the Dilkes because of the storm. 'So I am going to stick here to fag up the Free Trade case. Got a great case already of facts & figures. I'll have a sound speech for the Free Trade Hall Manchester'. Megan 'in great form'.

1327 (2)
[1903], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is playing golf all day. Is late now for lunch at the Savage Club.

1328 (2)
[1903], 'Yn y tren cyn cychwyn'
Is departing for golf at Lewes.

1329 (3)
[1903], 'Sunday evening', Winter Palace, Cimiez, Nice

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Motored over to Monte Carlo to see Alfred Spender of the Westminster about the Tribune. Received a wire last night stating that the Tribune was to cease publication in a few days. Is very anxious to save the paper: 'It would be a misfortune were our only 1d London morning to fail through lack of support when the Tariff Reformers are buying up the press'. 'I hope to be in London Wednesday night but feel very disappointed that M. cannot see her way to bring Olwen & Megan. She might have managed that'.

1330 (3)
[1903], 'Friday'
Has just made the best speech he has delivered in the Commons.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd-George: 'The best speech I ever heard him deliver, I wish you had been there. Grey the schoolmaster had been at it irritating all the Welsh members & D more especially as he made mistakes & gave the wrong impression to the house but D squashed him until he never looked up again & the house like a boiling pot'.

1331 (3)
[1903], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The death of Sion Prisiart: 'Well he deserves it if man ever did. He had led a cruel & merciless life. There is not a kind deed gone before him to plead his cause. He scattered misery around him & he is off at last to reap the harvest'. Goes down to Tredegar on Monday to address a meeting for Warmington. Chance is to come over on Wednesday to settle affairs.

1332 (2)
[1903], 'Friday', Caskieben, Kinaldie, Aberdeenshire
There are prospects for a good meeting.

1333 (3)
[1903], 'Saturday morning', House of Commons
Is undertaking research in preparation for a speech next week on education. 'I have had two or three letters today from Wales telling me that a speech is expected from me on the Education Bill. I have spoken to the Speaker & he has promised to call me. I shall not however get up unless I have something fresh & interesting to say'. 'How glowing an eulogy from Gibson! It would be instructive to compare & contrast this with what he said some months ago about my being done for'.
Incomplete

1334 (3)
[1903], 'Monday morning', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Bryce and Robson are to settle the English resolutions. Tim is to print and circulate a copy of his manifesto.

1335 (1)
[1903], 'Monday', Ormond House

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Is very busy and cannot write. Is enclosing the evening paper with a list of the new ministers: 'Arnold Forster is the only good one'.

1336 (3)
[1903], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Goes the following day to listen to the Bethesda boys to receive inspiration to defend them in the House on Tuesday. D. A. Thomas is receiving medical treatment in London because of a weak heart: 'Not to leave them for two months. During that period he is not allowed to read a letter or even to see his Secretary. His wife found him twice lately on the floor of the bedroom. Sorry for him'. Fragment

1337 (3)
1904, Jan. 1, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has been preparing speeches for next week: 'Hwyl iawn oherwydd cysgais neithiwr am y tro cyntaf er ys wythnosau. So today I have recovered my old spring'. Is to work on his speech that night while Margaret and the family go to the theatre. Goes to Littlehampton with Massingham the following day.

1338 (2)
1904, Jan. 6, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Grey, who is leaving by the 8.30 train, believed that D. Lloyd George would travel with him as far as Chester. The meetings were excellent. Is delighted to hear that Uncle Lloyd is better.

1339 (3)
1904, Jan. 8, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Believed that Willliam George was now off to Italy. Has arranged to spend two weeks at Criccieth and has invited Massingham down: 'He wants to study the Welsh Education fight on the spot & he will probably go to Herbert Lewis & Frank Edwards'. His speech at the National Reform Club dinner the previous night.

1340 (3)
1904, Jan. 9, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is going to Harold Spender's wedding. The previous day's conference was a great success. 'First shot will probably be fired in Merionethshire. The County Councillors are naturally nervous as to results but when the fight comes I believe the popular excitement will make them stick out of shame of funking'.

1341 (3)
1904, Jan. 11, Fallodon, Chathill, Northumberland
Grey met him at his private station. Future meetings at Hanwick and Yarmouth. Grey says that D. Lloyd George is certain of a place in the next Cabinet - 'Atebais fod hynny yn dibynu ar yr hyn a wnant dros Gymru - fod yn rhaid i mi edrych am chwareu teg i fy mhobl cyn derbyn mantais i mi fy hun'.

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1342 (2)
1904, Jan. 12, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
The previous night's success. Forgot to post the previous day's letter.

1343 (3)
1904, Jan. 14, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has completed his 'long & dreary list of my engagements at last - & without a collapse'. Is now to rest for two weeks. The previous night's meeting. Balfour's performances at Manchester were 'truly dismal. He has evidently lost heart & confidence & doesn't very much care what befalls'.

1344 (3)
1904, Jan. 30, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The weather. The previous night's success at Caernarfon - 'C.A.J. has surrendered completely. We can use this fact as a proof that the Welsh people are practically unanimous'. Has been invited to lunch with John Morley the next day.

1345 (4)
1904, Feb. 2, House of Commons
His amendment is coming on. There is no reference in the Queen's Speech to education: 'Disagreement in Cabinet over it so I hear'. Balfour is ill, thus delaying the fiscal debate. 'C.B. was on great form today, Austen replying very feeble'.

1346 (2)
1904, Feb. 3, House of Commons
Balfour is 'rather worse'. His amendment is not coming on this week.

1347 (2)
1904, Feb. 4, House of Commons
Is very busy. His amendment is unlikely to come on until the week after next. Plans to speak on the fiscal question.

1348 (3)
1904, Feb. 5, House of Commons
Describes the previous night's proceedings in the Commons - 'Free Fooders voted against us. Majority 86. That means on Fiscal about 50. Excellent'.

1349 (2)
1904, Feb. 6, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has a meeting at St Albans that evening: 'Could not very well refuse. Slack a friend of mine & a brother professsional'. Is ready for the tariff debate next week.

1350 (3)

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1904, Feb. 8, House of Commons
The account of the St Albans meeting is 'a gross exaggeration. I wasn't hit at all. I never knew about the eggs until I read of it this morning in the papers'. Describes proceedings in the Commons: 'Balfour is really unwell - not dangerously - but generally bad & would not be sorry of a break-up in his absence. Anything may happen'.

1351 (2)
1904, Feb. 9, House of Commons
Has not spoken as yet. Bonar Law's speech. The Japanese have already torpedoed three Russian men of war.

1352 (2)
1904, Feb. 10, House of Commons
The government is 'doing badly'. Ritchie's speech. Plans to speak that night or the next day.

1353 (2)
1904, Feb. 11, House of Commons
The success of his speech in the Commons the previous night: 'I thought the best line was to "laugh the case out of court" & I am told on all hands that I was most successful. My quips are the talk of the Lobby & all the papers - London & Provincial - are full of it. Immense success. Congratulations pouring in'.

1354 (3)
1904, Feb. 12, House of Commons
Willliam George's success at Pwllheli. The declining fortunes of the government: 'They have been mauled & mangled a good deal by their own supporters this afternoon'. Congratulations received on his Wednesday speech. Prospects for the St Albans by-election. The report in The Times on his speech.

1355 (3)
1904, Feb. 13, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The result of the Mid-Herts election - 'almost incredible & yet it is true'. The influence of the Saturday riot on the outcome of the election: 'It made the Liberals work with a furious & vindictive energy which carried all before'. The situation in the Commons is very complex and no-one can tell what may happen: 'It may frighten them all the more not to venture out into the storm'. 'They congratulate me here on the result as if it were my victory'.

1356 (3)
1904, Feb. 16, House of Commons
It would be an easy matter to bring about the collapse of the government, '... but our whips are lax & the Irish have no funds to help their men in constant attendance'. Praise for him in The Times and Daily Telegraph.

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1357 (2)
1904, Feb. 17, House of Commons
The prospects of his motion coming on in the Commons and of the government securing a majority. Is to have a discussion with Clifford and Campbell-Bannerman.

1358 (3)
1904, Feb. 18, House of Commons
Prospects of a debate. Relates a story about Naylor.

1359 (2)
1904, Feb. 19, House of Commons
May not get his 'fling on Education'. The House of Commons is 'a small & limp one today'. The reference in that day's Manchester Guardian to his letter to Merioneth - 'My messages getting Gladstonian'.

1360 (3)
1904, Feb. 22, House of Commons
The JTJ meeting - 'classical in its quaint humour'. The Pall Mall Gazette plebiscite on the next Liberal and Tory ministries - 'I was the only new man elected to the Liberal Cabinet - President Local Govt Bd. I came second for Home Secretary, second for Bd. of Trade & Postmaster General. Significant coming from readers of a Tory journal'.

1361 (3)
1904, Feb. 23, House of Commons
Spoke in the debate the previous afternoon: 'Poured a little shrapnel into them'. The precarious position of the government and the prospects of its collapse.

1362 (3)
1904, Feb. 24, House of Commons
His attacks on the government the previous night. Leaves the following day to assist in the county council election campaigns in Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery: 'Most important from Welsh & personal point of view'. The government whips had to ensure that the Conservative MPs had to speak in the House for almost two hours to avoid a government defeat that day.

1363 (2)
1904, March 1, House of Commons
The Llanfylbri [sic] meeting was a success. Goes to Bradford the following day 'i geisio symud y West Riding i ddilyn y polisi Cymreig'.

1364 (2)
[1904, March 2], Wednesday, Bradford
The Bradford meeting was an immense success. Spoke at the Women's Federation in the afternoon.

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1365 (1)
1904, March ?3, Midland Hotel, Bradford
A very successful conference. 'Carried unanimously resolution in favour of adoption of We lsh policy by West Riding County Council'.

1366 (3)
1904, March 5, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is 'very touched with the Morfa Bychan incident. Ni chefais gymaint ffyddlondeb naddo yn yr Israel. It never occurs to the crowds who now cheer one how I am finding or whether I am finding a crust anywhere for myself & kids'. Is not confident of success at Conway - 'Prichard is very popular. And the women are all with him. He is a great ladies man. The only woman who does not seem to have any respect for him is his own wife'. Has received a letter from Percy Illingworth from Bradford.
Incomplete

1367 (3)
1904, March 7, House of Commons
The county council election results seem to express approval of his policy of witholding rates from sectarian schools: 'Wales has done marvellously. ... Radnor now stands alone & I have hopes of it. ...'. Has been invited by Lord Tweedmouth to dine at his home on Friday to meet the King; believes that the King added his name to the guest list.
Incomplete

1368 (2)
1904, March 8, House of Commons
The county council election results. The debate on education is to take place on Monday evening. Balfour was a 'sorry figure' the previous night.

1369 (2)
1904, March 9, House of Commons
The Radnorshire results. The dinner with the King. Is going to Exeter Hall: 'I had no speech & he gave a good one to me. I am going to deliver it as he said it'.

1370 (1)
1904, March 10, House of Commons
Is preparing for Monday and has a good case.

1371 (2)
1904, March 11, House of Commons
Is preparing for Monday. The King's health.

1372 (3)
[?1904], March 13, House of Commons

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Has 'been engaged on the work of Christian forgiveness'. Had lunch with a 'very penitent' Massingham - 'A personal vendetta is never worth cherishing letting [sic] alone pursuing'. Maggie has given 'a most cheerful account' of Uncle Lloyd. Robertson Nicoll's account of the Free Church Council Annual Meeting at Norwich - 'Noncons in a high state of enthusiasm. They rose & cheered for five minutes at the mention of my name'.

1373 (2)
1904, March 14, House of Commons
The impression his speech has made on the House. 'Anson feeble & foolish. Said the Welsh revolt due to me entirely - quoted speeches of mine - which were cheered by the Liberals. Excellent up to the present'.

1374 (4)
1904, March 15, House of Commons
The Government was defeated on one of the Irish estimates. The previous day's debate; has been approached by Anson and Morant. Praise for his speech in that day's newspapers: 'Whole debate turned on me & they all talked as if I had Wales in [the] hollow of my hands'.

1375 (2)
1904, March 15, House of Commons
Relates a story about a letter sent to the King about D. Lloyd George.

1376 (6)
1904, March 16, House of Commons
Is glad that Uncle Lloyd is pleased with his performance on Monday: 'It has done good here'. The previous day's ministerial defeat. The impression he made on the King when he dined with him on Saturday night: 'It will help when the time comes'. Relates a story about his speech on Monday. Is to dine with Sydney Buxton to meet Lord Ripon. Gwynoro is ill.

1377 (2)
1904, March 17, House of Commons
Is departing for Bexhill. 'And so Hunter has not crossed the Styx. Long may he remain this side to enquire into the reasons why more or less fortunate fellow-beings have passed to the other side'. Is to lunch that day with Lady Jeune, 'a furious Protectionist'.

1378 (2)
1904, March 18, House of Commons
The success of the previous night's meeting at Bexhill. Spent the night at Battle Abbey. 'Esgob Llanelwy has brought the Churchmen to his point of view. St Davids' beaten'.

1379 (2)
1904, March 21, House of Commons

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The Chinese debate; Campbell-Bannerman has made 'a splendid speech - probably the best of his career'. Does not plan to speak in the House.

1380 (2)
1904, March 22, House of Commons
Willliam George's candidature. Asquith's speech proved to be ineffective the previous night. The Nationalist was elected for Dublin with a majority of 600.

1381 (2)
1904, March 23, House of Commons
His meeting with Herbert Gladstone. Plans to attack the government on Tuesday.

1382 (2)
1904, March 24, House of Commons
Has attacked Lord Milner and 'raised a rather exciting debate'. Lyttleton's reply was 'most feeble'.

1383 (3)
1904, March 28, House of Commons
Has spoken briefly on the Scottish Education Bill.

1384 (2)
1904, March 29, House of Commons
The success of his speech in the Commons: '... I certainly made Balfour very unhappy. A member told me now no Prime Minister ever got such a slating'.

1385 (2)
1904, March 30, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has been in conference with Rufus Isaacs. The reports in the press on his speech.

1386 (2)
1904, April 1, The Cottage, Knighton, Radnorshire
Legal matters.

1387 (3)
1904, April 2, The Cottage, Knighton, Radnorshire
The coronership at Llandrindod. The article on oratory in that day's South Wales Daily News praising him: 'Great change from SWD News of prehistoric days'.

1388 (4)
1904, April 9, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Legal matters. Saw the County Councillors at Llandrindod - 'very reticent & secretive'.
Includes note from Richard Lloyd George.

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1389 (4)
1904, April 12, House of Commons
The Licensing Bill has been postponed: '... There are powerful influences in their own party working against the shameless surrender to the drink interest which was undoubtedly contemplated by Balfour'. Means to attend the next meeting of the Caernarfonshire County Council.

1390 (3)
1904, April 13, House of Commons
Myrddin's cheque. A Russian battleship has been torpedoed and sunk: '... a great stroke for Japan & very good news for this country as the complete naval supremacy of Japan is the likeliest thing to help us out of it'.

1391 (2)
1904, April 14, House of Commons
Is reserving his torpedo for Balfour over the Licensing Bill. The Japanese claim to have sunk a destroyer as well as a battleship.

1392 (2)
1904, April 15, House of Commons
WJ has written.

1393 (2)
1904, April 18, House of Commons
Is helping Ivor Guest to overcome his troubles at Cardiff: 'He finds he cannot get selected without my assistance'.

1394 (3)
1904, April 20, House of Commons
Has spoken against the Bill of Parliament and attacked Balfour.

1395 (2)
1904, April 20, House of Commons
The report in the Guardian of Willliam George's speech at Caernarfon. His attack on Balfour over the Licensing Bill - 'Tories furious. Temperance men delighted'.

1396 (4)
1904, April 21, House of Commons
The vote on the Licensing Bill. Hopes to get to Carnarvon on Wednesday evening. Has been opening new premises for the Echo.

1397 (3)
1904, April 22, House of Commons
Family news. Praise for his speech against Balfour.

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1398 (3)
1904, May 3, House of Commons
The meetings at Caernarfon. The attack on Austen Chamberlain in the House of Commons.

1399 (2)
1904, May 4, House of Commons
The cartoon in the Daily Despatch. Plans to prepare for the debate on the Licensing Bill the following week.

1400 (2)
1904, May 5, House of Commons
The Lough case - Rufus Isaacs is fighting a very skilful battle.

1401 (2)
1904, May 6, House of Commons
The Lough case has been won. Is to dine that night with Andrew Carnegie and the Iron and Steel Institute.

1402 (1)
1904, May 9, House of Commons
Has no time to write. Wishes to listen to the debate. Is to speak the next day or the day after.

1403 (1)
1904, May 10, House of Commons
His speech in the Commons a great success.

1404 (3)
1904, May 11, House of Commons
Judge Parry's book. The praise for his speech - 'I think it was almost my best if not the best'. Has been elected chairman at a meeting of the Welsh County Councils.

1405 (1)
1904, May 12, House of Commons
Cayford's letter. Is to speak at the Congregational Union meeting at the City Temple.

1406 (2)
1904, May 13, House of Commons
Has been invited to Buxton by Frank Edwards. Will have no opportunity to speak on the Black Motion. Is to go to Elfed's induction meeting that evening.

1407 (2)
[1904, May 15], 'Pnawn Sul', Buxton Hydropathic Limited, Buxton, Derbyshire

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Feels 'rather run down' and has much to do before the end of the Session. The Licensing Committee will be hard work. Leaves for London on Tuesday.

1408 (2)
1904, May 17, House of Commons
Is to lunch with Herbert Gladstone. The Commons is 'very listless ... expecting some excitement tomorrow night'.

1409 (1)
1904, May 18, House of Commons
Balfour's motion has changed the situation. May be unable to speak.

1410 (3)
1904, May 19, House of Commons
The previous night's debate was left to the Unionists. Was glad that he did not speak - 'The Govt. got themselves out of a hole but at a great cost to their credit'. Had 'a rattling twenty minutes this afternoon. ... set the House roaring'. There is a meeting on the Licensing Bill in the Mem orial Hall that evening.

1411 (1)
1904, May 24, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Is departing for Cardiff. Has just heard that John Herbert Thomas Nevin has died - 'Very loyal chap. Shall miss him sadly'.

1412 (3)
1904, May 27, Bronwydd, Cardiff
Anticipates that evening's meeting. Ivor Guest's address to a public meeting at Bridgend; Alfred Thomas was 'quite staggered'. Returns the following day.

1413 (3)
[?1904, June], 'Primrose Day', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Wishes Willliam George to send him arguments against the payment of compensation to publicans for use in Friday's debate. Goes to Norwich the following day.

1414 (3)
1904, June 3, House of Commons
A message from Ellis Jones Ellis-Griffith for Willliam George. The following day's meeting in Alexandra Palace - 'Asquith tells me you cannot be heard there at all! Fine prospect'. Has attended a small committee to go through the amendments to the Licensing Bill.

1415 (2)
1904, June 6, House of Commons
The debate on the Licensing Bill. Has made a short speech.

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1416 (2)
1904, June 7, House of Commons
Has made a most successful speech in the House: 'Gave it hot & strong & full of pepper for them'. It was very highly praised by Morley.

1417 (2)
1904, June 13, House of Commons
Scottish education is being debated in the House. Would like Willliam George to send him one copy of a tied house agreement.

1418 (3)
[?1904], June 14, House of Commons
Dick's photographs. Quotes Chamberlain's opinion of him.

1419 (2)
[?1904], June 15, House of Commons
Is to say a word in the House on the difference between denominational school provisions in Scotland and England. Margaret and he are to dine with Sir Edward Grey.

1420 (2)
1904, June 16, House of Commons
A silly day. Ellis Griffith in Punch.

1421 (3)
1904, June 17, House of Commons
There is a serious Cabinet crisis: '... this place is reeking with lies & you never know what to believe. Each man circulates the rumours he believes in - & he believes exactly what he wishes to be true'. Last night's dinner.

1422 (3)
1904, June 20, House of Commons
Dick's photography. Has spoken for fifteen minutes on the Budget: '... I am simply talking to kill time of the Govt'.

1423 (2)
1904, June 21
The Liberal majority at Devonport was 1040.
Telegram

1424 (2)
1904, June 21, House of Commons

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Family news. 'Got a neat one in late last night in reply to Earl Percy'. Willliam George should read the report in the Manchester Guardian.

1425 (3)
1904, June 23, House of Commons
Has been preparing for the great battle on the Licensing Bill. 'The Govt. are in a very rocky condition & a skilful series of flanking movements & sharp surprises may throw them over'.

1426 (2)
[1904, June 26], 'Pnawn Sul'
Has presided over the annual meeting of Castle Street Sunday School. Family news.

1427 (2)
1904, June 27, House of Commons
Was successful in the Commons that afternoon. Balfour's reply was 'the most poor spirited he ever delivered'.

1428 (2)
1904, June 28, House of Commons
Has spoken well in the House again: '... They ended in a muddle & progress was reported as they didn't know where they were'. The photographs of Uncle Lloyd - 'I want copies of all of them'.

1429 (2)
1904, June 29, House of Commons
Has spoken again. The state of the House. 'Joe [Chamberlain] is beginning to get restive I hear. Still he is in Balfour's grip & that is a tight although a velvetty one. Balfour will hold him to his contract'.

1430 (2)
1904, June 30, House of Commons
The government's intentions over the Licensing Bill - '... Iniquitous. Debate on the following day. I am off to rake up my choicest adjectives'.

1431 (4)
[?1904, July], 'Sadwrn', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has lunched with Harold Spender of the Westminster Gazette. Is to spend Sunday with Dilkes at Shepperton. His work on the Licensing Bill. Plans for holidays in August. The Derobition Report.

1432 (2)
1904, July 1, House of Commons
The debate in the Commons; Asquith's performance. Whitaker '... gave Balfour ten minutes of hell fire'. Goes to a meeting at Leicester the next day.

1433 (2)

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1904, July 4, House of Commons
The success of his speech in the House.

1434 (2)
1904, July 5, House of Commons
Praise for his speech of the previous day. Massingham's report to the Daily News was cut out. Has spoken three times that day.

1435 (2)
1904, July 6, House of Commons
The situation in the Commons. The support for the Liberals in the country. Carried the party meeting that day. 'These fellows are doomed but we must make no blunders'.

1436 (3)
1904, July 11, House of Commons
The stroll over the Downs with Grey on Sunday: 'He says I must be in the Cabinet. The only two who ever made a Front Bench position in the House without ever being in office were Lord Randolp h Churchill & myself'. An amendment to the Licensing Bill.

1437 (3)
1904, July 12, House of Commons
The amendment he proposed. The debate in the House. A suggestion as to the dissolution of Parliament.

1438 (3)
1904, July 13, House of Commons
Progress with the Budget. 'In order to make sure of Home Rule & Disestablishment we mean to adjourn as soon as we get them through & meet in November to pass [the] Revenue Bill. This suits me much better as you cannot concentrate public attention on anything until Home Rule is out of the way'.

1439 (2)
1904, July 13, House of Commons
Arnold Forster introduces his new army scheme the following day. 'The House of Commons is the most human institution I know of'.

1440 (3)
1904, July 18, House of Commons
The dates he is available to go on holiday.

1441 (2)
1904, July 19, House of Commons
A motion for adjournement that evening.

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1442 (2)
1904, July 20, House of Commons
An all-night sitting. There is now no means of taking the Licensing Bill this week: 'It was a great fight & we beat them - McKenna, Churchill & I'.

1443 (3)
1904, July 23, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is leaving for Trinity Road. Margaret's illness. The Licensing Bill and the Budget come on next week.

1444 (3)
1904, July 25, House of Commons
The debate on the Budget. Has spoken for twenty minutes on the Sinking Fund '& seeing I know but next to nothing about it did well'. Margaret's health improved.

1445 (2)
1904, July 26, House of Commons
Success in the House last night: 'Had to repudiate our own Front Bench. They tried to stop the fight but failed. Today the Rads are jubilant & the old crocks sulky'.

1446 (2)
1904, July 27, House of Commons
Has spoken briefly on the Licensing Bill. The result of the Oswestry by-election is 'almost sensational'. The Welsh Bill is to be taken a week on Friday. The Russian situation is threatening.

1447 (3)
[1904], July 28, House of Commons
Richard's examination results and the school reports of Mair and Olwen. The struggle over the Welsh Bill next week.

1448 (1)
[1904], July 29, House of Commons
Is departing for a meeting in Cambridgeshire.

1449 (4)
1904, July 30, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The proposed holiday. Expects the session to extend to the third week of August: 'I mean to stick to their gullet until the Prorogation tears me off - & I'll draw some blood'.

1450 (3)
1904, Aug. 1, House of Commons
Has not spoken as yet. Is to dine with Morley. Joe Chamberlain's speech; he wants an early election.

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1451 (3)
1904, Aug. 2, House of Commons
The success of his speech in the House the previous night. The reports in the newspapers. Healy has warned him not to accept any post offered him by the Liberals - 'You are the only man amongst them who is worth a damn - stand out for your own terms'. His work on the Licensing Bill has been highly praised by Carson.

1452 (2)
1904, Aug. 3, House of Commons
That day's meeting of the executive of the Welsh County Councils.

1453 (3)
1904, Aug. 5, House of Commons
A terrible row in the Commons: '... Asquith got up & said he associated himself with me & we all walked out. It was a very dramatic scene & most impressive. ... Excitement mawr yma'. 'Get John Hugh by all means. He will add to the gaiety of the Group'.

1454 (3)
1904, Aug. 7, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
General jubilation amongst the Liberals. Balfour is severely rebuked in that day's Standard. Is departing for Brighton with Frank Edwards. The position of the voluntary shools in Wales.

1455 (2)
1904, Aug. 8, House of Commons
Has returned from Brighton. Went to see poor Cadwaladr Davies at Worthing yesterday: 'He is making a brave fight against death & his brave wife is helping him heroically. She has given up all her music for 3 years to help him through. Never leaves him. Delighted to see us'.

1456 (2)
1904, Aug. 9, House of Commons
A meeting with the Welsh MPs - 'Decided not to take any further part in discussion on Bill & to hold a joint conference with the Welsh Councils at an early date'.

1457 (2)
[1904], Aug. 31, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'Behold my dilemma. Vide R's message enclosed. I am inclined to tell the Pan Celts that I can't get there'.

1458 (3)
[1904], Sept. 19, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Discussed the Licensing Bill. Has had an interview with Anson, Morant, the Bishop of St Asaph and Stanley Weyman. They have agreed not to put the Act into operation until the beginning of November. 'Time is in our favour as the natural life of this Govt has not much to run'.

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1459 (2)
1904, Sept. 20, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Dick's first snapshot of Uncle Lloyd.

1460 (2)
[?1904], Sept. 21, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has been discussing the Education Bill with McKenna - 'He is with me out & out'. That day's article in The Times.

1461 (2)
[1904, Sept. 22], 'Bore Iau', Lewes
Is playing golf. Uncle Lloyd's photograph.

1462 (3)
1904, Sept. 23, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Congratulations to Dick. Is going to a meeting of the Committee of the National Free Church Council. Has been invited to stay with Rosebery during his visit to Scotland.

1463 (2)
1904, Sept. 26, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Has carried the National Council unanimously. Will attend Jonathan's funeral.

1464 (2)
1904, Oct. 6, Park Hotel, Cardiff
A brilliant success.

1465 (3)
1904, Oct. 7, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
His success at Cardiff - 'the most eventful gathering in [the] history of Wales. Great triumph. Everybody jubilant - llawn tân a phenderfyniad. Wales means business at all costs'.

1466 (5)
1904, Oct. 8, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is having a day of rest. Family news. The impression made by Cardiff. Is to prepare for Luton. Harry Marks is in for Thames.

1467 (2)
1904, Oct. 10, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has been preparing his thoughts for his Luton speech.

1468 (3)
[1904, Oct. 10], 'Yn y trên i Luton'

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The death of Myrddin Rees: 'He was so full of life that one cannot associate death with him. On the whole a good chap'. The guests at last night's dinner given by Morley at the Atheneum: 'Had a go at Buckle over Wales. He was hostile but not bitter'. Has his speech ready - 'Parod. Araeth sylweddol. Guarantee won't talk nonsense'.

1469 (2)
1904, Oct. 13, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The success of his speech at Luton and the reports in the newspapers. 'Even Tories who were present said the Chamberlain meeting was not in it'.

1470 (3)
1904, Oct. 14, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Regrets that he missed Myrddin Rees's funeral: 'The tragedy has deeply impressed me. All night I dreamt of it'. Dick. Hopes for a rest before the great battle. A month of meetings lies ahead. The latest news is that the Japanese are winning.

1471 (4)
1904, Oct. 22, 'Yn y trên'
The success of the meeting at Hereford: 'The Corn Xchange packed & hundreds outside. Hwyl gampus'. A meeting with Robyn Typopty. The reports in the newspapers.

1472 (2)
1904, Oct. 25, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The idiocy of the Bishops. Has discussed with the Bishop of St Asaph 'trying to arrange Merioneth so as to fight in Carmarthenshire wh[ich] is a better case'.

1473 (2)
1904, Oct. 27, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has just returned from a successful demonstration at Tredegar. Goes to the Speaker that evening. The Russian situation is very black.

1474 (3)
1904, Oct. 29, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has attended the funeral of Lady Dilke: 'Druan o Dilke y mae wedi colli yr unig un oedd yn ei wir hoffi'. Is to be the guest of the Press Club that evening together with Captain Scott of the Discovery. His meeting with the Speaker. Is relieved that peace is secured. The photograph of 'poor old mother' in the November number of Young Man.

1475 (3)
1904, Oct. 31, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is preparing a speech for Manchester. Goes to Castle Street that evening.

1476 (2)

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1904, Nov. 2, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Will see ROD. His Manchester speech.

1477 (2)
1904, Nov. 3, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Goes to Manchester the following day armed with an excellent speech.

1478 (2)
1904, Nov. 5, Torkington Lodge, Hazelgrove, Cheshire
The success of last night's speech. Plans to speak on Colonial Preference at Bacuss.

1479 (2)
1904, Nov. 7, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Plans to reply to the Bishop of St Davids.

1480 (2)
1904, Nov. 8, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has been to see Harmsworth to win the support of the Daily Mail: 'ffafriol iawn a charedig'. 'He is sending down a Commissioner to Enquire - I asked him to do it'. Was with the Bishop of St Asaph until eleven o'clock last night.

1481 (1)
1904, Nov. 9, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is sending to Maurice Jones.

1482 (2)
[1904], Nov. 11, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The Shrewsbury conference. The Bishop of St Davids is hedging!

1483 (5)
1904, Nov. 14, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is en route to Bristol. The contents of William George's letter. Had a day's golf at Lewes - 'a wonderful pick-me-up which I much needed'. Has prepared a very good speech. The attitude of the Bishop of St Davids - 'a double dyed traitor - traitor to Nonconformity & to his new colleagues. Hen sneak ydyw o'. Lloyd Morgan.

1484 (3)
1904, Nov. 15, Bristol & Clifton Golf Club, Fairland, Bristol
The success of last night's meeting at Bristol. Spoke on the fiscal question. The re ports in the newspapers. Birrell would wish the speech to be published.

1485 (2)
1904, Nov. 16, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW

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Relations with the Bishop of St Davids: '... I hate his flatteries as I loathe the man so I spurned them & go for him again'.

1486 (2)
1904, Nov. 18, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The interview with DLlG in the South Wales papers and the Guardian. It was curtailed in the Guardian - to his great annoyance.

1487 (3)
1904, Nov. 19, Eversfield, Routh Road, Wandsworth Common, SW
Is preparing for Scotland. Dined at the Asquiths last evening in the company of Grey, Haldane, Birrell, Strachey and Spender. It is said that Balfour plans to introduce a Redistribution Bill next session. Relations are cold between Chamberlain and Balfour. Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd George.

1488 (2)
[?1904, Nov. 20]
Margaret is going to the preaching meetings at Charing Cross. Is going to stay with Rosebery. R. O. Roberts approves of the leaflet idea. Haydn Jones has written to ask when he is to come down.

1489 (3)
1904, Nov. 21, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The introduction to the history of the controversy over the Free Church - 'It is very striking & I would not omit a sentence or even a name?' Goes to stay with Lord Rosebery the following day.

1490 (2)
[1904], Nov. 22, England and Scotland East Coast
Express Route, 'Gororau yr Alban'
Is en route to Scotland. Received a telegram from Lord Rosebery last night. Has his speech ready for Perth. Thanks to Uncle Lloyd for sending Bonar Law's speech and to Dick for sending the photograph of Uncle Lloyd.

1491 (3)
1904, Nov. 23, Dalmeny House, Edinburgh
Is receiving much kindness at the Roseberys. Has received a wire from Campbell-Bannerman inviting him to stay at Belmont, his castle in Perthshire, and plans to go on Friday. Describes the scenery. Rosebery and he are preparing their speeches.

1492 (4)
1904, Nov. 24, Dalmeny House, Edinburgh
Is accompanying Rosebery on a walk through the forest: 'Cwmni dyddan [sic] iawn ac yn fy marn i yn wr gwir garedig'. Lady Leconfield, Rosebery's sister: 'Dywedais fy marn wrthi yn glir ond yn garedig

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am dano. Eisieu iddi ei berswadio gymmeryd ei le priodol ar flaen y fyddin ac nid fel cyrnal ryw gatrawd fach o honi ...'.

1493 (2)
1904, Nov. 28, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
An excellent debate which must be published. Goes to Cambridge the next day and hopes to reach Criccieth on Thursday.

1494 (1)
1904, Nov. 29, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Is departing for Cambridge and will see William George Thursday night.

1495 (3)
1904, Dec. 3, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Wil bach's illness. Is now returning to Wandsworth Common to see Wil before going to Spender's meeting. Wil's birthday.

1496 (2)
1904, Dec. 5, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Wil bach's health. Herbert Lewis wants him to sail with him to Naples on 16 December.

1497 (3)
1904, Dec. 6, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Everyone was delighted with the good news in the telegram. Megan has given a big welcome to Uncle Philip. Is to prepare for Carmarthen. Herbert Lewis has that day paid for his passage.

1498 (2)
1904, Dec. 7, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
William George should write to him at the home of Sir Alfred Thomas at Cardiff where he will be the following night to meet the teachers. Goes to Carmarthen on Friday. Is preparing the text of his speech to ensure an accurate report. Everyone was very sorry to see Phylip leave at 9.30 last evening.

1499 (3)
1904, Dec. 12, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The compliment in that day's Guardian to William George's 'skilful advocacy of the Council case'. Has attended a private conference convened by the Bishop of Hereford on a temperance bill in the next Parliament. Margaret is to go to Jewin chapel that evening.

1500 (3)
1904, Dec. 13, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has spent the day in the office. The operation of the Defaulting Act in Wales. The success of the conference - 'We were most explicit in adhering to our Cardiff resolutions. Declined to budge one

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inch'. Anticipates a dissolution of Parliament in about March. 'Observe Isle of Wight declared in default! For a trifle. And yet altho' Merioneth Carmarthen Pontypridd & Barry have not even paid salaries - no default!' How much can William George contribute to his expenses?

1501 (5)
1904, Dec. 14, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is working at the office. Failed to contact ROD. Broadhurst is to speak at Conwy, Pwllheli and Nevin in January. Expects Parliament to be dissolved in March: 'The King is the source of my information altho' I need hardly tell you I got it indirectly'.

1502 (2)
1904, Dec. 15, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Thanks for the generosity of William George and Uncle Lloyd. Leaves the next day and will write from Plymouth on Saturday. William George should write to Marseilles.

1503 (2)
[1904], Dec. 16, The Orient-Pacific Line RMS 'Ormuz'
Describes the ship and the weather.

1504 (3)
1904, Dec. 22, S.S. Ormuz
Family news. The weather. John Bright's youngest son is on board. Anticipates arriving at Marseilles. Had a long discussion in the Smoke Room the previous night with an Oxford don who is a close friend of Sir William Anson.

1505 (2)
[1904, Dec. 27], 'Boreu Mawrth'
Goes to see the ruins of Pompei that day. The Bangor meeting. The revival in Cricieth.

1506 (3)
1904, Dec. 28, Parker's Hotel, Naples.
The accounts of Christmas received from the children. Describes the weather. Nothing but good should be spoken of the 'revival'. People are mad about it at the moment and are thus easy to offend.

1507 (2)
[1904, Dec. 30], 'Boreu Gwener', Parker's Hotel, Naples
The weather. Was invited by the minister of a Scotch Church to give an address on Sunday night - 'Gwrthodais, but promised to attend'.

1508 (4)
1904, Dec. 31, Parker's Hotel (Late Tramontano), Naples

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A happy new year to all at Garthcelyn! Met John Bright's son that afternoon. Has been invited by Labouchere to stay at his villa at Florence. Labouchere had been told by Campbell-Bannerman that a dissolution of parliament was likely before Easter. Thinks that this will depend on the outcome of by-elections in the meantime. Anticipates his departure from Naples.

1509 (3)
[?1904], 'Boreu Sul', The Gwalia Hotel Ltd., Llandrindod Wells
Hopes that Wynn will be defeated in the County Council election and that 'a sturdy chap' will be elected. The Merioneth County Council 'needs a good deal of stiffening'. The enormous success of the Llandrindod meeting. Goes to Llanfyllin the next day and then London.

1510 (2)
[?1904], 'Boreu Sul', Gwerneinwn [sic]
'Yr hen Archddiacon. What a thrilling horror. Beth a ddigywddodd [?] Ambition disappointed curdling the brain?'. The previous day's meeting was a great success.

1511 (3)
[?1904], 'Nos Iau', Carnarvon
Is 'deeply disgusted but not surprised' by the result of the voting - 'Sectarian zeal triumphed over all sense of right & of gratitude. It is just what I had been led to expect'. All William George needs is patience.

1512 (3)
[?1904], 'Monday', House of Commons
Is on his way to Bradford to speak at a Welsh Disestablishment meeting. Legal matters - 'Our next move ought to be to get the solicitors' work of promoting the parliamentary bill when it comes for the water company'. T. Jones MP is anxious for an estate in North Wales.

1513 (2)
[?1904], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has invited the Free Church leaders to the great evening demonstration at Cardiff 'so as to nail them'. Even Robertson Nicoll has accepted his invitation - 'This will fix him'.
Incomplete

1514 (3)
[?1904], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'... dining with Morant. M in a "blooming panic". I told R no use talking of compact now. Our people won't listen. I said M. must hold back his act for a few months until temper subsides. ...'.
The Shrewsbury gathering was 'a memorable success'. Alfred Thomas wishes to give a grand reception to the delegates the evening before the Conference and lunch and tea on the day of the Conference.

1515 (4)

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1905, Jan. 4, Gd. Hotel des Iles Britanniques, Menton
Has heard from no one at Garthcelyn for several days. Are en route to Cannes. McKenna's brother came to say that McKenna has left prematurely for London on the orders of Herbert Gladstone. Gladstone said there was to be a general election in March. McKenna's brother had heard a similar report from Carson who was at Monte Carlo. 'I think personally a good deal will depend on the results of the bye-elections. But one must be prepared'. 'This holiday has done me no end of good & if a general election comes I fell physically quite fit for it'.

1516 (3)
[1905, Jan. 6], 'Boreu Gwener', Château de Thorenc, Cannes
Would like to know more of the evening meeting at Berea. William George's school dadl is first rate and deserves to be published. Describes the magnificent surroundings 'as if they had leapt out of a picture'.

1517 (3)
1905, Jan. 11, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Feels restored in health and strength. Is ready for anything the government may do. 'Half a mind to scorch Bryn. Just half a dozen sentences & no more'. William George's letter in the Western Mail; Vincent Evans says it is 'first rate'. The Bishop of St Asaph has wired to say that he wishes to see D. Lloyd George.

1518 (3)
1905, Jan. 13, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Guests at the Winston dinner - Asquith, Tweedmouth, Haldane, Burrell and D. Lloyd George. All believed that a dissolution was coming in March. Tweedmouth's opinion. Agrees that Bryn should be left alone; his speech was 'really a climb down. And there is a prospect of a truce on our terms'. The attitudes of the Bishops of St. Davids and St. Asaph. William George should write to Deganwy.

1519 (2)
1905, Jan. 15, Deganwy
The previous night's meeting. There are good prospects for Conway the next evening.

1520 (2)
1905, Jan. 24, The Liberal Club, Glasgow
Has been described by the Liberal newspaper as 'an orator worthy of Gladstone'.

1521 (2)
[1905], Jan. 25, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'Yn y trên'.
The success of his Greenock meeting the previous night: 'Packed same hall as Chamberlain just as crowded & more enthusiastic'. Would like news of the revival.

1522 (3)

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[1905], Jan. 26, Ormond House
Is attempting to re-start his work. Family news. Has met the candidate for York that day. Anticipates the Monday meeting. 'You will see how [the] Greenock paper attacks them for making money out of me. Quite right especially as I got none of it. Glasgow mean to pay my expenses'. Saw the Bishop of St Asaph that day who claimed that Balfour's intention was to be defeated in the Commons, resign and to force the Liberals to form a government.

1523 (2)
1905, Jan. 27, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The news of the 'Diwygiad' is very interesting. 'Your friend & protégé Mrs J Dyffryn seems to be quite a remarkable woman. Un digri ydyw Bob Evans. Bu chwerthin maw r am ben ei ystori'. Balfour's speech.

1524 (2)
1905, Jan. 28, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is going home to prepare his speech for York. Thought highly of 'poor old Mrs Davies'. The invalids are improving in Routh Road.

1525 (1)
1905, Jan. 30, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is leaving for York. Has a good speech ready. Llew has been chosen in Llanelly.

1526 (2)
1905, Jan. 31, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The meeting at York was an enormous success. The reports in the newspapers. Hopes to come to Cricieth on Thursday evening.

1527 (3)
1905, Feb. 4, Eversfield, Routh Road, Wandsworth Common, SW
Last night's meeting at Warrington. Robert Thomas came to the meeting with William Lewis. Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd George comprising family news.

1528 (3)
1905, Feb. 7, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Encloses press report of the Warrington meeting; William George should seek to have it published locally. Gives a dinner the next day to Fielding, the Canadian Finance Minister. Has invited Morley, Lord Tweedmouth and Haldane. Most people are out of town, but will make enquiries.

1529 (2)
1905, Feb. 7, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is going home to prepare for the dinner party - Morley, Tweedmouth, Winston Churchill, Haldane and Spender. 'My first political dinner party. So feel excited'.

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1530 (3)
1905, Feb. 8, Eversfield, Routh Road, Wandsworth Common, SW
Is reading. 'Pwllheli County Court Story makes one almost wish he were back in his Cwrt bach days'. The dinner party was a great success - '... the conversation fast & furious all round the table'. Morley wishes a talk with him. Talked with Churchill until 12.30.

1531 (3)
1905, Feb. 9, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Encloses the menu of 'my first political dinner'. Family news; Aunty Polly's impending visit.

1532 (3)
1905, Feb. 9, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is staying on reluctantly to dine with some clients. The Fielding dinner has been wire d to the Canadian papers. Regrets that William George cannot attend the Welsh Party dinner, but hopes that he can do so next year.

1533 (2)
1905, Feb. 10, Eversfield, Routh Road, Wandsworth Common, SW
Is writing letters to Barry about the trouble in the Catholic School. 'Perygl Default. No harm if it comes. It will set all English Protestants against the Govt.'.

1534 (6)
1905, Feb. 13, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The tragic death of poor Griffith Jones. There is great anticipation of the dissolution of Parliament. Cannot gauge the situation until the next day. The Tory party organizers warn their men of a dissolution in March. 'There are symptoms that the Government would like a row in Wales in order to provide some excuse for postponing Dissolution. I mean to warn Joe through Churchill of their little game'. The Daily Mirror forecast of the election results. 'Bangor news good. If Bangor is no worse than last election that will suit me - although I should like an improvement as I can hardly expect Nevin & Pwllheli to give such sweeping majorities as last time'. Herbert Lewis has arrived.

1535 (3)
1905, Feb. 14, House of Commons
The political situation is in flux. Joe Chamberlain is 'vicious. He wants them to go. That is manife st from his manner. He may engineer it. ... The Tories don't want it. They dread it'. Has spoken with Doughty who spoke at Bangor for Naylor.

1536 (3)
1905, Feb. 15, House of Commons
It now seems as if there will be no dissolution of parliament for a year! The previous day's speeches in the House - Campbell-Bannerman and Balfour. 'Don't bet odds on dissolution - & don't refuse them if offered against. That is my tip to you as a betting man. If we had skilful management we

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could get them out - but we haven't got it'. Is to speak on the Home Rule amendment; the amendment is 'a mistake in tactics'. 'I got Haydn up - & he is fel yr oen'.

1537 (3)
1905, Feb. 17, House of Commons
Has attended a lively conference with the Welsh Bishops in the Westminster Palace to discuss the case of Merionethshire: 'I declined to budge an inch whilst talking honeyed words'. Has discussed the Joint Committee Scheme for Wales with Anson and the Board of Education. 'Getting on. I must see to Wales'.

1538 (3)
[1905, Feb. 19], 'Boreu Sul', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW

Is returning from Barry. Had an interview the previous afternoon with the Labour leaders there - 'a very intractable crowd - aggressive, hostile to Nonconformity in general & to Welsh Nonconformity in particular'. Last night's meetings. Had an interview about the Joint Council for Wales.

1539 (3)
1905, Feb. 20, House of Commons
Things are going badly for the government - over Ireland. Redmond's performance in introducing the debate. An Ulster MP made 'a rasping & powerful attack on the Govt. from the Unionist benches'. Wyndham's reply.

1540 (3)
1905, Feb. 21, House of Commons
The battle over Merionethshire: 'Merth & Barry are taking all my time'. 'Govt will get through tonight without much damage. Joe [Chamberlain] is however working to get them out in March'. Has attended Sam's wedding.

1541 (2)
1905, Feb. 22, House of Commons
Is preparing for the great battle for Wales. Has been with the National Free Church Council.

1542 (3)
1905, Feb. 23, House of Commons
The battle over Merionethshire - 'We are organizing for a struggle and we mean to put up as good a fight as Wales ever saw. We have thought out our plan of action & it is a practicable & an effective one. 'But it will take time as he is busy participating in Commons debates. 'I am sanguine & so are the Welsh MPs chwarae teg iddynt'.

1543 (2)
1905, Feb. 26, House of Commons

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Dinner with Edward VII - 'Past off well. Cefais sgwrs hir gyda'r kin' chwedl Megan. Yr oedd yn dra dymunol'. 'Bum yno yn y Level heddyw. Ysgydwodd Balfour law yn hearty gyda mi. Edrych yn ddrwg iawn y mae'. The leaders of the National Free Church Council have just left.

1544 (2)
1905, Feb. 26, House of Commons
Goes to the Whitefriars Club as their guest that evening: 'They are a very important journalistic Club. Winston is in the Chair'.

1545 (2)
1905, Feb. 27, House of Commons
The Whitefriars dinner. 'Haydn up. Important Committee. Getting on with our scheme. Haydn quite amenable'.

1546 (3)
1905, Feb. 28, House of Commons
Made a successful speech for 40 minutes that day: 'Full house which emptied when I sat down. ... Morley very delighted'. Goes to the Merionethshire Committee at 5.

1547 (3)
1905, March 1, House of Commons
The reports in the newspapers on his speech of the previous day. There are plans to declare the Isle of Wight in default. Family news. Goes to Llanelly the following day and Gloucester on Saturday night.

1548 (2)
1905, March 2, House of Commons
Is glad that William George and Uncle Lloyd are pleased with 'my little performance'. Has spoken just a few words that evening and plans to speak again. William George should write to him at Gloucester the next day.

1549 (2)
1905, March 3, Wellfield, Llanelly
Last night 'a tremendous success. Given them the worst shaking they have yet had'. Family news.

1550 (3)
1905, March 3, House of Commons
Last night's meeting at the St George's Hall, Bradford. Goes to Conway the following day. Walter has won Fishguard by 129.

1551 (3)
1905, March 4, 'Sunday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW

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The success of the Llanelly meeting - '... I beat them down so completely that Llew was listened to without an interruption'.

1552 (2)
1905, March 6, House of Commons
Has no wish to go to Manchester. 'Had a little shy at them this afternoon. Unfortunately the Speaker intervened & the Front Bench sat "mum". They are a set of dull fatheads'.

1553 (4)
1905, March 7, House of Commons
Has been told by Morant that the Board of Education are inviting the Merioneth Education Committee to send up a deputation to Lord Londonderry. There is to be a conference at Shrewsbury on the 24th to arrange a Sul y Casgliad throughout Wales. The aim is to raise £10,000. 'Govt. majorities a little better this week - but they'll soon tire & droop'.

1554 (2)
1905, March 8, House of Commons
Poor Massingham - 'very cut up - quite a broken man'. Has attacked the Government over Somaliland. The Government will be lucky to survive that night and can 'only be saved by Joe's men'. The mover and Asquith alone are to speak on the Liberal side.

1555 (3)
1905, March 9, House of Commons
The Liberal performance the previous night was a disappointment. Irish business that day. Has been elected a member of the Reform Club - 'Biggest poll on record. Unionist MPs who are members of club voted for me. ... Bryn told me result. He was there & he came up beaming with delight & with tears in his eyes to tell me. Y dyn weithiodd galeda trosta i oedd Lloyd Morgan!! ... Hen fyd go lew ydi hwn wedi'r cyfan'.

1556 (3)
1905, March 10, House of Commons
Dined with Sir Gilbert Parker the previous night together with Anston Taylor MP and William Archer the critic. Parker believes that there will be a dissolution of Parliament before September: 'He was quite positive & offered 2 to 1 on it'. There is much delight amongst 'our fellows' at his election to the Reform Club.

1557 (2)
1905, March 11, Lewes
Came to play golf with ROD and Owen Owen. It seems that the Japanese 'have delivered a very smashing blow to the Russians. This will I hope bring peace'.

1558 (3)
1905, March 14, House of Commons

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His speech in the Commons the previous night was an outstanding success; there is a verbatim report in the Times. Resolutions to guillotine supply before 31st March are to be introduced - 'There will I hope be a row. I am off home to think out a speech'.

1559 (2)
1905, March 16, House of Commons
Is pre-occupied with details of the new rules. Chamberlain has hinted at a dissolution of Parliament after the Budget.

1560 (2)
1905, March 17, House of Commons
Is departing for Reigate. Has a good speech ready.

1561 (2)
1905, March 19, House of Commons
Both he and Winston Churchill have just spoken: 'Y fi o ddigon aeth a'r blue ribbon. Roasted Balfour'. His oration has been very highly praised by Sir Charles Maclaren, Church and Morley amongst others.

1562 (3)
1905, March 20, House of Commons
Saturday's journey was 'delightful'. Friday's meeting was very successful. Is to meet John Morley that evening.

1563 (3)
1905, March 21, House of Commons
Divisions all day. His speech at the Queen's Hall the previous night was very successful. Is pleased that William George is to come up; he could accompany D. Lloyd George to a meeting at Maidenhead for Lord Hoddo.

1564 (3)
1905, March 22, House of Commons
'Curious situation. Fiscal Reformers all running away. A Chamberlain debacle. Wish I could speech tonight. Had lunch with John Morley and Lord Tweedmouth today'. His Reigate performance.

1565 (3)
1905, March 23, House of Commons
The Shrewsbury conference is the following day at 2.15. Decided not to speak the previous night. It is widely believed that the government has been weakened.

1566 (2)
[1905, March 24], Station, Stafford

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The conference was magnificent. Is returning to London. William George should see the Methodist Times on the Reigate meeting. Has seen Lewis Jones.

1567 (3)
1905, March 25, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is to meet the Merionethshire people to prepare for Monday. The previous day was 'an unqualified success in every sphere'. Wishes that he had heard Uncle Lloyd's brilliant lecture.

1568 (4)
1905, April 1, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW.
Would like to see Gorky. Has been playing golf at Highgate with an old man called Deinnell and met ROD. The success of last night's meeting at Brighton. Oxford has won the boat race.

1569 (3)
1905, April 3, House of Commons
Mary's description of Evan Roberts. Does not know whether Merioneth has been declared in default.

1570 (3)
1905, April 4, House of Commons
A committee meeting about Merioneth. Osmond was not in the House the previous day or that day. Lord Rendel has sent him beautiful flowers from Cannes. Has already written to the War Office.

1571 (2)
1905, April 5, House of Commons
Hopes the Education Bill will not annoy the Nonconformist. When is Dick coming up?

1572 (2)
1905, April 5, House of Commons
The Volunteers are under discussion that afternoon. Balfour answered very badly a question which D. Lloyd George put to him. Osmond was willing to assist. 'Our people very sanguine about Brighton. I think the thing is almost impossible'.

1573 (3)
1905, April 6, House of Commons
Brighton is 'an earthquake', quite unexpected. Put a question to Balfour that day; his reply was 'very feeble & halting'. Anticipates the effect on the life of the government. Family news.

1574 (2)
1905, April 7, House of Commons
The success of last night's performance in the House - '... I was in charge all night & delivered endless speeches. Our people delighted with the fight. A few more & will wear them out'.

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1575 (3)
1905, April 10, House of Commons
'2d off tea & a million added to the Sinking Fund. An honest healthy Budget. It staggered everybody. Most of all the Tories'. Thinks it is 'a Budget designed to purchase parliamentary ease'. The Mayor of Caernarvon and Dr Parry are in the gallery of the House and are to dine with him that evening.

1576 (2)
[1905], April 11, House of Commons
Is to go to Gib the next morning with Wil.

1577 (3)
1905, April 11, House of Commons
The death of poor little Tom Whellington. Tory dissatisfaction with the Budget provisions. There are rumours of a July dissolution of parliament. Desperate attempts are afoot 'to effect an understanding between the warring sections in the Tory party', but are unlikely to bear fruit. Has received reports from Osmond of the meeting at Merioneth the previous day. The South Wales Sassiwn.

1578 (3)
1905, April 12, House of Commons
The situation in Merionethshire; the Board of Education has declared default only in respect of three private proprietary schools. 'Should we wait until they put us in default for the whole lot or fight now? Dyna'r cwestiwn dyrus. ... Wales wants a fight. I can see that'. Has seen Davenport. 'Evan Roberts ought to be kidnapped for his own sake'.

1579 (4)
1905, April 13, House of Commons
There is a debate on the Irish University that day. Has no intention of speaking but will vote against it. Last night was 'a great fiasco for the Tories. They anticipated great results but were sorely disappointed'. Is unsure of the intentions of Joe Chamberlain and his followers towards the government. They are unlikely to precipitate a dissolution at the moment. The Speaker has refused a motion for an adjournement on Merioneth that day but he may grant it on Monday.

1580 (4)
1905, April 14, House of Commons
The Government is still hesitating to strike in Merionethshire. Is to speak at Poplar that evening on behalf of Sydney Buxton. Hopes to speak in the House the following week.

1581 (3)
[1905, April 15], 'Sadwrn', Grogarth, Acton
The success of the meeting at Poplar. Has been playing golf that day. Is accompanied by Sir Alfred Thomas.

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1582 (4)
1905, April 17, House of Commons
Has spoken briefly on the Agricultural Rates Bill. No action has been taken over Merioneth: 'It looks as if they were not quite sure themselves whether they can get through the Session & they want to delay. That of course suits us'.

1583 (4)
1905, April 18, House of Commons
Has just spoken strongly attacking the Board of Education. The debate was on the Report of the Board of Education on the State of the Voluntary Schools in London - 'Of course I dragged in Wales'. Includes note from Richard Lloyd George: is with Gwilym beneath the gallery in the House listening to the debate. 'I like the new house much better than the old one. Wedi bod yn ysgwyd llaw hefo Will Crooks.'

1584 (2)
1905, April 19, House of Commons
Has been attacking Balfour and Chamberlain: ''B[alfour] delighted when I attacked Joe - wretched when I came to him'. His speech has been highly praised by Harcourt and Sir Gilbert Parker. Incomplete

1585 (3)
[1905, April 20], 'Nos Iau', Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin
Has just arrived. The reports in the newspapers on his speech of the previous day. Collins crossed with him.

1586 (2)
[1905, April 21], 'Groglith', Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin
Is departing. William George should write the following day to the Post Office at Killarney and to Galway on Sunday and Monday. Then returns to this hotel.

1587 (4)
[1905, April 23], 'Boreu Sul y Pasg', Imperial Hotel, Cork
Goes to Glengariff that day. Monton White is very kind, paying all the hotel bills everywhere. Uncle Lloyd has no need to worry for the chauffeur is very careful.

1588 (3)
[1905, April 24], 'Llun y Pasg', Royal Victoria Hotel, Killarney
Has travelled the seventy miles from Connemara. His plans.

1589 (2)
[1905, April 26], Westport
Dined with O'Brien last night. Goes to Dublin that day, then Holyhead and thence to Criccieth.

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1590 (2)
[?c.1905, May], 'Boreu Sadwrn'
Is on the point of departing for Huddersfield to fulfil a long-standing engagement. Went to Choate's farewell banquet the previous night - 'the most distinguished gathering I have ever seen'. Enquires whether William George saw Gould's caricature of him. - 'Y fi fel bwch gafr yn ymosod ar Sir Wm Anson'. Is unsure what to think of the speeches of Balfour and Joe Chamberlain.

1591 (3)
1905, May 3, House of Commons
Has just landed, but has had no time to look around. Is to speak at the City Temple that evening. His speech at Bala was an outstanding success, very highly praised even by the Western Mail. 'Dolgelley too crowded - almost to suffocation'.

1592 (2)
1905, May 4, House of Commons
Is very pleased that Uncle Lloyd approves of the Bala speech. Enjoyed a tremendous reception the previous night. 'Beggan' is in the gallery of the House with the Jonathans.

1593 (3)
1905, May 5, House of Commons
Decided not to speak in the Commons the previous night. Is going to the Lord Mayor's dinner.

1594 (1)
1905, May 8, House of Commons
Huddersfield was excellent. Is going to the meeting to install Phillips in Bloomsbury.

1595 (3)
1905, May 9, House of Commons
The Irish debate is on that day. Joe Chamberlain looks ill.

1596 (2)
1905, May 10, House of Commons
The Merioneth adjournment is the next day. Is 'full of arrangements for the fight'. Shall present the petition that day.

1597 (2)
1905, May 11, House of Commons
Griffith 'made a mess' of moving the adjournement over Merioneth. It has now been postponed at least until the following week.

1598 (2)
1905, May 15, House of Commons

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Merioneth that night. Naylor and his meeting, a terrible business: 'A postponement in the date of dissolution has ruined whatever chances he ever had'. A correction should be sent to Yr Herald or Y Genedl.

1599 (3)
1905, May 16, House of Commons
Last night's success. Lowther would not have the adjournment that day. Family news - Megan in chapel on Sunday night.

1600 (2)
1905, May 17, House of Commons
Has spoken twice that afternoon on the Agricultural Rate Act. Goes to Shrewsbury the following day to make arrangements for the general collection for the fight. 'Navy votes here so nothing lost'. Family news.

1601 (4)
1905, May 19, House of Commons
The success of the Shrewsbury Conference - 'I went there to propose another Chairman - but they would not listen to it - "only one leader"'. John Morgan Jones of Cardiff is 'turning out to be a first rate chap. I apologize for all the evil I have hitherto thought of him'. Balfour has decided against the dissolution of Parliament - 'He can't be turned out. Brighton frightened his men & they are here in full array'. The nominal majority of the government is 110 to 120 because there are thirty to forty habitually absent Irish. There is thus no chance of defeating the government, especially in view of the incompetence of the Liberal Whips!

1602 (4)
1905, May 22, House of Commons
Attacked Balfour that afternoon over his 'change of front on Colonial Preference': 'The whole thing would have passed without me. CB didn't realise one bit the gravity of it & I had to prod him to get up. And his question when put was foggy'. W. Watkin has written about the golf club; D. Lloyd George believed that William George was putting him up.

1603 (2)
1905, May 23, House of Commons
Last night a splendid success - 'It enabled us all to give vent to the accumulated indignation of months'. 'I was the only man the other side would listen to. That is much commented on today. Silence instantly reigned when I got up'. The vote of censure is next.

1604 (4)
1905, May 24, House of Commons
Stead is to dine that evening; discusses a case in chancery. His retort to Balfour the previous day is reported in the press.

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1605 (3)
[1905, May 24], 'Wednesday night', House of Commons
Has attacked Chamberlain over the South African loan: 'Made him squirm. It was pure impromptu but it brought down the House. Had a neat hit at Balfour too over his "pledges". Quite a success. Our people delighted. Full House'.

1606 (4)
1905, May 25, House of Commons
'Da iawn y Vicar of Bray. It will be duly appropriated & assimilated - probably at Maidenhead tomorrow night'. Balfour re-shuffled that day. There is to be a vote of censure on Tuesday. His speech on Monday in the House has been highly praised. Is to dine with Charles Trevelyan MP that evening.

1607 (4)
1905, May 26, House of Commons
Is to speak that evening at Maidenhead on behalf of Lord Haddo, the son of Lord Aberdeen. 'The Chancellor of the Duchy is a purely Daily Mail myth. Nothing in it. It will be L[ocal] G[overn ment] B[oard], B[oard] of Trade or Home Office & I lean heavily to the former ...'. Expects the government to survive for another fifteen months. It is important to retain his health - 'And a day off a week for Golf is the best security for that. That is how Balfour keeps alive'. 'Trevelyan thought we were witnessing the greatest & almost the only real Liberal reaction since 1868 & he agrees with me that the longer they remain in power the worse it will be for them. Trevelyan yn ddyddorol iawn'.

1608 (4)
1905, May 30, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The 'Russian smash' and Balfour's 'most opportune illness': 'What a lucky chap he is in his colds. The third time a cold has saved him from unpleasant explanations'. Has received a letter from Lord Rendel on the Welsh manifesto and a subscription of £500. Lady Trevelyan has written to say that her husband would wish to subscribe. 'I am going to get all the money I ask for & a lot more. You wait & see'. His neuralgia.

1609 (3)
1905, May 30, House of Commons
Balfour is ill and the vote of censure has been postponed - 'I am tortured with neuralgia & feel delighted at postponement of vote of censure'. Friday's 'magnificent' meeting - 'Put a question or two to Anson'.

1610 (2)
1905, May 31, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
His health. Wishes to be fit for the vote of censure and the attack on Anson next week. The resignation of the Speaker was not expected - '... he had an irritating knack of pulling you up at the wrong moment'.

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1611 (2)
[?c. 1905, June 1], 'Pnawn Mawrth', Echo Office
Has come up to meet people to attempt a sale of the Echo, and so missed the Speaker's resignation. It is clear that Balfour has now 'thrown in his lot with Joe [Chamberlain]'. Megan's ill health.

1612 (2)
[1905, June 1]
The Pybus case. Received £5 from Montreal, Canada, that day towards the fight in Wales.

1613 (4)
1905, June 3, House of Commons
Whitby is glorious. His health. The paragraph in the Guardian. 'People are unreasonable - they are tearing my nerves to ribbons in their eagerness to drag me hither & thither'. Goes the following day with Haldane to lunch with George Meredith at Boxhill.

1614 (4)
1905, June 3, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The Chichester results - 'although not a victory is quite equal to Whitby ... If this is any indication of what we are to expect elsewhere it forebodes a very staggering result'. Goes with Haldane to visit George Meredith. 'Hope to be down there Thursday. Would come earlier but am anxious to rub William Anson's nose in the mess he made of facts when he spoke last on Welsh Education'. Received £50 today from a Stretford gentleman.

1615 (3)
1905, June 5, House of Commons
Has no time to give an account of his interesting visit to George Meredith. Goes to dinner with Rufus Isaacs; Asquith and Haldane are also to be there. Accompanied Frank Edwards to Brighton the previous day.

1616 (3)
1905, June 7, House of Commons
That afternoon's debate; did not speak - '... it would have been a mistake for me to waste the one or two good shots I had & I shall reserve them for the Vote of Censure debate'. Describes the debate in the House. Megan's health.

1617 (3)
1905, June 8, House of Commons
Goes to Caernarfon the following night to stay with the Mayor. Megan's health. 'Bonar Law told me that they were going thro' this Session (he told me that at Glasgow in January) but he didn't think they would attempt another'.

1618 (3)
[1905, June 9], 'Friday afternoon', Wandsworth Common

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Will be at Caernarfon by 3 pm. Megan's health.
Includes notes from Gwilym and Mair.

1619 (3)
[1905, June 19], 'Monday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has enjoyed the company of Bryn Roberts and Ellis Griffith while travelling back. Thanks for kindness.

1620 (4)
1905, June 20, House of Commons
Goes to the Newport Conventions the following day. Has cross-examined Balfour about the Contracts Scandal. Uncle Lloyd should write to him at Bronwydd, Cardiff c/o Sir Alfred Thomas. There is improved health at Roath Road and Megan is now very lively.

1621 (3)
1905, June 24, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is very pleased that the meetings are over. The success of the South Wales meetings. Was disappointed not to receive all the photographs from Dick. Saw Sir Robert Reid, who wished D. Lloyd George to reserve himself for Tuesday, the previous evening.

1622 (2)
1905, June 26, House of Commons
There is no opportunity to speak in the House that day. Is absorbed by the education controversy and thus cannot concentrate on other matters. Had five meetings last week. Roberts's letter.

1623 (2)
[?c.1905, June 27], House of Commons
The Education Bill. Vaughan Williams has been to see him to discuss the Disestablishment Commission. Gwilym is to accompany him to Gibralta.

1624 (4)
1905, June 28, Eversfield, Routh Road, Wandsworth Common, SW
Is preparing for Liverpool, but is finding it difficult to say something fresh. The success of last night's speech - 'I had a larger share of the limelight on my attack on the War scandals than even if I had delivered them in the House of Commons'. Has sent the Morning Leader to Maggie. Went with Gwilym the previous day to visit the Aragon; suggests to William George 'a trip to Madeira on one of these boats'. Dick's photographs were much admired.

1625 (2)
1905, June 29, House of Commons
Has an excellent speech ready for the Sun Hall. Will be home on Saturday night.

1626 (4)

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1905, July 5, House of Commons
Understands that Evan Roberts was not much of a success. Has just made an excellent speech to a packed House: 'It was quite an impromptu speech - not of the attacking sort but on the business methods of Parliament'.

1627 (2)
1905, July 6, House of Commons
William George's account of the impressive evening meeting. Has received 'endless congratulations' on the previous day's speech. A very interesting dinner in Asquith's house the previous night: 'Rosebery yno yn neis iawn. Yn holi yn awr am Evan Roberts'.

1628 (4)
1905, July 7, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The World Baptist Congress is to meet in London next week. Is to take the chair on Wednesday afternoon. Has thus to prepare another speech.

1629 (4)
1905, July 10, House of Commons
Is glad that the 'academics' were pleased. Had a very interesting lunch with the Spenders on Saturday; Lady Wentworth Beaumont was there, the sister of General Bruce Hamilton.

1630 (3)
1905, July 11, House of Commons
Margaret has just arrived. Is going home to prepare the speech for the Baptist World Congress the next day. 'Redistribution scheme is wicked'. Spender of the Westminster Gazette is there for tea.

1631 (2)
1905, July 12, House of Commons
The Baptist World Congress meeting was great.

1632 (2)
1905, July 13, House of Commons
Has no time to write. Everyone is well.

1633 (4)
1905, July 18, House of Commons
William George's letter evoked great applause from the Shrewsbury Conference: 'It encouraged them. Well done y ddau Risiart Llwyd - y mawr a'r bach'. Spoke on the Scottish Church Bill that day. Politics are in a state of flux - 'My diagnosis is still "No dissolution until beginning of 1907 or end of 1906" & I mean to direct Welsh Campaign on that assumption'. Robert Davies would like to see him, perhaps to make a substantial donation.

1634 (1)

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1905, July 19, House of Commons
Is to dine with John Morley that evening at the Athenaeum Club.

1635 (3)
1905, July 20, House of Commons
The Corris meeting; wishes to know the result. Last night's dinner with the Master of the Rolls, Morley and others. 'The Chamberlainites very angry with Balfour - fuming but impotent'.

1636 (3)
1905, July 21, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The success of Liberal tactics in the House last night - 'Balfour looked sick - vexed'. There is a widespread feeling in the Liberal ranks that Balfour plans to resign. Some Tories agree, but not all - 'The majority earnestly hope not & beg the Whips to let them off this once & they will live in the House day & night for the next three weeks. Chamberlain I hear is for their going. His men are delighted'. Encloses the Westminster Gazette.
Incomplete

1637 (3)
1905, July 22, Eversfield, Routh Road, Wandsworth Common, SW
'No resignation now - but another Session off' still seems to be an accurate prediction. Has not been to town that day and so has no first-hand information. Family news. Goes to see Morley at Wimbledon the following day. A successful meeting the previous night. Is pleased that William George has been elected to the chairmanship of the Portmadoc Council: 'How the news must have given joy to Casson's heart.

1638 (2)
1905, July 22, Eversfield, Routh Road, Wandsworth Common, SW
Does not anticipate a speedy resignation of the government. Is to have tea with Morley the following day.

1639 (3)
1905, July 24, House of Commons
'Balfour means to go on. I have rubbed a little vitriol into his wounds whilst they are fresh. Said some very stinging things. Hwyl iawn'. There will be no dissolution at the moment. Campbell-Bannerman is 'very feeble'.

1640 (4)
1905, July 25, House of Commons
Neglected to send William George a wire about Balfour's statement the previous day. 'The "panther" has given great satisfaction. Several Chamberlainites told me they were delighted with my speech'. There has been 'a small row' in the Commons that day and possibly another one that evening. 'Balfour tried to smile pleasantly at me today. He doesn't want to quarrel with me. As one

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man on our side said, "You are so obviously one of his favourites - he was very upset by your speech yesterday but still he didn't hit you hard"'.

1641 (4)
1905, July 26, House of Commons
Would like to know the full extent of Strowger's defalcations. Would not prosecute. Believes that the life of the ministry has been shortened by last Thursday's defeat. Expects them out by next March. Has been speaking on the Scottish Church Bill.

1642 (3)
1905, July 27, House of Commons
Joe's very clever speech criticizing the government on the Transvaal Constitution: '... a very damaging speech to the Govt - altho quietly delivered'. The government has been 'badly mauled' in the Lords by Lord Devonshire and others. 'Was there ever a more discredited Govt [?]' William George should write to him c/o Sam Moss MP, Chester.

1643 (2)
[1905, July 28], 'Friday evening', c/o S. Moss
Is leaving for the meeting which promises to be a very big one. Returns to London the next day.

1644 (2)
1905, July 31, House of Commons
Is to speak in the House on education the next day - 'Going for Anson'. There is an official announcement in the Daily Telegraph that day that there will be no dissolution in the Autumn. The Guardian that day refers to the Berea collection. 'Winston [Churchill] delivered a very elaborately prepared phillipic today - Fell very flat. He is sick about it. Calls it a misfire'.

1645 (1)
1905, Aug. 1, House of Commons
'Gave Anson a very unhappy three quarters of an hour just now. Made him sit up'.

1646 (3)
1905, Aug. 2, House of Commons
The division in the House gave the government a great fright last night - 'They were scared & it may help Balfour to realise what is in store for him next year'. McKenna and he have one further plot in hand for this session, but are not very hopeful of results.

1647 (3)
1905, Aug. 3, House of Commons
Has spent all day 'nurturing another little plot' to reduce the government's majority. Expects to be able to oust the government next year. Is glad that William George and Uncle Lloyd approve of his attack on Anson.

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1648 (3)
1905, Aug. 4, House of Commons
The Unemployment Bill - 'No excitement & yet it is one of the most revolutionary departures of modern times. The Tories don't realize what they have let themselves in for'. There is little hope of achieving anything next week for 'The Tories have got wind of our having something up for Monday'.

1649 (4)
1905, Aug. 5, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The Government are aware that something is to happen on Monday - 'So that is off. Reducing the majority is not worth doing unless we can pull it under 20'. Has dined with Lord Spencer who wished to discuss the future.

1650 (4)
[1905, Aug. 7], 'Bank Holiday', House of Commons
Did his duty to keep the Unemployment Bill going until 4.30 or 5.00 'without quarrelling with the Labour members. ... So now we are assured of a late sitting on Naval Works Bill unless Balfour realizing his danger throws part of it over until tomorrow. That I don't mind'.

1651 (4)
1905, Aug. 8, House of Commons
Last night was a failure. May be able to defeat the government using similar tactics next session.

1652 (1)
[1905, Aug. 8], Westminster Hotel, Chester
The meeting is over. About 6-7,000 were present. 'People wild with enthusiasm'.

1653 (2)
1905, Aug. 9, House of Commons
Hopes to see William George on Friday night. Will be at Blaenau in the morning. Reduced the government's majority to twenty-four last night.

1654 (4)
1905, Aug. 18, S.Y. Zingara
Describes the weather, the scenery and his travels: 'Ben Nevis surrounded by a Court of giants'. Has received no letters before starting. 'If you are holidaying make the most of it. I hear something of John Hugh's companionship. Beware of that mercurial youth. Caution him against excessive flitting. It is exhausting & distracting'.

1655 (3)
1905, Aug. 26, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
William George's very pleasant journey. Evan Richards is very neglectful about answering letters - 'To treat the Sassiwn disrespectfully demands great moral courage or lack of the sense of reverence. Anyhow I like to meet a man who doesn't cringe to authority'. There is further trouble over

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Merioneth - 'I am in an angry mood & have written two angry letters to Merioneth'. Is unsure what course to follow.

1656 (2)
1905, Aug. 28, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The letters he has received that day from Haydn Jones and W. P. Evans: 'All the same they are suffering from funk & won't go into action except they be driven with the cat's nine tails'. Will be at Church Stretton the following night with Sylvester Horne. Will go to Llandrindod the following day.

1657 (2)
[1905], Aug. 30, Gwalia Hotel Ltd., Llandrindod Wells
All has gone well. Saw Haydn last night at Church Stretton with his brother and Sylvester Horne.

1658 (2)
[?1905, September], 'Thursday', Roch
The two daughters of Professor John Rhys are visiting - 'We picked them up at St. David's & we are now taking them on part of the way - they mean to walk the rest to Goodwick'. Is being 'pestered for meetings'.

1659 (4)
[1905, Sept. 2], 'Saturday', Roch Castle
Is going for a drive to Haverfordwest. Expects William George to visit. The previous day was visited by Wynford Philips and Sir Albert de Rutzen, the Chief Magistrate of London: 'very nice old boy er yn Tory mawr'. Have been blackberrying and mushrooming. The preaching meeting of the Annibynwyr.

1660 (4)
[1905, Sept. 4], Roch Castle, Roch, Pembrokeshire
Family news. The previous day's meetings: 'Tair pregeth!!! Two Welsh & one English. They were very pleased with my attendance. Announced me as "Gwleidyddwr mwyaf Prydain Fawr"'.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd George: family news.

1661 (3)
[1905, Sept. 8], 'Wednesday', Roch Castle
Are departing for St. Davids. Is William George to come down next week or not? Three sermons last night.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd George.

1662 (5)
[1905, Sept. 9], 'Saturday', Roch
Has come to Haverfordwest to attend a Campaign Committee meeting. Has left the rest of the family behind at Roch. Goes to Capel Felin the next day, and to Carmarthen to meet the Education Council on Friday.

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1663 (3)
[1905, Sept. 15], 'Boreu Sadwrn', Cefn-y-dre, Fishguard
Is departing for Jordanstown and thence to Llysyronnen. Has received a letter from Walters's mother.

1664 (2)
[1905, Sept. 16], Fishguard
The success of that day's meeting. Returns to Roch the next day. 'Conquered Carmarthen & Cardigan yesterday at their Education Committees'.

1665 (4)
1905, Sept. 18, Roch Castle, Pembrokeshire
William George's splendid work at Caernarvon. Anticipates the proceedings at the Revision Court; if successful, there is a prospect of eliminating the Tory majority at Bangor for the first time ever. The Nevin story about Naylor - 'He is a prize donkey & the longer he is before the constituency the likelier are they to find it out'. Is staying with Sir Alfred Thomas the following night. Has meetings in the Rhondda on Wednesday - 'They require stirring or rather guiding & instructing'.

1666 (3)
1905, Sept. 19, Bronwydd, Cardiff
Has left Castell y Garn. 'Bravo Sir Drefaldwyn. Digon i godi cywilydd ar Fachcwn Meirion'. Is speaking in the Rhondda the following day and opening the new school at Gelligaer in the afternoon.

1667 (4)
[1905, Sept 21], 'Dydd Iau', 'Yn y tren'
The storage 'holiday' is now at an end - 'I put in more public work into my three weeks stay in South Wales than into any corresponding number of weeks from August to January'. The previous day an enormous success in both Pengam School and the Rhondda; the panegyric delivered by the elector of Gelligaer 'which roused the audience - picked men of the coal valleys - to a high pitch of enthusiasm. They gave me a beautiful silver key'. Describes the Rhondda meeting: 'It was an inspiring crowd & they all said I had never "reached such heights" & certainly the effect on the audience was magnetic'.

1668 (4)
1905, Sept. 22, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is glad that William George went to Bangor - 'Had you not gone there we might have been very badly routed'. The cartoon in the Morning Leader 'on my Wales governed by a third rate clerk in the Education Department'.

1669 (3)
[1905, Sept. 23], 'Saturday', Wimbledon Common, SW
Is playing golf with Tim Davies. Family news. Spender is coming the following day to spend Sunday.

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1670 (5)
[1905, Sept. 26], 'Nos Lun', Routh Road
Was unable to write because the Free Church Council meeting detained him; there was much pleasure at the Welsh situation. John Hugh's cwrdd sefydlu is on that evening: 'If he had told me in time I could & would have attended it. What a casual chap he is'. Family news; Megan.

1671 (4)
[1905, Sept. 27], 'Wednesday', Eversfield, Routh Road, Wandsworth Common, SW
Agrees that Montgomery is 'excellent'. Goes to Shrewsbury on Friday and thence to the Wrex ham demonstration. Is going to see Herbert Lewis. The article on 'Politics in Wales' in the previous day's Times - 'A vile attack on the Welsh people. Most complimentary to me. ... Interesting but in its references to Wales & Welsh Nonconformity venemous. Worth reading though'. Is preparing for Wrexham, and also has the Scottish tour on his mind.

1672 (3)
[1905, Oct. 1], 'Saturday morning', Irvon, Wrexham
Wishes that William George had come on to Wrexham from Mold. The success of the Wrexham meeting: 'If they had a building capable of holding 7 or 8,000 people it would have been filled - so I am assured'. Now returns to Babylon and has to prepare for the annual meeting of the Eastern Committee Liberal Association the week after next. The success of the Shrewsbury meeting. Has received Uncle Lloyd's letter.

1673 (4)
[1905, Oct. 4], 'Dydd Mercher',
Has been playing golf with Mr and Mrs Ellis Griffith and Ivor Parry and with Thomas Macnamara: 'Almost a reconciliation game for things have been very strained between us for months over the Welsh policy. But I've come to the conclusion that the fewer enemies one has the better - so long as good fellowship doesn't involve sacrifice of "egwyddor". The golf is keeping him on top form 'for the great fight'.

1674 (3)
1905, Oct. 6, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Family news. The report in the previous day's Westminster Gazette about Canon Williams and the Bishop of St. Davids in the Church Congress - 'They both spoke with a Welsh accent you could cut'.

1675 (3)
[1905, Oct. 7], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
William George's very successful day in court. The meeting at Edeyrn - 'I am glad to hear they are holding these local meetings all over the Country. That is how the money will come in'. Has read a report of the annual meeting of the Methodist English cause in Y Goleuad. Still believes that the government will remain in office as long as possible.

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1676 (3)
[1905, Oct. 9], Wandsworth
Is preparing his speech for Cardiff. Is to dine with Sidney Webb that evening. Plans to refer in his speech to the labour troubles in South Wales, urging moderation. His attack on Lord Lansdowne in The Times that day.

1677 (3)
1905, Oct. 9, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The doctor has given him permission to go ahead with the Spalding meeting - 'a huge open drafty corn exchange with 4,000 people in it'. But he has resolved (following appeals from William George and Uncle Lloyd) not to go ahead. Discusses his throat and voice.

1678 (2)
[c.1905, Oct. 9], The National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The paragraph in the Daily Mail about his operation. Is recovering well from his treatment and is relieved that it is over.

1679 (3)
[c. 1905, Oct. 9], Evershed, Routh Road, Wandsworth Common, SW
Describes the operation on the big tonsil - 'Had a very bad time. It was a tough chap & well established in its place. Result profuse bleeding. Bled for hours'. May be able to play golf on Saturday, and plans to attend next week's meeting. William George should not tell Uncle Lloyd.

1680 (4)
1905, Oct. 10, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Dined with McKenna and Massingham last night and is to dine with Winston Churchill and Saley on Wednesday. Massingham, who goes to South Africa on Saturday representing the Daily News, wants D. Lloyd George to accompany him if he can win financial support from another newspaper. Outlines arguments in favour of and against his going to South Africa.

1681 (4)
[1905, Oct. 11], 'Wednesday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is 'perplexed what to do'. Has taken medical advice on whether he should go to South Africa, but the opinion of the doctor and the specialist are contradictory. Would like to hear from William George.

1682 (4)
1905, Oct. 12, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
William George's wire. His throat. Family news. 'Asquith is making excellent speeches. Just the right things'.

1683 (4)
1905, Oct. 13, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW

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Agrees on South Africa. The reports in the press on the state of his health - 'Times says "haemorrhage". I haven't lost a spot of blood since the operation'. Sir Walter Forster came in just now. 'Bryn doesn't worry me a bit. I am going to win & then will come my time to crow'. Has been showing the House of Commons to Miss Roberts. 'Poor Spencer. I wonder what will happen now to our joint meeting in Scotland'.

1684 (3)
1905, Oct. 14, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Gwilym and he are prepared to spend the weekend at Boulogne. The state of his voice.

1685 (4)
1905, Oct. 16, 'Pnawn Llun', Boulogne
Gwilym and he are improving in health. Is returning to London the next day and is speaking in Kingston on Thursday. Attended a Catholic service the previous day morning. The comments in the Times on the Barkston election; it states that the government should resign. An effort must be made to turn out the government next session.

1686 (3)
[1905, Oct. 17], Grand Hôtel Christol & Bristol, Boulogne
Have returned from the holiday much restored: '... a most beneficial little trip'. Is going home to prepare for Kingston on Thursday.

1687 (4)
1905, Oct. 18, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is preparing for the Kingston meeting. Because of the illness of Lord Spencer he is to be the main speaker at the annual meeting of the Scottish Liberal Association: '... People clamouring for me - say they want Lloyd George - dim eisieu neb arall'. Lord Tweedmouth is to take the chair.

1688 (3)
1905, Oct. 19, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is departing for Kingston for an important meeting. Intends to speak on Free Trade. Has seen Samuel T. Evans about the Barry schools; are fighting the Education Department.

1689 (4)
1905, Oct. 20, 'Dydd Gwener', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Congratulations on the Cwrdd Chwarter. Last night's success has put him in very high spirits. Is now off to Eastbourne with R. O. Davies.

1690 (3)
1905, Oct. 21, 'Saturday', Grand Hotel, Eastbourne
Has been playing golf with R. O. Davies. Plans to spend the afternoon reflecting on his Scottish speeches. Met the MP for Eastbourne last night; he 'strongly deprecated' Balfour's remaining in office and believed an early dissolution of parliament was likely if Hampstead went wrong. Is

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sanguine that the Liberals may win the Hampstead by-election, although, 'A villa suburb like Hampstead is no place for a revolution & nothing short would wipe out such a majority in 3 years'. Wishes that 'some big man would speak on the other side' which would make easier the preparation of speeches. Alfred Thomas's action has been entered for trial, and he [D. Lloyd George] is thus unable to leave for his holiday until late November, 'But I must get it or the Session will inevitably break me down. I must get back my lost blood. My voice is better than it ever was'.

1691 (4)
[1905, Oct. 22], 'Sunday evening', Grand Hotel, Eastbourne
Has been for a drive to see Pevensey Castle. Has spent a couple of hours last evening preparing his Kirkaldy speech and a further two hours of the same on Beachy Head this morning. Is quite pleased with his speech.

1692 ???????? (ar goll)
1905, Oct. 23, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Feels the benefit of his visit to Eastbourne. Is ready for Scotland. Returns to meet Alfred Thomas to prepare the big case: '250 guineas on Rufus Isaac's brief!'.

1693 (4)
1905, Oct. 24, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has been discussing education with Herbert Roberts, Herbert Lewis and Frank Edwards. Is going home to polish his speech. Developments in the Alfred Thomas case.

1694 (3)
1905, Oct. 25, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has had a talk with Clifford. William George should write to him at Kirkaldy the next day and at Wemyss Bay on Friday.

1695 (2)
[c.1905, Oct. 25], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Feels much better after his visit to Eastbourne. Is ready for Scotland. Is returning to meet Alfred Thomas to prepare the great case. '250 guineas on Rufus Isaac's brief! 3 counsel will come to nearly £1000'.

1696 (2)
[1905, Oct. 26], 'Thursday', Central Station Hotel, Glasgow
Has arrived here and is going on to Wemyss Bay.

1697 (1)
[1905, Oct. 27] 'Nos Wener', Victoria House, Kirkaldy
The astounding success of his speech - 'Great triumph. ... An hour & a quarter without flagging'.

1698 (4)

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1905, Oct. 28, 'Saturday', Victoria House, Kirkaldy
Last night's triumph: ' ... I don't believe I ever spoke better. ... Delegates from every part of Scotland from the Orkneys to the borders. There were several MPs & candidates'. The two column report in the Scotsman. Rode by motor car this morning to Dunfermline and is now returning to Wemyss Bay. Has now to prepare for Glasgow. His voice.

1699 (2)
[?c. 1905, Oct. 28], Wemyss Bay
Is leaving for Kirkaldy on the next train. Margaret and the family have left for the bazaar in Glasgow. Finds the Hampstead result 'slightly disappointing'.

1700 (3)
[?c. 1905, Nov.], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is dining with Sifton, the Canadian Minister of the Interior, who is likely to provide information on the Preferential Tariffs business. Massingham and Campbell-Bannerman both believe that the government is close to the point of collapse. Is off for a day's golf the following day 'before the fray begins'. C-B is said to be already Cabinet making - 'C.B. is rather premature. "There is many a slip &c"'.

1701 (3)
1905, Nov. 1, 'Wednesday', West Park, Skelmorlie, Ayrshire
Has received Uncle Lloyd's letter. Is ready for the coming evening. The previous day's game of golf. Is staying with Henry Jones that night.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd-George.

1702 (2)
[1905, Nov. 4], 'Saturday', House of Commons
Family news. Is resting. Robert Owen Jones, Pwllheli, has called.
Includes note from Margaret Lloyd George.

1703 (2)
1905, Nov. 8, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Hopes very much that William George will be able to come. Family news.

1704 (2)
1905, Nov. 8, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is to lunch with Sir John Jones Jenkins and then to listen to a lecture on Canada by Sir Gilbert Parker.

1705 (4)
[1905, Nov. 8]
Has been to listen to Gilbert Parker. Discusses plans for the holiday. Has been offered a very good cabin for Genoa on Tuesday. If he goes, he will have to give up the meeting at Swansea on Monday.

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William George should acquire a suit to go on these liners. Alfred Thomas is anxious to invite William George to meet the Welsh Members in February. Suggests they depart on Tuesday.

1706 (2)
1905, Nov. 9, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The booking has been made for William George. Could William George send his measurements for him to order a dress suit? Would like William George to come up on Saturday.

1707 (4)
1905, Nov. 11, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Suggests that William George should travel up to London the following night. He should bring £50 to provide for contingencies. Lists clothing which William George should bring for the trip. It is always more important to provide against the cold than the heat.

1708 (3)
[?c. 1905, Nov. 16]
Could William George leave England on the 17th? Alfred Thomas's case threatens to deprive him of his holiday altogether, so Roberts thinks that he should go at once. The boat is leaving for Madeira on the 17th. 'I ought to take 6 weeks in all so as to be really fit for the big job in front for I'll get no real rest once the Session begins & the general election follows with its consequent responsibilities'.

1709 (2)
[1905], Nov. 17, Routh Road
There is turmoil in the city over the King of Portugal's reception. Is staying at home to read up for Scotland. Was invited to lunch with the Lord Mayor that day, but declined the invitation. Is glad that William George is giving something to poor Myrddin Rees's family. Naylor is circulating an article from The Scotsman in both Welsh and English: 'the most offensive Unionist paper printed in this Country'. Discusses ways of retaliating.

1710 (1)
[1905], Nov. 18
'Mr Lloyd George wires us as follows campus Tibia'.
Telegram

1711 (2)
1905, Nov. 19, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Harold Spencer may join them. 'Forgot to contradict rumours of Wandsworth Registrarship! ...'. Plans to write a long letter to Nath reviewing the position on education.

1712 (1)
[1905, Nov. 26], 'Boreu Sul', Mitre Hotel, Oxford
Is en route for home in Mr Russell Rea's motor car. The Gloucester meeting was a great success: 'Went for the House of Lords hot & strong'.

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1713 (4)
[1905, Dec. 1], Friday afternoon, Grand Hotel Verdi, Rapallo
Feels lonely after William George's departure and will be glad to leave for Genoa. Declined the offer to go on further excursions that day. Hopes that William George had a comfortable return journey. Agrees with the speeches made by Asquith and Grey - 'I agree with every word of their forecast of the policy to be adopted by a Liberal Government towards Ireland & when I get back, I mean to say so. ... Victory is so assured to the Liberal party that it is only their own chieftains can prevent it'. Has heard nothing from McKenna.

1714 (3)
[1905, Dec. 4], 'Monday'
Now feels 'very fit & ready for action'. Balfour has resigned and Campbell-Bannerman called in to form a government. He is nominated in the Daily Telegraph for the Board of Trade. Would like to have the Local Government Board - 'if they mean to give me anything'. Is to dine that night with Thomas Shaw and Reginald McKenna.

1715 (3)
1905, Dec. 5, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Campbell-Bannerman is to form an administration. Has no further news. Lunched that day with Thomas Shaw, Churchill and McKenna, 'all of them bound to get something - Shaw certain for the Cabinet ...'. Herbert Gladstone is expected to get the Home Office - 'That I don't mind as I told you if they offer me L[ocal] G[overnment] B[oard]. But if I am offered the Duchy of Lancaster I don't know what I'd do'. The LGB presidency is intended for men whose help in debate in the House of Commons is required. Still it has nothing to do with Wales so on the whole my present feeling is I would rather be out than accept it'. Is nominated for a post in the press. Is to dine with the same three men that night. 'Poor Winston is very excited. He is afraid he won't be in the Cabinet'. An accident at Charing Cross railway station. Family news. Naylor made 'a very decent allusion' to him at Bangor on Saturday.

1716 (3)
1905, Dec. 6, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'Y mae'r pennaethiaid yn ymgynghori ynghyd'. They cannot agree; all this is top secret. 'Y mae anghydfod yn eu mysg yn nghylch yr angenrheidrwydd i C[ampbell] B[annerman] fyned i Dy yr Arglwyddi rhag y blaen ac i Asquith arwain y Ty'. Nothing has happened as yet. It is expected that he will be appointed to the Local Government Board - 'Fel y gwyddost dyna fy newisiad. Y mae arnaf ofn yr Home Office gan mai ar y swyddfa honno y dibyna droi allan y milwyr i saethu tyrfaoedd aflonydd dyweder o strikers neu unemployed'.

1717 (3)
[1905, Dec. 7], 'Thursday afternoon', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has received a letter from Captain Sinclair MP, aide-de-camp to Campbell-Bannerman, arranging an appointment for Friday. The list of offices for individuals is not yet quite ready. 'It is satisfactory that

I am one of the first to hear for this letter was written last night. Winston & McKenna not yet heard which shows that they have not yet been reached even as names. It also means Cabinet I think for that is the first thing they settle'. He was also asked for an address at which he could be contacted promptly. 'Winston is very upset at the way the press are treating him'. Will contact William George the next day if there is definite news.

1718 (3)
1905, Dec. 8, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'Board of Trade with a seat in the Cabinet. They want me there as that is the Department most directly associated with the Free Trade fight to defend Free Trade in the House & in the country against Joe's attacks. I am delighted'. Outlines the areas of his responsibility. 'Winston and McKenna think I have the most important post in the Ministry at this juncture'. 'I asked for pledges about Education & the extension of self-government for Wales - & got both'. Considers Sir Francis Hopwood to be 'a first rate chief of permanent staff ... a very able man & an excellent Radical'. William George should tell no one until Monday. The quarrel with Grey is over. Churchill and McKenna have received nothing as yet.

1719 (3)
1905, Dec. 9, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Thought that William George would be pleased with his appointment. 'I confess I had never thought of it as trade is not quite in my line. But there is more to be done in it than in any other department almost'. Has invited Nath to come up next week to discuss the Boroughs. Intends to smash Ellis Jones Ellis Griffith at the meeting of Welsh MPs on Monday - 'I talked to him about the pledges we should ask 18 months ago & he agreed. But he is too great a coward to fight'. Is to lunch with Spender to meet Lord and Lady Crewe; she is Rosebery's daughter.

1720 (3)
1905, Dec. 12, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is in his office for the first time, a very large room. Has discussed his duties very thoroughly with Sir Francis Hopwood, his chief of staff. Has 1,000 men working in the department. Has to review the heads of the departments the following day. Herbert Lewis's post has not yet been settled, but anticipates no problems. The first Cabinet meeting is to be on Thursday at noon. 'We had a preliminary chat last night in which I tell you I took my part. They christened me the baby of the Cabinet - I being the youngest'.

1721 (3)
1905, Dec. 12, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
'I am gradually getting into my work & liking it. I believe I can make a really good job of this Department'. Failed to write for the early post as there was a meeting of the Welsh MPs. Dick's letter. William George should remember to come to Caernarvon on the 21st. 'I can't have a holiday after the Election this time as there will be but a short interval between the polls & the meeting of Parlt. - & we poor Ministers must set our departments in order for the fight & get our bills ready.

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Moreover I must help others'. His health is reasonable, but he must not do too much. 'Letters - especially from parsons! - overwhelming'.

1722 (3)
1905, Dec. 14, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Found his first Cabinet meeting that day very interesting; education was discussed first. Had to decide questions that day arising over the Porthmadoc Railway and the Criccieth foreshore. Awaits with interest news of that day's meeting at Caernarvon. 'Tomorrow morning I hold a lever of all my chiefs'. 'Been busy over educational position in Wales. Macnamara wedi gwrthod post o dan Birrell yn y Bwrdd Addysg. Delighted he has. Would not have trusted him there'.

1723 (3)
1905, Dec. 15, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
The meeting of the heads of departments. Lord Strathcona has just called to congratulate him - 'charming old boy'. Had a long interview that day with the head of the Labour and Statistical Department. The Caernarvon meeting. 'The S. Wales Daily News reports that many leading Conservatives are opposed to fighting me & threaten to vote for me if it is done'.

1724 (3)
1905, Dec. 16, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
The London County Council and the Charing Cross railway disaster. His offices have been visited by Mair and Olwen. Is still receiving congratulations from all sides. Is being pressed from Bangor and Conway for immediate meetings, but means to withstand the pressure until the beginning of 1906.

1725 (3)
1905, Dec. 18, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has been with the Montgomeryshire Councillors at the Board of Education. Discusses the victory achieved. 'Birrell is being well. He has already decided Barry & Montgomeryshire in our favour & had those Merioneth followers fought they would have shared in the triumph'. The paragraph in the Guardian about Naylor's retirement - 'It is clear that the events of the last few days have produced a deep impression on the Tories. Still he must go on now'.

1726 (3)
1905, Dec. 19, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has taken a day off to play golf with Llewelyn Williams. The story in the Guardian has been contradicted by the 'Naylorites': 'I never thought he would retire. All the same I do not believe there is perfect harmony in the ranks'. Is going to prepare his speech that evening. Will be at Caernarvon on Thursday.

1727 (3)
1905, Dec. 20, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is supposed to arrive at Caernarvon at 5.16. Would like William George to attend the delegates' meeting the next afternoon: 'I should like a preliminary canvass made throughout the Boroughs as

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soon as possible so that we may know how we stand & also how much effort one has to put in. This is important for me as I have to think of 4 or 5 other places where I ought to help'. Has to return to town on 3rd January for a Cabinet meeting. Has to put in an appearance in each of the Boroughs before then. Discusses arrangements to speak in the Boroughs. Has to attend the preliminary meeting for the Convention at Caernarvon on 2 January.

1728 (4)
[?1905], 'Sadwrn', Trinity Road
The trip to Lewes with Lewis has been spoiled by the rain. Family news. Outlines his plans for the coming week. Is to speak for Ivor Guest Friday night; D. A. Thomas is as usual working energetically against Guest: 'Cantankerous chap. He was heavily beaten at the meeting of the Liberal Association. These strangers are often more reliable than our own men. McKenna & Morley give me a much more loyal backing than Ellis Griffith & Sam Evans or Lloyd Morgan because they see Wales wants it to be done'.

1729 (3)
[?1905], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall
Is going to Hassocks to spend Sunday with Sydney Buxton. Sir Edward Grey is also coming. Family news. Last night was at 'a dinner party that might have been taken out of a volume of Dickens. ... They treated me as a member of their profession who had made a mark in Parliament & were quite proud of it'.

1730 (3)
[?1905], 'Saturday evening', 179 Trinity Road, Wandsworth Common, SW
Is departing for a trip to the seaside over Sunday and is hoping to play some golf. Has had a chat with Balfour and his private secretary; 'so Uncle Lloyd as usual has stirred me to effective action'.

1731 (2)
[?1905]
Can William George provide him with a reference from the Concordance?

1732 (3)
[?1905], Cabinet
The Cardiff meeting was 'an immense success. ... It even put the Bishops on our side'. There was no indication by the 'rancorous controversy proceeding as to its composition'.

1733 (2)
[?1905], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place SW
Has just returned from a very successful meeting - 'Greatest meeting they have had since Gladstone's celebrated meeting in same place. Dyna dywedodd yr agent'.

1734 (2)
[?1905], 'Nos Fercher', Brynkynallt, Bangor

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The enormous success of his meeting.

1735 (2)
[?1905] 'Saturday'
Is departing for a motor run with Arthur Murray, the MP for Aberdeen. 'Tory obstruction broken completely. Won them by cajolery & chuff'. Is sending a copy of a letter received from Sir William Mattier who was at his Lyndhurst meeting.

1736 (3)
[?1905], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The doctor has advised that he should have a 'thorough rest' from his duties for two months: 'The heart is slightly dilated by overstrain & overwork'. He has suggested Biarritz for a holiday. On no account should Uncle Lloyd be told of all this. 'Will you help me to a holiday? Hogyn tlawd iawn ydw i er fy mod wedi bod yn gweithio yn galed tros rai anniolchgar - Duw a wyr'. 'Pembroke did me no good. I had all the worries as well as the labour of a great campaign'.
Incomplete

1737 (3)
[?1905], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Would like to go on holiday now so as to be ready for the fight over Welsh education and the 'bigger fight in the House of Commons'. Would like to get his Scottish engagements out of the way. The doctors have advised a period of rest to counteract over-working. 'You are very kind to help me to my holiday but you have shown me such chivalrous kindness all through my career that this is but a drop in the ocean of your tenderness to me'. Is to dine with McKenna and Massingham that night and with Winston Churchill and Colonel Seeley on Wednesday night.
Incomplete

1738 (2)
[?1905], Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
His throat. Now speaks clearly, but has lost four pounds in weight since last Wednesday. This is the first day's work in the office since the day of the operation.
Incomplete

1739 (3)
1906, Jan. 4, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
The electioneering campaign in the Caernarvon Boroughs. Dislikes the reports of violence. 'There must be no alienating of moderate men by violent measures'. Last night's meeting. 'Up to the eyes in Departmental work'. Croydon the following night. Does not receive any reports from Nath, and wishes to know how things are going.

1740 (1)
1906, Jan. 5, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is going to Croydon. Has just left Greaves.

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1741 (3)
1906, Jan. 6, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Regrets that Naylor's meetings are being disrupted; this action may win him sympathy. It is essential that the canvass be undertaken thoroughly. Is very dissatisfied with the 'reports' from Nath - ' I don't at all know what he is doing or whether he is doing anything'. Could William George investigate and write to him? Is departing for Brighton.

1742 (3)
1906, Jan. 10, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
The canvassing returns from Caernarfon are 'most disconcerting'. Encloses a copy of his letter to Nath Roberts (no. 1743) - 'It is no use getting good figures with enough voters unseen to wipe them all off'. 'The manufactured outrages' of Naylor: 'He is a low bounder & I shall be glad of a good majority were it only to get rid of the humiliation of having to fight a cad'. The success of the meetings at Middlesborough and Darlington.

1743 (4)
1906, Jan. 10, D. Lloyd George to Nath Roberts
The canvassing returns from Caernarvon, Conway and Bangor. Is very concerned at the large proportion of electors classed as 'unseen'. There is a desperate need for a 'more systematic effort ... to get at every available voter. It would be a pity if all the magnificent work done by some men were thrown away, owing to any tardiness on the part of others. Over-confidence is likely to be our greatest danger'. Comments on the returns from Conway and Bangor. ' ... we cannot afford, by laxity of effort, to lose a single Vote'. Enquires about the arrangements for the presentation of nomination papers.

1744 (3)
1906, Jan. 24, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
The breach of promise case. Electioneering is now over - 'I am relieved to find myself back in the serenity of Whitehall'. Mary's health. Last night's meetings.

1745 (2)
[?1906, Jan. 25], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
[Beginning is missing].
The lavish praise for his speech. Hears that William Prichard is 'doubtful'. The results in Pembroke and Radnor are 'glorious'.

1746 (3)
[1906, Jan. 26], Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is busy with the Education Bill and the Board of Trade. Is with Acland and Birrell that day. They are to join him at Brighton.

1747 (4)

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1906, Jan. 29, Hotel Metropole, Brighton
Legal matters. William George is right 'as to the character of the Bench. It needs liberalising'. Splendid work the previous day on education. The death of King Christian may postpone the Court on the 16th.

1748 (3)
1906, Jan. 30, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is up to attend an important Cabinet Committee on education. Then returns to Brighton and is to chair the very important Lighthouse meeting the following day.

1749 (2)
1906, Jan. 31, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has been presiding at a conference of shipowners and lighthouse commissioners: 'They complimented me very highly on the way I conducted the proceedings'. It was agreed at that day's Cabinet meeting that his Shipping Bill would be in the Queen's Speech.

1750 (4)
[?1906, Feb. 3], 'Saturday', Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
The weather. Is going through his official papers and correspondence. Is 'game for an attack' upon Lawrence: 'He is a bitter Tory. He is the chap who was sent down to Carmarthen to enquire into Default there & he was most onesided. I'll be even with him yet'. The mourning following the death of the King of Denmark. Sir Edward Grey has suffered a terrible loss in the death of his wife.

1751 (2)
1906, Feb. 6, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Cabinet committee on the Education Bill that day. Returns to Brighton on Thursday.

1752 (1)
1906, Feb. 7, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is very busy. General Smuts has just left the office - 'very nice fellow'.

1753 (3)
1906, Feb. 9, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is very disappointed that Mary and Olwen are not coming up. The Cabinet met that day; there is a 'formidable programme' for the next session. Goes to Brighton that evening. Sir Alfred Thomas's case comes on Monday.

1754 (3)
[?1906, Feb. 10], 'Saturday', Brighton
The article on Lawrence in the Caernarvon and Denbigh Herald is most impressive. The auditor's post; R.O. Roberts should be dissuaded from applying. Has Cabinet and Cabinet Committee meetings every day next week - 'I am now on three Cabinet Committees - Asquith, Lord Chancellor a finnau yw'r unig rai sydd ar dri'.

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Contains a note from Margaret Lloyd-George comprising family news.

1755 (2)
1906, Feb. 13, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has just left a Cabinet Committee on education. Alfred Thomas's case was postponed this morning. Would like William George to come up to talk in the office with Roberts.

1756 (3)
1906, Feb. 16, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
The Cabinet has that day received a deputation from the Trades Unions. Has been given an Assistant Private Secretary by the Treasury because his private correpondence is so voluminous; 'Carhill tells me my predecessor did not receive 1/10th the number of letters sent to me'. Can William George recommend a good Welshman to fill the vacancy? Runciman says that he (D. Lloyd George) has made a favourable impression on shipowners. Uncle Lloyd's health.

1757 (3)
1906, Feb. 17, Routh Road
Has been very busy at the Board of Trade and in Cabinet meetings. Is to attend his first ministerial dinner that night to hear the reading of the King's Speech. Goes the following day to King Christian's funeral service at the Chapel Royal. Would like William George to come up in a fortnight's time as Alfred Thomas's case comes on - 'It will swell the Costs Book'. How is Uncle Lloyd?

1758 (2)
1906, Feb. 20, House of Commons
Is very busy - 'I am determined to make my Department hen frawd'. Has been invited to dine with the King at Buckingham Palace the coming Satursday night. Answers his first questions in the House the following day. Uncle Lloyd's health. Has a good idea on disestablishment.

1759 (2)
1906, Feb. 21, House of Commons
Outlines his day. The Carnarvon Naval Reserve.

1760 (2)
1906, Feb. 22, House of Commons
A. J. James of Pontypridd is to come up in early March. Can William George arrange a time? 'Winston wedi gwneyd drwg i mi gyda'r araeth heno'.

1761 (3)
1906, Feb. 22, House of Commons
Has spent all day behind the Speaker's chair conducting interviews and examining papers. Has not been in the Commons. Spent the morning in a Shipping Committee drafting bills. Uncle Lloyd - 'Bydd pryder mawr yn Routh Road os bydd rhywbeth ar Uncle Lloyd chwedl Megan'.

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1762 (3)
1906, Feb. 23, House of Commons
The debate on Chinese labour; Asquith's speech. Is speaking on the Free Trade resolution on Thursday.

1763 (2)
1906, Feb. 27, House of Commons
Replied on behalf of the Board of Trade for the first time the previous night. The Lord Chancellor 'has just been pulverising Milner in the Lords. What a little sneak that fellow is. His speech yesterday was an abomination'.

1764 (2)
1906, Feb. 28, House of Commons
Balfour and Chamberlain are both ill and the fiscal debate has been postponed for a week. Education was under discussion in the Cabinet that day. 'Asquith & Grey & Burns strongly for me'.

1765 (2)
1906, March 2, House of Commons
Is unable to promote Daniel to Canterbury - 'Kent is very jealous of its local rights. Fancy sending a Kent man to Wales'. Is going to a Nonconformist dinner that evening and Cardiff the following day. Is returning on Sunday night for Alfred Thomas's case on Monday.

1766 (2)
1906, March 3, Villa Cardiff
A princely reception at Cardiff. Is now staying at the Mansion House as the Lord Mayor's guest: 'Tory a brewer ydyw ef ond bachgen neis iawn. He is going to help me as to the National Council'.

1767 (1)
1906, March 5, House of Commons
Cardiff an immense success. Has no time to write.

1768 (3)
1906, March 6, House of Commons
Brings his idea about Disestablishment before the Cabinet the following day. 'We had no official facts before - it was all unofficial. I believe the Report [of the Royal Commission] will bring home facts to British people they never realized'. All this is top secret, only for the Garthites.

1769 (3)
1906, March 7, House of Commons
The Cabinet approved unanimously of his request for a Commission on the Welsh Church and of his Merchant Shipping Bill. The Alfred Thomas case has been settled on excellent terms.

1770 (3)

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1906, March 9, House of Commons
The Cabinet debated education that day. Then had lunch with Lord Elgin, Fowler and Campbell-Bannerman: 'Y mae'r hen foy yn gyfeillgar iawn a mi'. Ripon's appeal on behalf of the Catholic schools in that day's Cabinet. Goes to Bournemouth with the family on Saturday: 'I've a good mind to leave them there until they cough out their colds'.

1771 (3)
[1906, March 10], 'Boreu Sadwrn',
Is on his way to meet up with the family at Boscombe. Philip Davies's letter. Has not a single vacant post at the Board of Trade. The dinner of the Welsh MPs with Campbell-Bannerman; he is lavish in his praise of D. Lloyd George: '... young Welsh colleague - no stronger member of the Govt. - yn canmol fy araeth nos Lun'. Is glad that Uncle Lloyd approves of Campbell-Bannerman's letter to Sam [T. Evans] as D. Lloyd George wrote the whole of it. Has brought down with him the Merchant Shipping Bills to read up thoroughly for Tuesday.

1772 (2)
1906, March 13, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Made his first speech in the official style last night, a sweeping success. Morley and Campbell-Bannerman were well satisfied. The Shipping Bill the next day.

1773 (2)
1906, March 13, House of Commons
Morley is anxious that his speech of the previous night should be printed - 'best statement of our case he had ever heard'. Asquith, having read the speech in The Times, agrees.

1774 (3)
1906, March 14, House of Commons
His Merchant Shipping Bill is to be introduced on Tuesday. Has an hour's speech ready.

1775 (3)
1906, March 15, House of Commons
Returns from Boscombe on Monday. Invites William George to London. Knows nothing of proceedings in the Commons; has to stay in his room all day processing papers and receiving deputations. His reply to Chamberlain and Balfour in the debate on Monday has caused great satisfaction.

1776 (2)
1906, March 16, House of Commons
'Sorry about the Durham. But what luck for Phil to have been out of it'.

1777 (1)
1906, March 17, Southampton
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1778 (1)
1906, March 23, Cardiff
'Campus. Overwhelming success. Returning town. Delighted'.
Telegram

1779 (1)
1906, March 24, London.
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1780 (3)
1906, March 26, House of Commons
The London Electric Bills are on that evening; D. Lloyd George 'in charge'. 'Yfory Shipping Bill - Wednesday Docks - busy week'.

1781 (2)
1906, March 27, House of Commons
Has achieved the second reading and the Bill has been referred to the Grand Committee on Trade. Penrhyn: has received a letter from Stafford Howard and has spoken to Robson. Hopes that Howard will agree to put a case before the law officers.

1782 (3)
1906, March 28, House of Commons
His attack on the Sugar Convention last night was a triumph. There is delight in the Liberal ranks. Will send his expenses to William George.

1783 (4)
1906, March 29, House of Commons
His parliamentary work has been heavy that week. The story about Uncle Lloyd in the Daily Mail.

1784 (2)
1906, March 30, House of Commons
Is departing for a motor ride to Canterbury with Megan. Has carried his Welsh National Council through the Cabinet that day.

1785 (4)
1906, April 2, House of Commons
Has discussed with Morley William George's opinion of the government. 'Taff Vale & Natal both unfortunate - badly managed. Dywedodd un o'r aelodau llafur wrthyf, "You are the only Minister who has not blundered" `. The King has approved of the Disestablishment Commission.

1786 (3)
1906, April 3, House of Commons

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Is still engaged on London Electricity. Penrhyn: has seen Stanley Howard and Haldane, and the case is to be submitted to the Law officers.

1787 (4)
1906, April 4, House of Commons
Smashed the Bill last night: 'Many members told me that my speech was the only one they had heard which converted votes. I swung the House round in first ten minutes. So the Board of Trade is going strong'. Had a stiff fight in the Cabinet on education that day and won the support of John Morley and Campbell-Bannerman.

1788 (1)
1906, April 5, House of Commons
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1789 (2)
1906, April 6, House of Commons
The South Wales Daily News the following day will contain an announcement of the Welsh Disestablishment Commission.

1790 (3)
1906, April 7, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is going to Lewes to play golf with Herbert Lewis and Tim [?Healy]. Suggests that William George might like to go to Gibraltar the following week.

1791 (3)
1906, April 9, House of Commons
The success of the Education Bill. Put in two most important points in a final Cabinet that day. Is sorry that William George cannot go to Gibraltar.

1792 (4)
1906, April 23, 'Monday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Describes the trip to Gibraltar. The candidate for the post of Chief Constable.

1793 (3)
1906, April 24, House of Commons
There is general approval of the Education Bill in the country. Is preparing a scheme for apprenticeship in the mercantile marine and has been promised money by Asquith.

1794 (3)
1906, April 25, House of Commons
Has written to Powys Cobb. Lunched with Sir Alfred Jones that day and was told that the shipowners are very pleased with the President of the Board of Trade. Jones has promised his assistance with the sailor apprenticeship scheme. The quarrel with the Turk over the Sinai peninsula.

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1795 (3)
1906, April 27, House of Commons
Is to dine alone with the Lord Chancellor that evening and will raise the Richards matter. The Barge Bill in the House - 'It is now undergoing the well known parliamentary process of being talked out - at my secret instigation'. 'Poor Howell Idris - a hopeless case'. The Budget, settled at that day's Cabinet, is good. The Turkish situation is serious - 'unless the Sultan yields there will be mischief'.

1796 (3)
1906, April 28, 'Dydd Sadwrn,' Wandsworth
The selection of the Liberal candidate for the Eivion division: '... Were Ellis Davies a young Welshman of the right sort it would have been one's duty to support him. I help W[illiam] Jones against D[ ] P[ ] but Ellis D is 75 per cent charlatan - & that is too high a percentage of adulteration even for public life'. Davies is also 'a refractory one' who 'would give trouble for purposes of self advertisement'. Has been ordered by the Cabinet to speak on Tuesday on the Education Bill.

1797 (4)
1906, April 30, House of Commons
Sums up the Budget: '1d. off tea, coal tax abolished & a considerable reduction of debt'. Ellis Davies's letter in that day's Guardian: 'confused & obscure'.

1798 (1)
1906, May 2, London
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1799 (2)
1906, May 4, House of Commons
Is fighting the Lights Dues Bill and succeeded in defeating it that day. 'Joe backed me - & for the first time for 5 years came up to speak to me in the Dining Room'.

1800 (2)
1906, May 5, House of Commons
Richard has been appointed to Llangniew [sic] - through D. Lloyd George's influence with the Lord Chancellor. William Evans has just been appointed chief of the Bankruptcy Department.

1801 (2)
1906, May 8, House of Commons
Made a very successful speech in the House. 'Sir Edward Russel there. Delighted. House emptied when I sat down'.

1802 (4)
1906, May 9, House of Commons

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Would like to hear the Pwllheli result from William George. His speech was highly praised in the Cabinet that morning by Campbell-Bannerman, Fowler and Birrell - 'CB said that my speech would have a great effect on public opinion'. 'I hear Joe has delivered a very extraordinary speech - pointing to secularism. He is a daring chap'. Lunched that day with Greaves, who is highly delighted with his appointment.

1803 (1)
1906, May 10, House of Commons
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1804 (3)
1906, May 14, House of Commons
Relates the story of a mishap with his motor car. 'Turkey is off - for the moment. Surrender'. Has lunched with the Bishop of St. Asaph at the Reform Club.

1805 (2)
1906, May 15, House of Commons
Has been asked to take the place of the Prime Minister at the annual meeting of the National Liberal Federation at Liverpool the following Thursday week: 'Regard it with fear & trembling'. 'After all he is the Prime Minister & if I talked with the tongue of angels I could not make up for the disappointment felt by the delegates'.

1806 (2)
1906, May 16, House of Commons
Has introduced his Census Bill, supported by Chamberlain.

1807 (3)
[1906, May 19], 'Saturday', Routh Road
Is preparing for next Thursday at Liverpool. He has a very busy week because of the Merchant Shipping Bill and the Education Bill. Family news.
Includes notes from Margaret Lloyd George and Olwen.

1808 (4)
1906, May 21, House of Commons
The progress of the Merchant Shipping Bill. The Education Bill has begun well.

1809 (3)
1906, May 22, House of Commons
The slow progress of the Education Bill. Relates a story giving Chamberlain's opinion of himself. After Liverpool is over he will have to sit through the education debates.

1810 (3)
1906, May 23, House of Commons

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The Merchant Shipping Bill is making excellent progress. Cannot participate in Commons debates at the moment as he is concentrating on preparing for Liverpool. 'Ellis Davies had a narrow shave - but Eivion did the right thing - dewis y dyn goreu. I have no doubt on that point'.

1811 (3)
1906, May 25, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
The report in the Liverpool Daily Post on the success of the previous night's meeting. Is accompanying Sir Christopher Furness on a trip to the Solent the next day.

1812 (3)
[1906, May 26], 'Saturday morning', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
All went well last night. Is departing for Southampton.

1813 (3)
1906, May 29, House of Commons
Will see William George at Llandrindod on Thursday evening. John Williams, Brynsiencyn, is lunching with him that day and he and David Davies, Llandinam, have come to his room for a smoke in the afternoon. Willie Watkin is there with a deputation from Guernsey that day.

1814 (3)
1906, May 30, House of Commons
Urges William George to come to Llandrindod. Goes to Criccieth for the weekend. Has made good progress with the Merchant Shipping Bill that day and several clauses have been added.

1815 (3)
1906, June 7, House of Commons
Has arrived safely. The house is empty and uninteresting. Is spending time on the war estimates.

1816 (2)
1906, June 8, House of Commons
Is busy. Sees that William George is active at Caernarvon. Goes to play golf the next day.

1817 (3)
1906, [?June 9], 'Saturday', White Hart Hotel, Lewes
Is glad of the progress made by William George and looks forward to hearing the result. Feels like a fortnight's rest. But the Cabinet meetings continue. Family news.

1818 (2)
1906, June 11, House of Commons
There is great joy that William George is to come up. 'Clifford & the Noncon: leaders been here for 2 hours on Clause 4'.

1819 (1)

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1906, June 13, House of Commons
Nansen 'of North Pole fame' has just left; he is a Norwegian minister. An important Cabinet meeting that day.

1820 (1)
[1906], June 13, House of Commons
Has made excellent progress on the Merchant Shipping Bill - following his escape from the Cabinet room.

1821 (2)
1906, June 16, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
A satisfactory Cabinet meeting: 'They wobbled a good deal but the decision was sound'.

1822 (3)
1906, June 18, House of Commons
The Merchant Shipping Bill has emerged much strengthened from its progress through committee. Has been able to improve the Shipping Laws in the process. 'Congratulations on all hands on tact & knowledge displayed'.

1823 (3)
1906, June 19, House of Commons
Had to speak at 1.30 a.m. in the house this morning on the Welsh Clause, and 'got biggest majority of the lot on that'. Made a successful speech at a meeting of Welsh MPs that day on Welsh Disestablishment. A resolution to support the government was passed immediately.

1824 (2)
1906, June 21, House of Commons
The Education Bill has been considered at an important sub-committee of the Cabinet. 'Poor Birrell. He is not doing very well. I tried to save him a little last night by getting him to say he would reconsider our Report'.

1825 (2)
1906, June 27, House of Commons
The Education Bill is progressing. Herbert Gladstone has 'made an ass of himself by appointing an Englishman to be the South Wales inspector. The Cabinet has appointed him that day to a very important Secret Committee.

1826 (2)
1906, July 4, House of Commons
Attacked the Orangemen last night - to the unconcealed glee of the Irish Nationalists.

1827 (2)
1906, July 8, House of Commons

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His Durham meeting. Had a good interview with the Archbishop on the Welsh Clause.

1828 (3)
1906, July 10, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is using his heavy cold as an excuse to take a day off to prepare for a busy week next week. 'My estimates on Thursday week & the Welsh Clause on Tuesday'. The Irish Orangemen 'funked' their attack on him the previous night for his stand on behalf of Catholic employees on the Irish railways.

1829 (2)
1906, July 18, House of Commons
Enjoyed a great success in the House the previous day - 'Balfour angry beyond control when he saw what my concessions were. They took the wind completely out of his sails & that drove [him] to hysterics'. Stayed in London the previous night and has not received William George's letters.

1830 (2)
1906, July 19, House of Commons
The adjournement of the House and his army estimates. Proposes another trip to Genoa in August.

1831 (3)
1906, July 20, House of Commons
Lord Granard, Under Secretary to the Post Office, is there now. The reinstatement of Miss Williams. 'Ellis Davies not good yesterday. Very self confident - very Welshy - very parochial. It was a small house he addressed & it was not favourably impressed'. Goes to Bromley that evening. 'Tories very angry at way they were lured into a trap over Welsh Clause'.

1832 (2)
1906, July 24, House of Commons
Has been too busy with Cabinet Committees to write: Irish Government, next year's Licensing Bill. Would welcome William George's opinions.

1833 (3)
1906, July 26, House of Commons
Has been with Margaret presenting prizes at Worcester. The Commons agreed the previous night to the establishment of a Welsh Council under the Treasury; one of the Junior Lords would be the 'Minister for Wales'.

1834 (3)
1906, July 28, House of Commons
The idea of a Welsh Minister is 'still as alive as ever. We simply threw a cloak of invisible green over him'. McKenna and Herbert Lewis are the possible candidates - 'Nothing has been changed & if the Lords let through our clause there will be a Welsh Minister of Education in the year of Grace 1908'. Suggests that William George should join them in a short sea trip to Lisbon in August.

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1835 (2)
1906, Sept. 7, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Lleufer's case. Is very busy - probably until 7 o'clock. May spend Sunday at Brighton.

1836 (3)
1906, Sept. 11, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has had a good week. Has had lunch with the heads of the Free Church Council and discussed the educational situation. William George will have to give evidence before the Commission in October. Listened to Seth Joshua the previous night.

1837 (3)
1906, Oct. 2, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Discusses proceedings in the House - 'After the South Walians had all departed Herbert Roberts [and] I did some good work'. Would like to have a chat with S.T. Evans.

1838 (3)
1906, Oct. 3, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is much indebted to Uncle Lloyd for representing him at the funeral; there is a reference in that day's Times. Has a 'scorching letter' in The Times the next day or the following day; it is 'in reply to an offensive attack on me which appeared yesterday'. Has attended to the Criccieth foreshore. Would like to know the location of Merllyn.

1839 (3)
1906, Oct. 4, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is going to Castle Street for the induction of the new Minister. Fairbairn will be talking there.

1840 (3)
1906, Oct. 13, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is going to Norwich to spend the weekend with Professor Stuart. Would like to know the outcome of Robin y Felin's conversion. The sixpenny weeklies are very favourable to his speeches, while 'Churchill's sank out of sight'.

1841 (1)
1906, Oct. 16, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has received two deputations on the Merchant Shipping Bill. Is making good progress.

1842 (2)
1906, Oct. 19, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
The previous day was a staggering success; the papers full of it: 'I incidentally smashed up all the intrigues that had been going on for some time. Wiped them out. They all licked my boots'.

1843 (3)
1906, Oct. 24, House of Commons

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Important Canadian business. Got fifty clauses of his bill through the previous day - 'C.B. & Asquith surprised & delighted'. The rest of the Bill will not come on for some time. Is glad of this so as to be able to devote time to the local Marine Boards: 'I mean to strip them of their powers but I want to give them ample notice & 3 days was hardly sufficient'.

1844 (3)
1906, Nov. 1, House of Commons
'Sorry to have missed you yesterday. The Prime Minister who is exceptionally friendly to me - more so than ever - kept me after the Cabinet to chat various matters until 3'. Encloses a cutting from the Western Mail of an article by William Brace MP on D. Lloyd George.

1845 (2)
1906, Nov. 2, House of Commons
Has dealt sternly with a deputation of shipowners concerning the local Marine Boards. There is a further meeting the following day.

1846 (3)
1906, Nov. 6, House of Commons
Has settled the controversy with the shipowners the previous day -without backing down. Had his Census of Industries Bill before a Committee upstairs that day, and made excellent progress. Cymro the dog and his special relationship with Uncle Lloyd.

1847 (2)
1906, Nov. 14, House of Commons
Last night's splendid pageant. Spoke with the two Kings and with Queen Alexandra for the first time. Had lunch at the Guildhall that day and was the only minister to be cheered when he walked up to the Lord Mayor. There is to be dinner that evening at the Board of Trade given by Kearley to the International Cotton Manufacturers. 'Birrell excellent. Bydd bye-election yn Huddersfield rhag blaen. Woodhouse yw'r Commissioner of Railway. Paid a dyweyd'.

1848 (2)
1906, Nov. 19, House of Commons
He is gaining great credit from the Merchant Shipping Bill. Has received many congratulations, and the leading article in that day's Times praises the measure. The lobby representative of the Times describes D. Lloyd George as 'the only Minister who can get Bills through'. Hopes for an opportunity of getting through his Census of Education Bill: 'I am just as keen on that as on Merchant Shipping'.

1849 (2)
1906, Nov. 20, House of Commons
Has played golf: 'Jolly glad to get it as the opportunities for recreation are gradually dwindling'. Is the guest of the Shipping Gazette people at their annual dinner. Is appointing Ellis Owen (formerly of Caernarvon) to be official receiver at Merthyr.

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1850 (2)
1906, Nov. 21, House of Commons
The dinner with the Shipping Gazette people. The third reading debate of the Merchant Shipping Bill is on the following day and then it goes up to the Lords.

1851 (2)
1906, Nov. 23, House of Commons
The Merchant Shipping Bill is now through the Commons and on its first reading in the Lords. Is still receiving fulsome compliments. 'Druan o Marks. I wired a very nice telegram. Caracter [sic] ar ei ben ei hun a llawer o dda ynddo - dim yn hollol fel yr halen yn y penill - ond llawer o halen ynddo'.

1852 (3)
1906, Nov. 26, House of Commons
Gloucester was very successful. The death of Evans, Trafaelun - 'a sad end to an unsatisfactory life'. Family news.

1853 (1)
1906, Nov. 27, House of Commons
The Merchant Shipping Bill has got its second reading through the House of Lords. There appear to be no problems.

1854 (2)
1906, Dec. 1, Eversfield, 3 Routh Road, Wandsworth Common, SW
Is departing for Oxford. Gibson's article in the Cambrian News - 'It shows such keen insight into things. He has at last seen D.A. aright & the article will help to give the key to the public who cannot quite understand his snapping & snarling at my heels. Luckily it does not worry me one little bit. D.A. is the least formidable of Parliamentarians. ...'.

1855 (2)
1906, Dec. 5, House of Commons
Is receiving deputations. William George should write to him c/o the Lord Mayor of Liverpool.

1856 (3)
1906, Dec. 5, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has the family to tea. There was an important Cabinet meeting that day to settle the fate of the Education Bill: 'Birrell wanted to get the Bill through at all costs. I opposed strongly & C.B. sided with me. They wanted Cabinet on Saturday but they put it on Tuesday evening to meet my convenience'.

1857 (2)
1906, Dec. 7, House of Commons

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Is departing for Liverpool after a long Privy Council. 'We mean to reject the Lords resolution amendments en bloc. I proposed it & carried it against Birrell. C.B. Grey & Morley and Burns gyda mi'.

1858 (2)
1906, Dec. 8, Alexandra Drive, Liverpool
Has attended the Lord Mayor's luncheon to the President of the Board of Trade. The occasion was a great success.

1859 (3)
1906, Dec. 11, House of Commons
The Merchant Shipping Bill comes on that night in the Lords. Ellis Griffith 'made a donkey of himself' in that day's debate which went heavily for the government.

1860 (3)
1906, Dec. 12, House of Commons
The progress of the Merchant Shipping Bill in the Lords. Will be unable to come to Porthmadoc next Tuesday.

1861 (2)
1906, Dec. 13, House of Commons
Is uncertain about the fate of the Education Bill. 'Just disposed of the largest deputation I have ever met. On railway rates. Went off very well'.

1862 (3)
1906, Dec. 14, House of Commons
Has got his Census of Production Bill through the House of Commons - 'Nobody ever throught I could do so. Whips & everybody trying to persuade me it was no use. But I insisted & now it is through'. The Merchant Shipping Bill passed through the House of Lords that day.

1863 (3)
1906, Dec. 17, House of Commons
The Lords have adjourned to consider the proposed amendments to the Education Bill: '... If they accept these or anything approaching them the Bill will do for Wales'. 'I fought hard in the Cabinet this morning against bigger concessions'.

1863a (3)
1906, Dec. 18, House of Commons
The conference on the 1906 Education Bill is still in progress; Asquith, Birrell and Crewe are on his side. Edward VII is anxious for a settlement. Hopes that the conference will fall through as he is afraid of further concessions.

1864 (1)

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1906, Dec. 9, House of Commons
'Bill finally destroyed by Lords'.
Telegram

1865 (3)
1906, Dec. 20, House of Commons
The aftermath of the Education Bill. 'Rhaid ymladd yr Arglwyddi. I have always foreseen that - said so in Liverpool beginning of the year'. Has secured his Welsh Department for the Board of Education, and has sent for Henry Jones to see if he is interested in the post. Leaves for Biarritz on Saturday.

1866 (3)
1906, Dec. 21, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
The Merchant Shipping Bill and the Census Bill have now become Acts of Parliament: 'They are given the place of honour amongst the Bills mentioned in the King's Speech' ... His trip to Biarritz.

1867 (3)
1906, Jan. 3, Hôtel Continental, B Peyta, Biarritz
Is anxious to receive news of the New Year festivities. The weather and the scenery. Describes a journey to the mouth of the Adour. Plans to return on Tuesday to see Harry Jones and the other Church Commissioners before they meet on Thursday.

1868 (4)
[1907, Jan. 4], 'Friday evening', Hôtel Continental, B Peyta, Biarritz
William George's 'charming account of the Beriah meeting': '... the history of its great success has given me more satisfaction than the victory of Cardiff over the South Africans alth ough that also gave me like Wil Llwyd unmixed pleasure'. The tea and meeting at Berea chapel. Has been playing golf with Emmott that afternoon. Outlines his travel plans.

1869 (1)
[1907, Jan. 6], 'Sunday morning', Hotel Gassion, Pau
Arrived with the party the previous day. Spent last evening with Lawson, Walton and Lord Selby.

1870 (2)
1907, Jan. 18, House of Commons
Congratulations on William George's 'plucky campaign'. Is to reply on the great fiscal debate. Wishes he could speak early rather than late.

1871 (3)
1907, Jan. 29, Board of Trade
The success of his meeting at Walsall despite the hostile audience. 'I mean to win the trading community before I am done with the Board'. Spent the afternoon with McKenna discussing the Welsh Board of Education: 'He has not yet been appointed formally so he can't start work'.

1872 (3)
[1907, Jan31], 'Thursday morning', Eversfield, 3 Routh Road, Wandsworth Common, SW.
The Barmouth meeting. Is to play golf with R.O. Davies at Chislehurst. The reports in the newspapers on the Walsall meeting. Presided over a farewell dinner to Hopwood the previous night.
Includes note from Margaret Lloyd-George: Dick's health and family news.

1873 (3)
[1907, Feb. 2], 'Saturday', Hanger Hill Golf Club, Ealing
Is delighted that William George is also taking up golf: 'You ought not to allow a week to pass without one & if possible two games'. Is now going to play with Llew. Sam Evans, a coward, is resigning from the Welsh Church Commission - 'All the same he is missing his chance of making a great name in Wales. Not sorry personally. He is funking Vaughan Williams'.

1874 (3)
1907, Feb. 5, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
That morning's conference with shipowners and seamen on the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Bill. Family news.

1875 (3)
1907, Feb. 8, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
That day's Cabinet Committees. There will be an important Cabinet meeting on naval estimates that evening: 'Big fight. Absolutely essential one should fight otherwise they would be double. ... Morley & Winston are my chief "pals". Winston fighting like a tiger'. Has been implored by Osmond to back him and is inclined to agree to do so, 'especially as I stopped his baronetcy by telling Asquith that the Lord Lieutenant was dying & Osmond could be appointed. You gave him a fright'.

1876 (3)
[1907, Feb. 9], 'Saturday morning', Ormiston, Belfast
The success of the previous day's meetings, especially the previous night's at the Great Ulster Hall. The attempt to incite a riot was a failure. 'Had there been trouble the Cabinet would have said, "We told you so". Now it is my turn to crow over them. They are a set of funks. Morley & Birrell were in a great panic'. Is staying with Lord Pirrie, the great Belfast shipbuilder, and is to visit his works. Has a deputation on Board of Trade business that afternoon and goes to London that night.

1877 (5)
1907, Feb. 13, House of Commons
'The Ellis Griffith clique broke down hopelessly yesterday at the meeting of Welsh MPs. You never saw anything so llippa'. Campbell-Bannerman has placed him on yet another important Cabinet committee: 'I am on them all now - Asquith & I being the only two placed on every committee'. The Irish MPs are delighted over his Belfast speech - 'Cabinet hailed me as a hero returned from the wars. They all say it is an "event" in Ulster'. William George's electioneering - 'I wish I could run

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down to help you - but I cannot spare an hour just now'. Is unable to go to Llandrindod on Saturday as planned. Wishes William George luck in the election - "It is a very important election for Wales more important than Welshmen perhaps realise'. Family news.

1878 (3)
1907, Feb. 22, House of Commons
Encloses a Bill which the Lord Chancellor is bringing in. Goes to the Cobden Club dinner that evening as the guest and is to dine with the King the following day amongst others. The county council elections at Llanystumdwy.

1879 (3)
1907, Feb. 25, House of Commons
Congratulations on William George's meeting on Saturday: '... you triumphantly smashed the rector. ... He will effectively rouse the Anti-Church feeling in your favour'. Nairn's deteriorating health. Is receiving deputations.

1880 (3)
1907, Feb. 28, House of Commons
Plans to come down the following day. Family news. Sam Evans and Lord Justice Vaughan Williams have referred their dispute over the Commission to the Lord Chancellor and D. Lloyd George. Wishes William George well in the election.

1881 (2)
1907, March 4, House of Commons
Has attended a very important meeting of the Cabinet. Maggie seems much better.

1882 (2)
1907, March 6, House of Commons
The deputation of railway magnates received that day: 'Very satisfactory interview. Got them at last to agree to the very thing they came to argue against!'

1883 (1)
[1907, March 9], 'Saturday morning', 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is attending a Cabinet Council following his return from Nottingham. Had a two hour interview with Vaughan Williams the previous day.
Incomplete

1884 (3)
1907, March 28, House of Commons
Has been presiding over the first conference with the colonial delegates. The Australian delegates included one very interesting Welshman named Hughes.

1885 (2)

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1907, April 6, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gadens, SW
Is to spend Sunday with Massingham. The success of the previous day's conference following his conversation with Sir William Lyne.

1886 (2)
1907, April 12, House of Commons
Had lunch that day at the Devonshire Club with J. M. Barrie and Frederick Greenwood.

1887 (2)
1907, April 15, House of Commons
Has attended a conference of colonial premiers that day. Botha was delighted to see him: 'He is a striking looking figure. Quite a leader of men - every inch of him. He sat cheek by jowl with Dr Jameson'. Sir Joseph Ward, the premier of New Zealand, paid him a compliment in his speech.

1888 (3)
1907, April 19, House of Commons
His Patents Bill - 'I can see now it is going to be just as great a success as my Merchant Shipping Bill'. Would like to discover an equally effective way of dealing with the problem of the port of London: 'That is what I am definitely pledged to for next year'. Is going to Lewes with Dick the following day.

1889 (3)
1907, April 24, House of Commons
William George will get all the news from Dick the following day; he attended the great luncheon party in Westminster Hall, sitting close to Botha and chatting with Viscountess Churchill 'who seems to have taken a great fancy to him'.

1890 (3)
1907, April 29, House of Commons
The Navigation Conference ended with a vote of thanks to him for his 'courtesy & ability'. The Imperial Conference takes place the following day, a very important event.

1891 (2)
1907, May 1, House of Commons
That day's Colonial Conference; Deaking spoke - 'a regular gasometer'. Asquith and D. Lloyd George are to speak the following day. Cannot go to the City Temple that evening.

1892 (3)
1907, May 2, House of Commons
The progress of the Colonial Conference. Asquith spoke 'in his best sledge hammer style ... aggressively negative. Perhaps too much so'. Is to speak on Monday morning; discusses the line he is likely to take.

1893 (3)

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1907, May 3, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has seen the County Council. Josard would like to be invited to contest the Boroughs to gain some standing. Is giving dinner that evening to the Cabinet representatives in the Navigation Conference.

1894 (3)
1907, May 6, House of Commons
Has been speaking and answering questions for two and a half hours - because of the questions and comments of the colonial premiers. Jameson's opinion on his performance.

1895 (1)
1907, May 6, Parliament Street
'Just finished. Dwy awr a hanner today unquestionably'.
Telegram

1896 (3)
1907, May 6, House of Commons
The opinions of the 'papers & Premiers' about his performance the previous day. Churchill has delivered 'a rasping & injudicious speech full of highsounding phrases'. Has got the first nine clauses of his Patents Bill through Committee, but the most important are yet to come.

1897 (3)
1907, May 8, House of Commons
Has attacked Deaking that day over his treatment of British shipping in Australia. 'I ran the whole conference today'.

1898 (2)
1907, May 11, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The Privy Council is now meeting. 'Having a slight row with the extremists amongst London MPs. Is to play golf that afternoon. Has won the support of Campbell-Bannerman, Asquith, Haldane and Gladstone on the London Bill.

1899 (3)
1907, May 23, House of Commons
Has returned from the Continent. Was very well received in Germany where, 'The information I acquired is of the most valuable kind for me. I am glad I went'. Believes that the Irish have made a great mistake in rejecting the Bill - 'They have taken a great risk - blindly'.

1900 (3)
1907, May 24, House of Commons
Has the tonnage bill through the second reading. Dined alone with Churchill the previous night: 'Very ambitious - very clever - very unscrupulous'. Is to spend Sunday at Berkshire at the home of a Liberal MP named Sir Charles Henry, and is presiding that evening over a dinner to Charles Hughes, the Australian Prime Minister.

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1901 (3)
1907, May 29, House of Commons
Has lunched with the Bishop of St. Asaph who was full of praise for his handling of the Colonial Conference. 'I squared both Progressives & Moderates on London Electricity. First time it has ever been accomplished. Wont last long though I fear. But it has enabled me to stave off a crisis'.

1902 (3)
1907, May 30, House of Commons
Has made good progress with the Patents Bill. Grey, Asquith and Morley have all praised his work as President of the Board of Trade. 'Doing my best to smoothe the Noncons: I am in favour of another big Bill. McKenna's is piffling - maximum of irritation, minimum of result'.

1903 (3)
1907, June 10, House of Commons
Beriah's decision; accepts William George's and Uncle Lloyd's advice generally, 'But I can quite see from your second & third alternatives that you have a hankering for a "left hander" at these yelping curs'. Proposes the publication of a letter from John Rowland. A meeting at Paddington with an English doctor previously encountered at Rapallo. The previous day he visited the graves of Benjamin Disraeli, William Penn and Edmund Burke and other sites.

1904 (2)
1907, June 11, House of Commons
Spent most of the Cabinet meeting discussing the House of Lords. Anticipates a row over the omission of Welsh disestablishment from next year's legislative programme: 'I mean to fight the Croakers. At first they will look like winning but I'll down them in the end'.

1905 (2)
1907, June 14, House of Commons
An important Cabinet meeting - 'Getting this Committee gradually into my grip - rhyngoch chdi a finnau'. Goes to Shrewsbury the next day to meet the Liberal Committee.

1906 (2)
1907, June 17, House of Commons
The deputation of Welsh MPs and the responses of Campbell-Bannerman and Asquith. Saw Elfed the previous night - 'very reasonable about the situation'.

1907 (2)
1907, June 18, House of Commons
A Cabinet meeting is in progress. Has received a letter from H. M. Hughes seeking guidance for the meetings of the Congregational Union. Dick - 'I am genuinely pleased with his pluck & determination in dropping everything to face his own real problems in life'.

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1908 (3)
1907, June 22, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has opened a railway at Hampstead. Resolved not to go to Windsor but rather to discuss disestablishment with Elfed and Machreth. Now goes home to prepare for next week's battle.

1909 (2)
1907, June 25, House of Commons
Has an impressive speech ready for the following afternoon, but much regrets the weakness of the Opposition. The reports in that day's newspapers on his speech the previous day in the City.

1910 (2)
1907, June 26, House of Commons
Has made the best speech he ever made in the House.

1911 (2)
1907, June 28, House of Commons
His performance. The Board of Trade estimates went very well; encloses a cutting from the Westminster Gazette (no. 1912).

1912 (1)
Cutting from the Westminster Gazette, 28 June 1907.

1913 (3)
1907, July 6, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Family news. Suggests a fortnight's holiday in Switzerland. The success of the previous night's meeting.

1914 (2)
1907, July 9, House of Commons
Goes to Brighton that evening. The government experienced 'a narrow shave' in the Commons that afternoon: ' ... Our Fellows are getting sick of the Irishmen & would not come down to vote - expecting majority of only 5. Majority turned out 35'.

1915 (2)
1907, July 11, House of Commons
Has been told by Campbell-Bannerman that he [D. Lloyd George] is to wind up the debate on Monday night. Had expected Asquith to do this.

1916 (3)
[1907], July [13], 'Saturday', House of Commons
Has had 'a capital time on tonnage' and expects the division to be in his favour. Is busy preparing but regrets having to speak so late.
Includes note from Margaret Lloyd George.

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1917 (3)
1907, July 16, House of Commons
Enjoyed a magnificent reception in the House the previous night: 'The House roared. Up to then it had been as flat as stale ginger beer. Poor Winston had a very heavy house & he felt it keenly as the applause of the House is the very breath of his nostrils. He is just like an actor. He likes the limelight & the approbation of the pit'. This is his third big speech this session. 'Some MPs clapped their hands in their excitement & CB patted my back'.

1918 (2)
1907, July 19, House of Commons
Is departing for Cardiff and is to stay with Sir Alfred Thomas. Is to speak at Pontypridd the following evening. William George's new offices. He would like to attend the opening banquet.

1919 (2)
1907, July 23, House of Commons
Goes to the opera that night and hopes to be accompanied by Mair and Gwilym.

1920 (2)
1907, July 24, House of Commons
The Cabinet has resolved to find room for his Patent Bill, a bill to consolidate the patent laws and his Tonnage Bill - 'We shall be here until September at this rate'.

1921 (3)
1907, July 31, House of Commons
Hugh Prichard's letter in that day's Guardian was of course written by Griffith. Is indignant over one point - that he was opposed to Tom Ellis accepting office: 'This is a lie. I never attacked him for accepting office. I may have said something about the conditions'.

1922 (2)
1907, Aug. 7, House of Commons
Has had his fill of newspapers. Has heard from Maggie that Uncle Lloyd was in great form on Sunday. The Marquis of Salisbury, 'very friendly & pleasant', came to discuss the Tonnage Bill and the Patents Bill with him that afternoon.

1923 (3)
1907, Aug. 12, House of Commons
Awaits with interest William George's letter about Dick. 'Big day tomorrow - Committees on two Bills and Patents resumed after midnight'. May be able to overcome the opposition of the Lords to the Tonnage Bill.

1924 (5)
[?1907, Aug. 13], 'Tuesday morning', Grand Committee

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Is unable to make it to Llanelly or to the Pan-Celtic Congress because he expects to be on holiday near Mont Blanc at the time: '... I want the whole of Septr. as I have a hard winter's work in front of me'.

1925 (3)
1907, Aug. 14, House of Commons
The Patents Bill has gone through the report stage and the third reading. Is unsure whether he will be able to get his Companies Bill through the Commons. Lord Robert Cecil is behaving well.

1926 (3)
1907, Aug. 15, House of Commons
Favours Cambridge for Dick - 'It gives a boy a sort of cachet which will help him in many ways through life. ... I would say Cambridge plus apprenticeship to a good firm of engineers'. The only disadvantage of Oxford and Cambridge is that they teach 'a boy inclined that way extravagent habits in dress & food'. Got his Companies Bill through Committee that day. 'Llewelyn Smith tells me that they have more bills through since I have been there than during the 15 years he has been in the office'. A wire has arrived from Belfast informing him of the partial settlement of the strike.

1927 (5)
1907, Aug. 16, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Found the previous week 'very trying & anxious' and will be glad when this session is over. Yet this week has also been extraordinarily successful, witnessing an array of 'legislative triumphs'. The Tonnage Bill got through the Lords last night - 'Shipowners backed me magnificently - Lords got frightened & ran away'. Is particularly pleased that he won against Beasley, the notorious Taff Vale director and 'a very tough customer'.

1928 (3)
1907, Aug. 20, House of Commons
Got the Limited Partnership Bill through after an all-night sitting. The Companies Bill, too, is to be carried after two hours debate the next day.

1929 (3)
1907, Aug. 23, House of Commons
The Cabinet Committee has spent three hours considering the Lords' amendments to the Small Holdings Bill. Anticipates the Patents Bill coming on in the Lords: 'I believe they do not mean to touch its vitals'. The Daily Chronicle is to publish an article on his work at the Board of Trade. There has been a deputation to the Prime Minister about the status of the Board of Trade.

1930 (2)
[1907, Aug. 24], 'Saturday', House of Lords
The progress of the Companies Bill and the Patents Bill.

1931 (3)

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[?1907, Aug. 24], Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
No longer feels any anxiety about the fate of the Patents Bill as the Lords are unlikely to touch it. Hopes to be able to reach the Sassiwn on Thursday, but not Wednesday. Suggests travelling to Switzerland on Saturday. Has succeeded in getting Josiah Thomas on to the list of magistrates at Liverpool - 'He is a good chap & I have a deep respect for his father'.

1932 (3)
1907, Aug. 26, House of Commons
Plans the trip to the Continent. Is unlikely to be able to get down because of commitments at the Board of Trade. Is it worth his attending the Sassiwn on Wednesday night and Thursday? - 'I am quite willing to do it if you think it would be a useful "stroke"'.

1933 (6)
1907, Aug. 28, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Told Rowland to arrange an interview for William George the following day with Stafford Howard. Plans for the trip to the Continent. His work at the Board of Trade has been highly praised by Campbell-Bennerman - 'It was the greatest success of the Ministry. ... I was known to be an incisive, ready & witty speaker ... everybody was talking about the successful way in which I was managing my Department. I reconciled interests which appeared quite irreconcilable & one thing which surprised them all was that when they came to see me I knew more about the matter than they did themselves &c. He had told the King all about it & the King was very much impressed & pleased'. Pressed upon Campbell-Bennerman the need to review the status of the department. Is writing all this for Uncle Lloyd to see.

1934 (1)
[1907, Sept. 23]
Envelope only

1935 (3)
1907, Oct. 12, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Had thought that William George would have been pleased - 'It was a triumph without any sort of qualification ... 'The rebellion has been crushed out of sight'. The paragraphs in that day's Guardian on the Cardiff Convention.
Includes a note from Mair.

1936 (2)
1907, Oct. 14, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
The railway dispute. Is going to Altrincham.

1937 (2)
[1907, Oct. 16], 'Wednesday', Glenfield, Altrincham, Cheshire

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The Shrewsbury accident. Is now going to the Chamber of Commerce dinner. Last night enjoyed an immense reception. Has received a letter of congratulations from Campbell-Bannerman as a result of Cardiff. Returns to London the next day.

1938 (2)
1907, Oct. 18, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
The death of the daughter of the Bishop of St. Asaph who has just left. Is fully occupied with the railway problems. Is taking the Shrewsbury accident in hand.

1939 (3)
1907, Oct. 21, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Will pay up on his return. Is totally preoccupied this day by the railway question, and has made good progress: 'Whatever happens I am coming out on top in the business. I can see my way clear right to the station. Conciliation at first but failing that steam roller. The Companies must give way. On that point I am definite'. Has given William George's points to Asquith, 'the head railway man', who will attend the following day's enquiry.

1940 (1)
1907, Oct. 22, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
'No further news of railway trouble. It will be a tough job - that is all I know'.

1941 (3)
1907, Oct. 24, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Believed that Mond would investigate the matter. Is ready for the following day and has been given a free hand by Campbell-Bannerman. Had lunch with Haldane that day who said that Liverpool businessmen were much impressed by D. Lloyd George's performance as President of the Board of Trade.

1942 (3)
1907, Oct. 25, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
His speech was very well received even by Lord Claud Hamilton and Old Stalbridge. Has proposed that six of them should meet him again and is sure that he has won their trust.

1943 (3)
1907, Oct. 29, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is absorbed by the problems of the railways and the port of London. Goes to Rhyl that night, but only for the morning meeting.

1944 (3)
1907, Oct. 31, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has spent all day with the Directors, and had to adopt threatening tactics. They returned at 5 o'clock with fresh proposals, and the relationship improved.

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1945 (3)
1907, Nov. 1, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has seen Bell and the directors that day and believes that he has settled the railway strike - 'strictly private & confidential'. Encloses a copy of the provisional agreement. All the directors 'have been extraordinarily nice to me. Have won their confidence absolutely'. Is going to Shropshire to a meeting. William George should write to Henley-on-Thames.

1946 (3)
[?1907, Nov. 2], 'Saturday', Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
The problem of Dick: is quite prepared to take action, but is very busy and preoccupied at the moment. Has summoned the directors of the railway companies to meet him at the Board of Trade - 'There shall be no strike'. Is now 'taking strong action in the Shrewsbury business'.
Includes note from Margaret Lloyd-George.

1947 (3)
1907, Nov. 4, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Campbell-Bannerman is delighted with the terms of the settlement of the railway dispute. Discusses prospects for a final settlement.

1948 (2)
1907, Nov. 7, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
The universal delight at the settlement of the railway dispute. Has received a letter of congratulation from the King.

1949 (3)
[1907, Nov. 9], 'Dydd Sadwrn', Hanger Hill Golf Club, Ealing
Is playing golf with Clarke, his secretary. Has received letters from G[ ] P[ ] and the Archbishop of Canterbury and a cable from the Prime Minister of New Zealand. Will say his thanksgiving at Castle Street the following day. Has been praised even in the 'priggish' Spectator!

1950 (2)
1907, Nov. 11, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Goes down the next day on the 11 o'clock train from Euston. Letters received from Llew Glas and Greaves.

1951 (2)
1907, Nov. 12, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is in Cabinet at the moment and goes to Windsor that evening. William George should see the leading article in Wednesday's Times.

1952 (2)
1907, Nov. 15, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW

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Is going to a Cabinet Committee on licensing. Would like to receive a good photograph of Uncle Lloyd - 'Uncle Lloyd is booming just now. All the papers allude to him. He has been "discovered" at last. He is the biggest man in the whole show.

1953 (2)
1907, Nov. 16, Eversfield, 3 Routh Road, Wandsworth Common, SW
Is preparing his Glasgow speech that morning. 'Mean to go straight for Balfour'. Olwen is going that evening to a lecture by John Williams, Brynsiencyn.
Includes a note by Margaret Lloyd George.

1954 (2)
1907, Nov. 16, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
That morning's letter (no. 1953) may not have been posted. Is now going to Charing Cross Road to preside over a lecture given by John Williams, Brynsiencyn, on John Elias. Portmadoc was 'another in the eye for Beriah & his fellow conspirators'.

1955 (3)
1907, Nov. 19, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
William George is to tell Uncle Lloyd that he [D. Lloyd George] is sending on his rhagdraeth without making any changes. Goes to Glasgow the following day and may have to stop at Manchester on the return journey in order to attempt to settle a dangerous dispute in the cotton trade.

1956 (1)
1907, Nov. 20, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Leaves for Glasgow on the 2 pm train. Has a good speech ready.

1957 (3)
1907, Nov. 21, North British Station Hotel, Glasgow
Has just disposed of the Suffragists, 'but they were not the wild ones so my interview with them was quite satisfactory'. Declined an invitation from the Lord Provost to attend a meeting of the Corporation that afternoon. There is a leading article in the Glasgow Herald discussing his prospects of becoming leader of the Liberal Party.

1958 (3)
1907, Nov. 22, 'Friday', Midland Hotel, Manchester
The dire dispute in the cotton industry. There is a meeting the following day. Glasgow was 'an immense triumph'.

1959 (2)
1907, Nov. 23, 4 p.m., Midland Hotel, Manchester
No agreement has been reached; there is great obstinacy on both sides. The leader of the workers Tom Ashton is 'a most remarkable old boy - the head of a Bismark - the face of a prize fighter - the mouth of an executioner'. Have been negotiating since 10 o'clock.

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1960 (2)
[1907, Nov. 23], 'Saturday, 7.10 p.m.', Midland Hotel, Manchester
Has secured a truce and has arranged a further meeting for the following week. It was a 'frightfully tough job', but he has won the respect and thanks of both sides.

1961 (1)
1907, Nov. 26, Wandsworth Common
'Lost post. Eyelid healing beautifully'.
Telegram

1962 (1)
1907, Nov. 29, Parliament Street
'... Mair getting on alright. Just taken some nourishment'.
Telegram

1963 (3)
1907, Dec. 5, 99 Ashley Gardens, Westminster SW
The strike in the cotton industry has been settled, and his intervention is regarded as decisive. The family is now in the most comfortable flat. Dick has not wired. Has received a 'calm restrained' letter from Sir Edward Grey.

1964 (3)
1907, Dec. 6, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has had a very busy day which has prevented him from brooding. Still feels profound hiraeth after Mair's death. May play golf the following day. Family news.

1965 (3)
[1907, Dec. 7], 99 Ashley Gardens, Westminster, SW
Has received an invitation to stay with Kearley at Cannes. Encloses a letter sent him by Francis Williams [?] of Glasgow. Gibson's 'sensible' article in the previous day's Cambrian News: '... one needs to be reminded of the millions who have to suffer amongst the humble and lowly without the help of the atmosphere of sympathy & affection which surrounds us on all hands'. Are off to Walton Heath.

1966 (5)
1907, Dec. 10, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has had lunch with Dick and a Cambridge friend at the National Liberal Club. 'There was a young Welshman called Ernest Evans - a bright & sensible chap who looks as if something might come of him'. John Morley is much distressed by the imprisonment of his stepson. The succession to Campbell-Bannerman: 'They are all preparing to scramble for it'. Maggie is househunting. Caer's illness. Clifford's letter of sympathy. Is to dine with Massingham that evening. Is undecided when to go on holiday - 'I dread it'.

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1967 (3)
1907, Dec. 12, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is to see Asquith about the status of the Board of Trade. Campbell-Bannerman's health.
6 p.m. - The interview with Asquith who has agreed to write to the Prime Minister.

1968 (3)
[1907, Dec. 13], 'Friday', Walton Health Golf Club, Walton-on-the Hill, Epsom
Is playing golf with Sir Joseph Lawrence and Elmolie Carr of the Western Mail. Goes to Parkwood the next day.

1969 (2)
[1907, Dec. 14], 'Saturday', 99 Ashley Gardens, Westminster SW
Are all departing for Parkwood by closed motor.

1970 (6)
[1907, Dec. 15], 'Sunday evening', Parkwood, Henley-on-Thames
The weather. Has been visited by Kearley and the Dowager Lady Nunburnholme who has made an offer of her villa at Nice: 'That sounds better than a noisy hotel in my present state. M[aggie] would rather go to Criccieth otherwise she might very well come. But as she puts it she likes quiet & hates meeting people. On the other hand solitude or even quietness would kill me'. Gwilym and Dick are to accompany him. A letter received from the Bishop of St. Asaph.

1971 (3)
1907, Dec. 17, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Received two deputations on the Port of London that afternoon. Plans for the trip to the Continent. 'I wonder whether I can stand three weeks doing nothing with time for thinking, thinking'. May return to Cricieth sooner than planned.

1972 (2)
1907, Dec. 18, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has received three deputations that day and had lunch with a judge of the Australian Supreme Court. Caer's deteriorating health; poor Betty.

1973 (3)
1907, Dec. 19, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Legal matters. Maggie has 'fixed' on a very nice property in Chelsea and so will remain in London until Saturday. Departs for the Continent the following day.

1974 (3)
[1907, Dec. 23], 'Monday evening', Lyons
The weather and the journey. Has 'passed through much anguish of mind' during the journey. Includes a note from Gwilym.

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1975 (2)
1907, Dec. 27, La Pastorelle, St Helene, Nice
Describes the holiday. Herbert Lewis is arriving that night.

1976 (2)
1907, Dec. 30, La Pastorelle, St. Helene, Nice
Is leaving for St. Remo.
Includes a note from Gwilym.

1977 (3)
1908, Jan. 2, La Pastorelle, St. Helene, Nice
Hopes that William George had a successful meeting the previous evening. Would like to purchase a piece of land to build a bungalow. Is to play golf with Herbert Lewis. Is anxious to return to work.

1978 (1)
[1908, Jan. 4], 'Nos Sadwrn'
Describes the view and the golf. Is going to see Lord Rendel the next day.

1979 (7)
[1908, Jan. 5], 'Sunday', La Pastorelle, St. Helene, Nice
Is going to visit Lord Rendel. Is anxious to receive family news. Describes his health and state of mind: 'If I got my mind on to something else even for a short while I feel as if I had been guilty of treason to my little darling to have forgotten her or let her out of sight for an instant'. Reflects on Mair's illness and death. 'I wish I felt certain that I hadn't neglected my duty to my little girl in her last struggle'.

1980 (3)
1908, Jan. 8, Winter Palace, Cimiez-Nice
Has come over to order photographs for the South Wales Daily News which is to issue a special supplement when he receives the freedom of Cardiff. Has received no letters. May stay on for another ten days 'unless Bd of Trade want me. They need me for they have made a jolly mess in my absence of the Lancashire cotton trouble'.

1981 (2)
1908, Jan. 7, Winter Palace, Cimiez-Nice
Is playing golf. Plans to stay on for a few days as he anticipates a heavy work load on his return.

1982 (2)
1908, Jan. 7, Winter Palace, Cimiez-Nice
Plans to stay until Sunday. Megan.

1983 (4)

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[1908, Jan. 8], 'Wednesday', Winter Palace, Cimiez-Nice
Have motored over the mountains to Monte Carlo that day: 'one of the finest runs in the world'. 'Did not visit the tables. Masterman tried to but he had no card & he looked so shabby they would not let him in. He is furious'.

1984 (3)
[1908, Jan. 10], 'Friday', Winter Palace, Cimiez-Nice
Discusses a legal matter. Is to return on Sunday. Is grateful for Uncle Lloyd's very interesting lette r.

1985 (2)
1908, Jan. 11, Winter Palace, Cimiez-Nice
Has written to Maggie at Routh Road. Would like to receive full details of William George's Manchester meeting. Is leaving on Tuesday and hoped to reach London on Wednesday night.

1986 (3)
1908, Jan. 13, Winter Palace, Zimiez-Nice
Has been playing golf with Crossfield at Cannes and has had a long chat with Lord Rendel who referred to D. Lloyd George as 'the success of the Ministry'. Rendel advised him not to press for a higher salary - 'You have a great political future in front of you. Your position is largely due to the belief of the people in your sincere interest in their welfare & in your being above all pecuniary considerations. ... You are bound to be advanced in the course of the next 2 or 3 years & your permanent advancement will be much more assured than if you impaired your influence now by pressing your claim for pecuniary advancement'. Tends to agree, and would welcome the opinion of William George and Uncle Lloyd. Has received 'an excellent letter' from Churchill, 'most kind and sympathetic'.

1987 (3)
1908, Jan. 17, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Thanks for birthday greetings. There was a meeting on licensing that day. 'I am anxious to settle down. This unsettled life is depressing'. Are staying at 1 Rochester Gate, but this is unsuitable.

1988 (3)
1908, Jan. 18, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Are off to Parkwood to the Henry's country house. Wishes that the dispute in the cotton industry could be settled without his intervention: 'I cannot risk the possibility of a failure & I can see there is a lot of temper - in fact the whole business is temper. Besides it would interfere with my Cardiff performances next week & my Port of London scheme'. Enquires after Megan.

1989 (3)
1908, Jan. 20, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has been talking to Winston Churchill for two hours - 'He was very delighted to see me & extremely nice & friendly. I have always liked him & got on well with him'. William George's success on Saturday. Family news.

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Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd-George.

1990 (2)
1908, Jan. 21, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has been very busy with the Port of London and the Cabinet. 'Swung the Cabinet today on a very important point. Fowler said that he referred to me in his speech last night to his constituents & that the reference brought down the House'. Has met the Bishop of St. Asaph.

1991 (3)
1908, Jan. 27, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has received two deputations. 'Send Insurance off. It will come in useful now as I shall have to pay a good deal over my new house'. Hopes that William George has received the South Wales papers. The Bishop of St. Asaph has told him that William George 'delivered them a very severe blow over religious education'.

1992 (2)
1908, Jan. 28, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Had 'a most interesting luncheon' with Churchill. Looks forward to seeing the children that night. Campbell-Bannerman in Cabinet that day - 'better but not looking well'. 'Very significant - meeting Welsh MPs at Devonshire Club. I arrived late - they all rose when I came in!'

1993 (3)
1908, Jan. 29, House of Commons
The Commons have reassembled, and he was received warmly. Family news. The appointment of Samuel T. Evans - 'He is a much improved man in every respect since his marriage. Much pleasanter & more friendly & he refused to join the Ellis Griffith intrigue against me. So I worked for him'.

1994 (2)
1908, Jan. 30, House of Commons
Things are 'exceptionally dull', and there is to be no fiscal debate. Is anxious for a friendly discussion when the status of the Board of Trade comes up for debate. Goes to Folkestone over Sunday. The new home is not in order and the carpets have not yet arrived.

1995 (2)
1908, Feb. 1, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is departing for Brighton.

1996 (3)
1908, Feb. 4, House of Commons
Has been perusing his Port of London Bill as shaped by the preliminary draftsmen: '... a very big undertaking & will take a lot of putting through'. Has taken Olwen and Megan to see the phrenologist.

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1997 (3)
1908, Feb. 5, House of Commons
There was a fright over naval estimates in that day's Cabinet. Has been made Chairman of the Cabinet Committee set up to consider military expenditure. Campbell-Bannerman is very pleased. Now has to tackle the Admirals and is to meet Sir John Fisher that night.

1998 (3)
1908, Feb. 7, House of Commons
Was very busy the previous day with the admirals and the generals. The interview with the admirals - ' ... they are a stubborn & defiant crew & I am rather afraid we have tackled them too late to do any good this year'.

1999 (6)
1908, Feb. 8, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has returned for a Cabinet Committee on licensing at 5p.m. Has been playing golf all day at Hanger Hill with Sir Frank Edwards. Dick has not turned up to spend Sunday as expected, and Maggie is very disappointed: 'It is essential selfishness'. Is to dine with Lord Courtney that evening.
Includes a note from Megan.

2000 (2)
1908, Feb. 10, House of Commons
The insurance money has been received and handed over to Maggie to spend on furniture and to keep the balance as a nest egg. Is going to Cabinet.

2001 (1)
1908, Feb. 11, House of Commons
Is busy preparing for that evening's debate.

2002 (3)
1908, Feb. 12, House of Commons
Was very successful in the House the previous night and made a deep impression. 'M. & Llwydyn were there & my dear little Mair came to me last night in my sleep to tell me how pleased she was with my success'. The Chamber of Commerce dinner at Birmingham the previous night; D. Lloyd George was praised by Jesse Collings in the chair. 'Birmingham Post alludes to it in the leader & said that in Birmingham amongst the commercial classes I am hailed as one of the best Presidents the B[oar]d of Trade ever had - & yet it is but 5 years ago they hounded the mob on to stone me to death!'

2003 (6)
1908, Feb. 13, House of Commons
Has had lunch and an interesting chat with Sir Edward Grey who is in favour of D. Lloyd George's railway policy. This policy has been very well received. 'Winston [Churchill] is in a great state of excitement over my policy'. Family news. The Whips have informed him that the news from the

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Leeds election is not good. Reflects on Naylor's death - 'His humiliating defeat broke him poor chap. His vanity had elevated him to such a pinacle [sic] that the fall crushed him. Frankly, I felt a thrill of pity when I read the news of his end - in two lines in the Guardian. Why, his tea parties had a column'. His "cigar" speech & his speech after the Election taunting me with my £2,000 a year betrayed a vulgar & essentially mean mind - but he was a better sort than many of his patrons'.

2004 (3)
1908, Feb. 15, Reform Club, Pall Mall, SW
Went to the South Kensington Museum with Frank Edwards because the threat of rain prevented them from playing golf. Are expecting Dick that afternoon. Campbell-Bannerman's health. The speeches in the Chamber of Shipping meetings the previous day.

2005 (2)
1908, Feb. 15, House of Commons
Aberffraw. Believes that there are two or three clergymen, active Liberals, who ought to be given the chance.

2006 (1)
1908, Feb. 16, House of Commons
Is very busy. The session is starting well.

2007 (1)
1908, Feb. 17, House of Commons
Dick and Gwilym have visited the phrenologist.

2008 (2)
1908, Feb. 18, House of Commons
The rain has brought millions of influenza germs to London. Was meant to dine with Bonar Law that evening, but he has a cold. Campbell-Bannerman is still unwell.

2009 (2)
[1908, Feb. 19], House of Commons
Is very busy. Sir Benjamin Brown, the chairman of the manufacturers, came to see him that day, and the next day Sir Andrew Noble, the chairman of the Great Elswick Works, is to come to discuss the northern dispute: 'He is 76 years of age & as fit & as pugnacious as Uncle Lloyd'.

2010 (2)
1908, Feb. 19, House of Commons
The Prime Minister's condition. 'Been to Cabinet - fought out claim of Wales to separate treatment on Licensing Bill - Carried it! Count that in to run for righteousness'.

2011 (3)
1908, Feb. 20, House of Commons

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Has spent all day interviewing the masters and men in the north eastern strike, and has made good progress. Sir Andrew Noble and the Japanese navy. There are to be further discussions that night.

2012 (2)
1908, Feb. 21, Board of Trade, Whiehall Gardens, SW
Is waiting for news to come from the north. Churchill is there.

2013 (5)
1908, Feb. 22, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
'I am seething with strikes & lockouts'. The prospect of a settlement in the engineers' dispute is encouraging. The shipwrights' strike has been taken out of his hands by 'some meddlers in the north'. Megan.

2014 (3)
1908, Feb. 24, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Mary's bronchial attack. Would very much like to be re-elected to the County Council Aldermanship. Noble travelled up the previous night. It seems that an agreement of the dispute is in sight.

2015 (3)
1908, Feb. 25, House of Commons
Knows nothing of the progress of the new Education Bill. A picture of Megan in the papers. The Railway Conference went well that day.

2016 (2)
1908, Feb. 26, House of Commons
The shipwrights' dispute is depriving him of time to prepare for the meeting on Friday.

2017 (3)
1908, Feb. 29, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
The Beriah incident - 'Perhaps he is beginning to realise that a vendetta against the "Georges" won't bring him anything but humiliation & defeat'. Last night's meeting was 'a great personal triumph' - 'The interruptions roused my pugnacious instincts & I delivered the finest speech I have given for many a day'. 'What fools these suffragists are to persecute their friends'. The family has been for a motor run through Richmond Park.

2018 (3)
[1908, March], 'Sunday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Took a walk with Harold Spender across St. James' Park to the Club that morning. The children are taking a motor ride in Wynford Philipps's car. Is to have lunch with C. P. Scott. Campbell-Bannerman's condition is 'about the same'. 'Very unpleasant situation. We have no leader. Peckham is going wrong. We shall have a very bad licking there. So unless we make a real effort soon we may go under. But the game is never lost until it is won & the Tories are not in yet & we

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have 3 years in which to pull ourselves together'. In the Observer that day H. W. Lucy writes that 'there is complete unanimity as to whom should be Chancellor of the Exchequer'.

2019 (2)
1908, March 3, House of Commons
The plight of the engineers - 'The result will be a great strike in which the men will be smashed after much suffering'. Is to have an interview with the men's local leaders the next day.

2020 (1)
1908, March 4, House of Commons
His time is completely absorbed by the engineers and preparing for that night's speech: 'Free trade debate. I am in charge'.

2021 (2)
1908, March 5, Southport
Is leaving for the meeting of the Free Church Council. Was greeted warmly by a large crowd at the station. Last night's speech was a great success although he spoke for only twelve minutes - 'I got Balfour right under the fifth rib. Our people delighted'. Returns the next day.

2022 (2)
1908, March 7, House of Commons
Magnificent meetings. 'Suffragettes rather helped than hindered'. Goes to play golf in the country the following day.

2023 (5)
1908, March 9, House of Commons
Has been reading the criticisms of the Vicar of Conway - 'You will have no difficulty in making hay of home'. C. P. Scott came all the way from Manchester to consult him the previous day - 'Wanted to run me against Asquith for Premiership! Declined. It would only do harm now. Is sending the Education and the Licensing Bills. Had received a letter from Sir Edward Russell praising his Southport speeches. Enclosed statement received that day from Mrs Mullard (no. 2023a) and would like William George to wire him information which would assist: needs to discover the address of the relatives to prevent Jones's burial as a pauper.

2024 (3)
1908, March 10, House of Commons
Needs the photographs for the Strand Magazine. 'Cyfrinachol iawn - Asquith sent for me, said he wanted to talk over the political situation - CB he said was very bad - there must be a change soon - King had told him he would be sent for to form a Govt - he meant to hold the Exchequer this Session as he had already formulated the Budget & a new man could not step into another man's plans - afterwards he offered it to me. Chancellor of the Exchequer frawd. Cadw fo i ti dy hun a'r teulu. I talked to him freely about reconstruction of the Cabinet'.

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2025 (2)
1908, March 11, House of Commons
Has arranged to bury poor Jones at Finchley for £12-12-0 and would like William George to share the expense. Has prepared nothing yet for Carnarvon. Hopes to be able to spend the weekend at Criccieth and is to spend the following night at the Westminster Hotel, Rhyl.

2026 (3)
1908, March 14, House of Commons
What does William George think of the enclosed bill from the Lord Chancellor? Met the Bishop at Chester; he was very taken with Megan. Campbell-Bannerman's health.

2027 (2)
1908, March 17, House of Commons
A very busy day. Campbell-Bannerman - the situation is almost hopeless. Has been discussing with Asquith the reconstruction of the ministry. Harcourt is to succeed D. Lloyd George as President of the Board of Trade.

2028 (1)
1908, March 18, House of Commons
The Directors of the London Docks are here bargaining to sell the docks. Campbell-Bannerman has improved.

2029 (2)
1908, March 19, House of Commons
Campbell-Bannerman improved - 'What a tenacious old boy he is. ... He is a fine old chap'. He is displaying his fine qualities in his illness.

2030 (2)
1908, March 19, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
William George's photograph in the Daily Mirror on Monday. Campbell-Bannerman's condition is unchanged. Is to have lunch with C. P. Scott on Sunday. Dick's account of his performance the previous day.

2031 (2)
1908, March 21, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Encloses that day's Spectator with an article on D. Lloyd George. No change in the Prime Minister. Goes to the Commercial Travellers' meeting.

2032 (2)
1908, March 23, House of Commons
Has exhausted himself with work that day - has bought the London and India Docks for £17,000,000, and is still negotiating with the other two docks. There is no change in Campbell-Bannerman's condition. Is to speak in the Commons the following evening.

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2033 (1)
1908, March [?24], House of Commons
Is very busy. May have to speak that evening.

2034 (2)
1908, March 25, House of Commons
Is going home to prepare for a great demonstration on the Licensing Bill at the Queens Hall. Campbell-Bannerman is deteriorating.

2035 (3)
1908, March 26, House of Commons
Campbell-Bannerman is sinking and has arranged his own funeral. The success of the meeting at the Queen's Hall 'in spite of a gang of rowdies who got in & 2 or 3 suffragettes. Made one of my very best speeches. I was in ripping form'. Is now negotiating on the two outstanding docks.

2036 (3)
1908, March 27, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
The Prime Minister; Morley saw him that morning. Their conversation. The Liberals are very pleased with D. Lloyd George's speech the previous day. Had meant to put in a word for John Hugh that evening, but is forced to go home to nurse his cold.

2037 (1)
[1908, March 28], 'Saturday', Cheyne Place
The effect of his speech at the Queens Hall. The Asaph Bill is going well; 'I want education out of the way to fight the publicans'. His cold is better, and is going out for a walk with Spender. No change in the condition of the Prime Minister.

2038 (3)
[1908, March 29], 'Sunday morning', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has walked across the park. Campbell-Bannerman is weaker. Would much like to introduce his Port of London Bill. Has bought the Millwall Docks; now only Surrey Commercial remains. The Bishop of St. Asaph, Mary Davies (the singer) and Elfed are coming to tea.

2039 (2)
1908, March 30, House of Commons
Is to lunch with Charles A. Jones. There is a great debate in the Lords on Asaph's bill: 'It has split the Church party in twain. The High Church party are furious'. Campbell-Bannerman is much the same.

2040 (3)
1908, March 31, House of Commons
Deputations and conferences all day. The previous day's Irish debate; Healy's attack on Asquith was quite unexpected. Has had a long talk with Morley who believes that Campbell-Bannerman ought to

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resign. The Prime Minister, however, has no intention of resigning; his condition is much the same: 'It is hard on the party & he ought to send in his resignation'.

2041 (3)
1908, April 1, House of Commons
Had lunch with Rosebery that day - 'He was exceedingly pleasant to me. ... He is somewhat unsound & on all [topics] unreliable'. Campbell-Bannerman's condition. Great preparations are in hand for receiving D. Lloyd George in Paris.
Incomplete

2042 (3)
1908, April 1, House of Commons
His Port of London Bill was a great success. Has finally agreed terms with the directors of the last dock. Is very pleased that the matter has been settled before he leaves the Board of Trade. Campbell-Bannerman's condition has deteriorated. Has received today a nice letter from Lord Rendel who wishes him to assume the leadership of the Licensing fight in the country.

2043 (3)
1908, April 3, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
The Port of London has turned out to be 'a crowning mercy'. There is much enthusiasm in the press. The comments in the Globe, 'a wild Tory paper'. The article by 'Calchus' in the Fortnightly Review. Campbell-Bannerman's condition. Has discussed with Asquith the appointment of the Financial Secretary to the Treasury; John Burns presents 'a real difficulty'. Ellis Jones Ellis-Griffith 'walked with me all the way home to Cheyne Place last night through the rain without an umbrella to beg me to help him to get an undersecretaryship! I felt a real compassion for him that he should be driven to do this. I told him the real difficulty - that he had never made the best of his abilities - & that ST's elevation made it all the more difficult'.

2044 (2)
1908, April 6, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Campbell-Bannerman has resigned and Asquith is to see the King. Is unsure who will succeed him as President of the Board of Trade - Churchill, Burns or Harcourt. There may be an immediate change.

2045 (3)
1908, [April] 7, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is still busy clearing up at the Board of Trade. Has resolved not to go to Paris as he wants to be on hand when the real task of forming the ministry begins on Saturday. Churchill is to succeed him at the Board of Trade.

2046 (2)
1908, April 3, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is to play golf that afternoon. Does not expect any further news until Asquith returns on Friday.

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2047 (2)
1908, April 9, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Has been laying a foundation stone and making a speech. Cannot write any more as the Bishop of St. Asaph has arrived.

2048 (3)
1908, April 11, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
'I am Chancellor of the Exchequer & consequently second-in-command in the Liberal host'. Received the letter the previous night. Has a further meeting with Asquith that afternoon. Asquith will still introduce the Budget as it is too late to change anything: 'I am so glad because otherwise I might have been overwhelmed with work & worry over the Easter Recess'. The list of the Ministry is to be announced on Monday morning. 'The world says it is a much more dazzling promotion than Asquith's'. Feels an acute sadness that Mair did not live to see this promotion.

2049 (3)
1908, April 13, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Is overwhelmed with congratulations, even from the Tory papers. Goes to the Treasury the following day and is to become Chancellor on Thursday. 'Judging from my telegrams Wales has just gone mad over my appointment'. The Privy Council is to meet at 5 p.m. on Thursday, and so cannot come down until Saturday. Would like to go fishing on Easter Monday.

2050 (3)
1908, April 14, Chancellor of the Exchequer
Has put in his first appearance as the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Deputy Leader of the House. Herbert Gladstone has agreed to move out of the house in Downing Street to allow him access. Is to dine with the Directors of the Bank of England and Asquith the next day. The reference to Uncle Lloyd in the Pall Mall Gazette the previous day.

2051 (3)
1908, April 15, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street, London EC
Has been down with Maggie to see Phil's ship. Hopes to come down for the weekend.

2052 (2)
1908, April 16, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Maggie and he have been to inspect their official residence - 'You could hold a public meeting in the Drawing Room'. Hopes to see William George about noon the following day.

2053 (3)
1908, April 27, House of Commons
The House was adjourned for Campbell-Bannerman's funeral. Is going home to reflect on the Licensing Bill arguments. 'Winston very cut up poor chap. Looks worried & haggard. He insists that the Irish did the deed. He is very bitter about Redmond'. The journey to St Asaph. The result of the Kincardineshire by-election is 'first rate'.

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2054 (3)
1908, April 28, House of Commons
The debate on the Licensing Bill has begun; is to speak on Monday. Asquith beckoned to D. Lloyd George to sit at his side on the Front Bench that day. Answered his first questions as Chancellor. 'Winston has made a bad choice in going to Dundee. If every English Liberal statesman, the moment his own countrymen scowl at him, ran away to the bosom of the Celt to be coddled, England will think Liberalism a purely Celtic party'.

2055 (2)
1908, April [29], House of Commons
Folk from Criccieth have had tea in his room. The confusion over the Water Bill; is attempting to remedy the problems.

2056 (3)
1908, April 30, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The death of Owen Hughes has caused him much distress: 'Although angular & obstinate he was loyal & true - such qualities will be missed'. Has suggested to Corrie Grant a month's adjournement of the Water Bill. Relates a story about Megan. Had lunch with the Asquiths that day.

2057 (2)
1908, May 4, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Spoke for an hour and a quarter in the House, his speech a great success. Maggie and Olwen were both present and were much delighted.

2058 (2)
1908, May 5, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
His previous day's speech has been well received by the Liberals. Megan visited him at the Treasury for the first time that day. Success in Manchester.

2059 (3)
1908, May 6, House of Commons
The Budget is over; Asquith, who spoke for over two hours, gave an impressive performance: 'Old Age Pensions at 70. 5/- a week & half the sugar tax off'. The satisfaction in the Liberal ranks now leaves D. Lloyd George free 'to initiate his own schemes'. 'It was time we did something that appealed straight to the people. It will I think help to stop the electoral rot & that is most unnecessary. If it went on it might react in the House & bring us down prematurely'. Spoke to Lords Knollys and Esher at Sir John Fisher's dinner last night. A telephone call from Wynford Philipps to Megan.

2060 (2)
1908, May 8, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW

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Took Gwilym and Megan to the National Gallery that afternoon and met Canon and Mrs Lloyd Jones there. Is to dine that evening with the French ambassador.

2061 (3)
1908, May [11], House of Commons
Is receiving sugar deputations. Asquith has given him responsibiliy for the Old Age Pensions Bill. Spent Sunday with R. O. Davies. 'Dundee excellent. I am told we will win Stirling & probably Forfar & that we have quite a good chance of pulling off Newport. If we do the Govt. are set up'.

2062 (3)
1908, May 12, House of Commons
Had dinner at Churchill's house last night to meet Sir Grey Fleetwood Wilson, one of the chief men at the War Office. Plans to cut down expenditure on the army - 'I am not going to increase taxation to pay Old Age Pensions until I have exhausted all means of reducing expenditure. I have told the PM he must help me - he promises to do so'. Photographs of Megan.

2063 (2)
1908, May 13, House of Commons
Sugar deputations. Has lunched with the governors of the Bank of England to whom he was introduced by Asquith.

2064 (3)
[1908, May 16], 'Saturday', 5 Cheyne Place
The memorandum on the Criccieth waterworks. Goes to Ashtead to spend the day with Llewelyn Smith. 'Met Frederic Harrison at dinner the previous night. Very interesting & quite shrewd in his comments on affairs. He thinks the salvation of the party lies in finance. So do I. I have great schemes fermenting in my brain'.

2065 (2)
1908, May 18, House of Commons
The debate on the Education Bill has begun; McKenna, who opened the debate 'waved the white flag too ostentatiously'. Perks is now speaking 'rather maladroitly. Has had a long chat with Corrie Grant who wishes to throw out the Water Bill: '... I told him what a landlord ridden place C[ricieth] was'.

2066 (3)
1908, May 19, House of Commons
The debate on the Education Bill going well. 'You remember how I told you in Switzerland that I had warned the Cabinet against the scheme. Told them it would conciliate no one whilst alienating many of our best friends'. C. P. Scott has lost his son.

2067 (2)
1908, May 20, House of Commons

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Has been awarded the honorary degree of DCL by the University of Oxford and is to be invested on 24 June: 'Quite unprecedented for so young a Minister. They gave it to Gladstone & Disraeli & CB when they were Premiers'.

2068 (3)
1908, May 28, House of Commons
Spent the afternoon settling the details of the Old Age Pensions Scheme and found that the calculations used by Asquith and the Cabinet Committee were 'all wrong'. The Opposition has clearly missed this point in debate. The last preliminary stage is to be debated that night, and so has had to give up dining with the French President at the French Embassy. Spent last night in the bedroom once occupied by Gladstone, Disraeli, Harcourt and others.

2069 (3)
1908, May 29, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has received deputations from Ireland and elsewhere. ER is here about Pwllheli - 'He is still very cut up about his little girl'.

2070 (3)
1908, June 2, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Last night was a success - 'Got Balfour' who 'looked very miserable'. Bonar Law has just made 'a noisy speech': 'Refused absolutely to answer my question about wheat. He put his foot in it by demanding production of a secret document which is going to floor them. I lured him into it'.

2071 (3)
1908, June 3, House of Commons
Encloses his Old Age Pensions Bill. Would like William George to come as his guest to Dieppe for a few days - 'Come along. I cannot face Criccieth now. My last visit was almost too much for me & I haven't got over it yet'.

2072 (3)
1908, June 4, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Plans his journey via Folkestone. Found Edward VII 'most gracious' last night; the only other politicians present were Asquith, Balfour, Churchill, Morley and D. Lloyd George. 'There was the inevitable Mrs Keppel with whom I had a long talk on politics'; she said, 'You'll do it, you are very clever. Oh yes, we all know you are very clever'.

2073 (3)
1908, June 9, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has been working on the Old Age Pensions Bill. Has discussed the Penrhyn case with Haldane before breakfast that morning, but he is not at all optimistic. Has had his 'elaborate opinion' printed confidentially. May be unable to reach Caernarvon on Thursday as he is totally absorbed by the pension scheme.

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2074 (3)
1908, June 11, House of Commons
Could not make it to Caernarvon as he had to arrange the procedure rules for the Old Age Pensions. Olwen goes to her new school at Brighton that day; he will feel her departure keenly. Relates a story about Megan.

2075 (3)
1908, June 15, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has spoken for ninety minutes on Old Age Pensions. His speech was well received. Olwen's letter from her new school.

2076 (2)
1908, June 16, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The problem over Old Age Pensions has been largely solved. Will be in sole charge of the House the following day.

2077 (2)
1908, June 17, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has spoken to propose the 'guillotine resolution' to the House. His speech has been much praised by Balfour.

2078 (2)
1908, June 18, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Led the House the previous day and did so most successfully: 'It is my first full day in charge of the House'. Goes to see the British fleet with Gwilym the next day.

2079 (2)
1908, June 22, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is preoccupied with Old Age Pensions and other Treasury matters. Returned from Oxford with Maggie the previous day. Met Goscombe John for the first time the previous day and liked him.

2080 (3)
1908, June 25, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Had very successful days in the Commons and at Oxford. 'My capture of the party yesterday over Married Couples was quite the best thing I have ever done in the House'. In all the married couples cost no more than £334,000, '& I have rallied all the party with that concession to resist further pecuniary demands'.

2081 (3)
1908, June 26, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Had lunch with Churchill that day to meet the Khedive: 'Very genial & highly intelligent' - he knew Williams of Fishguard. There is to be an official dinner that evening, to be attended by the Bishop of St. Asaph and Herbert Morgan.

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2082 (2)
1908, June 30, House of Commons
Achieved enormous success in the battle over Old Age Pensions the previous day. Balfour was very kind in his allusions to D. Lloyd George.

2083 (2)
1908, July 1, House of Commons
The previous day he 'got the opposition into a hopeless tangle & then escaped from one of the most troublesome & dangerous amendments yet moved'. It really was 'a fine time'.

2084 (3)
1908, July 2, House of Commons
Has received glowing reports from Maggie and John Rowland of William George's speech at Bridgend. Has played golf for several hours and has just completed a two hour conference on the report stage of the Old Age Pensions - 'Up to the present my conduct of the Bill has been a very distinct triumph & that is the general impression'. Is to spend the week end at Carrow Abbey, Norwich.

2085 (3)
1908, July 6, House of Commons
The restful weekend will stand him in good stead for the late night on Old Age Pensions that evening. Encloses the 'remarkable article' from that night's Globe. Megan at Norwich - 'Became very chummy with Rider Haggard who was there. He is a cheery soul'.

2086 (2)
1908, July 13, House of Commons
Has received several deputations on Budget matters.

2087 (3)
1908, July 14, House of Commons
Is putting through his Budget Bill. Anticipates a late sitting of the House. Maggie is at Folkestone opening a new Baptist chapel. Megan's toothache.

2088 (3)
1908, July 16, House of Commons
Has just visited the Claybury Lunatic Asylum - 'a most distressing & depressing spectacle'. Has his second great bill through now. Megan's toothache.

2089 (3)
1908, July 17, House of Commons
The result of the Pembrokeshire by-election has 'quite choked' Asquith. D. Lloyd George said to him, 'Now you must give them Disestablishment', and he replied, 'Yes, they deserve it'. The result has

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exhilarated & heartened the Liberals here & to a corresponding degree depressed the Tories'. Is to spend Sunday with Churchill at Blenheim Palace. Met Count Metternich, the German ambassador, over lunch at Sir Edward Grey's house on Wednesday. Grey has assured him that Metternich will report his every word to the Kaiser. J. P. Prichard has just left.

2090 (3)
1908, July 20, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The Old Age Pensions Bill is in the Lords, the Licensing Bill is in the Commons and is receiving numerous deputations. 'Sent a deputation of Irish landlords away with a buzz in their ears'. Expects the OAP bill to go through. Enjoyed Blenheim. Searched for a nonconformist meeting at Woodstock and found a prayer meeting in a field - 'Know how difficult it must be for Nonconformity to exist under the shadow of this great palace'.

2091 (3)
1908, July 21, House of Commons
Has received several deputations including a body of Welsh MPs appealing on behalf of the Welsh colleges. 'The Peers ran away from the Pensions Bill'. Hopes that William George will come up the next evening as he has not yet been in 11 Downing Street. Oulines his programme for the rest of the day.

2092 (2)
1908, July 23, House of Commons
Deputation was 'much too meek & mild to suit my taste'. Goes to see Dick the following day.

2093 (3)
1908, July 25, House of Commons
Is departing for Sussex with Russell Rea. 'Delivered this afternoon the best speech I have yet delivered as Chancellor. Smashed Austen [Chamberlain] much to the delight of our fellows. I was really on good form'. Dick has gone to the Exhibition.

2094 (3)
1908, July 27, House of Commons
Had to fight the generals on the Imperial Defence Committee in the morning - 'Think I made them look silly. They are first class duffers'. Is to lunch the following day with the German ambassador. Megan.

2095 (2)
[1908], July 29, House of Commons
Last night's 'grand' meeting 'in spite of the women'. The Metternich lunch was truly historical in that it will lead to an understanding with Germany.

2096 (3)
1908, Aug. 1, House of Commons

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Is leaving for Germany, meeting up with Spender at Folkestone. Gives his addresses.

2097 (3)
[1908, Sept. 10], 'Thursday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Encloses a letter from Carmichael Thomas just received (2098). Is a published apology enough or should he demand more? William George should wire him 'a cautious telegram' to give his advice. Goes to see Sir Luke Fildes at 11 o'clock. Encloses draft of letter for Uncle Lloyd to see (2099).

2098 (4)
1908, Sept. 10, letter from Carmichael Thomas, chairman of the Graphic and Bystander, to D. Lloyd George.
Reports a long interview with Sir Luke Fildes. Explains that the paragraph in the Bystander of 29th July to which D. Lloyd George took objection was not written by the regular columnist. Offers the apologies of the management and to insert a notice of apology in the publication.

2099 (3)
[1908, Sept. 10], draft of letter from D. Lloyd George to Sir Luke Fildes
Is gratified by the 'kind & sympathetic tone' of the letter. Considers the paragraph 'cruel in the extreme. It aimed at inflicting pain & it has succeeded in its object'. Hopes that the directors of the company share his abhorrence. Does not know who the directors are. 'I cannot however leave things where they are. It is much too serious a reflection on my reputation'. Would like to make an appointment to meet. 'This must be my first concern until full reparation is made'.

2100 (2)
[1908, Sept. 11], 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is to lunch with Churchill. Bryce, the American ambassador, and Churchill called that morning and took up all his time.

2101 (3)
1908, Sept. 12, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall SW
Churchill's wedding is over. Took Lady Wimborne in his arm down the aisle and was asked to sign the marriage register. At Churchill's dinner the previous night ended up discussing the atonement with Hugh Cecil, the Bishop of St Asaph and F. E. Smith. Is already working hard on his Budget.

2102 (2)
[1908], Sept. 14, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is discussing the Budget proposals with Sir Robert Chalmers - a 'hard struggle'. Carnegie has wired to say that 'a Highland welcome' awaits D. Lloyd George. Churchill, 'full of schemes', is to visit the following day.

2103 (2)
1908, Sept. 15, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is discussing plans to tackle unemployment etc. with Churchill.

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Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd-George -
'Ydi, mae Churchill yma ers dwn i ddim faint a'r cab a'r wraig yn aros am dano ...'. D. Lloyd George is to go to Folkestone the next day.

2104 (3)
1908, Sept. 16, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is departing with Maggie and Arthur Murray (the M.P. for Aberdeenshire) to Folkestone. Did not go to the highlands of Scotland because of a severe cold. Murray has booked rooms at the Metropole, Brighton, for D. Lloyd George, Maggie and John Rowland. Did not send the paragraph to the papers.

2105 (3)
1908, Sept. 18, The Hôtel Métropole, Folkestone
Motor runs the previous day and that day. Describes the places they have visited - 'This country is full of historical interest'. Spent an hour at Canterbury Cathedral.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd-George giving family news.

2106 (3)
1908, Sept. 21, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has returned from Folkestone 'completely renovated & restored'. Has shaken off the bad cold. Goes down to Caernarvon the following night for the bazaar on Wednesday. Would like Maggie to bring Megan there.

2107 (3)
[1908, Oct. 2], 'Friday', The Grange, Swansea
'Immense success in spite of suffragettes. Never had such a reception in my life. Streets crowded with cheering multitudes who could not get in either to meeting or overflow'. William George should write to Penally.
Includes note from Margaret Lloyd-George.

2108 (3)
[1908, Oct. 3], 'Saturday', Lydstep House, Penally RSO, Pembrokeshire
His speech at Swansea has created 'quite a stir - even a sensation in all the papers. The whole visit from the point of view of enthusiasm was the greatest personal tribute I have ever received from the crowd'. A letter received from one of the Suffragettes. Has 'a stinging reply' ready to send to Mrs Pethick Lawrence. Megan.

2109 (3)
1908, Oct. 5, Lydstep Haven, Penally RSO, Pembrokeshire
Has received 'no end of letters' following his speech at Swansea - 'the only living thing so they say we have had from Liberal statesmen for many a day. Asquith I thought commonplace & uninspiring in his Edinburgh deliverance but a tremendous effort to play up to Radicalism'. Spoke to the local Baptist chapel the previous night. Family news.

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2110 (2)
1908, Oct. 8, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall SW
Has received no letter from Maggie. Family news. The editor of the Daily News wishes to see him - 'He is delighted with Swansea speech'.

2111 (1)
1908, Oct. 9, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is to play golf at Hanger Hill that afternoon.

2112 (3)
[1908, Oct. 11], 'Sunday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Spent the afternoon with Churchill and packed off the kids for a motor ride. Saw John Burns that day - 'Very obdurate about the unemployed'. Are to dine at Buckingham Palace that evening.

2113 (3)
1908, Oct. 12, House of Commons
Last night's dinner at Buckingham Palace - 'Y Brenin yn ei hwyliau goreu - yn rhoddi sylw mawr i'r Canghellydd'. Has been made chairman of a Cabinet committee to deal with unemployment. Also made a suggestion, which the Cabinet accepted, to tackle the Turkish problem. 'So I am fairly pleased with myself as you will perceive'.

2114 (2)
1908, Oct. 13, House of Commons
Is expecting the Suffragettes. Is to dine with Sir Edward Grey at the Foreign Office to meet the Russian Foreign Minister. Lunch the next day at the home of the Russian Ambassador.

2115 (2)
1908, Oct. 16, House of Commons
Has spent three hours presiding over the unemployed committee of the Cabinet. John Burns is 'very stiff'. 'Off now to see the Prime Minister about it'. Had breakfast that morning with Haldane, Churchill, Harold Cox and Sydney and Beatrice Webb to discuss the insurance scheme.

2116 (1)
1908, Oct. 17, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Had a long Cabinet committee again that morning, and is now leaving with Maggie to stay with friends in the country.

2117 (3)
1908, Oct. 19, House of Commons
Uncle Lloyd's sermon the previous day. Heard old Evan Phillips for the first time last night - 'He is 79 years of age & astonishingly vigorous. He has great charm - ond corach bach del ydi o wrth ochor Uncle Lloyd'. The unemployment question is still unresolved; fears that the government is going astray.

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2118 (2)
[1908, Oct. 20], 'Tuesday', House of Commons
There was a suffragette at his meeting at Castle Street last night. 'Giving evidence tomorrow morning for Christabel Pankhurst! Herbert Gladstone and I!'

2119 (2)
[1908], Oct. 21, House of Commons
An important conference in his room. 'Suffagette business went off well. They were quite pleasant & "respec". We screwed John Burns up a good deal - not as far as Churchill & I wanted but a long way'.

2120 (2)
1908, Oct. 22, House of Commons
The Welsh Cause is on that day, and he may participate. William Jones has delivered 'a very fine speech' which 'quite thrilled the House'. Is very pleased at this because 'poor WJ was getting out of favour with his constituents for his neglect of his parliamentary duties & I had been urging him to take part in debate'.

2121 (2)
1908, Oct. 23, House of Commons
Had no good chance to speak the previous day. Is taking Herbert Lewis home to have tea with Megan.

2122 (3)
[1908, Oct. 25], 'Sunday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Family news. Is thinking about the Budget - 'It is a gigantic business. Had a fresh idea that morning. The Prussian Budget helps me enormously. I am now on the track of land values. If there is any money in it I mean to collar them'.

2123 (2)
1908, Oct. 26, House of Commons
Has been playing golf at Walton Heath and is now leaving for the Commons to hear John Burns defending himself about the Labour onslaughts. Expects the Bishop of St. Asaph, who is anxious to discuss education with him, to put in an appearance.

2124 (3)
1908, Oct. 27, House of Commons
The debate on the unemployed - 'John [Burns] at his worst & the PM not as effective as usual'. There seems to be good prospects for the settlement of the education problem. Is busy with financial matters for next year and Land Purchase in Ireland. Is to have breakfast the following day with Dillon, Redmond and T.P. O'Connor. The Bishop of St Asaph dined with him the previous evening.

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2125 (1)
1908, Oct. 28, House of Commons
Is preparing the Budget. Had an interesting breakfast with the Irish leaders.

2126 (2)
1908, Oct. 30, House of Commons
Tends to approve of the idea of the investiture of the Prince of Wales at Caernarvon Castle 'altho I see Uncle Lloyd is violently opposed to it': 'It will please the Carnarvon folk & show them that I can serve them unselfishly'.

2127 (3)
1908, Nov. 1, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Played golf the previous day. Has been working very hard on Land Purchase in Ireland, the Compulsory Insurance Scheme and the Budget. Usually works from 9.00 am until 11 pm - 'That is my style now'. Is to lunch with Churchill's mother at St Albans with Birrell, Lord Crewe and Churchill to discuss Irish Purchase further. Lord Clunbrock introduced a deputation to him on Thursday. Had dinner the previous evening with the Bishop of St Asaph and the proprietor of the Western Mail. Tell Maggie that he is arranging a Hughes dinner that week.

2128 (2)
1908, Nov. 3, House of Commons
Is very busy. Has been working since 9 am that morning. Is to have breakfast the next day with the editor of the Morning Leader, the proprietor of the News of the World and C.F.G. Masterman.

2129 (3)
1908, Nov. 4, House of Commons
Had an interesting breakfast with Parke, Harold Spender, C.F.G. Masterman, Riddell and Megan. Had lunch with the Bishop of St Asaph and Clarke. Is to dine with Hughes and Ward the following day.

2130 (2)
1908, Nov. 4, House of Commons
'Prince of Wales wedi gwrthod Caernarvon. Felly y Cwnstabl nesaf fydd ysgweiar Brynawelon. Dyna secret iti. Prif Weinidog newydd ddyweyd wrthyf ei fod am roddi fy enw o flaen y Brenin'.

2131 (2)
[?1908], Nov. 5, House of Commons
Had begun a letter on this paper to Hywel Cernyw. William George should write to the Bedford Hotel, Brighton.

2132 (3)
1908, Nov. 9, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW

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Has not written for two days because he has spent much time with Lord Rendel who was also staying at his Brighton House. Is awaiting a private deputation on motor cars headed by Prince Francis of Teck. Is not going to the Guildhall.

2133 (3)
1908, Nov. 10, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
'Been arranging about the pricking of the Sheriffs on Thursday when I shall appear in the splendou r of my golden robes in the Lord Chief Justice's Courts. Y tro diweddaf y bum yno yr oeddwn yn dwrna i W.J. Parry!' Is very relieved that the Franco-German row has been settled as a war now would upset all his Budget plans.

2134 (2)
1908, Nov. 11, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has already spoken on the Port of London Bill. Is receiving widespread congratulations on becoming Constable of Caernarvon Castle. Leaves at 8.30 am for Bangor on Tuesday morning.

2135 (2)
1908, Nov. 12, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The Port of London Bill is still going well. May speak. Goes to Bangor the following day and may be able to reach Criccieth.

2136 (2)
1908, Nov. 16, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has begun his work again.

2137 (3)
1908, Nov. 17, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Had breakfast with representatives of all the leading friendly societies to discuss a contributory scheme: '... Got on well - although they were most hostile at first'. Is now leaving for Windsor.

2138 (2)
1908, Nov. 18, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Last night - 'Royalties very amiable to M[aggie] & myself - but they are not impressive personalities at close quarters'.

2139 (2)
1908, Nov. 19, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
'Think Education is going through - & glad of it'. Has to defend the Old Age Pensions Regulations in debate that night after 11 o'clock. 'Not the slightest intention of taking any notice of D.A.'.

2140 (2)
1908, Nov. 20, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW

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'Three hours Budget Committee with my head officers in the Treasury'. Dick is to arrive that evening.

2141 (3)
1908, Nov. 21, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Had spent three hours with the officials of the Inland Revenue and is going now to play golf with Sir Francis Edwards. Has been investigating Estate Duty, discovering that the Exchequer is deprived of much revenue every year. Dick's progress.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd George: family news.

2142 (2)
1908, Nov. [22], 'Sunday', Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Dick is to return to Cambridge that night, and Ernest Evans is staying on until Tuesday: 'Bachen dymunol iawn - with a future unless I am mistaken'.

2143 (2)
1908, Nov. 23, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is holding a watching brief for the Treasury on the introduction of the new Irish Land Purchase Bill. Will probably not speak, '... the Irish being satisfied with my financial proposals'.

2144 (3)
1908, Nov. 25, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Played golf the previous day at Walton Heath with Clarke and Riddell. Gwilym is preparing an address on temperance for Clapham Junction that afternoon: 'He has got quite a good speech together. I am not sure his mother did not render him some assistance. All the same it will do him good as he is thoroughly keen about it'. His preparatory work on the Budget and his discussion with Asquith the next day. 'I am thinking out some exquisite plans for outwitting the Lords on Licensing'. Is to have lunch with C.P. Scott that day. The Albert Hall women's meeting is on Saturday. 'The Suffragettes I hear are already beginning to relent'. Has received a friendly letter from Mrs Pethick Lawrence.

2145 (2)
1908, Nov. 26, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Another Budget Committee. The Lords now are of great assistance. The debate in the Commons on education. Maggie, Megan and he have lunched with the First Lord of the Admiralty.

2146 (2)
1908, Nov. 26, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Knows nothing of the progress of the Education debate as he has not been in the Commons. Has received two deputations and had an interview with the Income Tax officials that afternoon.

2147 (2)
1908, Nov. 27, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW

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A Budget Committee. 'Peers very sorry for themselves. Lytton & Balfour of Burleigh both Unionists made powerful speeches for second reading'. Does not yet know the result.

2148 (3)
1908, Nov. 30, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Discusses the widening of a road: 'If they postponed my plans until it be too late to build for next year I don't build at all as I am much less keen about it than I was a few weeks ago. Criccieth wrecks one for a whole week after I leave it'. The Compromise Bill is not doing well in the House.

2149 (3)
1908, Dec. 1, House of Commons
The Education Bill is facing difficulties but is 'labouring along'. Is critical of the government's handling of the measure. Fears the outcome of the Chelmsford by-election. His Budget is 'the only ray of hope in the firmament'. That day's breakfast of Friendly Society leaders at 11 Downing Street. The trades union leaders recently returned from Germany have confirmed his impression of the German system.

2150 (2)
1908, Dec. 2, House of Commons
Matters are critical over the Education Bill. The result of the Chelmsford by-election is 'bad but not unexpectedly so'. Lloyd Jones and widening the road.

2151 (3)
1908, Dec. 3, House of Commons
The progress of the Education Bill; expects the measure to go through. The Bishop of St Asaph is hopeful. The protest in that day's Times from some of the leading Suffragists.

2152 (3)
1908, Dec. 4, House of Commons
The collapse of the Education Bill number 4, 'very badly handled by the PM & Runciman'. Many depend on D. Lloyd George to retrieve the government's ailing prestige.

2153 (3)
1908, Dec. 5, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Scored a remarkable success the previous day, highly praised in the Observer: 'It was undoubtedly a great triumph for there were still scores if not hundreds of these lunatics left in the hall even if 40 of them had been flung out. Some of them were roughly handled - the audience was infuriated. I was overwhelmed with congratulations - was told no other man in England could have done it - except perhaps Chamberlain in his best days'. Believes that the meeting will have done the Women's Liberal Federations much good and prevented their members from defecting to the Suffragettes.

2154 (3)
1908, Dec. 7, House of Commons

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Education Bill number 4 was 'decently buried' that afternoon with Asquith and Balfour officiating. The press is very enthusiastic about his triumph on Saturday. Has written a 'stinging' letter to C.P. Scott. Has an idea of giving a Christmas tree to all the children at Criccieth school on Christmas afternoon.

2155 (2)
1908, Dec. 8, House of Commons
The Nonconformists are dining downstairs - 'I am going there to tell them how I warned them 12 weeks ago that contracting out would lead them into a morass'.

2156 (2)
1908, Dec. 9, House of Commons
There will be no dissolution of Parliament at least until after the Budget. The Cabinet is anxious to get it through the House. Asquith has approved his Budget proposals. Plans for the Christmas tree at Criccieth.

2157 (2)
1908, Dec. 10, House of Commons
The Cymmrodorion dinner that night. The resolution from the Women's Liberal Associations thanking D. Lloyd George.

2158 (2)
1908, Dec. 14, House of Commons
The epidemic of scarlet fever. Is very anxious about the children.

2159 (3)
1908, Dec. 16, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, SW
Stayed last night at the Victoria Hotel. Has been too busy to write.

2160 (2)
1908, Dec. 17, House of Commons
Has been discussing his scheme for developing roads nationally.

2161 (3)
1908, Dec. 19, House of Commons
Has got two great Bills through this Session. The Times considers the Port of London Bill as the most important this session. Is satisfied with his preparations for the next Session. 'Two very important Cabinets on Navy Estimates. Winston & I fought McKenna - Morley & Grey supporting us'. Believes that they have won.

2162 (3)
1909, Jan. 1, Hotel Prince de Gailes, Riviera Palace, Cannes

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The weather and the scenery. Is to go for a motor run over the Corniche to Monte Carlo: 'one of the loveliest drives in the world - snow mountains on one side & palm covered valleys & an azure sea on the other'.
Includes note from Margaret Lloyd George.

2163 (3)
1909, Jan. [3], 'Sunday', Hotel Prince de Gailes, Riviera Palace, Cannes
The warm weather. Has written a sympathy letter to Mrs Dr Probert. Speculates on his Budget.

2164 (2)
[1909, Jan. 9], 'Saturday', Clos de la Garoupe, Antibes
The weather.

2165 (2)
[1909], Jan. 12, Château de la Garoupe, Antibes
The weather and the golf. Are to travel over the Esterelles that day. Olwen.

2166 (2)
1909, Jan. 14, Close de la Garoupe, Antibes
The weather. Tenders he has received. Is going to play golf and take tea with the Rendels.

2167 (2)
1909, Jan. 26, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is receiving deputations on Old Age Pensions. Has got his way in Cabinet the previous day and that day. Sir Edward Grey is to dine with him that evening.

2168 (2)
1909, Jan. [28], 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
'Could hardly see my hand but got safely through after much groping'. Lady St Davids took the family to the pantomime.

2169 (3)
1909, Jan. 29, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
William George is following in D. Lloyd George's footsteps: 'You sat on Osmond & rightly so. He has a sore head just at this moment. I have kept him out of his baronetcy - rhyngoch chwi a fi'. The Law Society presentation of D. Lloyd George's portrait. Had a talk with Morley.

2170 (3)
1909, Feb. 4, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Congratulations on William George's 'notable legal triumph'. William George should write to him at Brighton. The Budget preparations; had a talk with Lord Cromer the previous day. Had T.P. Massingham, the editor of the Daily News, and the Lord Advocate to breakfast that day.

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2171 (1)
1909, Feb. 4, Parliament Street
Congratulations.
Telegram

2172 (2)
1909, Feb. 5, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has been playing golf with Riddell and Carr of the Western Mail. Is leaving for Brighton with Gwilym to join Maggie and Megan who went there this morning.

2173 (3)
1909, Feb. 9, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has completely won the Navy battle; Asquith has accepted his alternative proposals rather than those of the Admiralty, 'But Winston Morley & I had to threaten to resign!'

2174 (3)
1909, Feb. 10, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Discusses Osmond - 'He is already fully alive to the fact that he made a fool of himself. And I cannot forget that at a time of sore trial he showed every disposition to help. It wasn't much. He lent his motor. But the sympathy was valuable'. Edward VII is much impressed by the Welsh church and chapel figures. There is to be a special paragraph on the Budget in the forthcoming King's Speech.

2175 (2)
1909, Feb. 11, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Made good progress at the recent Cabinet Committee. Played golf that morning. Goes to Brighton on Saturday morning. The Welsh dinner last night was a great success.
Includes a note from an unidentified writer: 'I congratulate [you] on your success at Dolgelly, Tada told me to write you'.

2176 (2)
1909, Feb. 12, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has spent all day on the Budget, '... But it will be a stupendous task to get it through the House of Commons'. This might take until August. Is to dine that evening with the Incorporated Law Society.

2177 (3)
1909, Feb. 17, House of Commons
'It is only when you come here & listen to the debates & to the lobby talk that one realises how everything centres on the Budget. Dyna sydd yn meddwl pawb & the Session won't really begin until it is introduced ...'. His plans are complete other than minor details; feels confident about it.

2178 (1)
1909, Feb. 18, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW

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The article in the Post on William George - a 'just & too long deferred tribute'. May speak in the Commons that night.

2179 (2)
1909, Feb. 19, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Made only a brief speech the previous night but it proved 'a ripping good time'. 'Turned Lyttleton inside out'. Sir Edward Russell has sent him his article on William George.

2180 (2)
1909, Feb. 20, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Brighton with Gwilym. There was a Cabinet committee that morning.

2181 (3)
1909, Feb. 22, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Made splendid progress at a further meeting of the Cabinet to discuss the Budget. Asquith wanted him to speak in the debate on the House of Lords that afternoon, but, 'Too full of Budget to give time to it. Everything pivots on Budget now so must not be taken away from that. It is a gigantic scheme'.

2182 (2)
1909, Feb. 23, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is busy with the Budget and the Navy. Maggie and Megan went to the theatre that afternoon.

2183 (2)
1909, Feb. 24, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has settled the problem of the Navy today - 'Wedi enill [sic] ar ol brwydr hir a chaled iawn'. Birthday congratulations to William George.

2184 (2)
1909, Feb. 25, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has just spoken successfully on local taxation. Considers the Far Eastern situation 'most menacing'. His victory in Cabinet the previous day over the Navy.

2185 (1)
1909, Feb. 26, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has spent ninety minutes discussing the Budget with Asquith - 'very pleased'. There is a series of deputations awaiting him.

2186 (2)
1909, Feb. 27, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has been prevented from playing golf by the snow, and so has been working on Old Age Pensions on which he is to speak in the House on Monday. The previous night's Court was 'banal & futile in the extreme'. Megan derives great pleasure from the preparations for such functions.

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2187 (2)
1909, March 1, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is in charge of the vote on Old Age Pensions. The debate is proceeding smoothly. Herbert Morgan's excellent sermon last night on patriotism.

2188 (2)
1909, March 2, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The speech in the Commons last night was a great triumph. Has been summoned to see the King before he goes to Biarritz, probably to discuss the Budget.

2189 (3)
1909, March 3, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has just been speaking in the House on unemployment. Edward VII was very pleased with the Budget proposals; he is 'a shrewd & sensible old boy', and took D. Lloyd George's side in a point of dispute between him and Asquith.

2190 (2)
1909, March 4, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is receiving numerous deputations including Hotel Keepers and Scottish MPs. Will be in charge of the Commons up to 12.30 the next day. Met Balfour at dinner at Lord Desborough's the previous evening - 'He was very pleasant'.

2191 (2)
1909, March 5, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is working on the Budget. Is meeting Rothschild and other bankers that night and goes to Brighton the following day. T.P. [O'Connor] is spending Sunday with them - 'always been very true to me in all his publications'.

2192 (2)
1909, March [6], 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Brighton. 'Completely captured old Rothschild' at the bankers' dinner last night - 'He gave me a topping idea for a tax that will bring in £800,000'.

2193 (1)
1909, March 8, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is working on the Budget.

2194 (2)
1909, March 9, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is spending all his time on the Budget. 'I am afraid you cannot be admitted. No strangers let in up to the present. But I'll make a real effort to smuggle you in as I want you to hear it. It will probably be the Tuesday before Easter'.

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2195 (2)
1909, March 10, House of Commons
Is very busy. Has received two deputations and attended a Cabinet committee that morning.

2196 (3)
1909, March 10, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
His case against The People has brought an apology. Has received £1,000 to be given to a charity and full costs between solicitor and client.

2197 (3)
1909, March 11, House of Commons
The case is on at 10.30 the following day. Dick and Maggie both insist upon his sticking out for the £1,000; Maggie 'is already thinking of the improvements & embellishments she can afford to make in the new house out of this £1000!!'. Asquith has 'been a brick throughout' this affair. Churchill, too, has been 'a true friend'. Both are delighted at the outcome. His work is proceeding well in spite of all this. He is to dine with Lord Revelstoke that evening.

2198 (2)
1909, March 12, House of Commons
The proceedings this morning were 'complete & crushing'. The 'infernal machinations' will now come to an end. 'At this rate no sensitive man can remain in politics. They are fouling every man in the same way & this may do good to others'. Has been working on the Budget all day, and is to dine with Asquith that evening.

2199 (1)
1909, March 15, House of Commons
Made a very good beginning in the first full Cabinet meeting on the Budget that day.

2200 (3)
1909, March 16, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Received a very warm reception in the House that day when he rose to answer a question: 'It was quite fierce in its intensity & came from all parts of the House without distinction - Tories vying with Liberals, Irish & Labour in the fervour of their acclamations'.

2201 (3)
1909, March 17, House of Commons
Describes the meetings of the Cabinet convened to discuss his Budget proposals. The Budget really is 'a gigantic business' which must be examined very thoroughly, 'for the fate of the Government depends on this Budget entirely'.

2202 (2)
1909, March 18, House of Commons

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Has taken Megan to the Welsh Industries Reception given by Maggie. There is a beautiful photograph of Megan in this week's Tatler.

2203 (2)
1909, March 19, House of Commons
Is leaving for Brighton. 'Cabinet heddyw. Cefais y tir drwodd yn y Cyngor. Dyma'r feature mawr. Dechreu ddydd Mawrth gyda y Trwyddedau'.

2204 (3)
1909, March 22, House of Commons
Is fully preoccupied with the Budget; the officials went to Brighton on Saturday to discuss it with him. Asquith made a 'pacifying' speech that day: 'excellent effect'.

2205 (2)
1909, March 23, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has made fine progress in the two-hour Budget Cabinet. Doubts whether the landlords and the brewers will be as pleased as he is.

2206 (2)
1909, March 26, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
In the Cabinet committee on the Budget that day he got Licences and Stamps through. Maggie probably left on the 7 o'clock train.

2207 (1)
[1909], March 29, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is Budget making.

2208 (1)
1909, March 30, House of Commons
Things went well in the Budget Committee that day prior to the Cabinet. Is very pleased at the progress made.

2209 (2)
1909, March 31, House of Commons
The Budget and the Cabinet. Is to dine with Dr Robertson Nicoll that evening.

2210 (2)
1909, April 2, House of Commons
The progress with the Budget. Is going to see Asquith for a conversation on the subject.

2211 (1)
1909, April 5, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Another Cabinet meeting on the Budget that day and yet another the following day.

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2212 (2)
1909, April 6, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The Budget and the Cabinet. Asquith decided in his favour on one point in dispute between D. Lloyd George and the Cabinet. Hopes to finish the following day.

2213 (2)
1909, April 7, House of Commons
Asquith has praised him highly for his work in drafting the Budget which has now made its way through Cabinet.

2214 (3)
[1909, April 18], 'Sunday morning', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is to have lunch at Brighton with Freeman Thomas MP. Feels very fit because golf and motoring are interspersed with his work: 'Fourteen hours a day of anxious & nerve exhausting labour had left me somewhat exhausted'. Has prepared his speech.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd-George.

2215 (2)
[1909, April 20], 'Tuesday', House of Commons
Has come to see Asquith and the Treasury officials. The Budget is to be on Thursday of the following week. Returns the next day after the debate on the Church.

2216 (3)
1909, April 21, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is remaining at Westminster to witness the bringing in of the Disestablishment Bill and to complete the work on the Budget. Many cartoons featuring D. Lloyd George are now appearing. Asquith has made a first-class speech on Disestablishment - 'Small House & quiet. None of the ferocious excitement that surrounded the Controversy in 1894'.

2217 (3)
[1909, April 22], 'Boreu Iau', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Brighton on the 10 o'clock train. Churchill is very pleased with the draft of his Budget speech: 'Thinks it will put life into the old Radical horse once more'. The final Budget Cabinet is to take place on Monday. 'Speaker cant let you & Dick in except as distinguished foreigners!'

2218 (3)
[1909, April 24], 'Dydd Sadwrn', Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is now going for a motor ride to relax - on Uncle Lloyd's wise advice. Has the speech written up by now.

2219 (3)
1909, May 1, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW

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Is 'overwhelmed with congratulations' on the Budget speech. Asquith is delighted and the City has taken it well. F.E. Smith believed that the Lords will not throw out the Budget - 'Do you think they are mad?'

2220 (3)
1909, May 3, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The debate on the Budget is proceeding well, and Balfour is 'good humoured but ineffective'. Redmond's response. 'The Attorney General said to me it was the greatest Budget since the great Gladstone Budgets & he could not recall a single Gladstone Budget which was its equal'. Is receiving widespread congratulations. Mary needs to be careful and cheerful to pull through.

2221 (2)
1909, May 4, House of Commons
The Budget has been well received throughout the country. Sir Edgar Vincent has described it as 'a remarkably fine Budget'.

2222 (3)
1909, May 5, House of Commons
Last night's debate - 'house rocking with laughter at my squashing of Austen'. Outlines Chaplin's speech. The Tories failed to carry a resolution against the Budget at the Central Chamber of Agriculture. There was rejoicing at that day's Cabinet meeting.

2223 (2)
1909, May 7, House of Commons
Has received numerous deputations: Landlords, Hotel Keepers and Brewers. Is now going to Hindhead with Maggie and Megan.

2224 (1)
1909, May 10, House of Commons
Is making good progress; the opposition is very flat.

2225 (2)
1909, May 11, House of Commons
Expects to get the Licensing Resolutions through before the dinner hour.

2226 (1)
1909, May 12, House of Commons
Has just made a most successful speech.

2227 (3)
1909, May 13, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Scored an enormous triumph in the Commons the previous night, encloses a cutting of a leading article from the Star (no. 2228). Spoke on Income Tax. Will be at Llanystumdwy on Whit Tuesday.

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2228 (1)
1909, May 13
Page from The Star containing an editorial 'What we think - Budgeteering'.

2229 (2)
1909, May 14, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Leaves for Brighton after receiving numerous deputations from brewers and others. The prospects for the Budget are improving. 'Luckily for me there is a great boom in the City so they don't mind extra taxes'.

2230 (2)
[1909], May 17, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Describes the debate in which Asquith has made a fine speech. Anticipates a row at any moment. Feels rather fit.

2231 (2)
1909, May 18, House of Commons
'Getting on famously. Last night after midnight they caved in & agreed to our getting all the resolutions before the Whitsuntide holidays. The House is in excellent humour'. Is to dine with Henniker.

2232 (2)
1909, May 20, House of Commons
Has just made the most successful speech of his career, the Liberals in the House 'roaring with delight' and Balfour 'very moderate'.

2233 (4)
1909, May 21, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Had a long audience with Edward VII this afternoon on the Budget - 'He was very nice'. After D. Lloyd George had cleared up a few points, the King 'seemed delighted & told me to come to see him whenever I liked. He gave me a cigar out of his pocket & said it was so much easier to talk when we were smoking. I must keep him in tow'. The Committee stage of the Budget has been most successful. Dined last night with Lord Robert Cecil who was 'very amused at my chaf of Balfour'.

2234 (3)
1909, May 24, House of Commons
The Commons is quiet at the moment and there is no sign of a rebellion against the Whisky Tax. Megan's teddy bear party. Asquith has informed him that the Sheffield meeting was most enthusiastic about the Budget. Churchill gave a similar report from Manchester.

2235 (1)
1909, May 25, House of Commons

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Is making good progress. Irish tobacco is to be debated that afternoon and they are now on petrol.

2236 (2)
1909, May 26, House of Commons
Hopes to motor down on Friday morning in the motor of Lord St. Davids.

2237 (3)
1909, May 28, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has spent all day preparing the Bill for the press. Go to Worcester the following day to pick up the motor and then proceed to Llandrindod and Criccieth on Saturday. Received a tremendous ovation when he introduced his bill in the House.

2238 (3)
[1909], June 5, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
'Arranged for Dr MacNaughton to have the best available specialist down by tonight's mail. I am dead against further delay. I have told Macnoughton I'll pay. So if they want their fees before they leave draw on my £500'. Mary's condition.

2239 (3)
1909, June 7, House of Commons
His discussion with MacNaughton about Mary. The doctors consider her condition 'serious but by no means hopeless. Everything will depend on the next few days'. Feels cheered by this talk. It is felt that Maggie would be of greater use at Criccieth later on when Mary's symptoms have developed fully.

2240 (3)
1909, June 7, House of Commons
The report from MacNaughton and the specialist on Mary's condition - 'They took quite a cheerful view of the case - with time, patience & careful nursing'. They were much impressed with Dr Davies's intelligence and knowledge and Anita's nursing care. MacNaughton did not believe that Maggie's services were needed now. They regard Mary as 'an excellent patient'.

2241 (2)
1909, June 8, House of Commons
Mary's condition. The debate is going well. Has made £550 out of an investment in an Argentinian railway and is anxious for Mary to receive the benefit.

2242 (2)
1909, June 9, House of Commons
Has just made his best speech ever: 'Laid Bonar Law out quite flat. House roared with delight & when I sat down cheered & cheered again & again'. Asquith was very pleased.

2243 (3)

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1909, June 10, House of Commons
Is much encouraged by the reports of Mary's health. The Liberals are 'in high glee'. The report in the Daily Mail - 'It cannot restrain its admiration'. Is going to the chamber to hear Balfour and Asquith.

2244 (3)
1909, June 11, House of Commons
Mary's condition. Balfour's speech the previous day was 'feeble to the point of friendliness', making a number of notable admissions. It is generally felt that the opposition has collapsed although he anticipates a tough fight in committee. His speech of Wednesday has made a great impression, even on the Tories!

2245 (2)
1909, June 14, House of Commons
Mary's condition: 'Even when the tide is rising the sea recedes now & again'. Has received two deputations and is going now to meet the Welsh MPs.

2246 (3)
1909, June 15, House of Commons
Mary's progress. 'Highly strung creatures like Mary and her brother always have their ups & downs ond yr ydan ni yn ddau go anhawdd ein lladd er hynny'. Is receiving a stream of deputations. The way he handled the deputation of Irish publicans the previous day is 'the joke of the lobby'. Received a deputation of Scottish publicans and distillers that day.

2247 (1)
1909, June 15
Press cutting from the Pall Mall Gazette, 15 June 1909, comprising a cartoon featuring D. Lloyd George.

2248 (3)
1909, June 15, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The good news from home about Mary. Is receiving favourable reports about the Budget. Goes down to Brighton the next day to relax before 'the great fight' the following week. Is starting up a brand new organization to fight for the Budget led by Churchill and Sir Henry Norman.

2249 (3)
1909, June 16, House of Commons
Was 'full up' of deputations the previous day. The reports on Mary's condition; has heard nothing from Dr Macnaughton which he interprets as favourable. Is now going 'to receive the Liberal malcontents in the PM's room'. The Suffragettes were at the Eisteddfod that day but were delightfully handled & didn't upset me a bit. Biggest crowd they have so far had'.

2250 (2)

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1909, June 21, House of Commons
Has made a good beginning on the Finance Bill. Mary's progress.

2251 (5)
1909, June 22, House of Commons
Has spoken on the agricultural amendment. His policy on the Land Taxes; plans to pay half to the local authorities to reduce the rates. The Master of Elibank has informed him of the widespread support for his Budget in Scotland. Mary's operation. Recounts the experience of a man of 80 who underwent a similar operation.

2252 (3)
1909, June 26, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Maggie's reports about Mary. Believes that it is right to cancel or postpone the colostomy. Attended the opening of Kensington Museum that morning. The Liberals are delighted with his 'trouncing' of Rothschild.

2253 (2)
1909, June 27, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has been to the unveiling ceremony of the beautiful window at Clapham Junction. John Williams gave a most appropriate address. Maggie's report on Mary.

2254 (3)
1909, June 29, House of Commons
Is making slow progress in the House; was up until 3 a.m. that morning. Found Balfour 'most friendly' - to the annoyance of the Tories. Met the Prince of Wales at lunch that day and found him 'very pleasant'. The Prince would like to undertake a Welsh tour the following year. Finds the news of Mary very encouraging.

2255 (2)
1909, July 1, House of Commons
Is receiving deputations. Was up until 4 o'clock the previous night. Arthur Chamberlain has described his Budget as the 'greatest Budget of modern times'.

2256 (3)
1909, July 2, House of Commons
Is leaving for Brighton with Megan. Maggie is to represent him at the Court Ball that evening. Masterman also goes to Brighton. There is immense enthusiasm for the Budget.

2257 (3)
1909, July 5, House of Commons
Is very relieved to receive such encouraging reports of Mary. There was alarm the previous day that Gwilym might be suffering from diphtheria, but this proved a false alarm. Megan was sent back to Brighton with Sarah. The article on the Budget in that day's Times.

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2258 (2)
1909, July 6, House of Commons
The House has been sitting all night. Gwilym is much improved.

2259 (3)
1909, July 7, House of Commons
Gwilym is making excellent progress. 'I am nervous & jumpy where the children are concerned. I own it. But what has happened taught me how brittle child life is - how easily it is down cut like a flower & withereth away. That discovery was a stunning shock to me. I have not yet recovered my nerve & never shall. It haunts me night & day - even on the Treasury Bench'.

2260 (3)
1909, July 8, House of Commons
Gwilym's health. The House sat until 4 a.m. this morning with the 'Tories in a much milder mood - chastened by exhaustion'. 'Agriculture is our most difficult fence in the Bill & we got over it without a scratch, letting alone a fall'.

2261 (6)
1909, July 12, House of Commons
There will be a need to guillotine the Bill to get it through the House as it is impossible to keep up these all night sittings: 'Luckily I feel quite fit so far. But human nature - the toughest - cannot stand this strain week after week'. Asquith is prepared to agree to the use of the guillotine but some Liberals are opposed to the Budget and would like to see it 'killed by time'. The result of the Cleveland by-election is 'not at all bad ...'. Mary's condition. Gwilym went down to Brighton that day. Squashed Perks that afternoon - 'much to the delight of the whole house'.

2262 (3)
1909, July 13, House of Commons
'Squared the agriculturists - Liberal & Irish this morning. So we are happy family once more'. Was up until 2.30 this morning. The news of Mary.

2263 (3)
1909, July 15, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The result of the all-night sitting. Is now delaying his proposals for the use of the guillotine. Received two deputations that day.

2264 (3)
1909, July 16, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Mary's condition. 'Everybody delighted with my dressing down of the great landlord deputation'. The result of the Mid-Derby by-election is 'tip top'.

2265 (3)

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1909, July 20, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Family news. The demonstration at Hyde Park promises to be a great one. Took Lord Rothschild's sister-in-law in to dinner at Asquith's the previous night.

2266 (3)
1909, July 21, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Mary's condition. Beat the opposition the previous night.

2267 (2)
[1909], July 22, House of Commons
Has received two deputations and attended a drawing-room meeting. Hopes to get away the following day.

2268 (3)
1909, July 23, House of Commons
The 'superb' result at High Peak - 'Our party in state of high exaltation about it'. Is to dine with Asquith that evening. The reaction to the Budget in the country. He has been told by a Tariff Reformer MP, 'You have completely outmanoeuvred us. Before the Budget your party was on the run. Now you are going steadily up'. Goes to Brighton the following day.

2269 (2)
1909, July 28, House of Commons
Is very busy. Has no news. The Bangor meeting was excellent. A meeting of the Newport Budget Protest League passed a resolution in favour of the Budget!

2270 (2)
1909, July 29, House of Commons
Mary's condition. 'Our fellows in high glee still over elections & Hyde Park'.

2271 (2)
1909, July 31, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Mary's condition. 'Limehouse was great. The people are at last thoroughly roused'. Is going to Brighton until Tuesday.

2272 (3)
[1909, Aug. 2], 'Monday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The letters from home. Mary's condition; is glad that Olwen is of assistance. The comments in the Daily Mail and the Morning Post on the Limehouse speech - 'It has gone home'.

2273 (3)
1909, Aug. 3, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has received no letters. Reports about the popularity of the Budget. Asquith is going to Birmingham to address a great Budget meeting where Arthur Chamberlain is to take the chair.

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2274 (3)
1909, Aug. 4, House of Commons
Lord Northcliffe, who came to see him the previous night, claims that the Budget 'has completely destroyed the Tariff Reform propaganda in the country. He said they had all miscalculated the popularity of the Land Clauses'.

2275 (2)
1909, Aug. 5, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
May go to Brighton. The comments on the Budget in the Tory press. Balfour has praised his 'good temper & good manners' in guiding the Budget through the Commons.

2276 (4)
1909, Aug. 9, Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Mary's death. 'Dear "Aunty Polly" has been released from her long agony of pain & weakness & is in the land whether our good mother & my Mari bach had gone before her. She may have been welcomed by them on landing'. Feels 'paralysed' by the news but is conducting the Bill through the Commons. Finds Asquith 'very tender & sympathetic'. Clarke is to accompany him on the journey home - 'I could not face the lonely journey there - & especially back'. William George and Uncle Lloyd are 'the bravest souls I ever met'.

2277 (1)
1909, Aug. 12, House of Commons
'All going well. Resting probably until three, then taking charge if clause not then through'.
Telegram

2278 (3)
1909, Aug. 17, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Reactions to the Budget are encouraging both in the Commons and the country where there is a 'mighty rushing wind' sweeping before it all opposition. I hear from all parts of the country startling accounts of the change effected by the Budget on public opinion. There is undoubtedly a popular rising such as has not been witnessed for over a generation'. Does not think the Lords will be such fools as to throw out the Budget. 'When Licenses come on we mean to take 5 days a week - but I cannot stand 5 all night sittings - so the P.M. has promised to assist'.

2279 (1)
1909, Aug. 19, House of Commons
'Cabinet & deputations. Got one in with Balfour last night. Our fellows delighted'.

2280 (2)
1909, Aug. [20], 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is accompanying Churchill and Sir Henry Norman to France to see the aeroplanes. The Opposition has completely broken down.

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2281 (2)
1909, Aug. 24, House of Commons
The trip to Reines: 'Did me no end of good. Fit for work'.

2282 (2)
1909, Aug. 25, House of Commons
The Finance Bill comes on the following week: 'We shall probably go slower as the Lords may chuck'.

2283 (3)
1909, Aug. 26, House of Commons
Is glad that William George corrected the Beriah report: 'It was meant to be mischievous'. The reports from all over the country on the reaction to the Budget; there is enormous enthusiasm in Birmingham. Is being detained by numerous deputations.

2284 (3)
1909, Aug. 26, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving on a trip to Dartmouth on the yacht of Sir Thomas Lipton. Family news. The Development Bill has gone off well and has earned the support of The Times. The sale of the Limehouse speech has reached 1,250,000 - 'quite unprecedented'. Street hawkers are reselling it.

2285 (3)
[1909, Aug. 28], 'Saturday'
Describes the weekend's activities. Goes to Southampton the following day. Rumours of a general election; hopes there will be: 'We should win now & win handsomely'.

2286 (3)
1909, Aug. 31, House of Commons
His 'most healthful repose' at Brighton - 'Feel fit for the 6 weeks job in front of me'. Has asked Asquith to take charge of the Licensing Bill in the House in order to free him to prepare for the rest of the Bill and for the Development Bill 'which I am very keen on'.

2287 (3)
1909, Sept. 1, House of Commons
The Finance Bill is on. The progress of the Licensing Bill through the House. 'I am so anxious to get my Development Bill through & I could not do it unless PM had relieved me of this. I shall have very heavy work next week on Death Duties & Income Tax & the rest that I cannot physically get through without assistance. I have had none up to the present'. Is pleased that William George is taking a short holiday.

2288 (3)
1909, Sept. 20, House of Commons

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Is making satisfactory progress in the Commons. Has just made a statement on Schedule A Income Tax which was well received by Tories and Liberals alike. His speech at Birmingham was very successful, the product of careful preparation.

2289 (2)
1909, Sept. 22, House of Commons
Is making good progress in spite of the delay caused by Tim Healy and his brother, but the Conservatives behaved well. Anticipated a late sitting of the House.

2290 (3)
1909, Sept. 23, House of Commons
Is getting on well and the Development Bill is safe. 'The row on Friday broke them. I showed them I meant to get the Bill through & would closure if necessary - ruthlessly. So they gave in'.
'Birmingham looks like Dissolution. All hail to it'.

2291 (3)
1909, Sept. 24, House of Commons
The progress of the various clauses of the Bill through the House. Were let down by the Whips the previous night: 'It will be a useful lesson to them as they have been very slack of late'.

2292 (3)
1909, Sept. 25, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The Committee stage of the bill should be completed by Friday next. 'I am the only member who is not a bit tired. In that respect Providence has been kind to me & I feel less worn out than I did a month ago'. Is to spend the weekend with the Attorney-General. There is great excitement in the USA about the Budget.

2293 (1)
1909, Sept. 27, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
'Getting on well. Quiet. Had a bout with Balfour - quite a pleasant one'.

2294 (3)
1909, Sept. 28, House of Commons
The Royalty debate has gone well so far. Has made an arrangement to avoid all night sittings - 'invaluable to me as it gives me sleep'. 'Report (confidential) from country agents to Whip - a majority over Irish & Tories combined of 40 - that would mean an anti House of Lords majority of 208. Irish will also support all Budget except whiskey [sic] & tobacco. It is almost too good to be true. It would be a bigger majority than the Khaki election. That was only 150 - Quite Confidential'.

2295 (2)
1909, Sept. 29, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW

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A good beginning today. A general election in January seems likely. Uncle Lloyd's visit to Downing Street: 'We shall from the oldest to the youngest of us conspire to make him as much at home as at Criccieth.

2296 (2)
1909, Sept. 30, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Will be delighted to see William George. Has made good progress and the Development Bill has gone through.

2297 (3)
1909, Oct. 1, House of Commons
Got through twenty-one pages of new clauses that day: 'Gave Tim Healy the best trouncing he ever had in this House'.

2298 (4)
[1909, Oct. 2], 'Dydd Sadwrn', Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Goes to Brighton with Gwilym to spend the weekend. Is 'anxious to keep fit for the last trying month of the Parliamentary fight'. Plans to take morning drives in Richmond Park. Has to work hard on the amendments for the report and on his Newcastle speech. Has an excellent case on land values. The impression which his Limehouse speech has created in America. There is no demand for copies of Asquith's speech. Has good material for his Newcastle speech.

2299 (2)
1909, Oct. 4, House of Commons
Is preparing the amendments for the report while leaving the schedules for Asquith. Edward VII is incensed that the Lords have thrown out the Budget: 'Yn gwneud ei oreu iw hatal (Cyfrinachol iawn)'. The King has summoned Asquith to Balmoral the following day.

2300 (3)
1909, Oct. 5, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
'Haldane just returned from Balmoral. Said the King was very excited over my attack on Philip Snowden. Had the passage specially marked. Then Prince of Wales came in. He also full of it. They were delighted more particularly with passage about Liberal party remedying grievances of all classes & not merely of one. Laughed heartily over my taunting Snowden with being a Tory!' Asquith is to go to Balmoral that day. They are preparing for an election in January. There is, therefore, no intention to push the Budget through in a hurry.

2301 (3)
1909, Oct. 6, House of Commons
His role as deputy leader of the Commons went 'uncommonly well'. Relates a story told him by Augustine Birrell.

2302 (2)

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[1909, Oct. 7], 'Thursday', House of Commons
Is preparing his speech. William George should write to him c/o Sir Walter Runciman, Newcastle on Tyne. Has good material ready for his speech.

2303 (2)
[1909, Oct. 8], 'Boreu Gwener', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving on a trip with Maggie. He is to spend Sunday with Sir Walter Runciman at Newcastle.

2304 (3)
1909, Oct. 16, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
His motor trip. Enjoyed the company of Sir Carlow Martin, the editor of the Dundee Advertiser. Is going down to speak at Treorchy on Monday.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd George.

2305 (2)
1909, Oct. 17, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is preparing for the big meeting at Treorchy the following day. Is going to listen to TCW at Clapham Junction that night. R. O. Roberts, Caernarvon, has come to have tea.

2306 (2)
1909, Oct. 19, House of Commons
Last night was a tremendous success; there is an excellent report in the South Wales Daily News. The Budget is proceeding quietly.

2307 (2)
1909, Oct. 20, House of Commons
Progress is quiet and unsensational. Has sent William George the South Wales Daily News.

2308 (1)
[1909], Oct. 21, House of Commons
Is going to the Cymmrodorion dinner to propose Balfour's health. Is making good progress with the Bill.

2309 (3)
1909, Oct. 22, House of Commons
Has made good progress and presented a revised estimate to the House. 'The opinion amongst the initiated is hardening in favour of the theory that the Lords mean to "chuck" the Budget. If they do there never has been such a delivery of our enemies into our hands since the Syrian army was striken with blindness'. He is being pressed to fight Birmingham - 'No other man can touch the hearts of the people like you'. Goes to Brighton the next day.

2310 (2)
1909, Oct. 25, House of Commons

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Is making good progress with the Finance Bill. Has agreed to begin Licenses the following day; that is to be Asquith's concern, and so D. Lloyd George will have a free day.

2311 (3)
1909, Oct. 26, House of Commons
Asquith and the two Samuels have been in charge of Licensing that day -' a welcome relief for me'.

2312 (1)
1909, Oct. 27, House of Commons
The Licensing Bill is going well. 'Disappointed to find they have not even begun drains - contract just signed'.

2313 (2)
[1909], Oct. 28, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
'Stead has just left. He has had an interview with the late W. E. Gladstone. He is as mad as a hatter'. Is disgusted with the report on the new house; is now unable to spend his fortnight there.

2314 (3)
1909, Nov. 1, House of Commons
The great battle begins the next day. His Friday speech has been very highly praised. Is very disappointed that Uncle Lloyd is not coming up to see him.

2315 (2)
1909, Nov. 2, House of Commons
The debate is very slow - 'Opposition languid & exceptionally feeble'. Describes the contribution of the speakers - Austen Chamberlain, Harold Cox, Robson, Philip Snowden.

2316 (2)
1909, Nov. 3, House of Commons
The progress of the debate; the speeches of the Opposition were 'exceptionally feeble'. McKenna's speech.

2317 (1)
1909, Nov. 4, House of Commons
His speech was an astounding success - 'House rocked with laughter & applause'.

2318 (2)
1909, Nov. 5, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
His plans; may play golf with C. F. G. Masterman. The reports in the press on the previous day's performance. Played golf with J. H. Taylor, the champion, this morning. The Budget dinner is to take place that evening at the Savoy. Will be at Brighton the next day.

2319 (1)

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[1909, Nov. 6], 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is departing for Brighton. Last week went well.

2320 (2)
1909, Nov. 15, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The half-furnished condition of the house: 'Disgusting. That little Carnarvon man is not fit to entrust with the making of a dovecot'. There is a very important Cabinet meeting the following day.

2321 (3)
1909, Nov. 16, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Got his way in the Cabinet - to adopt a 'bold & striking' course. Has a slight cold and has decided not to attend the Windsor ceremony. Is to dine with Masterman and Massingham that night. The Governor of the Bank of England is coming to see him the following day.

2322 (3)
[1909, Nov. 17], 'Wednesday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Goes to Brighton the next day. 'The Lords are in for it. I am delighted that at last I have succeeded in manoeuvring them into this position. My Limehouse and Newcastle speeches & my Nation article more especially were deliberately designed to drive them into this imbecility. If our men act with common prudence & courage the Peers are done for & that barrier to progress will be a ruin'.

2323 (2)
1909, Nov [?18], 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Brighton. Balfour as 'feeble & almost faint hearted - exceedingly poor performance'. William George's Irish story was excellent.

2324 (3)
1909, Nov. 23, House of Commons
Has been playing golf at Walton Heath. Now returns to face the Governors of the Bank of England and to make arrangements. Urges William George to 'hurry them up with the house'.

2325 (2)
1909, Nov. 24, House of Commons
Everything is progressing well. Rosebery advised the Lords not to throw out the Bill 'after of course abusing us all round'.

2326 (2)
1909, Nov. 25, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The progress of the new house is 'disgusting'. Is going to Buckingham Palace to meet the King of Portugal.

2327 (2)
1909, Nov. [26], House of Commons

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Is very busy with the Budget all day. 'Peers feel very sick. They know now they are in the trap. But they cannot get out'.

2328 (1)
Notes by William George on the Lords' rejection of the Finance Bill, 30 November 1909, and the subsequent dissolution of Parliament and general election.

2329 (2)
1909, Dec. 1, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Will give William George the cheque for the house on Saturday. Is preparing a speech for Friday. 'They never had such a rush of applications. Don't know what to do'.

2330 (2)
1909, Dec. 3, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
'Llwyddiant aruthrol. Y mwyaf etto'. Will be down at 6 the following day.

2331 (2)
[?1909, Dec. 15], 'Wednesday', Chancellor of the Exchequer
Is preparing his speech for the following night: 'Stwff da ond dim llewyrch hyd yn hyn'. Last night's crowded Welsh meeting was a great success.

2332 (2)
1909, Dec. 18, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The success of this week's meetings. Now has to prepare for Cardiff, Swansea and Llanelly: 'I have no idea how I am to work up fresh stuff for each of these meetings. Rather a big undertaking'. May hold a few private meetings in the Boroughs during Christmas week. Suggests meetings at Pwllheli and Nevin on Christmas Eve.

2333 (3)
1909, Dec. 22, The Grange, Swansea
The success of the South Wales meetings - 'quite unparallelled in my experience here. Quite a triumphant procession so far'. Encloses the South Wales Daily News. Returns to Criccieth the following night and would like to hold a meeting at Pwllheli on Friday. Has received no report from Asquith.

2334 (2)
1910, Jan. 1, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Last night's speech of 1¾ hours was a great success. Is departing for Reading.

2335 (2)
1910, Jan. 3, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW

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Dined with Churchill the previous night: 'He is very sanguine. So is Masterman. I hear the brewers say they'll come in 300 strong. That would leave us a majority of 70'. Is glad that Beriah was a success.

2336 (2)
[1910, Jan. 10], 'Monday night', The Falmouth Hotel, Falmouth
Last night's meeting: 'Tories tried to get up a row outside to drown my voice. Utterly failed'. The tour of Devon and Cornwall was a great success.

2337 (2)
[1910, Jan. 12], 'Wednesday', Beechcroft, Stafford
Would like to know more about the children. Has three huge meetings that evening.

2338 (2)
[1910, Jan. 13], 'Thursday', Beechcroft, Stafford
Last night's meeting very successful; 'All the same Norman is very rocky. Strong local man against him'. 'Got boroughs canvass. Very satisfactory. I shall just turn the 1000. Quite triumphant that. Criccieth worst. 43 unseen. No place nearly as bad. How is that?' William George should write to him at Grimsby.

2339 (1)
[1910, Jan. 29], 'Saturday', The Grand, Folkestone
Is accompanying Masterman on a run to Canterbury. Churchill is coming for a chat that evening.

2340 (2)
1910, Feb. 9, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has hit on a suitable plan and has won the support of Grey and Haldane. Now has to see Asquith. There was a large luncheon party of Cabinet Ministers that day.

2341 (1)
[1910], Feb. 10, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
An important Cabinet meeting that day, and an even more important one the previous night. The Irishmen are giving trouble.

2342 (2)
1910, Feb. 12, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Had a good interview that day with Redmond and T. P. O'Connor; they do not wish to throw out the Government if this can be avoided. There is a further meeting on Monday. Is now departing for Brighton.

2343 (3)
1910, Feb. 15, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW

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Discusses a legal case - 'Given capital punishment at all - & I am against it - this fellow deserved its fate'. 'Situation improving in spite of Irish. I am running about between Irish & Cabinet'.

2344 (2)
1910, Feb. [16], 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Expects to be able to pull through. The Cabinet meeting proved very useful.

2345 (2)
1910, Feb. 18, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The situation is improving '... but my task has been harder than even settling the Railway strike'. Finds 'both sides somewhat unreasonable. There is however a good deal to be said for the Irish'.

2346 (2)
1910, Feb. [?21], 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has been playing golf at Walton Heath. 'Now meeting at our last Cabinet before Monday - the critical day'.

2347 (1)
1910, Feb. 22, House of Commons
'Very critical situation. Gwnaeth y P.M. yn ddrwg iawn ddoe. Y gwaetha erioed. Nis gwn etto beth a ddaw. Ni ddigwydda dim am yspaid mis'. The prospects are now improved.

2348 (3)
1910, Feb. 23, House of Commons
There is an improvement in the situation, but '... there is a great discontent in the party & for the moment the P.M.'s stock is very low'. Asquith now regrets not following D. Lloyd George's advice: 'He has a set of flatterers around him who do him no end of harm'. There is talk in Radical circles of Asquith resigning and D. Lloyd George forming a government: 'I discourage that sort of talk as it is full of mischief'.

2349 (3)
1910, Feb. 24, House of Commons
Prospects are 'very gloomy'. Asquith has 'hopelessly muddled the situation. Don't be surprised whatever happens. Hwyrach y byddwn allan o hyn i ben 48 awr'. The Privy Council and a future Liberal Party will be much more radical.

2350 (3)
1910, Feb. 25, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Edward VII is 'dead against a crisis', and the Conservatives are 'bent on not turning us out just yet'. Asquith is 'quite nerve shattered ... decidedly not the man to lead a Revolution'. Is to dine at Buckingham Palace that evening.

2351 (3)

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1910, Feb. 25, House of Commons
'Situation still very critical. We decide tomorrow what to do. Saved them today from rushing into resignation. The P.M. is completely unnerved'. Encloses a cutting from the Westminster Gazette (no. 2352).

2352 (1)
Press cutting from the Westminster Gazette, 25 Feb. 1910.

2353 (2)
1910, Feb. 28, House of Commons
Has just spoken to great effect on the House of Lords: 'Pulled the party together. Irish even pleased. Immense success. Saved us'. Asquith and the Liberals are delighted while the Conservatives 'look glum'.

2354 (3)
1910, March 2, House of Commons
Has given instructions that a car should be sent down to carry William George. Morale in the Liberal ranks is much improved following the win in the East End and J. A. Pease's unopposed return. The article in that day's Morning Post attacking the Tory Party leaders. There has been a complete change in the situation.

2355 (2)
1910, March 3, House of Commons
Hopes that the car will turn up the following day. Has been speaking that day and may have to speak again that evening.

2356 (3)
1910, March 4, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Wishes William George well in his election the next day. Gave the Tories 'fire & brimstone' in his speech that day - 'Very exciting scene. The Freshmen quite forgot they were opposed to the Budget & shouted with the loudest. Had a ripping time with the Tory young bloods'. William George should wire the result of the election to him at 4 Chichester Place, Brighton - 'We shall be anxiously awaiting it'. Is departing for Brighton with Maggie.

2357 (2)
1910, March 7, House of Commons
Congratulations on election success! 'Just been quoting it now at a private meeting of the Gladstone League for the enfranchisement of the English Villager'.

2358 (2)
1910, March 8, House of Commons

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Is pleased at the result of the county council elections in Wales. The Irish at Westminster are proving very stubborn, but he has three or four weeks to convert them. 'Meanwhile we live in hope & on £100 a week'.

2359 (2)
1910, March 10, House of Commons
Has been speaking and has led the House in Asquith's absence. Made an important announcement.

2360 (1)
1910, March 11, House of Commons
Has spent over an hour with O'Brien and Healy and made good progress.

2361 (1)
1910, March 14, House of Commons
'Engaged in turning the flank of the Redmondites. They are frightened'.

2362 (2)
1910, March 15, House of Commons
Is awaiting Dillon's return. Is suffering from rheumatism in his arm. Goes to Brighton on Thursday. Is in charge of the House that evening.

2363 (1)
1910, March 16, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is departing for Brighton following a long Cabinet meeting. Plans to stay until the following week.

2364 (2)
1910, March 18, House of Commons
Is engaged in further negotiations with the Irishmen. The rheumatism has receded.

2365 (2)
1910, March 21, House of Commons
Has just finished speaking. His arm is now less painful. Is now going to meet the Irish.

2366 (2)
1910, March 23, House of Commons
William George did well at Llandudno. Spoke well in reply to Hugh Cecil. Is preparing for the Queen's Hall that night. Feels much better.

2367 (2)
1910, March 24, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Brighton with Harold Spender. Outlines his activities of the previous day.

2368 (2)

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[1910, March 26], 'Saturday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is now going for a motor drive with Herbert Lewis. Would like Dick to do duty for him at Caernarvon on Monday.

2369 (2)
1910, March 29, House of Commons
The debate in the House - 'P.M. excellent. Balfour not so good. Redmond satisfactoy'. T. P. O'Connor sees a great change in Redmond and believes that he will vote for the Budget. Believes that Dick did well at Caernarvon.

2370 (2)
1910, March 30, House of Commons
The progress of the debate. The reference to Dick's speech in the Westminster Gazette.

2371 (2)
1910, March 31, House of Commons
His arm is better and has been playing golf. Knows nothing of the march of recent events.

2372 (1)
1910, April 4, House of Commons
Has plenty of material ready for that evening. Redmond's speech was hopeful.

2373 (1)
1910, April 5, House of Commons
Last night was a great success; only The Times has a report. 'Had great effect even on Tories'.

2374 (2)
1910, April 6, House of Commons
T. P. O'Connor believes that Redmond is becoming 'better disposed'. 'Tonight they want vote on Tariff Reform - but they have always taken that line'.

2375 (2)
1910, April 7, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Walton Heath to play golf with Churchill and then to Brighton with the family. The Budget is to be discussed in Monday's Cabinet meeting.

2376 (2)
1910, April 11, House of Commons
Dick's neuralgia. 'O'Brien incident useful. Put the other fellows on my side. They hate each other - but the Redmondites have 70 votes - W. O'B only 9. The more he attacks me the better will they like me & my Budget'.

2377 (2)

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1910, April 12, House of Commons
There are many Cabinet meetings.

2378 (3)
1910, April 13, House of Commons
Has 'come to a bold & a right conclusion'. The Cabinet has accepted a proposal he made as to guarantees. 'Tomorrow night the P.M. will read my words. You look out on Friday morning for a sensational pronouncement by him'. 'We are not going to give in on whiskey to the Irish - but we have decided to ... the King. If we are turned out by the Irish on this our men will rally to us'.

2379 (2)
1910, April 13, House of Commons, '2nd letter'
'Seen T.P. He communicated decision of Cabinet to Redmond. T.P. thinks he'll swallow it. But he has got to face his party on Friday. If that is alright we shall have a great triumph'.

2380 (3)
1910, April 14, House of Commons
Believes that everything is satisfactory - 'Asquith gets up to make the momentous declaration in a few minutes'.
Friday: 'My poor words were a triumph for the Government yesterday. Never seen such enthusiasm on our side since the great Gladstone days'. Believes that the Budget is now safe, and would like Uncle Lloyd to come up for the Royal Assent within a fortnight. Has been sitting that day in the Treasury Board Room as the presiding judge under section 29 of the Patent Act 1907.

2381 (1)
[1910, early May]
'7.40 p.m. Latest bulletin. King passed comfortable day. No pain. Progress satisfactory - no special symptoms causing anxiety'.

2382 (3)
1910, May 11, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Cabinet meetings. 'Shall be very glad to get away from this atmosphere'. Goes to Brighton, and may stay with Spender or Elibank. Wil's letter; plans to see him on Sunday or Monday. 'Stead told me he had heard from the King that he was more imprssed by his talk with me than with any of the other Ministers'.

2383 (3)
1910, May 17, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Wishes to invite W.G's 'lady love' to see the procession on Friday. There is a very important Cabinet that day.

2384 (2)
1910, May 18, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW

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Has been playing golf at Walton Heath. Megan's appearance.

2385 (3)
1910, May [19], Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Regrets that Anita cannot turn up the following day, but Phyllis is coming. Will be glad when 'this grim pageant' is over. Had a breakfast party that morning with Hearst, Littleton and Stead.

2386 (3)
1910, June 9, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Had breakfast with Sir Arthur Bigge to discuss the new Civil List. Has also seen Lord Glantawe, a director of the Metropolitan Bank; J. H. P[ritchard], it seems, probably committed suicide.

2387 (1)
1910, June 10, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Brighton.

2388 (3)
1910, June 13, House of Commons
Has no further news of the conference. Asquith insists that D. Lloyd George should be one of the Liberal representatives at the table. Laments Pritchard's death - 'I fear he must have gone clean off his head. The Inspector's visit evidently frightened him - & for quite good reasons'. Megan is to be a bridesmaid at the wedding of Harry Maclaren in July. Is to see the King at 11 o'clock the next day.

2389 (3)
1910, June 14, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
His meeting with George V to discuss the fixing of the Civil List and the proclamation of the Prince of Wales.

2390 (2)
1910, June 15, House of Commons
Has been serving on the Conciliation Committee together with Asquith, Crewe and Birrell. Asquith believes that Balfour wishes to settle. 'Gave Prettyman one right on the nose this afternoon'.

2391 (2)
1910, June 16, House of Commons
The Liberal 'Conciliators' have met that day to consider their modus operandi. Spent an hour that morning in the Stamp Department at Somerset House.

2392 (3)
1910, June 17, House of Commons
The first meeting of the Conciliation Committee went well. Anticipates a long haul as it is intended to examine in great detail the proposals for the settlement of the dispute. Does not know whether

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there is any prospect of a settlement -'I am & always have been the only sanguine member of the Cabinet'.

2393 (2)
1910, June 19, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has just returned from Brighton with Maggie and Megan. Played golf with Churchill and Baron de Forest the previous day.

2394 (2)
1910, June 20, House of Commons
Is unable to get to Cambridge the next day to see Dick graduating as he will be presiding over the Civil List Committee. Is at it preparing the Budget. 'I am rather uneasy about Uncle Lloyd being too much in that hot room - yr offis - this hot weather'.

2395 (3)
1910, June 21, House of Commons
Moved to the Chair of the Civil List Committee that day - nominated by Asquith and seconded by Austen Chamberlain. The Hartlepool election was up to his expectations; there is a lack of political excitement at the moment. 'That apathy necessarily tells against a Progressive party. But we have held the seat. That is the only thing that Counts'.

2396 (1)
1910, June 22, House of Commons
Is awaiting a debate on the supertax. Hopes to see William George the following day.

2397 (2)
1910, July 1, House of Commons
Plays golf that morning, and there is to be another meeting of the Conference that afternoon. Goes to Brighton the following day.

2398 (2)
1910, July 2, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is departing for Brighton. The Budget is going well. Dorset is 'tip top'.

2399 (2)
1910, July 4, House of Commons
Is receiving praise and criticism alternatively. Is to speak on the Budget on Wednesday. Austen Chamberlain is 'mild & on the whole not unfriendly'.

2400 (2)
1910, July 5, House of Commons
That day's conciliation meeting; Balfour was ill. Heard very valuable evidence from America.

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2401 (2)
1910, July 7, House of Commons
Has been attending a meeting to consider the installation of the Prince of Wales attended by Lords Cawdor, Tredegar, Powys and Plymouth, the Welsh bishops and nonconformist leaders. Caernarvon was agreed upon. Is to speak on the Budget the next day.

2402 (2)
1910, July 8, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
His speech that day was an astounding success. Spoke for over an hour. There has been a long sitting of the Conference.

2403 (2)
1910, July 11, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The Women's Debate is going strong; F. E. Smith has delivered 'a crushing speech against'. 'I am dead against this Bill & mean to vote against it'.

2404 (2)
1910, July 13, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
'Women's Suffrage killed for this year - killed altogether as far as yesterday's Bill is concerned. The Suffragettes are for the moment concentrating their hate on Winston [Churchill] - although annoyed with me also'. Is going to the Conference.

2405 (2)
1910, July 14, House of Commons
Made much progress at the previous day's conference. Was visited the previous night by Earl Grey, the Governor General of Canada: 'He is full of a scheme for Federal Home Rule'.

2406 (3)
[1910, July 16], 'Saturday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The previous night he met the 'enraged city magnates' for the first time since the Budget. Was alarmed at the prospect, but the occasion was a great success - 'I quite conquered them. I saw they feared me for I had beaten them - so I spoke snootily to them but told them straight & salutary things'. The previous day's conference; is becoming very 'chummy' with Cawdor - 'He is my chief backer'. Is departing for Brighton with Megan.

2407 (2)
1910, July 18, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is very busy with his post and the Lords' Conference. The prospects are promising.

2408 (2)
[?1910, Aug. 26], 'Friday', 22 Thurloe Square, SW
The golf and the weather. Hopes to stay until Wednesday.

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2409 (3)
[1910, Aug. 28], 'Sunday', Grant Hôtel des Bains, Lido-Venise
The motor tour and the weather. Is pondering the problem of local taxation. Would like William George's help to ascertain how mansions are rated compared with shops; he should ensure that parks are included.

2410 (3)
[1910, Sept. 11], 'Sunday morning', Balmoral Castle
Is writing first thing in the morning. The church service lasts only 50 minutes - 'a great achievement which took years of persistent effort on the part of Court officials to bring about'. Is glad that this is coming to an end for 'The Sir & Ma'm always & your Majesty now & again to an unaccustomed tongue is wearying work'. As a result of this visit he has made two very powerful friends - 'This may be of some use to the millions of poor people who are still sitting in the darkness of a great social wretchedness. If it is not then it will not be my fault'.

2411 (2)
1910, Oct. 6, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Now faces a series of conferences. Even spent the lunch hour in conference with Sir Edward Grey and Sidney Buxton. Discusses the purchase of a house at Criccieth for a local institute or library. 3,600,000 forms have come in up to the present.

2412 (2)
1910, Oct. [7], Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is departing for a trip over Sunday. The family have left for Germany. Returns on Monday. There are four and a half columns in The Times on the Conference.

2413 (3)
1910, Oct. 10, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is busy preparing for the following day. Has received no news as yet from Germany. The reports in the newspapers on the Conferences. Is dining with the Master of Elibank; Haldane has said that D. Lloyd George was a great success at Balmoral.

2414 (2)
1910, Oct. 11, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
There is good progress at the Conference. There is to be a further meeting the next day at his room at the Treasury.

2415 (2)
1910, Oct. 12, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Balfour is coming for a discussion. Spent three hours in discussion with him the previous night.

2416 (2)

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[1910, Oct. 15], 'Dydd Sadwrn', Sunningdale Golf Club, Berks.
Has come to play golf with Dick and the Master of Elibank. The Conference has reached the end of the agenda. Foresees difficulties. 'Thought Mountain Ash risky under the circumstances. They would have blamed my lead. I made a strong speech'.

2417 (1)
1910, Oct. 17, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is going to the City Temple to talk on the problem of destitution in this country.

2418 (3)
1910 [?Oct. 18], 'Tuesday', Walton Heath Golf Club, Walton-on-the Hill, Epsom
Is playing golf with Churchill. Goes to Brighton that evening. Last night's great success has made the Tories 'baffled & perplexed'. Believed that a settlement is now likely and is convinced that Balfour is anxious for this. Has private talks with Balfour the following week which are likely to yield positive results. A settlement of the Welsh Church question is likely.

2419 (2)
1910, Oct. 20, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Wanklyn is 'a known lunatic. No one takes the slightest notice of him here'. The Tory newspapers have friendly articles on the City Temple speech, including the Daily Telegraph, the British Weekly and the Christian World.

2420 (2)
1910, Oct. 21, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has fixed up Dick with the smartest firm of contractors in England - S. Pearson and Sons (Wheatman Pearson): 'He must start at the very bottom & rough it. Dick said that is just what he expected & wanted. He is delighted'. Goes to Devon the following day.

2421 (2)
1910, Oct. 25, Treasury Chambers, SW
Has returned from Devon. Is to have lunch with Crewe and dinner with Grey. Had breakfst with F.E. Smith - 'So you may imagine I am in the colydron [sic] of big events'.

2422 (2)
1910, Oct. 26, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
He entertained Grey to dinner the previous night and met Churchill and F. E. Smith afterwards. Smith is anxious to settle the Lords, Home Rule and Welsh Disestablishment: 'If we can do all that it would be a mighty haul'. Had breakfast with the Bishop of St. Asaph that morning. 'So there are great things brewing. Paid a sibrwd wrth neb - ond y teulu wrth gwrs'.

2423 (2)
1910, Nov. 3, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW

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Prospects are distinctly unpromising. Expects the Deluge to occur following a meeting the following morning. 'I am all against further concessions & I shall not be at all sorry to get back to the fighting line. Combat is joy of the cause'.

2424 (2)
1910, Nov. 4, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Nothing has happened as yet. Believes that Balfour is anxious to settle.

2425 (2)
1910, Nov. 5, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is to play golf at Walton Heath with Masterman and then goes to Brighton. Is still optimisic about the outcome of the Conference - 'but I am the only one who takes that view'. Is sorry to learn of Uncle Lloyd's indisposition.

2426 (3)
[1910, Nov. 6], 'Sunday', Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne
Have driven through the rain to see Gwilym. He had lunch at the home of Lord James of Hereford with Churchill and Masterman (near the Walton Heath Golf Links) the previous day - 'He is 82 years of age & as spruce as Uncle Lloyd - almost'. He related a store of political anecdotes about Gladstone, Chamberlain, John Bright and others.
Includes note from Gwilym Lloyd George.

2427 (3)
[1910, Nov. 7], 'Wednesday', Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has reached Brighton where he found a note from Balfour asking to see him that evening.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd George.

2428 (3)
1910, Nov. 8, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
'Balfour & his friends meeting today - y pnawn yma - to settle their own fate. Dim newydd etto'. His talk with Balfour the previous night: 'He told me that he came to me as he realized that I had the deciding voice & that I was the man he had to negotiate with'.

2429 (3)
1910, Nov. 11, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Was prevented from completing a letter the previous day by Churchill's arrival - '& once he starts talking it is all over for at least an hour'. 'Well the fat is in the fire & frizzling'. Asquith supports an immediate dissolution of Parliament, and believes there is general support in the country for this. He has gone to see the King that afternoon.

2430 (2)
1910, Nov. 14, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is to see the Irish that night. Feels that George V will be reasonable. Is to dine with Churchill.

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2431 (2)
1910, Nov. 15, House of Commons
'Newydd fod yn trin Prettyman'. Has led the House and moved the adjournement on behalf of Asquith. The government is not prepared to yield at all.

2432 (1)
1910, Nov. 16, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Asquith is to announce a dissolution of Parliament on Friday. This is secret at present.

2433 (1)
1910, Nov. 21, House of Commons
Has spoken in the House. Is going to the East End shortly.

2434 (2)
1910, Nov. 23, House of Commons
Last night's meeting. Does not mind the opposition in the Caernarvon Boroughs, but rues the cost. Central Office is overwhelmed by demands for him to speak: 'Almost all the wires that come are for me - so they say'. Mile End is making a great impression.

2435 (1)
1910, Nov. 27, St Mary's Cottage (Tibbie Shul's), Yarrow, Selkirk
Has driven through Midlothian and Peebleshire the previous night. Was very well received everywhere. Returns to London the next day.

2436 (3)
[1910, Dec. 3], 'Saturday', Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has spent a week addressing huge meetings, but is now very hoarse. Was unable to speak at Nottingham because of this difficulty. Will be unable to go to Glasgow on Monday if this persists. But his temperature is normal and his appetite good. Is to eat Irish stew with the Master of Elibank later on.

2437 (3)
1910, Dec. 19, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
His throat is much better, but is glad to be going with Maggie to the south of France. Is to dine with Sir Rufus Isaacs and Sir Robert Chambers that evening to discuss the Land Tax questions.

2438 (3)
1910, Dec [?20], Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Gives his address in France. Merry Christmas. Would like William George to keep an eye on Gwilym and Megan.

2439 (3)

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1910, Dec. 29, Cap Martin Hotel, Près Menton
Is awaiting the election accounts. Would like William George to approach the Llanystumdwy farmers in turn for a suitable site: 'I do wish you would take this in hand in real earnest. There is no time to lose. As long as that £1000 is suspect I am always open to the taunt that I got it for charity & appropriated it to my own uses. Do press on, that's a good fellow. I will not write R.R.T. until all the others have been exhausted'. Has been described as the 'most important statesman in England' by the French press. Is going for a motor run with Masterman.

2440 (2)
[1910, Dec. 30], Cap Martin Hotel, Près Menton
Discusses further the acquisition of a suitable site at Llanystumdwy. Masterman has already arrived and is expecting Rufus Isaacs that day together with some Treasury officials to discuss the Insurance Scheme.

2441 (3)
[1911, Feb. 5], 'Sunday night', Bertolini's Palace, Naples
The crossing. His throat is clearer and much stronger. The mountain is smoking but is not on fire. Goes to Pompey the following day

2442 (4)
[1991, Feb. 7], 'Boreu dydd Mawrth', Bertolini's Palace, Naples
Describes his travels. Carter's death - 'I have no reason to deplore his loss. He was my foulest foe in the boroughs. His zeal outran conscience. Like many a conscience what with party zeal & self interest it was top heavy'. Would like William George to represent him at the funeral.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd George: 'Gwnaeth y sea voyage yma les dirfawr i'r brawd ...'.

2443 (4)
[1991, Feb. 13], 'Sunday', The Grand, Folkestone
Has arrived and plans to stay at Brighton for a week for the voice to strengthen.
Includes notes from Richard, Megan and Margaret Lloyd George.

2444 (2)
1911, Feb. 16, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has come to discuss the annual estimates. Returns to Brighton the following evening. Saw his doctor that morning. Had a business lunch with Redmond and Dillon that day.

2445 (2)
[1911], Feb. 17, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is going to play golf with Churchill. Has won the battle against the Admiralty, but had to threaten to resign; 'P.M. said that would be the end of the govt - so McK[enna] had to give in. I fought a very bold & I think skilful fight'.

2446 (2)

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1911, Feb. 23, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The Budget debate is on. The Tories are 'very flat', with very few in the chamber. Has just received a Scottish deputation. Regrets his inability to see more of William George when he was in London.

2447 (2)
1911, Feb. 25, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Walton Heath to play golf with Churchill and F. E. Smith and then goes to Brighton. Dined at Buckingham Palace the previous night with George V and the Duke of Connaught.

2448 (2)
1911, Feb. 27, House of Commons
'Gave Peel a smack in the jaw this afternoon'. Is accompanying Dick to the theatre that evening.

2449 (2)
1911, Feb. 28, House of Commons
Has been submitting his sickness and invalidity benefit scheme to Asquith who was much impressed. Plans to introduce it before Easter.

2450 (2)
1911, March 1, House of Commons
The Prince of Wales Committee is over. Has an important role in making the arrangements.

2451 (2)
1911, March 3, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Folkestone until Tuesday. Would like to devote all his time to Insurance until Easter, but this is not possible.

2452 (2)
[1911, March 4], 'Saturday', Beachborough Park, Shorncliffe
Describes his surroundings - 'a nice old Georgian mansion with park'. Returns to London on Tuesday for the Budget and to receive deputations. Wishes to stay at Beachborough Park as long as possible 'to be thoroughly fit for the immense labour of piloting through the schoals & rapids the Insurance Bill'. Is leaving for Dover to fetch Dick for a game of golf.

2453 (3)
1911, March 8, House of Commons
Was informed that the second reading of the Budget was to take place that day; 'amazed to find it had gone through'. Attended a Cabinet meeting and received deputations on insurance. Plans to spend a month working on the Insurance Bill and to ensure his throat is recovered sufficiently to introduce the measure in a few weeks.

2454 (3)
1911, March 9, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW

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Is to spend another ten days off work. The condition of his voice: 'My voice is much stronger but this is a slow business & I have not obeyed instructions. I insisted on talking incessantly when the doctor enjoined silence'. Has received two deputations that morning. William George should write to Shorncliffe.

2455 (2)
[1911, March 10], 'Friday morning', Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is returning to Beachborough for the whole of next week. Is very anxious for his voice to improve. The illness of Asquith's daughter.

2456 (3)
[1911, March 16], 'Thursday', Beachborough Park, Shorncliffe
Has been playing golf with Rowland, 'a most promising pupil'. Was visited by Lady Carlisle the previous evening to discuss Women's Suffrage! - 'Y mae tros 70 oed gan fywioced ond dim yn agos gan sionced ac Uncle Lloyd'.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd George: '... y mae y dyddiau yma yn treiddio i ddyfnderoedd Report y Poor Law, ac y mae o ar y telephone bob yn ail a pheidio, yn siarad a'r Treasury a Mostyn yn ol a blaen ar hyd y dydd yn cario pouches yn ol a blaen'.

2457 (2)
1911, March 24, Beachborough Park, Shorncliffe
Has worked hard and feels magnificent. Will be introducing the scheme the Wednesday after Easter.

2458 (3)
1911, March 28, 'Tuesday', Beachborough Park, Shorncliffe
Has stayed indoors to read because of the cold weather. The specialist has emphasised the importance of nose breathing, especially during the night. His vocal chords have not yet hardened sufficiently to enable him to return to work. The speeches of Grey and McKenna the previous night.

2459 (3)
1911, March 29, Beachborough Park, Scarborough
Wishes he could have heard Uncle Lloyd's lectures during recent years - 'What an extraordinary fine brain he has'. Did not return for the Cabinet that day but has to travel up the next day and Friday for the insurance conferences. The improvement in his voice. Officials and draftsmen are coming down that evening to go through the Bill. Megan.

2460 (3)
1911, March 30, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has made good progress, but the doctor wishes him to take another three weeks to harden the vocal chords. 'My voice now is clear as a bell'. Is permitted to smoke! - a pipe.

2461 (1)
1911, March 31, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW

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Is returning by the late train to Beachborough. Is working very hard.

2462 (3)
1911, April 3, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Was sorry to leave Beachborough as he had grown to like the place. Is very busy. 'Burns yn selog. Y rhyfeddod fwyaf. Samuel yn dyweyd ei fod y most statesmanlike measure of modern times'. Yr ydwyf wedi gweithio yn aruthrol Sul gwyl a gwaith. Cychwyn ei ystyried yn y Cabinet ddydd Mercher'. Gwilym has arrived.

2463 (2)
1911, April 4, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has received three deputations. A letter from the Chief Medical Officer for Scotland describes his Insurance Bill as 'the greatest scheme of medical service in history'.

2464 (2)
1911, April 6, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Atrocious weather. The previous day's Cabinet meeting was very successful with its approval of the main features of the insurance scheme. Is now completing the draft Bill. Goes to Brighton the following day.

2465 (3)
1911, April 7, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is finalizing the scheme and has won the support of his colleagues - according to Herbert Samuel. F. E. Smith has promised his support. Is to play golf the next day with Smith, Bonar Law and Chur chill: 'It will make it so much easier to get it through to be on pleasant terms with these men. I shall have to fight vested interests & there is not too much time to spare this Session. So I must do a good deal of "smoothio"'.

2466 (2)
[?1911, April 8], 'Saturday', Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is departing for Walton Heath to play golf with Bonar Law, and then goes to Brighton. Returns to Downing Street the following night ready for Monday.

2467 (2)
1911, April 10, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is working hard and is going to a committee at Buckingham Palace.

2468 (3)
1911, April 25, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Believes that he has scored off the London County Council - 'They must feel silly now'. Is anxious to present his scheme in the Commons.

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1911, April 26, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The purchase of a suitable site at Llanystumdwy. Is going to Brighton for a week of rest and preparation.

2470 (2)
1911, [?April 27], 'Thursday', Walton Heath Golf Club, Walton-on-the-Hill, Epsom
Has come down for a game of golf with Donald of the Daily Chronicle and Sir Henry Norman. There should be no alarm at the expense of the Investiture as it occurs only once in 600 years.

2471 (3)
1911, May 2, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
His health and throat are much improved and he is ready for Thursday. Argues against William George's suggestion of a banquet (at a guinea a head) to follow the Investiture. A luncheon would be more suitable.

2472 (2)
1911, May 4, House of Commons
The launch of his scheme was 'a smashing triumph' - 'All parties now engaged in lauding it. It has transfigured politics. Anything is now possible'. His voice is much improved.

2473 (2)
1911, May 5, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
His voice is now much improved. Has been playing golf at Walton Heath with Dick, Churchill and the Master of Elibank. Is receiving enthusiastic telegrams. 'It killed the Woman's Suffrage debate today'.

2474 (2)
1911, May 8, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
'I am not quite certain these days whether I am standing on my head or my heels'. Fulsome praise for him in the Sunday papers. Sir Jesse Herbert believes that the launch of the insurance scheme won Barnstable for the Liberals.

2475 (2)
1911, May 9, House of Commons
Is busy preparing for the Budget. His measure is published in full in the newspapers the following day; Northcliffe claims that there has been so much public interest since the Boer War.

2476 (2)
1911, May 10, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has been very busy all day. The second reading of the insurance scheme is to take place on the 22nd and 23rd.

2477 (3)

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1911, May 12, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
'I got out of yesterday's very hot skirmish without a scratch except those I inflicted. The Tories were very sick over my counterstrokes at the Railway Companies'. Lord Claud Hamilton looked 'very crestfallen'. 'I am dead against the Banquet & you can say so. I would rather give something to a children's treat'.

2478 (2)
1911, May 13, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Walton Heath with Churchill and then on to Brighton. Everything is proceeding well.

2479 (1)
1911, May 15, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is preparing for the Budget the next day. All goes well. F. E. Smith made a complimentary reference to him in his speech in the House.

2480 (1)
1911, May 16, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The Budget was a great success.

2481 (2)
1911, May 17, House of Commons
Has just spoken on the Budget to a very quiet House. Has breakfasted with Fisher, the Prime Minister of Australia, that morning.

2482 (2)
1911, May 18, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Had lunch that day with the editors of the Lancet and the British Medical Journal. Had the company of David Davies MP for breakfast. Professor Henry Jones stayed the previous night.

2483 (3)
1911, May 19, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Had lunch that day with Sir Joseph Ward, Lord Esher, Beerbohm, Free, Spender, the Master of Elibank and Massingham. His speech in the House which had been upset by Hobhouse. Goes to Hindhead the following day.

2484 (3)
1911, May 20, House of Commons
Has been listening to a 'dreary droning speech' from Fowler moving his amendment on the Finance Bill: 'His failure is a complete justification of the criticism directed against his selection for the leadership of the attack on the Budget'. Haldane is now speaking - 'too dull & inaffective [sic] for words'. The very fine meeting at Oswestry. 'I travelled up Saturday night. Crowd saw me off - great cheering'.

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2485 (1)
1911, May 23, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is very busy with deputations and committees.

2486 (3)
1911, May 24, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
There will be no division as the opposition plan to support the second reading. Is to speak on Monday. Is glad that Uncle Lloyd likes the letter case.

2487 (2)
1911, May 25, House of Commons
The debate is going well. 'I am busily engaged in squaring diverse interests outside'. Believes he will succeed in winning over the support of the 'really formidable' doctors.

2488 (2)
1911, May 26, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is preparing his speech for the luncheon of Colonial Premiers the following day. Will prepare the next day for Monday - 'I have a smashing reply to all criticisms'. 'I am sending Dr Macnaughton to Harrogate to see Nancy & report next week. Dont let Dr D. know anything about it. He won't like it'.

2489 (3)
1911, May 27, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is completing his speech while the Trooping of the Colour takes place outside. Anita should stay at 11 Downing Street if she is coming up to London. Is going to Walton Heath to play golf.

2490 (3)
1911, May 30, House of Commons
The success of the previous day's speech in the House. Believes that he has smashed the agitation of the doctors and collecting societies. Has heard of the wide publicity accorded the Insurance Bill.

2491 (2)
1911, June 13, House of Commons
Is very busy working on the Insurance Bill. Birmingham was a great success. His speech has been highly praised by Haldane and Macnamara.

2492 (2)
1911, June 14, House of Commons
Is spending his time on deputations and interviews. Maggie and Megan are great friends.

2493 (2)
1911, June 15, House of Commons
His answer in the House on the Birkbeck Bank: 'Our fellows cheered for several minutes'. Is taking the Chair this evening at a dinner with Kitchener on his right.

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2494 (2)
1911, June 16, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has spent all day on deputations and the Colonial Conference. Nancy has been seen by Dr Bertrand Dawson.

2495 (3)
1911, June 17, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
'Got on well with Kitchener. Great driving force but no mental power - that is my reading of him. Hard eyes - relentless - without a glimmer of human kindness'. Is looking forward to seeing William George the next day or Tuesday. Pities R. O. Davies - 'Considerable gifts neutralized by still more considerable defects'.

2496 (2)
[?1911, June 24], 'Saturday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Hopes that they reached home safely. Is doing his best to have something to say on Dr Edwards, Y Bala. The family has gone to Richmond Park.

2497 (1)
1911, June 26, House of Commons
Is extremely busy - 'Deputations. Insurance. Pwyllgorau. Investiture'. Goes to Bala the following day.

2498 (1)
1911, June 27, House of Commons
Is receiving deputations. Will be able to get his Bill through. There is an important Cabinet meeting the next morning and so he could not make it to Bala.

2499 (3)
1911, June 28, House of Commons
Has just had 'a prolonged interview' with the doctors. The Prince of Wales has driven over that morning to discuss the Investiture - 'very natural boy'. In the Cabinet meeting which followed he proposed a plan of campaign to fight the peers, and this was accepted. Is glad that he did not go to Bala.

2500 (2)
1911, June 29, House of Commons
There was enormous enthusiasm at the meeting with the Friendly Societies that morning. 'Believe I have squeezed the doctors'.

2501 (3)
1911, July 3, House of Commons

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Thinks the Insurance Bill will get through - 'Think we may get through in less time without guillotine so long as it is there in the background ready to operate if necessary'. Is prepared to make minor concessions (as on the Budget) to get the measure through committee. Found the Archbishop of Canterbury 'quite friendly' on the matter.

2502 (3)
1911, July 4, House of Commons
Has been receiving deputations all day. A Cabinet meeting in the morning to discuss Morocco - 'Y fi gariodd y maen i'r wal. I had a plan which was finally adopted as against Grey's'. R. O. Davies - 'What a scoundrel he must be seeing that he landed M[aggie] in such a mess & that M treated him well notwithstanding that'.

2503 (1)
1911, July 5, House of Commons
The future of the Lords etc needs to be made clearer before progress can be made.

2504 (1)
1911, July 7, House of Commons
Is making outstanding progress - 'infinitely better than ever I anticipated. Campus'.

2505 (2)
1911, July 8, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is going down to Brighton until Monday. Received an 'exceptionally warm reception' from the press gallery the previous night.

2506 (2)
1911, July 10, House of Commons
Has had private discussions on the Bill with Balfour and Austen Chamberlain, and made good progress.

2507 (3)
1911, July 11, House of Commons
Disposed of 'some very contentious & difficult questions' the previous day. Expects to get three or four clauses that day. Uncle Lloyd's proposed visit to Caernarvon.

2508 (2)
1911, July 28, 'Friday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The storm is clearing in the political firmament. 'Labour party meek after the thrashing I gave them last week'.

2509 (2)
1911, July 29, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW

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Another storm is on the horizon. Has spent all morning negotiating with the Labour Party over terms of compensation. 'Wrth gwrs fe fydd Lansbury a Snowden y tu allan i'r fargen - ond nid wyf yn hidio blewyn am danynt hwy'.

2510 (3)
1911, Aug. 1, House of Commons
Is plodding through the Insurance Bill. Will not now press hard as an autumn session seems likely. Is very pleased - 'This heat for another 6 weeks with late sittings would finish me'. Would like to know Megan's opinion of her governess.

2511 (3)
1911, Aug. 17, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Poor R. O. Davies - 'Digon o gyneddfau naturiol i wneyd gyrfa eitha llwyddiannus - a dyna'r diwedd. Diffyg ballast'. Encloses a letter from Holden and Lord Knollys's letter about his Mansion House speech. Asquith has told D. Lloyd George that he is to take responsibility in his absence. Is to remain in town with Asquith, Grey, Haldane and Churchill.

2512 (3)
1911, Oct. 22, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Played golf with Churchill the previous day. The next day there will be a great luncheon of Liberal editors and leader writers to meet D. Lloyd George to win over their support for the Insurance Bill. The Master of Elibank is to pay, and ninety are to attend. The situation has changed dramatically in the last two weeks. Ramsay MacDonald has come to breakfast - 'He is friendly & so are most of the Labourites'. 'Balfour whines re his speech yesterday. Makes me feel sorry I hit him'.

2513 (2)
1911, Oct. 23, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The success of the meeting with the Liberal editors that day. Has heard that the other side do not propose to fight hard.

2514 (2)
1911, Oct. 25, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
'Guillotine motion on. Will be carried alright. The usual grumblers but fewer than I feared'. Neither he nor his party likes the guillotine and he much appreciates their loyalty.

2515 (3)
[1911, Oct. 26], 'Dydd Iau', Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is very pleased to have got his timetable through: 'It was my most difficult & dangerous corner'. Agrees with William George that D. Williams might be approached. Is writing to Beriah [Gwynfe Evans].

2516 (2)
1911, Oct. 27, House of Commons

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Is making good progress. Anita's letter.

2517 (2)
1911, Oct. 30, House of Commons
Spent Sunday at Reigate with the son of Lady Henry Somerset in the company of Churchill, Haldane and Rufus Isaacs. Agrees that Keighley is excellent. Heard Idwal Jones at Castle Street the previous evening: 'Doniol iawn & some power in passages. Some lack of dignity in language. Uses too many colloquialities'.

2518 (2)
1911, Oct. 31, House of Commons
Is pleased that JJ has agreed. Will consult Goscombe John about the monument for JJ's little girl. Regrets that William George could not come up.

2519 (3)
1911, Nov. 1, House of Commons
Has been speaking for an hour in the Post Office Contributor. Megan is busy preparing for school: '... her mother & I are very unhappy at the prospect of parting with the cheery & fascinating little monkey'. 'Gave Lyttleton brimstone'.

2520 (2)
1911, Nov. 2, House of Commons
Has spoken for forty minutes on his new married women Insurance Scheme which was well received by the Commons. He and the family are going to Hindhead the next day to spend Sunday.

2521 (2)
1911, Nov. 3, House of Commons
Is preparing amendments for next week. Feels confident about the coming week.

2522 (3)
1911, Nov. 4, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Hindhead after preparing amendments for the following week. Did not attend the Savings Bank Anniversary at the Mansion House the previous evening. There is an attack on the Tories in the Saturday Review for allowing the Insurance Bill an easy ride through the Commons. Expects 'a slight flare up' the following week, but, 'I have got them tight in the vice'.

2523 (3)
1911, Nov. 6, House of Commons
Has returned from Hindhead feeling very fit. Nancy's health. Visited tuberculosis institutions in Hampshire the previous day. 'Megan left for school in very high spirits. Her mother & I not so high. Glad I have the Insurance Bill to think about. M[aggie] will feel it very much.

2524 (3)

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1911, Nov. 8, House of Commons
Balfour has resigned - 'Serve the Tories right. They have nagged their only distinguished leader into retirement. I have many a time wondered at his standing it so long as he did. It seemed hardly compatible with dignity'. Asquith's declaration on manhood suffrage has caused surprise - 'It is entirely my doing. But I am amazed at the readiness & the proflitude [sic] with which he took the fence. I anticipated much more trouble. The Pankhursts are furious'. The Insurance Bill is 'going on smoothly as on oiled castors'.

2525 (2)
1911, Nov. 9, House of Commons
Has made one of his best speeches on the Bill.

2526 (3)
1911, Nov. 10, House of Commons
Is making good progress with the Bill. The Tories have so many of their own troubles and internal intrigues over the selection of a new leader that D. Lloyd George is largely left alone. Bethmann Hollwez's Moroccan downfall. Nansi's health.

2527 (1)
1911, Nov. 13, House of Commons
The Scottish clause is on.

2528 (2)
1911, Nov. 14, House of Commons
The offensive of the Irish against his Bill. Devlin has just spoken on behalf of the Bill.

2529 (2)
1911, Nov. 15, House of Commons
The attack of the Obrienites that day very mild. Is skimming along. Relates a story told him by Sir Mark Sykes, MP for Hull.

2530 (2)
1911, Nov. 23, House of Commons
Is preparing for Bath. Is dining that evening with Sir Edward Grey to decide what line to take on the Moroccan question.

2531 (3)
1911, Nov. 27, House of Commons
Grey has taken full responsibility for D. Lloyd George's speech on Germany. Bonar Law approved. Has won the approval of the House other than 'the extreme men'. Considers the idea of a Welsh handbook on the Insurance Bill an excellent idea.

2532 (1)

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1911, Nov. 28, House of Commons
That day's deputation of masters and maids was very successful.

2533 (2)
1911, Nov. 29, House of Commons
Is glad that the railings look nice; now has to decide on an adjoining monument. The Bill is proceeding well. The Tory press has surrendered its agitation against the inclusion of servants.

2534 (2)
1911, Dec. 1, House of Commons
Has spent half a day at Walton Heath. Plans to have another go the following day over the same course.

2535 (2)
1911, Dec. 2, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has returned from Walton Heath where he played golf with Donald, the editor of the Chronicle. There is an announcement in the Daily Telegraph that the Lords do not plan to introduce amendments to the Insurance Bill.

2536 (2)
1911, Dec. 4, House of Commons
The last day on the Report Stage. 'I am quite ready for smooth or storm. I have had both on this Bill but I am nearing the harbour'.

2537 (2)
1911, Dec. 5, House of Commons
Is preparing for the third reading of the Insurance Bill the next day. 'Their amendment is a feeble thing & in 2 years' time they will rue it. They are however so divided about it that they had to do something'.

2538 (3)
1911, Dec. 7, House of Commons
'A real triumph' the previous day - 'Our fellows yelling appreciation & support, the Tories alternatively furious & cowed'. Asquith was 'excellent. He turned Bonar Law inside out in 5 minutes'. The Bill is set to go through. The Times makes quite congratulatory references to him that day. Was expecting to receive the licourice [sic] ball the previous day - 'Told the P.M. how Uncle Lloyd generally supplied me with it. It carrid me through at that huge meeting at Bath'.

2539 (1)
1911, Dec. 8, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
A quiet day. Was in the Commons until 1.15 last night discussing the Sanatorium Grant.

2540 (2)

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1911, Dec. 9, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has played a half round of golf with Masterman at Walton Heath. Has asked Maggie to send on that day's Daily Express. Birrell's reference to 'Lloyd George Bill' at Manchester.

2541 (2)
1911, Dec. 11, House of Commons
Gave Robert Cecil another 'dose' in the skirmish in the Commons that afternoon. The debate in the Lords is proceeding quietly.

2542 (2)
1911, Dec. 11, House of Commons
Is getting through the Finance Bill. Was up until 4 a.m. that morning. The Solicitor General has broken down.

2543 (3)
1911, Dec. 16, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The Insurance Bill has received the Royal Assent. Has attended a Women's Liberal meeting. Is going to the theatre with the Master of Elibank. The women's meeting was a great success - 'Women outside were troublesome flinging things at the car but no harm done'. The Liberal Cabinet is delighted that the strenuous session is at an end. Is looking forward to rest and recreation. The announcement that the Royal Assent had been given to the Insurance Bill caused a cheer in the Commons.

2544 (3)
[1911, Dec. 17], 'Sunday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
There is a report in the press that he was hit by an object on leaving the meeting the previous day: 'As usual in these cases a trivial incident has been grossly exaggerated'. Olwen's courageous behaviour. Is to dine with Rufus Isaacs that evening.

2545 (1)
[?1911, Dec. 30], 'Dydd Sadwrn', Chancellor of the Exchequer
Advises William George to accept, not to go on, in the case. Goes to the South of France the next day.

2546 (1)
[?1912], Jan. 12, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Megan is cheerful. A thunderstorm.

2547 (3)
1912, Jan. 24, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Sir George Riddell has approached him about a proposed new biography from the Caxton Press and has discussed terms. Wishes William George to undertake the task of providing material etc.

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2548 (2)
1912, Jan. 26, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is pleased with William George's response and will tell Sir George Riddell. Could William George arrange with Maggie about the press cuttings?

2549 (2)
1912, Jan. 29, 12 Downing Street, SW
William George should arrange with J. T. Davies, his secretary, about the press cuttings for the proposed biography. Maggie has gone to Hindhead to see poor Nancy. Had an important conference on German relations on Saturday with Grey, Churchill and Ernest Evans.

2550 (2)
1912, Jan. 30, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
'Going for Boney Law at the City Liberal Club on Saturday - mostly on Finance. Good opportunity'. There is a need for a few speeches to hearten the Liberal fellows.

2551 (3)
1912, Jan. 31, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has received lengthy deputations from Colonies House and the excise officers. 'Am instigating a move to dish Tories over Ulster'. Had breakfast with Churchill and Ernest Cassel to hear very important news from the most important persons in Berlin. 'Peace & goodwill are within reach - but Grey won't reach I fear. He is timid & slow - both fatal defects in this matter'.

2552 (1)
1912, Feb. 2, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
That day's Cabinet meeting was very friendly. Is completing the speech for the following day.

2553 (3)
1912, Feb. 7, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has been extremely busy and unable to write. Is preparing for next Monday's speech on the Insurance Act. There are a number of important Cabinet meetings; Home Rule is the main problem. The Irish are asking for far too much: 'Hen dric Gwyddelig a Chymreig o ran hynny hefyd'.

2554 (2)
1912, Feb. 10, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is going to be playing golf with Donald, editor of the Daily Chronicle, Sir George Riddell and C.F.G. Masterman. Churchill's speech on the navy was 'most mischievous at this juncture. He would sacrifice anything & anybody for a sensation'. There is a great demand for tickets for Monday's meeting.

2555 (3)
1912, Feb. 13, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW

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Will be very glad to see William George and JTR next week. The previous day's meeting was a great success - 'Times today evidently frightened re doctors. Advises them to confer'. Had 'an exceedingly pleasant interview' the previous week.

2556 (3)
1912, Feb. 14, House of Commons
The first day an enormous success - 'Bonar Law feeble. Asquith first rate'. Bonar Law made an error in referring to the Insurance Bill; the Tories, as a result, 'sat silent surly & angry - not with us but with their new idol'. As a result the debate collapsed and the House adjourned.

2557 (3)
1912, Feb. 15, House of Commons
'Unionists sick & dejected. Bonar Law stocks lower than Consols ... Tory papers today worth reading'.

2558 (2)
1912, Feb. 16, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has spoken on local taxation. The Tory opposition has been broken; 'They'll pick up again to be knocked down again'.

2559 (3)
1912, Feb. 23, House of Commons
Happy Birthday! Recalls the Llanystumdwy birthday pudding - 'A good deal has happened to us both since then - & through us to many others'. Is preoccupied with the coal strike, but expects to win. Everything depends on the attitude of the miners - 'Their leaders fear their followers more than they do the Masters'. Has a carefully prepared speech ready for the Albert Hall that evening.

2560 (2)
1912, Feb. 26, House of Commons
Is attempting to settle the coal strike. Has suggested a strong line of action at that day's preliminary conference and won the support of Asquith, Grey and Buxton: 'We will not permit a stoppage'.

2561 (3)
1912, March 1, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The strike has begun. Expects it to last for about two weeks. 'Suffragettes broken out once more. Smashed P.M's windows - shop windows in Oxford St. & Charing X. Lunatics'. 'Very trying week. Men are being led by Smiley - Scotch leader - capable - stubborn fanatical, but neither sagacious nor adroit. Short tempered role - a fatal weakness in a leader unless he keeps it well under control'.

2562 (2)
1912, March 2, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Sunningdale to spend Sunday at the cottage of the Master of Elibank. He [Elibank] fainted from overwork at the Welsh dinner last night.

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2563 (3)
1912, March 4, House of Commons
The strike is continuing. There is a further meeting on Wednesday morning. 'Suffragettes raving mad. Another outbreak of window smashing in West End today. They are destroying the last chance of carrying their Bill'. Had breakfast that day with Scott and Brailsford. The Government needs to adopt 'a stern hand'.

2564 (3)
1912, March 5, House of Commons
Is going to Asquith's room to discuss the strike. There is no inkling of a breakthrough yet. Expects the Pankhursts and Pethicks to be in prison by morning. 'Y mae'r Llywodraeth yn bwriadu tori'n [sic] syth i fyny. Os na ddigwydd yn y boreu paid a son am dano'. Megan.

2565 (3)
1912, March 6, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
There is as yet no prospect of a breakthrough in the coal strike. The loss of the South Manchester by-election was caused by the coal strike and the Suffragettes. The next two years will be a tough period politically but things will improve after the granting of home rule and Welsh disestablishment, '& we can put forward more attractive fare. Cabinet quite resolute'.

2566 (2)
1912, March 7, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The strike persists but prospects of a settlement will improve. Are doubling the number of insurance meetings throughout the country - from 5,000 to 10,000.

2567 (2)
1912, March 8, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The luncheon to Asquith was a great success. His reference to the Insurance Bill was 'most eulogistic & loudly cheered'. D. Lloyd George was forced to respond by the loud cries at the end. Is going to meet the miners now.

2568 (6)
[1912, March 10], 'Sunday', Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Nancy's death: 'What a horrible tyrant this disease is'. Maggie went over the previous day to help out and to pay the bills. Is unable to attend the funeral because he has invited Oscar Berry to lunch at that time.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd George discussing Nancy's death and funeral arrangements.

2569 (2)
1912, March 11, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is preoccupied by the strike. The 'ill considered attack' by Ramsay MacDonald on Asquith. Experienced a bilious attack the previous night.

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2570 (3)
[1912, March 13], 'Wednesday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has been advised by his doctor to stay at home until the next day. The King sent Lord Knollys to enquire about his health. The prospects for settling the strike are improving.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd George.

2571 (2)
1912, March 14, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is in Cabinet that day and feels better. Asquith is anxious to keep him close at hand to be able to confer; otherwise he would go to Brighton. The coal dispute.

2572 (2)
1912, March 14, 'Friday', Foreign Office
Asquith has kept him in London to help out with the miners' strike. Goes to Brighton the following day. 'Got them to take definite steps today of a strong character. Legislation next week. Miners still deliberating'.

2573 (2)
1912, March 16, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is now going to Brighton following a Cabinet meeting. Morley is threatening to resign - 'Gresyn for I love the old boy but we cannot stop the machine because he is getting tired of the pace'. Is going for a motor ride with C.F.G. Masterman.

2574 (2)
1912, March 18, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
That day's Cabinet went well. May speak in the Commons the following day.

2575 (1)
1912, March 19, House of Commons
Has just finished speaking on the Coal Bill. Good progress.

2576 (2)
1912, March 20, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Goes to Folkestone following a Home Rule committee. Is returning on Friday for the committee stage of the Wage Bill.

2577 (3)
1912, March 21, House of Commons
The crisis has brought him back from Folkestone. That morning's Cabinet came to the wrong decisions. Is attempting to reverse them and believes that he has persuaded Asquith and Grey and that the miners will then accept the Bill. 'Did not hear Balfour. He threw cold water over the Opposition & cooled their frenzy'.

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2578 (3)
1912, March 22, Treasury Chambers
The outcome depends on the miners' opinion of the measure. Regrets that it was not possible to accept their amendment, but the Liberal Party was too divided on the subject. Is still optimistic of a settlement.

2579 (3)
1912, March 23, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has not yet had time to scan the Insurance Book. The previous day resulted in confusion - 'We are throwing away a great opportunity through sheer pedantry. We must now scramble out of the pit into which we have stumbled best way we can'. Megan.

2580 (3)
1912, March 25, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has spent all day 'conferring & advising at great length', but nothing has happened so far. The prospects for a settlement are not favourable. Spent the whole of the previous day with Buxton, Grey, Haldane, Rufus Isaacs and Spender of the Westminster Gazette. Is uncertain of the outcome of the negotiations.

2581 (2)
1912, March 26, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
'Very trying conferences today. Situation perplexing. I sincerely think we have funked the nettle after grabbing at it. Luck may serve us where pluck has failed us'.

2582 (3)
1912, March 27, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The Bill has gone through unamended. In the debate on the third reading Ramsay MacDonald 'in supporting the rejection of the measure delivered the most mischievous & insincere speech I ever heard from a responsible political leader on a grave occasion'. Asquith insisted that D. Lloyd George should reply - 'The general verdict was that I smashed him. Still there is no satisfaction in that. It does not help'. The strike in the coal industry; a ballot that day on the resumption of work. Is uncertain of the outcome.

2583 (3)
1912, March 29, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
His Budget has passed through the Cabinet. There is a magnificent surplus of £6¼ million. Is now going with Maggie to Folkestone. Is generally pleased that the Conciliation Bill is out of the way - 'I always hated it. Had promised the Bangorians to vote for it'.

2584 (3)
1912, April 3, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW

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Are leaving early by motor car the next day. Suggests a day's fishing. The Budget has been well received and has heartened the Liberal ranks. The ballot of the miners is going badly. Even if the miners obey the directive of the executive to return to work, they will do so 'in a sullen & angry mood'. The dispute could well have been avoided 'but for an untimely fit of pedantry'.

2585 (2)
1912, April 28, House of Commons
The Cabinet has been unable to settle the Budget in time for Thursday because of Ulster. Has more time to prepare his speech for Monday.

2586 (2)
1912, May 1, House of Commons
Has lunched with the Bishop of Oxford that day - 'a very attractive fellow - dirodres hollol. A great priest of the old type that sympathised with the people'.

2587 (2)
1912, May 2, House of Commons
Played golf that morning. Made the Tories 'a laughing stock' over their doctors' motion: 'They looked silly. They gave me a chance which just suited me'.

2588 (3)
1912, May 3, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is being worried by TCL. Is to spend Sunday with Russell Rea. Goes to the Astors' to discuss tuberculosis with the experts on Sunday evening.

2589 (3)
1912, May 4, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Went to the Titanic enquiry the previous day and did not like Mersey's attitude and tone. He was 'blunt & hostile' towards the sailors' counsel. 'It won't do. The ship was lost through the grossest recklessness. That is quite evident'.

2590 (3)
1912, May 6, House of Commons
Hopes to see Haldane that week on behalf of TCL. Would like to receive the previous week's newspapers from William George. Spent the weekend with Russell Rea at Leith Hill - 'the most beautiful view in England'. Drove to Waldorf Astor's house the previous evening to discuss tuberculosis with a number of doctors.

2591 (3)
1912, May 7, House of Commons
Spent three hours with the Insurance Commissioners. Has been looking, in vain, for a copy of the charter of Cymmer Abbey.

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2592 (3)
1912, May 8, House of Commons
The arrangements for the Caernarvon demonstration: 'It is of pressing importance that it should be larger than the church gathering'. Could William George communicate with Brynsiencyn?

2593 (1)
1912, May 9, House of Commons
Is very busy with insurance. His tribute from Robertson Nicoll - 'Gladstone's successor' in the opinion of the nonconformist leaders.

2594 (2)
1912, May 10, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The first meeing of the Insurance Advisory Committee went off well that day. Is on good terms with the doctors - 'neither hostile nor sulky'.

2595 (2)
1912, May 11, 11 Downing Street
Played golf with Rufus Isaacs in the morning and took Megan and Antony Asquith to see Ben Hur in the afternoon. Is now preparing for disestablishment the following week.

2596 (3)
1912, May 13, House of Commons
Wishes to have more information from William George. F. E. Smith's speech was poor and Ellis Griffith's 'unequal, disjected & no power'. Asquith is to speak on Wednesday and D. Lloyd George on Thursday.

2597 (2)
1912, May 14, House of Commons
Is grateful for the quotation. Is going to listen to Balfor. 'WJ funked last night'.

2598 (2)
1912, May 15, House of Commons
Has dictated his thoughts on Disestablishment to a shorthand writer. Asquith's speech was 'fairly good', but was 'not his best by any means'.

2599 (1)
1912, May 16, House of Commons
'Wedi gorphen. Great success. House boiling'.

2600 (3)
1912, May 30, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Beachborough but returns on Monday to tackle the strike. Is very reluctant to assume this responsibilty, but, 'My colleagues begged me to take it in hand'. Anticipates a reduced majority

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in the Norfolk by-election. Is 'meditating a great land campaign but I don't want it to "erthyli" - so I am keeping it back until it is urently needed. We want to come back on a great land revolution next time'. If a 'bad slump in Liberalism' occurred , he might have to begin the land campaign sooner. Is anxious not to repeat Chamberlain's error over tariff reform.

2601 (2)
1912, June 3, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Remains 'on strike duty'. The meeting with the masters was very 'troublesome & difficult'. Considers the outcome at Norfolk 'excellent'.

2602 (2)
1912, June 5, House of Commons
Is still preoccupied by the strike. Made a statement in the Commons that afternoon and is to speak on the motion for adjournment that evening. Is currently negotiating with the Labour Party on the matter: 'They are not very good'.

2603 (1)
1912, June 6, House of Commons
Has met the employers but is uncertain of the outcome. The previous night's debate was most useful.

2604 (3)
1912, June 8, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Made good progress at the conferences with the doctors and the strikers - 'Doctors in much better frame of mind at end than at beginning. Persuaded men not to strike throughout Kingdom until after Monday'. The Lord Chancellor is to retire on grounds of ill-health and is to be succeeded by Haldane. Is leaving for Oxford to stay with Sir John Rhys: 'My first appearance as a fellow of Jesus (sounds blasphemous)'.

2605 (2)
1912, June 11, House of Commons
The strike negotiations have been broken off. Is working up to the land campaign. Asquith has returned 'in excellent spirits'.

2606 (2)
1912, June 12, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
His discussion with the doctors. Hythe was excellent. Saw 'Oliver Twist' with the Churchills the previous evening.

2607 (1)
[1912], June 14, House of Commons
The King's birthday dinner is that evening.

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2608 (3)
1912, June 16, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Played golf for the House of Commons the previous day at Bishop's Stortford; the success of his game. Is now preparing his land programme.

2609 (2)
1912, June 17, House of Commons
The rain. The clerical bill has gone well.

2610 (1)
1912, June 20, House of Commons
Has just finished a speech on valuation, giving the Opposition 'a good trouncing'.

2611 (2)
[1912], June 21, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is off to the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, for the weekend. Has already collected £5,500 for the land campaign.

2612 (2)
1912, June 24, House of Commons
His financial statement was well received. Churchill is unhappy about the disposal of the money, 'but he stands quite alone in this wish'.

2613 (2)
1912, June 26, House of Commons
The Lords' debate on insurance was mild. His 'truculent' letter in the following day's press.

2614 (2)
1912, June 28, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The Tories are alarmed by the Liberal land policy. The meeting the previous day at Lady St Heliers to form a domestic servant society will break the passive resistance movement.

2615 (3)
1912, June 29, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Maggie has gone to Eastbourne. Is going with Olwen to a meeting at Wolverhampton in the Solicitor-General's constituency: 'I shall probably be harried by the female lunatics. I am the only man in the Cabinet who could render them effective help & yet they have pursued me with unexampled malignity. Poor old P.M. he has been worried by them these past weeks - & he minds them much more than I do'. Saw Lord Aranstead in the park the previous day - '... a fine straight figure with a long white beard. He is 90 years of age, Llwyd [Gwilym] & I said "That is just how Uncle Lloyd will look 12 years hence" `.

2616 (3)

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1912, June 30, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The success of the previous day's meeting - 'Never saw suffragettes better handled - a little too roughly - but that you cannot help when people are enraged'. The reference to D. Lloyd George in the article by Felson Young in this week's Saturday Review. There is alarm in the Tory ranks because of the Liberal land policy. Is to lunch with Sir Pritchard Jones in Essex.

2617 (2)
[1912, July], House of Commons
Asks for suggestions for Uncle Lloyd's 78th birthday present.

2618 (2)
1912, July 1, House of Commons
There is great satisfaction with Saturday's speech. Met the new German ambassador over lunch at Asquith's: 'Clever. Anxious to come to terms with Britain unless I am mistaken'.

2619 (2)
1912, July 2, House of Commons
Has had a day's golf at Walton Heath. Seeley's election surprises him - 'The other reason was he gave them the dry bones of Liberalism'.

2620 (2)
1912, July 3, House of Commons
Is working on the land campaign; breakfasted with the committee. Considers Seebohm Rowntree 'a treasure. - He is working like a navvy at it'.

2621 (2)
1912, July 4, House of Commons
Had spent all day at the Committee of Imperial Defence answering the question of the Mediterranean. 'Winston is Navy mad. As usual he regards the office which he presides over for the time being as the pivot upon which the Universe attends'.

2622 (2)
1912, July 5, House of Commons
Would like William George to ensure that Tom Ellis's letter about the Calvinists does not appear in the biography. There is a phrase about Dr Clifford in one of his letters to the Genedl which might cause offence.

2623 (3)
1912, July 8, House of Commons
Asquith has accepted responsibility in the House for D. Lloyd George's land campaign - to the chagrin of the Tories who hoped to split the Liberals. Finds the leading Liberals supportive to the campaign. 'Winston alone being doubtful - but he has become very reactionary of late. However Winston is not

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going to give trouble provided I give him money for his navy. If he keeps quiet he is worth a million or two'. The insurance scheme is proceeding well.

2624 (2)
1912, July 9, House of Commons
Has been playing golf with Masterman at Walton Heath; was more restful than joining the crowd to watch the naval manoeuvres. Is to prepare his speech for that Saturday evening: 'I am half inclined to go for the Daily Mail & Tories. What do you say?'

2625 (2)
1912, July 12, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is departing for the Annual Bankers Dinner at the Mansion House which he will loathe. 'Members pouring in to Insurance approved Societies. Prudential 2,000,000!'

2626 (3)
[1912], July 13, House of Commons
Sir Edward Hamilton spoke up against him on the Old Age Pensions Committee - 'knocked him to pieces. All the Committee agreed as to that'. Is to meet Rosebery over lunch.

2627 (3)
1912, July 15, House of Commons
The second reading on the Budget debate is continuing 'in an empty and languid House' of Commons. Hanley has 'knocked the opposition into a state of collapse'. F. E. Smith was completely stunned by this news - according to Churchill. Churchill's attitude to the naval estimates in that day's Cabinet. The sentence on the man who attacked D. Lloyd George on Saturday: 'I was very nervous before the attack but the assault steadied me & I never felt cooler'. His speech has been very highly praised.

2628 (3)
1912, July 17, House of Commons
Spent the previous evening at Waldorf Astor's house at Taplow and had an interesting conversation with J. L. Garvin.

2629 (3)
1912, July 18, House of Commons
Has to deliver an important speech on finance and so cannot go to the Windsor garden party. A visit to the dentist. Maggie and Olwen are to go to the garden party on his behalf. Was not inclined to go.

2630 (3)
1912, July 19, House of Commons
His speech on finance last night was a great success. Is to spend Sunday (with Maggie and Megan) with Sir John Barker, 'one of my very best supporters'.

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2631 (3)
1912, July 20, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is departing for Bishop Stortford. Had warned the Cabinet weeks ago about Mary Leigh, the most dangerous of the Suffragettes - 'she threw the hatchet & attempted to burn the Theatre at Dublin'.

2632 (3)
1912, July 22, House of Commons
Has been listening to Churchill's naval statement in the Commons. 'Much more moderate than I feared'. Is not unduly concerned although Balfour will attempt to 'work up a Naval Scare on it'. Had 'a most delightful time' with Sir John Barker and took tea with Sir John Gilbey, 'a thoroughly sound Radical & a wholehearted supporter of Lloyd George finance'. The doctors have passed a resolution to work the Sanatorium benefit - which gives him six months to arrange the other medical benefit.

2633 (2)
1912, July 24, House of Commons
Sold 16,000,000 National Insurance stamps during the first week; 'Wales has done brilliantly. It comes out first in everything so far'. 'I do not care to scrap about the doctors'.

2634 (3)
1912, Oct. 3, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has played golf with the new Chief Whip. Would like to see the letters and the extracts from the diaries first. War in the Balkans is inevitable.

2635 (3)
1912, Oct. 5, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
There was an important meeting of the Advisory Committee this morning where there was avid support for a national medical service. Asquith is in very good spirits. Dissension in the east will divert public attention from the situation in parliament.

2636 (2)
1912, Oct. 7, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is in charge because of Asquith's indisposition. Could William George send him the letters which he means to show to du Parcq?

2637 (3)
1912, Oct. 8, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
War has been declared in the Balkans, and he is delighted. 'I wish for the moment I was a Bulgar or a Montenegrian. Shame on these greedy suspicious cowardly powers - had they an ounce of chivalry or Xtianity in their rotten carcases this war would have been unnecessary & the Turk would have long ago been swept out of Europe into the Bosphorus or Gahenna'.

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1912, Oct. 9, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The political scene at home has been 'profoundly modified' by the outbreak of war - 'The people know realities when they see them & they can take no interest in wooden rifles in Wales when real guns are blowing up live men in the East'. There are only scant references in the Tory press to the government's guillotine motion. The death of 'poor Llew Glas'.

2639 (3)
1912, Oct. 21, House of Commons
The birth of twins to Anita George - 'May they have much happiness in the strange land they have come to settle in'. The comment of Gowers, his secretary, was, 'Well he has made up for lost time!'

2640 (2)
1912, Oct. 23, House of Commons
His doctors' statement went off very well. The doctors are now expected to come in to the insurance scheme.

2641 (3)
1912, Oct. 28, House of Commons
William George's new family. 'The Turk is crumbling. ... He is a horrid beast. I hope the Govt. will see to it that those little Powers reap the full reward of their heroism. I mean to put in a good fight for them inside'.

2642 (3)
1912, Oct. 30, House of Commons
Is to see the Bulgarian Minister that evening to discuss help for the Balkan states. Is to meet Sir Edward Grey at Masterman's home at 9.30. 'They are apprehensive of European intervention to rob them of their blood earned spoil'.

2643 (3)
1912, Nov. 1, House of Commons
'The Turk is tumbling into Gehenna. Courage is always the last virtue to flee - & the Turk has lost that'. His interview with the Bulgarian Minister. William George's twin sons.

2644 (2)
[1912, Nov. 2], 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has been playing golf. Is to go with Megan to a lecture at Castle Street.

2645 (2)
1912, Nov. 3, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has been listening to Pedr Hir. Comments on the lecture.

2646 (2)
1912, Nov. 6, House of Commons

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Will be glad to see William George in London on Thursday, and would like him to bring his twin sons with him.

2647 (3)
1912, Nov. 11, House of Commons
The Liberal government has been defeated by twenty-two votes in a 'snap' division in the Commons, but has resolved to go on. Most of the Welsh MPs were absent. 'My own first impulse is that we ought to go on until next Summer - Get Franchise Bill thrown out 2nd time by House of Lords. Meanwhile have a roaring campaign on Land ... then go to country'. The re-election of the government would then enable it to put through home rule and disestablishment. Does not believe in 'lingering for two years' before calling an election.

2648 (1)
1912, Nov. [?12], House of Commons
The government intends to go on. The Liberal Party has been 'bucked up by the mishap'.

2649 (2)
1912, Nov. 13, House of Commons
The House is proceeding well. The Opposition has been defeated by 108 votes. One Tory M.P. was suspended for calling Asquith a 'traitor'. The Conservatives 'seem to be working up to a row. They are angry at the spunk shown on our side'.

2650 (3)
1912, Nov. 14, House of Commons
An adjournment of the House suggested by the Speaker saved another row in the Commons: 'It was bound to come. It was in their blood & I am so glad it has burst out over Home Rule & not over Disestablishment'. McKenna and D. Lloyd George had to threaten to resign if the Welsh Bill were dropped by the Welsh MPs. 'We have lost a fortnight's time - the row will have cleared the air - & if Bolton is alright we shall land all our fish. Fishing is so much better after a shower'.

2651 (1)
1912, Nov. 15, House of Commons
'All quiet so far. Disestablishment is alright'.

2652 (1)
1912, Nov. 19, House of Commons
Has drawn the attention of William Jones to Ellis Davies's 'characteristically mean effusion'.

2653 (2)
1912, Nov. 23, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is going to play golf with Masterman and Sir George Riddell. Asquith has delivered 'a good old breechloading shot of the old style'.

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2654 (2)
1912, Nov. 25, House of Commons
The negotiations with the doctors are quite friendly, but he cannot as yet predict the outcome. The Bolton result has depressed the Tories.

2655 (2)
1912, Nov. 17, House of Commons
Is travelling to Aberdeen by night train with Maggie. Is to speak on Friday and there is another meeting on Saturday. Has good material ready for his Aberdeen speech.

2656 (2)
1912, Dec. 2, House of Commons
The tour was most successful; there is great delight in the Liberal ranks (including Asquith) at his two speeches. He was cheered at one of Austen Chamberlain's meetings. The article in the previous day's Observer praising his speech.

2657 (2)
1912, Dec. 6, House of Commons
Made good progress on Disestablishment the previous day - mainly because of a fine speech by Sylvester Horne. Does not plan to take a leading role. Asquith has asked him to keep 'a watchful eye' on the proceedings.

2658 (2)
[1912, Dec. 9], 'Monday', House of Commons
Uncle Lloyd believes that he has another meeting before Christmas, but he has no meeting for at least a month.

2659 (1)
1912, Dec. 10, House of Commons
Has been addressing Liberal Churchmen on the Disestablishment Bill - 'Very useful meeting. Think it will break force of intrigue proceeding against Disendowment'.

2660 (2)
1912, Dec. 11, House of Commons
Pays tribute to 'poor W.R. Penystumllyn' who 'is sinking': '... God will pass him through the Golden Gates after a very short quarantine'.

2661 (2)
1912, Dec. 13, House of Commons
'Real crisis in Welsh Bill. Liberal Churchmen's serious Revolt. McKenna delivered a most unfortunate speech which rasped them a good deal'. Has tried to smooth things over. Have pulled through by a majority of fifty.

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2662 (2)
1912, Dec. 17, House of Commons
His negotiations with the doctors; wishes to see the experiment of a medical service tried. Had breakfast the previous day with Venezelos, the Greek Prince; hailed D. Lloyd George as 'the champion of the new democracy'.

2663 (2)
1912, Dec. 18, House of Commons
The Welsh MPs are dissatisfied with the concessions in the Disestablishment Bill. It has thus been saved because their dissatisfaction has won over the support of Liberal Churchmen for the measure.

2664 (2)
1912, Dec. 30, House of Commons
William George has done well with the Caernarvonshire doctors. Is making fine progress - to the delight of Asquith and the Liberal colleagues.

2665 (3)
1913, Jan. 1, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall
New Year greetings! Is preparing for the doctors the following day. Has to make careful speeches. Three-quarters of the areas are in, and it will be an easy task to deal with the others.

2666 (2)
[1913, Jan. 5], 'Sunday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The doctors are still 'on the run', but successive counties are coming in to the scheme. Only a very few places (like Llandudno) will be left by the end of the week.

2667 (2)
1913, Jan. 6, House of Commons
The doctors are 'tumbling over each other now in their hurry to come in'. Llandudno is 'but an illustration'. Has received a telegram to say that the Isle of Wight has given in.

2668 (2)
1913, Jan. 7, House of Commons
The doctors' panels are almost complete. The strike has been completely smashed. The meeting of the London doctors that afternoon.

2669 (2)
1913, Jan. 9, House of Commons
Played golf that morning and is now playing 'a much steadier game'. His handicap is now reduced from eighteen to fifteen. The story about Llyˆn is very amusing.

2670 (2)
1913, Jan. 10, House of Commons

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Disestablishment - had rather a bad division over the curates. Considers this 'our last bad fence'.

2671 (2)
1913, Jan. 11, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has been playing golf at Walton Heath. His golf is improving. Agrees with Uncle Lloyd that some of the London doctors 'are taking their physic badly'. The Tories despair at the Liberal success.

2672 (2)
1913, Jan. 13, House of Commons
Congratulatory messages are arriving in great quantity. Asquith has a cold and D. Lloyd George is leading the House.

2673 (3)
1913, Jan. 14, House of Commons
Has been playing golf with Acland at Walton Heath. Austen Chamberlain's speech - 'They are not quite through with their troubles'.

2674 (2)
1913, Jan. 16, House of Commons
Is preoccupied with Women's Suffrage and insurance. Loathes the militant Suffragettes, but is determined to be fair minded on a matter of principle.

2675 (2)
1913, Jan. 17, House of Commons
Is receiving an avalanche of mail. There is to be a dinner for the Insurance Committee that evening. Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd George.

2676 (2)
1913, Jan. 18, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Walton Heath with Percy Illingworth. Spoke extremely well the previous night. Mail received. His character sketch in the Daily News.

2677 (1)
1913, Jan. 20
Is going with Maggie to Windsor Castle until the following Wednesday morning.

2678 (3)
1913, Jan. 21, Windsor Castle
Is receiving great generosity. Is going with Churchill to London to work for a few hours, but is returning for dinner that evening. There was a great crowd at Windsor Station last night on their arrival - 'Ni wnaethant unrhyw sylw o Winston [Churchill] nag Alfred Lyttleton'.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd George.

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2679 (2)
1913, Jan. 22, House of Commons
Has returned from Windsor Castle. Queen Mary was very attentive to Maggie - 'Bydd yn wastad yn siriol iawn gyda mi - hi a'r dyn bach diniwed sydd yn teyrnasu'.

2680 (2)
1913, Jan. 23, House of Commons
The Women's Deputation passed off very well. Thinks that they are likely to be defeated in the vote by a small majority - 'all the fault of the militant section'.

2681 (2)
1913, Jan. 27, House of Commons
'We are out of our muddle - on the whole well & creditably'. Has just spoken in Parliament - 'Got a neat one in for Bonar Law - & a good dig for Harcourt. The wild women mean now to be wilder than ever'.

2682 (2)
1913, Jan. 28, House of Commons
The wild women start that night! Played golf that morning at Combe Hill: F. E. Smith and D. Lloyd George against Cape Guest and Masterman - 'We beat them out of sight'.

2683 (2)
1913, Jan. 29, House of Commons
Is discussing the Greek Navy with the Greek Premier, Churchill and Prince Louis of Battenberg. Is in charge of the House that day as Asquith is in Scotland.

2684 (2)
[1913, Jan. 29], 'Wednesday', House of Commons
Had breakfast the previous morning with Venezelos (the Greek Premier), Prince Louis of Battenburg and Churchill. Discussed the Greek Navy and naval ports.

2685 (2)
1913, Jan. 30, House of Commons
Remains in charge and may have to speak on the Railway Bill. Also has to prepare a speech for the unveiling of his own portrait the following night at the National Liberal Club.

2686 (1)
1913, Jan. 31, House of Commons
Has a good speech ready for that evening.

2687 (1)
1913, Feb. 1, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW

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Is leaving to play golf with Rufus Isaacs, Macnamara and Masterman. The previous night was very successful.

2688 (1)
1913, Feb. 3, House of Commons
Disestablishment has gone rather quiet.

2689 (1)
1913, Feb. 4, House of Commons
Cannot write well because he has strained his thumb. Nor can he play golf for a few days.

2690 (2)
1913, Feb. 6, House of Commons
Has been occupied all day with deputations and conferences. His speech the previous day was an enormous success - much to Asquith's delight.

2691 (1)
1913, Feb. 7, House of Commons
Has just made two speeches in the House with great success: 'Mashed them into pulp'.

2692 (2)
1913, Feb. 8, House of Commons
Is in charge of the Commons that day, but wishes that he could have played golf. Dick has been wired to join Lord Murray in South America.

2693 (2)
1913, Feb. 10, House of Commons
Asquith has given him permission to begin his land campaign 'to rouse the public conscience on the evils of the land system'. Asquith read through the papers over the weekend. Is pleased to beg in the task with official sanction.

2694 (1)
[1913, Feb. 12], 'Wednesday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has just attended a Land Enquiry Committee. Dick has left for South America 'in good spirits'. The Bishop of St Asaph called that day - 'very depressed, poor fellow. Cried a good deal'.

2695 (2)
1913, Feb. 13, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is staying indoors in an attempt to throw off a cold. Goes to the Commons the next day. Leaves on Sunday on a tour through Provence.

2696 (2)
1913, March 3, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW

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Has returned from his short holiday. William George's twin sons: 'What a real joy they must be to the whole household'. How is William George's election getting on?

2697 (2)
1913, March 3, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Will send the car down the following day. Wishes William George well in the election campaign.

2698 (3)
1913, March 10, House of Commons
Congratulations on William George's election success. The victory of OT at Criccieth 'reflects great credit on the steadfastness of Criccieth Liberalism. Wales has done well'. The session has begun quietly, and there is great optimism in the Liberal ranks.

2699 (2)
1913, March 12, House of Commons
Are unable to work up any excitement as yet. Had a good time over local taxation the previous day. Has pasted in his scrapbook Uncle Lloyd's cutting from the Daily Post.

2700 (1)
1913, March 14, House of Commons
Has played golf, but it is rainy. Is dining with Mosley that evening.

2701 (1)
1913, March 18, House of Commons
It is very quiet in the Commons.

2702 (3)
1913, March 19, House of Commons
The results of the West Houghton and Westmoreland by-elections. 'Rufus [Isaacs] & Samuel smashed the Marconi slanders in Court today'. Much resents the rumours that he made large sums of money out of the Marconi contract with the British government - 'I never had a penny in it'. Had lunch with Asquith that day; he and his colleagues are very pleased with the result of the action.

2703 (2)
1913, March 22, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving to play golf at Walton Heath with Percy Illingworth, C.F.G. Masterman and Donald, the editor of the Chronicle. The Tory press and the Marconi case. 'If Bonar [Law] thinks he can make anything out of it he will get the smashing of his life'.

2704 (2)
1913, March 24, House of Commons
Has had an excellent game of golf. The editor of the Daily Mail was very pleasant. A nice letter received from Lord Northcliffe.

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2705 (2)
1913, March 25, House of Commons
The progress of the Marconi case; Rufus Isaacs was in the witness box that day.

2706 (2)
1913, March 26, House of Commons
The Opposition's attempted snap division that afternoon almost succeeded, but the situation was saved by Handel Booth. As a result the enraged opposition is attempting to obstruct the government. The House was pleased with Rufus Isaac's statement the previous day.

2707 (2)
1913, March 27, House of Commons
Rufus Isaacs today 'cowed Cecil & Amery in a magnificent outburst of rage' which brought loud cheers. May be on the following afternoon. Has received a charming letter from Margot Asquith.

2708 (1)
[1913, March 30], 'Sunday morning', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is going for a motor run with Maggie and Megan. The reports in the Tory papers. Hopes that the Marconi affair is at an end. Asquith and Margot are truly delighted.

2709 (2)
1913, March 31, House of Commons
His examination is at an end. The atmosphere that day was 'totally different'. 'Today I was the accuser. It is over now & utterly smashed & pulverised'. Is still receiving widespread congratulations. Is to dine with Robertson Nicol that evening.

2710 (3)
1913, April 1, House of Commons
Won great sympathy in the House that day in spite of an attack by a Tory member. Later received an apology from the Tory whips.

2711 (2)
1913, April 2, House of Commons
Is preparing for the Budget. The Tory MPs behaved decently.

2712 (1)
1913, April 4, House of Commons
Envelope only

2713 (2)
1913, April 5, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW

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Has been playing golf at Walton Heath, but is now back working on the Budget. Had breakfast with C. P. Scott who is 'quite satisfied with things'.

2714 (2)
1913, April 7, House of Commons
Is in charge of the Commons that day. 'What a higgledy piggledy Election! Congratulate W.H.W. for me. J.O. a great sacrifice'.

2715 (2)
1913, April 9, House of Commons
Is again in charge of a 'quiet & genial' House of Commons. The progress of the Marconi trial; his broker is in the witness box that day. There is a dinner to Rufus Isaacs at the City Liberal Club that evening.
Incomplete

2716 (2)
1913, April 10, House of Commons
Is working on the Budget that afternoon. Had a most delightful dinner with Lord Moulton the previous night. Rufus Isaacs received a fine reception at the City Liberal Club the previous night.

2717 (3)
1913, April 12, 'Saturday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Are down at the weekend cottage at Walton Heath but he [D. Lloyd George] came up the previous night to attend the Speaker's Official dinner. Played golf through a snowstorm the previous day. Played with Churchill again that morning.

2718 (2)
1913, April 14, House of Commons
Is pushing his Revenue Bill through. Is attending committees and working on his Budget.

2719 (2)
1913, April 15, House of Commons
Is in charge of the Bill and is making good progress. Letters and resolutions are pouring in.

2720 (2)
1913, April 17, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is engaged on the Budget and is in charge of the House during Asquith's absence. Good progress.

2721 (2)
[1913, April 18], 'Friday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has been playing golf with one of the editors of the Daily Mail. Is now returning to work on the Budget. Has received a letter from Dick who has arrived at Bogota to find Lord Murray awaiting him.

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2722 (1)
[1913], April 19, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Walton Heath to play golf and to spend the weekend. The Budget is proceeding well.

2723 (2)
1913, April 21, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is ready for the following day on the Budget. Represented Asquith at question time that day.

2724 (1)
1913, April 23, House of Commons
Has been speaking for forty-five minutes on the offer to lend £3,000,000 to the Sudan. There is widespread jubilation in Liberal ranks at the success of the Budget. The Tories are depressed.

2725 (2)
1913, April 24, House of Commons
The Bishop of St. Asaph has just left - 'very depressed, poor fellow'. He told D. Lloyd George that Hugh Cecil liked him very much and sympathised with the attacks on him.

2726 (2)
1913, April 25, House of Commons
Has had an excellent game of golf. Maggie has gone to Llandrindod. Has played with Joseph Pease (the Education Minister) and Freddy Guest.

2727 (2)
1913, April 9, House of Commons
Made good progress the previous day and that day. 'Masterman tip top today on my Finance. Winston smashed them yesterday. Done no end of good'.

2728 (1)
1913, April 30, House of Commons
Is receiving deputations and had a Cabinet meeting that morning. The situation in the East is grave. Had lunch with Asquith.

2729 (2)
1913, May 1, House of Commons
Reflects on the death of a friend. Is prevented from attending the funeral by the gravity of the situation in the East. Represented Asquith that day. 'The anti Insurance people were smashed last night'.

2730 (2)
1913, May 5, House of Commons
Arrived punctually the previous day after a good journey. Has committees all day. Was delighted to see Uncle Lloyd looking so well and the twins 'so bright & prosperous'.

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2731 (3)
1913, May 6, House of Commons
Is too busy to attend the Suffrage Debate. Has no idea how the vote will turn out.

2732 (2)
1913, May 7, House of Commons
Is in charge of the House during the debate on the Budget. Is to dine with Lord Moulton that evening, and is then to present Olwen at Court.

2733 (2)
1913, May 8, House of Commons
Has given Tim Healy 'the trouncing of his life'. Received loud cheers from the Liberal benches.

2734 (2)
1913, May [9], Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is hoping to play golf at Walton Heath over Whitsun. Had lunch that day with Herbrey Herbert, the Conservative MP for Somerset - 'nice fellow'.

2735 (3)
[1913, May 12], 'Llun Gwyn', Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Have returned from Walton Heath. Played golf with Percy Illingworth that morning. Is now going to Reading with C.F.G. Masterman until Tuesday and is then going on to Walton Heath to spend a weekend with members of the Land Committee in order to prepare reports and plans. William George should write to Downing Street.

2736 (2)
[1913], May 29, House of Commons
The result of the Altrincham by-election is better than anticipated because of the change in the nature of the electorate since the last general election.

2737 (2)
1913, May 30, House of Commons
Had a motor run into the countryside, and is now deciding an important Customs question. A letter received from Sir Edward Russel. Is now going to Walton Heath.

2738 (2)
1913, June 2, House of Commons
The second reading of the Finance Bill is proceeding. Will have to speak twice as the Labour Party has a difficult amendment later on protesting against the taxes on tea and sugar. Asquith is 'back on excellent form'.

2739 (2)

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1913, June 4, House of Commons
His time is absorbed by Cabinet meetings and deputations. Had lunch with Carnegie.

2740 (1)
1913, June 5, House of Commons
Is going to speak at the Annual Dinner of the Actuaries Institute.

2741 (2)
1913, June 6, House of Commons
Is leaving for Walton Heath. The Chesterton case.

2742 (2)
1913, June 9, House of Commons
The debate on Home Rule is progressing well. Anticipates the debate on Marconi - 'Am eager to be let loose on it. I have things to say about my critics'.

2743 (2)
1913, June 10, House of Commons
Is receiving deputations. Had breakfast with Sir Edward Russell - 'Old boy in great form - over 80 & as full of fight as Uncle Lloyd'. Maggie has gone to Sassiwn Abergwaun. Uncle Lloyd's health.

2744 (2)
1913, June 11, House of Commons
The debate and the division on Home Rule, especially the evidence of Captain Murray the previous day, have 'completely fixed our fellows up'. A bag of flour was thrown at Asquith from the gallery of the House of Commons that day.

2745 (1)
1913, June 12, House of Commons
An important insurance conference is in progress. Won the semi-final in the Golf Treasury Handicap that morning and played 'magnificently'.

2746 (2)
1913, June 14, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The report of the Marconi Committee gives great satisfaction, even the Tory report. Asquith plans to give a strong speech: 'He is in excellent form & spirit'. Is going to Walton Heath for the weekend to play golf.

2747 (3)
1913, June 16, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is preparing a speech for Wednesday. Churchill is assisting him to draft the most difficult parts of the speech. Is to dine with Lord Knollys that night - 'he is as true as steel'. Gwilym has just left for his examination.

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2748 (3)
1913, June 17, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
That morning's Cabinet considered the Marconi resolution. Has his speech ready; it is to end on a moderate tone. 'Hell fire for the Tories will come outside'.

2749 (3)
1913, June 18, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Walton Heath for the day. 'Yesterday was on the whole my greatest parliamentary triumph. Never seen the House so moved. Result Tories divided, distracted & dejected - our fellows full of fight & the joy of battle'. Asquith and the Liberal colleagues are delighted and Balfour gave up his speech. Many Tories are anxious for the motion to be withdrawn.

2750 (2)
1913, June 20, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Balfour's speech is 'more useful than the majority'. Maggie and he are off to spend the weekend with Sir Alfred Mond. Is swamped with congratulatory telegrams and letters.

2751 (2)
1913, June 21, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Are leaving for the country. Encloses a letter (no. 2752) received that morning from Dr Horton. Has also received a letter from Alfred, Fishguard. Means to 'hit on straight from the shoulder' at the Tories if they go on. Is 'burning for an opportunity'.

2752 (3)
1913, June 20, Dr Robert J Horton, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW, to D. Lloyd George.
Expresses sympathy on the 'fiery trial' through which D. Lloyd George has passed. D. Lloyd George's efforts for ordinary people have brought upon him 'this unscrupulous malignity of the People's enemies'. D. Lloyd George will live to reap the gratitude of the entire nation.

2753 (2)
1913, July 3, House of Commons
Hopes that William George is back at work refreshed. Feels very pleased and relieved after his outburst on Tuesday - 'like a man who throws a weight off his own chest at his tormentors head'.

2754 (1)
1913, July 4, House of Commons
Everything is proceeding well.

2755 (2)
1913, July 7, House of Commons
Is to speak on Disestablishment the following day. Saturday's meeting was very successful. His interview with Lord Crewe on the land proposals.

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2756 (1)
1913, July 8, House of Commons
Made a very successful speech on the Second Reading.

2757 (1)
[1913, July 10], 'Thursday', House of Commons
Is very busy. All is well.

2758 (1)
1913, July 11, House of Commons
Is going to the Bankers' Dinner at the city that night: 'Hate loathe & detest it always & ever shall world without end'.

2759 (4)
1913, July 12, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
His 'cordial reception' at the annual meeting of the City Bankers and Merchants: 'They are in the main a Tory crowd but they are decent fellows'.

2760 (1)
1913, July 13, House of Commons
Who is R. E. Jones?

2761 (2)
1913, July 15, House of Commons
The Insurance Bill amendment is on that day, and it is very tame so far. Is to speak late that evening.

2762 (3)
1913, July 16, House of Commons
Dictated a letter to William George that morning 'for communicating to the Llanystumdwy Committee'. Attacked Bonar Law the previous night - to the delight of the Liberal benches.

2763 (3)
1913, July 17, House of Commons
The news of Wil's tooth. Is to dine at No. 11 that evening with Crewe, Grey, Beauchamp, the Lord Chancellor, Runciman and Simon to discuss the land question.

2764 (2)
1913, July 18, House of Commons
Has his Insurance Money Resolution through. A reference to D. Lloyd George at a meeting at Plymouth caused cheering for five minutes.

2765 (2)

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1913, July 19, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Planned to play golf at Walton Heath that day but was prevented by the rain. Is to spend the weekend at the Russell Rea's with Maggie and Megan.

2766 (1)
1913, July 21, House of Commons
Feels much improved because of a good day the previous day. Is in charge that day.

2767 (3)
[1913, July 22], 'Tuesday', House of Commons
Is making good progress on the Insurance Bill. It seems as if his Revenue Bill is going through.

2768 (2)
1913, July 23, House of Commons
Had lunch with White, the Canadian Finance Minister, that day. There is great interest in D. Lloyd George in Canada. Is going to a garden party. Hopes to play golf the following day if it is fine.

2769 (3)
1913, July 24, House of Commons
Does not like the suggestion for levying out the £100, but would like to discuss it with William George. Has been playing golf that day, but was beaten.

2770 (2)
1913, July 25, House of Commons
'Road Bound heddyw. Very useful debate. Off to Walton'.

2771 (3)
1913, July 28, House of Commons
Returned from Walton the previous evening to hear Aaron Morgan at Castle Street and 'supped' with him afterwards. 'How troublesome of Pembroke. Carmarthen has always been cantankerous. It is the clerk. A sour conceited greedy fellow who wants to keep everything in his own hands'.

2772 (2)
1913, Oct. 10, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Sir John Barker's. The speech is prepared. Lord Beauchamp has been making arrangements for the meeting. Is grateful to Uncle Lloyd for the licourice [sic] ball, a great asset in lubricating the throat.

2773 (2)
1913, Oct. 13, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The first shot has gone better than expected. The meetings were most successful - 'We shall win. Landlordism is doomed'. His Liberal colleagues, including Churchill and McKenna, are delighted - 'It has quite converted Winston'. Has played golf that day.

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2774 (2)
1913, Oct. 14, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The Cabinet meeting to discuss Ulster and the land was most satisfactory. Will thus be able to place the entire land scheme before his next meeting at Swindon the following week. There is a further Cabinet meeting the next day.

2775 (2)
1913, Oct. 15, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Another successful Cabinet meeting. There is a further meeting the next day to discuss the 'most drastic' of the land proposals which have made some Cabinet members uneasy. Will have a worthwhile speech ready for Swindon.

2776 (1)
1913, Oct. 16, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The Cabinet is at an end and his proposals have been approved. Is going to Walton.

2777 (2)
1913, Oct. 24, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Uncle Lloyd's licourice [sic] ball. Is receiving many letters commending his Swindon speech. Is going to Walton Heath for the weekend.

2778 (2)
1913, Oct. 27, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Asquith has come out strongly in support of the land proposals. Percy Illingworth says that the land scheme is very popular in the north of England.

2779 (2)
1913, Oct. 28, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has been lunching with Colonel Seeley and General Byers. Is speaking for the 'Batus' tonight.

2780 (2)
1913, Oct. [29], Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The land campaign is going strong. The previous night's meeting was a great success.

2781 (2)
1913, Oct. 30, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Received that morning a deputation of traders on leases of business premises who were delighted with their share in the land programme. Is going to Walton Heath the next day.

2782 (2)
1913, Nov. 6, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW

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Has spent five days at Walton Heath. Goes to Middlesborough the following day. The land campaign was begun much too late at Reading. Was told by Northcliffe's secretary that the Tories are at a loss what to do in response to the land campaign.

2783 (1)
1913, Nov. 10, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
'Newydd ddod yn ol. Godidog y Gogledd. Ar dân'.

2784 (3)
1913, Nov. 11, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Larkin will be free in a few days. The methods of his prosecution were 'an outrage in justice'.

2785 (3)
1913, Nov. 12, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Congratulations on William George's speech the previous night! Is busy with the estimates. Has been pricking sheriffs that day.

2786 (2)
1913, Nov. 13, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
His letters home. Gave dinner the previous night to Asquith, Grey, Crewe and the Lord Chancellor; discussed future plans freely.

2787 (3)
1913, Nov. 14, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Gwilym's health. Met Asquith again at dinner the previous night.

2788 (3)
1913, Nov. 17, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is lunching with Dillon that day.

2789 (2)
1913, Nov. [18], Treasury Chambers , Whitehall, SW
Another very successful Cabinet meeting that day. Goes to Walton Heath for three days the following day.

2790 (4)
1913, Nov. 24, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Oxford was 'the greatest triumph of the land campaign so far'. Asquith is delighted. It was delivered too late for reports to appear in that day's newspapers.

2791 (1)
1913, Nov. 25, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Walton Heath to prepare the speech for Saturday.

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2792 (3)
1913, Nov. 28, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has returned from Walton. Played golf with James Braid that morning. There is an 'unexampled' demand for tickets for the following day. Has a few charges of nitro gylcerine [sic] ready.

2793 (2)
1913, Dec. 1, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Saturday's speech has been extremely well received even by the Tory papers. There is a Cabinet meeting late in the afternoon.

2794 (1)
1913, Dec. 3, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is unable to write because the Lords of the Admiralty are there.

2795 (2)
1913, Dec. 4, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has been playing golf at Walton Heath with Llewelyn Williams, Donald and Riddell. It was very cold with some snow. Has received a cheerful letter from Dick.

2796 (2)
1913, Dec. 5, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Met Filson Young for the first time at an Admiralty lunch: '... an intelligent fellow. Not a brilliant talker but sensible enough'. Is going to Walton Heath. Grey's speech the previous night was excellent. Had breakfast with C. P. Scott.

2797 (2)
1913, Dec. 8, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Had lunch with Harry Laudes that day to discuss 'pit ponies'. Laudes, a former miner, is much interested in their fate.

2798 (3)
[1913], Dec. 9, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The result of the Wick by-election is splendid. Is going now to Asquith's dinner; means to say very little except to propose Illingworth's health.

2799 (3)
1913, Dec. 10, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Asquith was excellent the previous night - 'most useful speech for the wobblers'. The result of the Wick by-election is 'glorious'.

2800 (1)
1913, Dec. 11, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW

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Is busy preparing for Cabinet. The Navy is expensive and troublesome.

2801 (3)
1913, Dec. 11, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is sending the Westminster Gazette including Spender's 'Letter to the Antipodes' which explains the present position of the land campaign. Fears that the Lanark seat will be lost, a loss due to the Labour split. Bonar Law's meeting.

2802 (1)
1913, Dec. 13, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Walton Heath. Made a speech on the land clauses at the National Liberal Club - a great success.

2803 (2)
1913, Dec. 16, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
An important Cabinet meeting to discuss the Navy - 'real genuine revolt against Naval Expenditure'. Has no idea of the outcome.

2804 (2)
1913, Dec. 17, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has wired Dick to urge him to be examined by doctors when he reaches Panama. He received a most satisfactory report from the American doctors. Plans to travel down.

2805 (1)
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2806 (3)
1914, Jan. 22, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Had breakfast at the Admiralty to meet Venezelos. Is 'on the best of terms' with Churchill. Hopes to get things through.

2807 (2)
[1914], Jan. 26, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has returned. Asquith is away. The economists in the Cabinet are for Churchill's blood. 'I am not out for blood - but for an honourable peace'.

2808 (2)
1914, Jan. 28, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Feels his progress is being dogged by 'the strong personal antipathy' felt towards Churchill by several Cabinet colleagues. 'Yesterday my worry was with Winston now it is with those who wish to hound him out of the Cabinet under the guise of economy'.

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2809 (2)
1914, Jan. 29, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is making progress. The next Cabinet meeting is on Tuesday.

2810 (2)
1914, Jan. 30, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Walton Heath for the weekend to prepare for Glasgow. Had breakfast with the Lord Provost of Glasgow that morning. There is great excitement over the Glasgow meeting. Returns to London on Monday.

2811 (1)
[1914], Feb. 2, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
'Back from Walton. Ready for Glasgow. Off tomorrow'.

2812 (1)
1914, Feb. 5, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The Glasgow meeting was a triumph. An article by Harold Begbie in that day's Chronicle.

2813 (2)
1914, Feb. 7, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Walton Heath with Llewelyn Williams and Donald of the Chronicle. 'What a set to you had with the Conscription mug. Capital. How did it go off?' Has received from Sir Henry Jones 'a most glowing account' of the effect of his Glasgow speech throughout Scotland.

2814 (5)
1914, Feb. 9, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Anticipates the great fight the following day. Dillon and T.P. O'Conner spent several hours with him at Walton Heath - 'They are dead against proposing terms now. So am I. P.M. [Asquith] strongly in favour of unfolding his concessions at this stage. Carried the Cabinet against him. He was very upset. I am sorry'. Is most anxious to avoid a quarrel with the Irish at this point.

2815 (2)
1914, Feb. 11, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
May speak that evening: 'P.M. pressing hard that I sh[oul]d but I have nothing useful to say'.

2816 (2)
1914, Feb. 12, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Did well last night. The Irishmen were 'most pleased'.

2817 (2)
[1914, Feb. 13]
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2818 (4)
1914, Feb. 14, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Walton Heath with the Lord Chief Justice and Donald, the editor of the Chronicle. Gwilym at court the previous night: 'The Tory peers & peeresses looked at us all as if they would murder us with their glances'. Returns on Monday.

2819 (3)
1914, Feb. 16, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Uncle Lloyd's cold. Had a long talk with the Irish leaders that morning; was entrusted to negotiate with them. Submitted proposals described as 'ingenious' by Churchill.

2820 (4)
[1914], Feb. 19, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is about to make an important announcement on Local Taxation. Uncle Lloyd's health. Discusses current by-elections.

2821 (3)
1914, Feb. 20, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Discusses the results of by-elections. Goes to Walton Heath.

2822 (2)
1914, Feb. 26, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has received a deputation of Cornish farmers. Enjoyed great success the previous night. Uncle Lloyd's health.

2823 (1)
1914, Feb. 27, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
'Getting on well with the Irishmen'.

2824 (2)
1914, Feb. 28, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is taking Megan to a pantomime. Ministers dined at Buckingham Palace the previous night; was able to discuss Ulster with the King. Expects the Irish MPs to accept his plan.

2825 (3)
1914, March 4, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has reached agreement with the Irish and secured Cabinet approval for his proposals. Asquith will present the plan to the other side on Monday. Has presented to his party a scheme of action revolving around the Budget designed to thwart the Conservatives. It forms part of his general policy for 'improving the conditions of life for the people'.

2826 (1)
1914, March 12, House of Commons

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Is making good progress. Churchill is to make a fighting speech on Saturday. This may facilitate a settlement.

2827 (2)
1914, March 16, House of Commons
Churchill's speech has enraged the Opposition but has much encouraged the Liberals: 'It was the right word at the right moment & I am glad that I am largely responsible for it'. The future is uncertain. Asquith has been stung by the insolence of Carson's reply that day. Uncle Lloyd.

2828 (2)
1914, March 17, House of Commons
The Ministry is preparing for the worst over Ulster - 'What a sensational tragedy'.

2829 (3)
1914, March 20, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Had discussions with Asquith the previous night and so missed the post. There is a general consensus within the political parties in favour of a settlement. Is going to Huddersfield for meetings the following day, but finds it difficult to draft suitable speeches'.

2830 (1)
1914, March 24, House of Commons
Things are heating up. Believes strongly in fighting.

2831 (2)
1914, March 24, House of Commons
There is 'a glorious revolt' within the Liberal Party against the Army. Jack Seeley, however, is 'an empty headed jackass & he has made a mess of things'.

2832 (4)
1914, March 27, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Endless trouble has been caused by Seeley's blunder. Trench has not withdrawn his resignation. The government has scored a great victory as a result of this week's fighting. The Tories have been forced to change course. Believes that Home Rule is now safe as a result.

2833 (1)
1914, March 28, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Walton. Believes that French will stay.

2834 (1)
1914, April 30, House of Commons
Is making good progress getting the Budget through Cabinet. It is the biggest scheme since 1909. 'Winston ar fai enbyd am ei ymddygiad "fussy" dydd Mawrth. Nid fel hyn y mae settlo. Gwyddost hynny wrth settlo case'.

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2835 (2)
1914, May 1, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Walton Heath to prepare his Budget speech. Has already dictated one rough draft. It has gone through the Cabinet.

2836 (1)
1914, May 5, House of Commons
Has scored an immense success. The Tories are totally stumped.

2837 (2)
1914, May 6, House of Commons
The Tories are angry but they are unable to attack. Is to speak the following day. Montagu did well in response to Austen Chamberlain. Opinions are hardening on both sides.

2838 (1)
1914, May 8, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is making good progress. Wishes to congratulate William George's sons.

2839 (2)
1914, May 9, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Walton Heath. There is to be a state banquet that evening.

2840 (2)
1914, May 12, House of Commons
The previous day was a great success. Is to speak that afternoon.

2841 (3)
1914, May 14, House of Commons
The Tory attack that afternoon failed. Sylvester Horne's funeral service was 'a very affecting scene - in parts. Poor old Clifford's speech broke us all down & the old boy very nearly broke down himself'.

2842 (3)
1914, May 15, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Was summond by the King to Buckingham Palace that morning and spent an hour with him discussing the Irish situation. Geroge V is anxious for him to attend the next conference between the leaders. The interview was 'most pleasant ... & ... most useful'.

2843 (2)
1914, May 18, House of Commons
Has just returned from a delightful visit to South Wales. 'The Welsh drama is about to triumph & may well revolutionise the English theatre'.

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2844 (3)
[1914, May 19], 'Tuesday', House of Commons
The debate on Disestablishment was 'dull' and 'lifeless'. There were only about twenty MPs in the Commons. Dined last night with Asquith, Grey, Crewe, Birrell and McKenna to discuss home rule - very successful. Had breakfast with Sir Edward Russell that morning.

2845 (3)
1914, May 21, House of Commons
Has received an interesting deputation of agricultural labourers and is now attending a conference on the Budget. Goes to Ipswich the following day, but does not anticipate success in the by-election. Played golf that morning.

2846 (2)
1914, May 22, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Ipswich. Is to return by special train for a Cabinet meeting the next day.

2847 (3)
1914, May 23, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The meeting at Ipswich was 'gigantic' in 'numbers & enthusiasm'. Does not expect victory. The Tories are spending large sums of money there; they 'mean to buy a triumph at any price'.

2848 (3)
1914, May 25, House of Commons
Is to motor down the following day. The Liberal candidate at Ipswich was defeated by the Labour vote - 'Revenge for East Derbyshire. That was a blunder. It will do good'.

2849 (3)
1914, June 11, House of Commons
Is busy with deputations and conferences. Made a deal with Ramsay MacDonald the previous night and defeated the Tories: 'They were hysterical with disappointed rage'.

2850 (1)
1914, June 14, House of Commons
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2851 (3)
1914, June 15, House of Commons
Had lunch with Grey to meet Roosevelt - 'garrulous platitudinous, but great vitality which is a good, substitute for genius'. Asquith was 'most contemptuous' of Roosevelt.

2852 (3)
1914, June 18, House of Commons

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Has been very busy, but has made good progress. William George's twin sons: 'They are both of them dear little fellows'.

2853 (2)
1914, June 19, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is sorting out difficulties over the Budget. Is speaking in South London the following day.

2854 (2)
[1914, June 24], 'Mercher', House of Commons
Has been thinking continuously of William George in spite of the Budget. Has just made a very successful speech which lifted Liberal morale very much.

2855 (3)
1914, June 29, House of Commons
Has attended a conference with the Free Church leaders over the Single School Area Bill. Wil bach.

2856 (2)
1914, June 30, House of Commons
Has had a slight disagreement with the Tories in the Commons who realize that the Budget is to go through.

2857 (2)
1914, July 1, House of Commons
Is making progress with the Budget. Plans to have a guillotine resolution to avoid all night sittings. Is delighted.

2858 (2)
1914, July 2, House of Commons
Is making progress with the Finance Bill. The 'last bid division' is to take place that evening. The Labour Party is to abstain on this one occasion, but is generally prepared to support the government.

2859 (2)
1914, July 3, House of Commons
Secured a majority of one hundred in the division the previous day as the Tories were unprepared.

2860 (2)
1914, July 4, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Walton Heath. 'Druan o Joe. Yr hyn allodd hwn nis gwnaeth. He did not bury his talent in the ground - he flung it at Gladstone's head'.

2861 (2)
1914, July 7, House of Commons

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The Budget - 'The millionaires will give us a little trouble but that is to the good as it will correct an impression that we have been bullied by our rich men'. Has just signed the appointment for Chiltern Hundred for Austen Chamberlain who is contesting Joe's seat.

2862 (2)
1914, July 9, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is going to play golf that afternoon. The Budget is now completely safe.

2863 (1)
1914, July 14, House of Commons
That evening will witness 'our last nasty corner to turn'. Had lunch with Northcliffe.

2864 (2)
1914, July 16, House of Commons
Is making good progress with the Budget. The Irish problem is coming to a head - 'We shall settle or fight within next 2 or 3 days'.

2865 (2)
1914, July 17, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Was sent by Asquith to see Bonar Law that day to discuss the Irish question. Law is 'hopeless of peace'. A conference is likely to follow.

2866 (3)
1914, July 18, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Last night was a great success. Is to take Crewe's place in the great conference: 'Redmond Birrell & Bonar Law insisted upon it! The three said the conference at best was not a hopeful expedient but that without me it would be hopeless. Now I hear the King was of the same opinion - so I am on the List'. Is now going to Walton.

2867 (3)
1914, July 20, Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Found the weekend refreshing. Everyone is now talking about the Conference.

2868 (2)
1914, July 21, House of Commons
This morning's meeting was amiable, but there is no settlement in sight. There is a further meeting the following day.

2869 (2)
1914, July 23, House of Commons
There is a meeting the next day to discuss how much to publish. The outcome will depend on the courage and resolution of the Cabinet.

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2870 (4)
1914, Aug. 25, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
'The French have made a bad start. For the moment it looks as if they were outclassed in sheer brain power'. There is as yet no serious attack on Britain by the Germans. Anticipates a long road ahead; 'I entered into it most reluctantly. Nothing but Belgium would have induced me to throw in my lot with the war party - but now we are in it we must go through with it whatever the cost to us all'.

2871 (3)
[1914], Aug. 29, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Walton to rest. Is being pressed to make a recruiting speech, but is too busy. There is no news from the front - 'the Germans tried a Sedon on us but were beaten off'.

2872 (4)
1914, Sept. 21, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Thanks for the congratulations on 'far & away the most successful of my speeches'. It has been highly praised by Asquith, Grey and the Tory press.

2873 (3)
1914, Sept. 23, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is going with Maggie and Megan to stay with the Attorney-General at Oxfordshire. The naval disaster. Good news from the French that day.

2874 (3)
1914, Oct. 2, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The boys are receiving their uniforms that day. 'Tell Uncle Lloyd for his peace of mind that I have written Sir Ivor Herbert to remind him of his arrangement about Dick'. Is going to Walton Heath.

2875 (2)
1914, Oct. 5, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The two young warriors have both started. Sir Ivor Herbert is anxious for Dick to join his regiment.

2876 (1)
1914, Oct. 7, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
There is little news, but the news from Antwerp is very worrying. Fears the worst.

2877 (2)
1914, Oct. 13, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is now a member of a War Office Committee on guns. Considered the existing provision 'ludicrously inadequate'. 'Dim newydd o bwys. So far as it goes it is good from France but only middling from Russia'.

2878 (1)

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1914, Nov. 6, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The allies are holding their own in north-west France. The Russians have done very well. Dick is here.

2879 (2)
1914, Nov. 18, House of Commons
Has made good progress on the Budget. The threats of severe criticism from Bonar Law proved groundless. Austen Chamberlain has praised the tone of his speech.

2880 (1)
1914, Nov. 19, House of Commons
Maggie attended a Welsh concert at Northampton the previous night and received a great welcome.

2881 (1)
1914, Nov. 20, House of Commons
All is going well. Is leaving for Walton.

2882 (2)
1914, Nov. 24, Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The Budget is progressing well. Gwilym is not now going to India - 'I am sorry they have changed their minds'. Asquith has appointed a secret War Council to consider all questions relating to the war; D. Lloyd George is a member.

2883 (2)
1914, Nov. 27, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is glad that William George is now fit and well. Family news. Is leaving for Walton after speaking for an hour and a half.

2884 (2)
1914, Nov. 28, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Congratulations on William George's new appointment. 'Aeroplane over London this morning. Two Zepps down. That is the topic of talk. Neither as important as the German advance towards Buchares!'

2885 (1)
1914, Nov. 30, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
A hard day's work. Yearns for a holiday but cannot take one for a few weeks.

2886 (2)
1914, Dec. 2, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Walton for a day's break. No news.

2887 (2)

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1914, Dec. 7, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Gwilym has that day been transferred to Llandudno by order of the War Office; is 'glad he is under Dick's care'. Had lunch with three French MPs that day.

2888 (1)
1914, Dec. 9, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has no news other than Gwilym's move to Llandudno.

2889 (1)
1914, Dec. 10, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Dick and Gwilym have both left for the Welsh Army Corps.

2890 (1)
1914, Dec. 14, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
The French and the English are both engaged in fighting in Flanders that day. Is very busy.

2891 (2)
[1914], Dec. 14, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Suggests a knighthood for 'old [John] Gibson'. Would the public approve?

2892 (2)
1914, Dec. 15, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is facing enormous difficulties as many nations wish to borrow money. France borrowed heavily before the war and thus muddled her finances.

2893 (1)
1914, Dec. 17, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Hopes that Gibson will receive an honour. Is very busy and is going to Walton Heath to relax over Sunday.

2894 (1)
1914, Dec. 21, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
A very busy day. Has no important news.

2895 (1)
1914, Dec. 22, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Hopes to be there about 6.30 the next day.

2896 (1)
[1915], Jan. 19, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is supposed to have a free day that day, but thus far has not had a minute to himself.

2897 (1)

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1915, Jan. 20, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has just emerged from Cabinet. All is proceeding reasonably.

2898 (3)
1915, Jan. 22, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is dining with Kitchener to meet the French War Minister. Has no news.

2899 (2)
1915, Jan. 23, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Wolmer Castle to spend the weekend with Asquith. The death of Mrs Freeman. The previous night's dinner at Kitchener's; Millerand seemed 'a capable man without a spark of genius'.

2900 (1)
1915, Jan. 25, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
His stay at Wolmer Castle was enjoyable and his talks with Asquith beneficial.

2901 (2)
1915, Jan. 26, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is very busy. Has no news.

2902 (2)
1915, Jan. 27, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Walton Heath after a very busy day.

2903 (3)
1915, Jan. 29, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is very busy. Has no news. Is going to Walton Heath. Enjoyed his recent talk with the King.

2904 (3)
[1915, Jan. 30], 'Nos Sadwrn', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is preparing for his visit to Paris to discuss financial and war business. Is to discuss military matters with French officials at the insistence of Kitchener. Criccieth is now a military centre! Wil bach's 'martial fever'.

2905 (1)
1915, Feb. 15, House of Commons
His statement on finance was a great success.

2906 (2)
1915, Feb. 17, House of Commons
Is extremely busy. Is receiving reports that the Parisians are 'profoundly impressed with Lloyd George'. Relates a story of his visit to Paris.

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2907 (1)
1915, Feb. 18, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The Russian performance is poor at the moment. But expects matters to improve.

2908 (1)
1915, Feb. 19, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Attended a War Council that morning. Is now leaving for Walton Heath.

2909 (3)
1915, Feb. 22, House of Commons
Congratulations on William George's 50th birthday! Reflects on his life. The Dardenelles campaign has been suspended because of a strong gale.

2910 (1)
1915, Feb. 24, House of Commons
Is very busy. The Russians are improving.

2911 (2)
1915, Feb. 25, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has returned from a day at Walton Heath. A very amusing story.

2912 (3)
1915, Feb. 26, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Had an important meeting of the War Council that morning. Is going now to Walton Heath to prepare his speech. Is departing for Llandudno the following evening.

2913 (2)
1915, Feb. 27, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Llandudno and has a good speech ready for the next day. Is unable to deliver it on Monday.

2914 (2)
1915, March 19, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Have achieved an excellent agreement following a three-day conference. The Liberals are delighted.

2915 (1)
1915, March 24, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Brynsiencyn is to speak on disestablishment at Rhyl.

2916 (1)
1915, March 25, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Made spectacular progress at a further conference with Labour.

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2917 (1)
1915, March 26, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has no news of importance. Is most busy - as usual.

2918 (3)
1915, March 29, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has spent forty-five minutes discussing the drink question with the King. Urged George V to announce his intention to become a total abstainer during the war. Later received a deputation from the manufacturers of war munitions 'all Tories & drinkers - pressing for total prohibition'. 'Whilst I have been engaged all day on this gigantic problem I suppose my Welsh teetotal friends are occupied in nagging at me at Rhyl. Duw a helpo'r wlad sydd dan eu gofal'.

2919 (2)
1915, March 30, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has spent all day on the drink question and has moved the Cabinet along. George V has written to declare the readiness of himself and his household to give up alcohol for the duration of the war.

2920 (3)
1915, March 31, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has spent all day on the drink question; breakfasted with the brewers. William George should look out for the King's letter. 'I hope to do more for temperance in a fortnight than your Rhyl bletherers can do in a century'.

2921 (2)
1915, April 1, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Considers the King's letter 'a stunner', sure to herald a successful temperance campaign. The King is anxious for D. Lloyd George to assume its leadership, but has no time. 'Doesn't Rhyl look small - petty by the side of this gigantic move'.

2922 (2)
1915, April 2, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Lord Rothschild's funeral: 'We had become great pals during the last few months. He had a high sense of duty & was king to the needy. He need not fear the Great White Throne'.

2923 (2)
1915, April 5, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is still working on the drink question but is uncertain to what extent he can carry the support of his colleagues.

2924 (3)
1915, April 7, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is winning support for his extensive liquor scheme. Spent the whole of the Easter holidays working on it.

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2925 (1)
[1915], April 8, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Asquith has asked him to take responsibility for munitions.
Mutilated

2926 (1)
1915, April 9, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is making progress on the drink question. Has conducted 'endless interviews'. Is going to Walton Heath for the weekend.

2927 (2)
[1915, April 10], 'Saturday', Walton Heath Golf Club, Walton-on-the hill, Epsom
Is playing golf after working hard all week.

2928 (3)
1915, April 30, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is busy solving difficult financial problems. Expects to achieve his Temperance Bill which is 'going to be overlooked in the howling hatred of [his] taxes'. Has won Kitchener's support.

2929 (1)
1915, May 6, House of Commons
'Irish fighting hard for their liquor. God save Ireland - for if he doesn't - their leaders will damn him'.

2930 (2)
1915, May 7, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has reached an agreement with the liquor trade on the basis of prohibiting all liquor under three years old: 'That is quite useful as it puts out of the market all the cheap fiery whisky'. There is a meeting that night.

2931 (2)
1915, May 10, House of Commons
The second reading is going through a 'quiet, good humoured' House of Commons. Spent a delightful weekend with Asquith. The death of William Jones - 'Gwyn ei [sic] byd y rhai pur o galon canys hwy a welant Dduw'.

2932 (2)
1915, May 12, House of Commons
Has got his Bill through the Commons at long last. There is still some trouble over the raw whisky. 'Convey my sympathy to W.H. I found him always a true friend'.

2933 (1)
1915, May 13, House of Commons

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All is going well. 'What a row I had with Balfour. He is anxious to smash settlement & he was nettled at my showing him up'.

2934 (2)
1915, May 14, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Has been delivering a panegyric to Hugh Price Hughes. Is glad that Dick is there.

2935 (3)
1915, May 15, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Walton Heath for Sunday. Next week he is to run through the engineering towns of the north to arrange for shells - 'What a mission for me'.

2936 (1)
1915, May 17, House of Commons
Is in the thick of momentous decisions.

2937 (2)
1915, May 18, House of Commons
A National Government is to be formed. He is to be a member and is able to remain Chancellor of the Exchequer. This is secret.

2938 (2)
1915, May 19, House of Commons
There is much unrest and dissension within the two political parties: 'They know nothing of the facts that moved us to take the steps & the worst of it is we cannot tell them as it would give dangerous information to the enemy'. There is to be a meeting of leaders of the two parties the next day - Grey, Crewe and D. Lloyd George on the Liberal side, and Balfour, Bonar Law and Lansdowne on the Tory. The Liquor Bills are through. Is to remain Chancellor of the Exchequer.

2939 (1)
1915, May 31, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is getting on well.

2940 (1)
1915, June 1, Department of Munitions of War, 6 Whitehall Gardens, SW
A letter from the Department of Munitions. A good beginning. Goes to Manchester the following day.

2941 (3)
1915, June 2, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Manchester and Liverpool. Had a significant meeting that morning with Colonel Hours, confidante to President Wilson; he believes that the USA will join the conflict.

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2942 (2)
1915, June 3, Midland Hotel, Manchester.
The visit to Manchester has been a great success so far. Is to go to Liverpool the following day and then back to London.

2943 (2)
1915, June 5, Ministry of Munitions of War, 6 Whitehall Gardens, SW
Tom has been a great success and has made a most favourable impression. Progress is already being made. Hopes to get to Walton Heath early.

2944 (2)
1915, June 7, House of Commons
Is now not an MP technically as he is unable to take his seat in the House until the Bill is passed. Was congratulated that morning on his Manchester speech by Grande Duke Michael. Will look into the Penrhyn gun cotton.

2945 (1)
1915, June 9, Ministry of Munitions of War, 6 Whitehall Gardens, SW
'I am gripping this job but it will need all the grip I can give it'. Goes to Cardiff and Bristol the following day.

2946 (1)
1915, June 14, Ministry of Munitions of War, 6 Whitehall Gardens, London SW
Had a very successful tour through the West. George V was delighted with D. Lloyd George's speech.

2947 (1)
1915, June 16, Ministry of Munitions of War
Is going to a Cabinet meeting; 'getting on - but it is a morass'.

2948 (2)
1915, June 18, Ministry of Munitions of War
Was so sorry not to have a chat with William George before he left. Thought that William George might have accompanied him to Walton Heath.

2949 (1)
1915, June 22, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is very busy. There is great anxiety to settle the strike.

2950 (2)
1915, July 6, Ministry of Munitions of War
Ellis W. Davies is 'very sore & disappointed. He expected the Welsh Whipship & it is gone. Dyna'r gofid. Pawb a'i fys lle bo'i ddolur'.

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2951 (3)
1915, July 13, Ministry of Munitions of War
Has enjoyed a relaxing weekend before his return to work. Was too tired to face the additional journey to Criccieth as he had hoped.

2952 (3)
1915, July 14, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
'Gwlaw braf oddiallan i frashau'r cynhauaf - a ninnau yn paratoi cynhauaf arall - oddifewn yr ystafell yma'.

2953 (2)
1915, July 15, Ministry of Munitions of War
Is busy and making good progress. Congratulations to Uncle Lloyd on reaching his 81st birthday '& on being so hale & straight & strong. Love to him from his boy'.

2954 (2)
1915, July 19, Ministry of Munitions of War
Was disappointed not to have seen William George. Is going to South Wales (at the Cabinet's request) to settle the miners' strike if possible.

2955 (1)
1915, July 21, Ministry of Munitions of War
'Back - after one of the toughest jobs I ever tackled. Everybody delighted'.

2956 (2)
1915, July 22, Ministry of Munitions of War
Did well on important committees that day. Is to dine with Churchill and F. E. Smith.

2957 (1)
[1915, July 23]
Envelope only

2958 (2)
1915, July 24, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Walton Heath to spend Sunday. Bad news from Russia; wrote a memorandum to the Cabinet warning them five or six months ago. Has long considered a disaster in Russia in evitable.

2959 (3)
1915, July 26, Ministry of Munitions of War
Was forced to sack Sir Percy Grismond - 'unpleasant but necessary to assert authority'. Had the support of his staff and of Asquith. Asquith claims that the Governor of the Bank has resigned because of his inability to work with McKenna and as a result of his quarrel with Pierpoint Morgan. The Prime Minister has sent him a strong letter of remonstrance.

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2960 (1)
1915, July 28, Ministry of Munitions of War
'Awaiting my turn to appear in the Arena. That is never a pleasant experience - but I am quite ready'.

2961 (1)
1915, July 29, Ministry of Munitions of War
The previous day was successful and the House was pleased. Spoke at the miners' conference that day.

2962 (3)
1915, July 30, Ministry of Munitions of War
Is examining the question sent him by William George. The success of the previous day's speech. Is sending on the leading article from the Daily Telegraph.

2963 (4)
[1915, Aug. 2], 'Bank Holiday', Ministry of Munitions of War
Has come for a meeting at the Admiralty. Sir Frederick Black is to take Girouard's place, a move which Balfour has accepted although it is a great loss to the Admiralty. Black has been highly praised by both Churchill and Macnamara.

2664 (3)
1915, Aug. 4, Ministry of Munitions of War
Family news; Wil bach's illness. Has seen the colours presented to the Welsh Guards and was drenched to the skin together with the King and Kitchener.

2965 (3)
1915, Aug. 11
Dr Davies's report about Uncle Lloyd who should take care over his diet.

2966 (2)
[1915, Aug. 28], 'Saturday', 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is trying to settle the South Wales miners. Is glad that Maggie and Megan are coming up.

2967 (2)
[1915, Aug. 29], 'Sunday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Have all left Walton to attend Dr Clifford's farewell service. Is to return to his office work the following day much refreshed.
Includes a note from Margaret Lloyd George.

2968 (1)
[1915], Aug. 30, 'Monday', 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall

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Is 'working hard pushing things on'.

2969 (1)
1915, Aug. 31, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Has settled the South Wales miners' strike.

2970 (1)
1915, Sept. 1, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Family news - Olwen and the boys.

2971 (1)
1915, Sept. 2, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Received no letter from Criccieth that day. Is working hard.

2972 (1)
1915, Sept. 3, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is departing for Walton Heath with the family.

2973 (2)
1915, Sept. 6, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Has received no letter from Criccieth. Received an important French deputation the previous day.

2974 (1)
1915, Sept. 7, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is working hard and making good progress.

2975 (2)
1915, Sept. 7, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Was forced to come up to settle a very important question and regrets missing the golf on such a fine day, 'but needs must when the devil drives'.

2976 (1)
1915, Sept. 13, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is very busy.

2977 (1)
[1915], Sept. 20, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
A meeting of the War Council. Is now going to Walton Heath.

2978 (2)
1915, Sept. 23, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW

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Has enjoyed relative rest at Walton Heath for two days. Is unable to take a long holiday. Matters are becoming critical. Anticipates momentous developments soon on the battlefield. Is not sanguine.

2979 (1)
1915, Sept. 24, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is extremely busy.

2980 (2)
1915, Sept. 25, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Walton Heath. Has received no letter from Criccieth as yet. Important news will come soon.

2981 (2)
1915, Sept. 27, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
The reports in the press on recent victories. 'They have broken through the first line of German defences but they will avail but little unless the Germans are forced to retreat. Still it has its uses when the Balkans are hesitating'.

2982 (1)
1915, Sept. 28, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
No further news from France. There will be a great battle in France the following day.

2983 (4)
1915, Sept. 30, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
The battle is still in progress. Is 'not very hopeful of breaking through'. There have been huge casualties. Anticipates gaining a few miles - 'just enough ground to bury the dead who won it'. The death of Evan.

2984 (1)
1915, Oct. 5, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
The French Minister of Munitions is with him. Has received a very pathetic letter from Osmond. Wil bach has won Maggie's heart.

2985 (3)
1915, Oct. 6, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is very busy. Has just encountered Huwcyn and his new wife on the street - 'geneth ddymunol ddirodres iawn'. A great battle is in progress that day. 'Y dwyrain yn dywyll iawn. Muddle'.

2986 (3)
1915, Oct. 9, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Matters are so critical that he was unable to get away that day. 'Duw a'n helpo ni. We have committed every military & diplomatic blunder our enemies could have wished for'.

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2987 (3)
1915, Oct. 15, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
The Cabinet meetings are most momentous. A serious situation has been intensified by Asquith's refusal to raise the necessary troops: 'He has muddled everything up to the present. I fear a great split in the Cabinet.

2988 (3)
1915, Oct. 18, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
William George's inspection of the land on his behalf. The prospects are bleak following the failure of the French offensive. The situation in the east is equally discouraging.

2989 (2)
1915, Oct. 20, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Carson did not speak because of Asquith's absence.

2990 (3)
1915, Oct. 21, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is keeping an eye on things in the House in Asquith's absence. Has no news other than as recorded in the newspapers.

2991 (1)
1915, Oct. 22, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is busy. Has no especial news.

2992 (3)
[1915, Oct. 23], 'Saturday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Had a War Committee this morning and is now going to the country. Is glad to hear good news of Uncle Lloyd. Is desperate to take a holiday.

2993 (2)
1915, Oct. 26, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Problems with the Glasgow workers will keep him busy. Wil bach's 3rd birthday.

2994 (3)
1915, Oct. 27, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is going to a Cabinet meeting and to have lunch with Asquith. Is to dine the following day with Asquith, Grey and Crewe in order to discuss matters.

2995 (2)
1915, Oct. 29, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
His discussion the previous night with Asquith, Grey and Crewe proved useful and lasted until after midnight.

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2996 (2)
1915, Oct. 29, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has had lunch and a long discussion with General Joffre at the French embassy: 'Hen fachgen braf dymunol. Tebyg i ffermwr llwyddiannus o Leyn. Llawer o nerth yn ei wyneb ond dim llawer yn ei dalcen. Llygad craff treiddgar'. Is going to Walton Heath.

2997 (1)
1915, Oct. 30, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall SW
Is leaving for Walton Heath. Prospects for the war are bleak.

2998 (2)
1915, Nov. 2, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Asquith's powerful speech, and Carson's 'very deadly' speech which proved 'quite useful at this juncture'.

2999 (2)
1915, Nov. 3, House of Commons
Olwen returned from the front 'as fresh & sound & sriking as the harvest moon'.
Stained

3000 (2)
1915, Nov. 4, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Things have eased much in the Cabinet and he has got his own way at last.

3001 (2)
1915, Nov. 6, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has lost his free Saturdays; the Cabinet is to meet in the morning and the New War Council in the afternoon comprising Asquith, Balfour and D. Lloyd George. Is pleased that Dick has not been promoted at the moment.

3002 (3)
1915, Nov. 8, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Attending meetings of the War Council occupies much of his time. The death of old John Jones, Druid.

3003 (3)
1915, Nov. 9, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Had lunch with Ian Hamilton that day - 'Nice fellow. Very much down on his luck. Not strong enough man for that horrible job'.

3004 (2)
1915, Nov. 10, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW

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Letters from home arrive by a late post. Has no news other than as recorded in the newspapers.

3005 (1)
1915, Nov. 12, Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is extremely busy. All is well.

3006 (2)
1915, Nov. 13, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Was forced to remain to attend the War Council. Has now had to give up his Saturday golf. Will be glad to see William George the following week.

3007 (2)
1915, Nov. 19, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Has made a most remarkable visit to France. Much regrets missing William George's visit. Is very busy.

3008 (2)
1915, Nov. 21, 'Boreu Sul', 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is attending to urgent business at the office. The position in the east is precarious - fear tragedy developing in that quarter'.

3009 (2)
1915, Nov. 22, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is in conference with the French. The Russians and the Italians are to join in the following day.

3010 (2)
1915, Nov. 23, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
In progress at the moment is a conference of the Munitions Ministers of Russia, France, Italy and Butano. Is very busy.

3011 (1)
1915, Nov. 25, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is busy. Is not getting on well with Acliss.

3012 (1)
1915, Nov. 26, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is busy but making progress.

3013 (3)
1915, Nov. 29, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
'I am more cheerful about the ultimate prospect although the immediate outlook is very dark'. Has cleared up 'many most troublesome & worrying questions'. 'Von Donop has been rooted on!! That is my immediate cause of contentment. He was a source of constant anxiety'.

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3014 (2)
1915, Dec. 1, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
'The return of the ogre. K. attended a War Council today. We were all a little stiff but it will wear off. I have no doubt he will be furious - or rather is about Ordnance Board'.

3015 (2)
1915, Dec. 2, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is suffering from a cold and is staying indoors for a few days to prepare his Munitions Statement. Family news. Uncle Lloyd.

3016 (1)
[1915, Dec. 3], 'Friday', Munitions Department
The cold has disappeared and he is out. Is going to Walton Heath.

3017 (1)
1915, Dec. 7, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is exceptionally busy. Has written a cordial letter to Winterbotham.

3018 (2)
1915, Dec. 9, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
The weather. The situation in the east is very unhappy.

3019 (1)
1915, Dec. 11, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
The weather. Is going to Walton Heath.

3020 (2)
1915, Dec. 13, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is very busy. Is receiving cheerful letters fom Dick and Gwilym from France.

3021 (3)
1915, Dec. 14, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is very busy. Lord Derby's figures are 'full of froth which will [be] blown away by the first breath'. The statistics on married men munitions workers are 'all in for swank'.

3022 (2)
1915, Dec. 15, House of Commons
Has spoken successfully.

3023 (3)
1915, Dec. 16, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW

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The Bill went off well the previous day. Is going to Clyde the following week. May not be able to return home for Christmas as 'things are critical in the various spheres of operation'.

3024 (2)
1915, Dec. 17, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is making slow progress on the Munitions Bill. Is making his statement on Monday.

3025 (3)
1915, Dec. 18, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Walton Heath with Olwen. Is busy preparing his speech for Monday.

3026 (2)
1915, Dec. 21, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
The previous day's speech was a great success. Is going to Newcastle and Glasgow to meet the Trade Unionists.

3027 (1)
[?1915, Dec. 25], 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Merry Christmas. Is very busy. 'Lle ofnadwy ydyw'r lle hwn a dyma borth uffern'.

3028 (2)
1916, Jan. 13, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Bob Pencarth and Bob Penbont. Received a letter the previous week from Jack, Brynhir Arms, from Australia.

3029 (2)
1916, Jan. 15, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Everyone has arrived safely and are leaving for Walton Heath. Is glad that everyone is well at home.

3030 (2)
1916, Jan. 17, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Thanks for congratulations on his 53rd birthday. Is working in the office that day.

3031 (2)
1916, Jan. 17, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Has attended a War Council with the French Premier and the Minister of Marine. Was hailed by Briand as a 'fellow countryman'. Uncle Lloyd has not written about Bob Pencarth.

3032 (1)
1916, Jan. 20, House of Commons
Is very busy with important duties and making satisfactory progress.

3033 (2)

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1916, Jan. 22, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Eastbourne to see Lord Murray who has suffered a breakdown through overwork. A tough business on the Clyde lies ahead.

3034 (3)
1916, Jan. 26, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Goes to France on Friday for an important Conference. Hopes to see the boys on Sunday or Monday.

3035 (2)
1916, Jan. 27, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Goes to France the following day.

3036 (2)
1916, Jan. 28, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for France. Glasgow is better than anticipated thus far, but matters remain precarious.

3037 (5)
1916, Feb. 1, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
The tour of France proved most useful. Finds the new Commander-in-Chief most hospitable. Gwilym and Dick. The fate of poor young Hinds. Saw some of the boys from Criccieth. Not much fighting is anticipated in that area in the near future. Saw Churchill about to go into the trenches.

3038 (3)
1916, Feb. 3, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Has witnessed interesting experiments with a French machine in Hatfield Park.

3039 (3)
1916, Feb. 4, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is making satisfactory progress. Is receiving encouraging letters from Dick and Gwilym. Has received no letters from Criccieth.

3040 (1)
1916, Feb. 8, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is exceptionally busy. Has received a letter from Gwilym; both he and Dick are in good spirits.

3041 (1)
1916, Feb. 9, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
The funeral of Russell Rea, 'un o'm hen gyfeillion puraf'. Is glad that the old gang was beaten at Criccieth.

3042 (2)
1916, Feb. 10, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW

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'Nodweddiadol iawn o'r hen Barvia. Hen gi caled diras'.

3043 (2)
1916, Feb. 11, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Had lunch with Robertson Nicoll. Sir John French has just left. Dick is suffering from toothache and has to come to Boulogne to see a dentist.

3044 (2)
[1916, Feb. 12], 'Saturday', 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Walton Heath. Dined with LCJ last night in order to meet Colonel House (cofidant to President Wilson) who had just returned from Berlin and Paris. There is no prospect of peace - 'Germans cannot give up all the vast territories they have conquered'. Is to dine with Asquith, Balfour, Grey and Colonel House on Monday.

3045 (3)
1916, Feb. 14, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Has worked hard all day. Balfour and the Admirals have left after an important meeting. Pierpoint Morgan is waiting for a conversation. Is to dine that evening with Asquith, Balfour and Grey at Lord Reading's home to meet Colonel House.

3046 (3)
1916, Feb. 15, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is unaware of developments as he has no time to go to the House. Has to 'stick to [his] job here until the goods are fully delivered'. Kitchener reports general satisfaction from the front.

3047 (3)
1916, Feb. 16, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Has not seen the letters from Criccieth but has received a letter from Gwilym. 'Poor David - Dr Evans Blaenau's son killed. Don't repeat until officially confirmed'.

3048 (2)
1916, Feb. 17, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Meetings all day. Plans to have a break of three or four days so as to face the following week in top form. Is solving urgent problems.

3049 (2)
1916, Feb. 18, 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Walton Heath for a rest. Has thousands of papers to read. Dick is now able to return to his work 'repaired & renewed'.

3050 (2)
1916, Feb. 22, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Happy birthday! Is very busy.

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3051 (3)
1916, Feb. 29, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
The battle at Verdun is progressing well; Joffre is very confident of victory. Has had to take Asquith's questions.

3052 (2)
1916, March 1, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
The Verdun battle seems to be proceeding well, but the outcome remains highly uncertain. 'If the Germans are checked it will be the most serious defeat yet inflicted on them'.

3053 (2)
1916, March 2, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is very busy. Hears that the French generals are very pleased with the position.

3054 (2)
1916, March 6, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Enjoyed a relaxing weekend. Had lunch with Churchill that day; he is 'sick of the trenches' and is anxious to return home - 'He ought never to have gone there'.

3055 (1)
1916, March 7, House of Commons
Has just heard Churchill's powerful speech.

3056 (4)
1916, March 8, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Had lunch that day with Dick's Colonel and his wife; received an excellent report on Dick - 'he is completely lured & looks so well that you wouldn't know him now'. He has recovered from his tooth complaint. The 'sharp del' between Churchill and Balfour - 'Winston had much the worst of it. W wants to come back from the Army. He is a brilliant but most unreliable fellow'.

3057 (3)
1916, March 11, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Walton Heath where there is a foot of snow. The outcome of Verdun was not totally satisfactory. Remains uneasy; 'don't like the way the Germans are thumbing the French gradually from point to point'.

3058 (2)
1916, March 13, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
The weather. Churchill has had to return 'to his dreary trench': 'Sorry for him. A brilliant fellow without judgment which is adequate to his fiery impulse. His steering gear is too weak for his horse power'.

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3059 (2)
1916, March 14, House of Commons
Is in charge of the House of Commons as Asquith is suffering from catarrh of the throat. Billing made a good speech. Wil bach's cold.

3060 (1)
1916, March 15, House of Commons
Is in charge of the House of Commons again that day. Is busy.

3061 (2)
1916, March 16, House of Commons
Wil bach's cold. Is again in charge of the House as Asquith's voice has almost disappeared.

3062 (2)
1916, March 17, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW, Whitehall, SW
Has been with Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia, to view 'some "frightening" experiments'. Hughes was much dissatisfied with Asquith's leadership - 'too many "words", dislike of action'.

3063 (2)
1916, March 18, Whitehall Place, SW
Is going to Walton Heath. Had breakfast that morning with Lord [.?.] - 'a most pleasant fellow'. Has heard from Dick who is first class.

3064 (2)
[1916], March 20, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Asquith, whom he saw today, remains very hoarse following his illness. Charles Hughes, the Australian Premier, has been invited to the following day's War Council.

3065 (2)
1916, March 21, House of Commons
Is leading the House, but is finding it difficult to make a worthwhile contribution to the debate - 'It is such an unholy muddle. There is mounting dissatisfaction with the Ministry, especially with Asquith: 'It will pass when victory shines on us - but that will not come just yet. There are trying months in front of us'. The editor of The Times has just called and Derby is to come for a chat shortly.

3066 (2)
1916, March 24, Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Has received a letter from Dick and Gwilym praising the 'gorgeous weather' in France. Thomas has wired to inform D. Lloyd George that he is coming over; he will provide the true story of Verdun.

3067 (3)
1916, March 24, Ministry of Munitions of War, 6 Whitehall Gardens, SW

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The French Minister of Munitions is anxious for him to attend a conference in France the following week, but cannot go as he is too busy preparing for the great battle in France. For the same reason cannot go to Italy the following week in spite of pressure from the King, the Privy Council and the Italians. Is expecting Gwilym on holiday that evening.

3068 (2)
1916, March 25, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
Has to go to France but will not go to Italy for several weeks. Returns on Wednesday. Gwilym looks very well, while Dick's general is high in his praise of him.

3069 (3)
1916, March 30, Whitehall Place, SW
Has received no word from Criccieth. Found the trip to Paris a very pleasant experience, 'useful for impression rather than business'. Clyde is proving 'troublesome' as usual, but is relieved that it is coming to a head.

3070 (2)
1916, March 31, Whitehall Place, SW
The strike on the Clyde is petering out; has worked on it that day.

3071 (3)
1916, April 3, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
'Tywydd godidog a minnau yn corddi uffern yn y fan yma. Dim newydd o bwys'.

3072 (2)
1916, April 7, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
'Wrth hi gymmaint ag y gallaf'.

3073 (3)
1916, April 8, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall, SW
'Saw Nain looking so young & vigorous - & full of Wil bach's saying & doings'. Is going to Walton Heath.

3074 (2)
1916, April 13, Whitehall Place, SW
Uncle Lloyd's ill-health. Has been offered £5,000 for ten articles of 3,000 words each and book rights, a minimum of £5,000 - 'If I have to go out to protest against nerveless conduct of war by Government I should accept this offer'.

3075 (3)
1916, April 15, Whitehall Place, SW

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Has been suffering from neuralgia for almost a fortnight. Is going to Walton Heath. 'Things critical in Cabinet. I am afraid we are blundering into defeat. Blunder after blunder. There is no handling of the situation. Our chief has no decision or drive'.

3076 (3)
1916, April 18, Whitehall Place, SW
Is doing his utmost to reconcile the advice he has received from William George and from Uncle Lloyd. Has suggested a compromise to the Cabinet which has thus far been favourably received although Arthur Henderson is still resisting. His scheme has won the approval of As quith, Kitchener, Bonar Law, Long and Balfour.

3077 (3)
1916, April 19, Whitehall Place, SW
Feels obliged to put up a fight for, 'Victory in the war might very well depend on my taking a bold line now. I am forcing their hands'.

3078 (2)
1916, April 20, Munitions Department, London
'Pob peth yn iawn. Campus'.
Telegram

3079 (2)
1916, April 20, Whitehall Place, SW
The settlement is most satisfactory - 'substantially what I proposed. It means compulsion in a month'. Is attempting to clear up the arrears which have accumulated. May come down on Saturday if possible but has to return on Monday. Is relieved that Uncle Lloyd's health has improved; considers his englynion 'scathingly brilliant'.

3080 (3)
1916, April 28, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The Cabinet is divided over immediate general compulsion. Feels he has been vindicated. Kol has surrendered.

3081 (2)
1916, May 9, Whitehall Place, SW
The success of his Conway speech which has pleased even Asquith's friends. Asquith, too, approves, and the Ministry of Munitions is spared further criticism. Uncle Lloyd's improved health.

3082 (2)
1916, May 11, House of Commons
Has just received members of the Russian duma and of the Council of Empire.

3083 (2)

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1916, May 12, Whitehall Place, SW
Things are steadily improving in the office. The worst problems have been solved - '... ready now for anything Germans can do or we can do to Germans'.

3084 (1)
1916, May 13, Whitehall Place, SW
Is leaving for Walton Heath to relax for a day.

3085 (2)
1916, May 15, Whitehall Place, SW
Is busy in his office. Entertained three generals to tea at Walton the previous day.

3086 (1)
1916, May [ ], Whitehall Place, SW
Has just received last week's shell figures - 'topping. They are now tumbling in'.

3087 (2)
1916, May 17, Whitehall Place, SW
Redmond called that day and Devlin has visited twice. 'So the Irish who have been cool ever since my attack on whiskey [sic] are getting more friendly'.

3088 (1)
1916, May 18, Whitehall Place, SW
Is being cinematographed as he writes. Is to preside that evening over the Welsh dinner to Charles Hughes, the Australian Prime Miniser.

3089 (2)
1916, May 19, Whitehall Place, SW
Has been feeling unwell for a few days. Is to spend Sunday in the country with Alfred Mond. Has not seen Asquith yet since his return. Redmond and Devlin wish him to handle the settlement.

3090 (3)
1916, May 20, Whitehall Place, SW
Is going to stay with the Monds in Hampshire. The excitement afforded by the airship.

3091 (2)
1916, May 22, Whitehall Place, SW
Has met groups of MPs that day to discuss munitions. Asquith and Bonar Law wish him to tackle Ireland 'with full powers to effect a settlement. Rather interesting that when there is a special difficulty they always think of me!'

3092 (2)
1916, May 24, Whitehall Place, SW

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Has agreed to the request of Asquith and the Cabinet to tackle the Irish problem; '... so I shall for the next few weeks be immersed in an Irish bog'.

3093 (2)
1916, May 25, Ministry of Munitions of War, 6 Whitehall Gardens
'Deeper & deeper in the Irish bog. Asquith announced my mission today. Troublesome crew. O'Brien hates Dillon. Dillon hates O'B &c &c'.

3094 (2)
1916, May 26, Whitehall Place, SW
Is busy negotiating that day and the next. According to the Daily Mail, 'When in trouble send for Lloyd George'!

3095 (1)
1916, May 27, Whitehall Place, SW
Is making progress on Ireland. Is now going to Walton Heath.

3096 (1)
1916, May 29, Whitehall Place, SW
Is 'conferring & advising - at great length'. Is making progress, but has some way to go.

3097 (1)
1916, May 30, Whitehall Place, SW
Is still 'conferring & advising at great length'.

3098 (3)
1916, May 31, Whitehall Place, SW
Is making good progress on Ireland. There are still 'many barbed wire entanglements' which lie ahead. But has already captured 'many formidable positions'.

3099 (2)
1916, June 1, Ministry of Munitions of War, Whitehall Place, SW
Is proceeding, but is anxious not to be over-confident.

3100 (3)
1916, June 2, Ministry of Munitions of War, Whitehall Place, SW
The Irish situation is promising, but success is far from guaranteed.

3101 (3)
1916, June 3, Whitehall Place, SW
Has spent all day in the office. The naval news; British prestige has been damaged rather than the British fleet. Considers Uncle Lloyd's englyn 'amusing & scathing'.

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3102 (2)
1916, June 5, Whitehall Place, SW
Has received Irish deputations. Carson was quite friendly.

3103 (2)
1916, June 6, Whitehall Place, SW
'What a tragedy. Poor K[itchener]. Died at best moment & best way for him'.

3104 (2)
1916, June 7, Whitehall Place, SW
Is spending his time on Ireland and Armageddon. Saw Douglas Haig and T. P. O'Connor that afternoon. 'I have no notion what will happen with the War Office. I could get it if I wanted it but I am very doubtful for many reasons'.

3105 (2)
1916, June 8, Whitehall Place, SW
Is to have a conference the following day with the French Premier and Joffre. 'Things not going well in the war. They want pulling together'. Ireland remains in the balance, but he is optimistic.

3106 (4)
1916, June 10, Whitehall Place, SW
Is leaving to play golf. 'You heard how I had been "assassinated" yesterday in Dublin!' 'Poor Huwcyn ... He is a gallant fellow & the story of his capture thrills me with pride for my race'. Plans to make enquiries through the American Embassy about Huwcyn's fate.

3107 (1)
1916, June 12, Whitehall Place, SW
Is hard at work. Dick arrived last night and feels sure that Huwcyn is a prisoner.

3108 (2)
1916, June 13, Whitehall Place, SW
Kitchener's funeral - 'not as impresive as it might have been'. Has written a letter of sympathy to poor GP. Reflects on the manifold tragedies of the war.

3109 (2)
1916, June 16, Whitehall Place, SW
Maggie has given him a pleasant account of the family at Criccieth. Has not yet agreed the terms of his going to the War Office - 'I am not going there on "gwas bach" terms. I must be "hwsmon"'. Hopes to reach a settlement on this the following day.

3110 (4)
1916, June 17, Whitehall Place, SW

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His concern for Uncle Lloyd. Is unable to leave Munitions at the moment. It is essential to maintain supplies for the next few weeks. Has more influence on the conduct of the war effort at the Ministry of Munitions rather than at the War Office: 'There I should be tied hand & foot by the military & that would not suit me. In fact it is full of peril. It broke poor Kitchener's heart. He had no powers - they were taken from him one by one & he became a miserable & abject figure quite pathetic to contemplate. I would rather be where I am than do that. Here I have full powers & I love the office'. Has grave doubts about going to the War Office and will give his reply to Asquith on Sunday. Hopes that GP is better.

3111 (2)
1916, June 19, Whitehall Place, SW
Is preoccupied mainly by Ireland. He is expecting Carson.

3112 (3)
1916, June 3, Whitehall Place, SW
The situation in Ireland is becoming 'hotter & hotter'. The Unionist members of the Cabinet are in revolt except Bonar Law, Balfour and F. E. Smith. Carson remains firm.

3113 (2)
1916, June 21, Whitehall Place, SW
Is very busy with Ireland and Munitions and is making good progress with both. There has been some trouble in the Cabinet over Ireland. Carson 'fel y graig'. A nationalist meeting in Ulster will decide the outcome.

3114 (2)
1916, June 22, Whitehall Place, SW
'Irish news improving. The Cabinet split is not serious. Two or three might go but the important Unionist leaders will remain'.

3115 (2)
1916, June 23, Whitehall Place, SW
'No news yet from Ireland but I am hopeful although I feel certain there will be a stiff fight with the bishops & priests'.

3116 (2)
1916, June 24, Whitehall Place, SW
Has to decide by Monday whether to take the War Office or not. Would like advice. 'There is a great work to do there & my task here is almost accomplished. It will go now in its swing'. Considers Ireland 'a real triumph': 'There may be two or three resignations in the Cabinet but bulk of Unionists remain steady'.

3117 (2)
1916, June [?25], 'Sunday', Ministry of Munitions of War

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Has just attended a flower service at Castle Street. Is returning to Walton Heath.

3118 (1)
1916, June 26, Whitehall Place, SW
Has no time to write. Thanks for the letters and the advice. But Ireland has to be settled first.

3119 (2)
[?1916], June 27, House of Commons
Is totally immersed in the Irish bog. The outcome is highly uncertain and may well break up the Cabinet. It is of little consequence.

3120 (2)
1916, June 28, 6 Whitehall Gardens, Whitehall Place, SW
Has decided to accept War Office. But, prior to this, there is need for a Bill to enable five Secretaries of State to sit in the House of Commons. Derby is to become his Under Secretary. 'Un o droion rhyfedd Rhagluniaeth'. The Irish crisis is still boiling; 'I mean to get my plans through - whoever goes'.

3121 (2)
1916, June 29, House of Commons
Is making progress on Ireland. Derby has accepted the Under Secretaryship 'delighted to work under me'. There will be an announcement next week.

3122 (3)
1916, July 1, Whitehall Place, SW
The great attack began at 7.45 this morning and is thus far in favour of the British. Anticipates heavy fighting over the following two days. The sensation caused by Olwen's engagement - 'I have always heartily approved of her choice. She will be much happier than if she married a snob with inherited cash. She can begin with the small things & help him along. I have a great belief in his future'. Is making progress on Ireland.

3123 (2)
1916, July 3, Whitehall Place, SW
The outcome of the present heavy fighting is uncertain in spite of encouraging reports. Gathers that Haig is satisfied.

3124 (2)
1916, July 4, Whitehall Place, SW
The ammunition is doing well in the continuing fighting. An announcement is to be made in a few days about his appointment as Secretary of State for War. The following day's Cabinet meeting is to discuss Ireland.

3125 (3)

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1916, July 5, Whitehall Place, SW
The following day's papers will carry an announcement of his appointment as Secretary of State for War. That day's Cabinet accepted his proposals for Ireland; Long, Lansdowne and Cecil are to remain! There is to be an announcement on Monday.

3126 (2)
1916, July 6, Whitehall Place, SW
Is to receive the seals of his new office the following day. Is clearing up at the Ministry of Munitions that day.

3127 (2)
1916, July 7, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Is 'installed' at the War Office at last. 'The King presented me with the seals this morning with many complimentary words about my work at the Ministry of Munitions'. The Conservatives had 'a hot meeting' over Ireland that day.

3128 (3)
1916, July 8, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Walton Heath after spending the morning with the soldiers. Hard fighting persists in France.

3129 (2)
1916, July 10, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Uncle Lloyd's condition.

3130 (3)
1916, July 7, War Office, Whitehall, SW
The Welsh division has just captured Mametz Woods, taking four guns and 400 prisoners. The General suffering from ill-health, returned last night, accompanied by his ADC Lieut. Gwilym Lloyd George. Dick is fully occupied making roads for the artillery and munitions to reach the front. Has made David Davies, Llandinam, his parliamentary secretary.

3131 (2)
1916, July 12, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Is busy with the French and the Russians. Is making progress in his new office and enjoying the work.

3132 (2)
1916, July 13, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Has been conferring with the Russians and French, and there is now a further conference over conscientious objectors. 'French & Rooshans competing for the big guns I ordered against K[itchener]'s orders!'

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3133 (2)
1916, July 14, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Great success in France the previous day. The new post is progressing well. Enjoys his relati onship with the soldiers.

3134 (3)
[1916, July 15], 'Saturday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has completed the conferences and is leaving for Walton Heath. Discusses the fate of Dick's battalion and the whole of the Welsh division - 'They lost heavily but behaved brilliantly'. Encouraging news has just been received of the capture of 2,000 prisoners: 'It came just as the Conference was breaking up & there was a cheer.

3135 (3)
1916, July 17, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Has received good news from the front of another push forward. Colonel David Davies saw Dick in great form in Mametz Wood. The Welsh division has now been taken out of the fighting line. The most encouraging news of Uncle Lloyd.

3136 (2)
1916, July 18, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Is very busy. Good progress is being made in France.

3137 (3)
1916, July 19, War Office, Whitehall, SW
The death of poor Hywel - 'There are so many tragedies in this war that one can hardly grasp their full meaning'.

3138 (2)
1916, July 20, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Has made his first speech as Secretary of State for War - 'short but successful'.

3139 (4)
1916, July 21, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Has been inspecting some devices in Lincolnshire where he was very warmly received. Thus had to miss the Russian meeting at the War Office. The tragic killing of the sons of GP.

3140 (3)
1916, July 22, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving to spend Sunday near Brighton. Regrets that a settlement of the Irish problem is not imminent. The position of the government is shaky; anything could happen.

3141 (2)
1916, July 24, House of Commons

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'A real Irish row' has ensued from the collapse of the Irish initiative. Has just made a worthy speech on the conduct of the war. Has to speak again on Ireland.

3142 (1)
1916, July 26, House of Commons
Are making slow progress in France.

3143 (2)
1916, July 27, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Is busy at the War Offie and making splendid progress.

3144 (2)
1916, July 29, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Has been unable to play golf for months. There is some improvement in the Irish situation, but it would be a mistake to hurry.

3145 (1)
1916, July 31, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Is busy in the office. The telegram from the front is encouraging.

3146 (3)
1916, July 31, War Office, Whitehall, SW
The Irish debate has gone well thus far. Saw Devlin and T. P. O'Connor on Saturday night - 'They want to let things slide for a short time, but are anxious I should continue to take an interest in it'. The good accounts of Uncle Lloyd - Don't let him sit in that hot office these sultry days. Yn ardd ydyw'r lle gorau yn y shade'.
Includes note in the hand of Richard Lloyd.

3147 (3)
1916, Aug. 1, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Uncle Lloyd should be kept out of the heat. Has been speaking to his forme r staff at the Ministry of Munitions - 'Delighted to see me. It was necessary to ask them to support my successor. They were so sick at my leaving'. Happy Birthday to Uncle Lloyd - 'glad to hear he is so vigorous'.

3148 (1)
1916, Aug. 2, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Is hot and busy. Has very little news.

3149 (1)
1916, Aug. 3, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Has been receiving Frenchmen and Russians. The French papers are most friendly.

3150 (2)

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1916, Aug. 4, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Has returned from an agreeable interview with the King at Buckingham Palace. George V takes an interest in War Office affairs.

3151 (1)
1916, Sept. 20, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Is going to Brighton for a short holiday with the children.

3152 (3)
1916, Sept. 25, 10 Downing Street, Whiehall, SW
Has returned refreshed from Brighton. A meeting of the War Committee is in progress. The good news concerning Uncle Lloyd. William George's account of the cyfarfod bach.

3153 (1)
[1916, Sept. 26]
Envelope only

3154 (1)
1916, Sept. 28, War Office, Whitehall
Is dictating a letter as he has no time to write. Has received excellent news from the front that day: 'We have made real progress and the Germans must be getting a little anxious. But the end is not yet'. Dick expects leave in three weeks.

3155 (1)
1916, Sept. 29, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Is busy. All is going well.

3156 (3)
1916, Sept. 30, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Gwilym is coming home for the weekend. 'The American interview is more opportune than the public know - although they suspect'. A great stir has resulted.

3157 (2)
1916, Oct. 2, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Has received no letters from home. All is well.

3158 (2)
1916, Oct. 3, War Office, Whitehall, SW
All is going well. Letters from home.

3159 (3)
1916, Oct. 4, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Sarah's account of Uncle Lloyd - 'All of us so pleased'. Has received the letters.

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3160 (2)
1916, Oct. 9, War Office, Whitehall, SW
The good bulletins about Uncle Lloyd.

3161 (2)
1916, Oct. 10, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Is back in the Commons again. Always loathes the reopening of Parliament - 'It interferes so much with office work'. Has received a postcard from Dick.

3162 (2)
[1916, Oct. 11], 'Wednesday', House of Commons
'Just had a "little go" at the cranks. Gave them 'one in the jaw"'. Asquith is 'very touching, poor old boy'.

3163 (2)
1916, Oct. 13, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Is extremely busy. Has no news.

3164 (2)
1916, Oct. 14, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Failed to get to Walton Heath because of pressure of work. Is pleased that William George is coming up the following week. Uncle Lloyd's health.

3165 (4)
1916, Oct. 19, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving with Asquith and others for a great conference in France. Uncle Lloyd's health. Returns on Monday.

3166 (1)
[1916, Oct. 22]
Envelope only

3167 (2)
1916, Oct. 25, War Office, Whitehall, SW
'Romania bad. Germans captured great railway bridge. ... Now they are doing what I asked after War Committee had repeatedly refused to do so'.

3168 (2)
1916, Oct. 26, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Had a good time the previous day. Is very busy at the War Office that day. Is leaving for Walton Heath.

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3169 (2)
1916, Oct. 31, War Office, Whitehall, SW
The news of Uncle Lloyd. Is enclosing the report from the Western Mail of the South Wales meetings. Will be glad to see William George at Downing Street. 'What a struggle poor little Mair is going through. I hope God will be good to her & her anxious parents'.

3170 (3)
1916, Nov. 4, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Had expected to see William George in London. 'Roumanians just holding their own. But anxious. The soldiers had rather bungled the Roumanian business. Russians as usual playing up'.

3171 (3)
1916, Nov. 6, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Has been very busy all day. Mair and Uncle Lloyd.

3172 (2)
1916, Nov. 8, War Office, Whitehall, SW
It is doubtful whether Hughes has been elected. Is not sure what he would like to see happen.

3173 (2)
1916, Nov. 9, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Conferences with the French, Russians and Italians.

3174 (2)
1916, Nov. 9, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Parnlave, 'one of the ablest of the French Ministers', came to discuss the situation with him the previous day. Goes to France with Asquith to meet the French Ministers on Monday.

3175 (2)
1916, Nov. 10, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Has been presiding over a luncheon of French, Russian and Italian generals. The news from the east is 'still anxious but by no means devoid of good hope'.

3176 (2)
[1916, Nov. 11], 'Saturday', War Office, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for the country. Is preparing an important statement to place before the French the following week.

3177 (2)
[1966, Nov. 14], 'Tuesday', War Office, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for France. Very important meetings. Had dinner with Asquith the previous night to discuss matters.

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3178 (3)
[1916, Nov. 18], 'Saturday', War Office, Whitehall, SW
Has returned from the great French conferences - 'most satisfactory'. 'But execution is what is most needed in this War - prompt efficient. Perhaps above all Vision. Without vision the people perisheth'. Dick has gone to the theatre with Gwilym and Olwen.

3179 (2)
1916, Nov. 20, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Was pleased to receive such excellent news from home. Dick and Gwilym were with them at Walton Heath the previous day.

3180 (1)
1916, Nov. 21, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Is extremely busy. Very important matters are being discussed.

3181 (2)
1916, Nov. 22, War Office, Whitehall, SW
'Prysur digynnyg [sic]. Tell Uncle Lloyd the P.M. got on very well. Never better. Most happily. Agreed in all things. He is alright as long as you can get him away from sinister & malevolent surroundings'.

3182 (2)
1916, Nov. 23, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Has spoken seriously to Haig at Lord Derby's house about the situation.

3183 (1)
1916, Nov. 24, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Is going to hear the Elijah at Westminster Abbey following 'a racking wearing week'.

3184 (2)
[1916, Nov. 25], 'Saturday', War Office, Whitehall, SW
Hopes to return to Walton Heath in the next couple of hours. 'Roumania bad - muddled. Warned them 3 months ago. Could get them to do nothing'. Attended a very fine performance of the Elijah at Westminster Abbey the previous day.

3185 (3)
1916, Nov. 27, War Office, Whitehall, SW
The 'true warrior spirit' which Wil bach possesses. 'I mean to propose his name as a member of the War Committee'.

3186 (1)
1916, Nov. 29, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Has 'just sent Von Donop about his business'. Von Donop was responsible for the shell muddle.

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3187 (2)
1916, Nov. 30, War Office, Whitehall, SW
'Carried great things' at a meeting of the War Committee that day.

3188 (3)
1916, Dec. 1, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Gwilym and Dick. The 'unrest & discontent' in London because of the government's failure to provide a lead. 'Asquith is a paralytic. He has to be whealed [sic] along any road'.

3189 (4)
1916, Dec. 2, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Has threatened to resign unless Asquith takes steps to put things right. Has the support of Asquith and three-quarters of the press. 'Asquith is showing signs of yielding but I am not sure he will go the whole way & half measures in War are fatal. I have stood it too long & the country will blame me for sinning against the light'.

3190 (3)
1916, Dec. 5, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Has resigned because Asquith has 'gone back on all the proposals': 'I can do more good out. I am much better out. I cannot forecast what will happen, but they are fools not to take my plan & they will rue it'.

3191 (2)
1916, Dec. 6, War Office, Whitehall, SW
'"Yn y pair" hyd yn hyn'. Nothing has been decided as yet. Is unwilling to become Prime Minister himself although pressed by Bonar Law to do so. Is going to see Law.

3192 (2)
1916, Dec. 7, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Nothing has been decided as yet. 'Duw a'n helpo. Y mae'r wlad mewn dwylaw crynedig'.

3193 (1)
1916, Dec. 8, War Office, Whitehall, SW
Has almost completed his list of names for the Cabinet and is making good progress. That day's Liberal meeting was very friendly.

3194 (2)
[1916, Dec. 9], 'Nos Sadwrn', War Office, Whitehall, SW
Has presided over his first War Cabinet and was embarrassed to be addressed as 'Prime Minister'. Has completed his list of names and is pleased. 'Tell Uncle Lloyd that he is responsible for putting me in this awful job'.

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3195 (1)
1916, Dec. 13, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Took the chair at the old Cabinet table at 10 Downing Street for the first time that morning. Is suffering from a cold, and has been advised to rest by his doctor.

3196 (2)
1916, Dec. 20, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Feels better now that the speech is over. Everyone is very satisfied. Is busy putting things in order.

3197 (3)
1916, Dec. 21, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
There are regular Cabinet meetings. Is making excellent progress. Has just received a deputation of miners.

3198 (3)
1916, Dec. 22, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is very busy. There are references in the newspapers to the arrival of Mrs Lloyd George and the family.

3199 (3)
1916, Dec. 23, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Happy holiday! 'Two Cabinets today & a conference with the French tomorrow & Xmas Day. Dyna fy ngwyliau i. 'Is very disappointed at his inability to join the family on Christmas day: 'But I am not the only one deprived of that joy by this cruel war. I could not dream of leaving things until the Asquith muddle has been straightened out. That will take some time'.

3200 (3)
[1916, Dec. 26], 'Boxing Day', 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is presiding over his first international conference as Prime Minister. Uncle Lloyd ought not to go out in the cold weather.

3201 (3)
1916, Dec. 27, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Was delighted to hear from Uncle Lloyd that day. Is engaged in lengthy conferences with the French Ministers.

3202 (3)
1916, Dec. 21, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The letters from Criccieth, including one from Uncle Lloyd. Leaves on Monday for a great conference in Italy, and is very pleased to see some sunshine. Will be able to rest in the train.

3203 (1)
1916, Dec. 29, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW

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A Happy New Year to everyone! Leaves for Italy on Monday.

3204 (2)
1917, Jan. 2, 10 Downing Street, SW
Is leaving for Rome for an important conference. Will return within a week.

3205 (2)
[1917], Jan. 9, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has returned from Rome after the most successful conference yet. 'We got it all our own way'. 'Rough crossing on a torpedo boat. Capt. Evans of South Pole fame in command'.

3206 (2)
[1917], Jan. 10, 10 Downing Street, SW
Expected a letter from Criccieth that day. The Cabinet is very pleased with the Rome Conference.

3207 (2)
[1917], Jan. 13, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is 'busier than ever' and regrets seeing so little of William George. Is going to Walton Heath that day to play golf.

3208 (1)
1917, Jan. 10, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is still very busy. The French have returned following very important conferences.

3209 (1)
1917, Jan. 18, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is busy and making good progress.

3210 (2)
1917, Jan. 24, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Just ordered the cutting down of beer & spirits by 30 p.c. on the 1915 standard - that is equivalent to 50 p.c. on pre-war basis'. 'The Labour victory at Manchester is the event of today. Asquith & his friends had been bragging that Labour was against me. I got a bigger majority than he did for his Ministry. It helps enormously in many quarters'.

3211 (1)
1917, Jan. 26, 10 Downing Street, SW
Is busy. Has no important news.

3212 (1)
1917, Jan. 29, 10 Downing Street, SW
Has not heard from home that day. Has no important news. Poor Walter.

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3213 (2)
1917, Jan. 30, 10 Downing Street, SW
Is extremely busy. Hopes, however, to see Criccieth on Friday night, but must return to town on Saturday as is unable to leave London for very long.

3214 (2)
1917, Feb. 8, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is very busy 'getting through mountains of work - at least climbing mountains'. 'They are trying to get me away from my work to wrangle in Parliament. I must fight that'.

3215 (3)
1917, Feb. 9, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Good progress made. 'Submarines are troublesome but I feel confident they will not get us under'. Is dining that evening at the home of Lord Derby to meet the King.

3216 (3)
1917, Feb. 10, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is leaving for Walton Heath. The American ambassador has just left - 'He is very hopeful of America coming in. But he is a partisan'.

3217 (2)
1917, Feb. 13, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is going for a walk in the fine weather. 'Mackenna did very badly yesterday. Good thing he should show himself in his true form'.

3218 (3)
1917, Feb. 17, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Uncle Lloyd's health: 'Have you ordered a commode for him [?]. You can put it down to my account as I want to contribute all I can to the comfort of the dear old boy'. Has given up his Saturday afternoon to settle the potato trouble. 'Yr wythnos nesa rhaid tori tafell etto o dorth y bragwr'. 'Dont forget to phone'.

3219 (2)
1917, March 6, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is writing between receiving two deputations - one from the Independent Labour Party on the question of reconstruction, and one from the Unionist Old Guard in the south and west of Ireland. Encloses newspapers. An article in the previous day's Times - 'The old boy has already passed into the history of the world, for his part of it is a world story and will interest readers in Korea just as much as readers in Carmarthen. The romance of his share in life will always fascinate and inspire; in fact the interest in what he did will long survive any interest there may be in what I have or ever can achieve'. Suggests that William George might like to take a holiday at Walton Heath.

3220 (2)

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1917, March 8, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Megan is suffering from measles. 'Ireland was a farce. Redmond is in a hopeless quandary & thought this was the best way out. He had made up his mind to do it without any reference to what I said'.

3221 (1)
1917, March 13, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is glad that William George spent the weekend at Blaenau Festiniog. Wil bach's trust deed. 'I am deluged with work & I need hardly say all of the most terribly responsible character'.

3222 (2)
1917, March 16, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is going off for the week-end. Megan has overcome her measles. 'Russia is triumphant. Worth the whole war & its terrible sacrifices'.

3223 (2)
1917, March 30, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
A very busy and successful week - 'My attitude on the franchise has achieved great things. I have forced the Cabinet to take a progressive turn. I made it clear to them that I was not going to be dragged at the heel of the Tory reactionaries who support them'. Balfour has described his statement as 'the most remarkable statement he ever heard in a Cabinet'. 'It impressed them enormously and swung them round'. So has achieved much in a 'predominantly Unionist' Cabinet - 'Not a bad start for a renegade Radical and a Tory camp!' His speech in the House. The encouraging news from Palestine. 'The Imperial War Cabinets have gone off well. Megan is better, and Dick is about to marry a nice girl; so things at No. 10 are looking a little brighter'.

3224 (3)
1917, Oct. 6, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
The postcard is 'diabolical in the intensity of its malice'. Has issued writs and they have all agreed to apologize humbly in open Court & to pay all costs'. Hopes to discredit those newspapers which have consistently attacked him. 'As to Caernarvon I rather like it & I am not at all sure E[llis] W. D[avies] will carry the whole county'.

3225 (3)
1918, April 1, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW1
Thanks for the comforting letter - 'I found it helpful in a storm tossed sea of trouble. We are just holding our own but the gale is not over'.

3226 (2)
1918, April 28, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has an important Cabinet meeting the next day. The speech will keep until the following Saturday: 'I have good stuff'.

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3227 (6)
1918, May 15, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is very upset because of 'the silly muddle over those rejected meat tins' - 'It is just one of those idiotic things women will do & think it smart. I can't tell you how disastrous it will [be] if there is any publicity over it. Tell Olwen not to touch the stuff'. Begs William George 'to take it in hand without delay' - 'Too bad to add this to one's many worries'.

3228 (3)
1918, Nov. 26, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Has just seen the reports in the papers of Ellis Davies's 'outrageous attack' on him at Capel Curig on Saturday - 'I really cannot stand this. He must be fought. Can't you get a LG Committee summoned to demand a fair choice of a candidate by local associations?'

3229 (2)
1939, June
Will be late as he is expecting a telephone message.

3230 (3)
1942, Feb. 7, Bron-y-de, Churt, Surrey
Has now no recollection of what happened to £100 promised to the Llanystumdwy candidate as so many years have elapsed.

3231 (1)
1943, Jan. 25, Bron-y-de, Churt, Surrey
Thanks for the message of congratulation on celebrating his 80th birthday and for the message of the Criccieth Town Council and fellow-townsmen.

3232 (2)
1943, Jan. 25, Bron-y-de, Churt, Surrey
There is no need to worry about Williams; 'he will ultimately get to be known'.

3233 (2)
[ ], April 20, Ormond House, 63 Queen Victoria Street
Is going to Norwich. Does not know of a Joint Conference on the 24th. The need to fight; have put 'the other side in the wrong with the moderate men on their own side'.

3234 (2)
[ ], May 28, Acton Golf Club, East Acton
Has come here with Llewelyn Williams. Will try to dictate something for William George the following day. Anson's attitude to Pantglas.

3235 (2)
[ ], June 30, House of Commons

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Has just had tea on the terrace with Lady Jenne. Has been invited there to lunch the following Sunday, but cannot go.

3236 (2)
[ ], July 22, House of Commons
JH is coming and is very pleased to have been asked. His dislocated index finger joint has been treated. Had a good time going for Joe the previous night. J.C. very miserable'.

3237 (2)
[ ], Nov. 20, 179 Trinity Road, Wandsworth C
The success of the previous night's meeting. The 'ghastly report' in the Daily News - 'Things I never said I would never dream of saying'.

3238 (2)
[ ] Dec. 22, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
The previous night's meeting 'squelched the opposition'. Does not anticipate victory as there was a majority of 3,600 against the Liberals in 1892. Hopes to reduce the majority to 1,500.

3239 (4)
[ ], 'Boxing Day', House of Commons
Describes Christmas and the Cyfarfod Llenyddol bach in Clapham Junction chapel - 'a poor affair' when a presentation was made to Llewelyn Edwards. Dick did not attend school the last day of term: 'There is a touch of shirking & of sneaking about the business. I detest both & I hope you will on my behalf give the youngster a good lesson'. Goes to play golf that day. Has spoken 'very severely' to Roberts who is 'evidently very rattled'.

3240 (3)
[ ], 'Sunday', Limecroft, Newcastle-on-Tyne
The outstanding success of the Newcastle meeting, unparalleled since Gladstone unveiled his famous Newcastle Programme. Blackburn was also a great success. Is staying with the chairman of the Association, a Baptist.

3241 (3)
[ ], 'Sunday', Brynawelon, Criccieth
Discusses a legal case - the Snowdon Summit. Encloses a draft letter to Mostyn. Plans to go to London - 'I think I ought to be up to prevent the intrigues wh[ich] may hatch in one's absence'. Dick is back.

3242 (2)
[ ], 'Sunday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The errors in the newspapers. Has been with two directors of the New Insurance Company; the job is worth about £250.

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3243 (3)
[ ], 'Sunday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
His letter to ROD; may go to see him. Greatly appreciates 'the excellent material' which William George sent to him - 'There is stuff enough for a dozen speeches'. Needs statistics on membership of the nonconformist chapels of Wales. Would like Uncle Lloyd to find in formation about Pennant Methodist chapel; it is a very striking case which he would like to be able to quote. 'I mean to work Pennant up'.

3244 (3)
[ ], 'Sunday', The Oaks, Preston Park
Has received no letters from home. Found the spin in the motor car 'delightful' and feels better for the change of scene. The Treasury has agreed to grant an additional £5000 towards the Harbour - 'a good electioneering stroke'. 'Carmarthenshire is boiling. Elfed is furious I hear & is coming down with me end of the week. We must pull it round & lick the malcontents'.

3245 (2)
[ ], 'Pnawn Sul', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Forgot to post his letter to William George. Has come to meet Unwin and are going to see MacEwan, the former MP for Edinburgh, about the paper.

3246 (3)
[ ], 'Sunday afternoon', Criccieth
The previous day's visit to Chester. The progress of the case. Richard Lloyd's magnificent sermon. News of Dick. Has made a 'scurrilous attack' in response to C. A. Jones's epistle to Yr Herald Gymraeg. His preoccupation with legal cases the whole of the previous week. Hopes to be at Chester again on Tuesday morning.

3247 (1)
[ ], 'Sunday evening', 41 High Street, Bala
Has spent Sunday with Dr Hughes at Bala. Is now departing on his journey.

3248 (2)
[ ], 'Monday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Is enclosing a draft of his proposed reply and wishes it to be returned at once. William George has not yet responded to D. Lloyd George's question about the Directorate offered to him.

3249 (3)
[ ], 'Monday' Incorporate Law Society UK, Chancery Lane, London WC
Discusses legal matters. There are two Blue Books containing the evidence of the Land Commission to be found at Brynawelon.

3250 (3)
[ ], 'Monday Evening', House of Commons

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Bradlaugh assisted him to secure the private Act of Parliament under which the Rhoshirwaen award was made. Discusses the provisions of section 26 of the Act. Parnell has just spoken on the Land Purchase Bill - ' a wretched speaker with the most flagrant contempt for his audience'.

3251 (2)
[ ], 'Tuesday', 11 Downing Street, Whitehall, SW
Is departing for Walton after a hard day. Was sorry to have missed William George.

3252 (3)
[ ], 'Tuesday evening', Bala Sessions
Describes proceedings at the Bala Sessions. Has been invited by Principal Edwards to come to listen to him lecturing the following day.

3253 (2)
[ ], 'Thursday', 13 Walbrook
Is leaving for Halifax. The speech has been fully written up. Was fully preoccupied the previous day with the general manager and chief engineer of the Great Western Railway Company. Has not yet sent the letter to Ellis.

3254 (3)
[ ], 'Thursday evening', House of Commons
Mrs Hughes. Is glad that William George 'thrashed' JT. His speech in the Commons on nonconformist marriages on Tuesday evening. Is to prepare for the big meeting at Brighton the following Wednesday. Has sent a letter to Gwyneddon for circulation to each of the Boroughs; it comprises proposals for reorganisation. Gwynoro's lecture. Would like William George to get a paragraph inserted in the Udgorn and Chronicle stating that D. Lloyd George and ML-G have been invited to the reception of the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen? - the account in that day's Daily News.

3255 (3)
[ ], 'Thursday evening', Mynydd Ednyfed, Criccieth
Legal matters - Mrs Davies, Dora Street. Wishes William George to assist him in the preparation of the following day's speech.

3256 (2)
[ ], 'Friday', Criccieth Station
Legal matters.

3257 (3)
[ ], 'Friday'
Anticipates the Garthcelyn Budget which he hopes awaits him at Llandrindod the next day. The Barmouth case. The National Council - 'The Welsh members are foaming with rage'. That day's meeting with Asquith and the heated proceedings. Is harsh in his verdict on his fellow Welsh MPs.

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3258 (3)
[ ], 'Friday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
'Penigamp, you have won the next election for me'. William George has proved a great help at Caernarfon. What are the prospects at Bangor? Is going to the Free Church Council meeting, and the press has for days been besieging the offices of the Council for admission. Has seen the Bishop of St Asaph. ... [incomplete].

3259 (2)
[ ], 'Friday', Nythfa, Brecon
The success of the meeting.

3260 (3)
[ ], 'Nos Wener 11', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Anticipates his journey to Littlehampton. His speech went well, and is now preparing for the dinner on Thursday.
'Boreu Sadwrn' - his cold is better.

3261 (2)
[ ], 'Sadwrn', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Wrote from Hangers Hill golf course. Family news.

3262 (3)
[ ], 'Saturday', Pantycelyn, Oakhill Road, Putney
Understands William George's anger. Has been unable to write recently because of pressure of work at the House of Commons. The assistance of the Welsh MPs in sponsoring a book on the Welsh Church.

3263 (3)
[ ], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The story about Casson is humorous: 'He will make himself the laughing stock of the whole town. He is such a "gwenwyngi" & has no saving sense of humour'. Is to preside over the evening meeting of the North Wales Free Church Council at Bangor on Wednesday, and on Thursday is to lecture on John Penri at Engedi Chapel, Caernarfon. Is glad at the success of the proceedings at Bereah. Was elected president of the London Cymru Fydd the previous evening.

3264 (3)
[ ], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
The appointment of factory medical officer for Portmadoc. His recent engagements. The improvement in Uncle Lloyd's health.

3265 (3)
[ ], 'Saturday', 13 Walbrook

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Will attend to the Tremadoc Estate the following week. The Solicitorship of the Drapers. That afternoon's visit to Battersea Park.

3266 (2)
[ ], 'Saturday', 13 Walbrook
Is presiding that afternoon at the meeting of the Baptist Total Abstinence Sociey at Stockwell Orphanage. Failed to attend the Harcourt wedding to which he had been invited. His social engagements are 'in [a] state of utmost confusion'.

3267 (3)
[ ], 'Saturday', House of Commons
William George's letter. The Humphreys affair. Has been completing his speech that morning and writing down the points that afternoon. Intends to 'perfect the phraseology' the following day.

3268 (3)
[ ], 'Saturday', 13 Walbrook
Does not expect a general election that year. 'Even Joe hasn't got the impudence to declare the war even when fresh drafts of troops are being despatched to South Africa every other day'. Ashton is 'a great opportunity for a first-rate advocate'. The letters received from Philip Davies and D. A. Thomas. 'I am prouder of Bryn & D. A.'s regard than that of any other two men in politics ...'. Morley is speaking at Oxford that evening.

3269 (3)
[ ], 'Saty', 63 Queen Victoria Street
The arrival of the Trinity Road Light House. Secured tickets for the pantomine on Boxing Day. The meeting on the 28th. Business matters.

3270 (3)
[ ], 'Boreu Sadwrn', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Congratulations on William George's success in the county council elections. The success of D. R. Thomas at Portmadoc may be attributed to sectarian influences. 'Wel y mae gennyt waith mawr o dy flaen. You shd. see one of the London Schools. You will then realise how far behind we are'. Is going to play golf with Thomas Artemus Jones.

3271 (2)
[ ], 'Bore Sadwrn', Station Victoria
Arthur can scarcely be regarded as a serious candidate. Is going to Lewes for the day. The article in the Daily Telegraph praising D. Lloyd George.

3272 (3)
[ ], 'Nawn Sadwrn'

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The writer and Alfred have been 'at it settling Johnson' who had impropriated money meant for election expenses. 'My suspicions are fully justified. I thought that was the way to squelch the chap'. Business matters.

3273 (3)
[ ], 'Saturday', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Has been consulting with Ellis Jones Ellis Griffith. Seeks clarification on legal points.

3274 (2)
[ ], 'Saturday evening', National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Parry's instructions. The violent article on D. Lloyd George in the National Observer, 'the high Tory weekly': 'It is not altogether abuse. ... Finishes up by saying that I may do a lot of mischief!'

3275 (1)
[ ], National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, SW
Last night's 'great triumph'. Has written to Henry Haydn Jones to say that he is unable to go to Towyn.

3276 (1)
[ ]
Is very busy, expecting to return on Saturday. Megan is settled.

3277 (3)
[ ], London
His letter-writing. The weather. Is receiving countless telegrams inviting him to speak. Rufus Isaacs has invited him to go to Reading. Is to speak the following week at the annual meeting of the Eastern Counties on the settlement of the Education Questions.

3278 (2)
[ ], Ormond House
Is departing for Brighton, intending to stay there for a week.

3279 (3)
[ ], House of Commons
Legal matters. Describes his experiences at Somerset House.

3280 (2)
[ ]
Encloses a wire just received. Gwynoro's talk was cut short by his anxiety to go to Arthog.

3281 (2)
[ ], Victoria Hotel, Menai Bridge

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Describes his legal work. May be able to come down the following night. Will have to stay at Llys Owen.

3282 (2)
[ ] Divisional Court
Legal matters.
Incomplete

Fragments of letters from D. Lloyd George to William George.

3283 (3)
Dated 15 Sep. 1885

3284 (2)

3285 (2)

3286 (2)

3287 (2)

3288 (3) re. Education Bill

3289 (2)

3290 (2)

3291 (1)

3292 (1)

3293 (3)

3294 (2)

3295 (2) re. Disestablishment

3296 (2)

3297 (2)

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Miscellaneous envelopes.

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