

The Dillwyn Collection

The Journals of Lewis Llewelyn Dillwyn (b.1814 d.1892)

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1844

January 1. Monday

Fine clear – Wind NW – cold

Parkwern

a.m. Walked with DeleBeche into Swansea – returned home by 12 –

P.M I took my gun & walked over to Penllergare – returned by 5.p.m – we
dined at Sketty –

January 2. Tuesday

Fine – clear & cold – wind NW – Snow last night, thaw in the shade all day

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am Saw DeleBeche off by Mail this morning then went to the works –

P.M – attended the Petty Sessions at the Town Hall

P.M Worked in the garden

January 3. Wednesday

Frost last night – thaw all day

Went out shooting at Ynis y gerwn

Jany 4. Thursday

Heavy rain last night – Wind W – fine in the day

am went to Sketty & Swansea with Bessie

P.M Went to Sketty to out up a still –

January 5. Friday –

Heavy rain all morning – Wind west – it cleared up about 3 P.M.

Parkwern

a.m – Worked at accounts at home

PM – Walked to Sketty & Swansea

January 6. Saturday –

Wind high – showery – Glass very low

Went out coursing at Ynisgerwn with J Moggridge & D Edwards

January 7 – Sunday

Fine -

a.m Walked with Bessie to church

P.M went over to Sketty & c.

January 8. Monday

Fine - Wind E

a.m. Went to Swansea
P.M – we dined at Sketty to meet the Trehermes and afterwards went to a Ball at the rooms

January 9 – Tuesday

Heavy rain in the morning cold – W. East. high –

Went into Swansea to the Petty Sessions in the morning then went to the Works & home

January 10. Wednesday

Fine - Wind N.W –

Parkwern

a.m – went to Swansea

PM – called at Sketty and Singleton – in the evening we took Minnie to a childrens Ball at Singleton – Emma was confined this morning and has got a little girl¹ –

January 11. Thursday

Fine – wind N.W –

a.m went into Swansea – went to the Works & attended an appeal meeting of the Income Tax Commissioners as an appellant – returned the loss at the works last year at £1000

P.M – remained at home

January 12 – Friday

Heavy rain the greater part of the day – fine at night –

Parkwern

Did not go out in the morning –

P.M. went to Swansea and Sketty – J Traherne came to dine with us & we afterwards went to the Ball at Singleton

January 13 – Saturday –

Fine –

a.m. Went over to Sketty & c

P/M drove Bessie over to Penllergare & back – in the evening we dined with the Edens at the Bryn –

January 14 – Sunday

Fine – slight frost last night – Wind N.E.

¹ Elinor Amy Dillwyn Llewelyn. Born at Penllergare 10 January 1844. Died, unmarried, 1887 and buried at Penllergaer Church.

a.m. Went to church with Bessie –
P.M we made some calls –

January 15 Monday
Fine - frosty –

Went to Swansea in the morning – dined at Sketty in the afternoon –

January 16 Tuesday
Fine – sharp frost last night

Parkwern
Went out Shooting at Penllergare with H Bruce²

January 17. Wednesday
Fine –

a.m. Went into Swansea
P.M I went out shooting with H Vivian at Clyne Wood. H Bruce came to stay with us.

January 18. Thursday
Fine – slight frost on the night –

Went out shooting at Ynisygerwn with H Bruce

January 19. Friday –
Fine on the whole – one or two showers – dark – Wind N.W –

Went to Swansea in the morning to the works, at 2 P.M. went to a meeting of the Council of the Royal Institution - & afterwards walked out with LWD –

January 20. Saturday
Showery in the morning dark all day

Parkwern
Went over to Penllergare with H. Bruce & we went out shooting there with JDL, H.H. Vivian & Mr Sandford – we returned to dinner at ½ past 6 – H Hickey came to us this evening –

January 21. Sunday
Showery – mild Wind. W –

a.m went to Church –
P.M walked to Sketty and on the sands –

² Henry Bruce, created 1st Baron Aberdare, 23 August 1873.

January 22 – Monday

Heavy rain in the morning fine in the P.M. Wind N.E –

am Went to Swansea with H Hickey – at 12 I attended a Harbour Meeting & afterwards walked home with LWD – We dined at Sketty in the evening

January 23. Tuesday

Fine – wind N.E - - raw & cool

a m Went to Swansea

P M attended the Petty Sessions at the Town Hall

January 24. Wednesday

Fine – cloudy – Wind N E.

Parkwern

Went into Swansea this morning to see E Hickey off by the Mail – then went to the works; returned home at 10½ a m - & at 11 went out shooting with H Vivian, Bruce & Moggridge at Clyne Wood

January 25. Thursday

Showery

Went to Swansea in the morning & remained there the greater part of the day – Bessie & I dined at Glanmor³ in the evening –

January 26. Friday

Fine – slight frost early this morning –

Went to the Works in the morning and at 12 o clock attended a meeting of the Rate Payers of the Town to take into consideration a proposed new Paving Act – I opposed it on the ground that the present Rate if efficiently managed is ample & that no new Bill is required – a majority of the meeting of at least 10 to 1 took the same ground of objection – a Poll was demanded by Mr Aubrey which the Chairman (Benson) said should take place on Wednesday next – I urged him to divide the meeting & protested against granting a Poll on a future day – he however persisted & the meeting broke up – it was a very stormy one throughout –

January 27 – Saturday –

Fine –

Saw weeping willows in leaf in the Neath Valley

Went out shooting with Moggridge at Ynisygerwn –

January 28. Sunday

³ Home of Thomas Edward Thomas

Rainy in the morning, fine the rest of the day – wind high. W.

Parkwern

a.m – went to Swansea but did not go to church –

P.M – Went to Sketty & afterwards walked with Bessie on the sands

January 29 – Monday

Fine in the morning, showery in the afternoon –

Went to Swansea in the morning & was busy there nearly all day – in the evening Bessie & myself drank tea at Veranda

January 30. Tuesday –

a.m. fine – P.M. stormy – heavy storms if wind & rain accompanied

Thunder & Lightning – Wind W –

a.m. Went to the Infirmary at 10 o'clock & then on to the works returned home about 2 o'clock

P.M remained at home till dinner time – I dined at Sketty – Lady Mary & Miss Talbot are staying there –

January 31. Wednesday

Stormy all day

Parkwern

a.m. went to Swansea

PM walked with Bessie

February 1. Thursday

Fine in the day – heavy rain in the evening –

a.m. went to the works –

P.M. Walked with Bessie – we dined at Sketty in the evening –

February 2. Friday

Stormy – snow on the hills – Wind N.W. N E – at night –

Went to Llangafelach Petty Sessions in the morning wrote &c in the afternoon –

February 3. Saturday

Frost last night – Wind NE – fine all day Moon full – a halo round the moon at night –

Went out shooting at Penllergare with Moggridge –

February 4 – Sunday

Heavy rain early this morning Stormy all day – Wind N.W.

Did not go to church this morning on account of the weather – walked with Bessie in the afternoon –

Feby 5. Monday

Stormy

Parkwern

Attended a meeting of the Trustees of the Swansea Harbour today

Feby 6. Tuesday –

Fine till about 4 P.M. when it began to rain – a Halo round the Sun in the morning –

Went to the Infirmary in the morning & then on to the works – remained at home in the afternoon –

Feby 7 – Wednesday

Fine in the morning rainy in the afternoon

Went to the works in the morning – We dined at Sketty in the afternoon-

Feby 8. Thursday

Storms of Snow & hail – otherwise clear & cold wind N.W –

Went out coursing at Ynisygerwn with Moggridge – We dined at Dderwen fawr in the evening

Feby 9. Friday

Fine in the day – A Snow storm in the evening – cold –

a.m – went to Swansea –

P.M walked with Bessie on to the Sands

February 10. Saturday –

Fine – cold – wind N.

Parkwern

a.m. Wrote at accounts at home & went over to Sketty

PM drove over to Penllergare with Bessie

February 11. Sunday

Fine – frost last night – wind N.E.

a.m- went to church with Bessie.

P.M – Walked to Sketty & Dderwen fawr to call

February 12. Monday

Snow in the morning for about 3 or four hours & then it came on to rain –

a.m – went to the works &c –
P.M stayed at home & wrote &c –

February 13. Tuesday
Cold & dark

Went to Sketty in the morning & then to the House of Correction at 12 o'clock I went to the Petty Sessions at the Town Hall –

February 14. Wednesday
Showery

Parkwern
Went to Swansea and at 12 attended a meeting of the Harbour trustees – not enough trustees were present to form a quorum and a meeting was called for tomorrow –

February 15 Thursday
Heavy rain all morning – fine in the afternoon

I had a headache all morning and did not go out
in the afternoon I walked with Bessie on the sands

February 16. Friday
Fine all day

a.m. took a walk with Minnie to the Hill House & Sketty –
P.M. Went to the works and afterwards attended a meeting of the Council of the Royal Institution after which I walked home with LWD –

February 17. Saturday
Heavy Showers in the morning fine in the afternoon –

Parkwern
Went out coursing at Ynisygerwn with Moggridge & Browne

February 18. Sunday
Wet – Heavy rain nearly all day Wind.W

I did not go out much today in consequence of the badness of the weather
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February 19. Monday
Very Stormy – Wind West – a m PM it got up to the north – there have been very heavy storms of Rain Wind & hail at intervals throughout the day –

a.m – Went to the Works &c in Swansea –
P.M. drove Bessie over to Penllergare

February 20. Tuesday

Sharp frost last night – wind N.W. Very fine all day – but cold

a.m. busy at home

P.M – Went to the Works & afterwards went for a walk with Bessie –

February 21. Wednesday

Snow in the night cold rain the greater part of the day

I went out shooting on Fairwood moor & Kefn Bryn.

February 22 Thursday

A Heavy fall of Snow last night – cold all day – the Snow did Thaw much.
tolerably fine all day Wind N E –

Parkwern

a.m – Went to Swansea and Sketty

P.M – Walked with Bessie & c.

February 23. Friday –

Sharp frost last night – thick & threatening till about 11 a.m. when it
began to rain heavily from the S.E – the rain continued all day

Went into Swansea in the morning and then on to Penllergare – I shot my
way back –

February 24. Saturday

Fine with the exception of a few showers –

At 11 a.m. I attended a meeting of the Harbour committee of Works – I
then went to the works – I returned home about 2 P M & remained at
home the rest of the evening as I had got a face Ache –

February 25. Sunday

Heavy rain till about ½ past 1 P.M. when it cleared up –

We did not go out in the morning in consequence of the badness of the
weather – we walked over to Sketty in the afternoon

February 26. Monday

Rather Showery at times but fine on the whole – cold towards the evening

Parkwern

a.m – Went to Swansea

P.M – took Minnie for a walk to Sketty &c –

February 27. Tuesday

Sharp frost last night – clear & cold all day – Wind N N W –

a.m. Went to the Infirmary at 1 - & then on to the works, returned home about ½ past 1 -

P.M - Walked with Bessie on the Sands & to Sketty -

February 28. Wednesday -

Cold in the night - clouds gathered all morning. about 12 - heavy rain came on which lasted till about half past three P.M. when it cleared up -

I went into Swansea in the morning and then walked on to Penllergare. about ½ past 2 I came home again - and then walked on the Sands with Bessie and home by Sketty - H Bruce came to us in the evening -

February 29. Thursday

tolerably fine in the morning - heavy rain all evening

Went to Swansea this morning - went out to met the Judge at about ½ past 4 - dined at Sketty in the evening

March 1. Friday -

Showery in the day - heavy Thunder accompanied with rain in the evening

Parkwern

Went to the Works in the morning at 1 went to the Town Hall and was sworn in on the Grand Jury - H Bruce was also on the Grand Jury & we dined with the Judge in the evening - We walked out with Talbot (who is staying at Sketty) afterwards.

March 2 - Saturday

Showery - Wind high W - Thunder storm in the evening

Attended the Grand Jury in the morning - we were discharged at about ½ past 3 P.M - We dined at Singleton in the evening

March 3. Sunday

Showery -

a.m went to church

P M. walked to Sketty & Singleton with Bessie & Bruce - the Judge (Maule)⁴ is staying at Sketty

⁴ Judge Sir WILLIAM HENRY MAULE, P.C., K.C., M.A., M.P. b. 25/04/1788: d. 16/01/1858.

Another member of the King's Sutton family, he was born at Edmonton in Middlesex. He was educated at a private school [run by his uncle Rev. John

March 4. Monday

Fine – with the exception of 2 or 3 hail Storms –

Parkwern

a.m. Played cricket with H.Bruce

P.M Went into Swansea to the works – in the evening we dined at Sketty where there was a party to meet the Judge –

March 5 – Tuesday

Very fine –

Maule]. Entered Trinity College, Cambridge 1806. B.A.1810; Senior Wrangler 1810; Fellow 1811; M.A 1813. A friend of Babbage, the inventor of the first 'Computing Engine'. Together they established the Analytical Society at Cambridge.

William was called to the Bar 20/5/1814. Made a King's Counsel in April 1833. He was M.P. for Carlow from 1837 to 1839. Appointed a Judge in February 1839. Baron of Court of Exchequer on 14/2/1839. Knighted in 1839. Appointed a Privy Councillor on 21/7/1855. William never married.

There are many stories about Judge William Maule which I trust are somewhat elaborated. For instance, he was reputed to be so fond of a tippie that in court he used a hollow quill pen to suck up the brandy which his clerk placed in his inkpot. He is also supposed to have burnt down the building in which he lodged when, after a particularly convivial evening, he retired to bed and was confused enough to place the chamberpot on his bedside table and the candle under the bed.

<http://www.maulefamily.com/brianarchive/biog3.htm#JWM>

Much as porter's praises have been sung, one depreciatory remark is recorded to have been made by the late Judge Maule. "Why do you, brother Maule, drink so much stout?" he was asked by one of the judges. "To bring my intellect down to the level of the rest of the bench," was the not very flattering reply. It may be mentioned that Judge Maule's joke was not a new one, for L'Estrange has it thus: "One ask't Sir John Millesent how he did so conforme himself to the grave justices his brothers when they mette. 'Why, in faith,' sayes he, 'I have no way but to drink myselfe downe to the capacitie of the Bench.'"

http://www.personal.leeds.ac.uk/~phljbs/trans_bickerdyke.html

Judge Maule, in summing up a case of libel, and speaking of a defendant who had exhibited a spiteful piety, observed: "One of these defendants, Mr. Blank, is, it seems, a minister of religion - of what religion does not appear, but, to judge by his conduct, it cannot be any form of Christianity." Severe. [JB64]

<http://www.amorgos.freeserve.co.uk/Legal%20Humour%20Part%209.htm>

Went over to Penllergare & hunted with JDL & M Moggridge – Bruce is not quite well & did not accompany me -

March 6. Wednesday

Sharp frost last night but fine & bright all day – cold – Wind N –

Went into Swansea to the works this morning about 11 a.m at 3 P M I met Bessie & went with her to see the furniture &c at Burrows Lodge – we afterwards walked out together –

March 7. Thursday

Fine – cold – sharp frost last night

Parkwern

a.m. remained at home

P M went into Swansea

March 8. Friday

No frost last night –

H Bruce who is still with us is very poorly – I went into Swansea in the morning – in the afternoon Dr Howell bled Bruce – I have a bad cold –

March 9. Saturday

Wind W high – fine & mild –

a.m – Bruce was better this morning, I went over to Sketty

P.M I took a ride with Bessie –

March 10. Sunday

Showery in the morning

Fine but cold in the afternoon

A m My cold is still bad & I did not go out this morning – Bruce is better but does not get out yet

March 11. Monday

Rainy in the morning – fine in the afternoon Wind very high –

Attended a Harbour meeting at 12 oclock

March 12. Tuesday

Wind very high – no rain –

Parkwern

Attended Petty Sessions at Swansea to day –

March 13. Wednesday

Fine –

attended an adjourned Petty Sessions to day – walked over to Sketty & in the garden in the afternoon –

March 14 – Thursday

Rainy – it was fine in the middle of the day – rainy all the rest of the day – Mild –

a.m. wrote accounts &c at house

P.M. Went into Swansea Bruce continues to gain strength rapidly –

March 15. Friday

Showery in the morning fine in the middle of the day, heavy cold rain from the East in the afternoon

Walked over to Penllergare with Mary this morning went out with JDL to try the Beagles when there - about 4 P M I walked home – Mary could not return with me on account of the badness of the weather –

March 16. Saturday

Rain & sleet from the North East or nearly due east all day

Parkwern

A m – wrote &c and went over to Sketty

P.M. went to Swansea

March 17. Sunday

A tremendous gale from the East came up last night lasted all night & to day – this evening it has not materially abated – the Glass however is rising a little – there has been no rain to day –

We did not go to Church this morning – in the afternoon we walked to Sketty –

March 18. Monday

Sharp frost last night – fine all day – Wind N.E. –

Went into Swansea this morning – returned home about 3 P M wrote &c in the afternoon –

March 19 – Tuesday

Not much frost last night Fine in the day but cloudy

Went to the Patty Sessions at the Town Hall at 2 oclock – Bruce Bessie & myself dined at Sketty in the evening –

March 20. Wednesday

Showery & mild in the morning. Wind W. in the afternoon it cleared up & was very fine – Wind N –

Parkwern

Went into Swansea this morning & then walked with Moggridge to Penllergare where I made some extracts from Goulds Bds of Europe &c
We returned home to dinner –

March 21. Thursday

Fine – cold wind –

Went to Sketty in the morning & then walked into Swansea with L.W.D –

March 22 – Friday –

Heavy rain all morning – tolerably fine in the afternoon –

Wrote & c in the morning – walked into Swansea & back with H Bruce in the afternoon –

March 23 – Saturday

Fine –

A m drove H Bruce into Swansea at 7 oclock & he went by the Mail to Margam. I then went to the works & returned home early
P M rode with Bessie over to Penllergare

March 24. Sunday

Showery in the morning fine the rest of the day – wind W –

Parkwern

a.m. went to church

P.M – walked with Bessie over to Sketty & in the garden –

March 25. Monday

Rainy – it cleared towards evening. Wind W –

a.m – Went into Swansea to the works &c –

P.M – wrote at home & went over to Sketty –

March 26. Tuesday –

Fine – mild –

a.m – went to Swansea –

P.M took Minnie out gardening with me

March 27. Wednesday

Very mild – rain in the night & early this morning – fine all day – growing weather –

a.m Went to the works &c – returned to dinner at 1.P M

P.M – walked with Minnie to Sketty & home by the Sands Fanny with Weston & Sarah came with is from Sketty –

March 28 – Thursday –
Very fine – mild –

Parkwern
Went over to Penllergare via Swansea – fished & c – returned home with Bessie who drove over –

March 29. Friday
Very fine – Wind S.E –

Went to Swansea in the working [*sic*] & then on to the Llangafelach Petty Sessions – Walked with John to Penllergare afterwards & then home –

March 30 – Saturday
Very fine – Wind East –

a.m – went to Sketty & thence drove with LWD to Swansea – returned home to dinner at 1 PM –
P.M. Rode with Bessie to Swansea & Penllergare – we got home to tea at 6 o'clock

March 31 – Sunday
Very fine – Wind East all day – this evening it changed to south –

Did not go farther than Sketty to day –

April 1. Monday
Very fine – mist about the Hills –

Duffryn – Neath
Walked over to Sketty this morning & then into Swansea - at about 3 P.M Bessie drove in and I came with her here – We sleep here to night & return tomorrow

April 2 – Tuesday
Fine – Misty –

Parkwern
We left Duffryn at 11 a m and came into Swansea where I attended the Petty Sessions & then came home

April 3. Wednesday
Misty & threatening once or twice but no rain – fine on the whole –

a m I went into Swansea –

P.M – rode with Bessie over to Penllergare - & returned by Swansea – We dined at Sketty Hall –

April 4. Thursday

Very fine – there was a shower kin the country but not in the Bay –

I walked to Swansea this morning & then to Llangafelach Petty Sessions – returned by Penllergare & Swansea

April 5. Friday

Showery – a good deal of rain fell in the night – Wind S.W –

Parkwern

I went to the Works this morning & then to church this being Good Friday – in the afternoon I went to Sketty & walked in the Garden with Bessie –

April 6 – Saturday

Very fine – showers in the morning –

Went to the works in the morning and then to the Petty Sessions at the Town Hall to appoint overseers &c returned home about 3½ P.M – Gardened &c afterwards

April 7. Sunday

Very fine –

Penllergare

Went to Swansea church this morning – in the afternoon I walked over to Sketty &c – about 9½ P.M I walked over here & tomorrow an going with JDL to the Quarter Sessions at Cowbridge

April 8. Monday

Very fine –

Duffryn. Cardiff –

JDL & myself left Penllergare at about 7 oclock this morning got to Cowbridge at 11 a.m – I there attended the Finance Committee & JDL attended a Police committee. He afterwards went to Coedriglan & I came here

April 9 Tuesday

Very fine –

Parkwern

I came here with J B Pryce to [?] Cowbridge this morning and, after the County business was over came back with JDL to Penllergare where I dined & afterwards walked home here

April 10. Wednesday

Very fine –

Parkwern

a.m. Went to Sketty & then into Swansea –

P.M – rode with Bessie over Clyne common & home by Fairwood –

April 11. Thursday –

Fine – rather cloudy towards the evening –

a.m – Went to Swansea

P M rode with Bessie over Clyne common –

April 12. Friday –

Rainy – mild –

Went into Swansea this morning with Dr Buckland⁵ (who came to Sketty last night) – at 2 P.M attended a Harbour meeting respecting additional clauses for the New Harbour Bill – in the evening Bessie & I dined at Sketty Hall -

April 13. Saturday

Fine till about 5 P.M when it began to rain – it rained in the night –

Parkwern

I walked over to Penllergare with Moggridge and we fished there –

April 14. Sunday

Rain in the night – fine today – mild growing weather –

Bessie is not very well & I did not go to church this morning. In the afternoon walked with Minnie over to Sketty –

April 15. Monday

Mild – Wind S.W –

Cloudy in the morning rainy all the afternoon & evening –

a.m. I went to the Works & c –

⁵Professor William Buckland. 1784 - 1856. Geologist. Born Axminster eldest son of Rev Charles Buckland, Rector of Templeton and Trisham. 1801 Scholarship Corpus Christi, Oxon. BA 1805. Fellow 1808. 1815 Paper to the Geological Society on "Slate and Greenstone Rocks of Cumberland and Westmorland. and contributed to the Geological Survey of London. 1818 Elected Fellow of the Royal Society. 1825 married Mary Morland. 1829 Described and named Pterodactylus Macronyxi recently discovered by Mary Anning at Lyme Regis. 1840 President of the Geological Society for the second time. 1848 given Wollaston Medal by Sir Henry De la Beche. 1845 Dean of Westminster. Died 15 August 1856

P.M – I returned home to dinner & at about 3 oclock rode with Bessie to Swansea & back & afterwards gardened till tea time – read to Bessie in the evening & drew –

April 16. Tuesday –

Very fine – Wind S.W – bright & mild –

a.m. went to the Infirmary & works

P.M rode on Clyne Common with Bessie JDL & Johnny –

April 17. Wednesday

Very fine – bright & mild –

Parkwern

Went over to Penllergare with Moggridge where we tried some young hounds after rabbits with J.D.L. I fished up the river – Bessie & went over to Veranda to tea in the evening –

April 18. Thursday

Fine – Wind N.W – fresh – bright & sunny

a.m – Went to Swansea where I was busy at the Works & Jeffrey's [sic] office all morning –

P.M – Went to Sketty & rode with Bessie –

April 19. Friday –

Fine –

a.m. Went to Swansea to the works & c. returned home to dinner at 1 P.M.

P.M. I took Bessie in the gig for a drive &c Swansea and the Mumbles –

April 20. Saturday

Fine dark & threatening for a short time –

Parkwern

a.m Went to Swansea

P.M – drove with Bessie & gardened –

April 21. Sunday

Fine – mild –

The weather lately has been so fine that vegetation is forward – The Grass looks well – Horse chestnuts Sycamores, Tacoma hacks [?] & white Thorns are generally more or less in leaf in the bay – Elms Willows & Alders are also beginning to look green – I have as yet seen very few swallows or martins -& they were late – the only other interesting summer birds I have seen are the chiff chaffs – Teal are still on the Lake at Penllergare – I saw Rosemary [?] in blow today – I have not yet heard the Cuckow [sic] –

a.m. I drove Calvert Jones over to Penllergare where we went to Church

P.M – I returned to Parkwern to dinner at ½ past 1 and afterwards walked with Bessie & Minnie to Sketty –

April 22. Monday

Fine in the morning – Wind W – in the late afternoon there was a shower of rain –

Parkwern

a.m – Went to Swansea to the Works & Jeffreys office about the opposition to the new paving bill –

P.M. rode with Bessie and gardened –

April 23. Tuesday

Very fine

a.m. Went to the Infirmary & Works –

P.M took Minnie for a walk on the Sands and afterwards gardened

April 24. Wednesday

Very Fine

Went over to Sketty in the morning & afterwards executed commissions in Swansea – went to the Works & c –

April 25. Thursday

Very fine –

Parkwern

a.m. saw the Sketty party off for London – they intend going as far as Cardiff today –

P.M Went into Swansea with Bessie & Minnie

April 26. Friday

Fine. Wind N- dark & looks threatening for Thunder – Saw a viper out today – Moggridge told me he saw a Land Rail today – the Summer Snipe have made their appearance on the lake at Penllergare – I saw a bald Coot on the lake there today -

Went with Iltid Thomas over to Penllergare fishing returned about ½ past 6 P.M-

April 27. Saturday

Very fine – hot & bright –

a.m. Went to Swansea

P.M – rode over to Penllergare & back with Bessie

April 28 – Sunday

Very fine –

Parkwern

I did not go out much to day as I had a bad face ached and baby has an attack of Bronchitis – We called in Dr Howell –

April 29. Monday

Bright – but the wind high & easterly –

a.m – went to the works and Attwoods office – returned home to dinner at 1 P.M.

P.M – Worked in the garden – Baby is better today –

April 30. Tuesday

Bright – Wind high. East blighting – the dust on the roads very bad –

a.m – At 10, went to the Infirmary – from there went on to the works –

P.M. returned home to dinner at 1 o'clock – afterwards worked in the Garden with Bessie & Minnie – Baby is much better today.

May 1. Wednesday

Very fine – bright & hot – Saw a black cap to day

Parkwern

a.m. Went with Minnie to Sketty and in the Garden & field to get flowers for her to make a Maypole –

P.M went to Swansea –

May 2. Thursday

Very fine –

a.m – went to Swansea

P.M – made calls with Bessie –

May 3. Friday

Very fine – There has been no rain to speak of since the 15th of April –

I went into Swansea this morning after breakfast and at 11 o'clock went on to Llangafelach petty Sessions – where I met JDL & after the business was over walked with him to Penllergare & then home – read to Bessie in the evening

May 4. Saturday

fine but cloudy – no rain

Parkwern

a.m. Went to Swansea

P.M. worked in the garden till tea time – afterwards in the evening read to Bessie –

May 5. Sunday

Fine – bright & hot

Did not go out much in the morning, walked to Sketty with Bessie and Minnie in the afternoon –

May 6. Monday

Fine. Glass falling

Rain is now much wanted – the ground being exceedingly dry –

a.m. Went to the Works & c

P.M – Bessie drove Mrs C Jones over to Penllergare to call on Mrs Franklen⁶ who is staying there - & I took Minnie out in the garden –

In the evening I read Prescotts Conquest of Mexico⁷ to Bessie –

May 7. Tuesday

Fine –

There are great numbers of wasps about this year for this time of the season

Parkwern

a.m went to the works &c –

P.M – attended a meeting of the Committee of works of the Harbour at 3 oclock & - afterwards rode with Bessie – read to her in the evening –

May 8. Wednesday

Fine –

Went into Swansea in the morning & went into to the Garden with Bessie in the afternoon – read to her in the evening

May 9. Thursday

Fine – towards evening the Sky became overcast and about 7 some occasional drizzling rain set in – Wind W –

a.m. went into Swansea

P.M – went over to Sketty worked in the garden & c –

May 10. Friday

Very little rain fell last night & the weather has been fine all day and looks settled – rain is much wanted –

Parkwern

⁶ Isabella Franklen, nee Talbot, one of the daughters of Thomas Mansel Talbot and Lady Mary, of Penrice.

⁷ William Hickling Prescott 1796-1859. *History of the Conquest of Mexico, with a Preliminary View of Ancient Mexican Civilization, and the Life of the Conqueror, Hernando Cortes*” The complete book can be downloaded from <http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/toc/modeng/public/PreConq.html>

I walked over to Penllergare with I.Thomas fishing &c – we returned home about 6 o'clock PM

May 11. Saturday –
fine -

I went to Swansea this morning – in the afternoon I took Bessie for a drive to the Mumbles in the Poney gig –

May 12. Sunday
Fine – sultry –

I went to church with Bessie in the morning & in the afternoon Walked with her and Minnie –

May 13. Monday
fine = [sic]

a.m – Went to Swansea –
P.M worked in the garden

May 14. Tuesday
fine -

Parkwern
Went to the works and at 12 o'clock attended the Petty Sessions at the Town Hall

May 15. Wednesday
Fine –

Went out fishing to Penllergare –

May 16. Thursday

There was a shower in the afternoon – fine the rest of the day

a.m. went into Swansea
P.M went with Bessie over to Veranda and afterwards Gardened &c –

May 17 – Friday

There was a shower early this morning – fine the rest of the day – wind NE, high –

a.m – went to the works & to a meeting of the Committee of works of the Harbour
P.M – read – Gardened &c

May 18. Saturday

fine – very cold. wind N.E – a few flashes of Snow fell in the morning –

I saw swifts today –

Went out fishing at Penllergare –

May 19. Sunday

Fine – Wind N.E. high –

Parkwern

Did not go out much to day – Bessie was not very well & I had a headache

May 20. Monday –

Fine – Wind N.E –

Saw fly catchers today –

a.m went to Swansea

P.M went to Sketty with Minnie, & Bessie went with Fanny in her fly –

May 21 Tuesday

There was a shower this morning - & it was dark all day – Wind N.E –

Went into Swansea – attended a Harbour meeting at 12 –

May 22. Wednesday

Fine –

Busy in the Garden the greater part of the day

May 23. Thursday –

Fine.

a.m went to Swansea

P.M worked in the garden & c the Moggridges drank tea with us –

May 24. Friday

Fine –

Parkwern

Went into Swansea about 11 a.m – and remained there till about 3 P-M when Bessie came in the carriage with Minnie & we went together to Penllergare to see the Royd Smiths⁸ who came there on a visit yesterday – we returned home to tea –

May 25. Saturday

Very fine – hot – Wind N.E –

⁸ Charles Royd Smith, then living at Southrop, Gloucestershire. They had previously lived at Hill House, Swansea, for a brief period. The family appears in the 1851 census but not that for 1861. Wife: Matilda, children Cathrinka, Gerald, Nirma, Charles, Matilda and Thorwald. Some of these spellings differ from those used to caption photographs by Thereza Llewelyn about ten years later.

a.m went to Swansea
PM. Went for a ride with Bessie –

May 26. Sunday
Very fine –

a.m – went to Church with Bessie –
P-M Walked in the Garden

May 27. Monday
Fine

Parkwern
Went to Swansea in the morning & in the afternoon gardened & c -

May 28 – Tuesday
Fine – Wind East

Went over to Penllergare with Bessie & we dined & spent the day here &
returned home about 10 P.M –

May 29. Wednesday
Fine –

a.m. went to the works & Attwoods office –
P-M – gardened & c –

May 30. Thursday
Fine –

Went to the works & c in the morning & gardened in the afternoon – in the
evening I walked to Sketty with Bessie – The Sketty party are coming
home tomorrow –

May 31. Friday
Fine –

Parkwern
a.m. busy at Swansea all morning – returned home to dinner –
P.M – worked in the garden & painted – in the evening drove with Bessie
into Swansea & then out to Sketty – they had arrived about ½ past 5 –

June 1. Saturday
Fine

Wrote letters in the morning and at 12 went in to attend the Annual
meeting of the Royal Institution – I afterwards went to D Edwards s [*sic*] -
& then drove out to Sketty with LWD - Bessie & Minnie had spent the day
there & we dined there in the evening –

June 2 - Sunday

Fine -

Parkwern

I did not go out much to day

June 3 - Monday

Fine - Wind Westerly this evening -

There has been no rain to speak of now since April the 15th - this day seven weeks - the country is very much burnt & dried up - the crops of hay are nearly spoilt - & the pastures generally quite bare -

a.m. Went to the Works &c

PM. Walked with Minnie & LWD on the Sands & round by Sketty -
Gardened afterwards

June 4. Tuesday

Cloudy in the morning & evening - hot in the middle of the day - every sign of rain this evening - Wind W - Glass falling -

Went to Swansea this morning & at 12 o clock attended Petty Sessions at the Town Hall - we went over to dine at Penllergare in the evening -

June 5. Wednesday

A Good deal of rain fell in the night - cloudy & unsettled with occasional showers all day -

Parkwern

Went to the works in the morning & then to a special Petty Sessions for the transfer of licences at the Town Hall - gardened in the evening -

June 6 Thursday

Showery in the morning fine the rest of the day

a.m - Went to Swansea

P.M - gardened &c

June 7. Friday

Fine on the whole, a little misty rain fell in the morning

Attended the Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & afterwards walked with JDL to Penllergare & so home -

June 8. Saturday -

Fine -

Busy in Swansea the greater part of the day

June 9. Sunday

Fine all day

Parkwern

I had a bad face ache all day and did not go out much

June 10 – Monday

Fine

Busy in Swansea the greater part of the day

June 11. Tuesday

Fine

Penllergare

I went into Swansea in the morning – We came over here on a visit in the afternoon

June 12. Wednesday

Fine –

Went out fishing with C R Smith –

June 13. Thursday

Showery – wind high

I walked into Swansea & returned to dinner –

June 14. Friday

Fine –

We went out otter hunting at Travelly & killed one

June 15. Saturday

Fine –

Penllergare

Rode with Smith & JDL to Swansea and home by Sketty & Parkwern

June 16. Sunday

Very fine –

a.m We went to Church

P.M – we walked out

June 17. Monday

Fine –

We went out Otter hunting down to the Loughor Marshes but did not find one –

June 18. Tuesday

Thunder in the middle of the day – fine otherwise –

Walked to Sketty to breakfast & then on to Swansea where I was busy all day – returned here to dinner –

June 19. Wednesday

Stormy in the morning fine in the afternoon – very little rain fell –

Went to Swansea by the Mail in the morning, returned about 11 a.m. & then went out otter hunting –

June 20 Thursday

Heavy rain in the morning cold and dark all day

Penllergare

Went to Pyle with JDL where he attended a meeting of the Police committee and I attended one of the finance committee

June 21. Friday

Fine

Went out otter hunting at Ynisygerwn with JDL & Moggridge – we found one but did not kill it –

June 22. Saturday

Fine –

Went to Swansea in the morning and returned about 8½ P.M - & then walked out with Bessie

June 23. Sunday

Wind S.E – hot & fine

a.m – went to church

P.M. walked out –

June 29. Saturday

Very hot –

Penllergare

Went to breakfast at Sketty & then to Swansea – returned here about 3½ P.M

June 30. Sunday

Very hot –

a.m – Went to church
P.M We all went out walking -

July 1. Monday
Fine –

I went into Swansea where I remained the greater part of the day –

July 2. Tuesday
Fine –

Went to Neath to the Quarter Sessions with John – we returned here to dinner –

July 3. Wednesday –
Very fine

I went with Smith at 3½ am. to look for an otter on the Llew & Cadley Streams but we could not find one – we got home to breakfast – I went out sketching & with Bessie in the afternoon

July 4. Thursday
Heavy rain in the night – fine all day

Penllergare
Walked to Sketty to breakfast & then on to Parkwern and Swansea returned here between 3 & 4 P.M

July 5. Friday –
Fine –

went out fishing with Smith –

July 6 – Saturday
Fine – there were one or two slight showers but nothing to speak of –

Parkwern
We returned home to day, I walked having fished as far as Pont Llewitha-

July 7. Sunday –
Fine –

a.m. Went to church at Swansea with Bessie –
P.M Went over to Sketty & was laid up with a bad headache in the evening
–

July 8. Monday
Fine –

Parkwern

I went into Swansea this morning and was busy there the greater part of the day – We dined at 6 P.M & afterwards I walked over to Sketty - & in the evening walked with Bessie in the garden

July 9. Tuesday

Fine – very hot

Coedriglan –

Went to Penllergare this morning & started from there for Cardiff with J.D.L. to attend the Assizes as we are both summoned upon Special Jury cases – We arrived there about 7 P.M & as we could not get beds in Cardiff – we turned the Horses heads and came here as the Trahernes are now at home –

July 10 Wednesday

Fine – cloudy in the evening –

Coedriglan

We went into Cardiff early this morning & remained there the greater part of the day returned here to dinner – LWD came up today as a Witness on a case of Johns against the Executors of Sir W Garrow respecting repairs of the Tin Mills at Ynisgygerwn – he came out here –

July 11. Thursday

Fine –

Cardiff

Idled about Cardiff all day – Dined at Llandaff Court (George Thomas s)⁹ [sic] in the evening – we came to night as we were able to get appartments [sic] & I am to be in court at 9 a.m. tomorrow

July 12 Friday –

Fine except some rain about 4½ PM –

Parkwern

I served on a special Jury this morning & came home by the Cwmru Coach – LWD & JDL remained in Cardiff till tomorrow

July 13. Saturday –

Heavy rain all day

I went to Sketty in the morning & then to Swansea – We dined at Sketty in the evening –

July 14. Sunday

⁹ Revd George Thomas of Llandaff Court.

Fine – windy – Wind W.

Walked with C R Smith (who is staying at Sketty) to church at Penllergare we walked back in the afternoon –

July 15. Monday

Fine –

Went to Sketty in the morning to see the Smiths who left today – afterwards went to Swansea – Worked in the garden till dinner

July 16. Tuesday

Rain for about an hour this morning – fine the rest of the day – calm –

Parkwern

Went over to Sketty this morning and then to Swansea where I attended Petty Sessions which detained me till the evening –

July 17. Wednesday –

Fine – calm –

After Breakfast I went to Swansea whence I returned about 1.P.M I afterwards wrote and worked in the garden – we drank tea at Sketty –

July 18. Thursday

Fine – bright – a fresh & pleasant breeze stirring –

Busy writing till about 1 P.M when I went to Swansea. met Bessie there about 3 PM when we went to Burrows Lodge – I afterwards returned with her –

July 19. Friday-

There were one or two heavy showers before 12 oclock- all the afternoon & evening were fine –

Parkwern

I went to Swansea this morning and was busy on Magisterial business till about half past twelve oclock, - when I walked to Penllergare with Moggridge – he returned here and dined with us –

July 20 Saturday –

Fine –

Sketty Hall –

I went to Swansea in in [*sic*] the morning – in the afternoon we came over here for a visit –

July 21. Sunday

Very fine – hot –

a.m – Went to church
P.M – walked in the garden &c

July 22 – Monday
Very hot

Busy in Swansea the greater part of the day –

July 23. Tuesday
Very hot – wind S E. morning

Busy in Swansea –

July 24. Wednesday
Very hot –

Sketty Hall
I walked over to Penllergare & we went out otter Hunting but did not find one – I returned here to dinner –

July 25. Thursday
Rainy – calm – very heavy rain for about a couple of hours in the evening-

I went to Swansea where I was busy the greater part of the day

July 26. Friday
Fine – Hot in the sun, but a fresh breeze in the morning –

a.m. went with Minnie to Parkwern
P.M – Walked into Swansea with LWD – and about ½ past 3 returned with Bessie in the carriage.

July 27. Saturday
Very fine –

a.m – Went to Swansea
P M walked back with LWD & afterwards bathed –

July 28. Sunday –
Cloudy all day. wind S.W. it began to rain about ¼ past 6 o'clock P.M. and continued all evening –

Sketty Hall
I walked in to church in the morning – and in the afternoon walked in the Garden with Bessie and the children –

July 29 – Monday
A fine rain fell in the night – fine all day –

I went into Swansea in the morning and was busy at the works & the greater part of the day –

July 30. Tuesday

Heavy rain early in the morning & occasional heavy showers all day –
Wind W. High –

I walked over to Penllergare to breakfast & then rode down to Pontardulais with J.D.L. where Evan had gone on with the otter Hounds – when we got there we found that the otters had run into a coal level & we then returned to Penllergare & went out rabbit shooting – I got home to dinner –

July 31. Wednesday

Wind W. high – heavy occasional showers –

Sketty Hall

Went to Swansea in the morning busy at the works & executing commissions till about 3 PM when I returned here

August 1. Thursday

Showery – Wind west – high

a.m. went to Swansea as I came back met JDL who walked back with me
P.M. walked in the garden read & c –

August 2. Friday

Fine all day – dark & threatening in the evening and about 7½ PM it rained heavily for an hour or two = [*sic*] and at night began to blow heavily –

I walked into Swansea about 10 a.m. & then on to Llangafelach to attend the Petty Sessions at 12 – there was no business & I walked with JDL to Swansea & then here – John & his family have taken a house at the Mumbles¹⁰ & gone there today – went to a Ball in the evening

August 3. Saturday

A Gale of Wind all day with heavy rain it cleared up at about 4½ P.M. – the wind has done much damage in the gardens & c – boughs broke, apples & fruit blown down plants torn up & c I have heard of several vessels being much damaged, & some are run ashore in the bay – I have not however heard of any lives being lost. –

Parkwern

I did not go out this morning in consequence of the badness of the weather – about ½ past 1 P.M. I walked into Swansea where I met John & we returned home to day

¹⁰ Elm Cottage

August 4 Sunday

Fine all day, bright – I heard to day that several vessels have been lost in the late gale and one with all hands on board – There has been great loss of life & vessels it is said on Pembrey Sands.

a.m I went to church

P.M – Walked with Minnie to Sketty & with Bessie in the Garden –

August 5. Monday

Fine in the morning wind N.E – towards the afternoon it changed to S.E – and rained heavily all the afternoon & evening –

Parkwern

Went into Swansea this morning to the Works – at 12 oclock attended a Harbour meeting and at 2 P.M a meeting of the committee of the Royal Institution after which I walked home – Tomorrow Bessie is going to pay her father a visit at Bulth and I am going to take her as far as Merthyr in the Mail –

August 6 Tuesday

Showery

I went up to Merthyr by the Mail this morning with Bessie – we arrived there about ½ past 10 a.m & went to see the Market place – at about 1 PM DeleBeche came & Bessie went with him to Brecon I returned by Mail - to Swansea & then on here

August 7. Wednesday

Windy, but bright & fine –

Parkwern

I went into Swansea in the morning – walked with Fanny to the pier head to see Moggridge off by the Troubadour en route for Scotland – afterwards went down to the Works – returned here to dinner – Mary has come over to stay here while Bessie is away

August 8. Thursday

Fine –

Mary & Minnie accompanied me down to see John & his family at the Mumbles – thence Mary returned in the carriage with Minnie & Willie – John & I walked into Swansea – In the evening I called at Singleton & Veranda –

August 9. Friday –

Showery in the morning fine afterwards –

Parkwern

a.m. I went to Swansea
P.M – played cricket at Singleton in the evening went to a ball there –
Mary also went –

August 10 – Saturday –
Fine –

a.m. went to Swansea & Sketty Hall –
P.M Went with Mary & Minnie to Oystermouth castle to meet Johns party
& the Sketty party there – they afterwards took a row in a boat – I did not
accompany them as I had a toothache – We returned home to dinner –

August 11. SUNDAY
Fine in the morning - about 11½ a.m it began to ran all the evening –

Parkwern
Mary walked with me to church this morning and we returned to an early
dinner – we did not go out much in the afternoon in consequence of the
weather

August 12 Monday
Fine

a.m went into Swansea
P.M. went into a meeting of the Committee of the Royal Institution in the
evening –

August 13. Tuesday
Heavy rain all morning fine in the afternoon –

a m – did not go out
PM – Went into Swansea with Mary & Minnie & returned by Sketty Hall

August 14. Wednesday –
Showery Wind high N.W.

Parkwern
a.m wrote &c at home & went to Sketty
P.M – Walked with Mary into Swansea we dined at Sketty in the evening
to meet Professor Wheatstone¹¹ who is staying there on a visit –

August 15. Thursday

¹¹ Sir Charles Wheatstone. 1802-1875. English physicist, born in Gloucester. Professor of Experimental Philosophy, Kings College, London. 1837, with William Cooke, took out a patent for the electric telegraph. Designed an early method of viewing stereoscopic images 1832 and published results 1838.

Wheatstone and JDL carried out some experiments in sub-marine telegraphy off the Mumbles. Apparently this was never written up by Wheatstone himself. LWD's diary contains further details.

threatening in the morning, fine in the afternoon & evening –

I went into Swansea this morning – took Minnie for a walk in the Sands i
in the afternoon –

August 16 – Friday –

Fine in the morning, wind N – in the afternoon it veered round clouded
over and about 4 P.m. rain set in –

I went at 11 a m to a meeting of Paving Commissioners under new act –
afterwards to Harbour Committee of works & then down to Pottery –
dined at home & went to Sketty in the evening –

August 17. Asturday

Fine – Wind N.W. –

Parkwern

a m Went into Swansea

P.M – Gardened &c – We dined at Sketty in the evening –

August 18. Sunday

Fine. Wind N W

We went to Church in then morning and walked in the garden in the
afternoon –

August 19. Monday

Fine –

Went to Swansea in the morning – went down to the Mumbles to meet
Mary & Minnie at Johns house in the afternoon dined at home –

August 20 Tuesday

Showery in the morning – fine the rest of the day

I went to Swansea in the morning –

August 21- Wednesday

Fine –

Parkwern

a.m. went into Swansea

P.M. made some calls with Mary – we dined at Sketty in the evening

August 22. Thursday

Fine – threatening –

a.m Went to Swansea

P.M Walked on the sands with Mary & Minnie – dined at home –
tomorrow I am going to Brecon to fetch Bessie home

August 23. Friday

Very heavy rain early in the morning – fine in the afternoon –

Brecon

I came up here to day and arrived about 1½ P.M DelaBeche & Bessie had
arrived here about ½ past 9am – I took a walk with Bessie in the
afternoon – we return home tomorrow & DeleBeche will return to Builth

August 24. Saturday

Showery – here were very heavy Thunder Storms accompanied by
torrents of rain here in the afternoon – we were on the way from Brecon
& did not have very heavy rain –

Parkwern

Bessie & I left Brecon this morning at about 10 o clock by the Merthyr
Coach and we arrived here about ¼ to 7-PM. We walked over to Sketty in
the evening –

August 25. Sunday –

Fine –

We did not go to church in the morning – in the afternoon I walked down
to the Mumbles with Mr Wheatstone –

August 26. Monday –

Fine – cloudy & threatening the greater part of the day – no rain

I went into Swansea this morning & returned about 3 p.m – I then walked
over to Sketty –

August 27. Tuesday

Fine – a slight Halo round the moon this evening –

I went into Swansea this morning 1st to the Works & at 12 to the Petty
Sessions at the Town Hall – in the afternoon I went to Sketty –
Wheatstone explained his electro telegraph –

August 20. Wednesday –

Very fine –

Parkwern

a.m – Went to the works –

P.M practised cricket with F.Benson –

August 29. Thursday

Very fine – wind E. & S.E –

a.m – Went to Swansea and was busy at the Works all morning
P.M – Gardened & c we dined at Sketty

August 30. Friday
Very fine –

I went to the Lamb & flag with a party to play Cricket against the Merthyr club –

August 31. Saturday –
Very fine –

Clemenstone
We came up here to day on a visit to the Franklens – The children came with us –

September 1. Sunday
Very hot –

Clemenstone –
a m walked out with Franklen, read & c –
P.M went to St Brides church –

Sept 2. Monday
Very hot – wind East & scorching –

Went out shooting with Franklen –

September 3. Tuesday –
Very hot –

Walked to Tresilian round the coast –

September 4. Wednesday
Very hot –

Went out shooting with Franklen near Bridgend

Sept 5. Thursday
Hot & close – a Thunder storm came on in the afternoon –

a.m read & walked with Franklen
P.M – went to Dunraven with Franklen –

Sept 26. Friday –
Very hot –

Went out shooting with Franklen

September 7. Saturday

Fine – rain last night

Parkwern

I left Clemenstone this morning at about ½ past 6 & walked down to Swansea where I arrived about 2 P.M I came out here about 4 P.M & afterwards dined at Sketty

Septr 8. Sunday

Fine –

Walked down to the Mumbles with Mary to church – dined at Sketty in the afternoon –

Septr 9. Monday

Rainy –

Clemenstone –

came up by Mail this morning met Franklen near Lalleston & shot with him – we returned here to dinner –

Septr 10. Tuesday

fine

Clemenstone

I went out shooting in Wallace wood –

Seprt 11. Wednesday

Fine –

I walked to Siginstone in the afternoon to see a poor man named Richard Pascoe –

Septr 12. Thursday

Fine –

Went out shooting with Franklen

Septr 13. Friday

Fine –

Went out shooting with Franklen –

Septr 14. Saturday

Fine –

Lanelay –

We left Clemenstone¹² about 3 P.M. and came over here on a visit –

Sept 15. Sunday

Heavy rain nearly all day

Went to Llantrissant Church with Miss Talbot in the morning – we did not go out in the afternoon

September 16. Monday

Rainy – wind West

Lanelay

Did not go out in the morning – Walked up the Garth Mailwy in the afternoon –

September 17. Tuesday

Fine on the whole – occasional showers –

Went to Newbridge, Pontyfydd & the falls of the Rhondda with Miss Talbot and Bessie – I walked home by Craig Cymma – The Talbots came here this evening for a night –

September 18. Wednesday

Fine – Wind East 0

I went out Shooting with Hely Richards –

September 19. Thursday

Fine –

Went up the Great Garth with Miss Talbot & Bessie – I walked home

Sept 20. Friday

Fine –

We went to see Caerphilly Castle today

September 21. Saturday

Fine –

Parkwern

I left Lanelay this morning after breakfast & walked into Cowbridge & from thence came down to Swansea by Mail – I dined at Sketty

September 22. Sunday

Fine – Wind East high & cold – Sun hot –

¹² Home of Lady Mary Cole and her eldest daughter Mary Theresa Talbot.

a.m went to Swansea church with Mary –
P.M Walked down to the Mumbles dined at Sketty.

September 23. Monday

Fine – wind high & cold –

Went to Swansea in the morning & was busy there nearly all day dined at Sketty in the evening – Mr & Mrs Alexander¹³ & D & A Simms came there on a visit about ½ past 6 p.m.-

September 24. Tuesday

Lanelay

I left Swansea by the Mail this morning – I left the Mail at Pyle and walked to Bryn garw where I saw Mrs Jenner¹⁴ & lunched – I afterwards walked on here –

September 25. Wednesday

Fine –

We went with Lady Mary & Miss Talbot to Tresilian whence we went to see St Donats Castle – Mr Traherne accompanied us

September 26. Thursday

Very fine –

Miss Talbot walked with me to Hensol Castle where we saw the place & lunched –
We are going home tomorrow.

September 27. Friday

Very fine –

Parkwern

We left Lanelay this morning about 10½ a m & arrived here about 5 P.M-

September 28. Saturday

Very fine –

I went with Bessie and Minnie to Sketty this morning – at 12 oclock I walked to Swansea & attended the Special sessions for receiving the Jury Lists – I then went to the works – got back here about 4 P.M.

September 29. Sunday

Fine –

¹³ Anne Alexander was a sister of Lewes Weston Dillwyn. J D Alexander, of Ipswich, was a Quaker banker and also early photographer.

¹⁴ Robert Francis Jenner of Wenvoe Castle, Glamorgan. Born 13 January 1802. Married 10 August 1824 Elizabeth Lascelles Jenner, eldest daughter of Rt Hon Sir Herbert Jenner Fust. The son of R F Jenner, Albert Lascelles, married Henrietta Julia, elder daughter of Sir John Morris, Bart, of Swansea.

a.m. We went to Church
P.M. I went to see John & his family at the Mumbles & then returned to Parkwern – We dined at Sketty –

September 30 – Monday

Fine –

Parkwern
a.m Went to Swansea where I was busy at the works all morning & met Mr Buckland at Burrows Lodge
P.M. Walked over to Sketty with Minnie & afterwards gardened & c

October 1. Tuesday

Rainy – Wind – W –

a m went to the Infirmary at 10 a.m & to the Petty Sessions at the Town Hall at 12 –
P.M – went to the works & afterwards walked home & gardened & c-

October 2. Wednesday

Heavy rain last night – high wind all day. W. Showery –

Went out shooting at Ynisygerwn with JDL –

October 3. Thursday

showery in the morning – fine the rest of the day – Wind high W –

Shewed the Pottery to Mr Alexander & D & A Simms – walked back in the afternoon with D Simms –

October 4. Friday –

Fine in the morning, rainy in the afternoon –

Parkwern
a.m. Went to Sketty and Swansea.
P.M – returned home & gardened &c –

October 5. Saturday

Rain the greater part of the day

I walked over to Penllergare & shot my way home –

October 6. Sunday

Fine from about 10 a.m. before that time it was showery

I walked down to the Mumbles in the afternoon –

October 7. Monday

Fine –

At 9 a.m. went to Sketty to see the Alexanders off – they intend to get to Lanelay to night – I then went in to Swansea & returned here about 12 o'clock – I walked to Penllergare and back in the afternoon –

October 8. Tuesday

No rain all day, but wild & threatening Wind S.E – this evening it is blowing fresh & there is every appearance of a gale –

Parkwern

I went into the works this morning and at 12 o'clock attended Petty Sessions at the Town Hall – returned home about ½ past 4 –

October 9. Wednesday –

Blew a gale last night – wind S.E. during the day it calmed a little but about 5 P.M it began to blow again with great violence accompanied at 5 o'clock by most tremendous rain for about a quarter of an hour –

I went over to Penllergare and went out with the Hounds

October 10. Thursday

No rain all day but wild & threatening Wind S.E – this evening it is blowing fresh & there is every appearance of a gale –

Parkwern

I went in to Swansea this morning and at 12 o'clock attended Petty Sessions at the Town Hall – returned home about ½ past 4 –

October 9. Wednesday –

Blew a gale last night – wind S.E. during the day it calmed a little but about 5 P.M it began to blow again with great violence accompanied at 5 [?6 – *figure overwritten*] o'clock by most tremendous rain for about a quarter of an hour –

I went over to Penllergare and went out with the Hounds

October 10. Thursday

A Heavy gale from the East continued all night - - A large ship (of 400 tons) the Frances of Liverpool sank in the bay – crew saved -. It was fine all day –

I went to a meeting of the paving commissioners - & when that was over when to D Edwards s [*sic*] & c – in the evening drove with Bessie & Mrs C Jones to the Mumbles –

October 11 Friday

Fine –

Parkwern

I walked into Swansea this morning & at ½ past 11 o'clock on to Penllergare where I met Bessie & the Symons & Downings – a party from Herefordshire who have been staying some time in Swansea & who Bessie knew formerly – We showed them the place & spent the day there – We returned home to dinner – we went to a Ball in the evening

October 12. Saturday

Rainy & stormy –

Attended a meeting of a committee of the Paving commissioners at 11 a.m. I then went to the Works – returned home about 4 PM – went in the Garden till dinner time –

Oct 13. Sunday

Rainy & stormy

Did not go out to day much

Oct 14. Monday

Stormy & showery –

Parkwern

Went out shooting at Penllergare with A Jones & M Moggridge – in the evening had a meeting about Lity & scientific Socy –

Oct 15 – Tuesday

Occasional heavy rain showers in the morning – tolerably fine in the afternoon –

At 9 a.m. I met Nicholl at the Mackworth Arms on the county finance business at 11 I accompanied him to the Town Hall to open the Quarter Sessions. in the afternoon I walked out with Lord Adare to call at Singleton – at 6 P.M I dined with the Magistrates & returned here about ½ past 9 o'clock

Oct 16. Wednesday

Fine in the morning rainy in the afternoon –

I went to Sketty in the morning and then to Swansea – I returned here about 5½ p.m –

October 17. Thursday

Rainy nearly all day

Parkwern

I went up with D Edwards to Ynisygerwn to try some Young Greyhounds –

October 18. Friday

Fine with the exception of a shower about the middle of the day –

I went to the works this morning & returned here about 7-PM – I afterwards gardened –

October 19. Saturday

Rainy all morning – it cleared off tolerably fine in the afternoon –

Went to Sketty with Bessie in the morning – Dr Buckland came there this morning – John & Emma & their children are staying there too – At about 12 o'clock I went into Swansea - & returned here about 3 PM- Walked in the Garden with Bessie afterwards till dinner time –

October 20. Sunday

Storms of Rain & Hail at intervals throughout the day – Wind W –

Parkwern

I had a head ache & did not go out in the morning – in the afternoon I went with Bessie and Minnie over to Sketty –

October 21. Monday

Very fine –

10 a m I went to the works – 11 am. attended a meeting of the Paving Commissioners – got home about 3 P.M - & went to Sketty & Gardened till dinner – at 8 P.M. went to the Institution about the formation of a Literary and Scientific Society --I did not get home before ½ past 11 o'clock –

October 22. Tuesday

Very fine – a red sunset –

Walked over to Penllergare in the morning & met JDL there – We went out coursing

October 23. Wednesday

Fine – White frost last night –

Parkwern

a.m – went to Swansea

P.M Gardened &c –

October 24. Thursday

Fine –

Went to Sketty with Bessie and Minnie in the morning – I then went to the Works – returned about ½ past 1 P M & then went out shooting

[Change of ink from sepia to blue]

October 25. Friday

Fine –

Went to the Works in the morning – attended the meeting of the Council of the Institution at 2 PM I then came home & Gardened &c

October 26. Saturday

Fine –

Went out Shooting at Penllergare – returned home to dinner

October 27. Sunday

Dark & threatening – no rain

a.m – Went to church with Bessie –

P.M. went to Sketty with Bessie & Minnie –

October 28 Monday

Wind East – cold & dark but no rain –

Parkwern

Went to Swansea in the morning – wrote & gardened in the afternoon – at ½ past 7 PM went to the Institution to attend a meeting of the Swansea Literary and Scientific Society of which I am Secretary – returned home about 11 P.M –

October 29. Tuesday

Wind East – high – dark & threatening – a little rain fell early this morning & some in the evening –

10 a.m. went to Sketty about 1`2 I went to Swansea – returned about ½ 3 P.M & went into the Garden &c with Bessie –

October 30. Wednesday

Wind High. East no rain

I attended a meeting of the Paving commissioners at 11 o clock and afterwards went over to Penyfody coursing – returned home to dinner –

October 31. Thursday

Wind high East – slight occasional showers –

Parkwern

a.m – Went to the works –

P.M – Gardened &c till dinner time –

November 1. Friday

Wind East. high – heavy occasional Showers –

Went into Swansea after breakfast and at 12 went to Llangafelach Petty Sessions – C.H.Smith was with me – I walked home afterwards –

November 2. Saturday –

Wind East – nearly a gale no rain –

I went out shooting with Moggridge at Penllergare

November 3. Sunday

Fine on the whole – one or two Showers

a.m. I went to Church

P.M I walked over to Sketty

November 4. Monday

Fine –

Went to Sketty in the morning & afterwards to Swansea – returned about 4 P.M –

November 5. Tuesday

Fine –

Parkwern

a m – at 10 went to the Infirmary – afterwards to the Works

P M Went out shooting on Fairwood Moor

November 6. Wednesday

Fine –

am Went to Swansea in the morning to the Works & a Paving Commissioners meeting.

PM. Went to Sketty & c

November 7. Thursday

Rainy in the night, fine in the day

Went out shooting at Ynisygerwn –

November 8. Friday

Fine.

a.m I had a headache and did not go out

P.M. Went to the works returned home to dinner - -

November 9. Saturday

Fine

Went to Swansea in the morning at 12 o'clock met the Howards at Canewydd – returned home to dinner

November 10. Sunday

Rainy during the greater part of the day

Parkwern

Did not go out much

November 11. Monday

No rain in the day – heavy rain set in in the evening –

Went to Swansea in the morning & returned here about ½ past 3 P.M. At 8 o'clock I again went to Swansea to attend the meeting of the Literary & Scientific Society – got home about 12

November 12. Tuesday

Heavy rain all day

Attended the Petty Sessions at Swansea

November 13. Wednesday

Heavy rain all last night & this morning – it cleared up about 12 o'clock

Did not go out in the morning – went out with my gun in the afternoon –

November 14. Thursday

Heavy rain nearly all day

I went to Sketty in the morning – about 12 o'clock I went to Swansea

November 15. Friday

Thick misty rain the greater part of the morning – tolerably fine in the afternoon

Parkwern

I walked into Swansea with Mary in the morning & returned about 1 P.M. I then went out shooting to Penllwynitha –

November 16 – Saturday –

Misty rain at intervals during the day – Very mild – glass rising –

Went to the Works in the morning returned about 3 P.M. & then gardened till dinner time –

November 17. Sunday

Thick & misty – not much rain

a.m. went to Church

P.M Walked to Sketty & Veranda

November 18. Monday

Fine – Wind E- & S.E-

I went to Sketty in the morning – walked from thence into Swansea with Mary – came home about 3 P.M & Gardened –

November 19. Tuesday –

Fine – mild

I went out coursing to Gelligaled

November 20. Wednesday

Fine – thick & cloudy –

Parkwern

I went to the Works in the morning & remained there till about 3 P.M. I then returned home & walked with Bessie

November 21. Thursday

Very fine – Bright & clear

I attended a Meeting of the Finance Committee at Pyle to day - - I walked there & back – got home about ¼ to 8 P.M –

November 22. Friday

Fine. Cold Wind E. Black –

I went out shooting at Park with Arthur Jones – S Benson drove me down

November 23. Saturday –

Fine – dark

a.m – Went to Sketty & then walked to Singleton and on to Swansea

P.M returned home & gardened –

November 24. Sunday

Fine –

a.m. We went to Church

P.M – walked to Sketty & Veranda

November 25. Monday

Fine – frost last night – bright & clear all day – wind E –

Parkwern

Went to the works in the morning – gardened at home in the afternoon – attended a meeting of the Literary and Scientific Society in the evening –

November 26. Tuesday

Fine – bright & clear – Wind E –

a.m. Went to Swansea

P.M. Gardened with Bessie & went to Sketty –

November 27. Wednesday

Fine –

I went out shooting with Iltid Thomas over Caenewydd & Penyfody –

November 28 Thursday

Dark & cloudy – Wind East – cold

I went to Swansea in the morning & worked in the Garden in the afternoon – We dined at Sketty in the evening –

November 29. Friday –

Fine but dark – Wind E – cold –

a.m - Went to Sketty -

P.M. worked in the garden

November 30. Saturday –

Fine – but cold. Wind East cloudy – I hear that there has been deep Snow on Dartmoor –

Parkwern

a.m – Went to the Works

P M – returned home went to Sketty with Bessie –

December 1. Sunday

Fine but dark. & cold – wind E –

Went to Church with Bessie in the morning – walked to Sketty in the afternoon

Decr 2. Monday

Frost last night – cold all day Wind N.E –

a.m. Walked to Swansea with Mrs C Jones, returned about 1½

P M walked with Bessie – it is her 25th Birthday –

Decr 3. Tuesday –

Sharp frost last night – cold all day – Wind N.E.-

I went out Shooting

December 4. Wednesday

Frost last night – cold all day – Wind N.E –

Went to the Works in the morning – at 11½ attended a paving meeting – returned to the Works afterwards – got home at 4½ PM –

December 5. Thursday

Sharp frost last night. Wind East very cold – Therm at 26° -

Parkwern

a.m. Went to the Works – returned about 2 P.M

P.M. Walked with Bessie to Sketty & Cassino [*sic*]¹⁵ –

December 6. Friday

Very sharp frost last night – Thermr at 25° - cold and dark all day

a.m. Went to Swansea & returned by Sketty

P M Walked with Bessie –

December 7. Saturday –

Wind a little to the south of East – Very sharp frost last night & very cold & freezing all day

I went out shooting at Penllergare

December 8. Sunday

Frost very sharp last night – fine all day & warm in the sun but freezing in the shade. about 4 P.M. the Thermr was 30° -

Bessie has a cold & did not go out today – in the afternoon I went to Singleton & Sketty –

December 9. Monday

Very sharp frost last night - & all day – Wind East

I went to Swansea in the day – in the evening I Thomas dined with me & we went together to the meeting of the Literary & Scientific Society –

Decr 10. Tuesday

Sharp frost last night – very cold all day –

Parkwern

At 10 a.m. I attended a meeting of the committee of the Infirmary – at 12 the Petty Sessions – then returned home – Bessies cold still heavy – the children well –

¹⁵ Casino. Home of Fanny and Matthew Moggridge.

Decr 11. Wednesday

Frost last night – cold all day – looks much like snow of which a few flakes have fallen in the day

I went out shooting at Park - & dined at Sketty in the evening –

Decr 12 – Thursday

A heavy fall of Snow in the night – cold all day

I went to the Works in the morning – at 12 o'clock attended the Annual meeting of the Savings Bank – walked to Sketty in the evening –

Decr 13. Friday –

Cold all day & freezing – Snow has drifted much & is very deep in many places. Wind East – high

Went out shooting at Penllergare with Arthur Jones & JDL –

December 14. Saturday

Sharp frost last night . cold all day -

Parkwern

I went to Swansea in the morning – walked over to Sketty in the afternoon.

December 15. Sunday

Slight frost in the beginning of the night – Thaw in the morning & all day – Wind East – high

Went to Sketty in the afternoon – did not go out in the morning as I had a headache

Decr 16. Monday

Wind East. Thaw continues – heavy rain towards the evening –

I walked to Penllergare this morning & went out shooting on Bryn wylloch

December 17. Tuesday

Wind E. Fine –

Went to the Infirmary in the morning & then to the Works – got home about 3½ PM –

December 18. Wednesday

Wind S.E. Fine – there was heavy rain in the night & early this morning –

I went to Sketty after breakfast and then to Swansea – attended the Quarterly meeting of the House of Correction at 1 o'clock P.M - & afterwards walked home

December 19. Thursday

Wind N.E – fine – colder than it has been since Sunday

Wrote letters &c in the morning went out shooting in the afternoon

December 20. Friday

Fine – Sharp frost last night – cold all day – Wind E –

Parkwern

I walked to Penllergare in the morning & then with JDL to Swansea attended a meeting of the Council of the Royal Institution at 2 PM – went to the Works afterwards & then home –

December 21. Saturday –

Sharp frost last night – fine & freezing all day, Wind E –

I went out Shooting at Penllergare with A Jones & Moggridge & JDL –

December 22. Sunday

Very sharp frost last night & freezing all day –

a.m. Went to Church with Bessie

P.M. Walked to Penllergare to see Papa who has been very unwell – He is now much better

Decr 23. Monday

Sharp frost again – Wind East –

I went to Swansea in the morning about 2 P.M I went on to Penllergare returned to dinner at 5 P.M. went in in the evening to attend the meeting of the Literary & Scientific Society –

December 24. Tuesday

Sharp frost last night cold all day I never saw the springs & rivers more frozen up than they are now

Parkwern

I went out Shooting to the Llougher Marshes & Fairwood Moor –

December 25. Wednesday

There was a little rain in the night – Wind East all day – no frost but hardly a thaw – very cold & raw – Wind high – dark –

We did not go out much to day but spent the day with the children –

December 26. Thursday

Thick & once or twice a drizzling rain came on – Thaw –

I went to Pyle to attend a Finance committee – JDL came with me as he is on a Police committee which also met that day – I got home about a ¼ past 6 P.M – having walked from Britton Ferry –

December 27. Friday

Thaw continues but raw & cold – Wind East – No rain –

Went to Swansea in the morning & in the P.M. walked to Penllergare returned to dinner

December 28 – Saturday

Heavy rain all day – Wind S.E –

I was busy at the Works the greater part of the day. Went to Sketty before dinner –

December 29. Sunday

Misty rain the greater part of the day – Warm. the ground steaming –

Parkwern

Did not go out in the morning – wrote &c –
P.M. Went over to Sketty. –

December 30. Monday

Fine – mild – the wind has been getting up from S.E. to N.E – all day

Went to Swansea in the morning and was busy at the works till nearly 2.P.M. I then executed some commissions in the Town & returned home via Sketty Hall about 5 P.M.

[mixture of sepia and blue ink]

December 31. – Tuesday

Fine – Wind E – there was a hail storm in the afternoon –

Penllergare

In the morning I went into Swansea – returned to Parkwern about 1 P.M & then walked over here – Bessie & the children came in the carriage –

January 1. 1845 – Wednesday

Wind E & N.E – fine – no frost –

Went put hunting with John –

January 2. Thursday

Fine – Wind E & N.E. frost if any in the night – very slight

I walked over to Sketty to breakfast - & then to Swansea where I was busy till about ½ past 4 P.M – I then walked home

January 3. Friday

Fine on the whole. rather thick

Attended Llangafelach Petty sessions with John –

Jany 4. Saturday

Fine – mild & thick

Penllergare

Harry was taken ill with the croup last night & Dr Howells came out to him – I did not go out much all day – in the P.M. I went out rabbit shooting

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Jany 5 Sunday

Cloudy – not much rain – Mild

Went to church in the morning – walked with Minnie in the P.M. – Harry is better

Jany 6. Monday

Cloudy – no rain –

Went to Swansea – busy at works &c, returned to dinner here

Jany 7. Tuesday

The same as yesterday

Went to Swansea &c –

Jany 8. Wednesday

Fine –

Went to Ynisygerwn with JDL & Emma

Jany 9. Thursday

Fine – a slight frost last night

Walked to Swansea with JDL – we returned by the Bryn & Cockett

Jany 10. Friday

Fine – wind variable from S.W. to S.E.

Walked to Parkwern to breakfast & then on to Swansea where I was busy till evening – got back here to dinner

Jany 11. Saturday

Fine but lowering – Wind S.W

Penllergare

a.m – I wrote letters &c
P.M. Went out Shooting –

Jany 12. Sunday

A very thick fog all day – no rain in the afternoon the fog was more dense than I ever remember to have seen it in the neighbourhood

A m we went to church –
P.M. I took a walk with JDL

Jany 13. Monday

Heavy rain in the morning & unsettled all day

Parkwern
I walked over to Sketty to breakfast this morning - & then went to Swansea – dined here alone & then went to attend the Annual meeting of the Lity & Scientific Society –

Jany 14. Tuesday

Fine –

Penllergare
I went to breakfast at Sketty then to Swansea – returned here in the evening –

Jany 15 Wednesday

Heavy rain in the morning – Dark misty in the P.M.

in the afternoon drove with Bessie to Swansea & back –

Jany 16. Thursday

Very fine – mild & bright

Penllergare
Went out Shooting with JDL Moggridge & Arthur & Alfred Jones

Jany 17. Friday

Fine in the day – it was rainy in the morning –

Went to Swansea – returned here to dinner – tomorrow we go to stay at Sketty Hall

Jany 18. Saturday

Heavy rain in the morning & occasional heavy storms through the day –
Wind S.W –

Sketty Hall
We came over here to day. Bessie & the children in the carriage – I shot my way over –

Jany 19.Sunday

Heavy rain the greater part of the day. Wind SE

did not go out in the morning – called at Veranda &c in the afternoon –

Jany 20 Monday

Fine – cold. Wind N.W.

Went to Swansea where I was busy nearly all day – in the evening I went to a meeting of the Lit & Scientific Socy –

Jany 21. Tuesday

Fine – Sharp frost last night – calm –

Went to the Infirmary in the morning & at 12 attended Petty Sessions – then went to Works – got back to dinner –

Jany 22 Wednesday

Thick rain all day – Wind SW –

Sketty Hall

I was busy in Swansea nearly all day

Jany 23. Thursday

Rainy – Wind S.W –

Went out Shooting at Penllergare

Jany 24. Friday –

Wind N.W. fine and bright –

January 25. Saturday

Misty nearly all day. Wind S W

Busy in Swansea

January 26. Sunday

Fine – Wind N.W - - cold (no frost)

Went to church in the morning – made calls in the P.M.

January 27 Monday –

Fine - Wind N.W. passing showers

Went to Swansea – busy at the Works &c – dined at Sketty & then attended a meeting of the Lity & Scientific Society –

January 28. Tuesday

Wind. N.W. Hail Storms – fine in the intervals – cold – no frost –

Busy in Swansea

Jan 29 Wednesday

Sharp frost last night – Wind N.W. in the afternoon a very Heavy Snow Storm came on – and lasted for about an hours & a half –

Walked with Mary to Swansea in the morning & returned in the afternoon
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January 30. Thursday

Sharp frost last night – fine and clear all day – Wind N to N.W

Sketty Hall

Went to Swansea where I was busy the greater part of the day

January 31. Friday

Very sharp frost in the night – thermr 25½ in the night – fine all day. Wind N to NW

Went to Swansea –

February 1. Saturday –

Frost in the night – fine all day – Thaw towards evening - & freezing again at night –

Busy in Swansea nearly all day – dined in Swansea at a dinner in honor of the Marquis of Worster s [*sic*] coming of age

Feb 2. Sunday

frost in the night – fine all day

I had a bad toothache & put a leech on this morning which did not stop bleeding till evening & prevented me from going out –

Feb 3. Monday

thick but fine – frost in the night

My face much swelled – I did not go out much

Feb 4 Tuesday

Fine – frost in the night –

Took Minnie over to Parkwern for a walk – did not go beyond –

Feb 5. Wednesday

Fine – no frost –

Walked into Swansea with LWD in the morning met Bessie in Swansea in the afternoon & returned with her in the carriage –

Feby 6. Thursday

Fine – cold towards the evening

Sketty Hall

Went to Swansea & was busy there till evening till evening – [sic]

February 7. Friday

Fine – not bright – sharp frost last night – cold al day – Wind East –
Thermr 27. in the night -

Walked to Penllergare in the morning & then to Llangafelach to attend
Petty Sessions – returned home by Penllergare

Feby 8. Saturday

Thermr in the night 28 – fine all day but cold – WIND East –

I went to Swansea in the afternoon – in the morning I was busy at home –
dissected a Red breasted Merganser¹⁶ –

Feby 9. Sunday –

Frost in the night – wind high East – Snow heavy this morning – which
continued all day & did not leave off till about 4½ P.M. –

Did not go out –

Feby 10. Monday –

Thawing all day but the Snow still very deep – after dark in the evening it
came on to rain heavily –

Walked into Swansea in the morning returned about 3 oclock P.M – in the
evening attended a conversation meeting of the Literary and Scientific
Society –

February 11. Tuesday

Fine – the Snow still deep on the ground – slight frost last night – Wind
N.E – freezes this evening –

Sketty Hall

Attended Petty Sessions at Swansea to day –0

Feby 12 – Wednesday

Sharp frost last night Thermr 28½ - cold all day –

¹⁶ Mergus serrator – a type of duck.

I went out shooting at Lloughor Marshes –

Feb 13. Thursday –

Heavy rain all day – wind in the morning SE – in the P.M. SW –

Did not go out –

February 14 Friday –

Slight frost in the night – fine except a few hail Storms –

Went into Swansea – attended a council meeting at the Royal Institution in the afternoon

February 15. Saturday –

Fine – mild –

Went into Swansea in the morning in the afternoon met JDL there & he walked home with me I afterwards went with him as far as the Beaufort Arms

Feb 16. Sunday –

Fine – wind E –

Walked with Mary into Church in the morning – in the afternoon remained at home with Bessie & the children

February 17. Monday

Fine.

Sketty Hall

Wrote in the morning at home – then went into Swansea – returned to dinner in the evening went to the discussion meeting of the Lity & Scientific Socy – I read a paper on the classification of birds –

February 18. Tuesday

Cold – Wind E – fine –

I had a headache this morning – Went into Swansea in the afternoon

February 19. Wednesday

frosty but night fine –

Went to Swansea –

Feb 20. Thursday

Fine –

I was busy today & did not go out much –

February 21. Friday –

Fine still frosty

I went to Swansea in the morning returned about 4½ P.M. walked then with JDL part of the way to Penllergare

February 22 – Saturday

rain in the night – thaw – Showery all day –

a.m. went to Swansea – P M took Minnie for a walk on the Sands –

Feb 23. Sunday

Showers of rain & Snow – frequent and in the morning heavy

Sketty Hall

Remained at home in the morning, in the afternoon walked with LWD up to Woodlands

February 24. Monday

Fine all day – mild –

Went to Swansea in the morning – gardened &c at Parkwern in the afternoon – in the evening attended a conversation meeting of Literary and Scientific Society –

February 25. Tuesday

White frost last night – wind S.E. heavy rain all the afternoon –

Went to Swansea in the morning and in the afternoon I walked over to Penllergare with Moggridge –

February 26. Wednesday –

Fine all day – wind W –

Went to Swansea in the afternoon and attended County Committee respecting a Lunatic Asylum & a Merthyr Magistrates room

February 27. Thursday –

Fine. dark – Wind E –

Dined with the Sheriff at 3 P.M & afterwards went out to meet the Judge as the Assize commence today

Feb 28. Friday

Wind E – Cold – dark –

I was on the Grand Jury all day – returned here to dinner –

March 1 Saturday

Dark in the morning – rain all the afternoon – Wind E – Cold

Sketty Hall

Grand Jury all day – returned here to dinner –

March 2. Sunday –

Fine Wind N – bright & Sunny

a.m. Went to church – P.M. went in Garden &c

March 3. Monday

Fine in the day – in the morning it rained –

Went to the Grand Jury in then morning,

Busy at the Works the rest of the day till dinner time – attended meeting

Lit & Scientc Socy in evening

March 4. Tuesday

Fine – frost last night

Busy at Works all day

March 5. Wednesday

Fine – very cold – sharp frost last night

Busy at Works all day

March 6. Thursday

Fine – very cold – Thermr last night 24° -

Busy at works all day

March 7. Friday

Thermr 26° in the night – Wind N.E – cold all day –

Went to Swansea & on to Llangafelach at 12 o clock – returned by Swansea

March 8. Saturday

frost in the night but not so sharp as yesterday

Busy at the works –

March 9. Sunday

frost in the night – wind East high – dusty & cold –

Walked with Mary to Church in the morning – walked with Bessie in the garden &c in the P.M-

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March 10. Monday

Fine -

Sketty Hall

Busy at the works all day - attended a meeting of the Lity & Scientc Socy in the evening -

March 11. Tuesday

cold - fine -

Infirmery at 10 am. Petty Sessions at 12 - Works afterwards - home to dinner

March 12. Wednesday

cold - fine -frost in the night -

Busy at works all day -

March 13. Thursday

sharp frost last night - Thermr 26° - Wind high - bitterly cold all day -

Walked to Swansea with Mary - Busy at Works all day

Parkwern

March 14. Friday

Very sharp frost - clear & fine all day - Thermr in the night 16° - at 8½ a m 19° in the shade at midday 27 - Warm in the Sun which was very bright -

March 15. Saturday

Frost in the night - wind high N.E - cold all day - dark

I was Busy at the works all day

March 16- Sunday

Wind N.E - & E - cold all day - some snow - Dark - frost in the night & all day -

Went to Sketty in the P.P -

March 17. Monday

Sharp frost in the night - fine in the day - Thaw at night till about 11½ P.M. when I went to bed

Parkwern

Went to the Works – at 12 walked to Preswylfa to see C E Thomas – returned by Mail – had a bad headache in the evening which prevented my going to the meeting of the Literary & Scientific Society –

March 18. Tuesday

Sharp frost in the morning – Thermr lowest in the night 22° - fine in the day

Attended Petty Sessions at the Town Hall –

March 19. Wednesday

Fine – Frost in the night

Went to Sketty in the morning & to Swansea in the P.M. C E Thomas came here to dinner & will sleep here

March 20. Thursday

Frost in the night (not hard) Fine –

Swansea in the morning – attended a public meeting of the Mechanics Institute in the evening – I was in the chair

March 21 – (Good) Friday

Thermr in the night 28° - about Midday the wind changed to West & in the evening rain set in –

Went to Sketty in the morning did not go to Swansea

March 22. Saturday –

Thermr in the night 40° - Wind W – rainy all day – mild –

Parkwern

Attended Dr Hewsons Funeral¹⁷ – afterwards went to the Works – made calls &c John drove me to Sketty afterwards. Mama much better –

March 23. Sunday

8 a.m. Mild Wind West – heavy rain all day

Went to Penllergare in the afternoon with Benson & G Morris –

March 24. Monday

Very fine –

Went to Swansea & Sketty –

March 25 Tuesday

¹⁷ Rev Dr William Hewson died in London 14th March. He had been chaplain to John Dillwyn Llewelyn when the latter was High Sheriff in 1835.

Misty rain –

Petty Sessions at the town Hall – works in the PM

March 26 Wednesday –

Fine – Wind high west –

Went to Swansea – E Hickey came to us in the afternoon –

March 27 Thursday

Fine –

Busy in Swansea the greater part of the day

March 28. Friday

Fine –

Petty Sessions at Llangafelach –

March 29 Saturday

Fine

Petty Sessions (appointing constables &c) at Swansea –

March 30. Sunday

Rain the greater part of the day

We did not go out –

March 31. Monday

Very fine –

Parkwern

E.Hickey left us this morning – I went to Swansea in the morning – in the evening attended a meeting of the Lity & Scientific Socy –

April 1, Tuesday

Fine – Wind S.E

I had a swelled face & did not go out

April 2. Wednesday

Fine – Wind S.E. rather high

Did not go lout for the same reasons as yesterday –

April 3 – Thursday

Fine –

Did not go out much

April 4. Friday

Fine –

Went to Works &c

April 5 Saturday

Fine-

Busy at Swansea

April 6 Sunday

Fine –

remained at home in the morning – Sketty in the PM

April 7. Monday

Fine

Works in the morning – attended meeting of the Lity & Scientific Socy in the evening

April 8 Tuesday

Fine – some rain fell in the night

Works in the morning & Infirmary – gardened in the afternoon

April 9 Wednesday –

Fine – Barometer very low – been falling 2 days

Parkwern

Works in the morning, Gardened in the P.M.

April 10. Thursday

Glass rising again – Wind N.W. cold – showery towards evening –

Works in the morning – gardened & walked with Bessie in the afternoon –

April 11 Friday –

Wind nearly due north – Thermr in night 38° - Fine – rather cloudy

Works in the morning – at 2 P M attended a meeting of the Council of Royal Institution

April 12. Saturday

Thermr in the night 35° - Wind in the morning - lower current - at 9 am E to S.E. – upper current W – about midday it came to rain which continued on and off all day –

Works in the morning – went to Sketty & gardened in the afternoon –

April 13 Sunday -

Heavy rain till about 4 P.M. when it cleared wind W –

Did not go out in the morning – walked with Bessie in the garden in the afternoon

April 14. Monday

Fine – Wind N-W – high

Swansea in the morning – Gardened in the P.M – Lit & Scientific Society in the evening

April 15. Tuesday

Fine – wind N. High. Thermr in the night 40° cold all day

Went to Swansea in the morning –

April 16. Wednesday

Fine – wind NE. – Thermr in the night 40°

Parkwern

Took Minnie a walk to Sketty in the morning – wrote and Gardened the rest of the day –

April 17 Thursday

Fine – Wind N.E. Thermr in night 43.

Went to the Works - &c – bad toothache in the evening

April 18. Friday

Fine – Wind E.N.E. to N.E. Thermr in night lowest 44.

remained at home in the morning – went to Swansea in the afternoon –

April 19. Saturday –

Wind E- & N E- hot & bright

Went to Swansea in the afternoon

April 20. Sunday

Wind E – hot & bright –

April 21 – Monday

Fine –

London

Left Swansea by Mail this morning from the passage I joined another Gentleman and we posted on to Bristol in time for the 6 o'clock train – we arrived at the Paddington Station at ½ past 10 – o'clock

April 22. Tuesday

Fine –

London

Went to Cartwright first thing after breakfast this morning & had my tooth drawn – executed a few commissions & wrote letter the rest of the day – dined at the Athenaeum with DeleBeche

April 23. Wednesday

Fine –

Went over the Museum of Economic Geology in the morning – executed commissions &c afterwards – went to the Haymarket theatre in the evening –

April 24. Thursday

Fine

After breakfast went with DeleBeche to see the new Houses of Parliament – thence I went to Yarrells¹⁸ & on to Goulds,¹⁹ the Linnⁿ Society & British Museum – Went to the opera in the evening with C.E.Thomas

April 25. Friday

Fine

Made calls, executed commissions & went to the Linnæan & Geological Societies – dined at the Athenaeum with DeleBeche & went to the French play with C E Thomas in the evening

April 26 Saturday

There was some rain in the night – fine in the day

London

¹⁸ William Yarrell 1784-1856. Fellow of the Linnean Society. Zoologist. Author *A History of British Fish* 1836 amongst other publications.

¹⁹ John Gould. 1804-1881. English ornithologist and publisher. Born in Lyme Regis. Father a working gardener later Foreman Gardener at Windsor Castle. Curator and taxidermist to Zoological Society of London. Artist and publisher of many illustrated books on birds with illustrations by himself, his wife Elizabeth and Edward Lear. See also *The Ruling Passion of John Gould*, Isabella Tree, Grove Weidenfeld, New York 1991.

Had 3 teeth stopped by Cartwright after breakfast – called on Wheatstone and Gould - went with DeleBeche and Captⁿ James to Claudets²⁰ in the afternoon –

April 27. Sunday

Showery in the morning – dark & windy in the PM – no rain

a.m. went to the Temple Church with C.E.Thomas –

P.M – went to the Zoological Gardens with DeleBeche & Rosie –

April 28. Monday –

Fine in the morning rainy in the afternoon –

Bristol

a.m – busy in London

P.M – at 1 o'clock came down here by railroad -

April 29. Tuesday

Fine except a heavy shower about 2 P M –

Parkwern

a.m went to Sketty & Veranda

P.M went to the Works &c

May 1. Thursday

Fine

Parkwern

Went to the Works &c –

May 2 – Friday

Fine- Wind high W & N W

Busy at the works &c in the morning, Gardened &c in the P.M.

May 3. Saturday –

Fine in the morning – showery in the afternoon – wind high W –

Went to Swansea in the morning then walked on to Penllergare & home to dinner –

²⁰ Antoine Francois Jean Claudet 1797-1867. French daguerreotypist and scientist. Resided in London from 1827 as a glass importer with G Houghton. He was one of the first and last to practise the daguerreotype process. Established a supply house for daguerreotype materials in partnership with Houghton. He introduced painted back drops and the use of the red safety light in the darkroom. He published an acceleration process for the daguerreotype process in 1841. John Dillwyn Llewelyn carried out daguerreotype experiments with Claudet, though details are unknown.

May 4. Sunday

Fine – Wind W –

Went to Sketty in the afternoon

May 5. Monday –

Fine Wind NW – about 8 P.M. a stratum of clouds gathered to the windward N.W – about 11 P.M. they had disappeared & the night was clear & starry –

am Went to Swansea & c – in the afternoon went with Bessie & the children in the garden at 8 P.M attended a meeting of the Lity & ScientC Socy – got home about ¼ 11 –

May 6. Tuesday

Heavy rain all morning – cleared about 11 a.m. set in again about 3 P.M & lasted for some time – Wind from SW & NW. – there was an eclipse of the Sun to day but it too [sic] cloudy to see it –

Went to Sketty after breakfast – at 12 attended Petty Sessions at the Town Hall –

May 7. Wednesday

Wind – nearly due N. Thermr in the night 38° - cold & heavy showers during the day –

Parkwern

Attended a paving meeting at 11 o clock & afterwards went to the Works – Went to Sketty before dinner –

May 8 – Thursday

Occasional showers of hail & rain Wind N.W. otherwise bright & clear till the afternoon when it Clouded over & prevented the transit of Mercury over the Sun which took place at 4½ PM. From being seen

Went to Swansea in the morning & was busy at the works till about 2 PM. then went to the board of Guardians – afterwards walked out with JDL to Sketty –

May 9. Friday –

Fine except a fe showers – wind W –

Works in the morning – meeting of the Council of the Royal Institution in the afternoon –

May 10. Saturday –

Heavy Thunder storms passing about –

Busy the greater part of the day in arranging part of my collection of birds at the Institution as the public are to be admitted on Monday & Tuesday & I have sent in my birds for exhibition –

May 11. Sunday

Fine –

Did not go out much today –

May 12. Monday

Wind W. High – rather showery hail & rain –

Parkwern

I went to Bridgend to an adjourned Quarter Sessions for the election of vice chairman. Henry Thomas was unanimously elected – I got back by mail – had a bad headache –

May 13. Tuesday

Fine

Infirmery at 10 a.m. Petty Sessions at 12 - - Institution afterwards

May 14. Wednesday

Fine

Busy in the garden &c

May 15. Thursday

Fine –

Works & c - -

May 16 – Friday

Very fine

Bessie was confined to day about 12 noon and has got a daughter²¹ – both doing well

May 17. Saturday –

Fine –

Went to Sketty in the morning - & the works afterwards –

May 18 Sunday

Fine –

²¹ Elizabeth Amy Dillwyn. Died 193-. Amy became a noted author, literary critic for the Spectator and Britain's first woman industrialist when she took over her father's spelter works.

Harry's²² Birthday – Went to Sketty in the afternoon

May 19 – Monday

Fine –

Parkwern

At the works & at Swansea most part of the day – I read a paper at the Lity & Scientific Society in the evening

May 20. Tuesday

Very fine – wind Southerly – bright & hot

Infirmery in the morning – Works next – went to Sketty in the afternoon-

May 21. Wednesday

Very fine

Went out otter hunting at Penllergare

May 23. Friday

Very fine – hot – Wind veered with the sun –

Works in the morning – remained at home the rest of the day

May 24. Saturday

Showery – hot between the showers

Went out otter hunting at Penllergare

May 25. Sunday

Fine

remained at home in the morning

May 26. Monday

Dropping rain at intervals throughout the day

Works &c in the day – Shewed the pottery to the Jansons in the P.M - - in the evening attended a meeting of the Literary & Scientific Society –

May 27. Tuesday

Very fine – a high East wind arose in the evening

²² ²²Harry De la Beche Dillwyn. Became a barrister. He was also a botanist. He visited Ireland and discovered two very rare plants. His records, as H D B Dillwyn, were printed in *Cybele Hibernica* edited by N Colgan and R W Scully, 1898, but neither his sex nor dates were given!

Parkwern
Infirmary in the morning – Works next – at 1 PM – returned here

May 28. Wednesday
Fine – hot –

Swansea &c

May 29 – Thursday
Very hot

Went to Sketty in the morning to see the Jansons off – Swansea in the afternoon

May 30. Friday
Fine –

Swansea &c

May 31. Saturday
Fine in the morning, heavy rain in the evening –

Works & c – went over the Poor house with JDL in the morning –

June 1. Sunday
heavy rain last night hot & fine all day –

Remained at home in the morning, went to Sketty in the afternoon –

June 2. Monday
Fine –

Works in the morning – Annual meeting of the Royal Institution at 12 o'clock – home to dinner – meeting Lit & Scientific Socy in the evening

June 3. Tuesday
Fine in the morning – heavy rain in the evening –

Parkwern
Otter hunting at Penllergare

June 4. Wednesday
Fine on the whole – wind high – W –

Swansea &c –

June 5. Thursday
Showery all day, heavy rain in the evening – wind high. W –

Attended board of Guardians –

June 6. Friday –

Wind very high West – little or no rain –

Llangafelach Petty Sessions – home through Swansea

[*sepia ink again*]

June 7 – Saturday

Heavy rain set in about 11 o'clock – and continued till the afternoon it cleared off about 4½ o'clock

I went to the works & c

June 8 – Sunday

Fine –

Went to Sketty in the afternoon

June 9. Monday –

Fine

Swansea in the morning – Lity & Scientific Socy in the evening –

June 10. Tuesday

Fine –

Infirmary at 10 a.m – then on to Works &c –

June 11 Wednesday

Very fine – Thermr in day highest 69 – Fog & mist in the morning

Parkwern

I walked over to Penllergare and fished there – I dined at Sketty –

June 12. Thursday

Very fine – bright & tremendously hot – Thermr highest in shade 74°

Went to see D Edwards off (for London) by the Packet – attended board of Guardians – went to Works & c-

June 13. Friday

Very hot – Distant Thunder in the afternoon

Works at 6 a.m. returned to breakfast at 8 Gardened & went to Sketty afterwards --went to the Works & to Attwoods on some justicing business in the afternoon

June 14 – Saturday

Very hot but not quite as sultry as yesterday –

Works at 6 a.m – home to breakfast at 8 – Sketty after breakfast – Works again & commissions in Swansea till 3 P.M. Gardened & wrote letters till dinner –

June 15.Sunday

Fine –

Went to Sketty in the afternoon

June 16 – Monday

Rainy in the morning –

Went to Works – Attended a meeting of Bible Socy in the evening at Lit & Scient Socy

June 17 – Tuesday

Fine – a few showers – in the evening about 7½ o'clock there was a very fine rainbow –

Parkwern

Petty Sessions & Works

June 18 Wednesday

A Very heavy shower about midday – fine the rest of the day

Went to Sketty before breakfast – after breakfast went to Works & at 1 PM to quarterly meeting at House of Correction

June 19 – Thursday

Fine – rather showery towards evening –

Went to the Works at 6 a.m – returned to breakfast – Went again to the works – Attended a lecture at the Institution in the evening – the subject was on Ecclesiastical Architecture by Mr Bliss –

June 20, Friday

Fine –

Works after breakfast – meeting of the Council of the Royal Institution at 2 P.M. –

June 21. Saturday

Very fine –

am Went to Swansea

P.M. Drove Bessie in the Gig to the Mumbles –

June 22. Sunday
Very fine

Parkwern
Walked to church at Penllergare

June 23. Monday
Fine – rather cloudy

Went to the Works &c – in the evening attended a meeting of the Lity & Scientific Socy-

June 24 – Tuesday
heavy rain in the morning, fine in the afternoon

Busy at the works the greater part of the day

June 25. Wednesday
Fine in the morning heavy rain all the afternoon & evening

Sketty Hall
Went to Swansea at 6 a-m – returned to breakfast – Packed up & c & in the afternoon came over here – in the evening attended a meeting of the Mechanics Institute –

June 26 – Thursday
Very fine

I had a bad headache & did not go out much to day –

June 27. Friday
Heavy rain all day

I was busy all day moving books & furniture at Parkwern ready for Richards to begin altering the house –

June 28. Saturday
Rainy in the morning – fine the rest of the day – Wind high –

Sketty Hall
Busy in Swansea nearly all day

June 29. Sunday
Fine – rain set in about 6 P.M.

Went to Church in the morning walked with Bessie and the children in the afternoon

June 30. Monday

Fine in the day – rain set in in the evening

Went to the Quarter Sessions at Neath – returned home to dinner – went to the Literary & Scientific Socy in the evening –

July 1. Tuesday

Heavy rain in the morning – showery in the P.M.

I went into Swansea – returned to dinner – Harry had a bad attack of Croupe – Bessie has a bad cold

July 2. Wednesday –

Fine in the morning heavy rain in the afternoon – lasted all evening

Harry better today – I did not go beyond Parkwern today –

July 3. Thursday

Showery –

I went into Swansea in the morning & remained there till the afternoon – JDL came out with me

July 4. Friday

Very fine – Wind W - -

Went to Swansea &c – met E Hickey – I carried my hay on the upper fields this morning

July 5. Saturday

Very fine –

Sketty Hall

Busy in Swansea & at Parkwern 0-

July 6 Sunday

lowering – red sunset

remained at home –

July 7. Monday –

Fine –

Went out otter hunting at Penllergare

July 8. Tuesday

Showery

Infirmery at 10. Petty Sessions at 12 – Works afterwards – played at Cricket in the PM.

July 9. Wednesday

Showery – heavy rain in the evening

Coedriglan

Came up here by Mail – took a walk with Traherne in the afternoon –

July 10. Thursday

Showery –

Went to Cardiff – Assizes going on there & I am on 2 Special Juries – returned to dinner Moggridge came with me

July 11. Friday

Fine

Walked to Cardiff with Moggridge to breakfast – served on a Special Jury (Lord & Curre versus Kingsbury) returned here to dinner –

July 12. Saturday

Showery

I did not go into Cardiff today

July 13. Sunday

rainy in the morning – fine in the afternoon

Coedriglan

Went to Church in the a.m Walked & c in the P.M.

July 14. Monday

Very fine –

Went to Cardiff to breakfast – returned to dinner –

July 15. Tuesday

Very fine –

Sketty Hall

Went to Cardiff in the morning – heard that the other Jury case I am on (Malins & Rawlinson versus Kingsbury) will be made a remanet²³ – I returned home by the Cwmro coach & got here about ¼ past 10 oclock –

July 16 – Wednesday

Fine -

Went to Swansea & Parkwern

²³ A case for trial which can not be tried during the term; a postponed case.

July 17. Thursday

Fine –

Swansea & Parkwern – worked at labelling specimens at the Institution

July 18. Friday

Very fine –

Busy at Works & Parkwern till 2 P.M – when I attended a Council meeting of the Royal Institution – at 4 P.M I played a match at Cricket –

July 19 Saturday

Very fine - hot –

Works in the morning – Town Hall on Justicing business in the evening - & made calls

July 20. Sunday

Very fine –

Sketty Hall

Church at Penllergare in the morning – made calls &c in the afternoon

July 21 – Monday

Fine –

Ynisygerwn

We moved up here today & intend remaining here till the alterations at Parkwern are completed –

July 22. Tuesday

Fine Wind high N.

I went to Swansea & Sketty today. returned to dinner –

July 23- Wednesday

Fine on the whole – a few showers fell

Went to the Gnoll at 10 a.m. to see C Thomas – went to Neath again in the afternoon with Bessie – Miss Benett & her Father came to us in the evening –

July 24. Thursday

Fine - Wind N E – Threatened Thunder.

Drove Capt^a Benett into Swansea this morning & he went to Bristol per Steamer – I went afterwards to Sketty & the Works & returned here to dinner –

July 25. Friday

Fine – close –

Ynisygerwn

Fished & c – walked with Bessie & the children

July 26. Saturday

Fine all day – a heavy shower in the evening – the Wind got down to S W from N E which it has been lately –

Fished – walked in the woods shot rabbits & c –

July 27. Sunday

Heavy showers of rain in the morning – Wind S.W. cloudy about 3 P.M. it cleared off & was fine the rest of the day –

Did not go out in the morning, took a walk with Bessie & Minnie in the afternoon

July 28. Monday

Fine – Wind in the morning S E in the afternoon S.W –

Went to Swansea & on to Parkwern & Sketty – I returned to dinner

July 29. Tuesday

Fine –

I went out fishing & c – we made calls in the [sic]

July 30. Wednesday

Heavy rain the greater part of the day – Wind S & SE –

Walked in the Woods with my gin & c

July 31. Thursday

Heavy storms of rain & one of Hail –

I went to Swansea & c –

August 1. Friday

Heavy rain in the morning fine in the middle of the day – rain all afternoon & evening –

Ynisygerwn

I had a headache & did not go out much – DeleBeche came here this evening –

August 2 Saturday

Heavy rain all morning – fine in the afternoon

Took a walk up the valley with DeleBeche in the afternoon –

August 3. Sunday –
Showery –

Walked to Neath with DeleBeche in the P.M.

August 4. Monday

Torrents of rain fell all the morning – about 1 P.M. it cleared up – the river is much flooded –

Took a walk with DeleBeche in the afternoon –

August 5. Tuesday

Torrents of rain fell in the morning & it continued more or less rainy till about 5 P.M. when it cleared up – Wind N.W – all day –

Went with DeleBeche to Swansea

August 6. Wednesday –

Rainy and unsettled all the morning – about 3 P.M however it cleared up - & was fine the rest of the evening – Wind S.W.

remained in all morning – in the afternoon drove DeleBeche (who left us today) in to Neath to meet the down mail – afterwards I took Bessie a drive up the valley –

August 7. Thursday

Some heavy showers fell but otherwise it was fine –

Ynisygerwn

I went to Swansea and on to Sketty – I returned here to dinner –

August 8. Friday

Fine in the day – heavy rain set in at night –

I went out fishing on Dulais

August 9. Saturday

Showery – wind high

I walked up to see the Waterfall on Ynis arwad & then up to the mountain above to see the Sarn Helen – I came down on the Dulais side –

August 10. Sunday

Rather Showery fine on the whole

I went to Cadoxton church in the morning –

August 11. Monday –

Showery in the forenoon – fine afternoon –

I went to Swansea &c -

August 12. Tuesday –

Fine –

Mr Wilmot & Miss G Jones came here to lunch today – I drew the net for Sewin in the afternoon –

August 13. Wednesday

Fine –

Took Minnie for a walk in the morning fished in the Dulais in the afternoon, Mr Wilmot dined with us –

August 14. Thursday

Fine, but threatening –

Ynisygerwn

Went to Sketty to breakfast and then into Swansea returned here to dinner

August 15 – Friday

rather rainy in the morning –

Fine the rest of the day

Drew the net for Sewin – took 31. & a trout – Shot rabbits & fished on the Dulais –

August 16. Saturday

Very fine –

I went to Penllergare to breakfast & then on to Swansea with John – I walked back along the Canal – E Hickey came to us to day

August 17. Sunday

Fine – overcast in the afternoon

We went to Cadoxton church in the morning –

P.M walked up to Ynisarwed waterfall with E Hickey –

August 18. Monday

Rainy in the morning early – fine the rest of the day

E Hickey left us today –

August 19. Tuesday

Rainy till about 2: P.M. fine the rest of the day

Sketty Hall

I came by Mail to Swansea and came on here to dinner & shall sleep here to night –

August 20. Wednesday

Fine on the whole – rather showery

Ynisygerwn

Came into Swansea from Sketty after breakfast this morning and walked on here about 3 P.M -

August 21. Thursday

Fine – 1 or 2 Showers

Fished &c on the river – dined at Places in the evening

August 22. Friday

Fine –

Drove Bessie in the gig to Sketty & Swansea

August 23. Saturday

Wind E.S.E. dark & threatening all morning heavy rain all the afternoon

Remained at home nearly all day

August 24. Sunday

fine - threatening rain –

Did not go out much

August 25 – Monday

lowering all morning – heavy rain in the afternoon – Wind S E –

Walked into Neath in the afternoon to meet the Sketty party who passed through on their way to Cheltenham.

August 26. Tuesday

Fine – except 1 or 2 Showers

Drove to Swansea with Place

August 27. Wednesday

Fine all day – in the evening at 8 o'clock I saw a brilliant meteor to the N.E.

Fished & sketched –

August 28 – Thursday

Very fine – hot & bright

Ynisygerwn

I drove into Swansea in the morning and presided at a public breakfast on the occasion of opening a new school room in Mynydd fields –

August 29 – Friday

Very fine – hot & bright –

Walked with Bessie & Minnie along the Dulais in the morning – I fished in the afternoon –

August 30. Sunday

Very fine – oppressively hot

Went to Church with Bessie in the morning –

September 1 Monday –

Very fine – oppressively hot –

I went out Partridge shooting

September 2. Tuesday

Fine –

Drove into Swansea with Bessie – I attended the Petty sessions

September 3. Wednesday

Fine. Wind N.E – rather cloudy

Ynisygerwn

I walked over to call at Cilybebyll²⁴ in the afternoon –

September 4. Thursday

Fine. Wind N E – fresh –

Bessie & Miss Bennett went to Veranda today – I took Minnie for a walk to the Sarn helen in the morning - & took her & Mary for a walk in the fields in the afternoon

Sept 5. Friday –

Fine – wind N E – Cold –

²⁴ The home of the Lloyd family. A descendant, John Lloyd, was Secretary of the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff **DATES**

Swansea

I came here this morning about 10 – Played a Cricket Match (Neath against Swansea) at 11 – afterwards came to Moggridges to sleep –

Sepr 8. Saturday

Fine – Wind N.E. Cold –

Ynisgerwn

After breakfast I went to the Works & then to Sketty and Parkwern – returned here about ½ past 4 P.M –

Sunday – Sepr 7.

Fine –

Went with Bessie to church in the morning – walked with Bessie & the children in the P.M

Sepr 8. Monday

Fine –

Swansea

Came here this morning to Moggridges. Went to Sketty & Parkwern in the afternoon

Sepr 9. Tuesday

Fine –

Ynisgerwn

Played a Cricket Match today came here in the evening

Sepr 10. Wednesday –

Fine – Some rain fell in the morning

Went out Shooting in the morning went with Bessie to see Sarn Helen in the afternoon –

Sepr 11. Thursday

Fine

Went out shooting in the morning – Walked with Bessie & the children in the afternoon – We dined at Duffryn –

Sepr 12. Friday

Fine –

I drove J Fredericks into Swansea to day & we played a match at Cricket – we returned about ½ past 6.P.M –

September 13. Saturday

Fine early in the morning in the afternoon it became overcast & rain came on in the evening –

Ynisygerwn

Did not go out much today

Sept 14 Sunday

Showery in the morning fine in the afternoon – overcast in the evening

Walked with Bessie in the afternoon

Sept 15. Monday

Rain in the night – showery in the morning – fine in the evening

Gloucester

Left Neath with Miss Benett at 1 P.M by Mail arrived here at 11½ P.M. She goes to Liverpool tomorrow with Mr Boulton who met us here this evening –

Sept 16. Tuesday -

Rain all day -

I went to Cheltenham this morning & spent the day with Papa & Mama – I returned here about 10 P.M.

Sept 17. Wednesday

Rain all morning showery in the afternoon –

Ynisygerwn

I came here by Mail to-day & having left Gloucester at ¼ 2 a.m. arrived here about 12½ P.M-

September 18. Thursday

rather Showery but fine on the whole

Ynisygerwn

I went to Swansea to day

Sept 19. Friday

Fine –

I went out Shooting &c

Sept 20. Saturday

Heavy rain nearly all day

Did not go out

Sept 21. Sunday

Heavy rain in the morning, it cleared up in the afternoon –

Walked with Bessie in the afternoon

Septr 22. Monday

Fine –

Drove with Bessie to Swansea & Sketty

Septr 23. Tuesday

Very white frost in the morning fine all the day

Went with Bessie to see the Cil Hepste and Clyn Gwyn Waterfalls –

Septr 24 – Wednesday

White frost in the morning fine all day

I made some sketches in the morning – in the afternoon I took a Walk with Bessie to the other side of the Dulais

Septr 25. Thursday

Rain in the morning fine in the afternoon

Ynisygerwn

I went to Swansea – received £5500 from Lucas his mortgage being paid off £3000 Trust money of Fannys marriage & 2500 for LWD

Septr 26. Friday –

Fine –

I went out shooting in the morning – walked with Bessie and Minnie in the afternoon

Septr 27. Saturday

Rain all day

I did not go out in consequence of the weather

Septr 28. Sunday

Showery – fine in the afternoon

Did not go out much

Septr 29 – Monday

Rainy all day

I walked to Swansea and back –

Septr 30. Tuesday –

Showery

Went out Fox hunting in the morning – shot in the afternoon –

Octr 1. Wednesday

Fine on the whole

Went with Bessie to see Skewd Inen Garn & Skewd Sladdys –

October 2. Thursday

Rainy all day

Ynisygerwn

I walked to Swansea and back –

October 3. Friday –

Rain nearly all day

Went out Shooting with Moggridge

October 4. Saturday

Stormy –

remained at home in the morning took a walk with my gun in the P.M –
We dined at Duffryn in the Evening.

October 5. Sunday

Fine

Walked with Bessie & Minnie in the afternoon –

Octr 6. Monday –

Tolerably fine all day – heavy rain came on in the evening

Went out coursing to Crinant –

Octr 7. Tuesday

Rainy on and off –

I walked to Swansea & back

Octr 8. Wednesday

Fine in the morning – heavy rain all afternoon

I went out shooting –

Octr 9. Thursday

Rain in the morning – Fine in the day – heavy rain in the evening –

Attended a meeting of the Finance Committee at Pyle

October 10. Friday

Ynisygerwn

remained at home in the morning went out shooting in the afternoon -

Octr 11. Saturday -

Fine -

I went to Swansea & Sketty -

Octr 12 - Sunday

Fine -

Went to Church in the morning with Bessie - Charles Thomas came back with us & in the afternoon we walked part of the way back to the Gnoll with him -

October 13. Monday

Very fine -

Went with Bessie to see the Ynis arwael Waterfall, in the afternoon -

October 14 - Tuesday

Very fine -

Sketty Hall

We moved down here today - I walked on our arrival we found that Papa & Mama will not be home before tomorrow evening from London

October 15. Wednesday

dark all morning - drizzling rain in the afternoon -

Busy at Swansea all day

October 16 Thursday

Fine -

Sketty Hall

I went in the morning to meet Henry Thomas to open the Court of Quarter Sessions at 1 o'clock & sat there with him till about 1 P.M I then went to the works &c - returned here to dinner -

October 17. Friday

Dark and threatening - some rain

Busy in Swansea all day - went with Bessie to a Ball in the evening

October 18. Saturday -

Fine –

Busy in Swansea

October 19 – Sunday

Fine in the morning, dark & some drizzling rain in the afternoon

a.m. Went to Church

P.M Made some calls & c

October 20 – Monday

Fine –

Busy in Swansea all day – at the Works & Attwoods office, I also went up to the Hafod Works & saw Vivian respecting the formation of a floating Dock Co – In the evening attended a meeting of the Lity & Scientific Society –

October 21. Tuesday

Fine –

Sketty Hall

Busy in Swansea in the day –

Went with Bessie to the Theatre in the evening –

October 22. Wednesday

Fine

I went out Shooting at Penllergare –

October 23. Thursday

Fine

Busy in Swansea all day – at 3 P.M we had a meeting to start a floating Dock Co – Bessie and I dined at Dderwen fawr in the evening

October 24. Friday

Fine – Wind SE.

Busy in Swansea

Octr 25. Saturday

Fine – Wind N.W –

I shot over Fairwood moor in the morning – Attended a meeting of the Committee of the Floating Dock Company in the afternoon – Bessie dined at Singleton in the evening –

October 26. Sunday

Fine – cold & raw

Sketty Hall

Went to church in the morning walked with Bessie and Minnie in the afternoon –

October 27. Monday

Fine – rather threatening

Busy in Swansea – at 1 PM attended a Public meeting respecting the intended floating Docks – Attended a meeting of the Lity and Scientific Socy in the evening there was no quorum

October 28. Tuesday

Showery in the morning – fine the rest of the day –

Attended Petty Sessions at 12 oclock – went to the works &c afterwards-

October 29. Wednesday

Wind S.E – threatening all day heavy rain set in about 5 PM.

a.m went with Bessie to Swansea

P.M. went out shooting over Penllwreithen [?]& c –

October 30. Thursday –

Fine

Works & c –

October 31. Friday

Very fine –

I went to the Rocks between 3 cliffs bay & Pwlldu in search of fossils & c.-

November 1. Saturday

Very fine

Sketty Hall

Works in the morning – meeting of the floating Dock Co committee in the afternoon –

November 2. Sunday –

Very fine – wind E. rather high

Went with Bessie to church in the morning – walked with her & Minnie in the afternoon - -

November 3. Monday

Fine . cold . Wind E –

Attended a Harbour meeting & c

November 4 Tuesday

Fine – cold wind E –

Busy in Swansea Infirmary in the morning –

November 5. Wednesday

Threatening & dark – wind SE rain set in in the evening

Busy in Swansea in the morning

Went for a walk with Bessie & Minnie in the afternoon – John & Emma came here to dinner & will stop here to night –

November 6. Thursday

Wind S.E – fine

We had Baby christened in the morning²⁵ – went to the Works & c afterwards –

November 7. Friday

Heavy storms of rain all day Wind S.E.

Sketty Hall

Attended a Petty sessions at Llangafelach –

November 8 Saturday

unsettled – not much rain –

Busy in Swansea –

Novr 9 Sunday

Fine

Went to Church in the morning

Novr 10. Monday

Rainy in the morning fine in the afternoon

²⁵ On Thursday 6th November Lewis Weston Dillwyn wrote in his Diary: "This morning Lewis's No 3 was christened at St Mary's Church with the name of Elizabeth Amy. The Godmothers were Emma who attended in person, my Sister Mrs Janson, represented by Bessie, & Henry Bruce for whom Lewis stood proxy." John was also present and he and Emma returned home at four.

Went out coursing at Penllergare - in the evening attended meeting of the Lity & Scientific Society -

Novr 11. Tuesday

Fine -

Infirmiry in the morning, afterwards Petty Sessions and Works. We dined at Penllergare in the evening

Novr 12. Wednesday

Very fine

Went out shooting with G Morris at Sketty Park

Novr 13. Thursday

Very fine - cold

Busy in Swansea all day - We dined at J G Jeffreys s [sic] in the evening -

November 14. Friday

Dark & threatening

Sketty Hall

Busy in Swansea in the morning - in the afternoon at 3 oclock I went to St Helens & made some calculations about floating Docks &c-

Novr 15. Saturday

Heavy rain all morning

Stormy the rest of the day

Wind S W -

I remained at home till about 12 o clock in consequence of the weather - I then went to Swansea & met John with whom I drove out here & again returned to Swansea at ½ past 2 - at 3 P.M. I took an examination respecting the settlement of a pauper at Pentre - at 4 P.M. attended a meeting of the Dock committee - returned home in time for dinner

November 16.Sunday

Heavy rain all the morning - frequent violent storms in the afternoon - Wind S.W.

Remained at home in the morning - walked with Bessie in the afternoon

November 17 - Monday

Fine in the day - heavy rain at night -

Sketty Hall

Went out shooting at Penllergare

We dined at Singleton in the evening -

November 18. Tuesday

Fine –

Infirmary at 10 a.m Petty Sessions at 12 – Works in the afternoon

November 19. Wednesday

Stormy – Thunder & Lightning in the evening –

Busy in Swansea –

November 20. Thursday –

Stormy – Thunder and lightning in the evening –

Went out shooting –

November 21. Friday

Fine –

Busy in Swansea in the day – went to St Helens in the afternoon & went through some calculations respecting the Docks with E Morgan –

Novr 22. Saturday

Fine –

Busy on a Dock comt & at the works all day –

Novr 23. Sunday

Fine – Frost in the night

Went to Church in the morning

November 24 Monday

Fine –

Bristol –

Attended a meeting of the Dock Committee at 10 oclock this morning – where it was deemed advisable to submit the Proposed Plan for Mr Walkers approval and Vivian E Morgan and myself agreed to proceed to London for the purpose – We accordingly came up here by the Steamer at 1 oclock P.M - & arrived at about 11 oclock in he morning –

November 25. Tuesday

Rainy –

London

We left Bristol this morning by the 8 oclock Train & arrived here about ½ past 1 P M. we at once went to Mr Walkers and not finding him at his house followed him to the Trinity House where we found him & made an

appointment to meet him in the evening, which we did and discussed the plans with him –

November 26. Wednesday

Dark & rainy –

Went to see Guest Crawshay & Hooper respecting the Docks – Vivian & E Morgan returned home in the evening – DeleBeche joined me at dinner & afterwards I went to hear Handels “Israel in Egypt” performed in Exeter Hall –

November 27 Thursday

Fine - but dark

I executed some commissions & c today – DelaBeche dined with me – I start homewards by the 9 o'clock Gloucester train this evening –

November 28. Friday –

Rain at intervals – dark –

Sketty Hall

I came down by the Mail Train to Gloster & thence on to Swansea by mail – at 2 P.M I attended a meeting of the Dock committee after which I went to the works & then came on here to dinner –

Novr 29. Saturday

Rainy – mild –

Busy in Swansea the greater part of the day –

November 30 Sunday

Showery – slight frost in the night –

We went to church in the morning – I walked with Bessie in the afternoon

December 1. Monday

Stormy - - fine in the middle of the day

Attended a Harbour meeting at 12 o'clock after which I went to the works where remained all the afternoon

December 2. Tuesday

Storms of Hail & Wind

Sketty Hall

Infirmery at 10 a.m. Petty Sessions at 12. Works in the evening

December 3. Wednesday

Fine on the whole – at ½ past 8 P.M. we observed the following appearance in the Sky a luminous Arch extended from N.E – to S.W. rather to the South of the Zenith – it had something of the appearance of a fleecy cloud and varied in density & brightness – sometimes one part appearing more bright & dense than the others & then fading and the other parts brightening – it also waved at times and slightly changed its form – Wind W – it lasted from a quarter to half an hour –

Attended a Paving meeting in the morning at 11 – Went to the Works in the afternoon –

December 4 Thursday

Fine in the morning – Misty – thick rain in the afternoon

Sketty Hall

Went to Swansea in the morning and to Parkwern in the afternoon where I met Bessie & we walked together afterwards

December 5. Friday

Heavy storms – Wind W –

Went to Llangafelach Petty Sessions – coursed on my way home

December 6 Saturday –

Heavy storms of wind hail & rain –

Busy in Swansea

December 7 – Sunday

Occasional heavy showers – fine in the intervals

Went to Church in the morning walked with Bessie in the afternoon

December 8 – Monday

Misty thick rain all day

Busy in Swansea all day –
Dock committee in the P.M.

Decr 9. Tuesday

Fine

Infirmery in the morning – Petty Sessions & works afterwards

December 10. Wednesday

Fine –

Sketty Hall

Mr Bate drew a tooth for me this morning – I afterwards went to Attwoods office & the Works – I returned here about 3 P.M.

Decr 11 – Thursday

Fine –

Works in the morning – Savings Bank meeting & Bd of Guardians afterwards.

Decr 12 – Friday

Fine –

I went out shooting with H Vivian at Clyne – Dined with G Morris at Sketty Park in the evening

Decr 13 Saturday –

Sharp frost in the night Thermr in the night 80° - Fine in the day but in the evening a fog came on with drizzling rain – not much however

Busy in Swansea

Decr 14 Sunday

Thick misty rain all day – thick fog in the morning

Sketty Hall

We did not go out –

Decr 15. Monday

Fine – Wind W –

Went to Swansea in the morning – about 12 oclock went over to Penllergare with Moggridge & we shot there with John in the afternoon – Attended the meeting of the Lity & Scientific Society in the evening –

Decr 16. Tuesday

Fine – dark & threatening in the evening – mild –

Infirmery at 10 a m – Petty Sessions at 12 - & works in the P.M –

December 17. Wednesday

Dark & threatening – some rain fell about the middle of the day –

Attended a Paving meeting at 11 a m. Went to Mr Bates about 1½ PM to have some teeth stopped – Works in the afternoon –

December 18 – Thursday

Dark & rainy in the morning – about 9½ oclock the wind went to the N & the rest of the day was fine & cold – Wind very high –

Went to Swansea in the morning & on to Penllergare – shot my way home

December 19 Friday

Rainy

Sketty Hall

Busy in Swansea all day

December 20 – Saturday

Heavy occasional showers

Went out shooting at Penllergare The party consisted of H Vivian A Jones
Moggridge JDL & myself – We bagged 75 head

December 21 Sunday

Fine – frost last night & this evening

Went to church in the morning – Walked with Bessie & Minnie in the
afternoon –

December 22. Monday

Heavy rain in the morning – rather fine in the afternoon thick & dark –
wind W

Went into Swansea where I was busy all day

Decr 23. Tuesday

Heavy showers in the morning

Fine the rest of the day

Infirmary in the morning – Petty Sessions at 12 – Works in the afternoon-

Decr 24 – Wednesday

Fine – frost last night

Busy in Swansea all day

December 25. Thursday

Misty rain in the morning – it cleared up in the afternoon

Sketty Hall

Drove Mary over to Penllergare in the morning where we went to church.
We returned in the afternoon & went out walking on the Sands with
Bessie & Minnie –

December 26. Friday –

Stormy –

Busy in Swansea all day

December 27 – Saturday
Stormy –

Went out Shooting at Penllergare – DeleBeche came here today

December 28. Sunday

Heavy rain all morning – tolerably fine in the afternoon –

Walked out with DeleBeche Bessie & Mary in the P.M –

Decr 29. Monday

Heavy rain all the afternoon

Busy in Swansea –

Decr 30. Tuesday

Fine

Infirmery in the morning – Works afterwards – We went to Singleton Ball in the evening

Decr 31. Wednesday

Fine early in the morning – tremendous rain all the afternoon

Penllergare

Busy in Swansea in the morning I came over here with John this afternoon and am going to accompany him to Pyle tomorrow to attend a meeting of the Finance Committee –

January 1. Thursday 1846

Fine –

Sketty Hall

I went to Pyle with J D Llewelyn and returned with him to Morryston whence I walked back here – In the evening I went with Mary & Bessie & the Edens down to Singleton –

January 2. Friday –

Fine –

Busy in Swansea all day – in the evening we went to the childrens Ball at Singleton

January 3. Saturday

Heavy rain in the morning – tolerably fine in the afternoon

I drove DeleBeche in to Swansea in the a.m. and saw him off by the Mail –
Met Budd & Marten in the PM with E Morgan about the Docks & Welsh
Midland railway

January 4. Sunday

Fine – cold & frosty in the evening

Sketty Hall –

Went to Church in the morning –

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