

The Dillwyn Collection

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

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Journal of Lewis Llewelyn Dillwyn 1846

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1846

January 1. Thursday

Fine – Mild

Sketty Hall

Attended a meeting of the Finance Committee at Pyle – returned here to dinner –

January 2. Friday

Fine –

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

January 3. Saturday

Heavy rain in the morning – tolerably fine in the afternoon

DeleBeche left us this morning by Mail – I went in to Swansea with him & saw him off – in the afternoon E. Morgan & myself had an interview with Budd and J. Marten (Directors of the Welsh Midland Railway) respecting the New Docks –

January 4. Sunday

Fine – cold & Frosty in the afternoon –

Went to Church in the morning

January 5. Monday

Rather unsettled but fine on the whole

Sketty Hall

Attended a Harbour meeting at 12 o'clock – busy at the works &c in the afternoon –

January 6 Tuesday

Thick misty rain nearly all day

Infirmity at 10 a.m. Works till 1 P.M. Went out shooting in the afternoon – Went to a Ball at the Rooms in the evening –

January 7. Wednesday

Misty rain on and off – but not much in the day – it came on very thick in the evening –

Attend a meeting of the Paving Committee at 11 a.m - Busy at the Works & c the rest of the day

January 8. Thursday

Thin spongy clouds & rain at intervals - Wind S W - very mild -

Busy in Swansea nearly all day -

January 9 Friday

Misty rain on & off - very mild

Sketty Hall

Busy in Swansea - E Hickey came here to day

January 10. Saturday

Misty all day

Busy in Swansea - & at Parkwern with E Hickey - We dined with G Morris in the evening -

January 11. Sunday

Dark & cloudy but no ran

Gloucester

I came up here to day by mail on my way to London -

January 12. Monday

Much the same weather as Yesterday

London

I came up here this morning by the ½ past 8 oclock Train - & arrived about 1.P.M. I then went to the City & to Westminster to endeavour to see Mr Budd respecting the Welsh Midland Railway assisting the Dock Company

January 13. Tuesday

Fine - rather cold

London -

Busy all day with Budd & c respecting the Docks & W.Mid railway - I dined with DeleBeche at the Atheneum in the evening

January 14 Wednesday

Fine -

Executed a few commissions - went to see the Polytechnic & the National Gallery - I shall go down by the train to Gloster tonight -

January 15. Thursday

Mist rain at intervals –

Sketty Hall

I came down by Mail Train to Gloster last night & on here by Mail – I arrived in Swansea about ½ past 1 P.M - & was busy at the Works & Attwoods office till dinner time when I came out here

January 16. Friday

Dark & threatening. no rain

Sketty Hall

I was busy in Swansea all day –

January 17. Saturday

Rain in the morning – very fine & mild in the afternoon –

Busy in Swansea all day –

January 18. Sunday

Fine – Wind S.E. threatening for rain & Wind in the evening –

I rode up to Ystalavera to see Mr Budd respecting the Dock Co & W Midland Co

January 19. Monday

Heavy rain all day –

Went to St Helens in the morning – at 12 I attended a meeting at Sketty for the purpose of establishing a Boys School in the village – at 2 P.M. I attended a meeting of the Provl Committee of the Docks – I afterwards took tea at Moggridges & went to the meeting of the Lity & Scientc Society at 8 P.M.

January 20. Tuesday

Tolerably fine – there were occasional heavy showers, & a little Thunder & Lightning in the P.M.

Infirmary at 10 a.m. meeting of Dock Directors at 11 a m – then to the Works - about 3 P.M. I went to St Helens & returned home to dinner

January 21. Wednesday

Torrents of rain in the evening – Threatening all day

Sketty Hall

Busy in Swansea allay – at the works & on the Dock committee –

January 22 – Thursday

Tolerably fine- some misty rain fell –

Busy at the works & on the Dock committee I dined at St Helens in the evening

January 23. Friday

Rainy in the morning – tolerably fine in the afternoon – very mild –

Drove Mary into Swansea in the morning – We returned about 3 P.M. –

January 24. Saturday

Fine on the whole – some rain fell occasionally –

Went to Swansea in the morning, at 3 PM I took the examination of a pauper at Penlan fawr –

January 25. Sunday

Heavy rain all morning – it held up in the afternoon –

Did not go to church on account of the Weather –

January 26. Monday

Rainy in the morning – tolerably fine in the PM –

January 27. Tuesday

Tolerably fine all day – Wind W.

Sketty Hall

Infirmery in the morning – Works & Dock meeting afternoon –

January 28 – Wednesday

Fine in the morning – Heavy Storms in the afternoon – The tide was very high this morning and washed away part of the lower coffer dam in the Works on the river near the Pottery – a vessel was carried through the gap between the Dams – Part of one of the Powder Magazines on Crumlyn Burrows was also washed away [?]

Attended Ormonds funeral in the morning – went to the Works afterwards – Papa had a bad fall this afternoon & Dr Howell put some leeches on his neck - -

January 29. Thursday

Misty rain on and off – stormy in the morning – Tide again very high – the road & railroad as well as the South wall of the Cricket field are all carried away & considerable damage done in several places

Busy in Swansea – Mr W W Smyth came here this evening –

January 30 Friday

Misty rain on & off all day Wind W.

Sketty Hall

Went with Smyth over Vivians works & c –

January 31. Saturday

Windy – W – not much rain – dark & threatening –

Went out Shooting with H Vivian in Clyne Wood –

February 1. Sunday

Fine – Wind W –

We went to Church in the a.m. in the PM walked with Mr Smyth Bessie & Mary –

February 2 Monday

tolerably fine in the day – rain early in the morning & in the evening –

Harbour meeting in Swansea – I went to the Works afterwards – Literary & Scientific Socy in the evening –

February 3 – Tuesday

Misty rain nearly the whole day –

Infirmary in the morning – Petty Sessions at 12 – Works in the P.M.

Feb 4 – Wednesday

Fine in the day – rain in the evening

Paving meeting & Works

February 5. Thursday

Fine

Sketty Hall

Breakfasted at Glanmor – and went to a meeting about a School at Sketty afterwards – I then went to Swansea to a meeting to establish a Chamber of Commerce – got home to dinner – Mr Smyth left us this evening for London –

February 6. Friday

Fine –

I went to Llangafelach Petty Sessions –

February 7 – Saturday

Fine –

Works in the morning –

February 8 – Sunday

Fine –

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

Feb 9. Monday

Fine. Frost last night – Thermr $31\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$

Wind – N – cold all day but bright

Busy in Swansea –

February 10. Tuesday

Frost in the night Thermr $29\frac{1}{2}$ - Fine all day – cold – Barr high –

Sketty Hall

Infirmary in the morning – Petty Sessions at 12 – We dined at St Helens in the evening

February 11 Wednesday

Sharp frost in the night – Thermr 27° - Barr a little depressed. Thaw in the day some rain – Wind N.W p a cloud came up from the S.W. in the middle of the day – but the upper current remained at N.W. all day –

Works in the morning –

A meeting of the Dock Directors in the P.M. –

February 12. Thursday

Fine – mild – Wind N.W

Busy at the works – I also attended a meeting of the Town in favour of the Welsh Midland Railway – I had a bad headache in the evening

February 13. Friday

Fine except one or two showers in the middle of the day –

My headache continued all the morning & I did not go out – in the afternoon I went with Bessie to Parkwern

February 14. Saturday

Fine – on the whole – rather showery

Sketty Hall

Went to Swansea and was busy at the works all day

February 15 – Sunday

Fine & bright in the morning Wind N.E. in the P.M. wind N.W – rather showery

a.m. Went to Church

P.M. went to Woodlands with Minnie & Bessie

February 16 – Monday

Fine –

Attended an adjourned Harbour meeting at 12 o'clock – Went to the works afterwards – in the evening I went with H.H Vivian in to a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce

February 17. Tuesday

Fine –

Infirmary in the morning. Works afterwards

February 18. Wednesday

Fine

busy in Swansea in the morning & at Parkwern in the PM.

February 19 Thursday

Fine –

Busy in Swansea till about 3 P.M then went to Parkwern and arranged books & c – Attended a meeting of the Lity & Scientc Socy in the evening

February 20. Friday

Rain in the morning – tolerably fine in the afternoon

Sketty Hall

Busy at the Works

February 21. Saturday

Fine –

Walked with Mary to Penllergare

February 22 – Sunday

Rainy in the morning it cleared up a little in the PM –

Walked in the afternoon –

Feb 23. Monday

Fine in the day – heavy rain set in about 8½ P-M ac^d [accompanied] with a high wind

Busy in Swansea in the morning – met Bessie at Parkwern in the afternoon – Went to a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in the evening –

Feb 24 Tuesday
Rainy & unsettled –

Infirmery in the morning – Works till 12 – Petty Sessions at 12 – Dock committee at 3 P.M -

February 25. Wednesday
Rainy early in the morning – Fine the rest of the day –

Went to the works in the morning - & to Parkwern in the afternoon –

February 26. Thursday
Wind W. unsettled & stormy – not much rain –

Sketty Hall
Planted shrubs & c at Parkwern in the morning – Went to the works about 12 – at 3 P.M. dined with the Sheriff and afterwards went out to meet the Judge – attended meeting of the Literary & Scientific Society in the evening – Discussion on Reason & Instinct-

March 1. Sunday
Fine all day – heavy rain set in in the evening –

Sketty Hall
Walked with Bessie and the children in the afternoon –

March 2. Monday
Fine in the morning – rainy in the afternoon

Bessie went by Mail with John en route for London – Mary & I went to a Ball at the rooms in the evening

March 3. Tuesday
Rainy all day – Wind very high S - & S W –

I attended a Special Jury to day

March 4. Wednesday
Fine in the day – rainy morning –

Busy in Swansea all day

March 5. Thursday
Fine -

Attended a harbour meeting for setting the tolls – Lit & Science Socy in the evening

March 6 Friday
Very fine –

Busy in Swansea & c –

March 7. Saturday
Fine

Sketty Hall
Remained at home with the children in the morning – went to Swansea in the afternoon –

March 8 – Sunday
Fine –

Walked to Church with Mary in the morning – took the children in the PM

March 9 – Monday
Fine = [sic]

Busy in Swansea & c.

March 10. Tuesday
Fine –

Infirmery in the morning. Works till 3 P.M Dock meeting at 3 - & then home –

March 11. Wednesday –
Very fine –

rode with Mary over to Llanelly where I wanted to see Chambers respecting an advance in the prices of Earthenware –

March 12, Thursday
Very fine –

Busy in Swansea in the say – I attended a meeting of the Lit & S Society in the evening

March 13. Friday
Mild – Wind W. Cloudy in the morning misty rain in the afternoon –

Sketty Hall
Busy in Swansea –

March 14. Saturday

Rainy in the morning fine the rest of the day –

Busy in Swansea

March 15. Sunday

Fine – very mild – Wind W. rather high

Remained at home with the Children –

March 16. Monday

Heavy rain in the morning, it cleared up in the a.m.

Went to Swansea & was busy at the Works

March 17. Tuesday

Fine in the morning – showers of hail & Snow in the afternoon

Infirmery at 10 – Works till 3 PM – Dock committee at 3. –

March 18. Wednesday

Therm in night 24 [*figure smudged*] – cold in the day fine except some showers of Snow & hail – about 6 a fall of Snow came on & lasted about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour

Busy at works.

March 19. Thursday

Therm in the night 29° - at 8 am 32° Fine in the morning but cloudy & threatening – A heavy Snow Storm came on about 2½ PM – and lasted till about 6 P.M. it has been one of the heaviest falls I ever remember –

Sketty Hall

Went to Swansea

March 20. Friday

Frost in the night, therm. [*blank*] Bright and fine in the day –

Busy in Swansea

March 21. Saturday

Rainy nearly all day – Nimbus

Busy in Swansea

March 22. Sunday

Heavy Showers in the morning and at intervals all day – but fine in the whole in the P.M.

Bristol

I came up here today by the 6 o'clock Mail to fetch Bessie who came here from London with her father to meet me

March 23. Monday

Stormy –

Sketty Hall

Bessie & I came home today by Mail

March 24. Tuesday

Showery – Wind W/S.W –

Sketty Hall

Busy in Swansea, at the works & Dock meeting – Infirmary in the morning

March 25. Wednesday

Fine on the whole – rather Showery

Busy at the Works in the morning – let the Foundry Wharf to Lucas & Co as a Coal wharf at £60- per annum – Went with Bessie & Minnie to Parkwern in the afternoon

March 26. Thursday

Heavy Hail Storms about the middle of the day – otherwise fine -

Busy in Swansea till about 3 PM. then went to Parkwern – Attended a meeting of the Lit & Science Socy in the evening

March 27. Friday

Fine all day – bright & clear – Wind W.

Attended the Llangafelach Petty Sessions –

March 28. Saturday

Heavy showers in the afternoon fine in the morning

Busy in Swansea all day

March 29. Sunday

Fine & bright – Wind N.W – cold

Sketty Hall

Went to Church in the morning – walked with Bessie & Minnie in the PM

March 30 – Monday

Fine – Wind high E –

Busy in Swansea

March 31. Tuesday

A.M. Wind high E – about 12 rain came on - & the Wind veered to S.W. fine in the evening

Infirmery in the morning on to Works – Dock meeting 3 P.M. home by Parkwern

April 1. Wednesday

Showery

Busy in Swansea in the morning & at Parkwern in the afternoon –

April 2. Thursday

Heavy rain from 11 to about 2 P.M – showery & windy the rest of the day –

Attended at Jackson Prices office at 10½ am respecting business connected with I Thomas s [sic] marriage settlement – at 11½ I went by Mail to Pyle to attend a Finance committee there – I returned by the Bristol mail & got to Swansea about 7 P.M. at 8 I attended a meeting of the Lit & Scient Socy.

April 3. Friday

Wind very high in the morning – heavy rain in the afternoon –

Sketty Hall

Attended Petty Sessions at Llangafelach –

April 4 – Saturday

Heavy rain till about 3 P.M. Wind E –

I did not go out to day –

April 5 – Sunday

Showery – Wind W –

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

April 6 – Monday

Rain & Snow in the morning – Wind SE – afterwards the wind veered round to SW & NW-&N – it was rainy nearly all day

Busy in Swansea in the evening I went with G. Morris to the Chamber of Commerce

April 7. Tuesday

Fine – Wind NW-& N – cold –

Infirmery in the morning at 10 – Works afterwards – Dock meeting at 3 P.M.

April 8- Wednesday

Fine – Wind N.W –

Walked over to Penllergare –

April 9. Thursday

Very fine – bright – Wind W.S.W –

Bust in Swansea in the day – JDL walked back with me & afterwards I accompanied him part of the way to Penllergare – Lit^v& Science Soc^v in the evening –

April 10. Good Friday

Fine – Wind W.W.W – dark & threatening –

Sketty all

Went to the Works in the morning & then to church – made some calls & c in the afternoon

April 11. Saturday

Rainy nearly all day – Wind S & SE.

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

April 12. Sunday

Fine except some heavy rain in the morning –

Went to church in the morning with Bessie and Mary – Walked with Bessie in the afternoon

April 13. Monday

Rainy in the morning very fine the rest of the day

Busy in Swansea the greater part of the day –

April 14 Tuesday

Gloomy in the morning – rainy in the afternoon & evening –

Parkwern

Went to the Infirmery in the morning & to the Works afterwards – We moved over here in the afternoon – In the evening we went to a party (dance) a Singleton

April 15. Wednesday

Fine in the morning – Rainy all the afternoon –

Parkwern

Works in the morning – House of Correction at 1 P.M-

April 16. Thursday

Fine – rather close & hot –

Busy in Swansea in the morning – took the children over to Sketty in the afternoon –

April 17. Friday –

Rain in the morning early – fine the rest of the day – Wind high – rather wet

Went put fishing at Penllergare

April 18. Saturday

Fine – cold – Wind high – N.W –

Swansea in the morning – Gardened in the afternoon –

April 19. Sunday

Fine – cold – Wind N-E –

Busy in the morning with G.B. Morris about Camerons Railway Bill – Walked with Bessie & the children in the afternoon

April 20 Monday

Dry – wind E –

Busy in Swansea in the morning –

April 21. Tuesday

Dry – Wind. E –

Parkwern

Infirmary in the morning – works afterwards

April 22 – Wednesday

Dry – Wind E – high –

Works all day. (Sketty in the morning)

April 23. Thursday

Fine. Wind N E –

Busy at the Works –

April 24. Friday

Fine – Wind N – Clouds high

Busy at the works in the morning – garden & went to Sketty in the afternoon –

April 25 – Saturday

Heavy thunder rain in the afternoon –

Went to Swansea in the morning & to Sketty in the afternoon

April 26. Sunday

Thunder showers at intervals –

I had a headache & did not go out much today –

April 27. Monday

Fine –

I went to Swansea in the morning and returned about 1 P.M & then drove over with Bessie in the Gig to Llanelly where I had business with Chambers respecting an advance of prices of ware

April 28. Tuesday

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

Parkwern

Infirmery at 10 a m – then on to the Works – Dock meeting at 3 P.M – after dinner I walked over to Sketty –

April 29. Wednesday

Very fine – bright & clear

Drove into Swansea in the morning & in the afternoon walked down to the Mumbles to examine the quarry under the castle –

April 30. Thursday

Fine in the morning Wind W – very mild in the evening drizzling rain set in-

Went to Swansea in the morning – in afternoon I went over the Poor house with JDL who afterwards walked home with me on his way to Penllergare – in the evening I attended a meeting of the Lity & S Socy

May 1. Friday

Fine – Mild & growing weather – wind W – misty –

Went to Llangafelach Petty Sessions fished at Penllergare afterwards

May 2. Saturday

Fine – Mild – misty clouds – Wind W –

Parkwern

Works in the morning – Worked in the Garden in the afternoon –

May 3. Sunday

Fine - wind E – hot & Sultry – cloudy –

Went to church with Bessie at Penllegare – in the afternoon we went over to Sketty with the children –

May 4. Monday -

Wind E – rather high –

Busy in Swansea –

May 5. Tuesday

Heavy rain for some hours in the middle of the day – Wind W. Mild –

Infirmery at 10.a m – at 1 P.M. Harbour committee near Pottery – Dock Meeting at 3 PM – went to Sketty before dinner -

May 6 – Wednesday

Rather Showery in the morning fine in the afternoon – Wind W – Mild –

Works in the morning – Paving meeting at 11 a.m. at 12½ - Harbour Committee to new cut – Gardened in the afternoon

May 7. Thursday

Fine – bright – W

Parkwern

Busy in the Swansea in the morning – J.D.L- walked out with me in the afternoon when I gardened with Bessie

May 8. Friday

Very fine all day – Wind N.W-

Busy at the works all day with Chambers arranging prices of Ware &c. Chambers dined with me in the evening

May 9. Saturday

Very fine – Wind S.W. hot rain come on about 9½ P.M –

Went to see Fanny in the morning & then went with Moggridge fishing to Penllegare

May 10. Sunday

Heavy rain in the night – fine in the day with the exception of one showers
– Wind W. high –

Went to church with Bessie in the morning – In the afternoon we went
with Minnie over to Sketty & Derwenfawr –

May 11. Monday

Very fine – Wind W – late in the evening it veered to S.S.E –

Busy at the works till 11½ a m – Harbour meeting at 12 – gardened with
Bessie & the children in the afternoon –

May 12. Tuesday –

Fine – Wind S.E – rather high in the morning (Sirocco)

Parkwern

Infirmery at 10 a.m – Harbour committee at 11 – Works till 3 – at 3 Dock
Meeting & then home –

May 13. Wednesday

Rain in the night & this morning – showers in the day. Wind Easterly –

I walked over to Penllergare & the Wig collieries &c with Dr Hooker¹ who
is staying at Sketty – I have a bad cold & could not move in the evening

May 14. Thursday

Wind Easterly – fine –

My cold was so bad that I could not go out in the morning – in the
afternoon I went into Swansea shewed Dr Hooker the Institution & c –

May 15. Friday

Fine – Wind E – not high – bright & clear –

Went over to Sketty in the morning - & afterwards to Swansea – returned
about 3 P.M & walked with Bessie

May 16. Saturday

Fine – Sun very hot – wind E – glass falling all day –

Parkwern

I went into Swansea in the morning – Gardened in the afternoon with
Bessie – we dined at Sketty in the evening –

May 17. Sunday

¹ Sir William Jackson Hooker (1785-1865). His wife Maria, was the daughter of Dawson Turner, an old friend of Lewis Weston Dillwyn and his co-author for A Botanists Guide through England and Wales.

Heavy rain in the middle of the day wind S.E – in the afternoon Fine –
Wind S.W –

Went over to Sketty in the afternoon –

May 18. Monday

Heavy rain and high wind in the night – glass very low – Showery in the
day but fine in the intervals – wind still high – S.W,

Drove Bessie into Swansea in the morning – Papa & Dr Hooker dined with
us in the evening –

May 19. Tuesday

Fine in the morning – Wind high W – in the afternoon heavy rain came on
which lasted all the evening –

Infirmary in the morning – Dock Directors meeting in the afternoon – We
dined at Sketty –

May 20. Wednesday

Showery all day – Wind high West – rainy in the evening – glass rising

Went to Town Hill quarries & down the Gorse Coal pit with Dr Hooker –

May 21. Thursday

Wind E - & N.E – very fine on the whole there were a few slight showers

Parkwern

Busy in Swansea – In the evening attended the meeting of the Lity &
Science Society

May 22. Friday

Very fine – calm –

Swansea in the morning – went to Sketty with Bessie in the afternoon &
afterwards gardened –

May 23 – Saturday

Very mild – fine in the P.M. – Wind S.W – rather rainy in the morning

Went to Llanelly to see Chambers on business – Bessie came with me &
we dined at the Chambers –

May 24 Sunday

Very fine – bright & hot Wind W –

Went to Church in the morning – Dr Hooker accompanied us – we went to
Sketty & walked in the garden with the children in the afternoon –

May 25 – Monday

Very fine – glass falling a little in the evening - -

Busy in Swansea all day – Dr Hooker & Mr Struve dined with us –

May 26 Tuesday –

Fine -

Parkwern

Infirmery in the morning – busy in Swansea at the Works & c the rest of the day

May 27 – Wednesday

Very fine –

Went to Sketty with Harry in the morning & afterwards to Swansea – Gardened in the afternoon – In the evening I attended a meeting of the Mechanics Institute – Bessie came in with me and spent the time during the meeting with Fanny –

May 28. Thursday

Very fine –

Busy in Swansea in the morning at Harbour committee & Works – Attended meeting of Lity & Science Society in the evening –

May 29. Friday

Very fine – hot – Wind N in the evening –

Busy in Swansea nearly all day – went to Sketty in the morning –

May 30. Saturday

Very fine – glass falling a little in the evening – Very hot

Went to some coal pits with Dr Hooker – who dined with us in the evening –

May 31. Sunday

Very fine – oppressively hot –

Parkwern

We went to Church in the morning & walked in the garden in the P.M in the evening we went over to Sketty & took a walk with Mary & Dr Hooker –

June 1. Monday

Very hot – Thermr in my dressing room out of the Sun 73° at 7 q.m.

Attended Harbour meeting

June 2. Tuesday

Very hot – more so than yesterday –

Infirmary in the morning. Petty Sessions the rest of the day – We dined at Sketty in the evening to meet Dr Buckland –

June 3. Wednesday

Very hot - 75° in my dressing room in the shade – At 11.P.M. 66° - outside the Window in the dressing room 72 -

June 4. Thursday

Very hot – at 11 P.M Thermr dressing room 75 – outside the window 67 –

Went to Swansea in the morning – Dr Hooker dined with us and came with me afterwards to the meeting of the Lity & Sciente Socy –

June 5. Friday

Very hot –

Parkwern

Swansea in the morning & then in to Llangafelach Petty Sessions

June 6 Saturday –

Very hot – Therm in my dressing room 76°

Works in the morning –

June 7 – Sunday

Very hot in the morning about noon it clouded over and about 1¼ P.M a heavy shower came on which lasted above an hour – it afterwards came out very bright & hot – about 7½ P.M the sky again clouded over – Wind W –

We went to Church in the morning – Walked over to Sketty in the afternoon –

June 8 – Monday

Rainy in the morning, there was also a shower in the afternoon – Wind W – hot between the Showers – it looks overcast and threatening this evening

I wrote at home in the morning - & afterwards went to Swansea – Dr Hooker dined with us in the evening –

June 9. Tuesday

Fine rain in the night and early this morning – Wind W – fine in the day – warmer

Parkwern
Infirmary at 10.a m. – works afterwards. Dock meeting at 3 P.M – Went to Sketty with Bessie before dinner –

June 10. Wednesday –
Small misty rain till about 1½ P.m showery the rest of the evening – Wind S W – mild

I did not go out much to day but wrote at home –

June 11. Thursday
Fine – very mild – towards night some misty rain fell –

Works in the morning – took the children to see an exhibition of horsemanship in the afternoon – Went in to the meeting of the Lit.Socy in the evening –

June 12 – Friday
- fine –

Went over to Sketty with Harry in the morning – Swansea afterwards – Walked on the sands with Bessie in the afternoon

June 13 – Saturday
Very fine – extremely hot –

I went over to Penllergare and fished & c –

June 14 Sunday
Very fine – hot, Thermr in the shade outside my dressing room window at 5½ P.M. 81° -

Remained at home in the morning – Went over to Sketty in the afternoon & called at Veranda –

June 15. Monday
Very hot

Busy in Swansea in the morning –

June 16. Tuesday
Very hot –

Infirmary at 1- a.m. Works afterwards – Dr Hooker dined with us –

June 17. Wednesday
Very hot –

Busy at the Works in the morning – in the afternoon assisted Dr Hooker in making some sketches for a lecture on the Antarctic expedition which he delivered at the Institution in the evening & which we attended –

June 18. Thursday

Very fine - & hot –

Busy in Swansea in the morning – meeting of the Lity & Science Socy in the evening at which I read a paper on the Struthionidae²

June 19. Friday

Very hot – Sun very bright – there was an air however

Parkwern

Went over to Penllergare with Dr Hooker – in the evening we dined at Sketty Hall –

June 20. Saturday

Thick mist in the morning – about 9 a.m. it cleared off & came out very hot – about 3 P.M eddies of wind sprung up & there were thunder clouds to the E – we also heard some claps of Thunder (distant). in the evening the wind was high & Easterly – Barometer does not fall

Works in the morning – Meeting of the Council of the Royal Institution in the afternoon – Dr Hooker dined with us in the evening –

June 21. Sunday –

Fine _ Wind E. high in the morning – it lulled towards the evening and about 8 P.M. became quite calm –

Walked to church with Hooker in the morning – remained at home in the afternoon – Went over to Sketty to drink tea –

June 22. Monday

hot in the morning – about 12 oclock a heavy Thunder Storm came on & lasted a nearly a couple of hours, it then cleared up – in the evening heavy rain came on again with thunder & lightning but not violent – Barometer falling –

Went into Swansea in the morning – We dined at Sketty in the evening – I afterwards walked into Swansea with Dr Hooker who will start by the Steamer tomorrow morning –

June 23. Tuesday –

Fine in the morning – Rainy in the afternoon – A great deal of rain fell last night –

² Ostriches.

Parkwern

10 a.m. Infirmary & then on to the Works – returned home about 4 PM.

June 24. Wednesday

Fine in the day some rain fell in the evening – about 7½ PM –

Drove Bessie into Swansea in the morning – Gardened & c in the afternoon –

June 25. Thursday

Fine – Glass rising – fresh –

Drive Bessie into Swansea in the morning – We spent the afternoon and evening at Sketty with the children as it is Minnie's Birthday –

June 26. Friday

Rainy all day – Rain not very heavy however –

Busy at the works all day –

June 27. Saturday –

Fine - Wind high – passing clouds

Went over to Penllergare – fished & c –

June 28. Sunday –

Wind high – S & SW – rainy in the evening

Went to church in the morning – Walked over to Sketty in the afternoon

June 29. Monday

Wind very high. S.W. fine on the whole

Parkwern

Busy in Swansea nearly all day

June 30 Tuesday

Wind very high in the morning – it calmed down about the middle of the day – S.W. heavy showers early – fine the rest of the day

Infirmary in the morning – Works afterwards – in the evening at 7-o'clock I took the chair at the 12th annual meeting of the Swansea aux – Brit & Foreign Sailors Socy –

July 1. Wednesday

Rainy all day glass rising – in the morning & evening the rain was very heavy – Wind S.W.

I had a headache and did not go out all day

July 2. Thursday

fine in the morning showery in the afternoon – glass rising

Busy in Swansea in the day – meeting of Lit & Scient. Socy in the Evening

July 3. Friday –

Dark & threatening early in the morning about 11 o'clock however the clouds cleared off & the rest of the day was bright & fine –

Went into Swansea in the morning – At 12 o'clock [sic] attended the Annual meeting of the Infirmary – returned here afterwards – Mrs Grant & H Bruce³ & his wife came to lunch – in the evening I drove Bessie over to Penllergare to see Lady Mary Cole –

July 4 Saturday

Very fine – the Glass however is falling

Parkwern

a.m. Went with Harry over to Sketty Hall & afterwards having brought him back went into Swansea –

P.M. - busy in Swansea –

July 5. Sunday –

Heavy Thunder in the morning – rainy – it cleared off tolerably fine in the Afternoon – Wind W – high –

Went over to Sketty in the afternoon

July 6 – Monday

Rainy on and off –

Rheola

Attended a Harbour meeting in the morning – Bessie & myself came up here to day on a visit -

July 7. Tuesday

Tolerably fine –

Walked with Vaughan & Mr Strangways over Resolven – We fished in the evening, I took a Sewin 4½ pounds weight –

³ Rt Hon Henry Austen Bruce, created 1873 1st Baron Aberdare. 1815-1895. 2nd son of John Bruce Pryce, and Sarah, daughter of rev Hugh Williams, Rector of St Peter's, Barbados. Educated Swansea Grammar School. Called to the Bar, Lincolns Inn 1837. Liberal MP Merthyr following the death of Sir J J Guest. 1862-4 Under Secretary of State Home Department. 1842 FRS. 1873 created Baron Aberdare. Lord President of the Council 1873-4. 1880 appointed chairman Departmental Committee on Intermediate and Higher Education in Wales and Monmouthshire. First president University of South Wales and Monmouthshire. Married 6 January 1845, Annabella, only daughter of Richard Beadon of Clifton..

July 8. Wednesday

Rainy nearly all day

Did not go out much

July 9 Thursday –

Heavy showers at intervals

Rheola

I went out fishing –

July 10. Friday –

tolerably fine –

Walked out fished & c –

July 11. Saturday

Fine –

Parkwern

We left Rheola about 10 a m & came to Swansea where I remained till the afternoon, & then came home

July 12 Sunday

Fine

We went to church in the morning – went over to Sketty in the afternoon

July 13. Monday –

Very fine – Glass rather falling –

Went to Swansea in the morning – returned about 3½ P.M. Went over to Sketty –

July 14. Tuesday

Fine – bright – Wind W.

Infirmity in the morning – Works afterwards – In the evening I took a walk on the sands with Bessie

July 15. Wednesday

Fine – it rained in the evening about 6 o clock –

Parkwern

I went out fishing with Moggridge to Penllergare

July 16. Thursday

Cloudy in the morning – heavy rain set in about 12 o clock & lasted nearly all the rest of the day

Went to the works in the morning – attended a meeting of the Board of Guardians afterwards – I also heard a case of assault with C.H. Smith at Attwoods office – in the evening I had a bad headache & did not attend the meeting of the Lity Socy –

July 17 – Friday

A few showers but fine on the whole

Works in the morning meeting of the council of the Institution in the afternoon

July 18. Saturday –

Heavy showers at intervals during the whole day

Went to Jackson Price in the a.m about the Moggridge trust – Works afterwards –

July 19. Sunday

Showery – Wind high W – fine on the whole

Went to Church in the morning – went to Sketty in the afternoon –

July 20. Monday

Very showery in the morning tolerably fine the rest of the day Glass rising – wind W.

Parkwern

Works in the morning – at 2 P.M. attended a committee for getting up a course of lectures at the Institution – at 4 PM attended the funeral of poor Williams my late Warehouseman who died last Thursday –

July 21. Tuesday

Showery – Wind high W –

Infirmery in the morning – Works afterwards

July 22. Wednesday

Fine – Wind high W – dark & threatening in the evening –

I went out fishing at Penllergare with John Eden –

July 23 – Thursday

threatening in the morning – heavy rain in the afternoon – Wind S.W. the rain cleared off about ½ past 7

Busy at the works in the morning – attended a committee meeting at the institution in the afternoon, to choose books for the laboratory – Lity & Scientific meeting in the evening

July 24. Friday

Rain in the morning – fine in the afternoon

Busy in Swansea all day – We are going to a Ball to night at Neath given by Gwyn

July 25 Saturday

Fine with the exception of one or two slight Showers

Parkwern

Busy in Swansea –

July 26. Sunday

Fine on the whole – a few showers –

Went to Sketty in the afternoon with Bessie & the children

July 27. Monday

Misty – some rain – mild – wind S.W

Busy at the Works where Chambers met me in the afternoon – Chambers & his Wife dined with us in the evening –

July 28. Tuesday

Cloudy early in the morning – very fine the rest of the day

Infirmary in the morning – Works afterwards

July 29. Wednesday

Very fine – hot & bright –

I went out fishing on Llew –

July 30. Thursday –

Very sultry – Distant Thunder – heavy rain for about an hour about 1 P.M.
[*appears to be figure 2 over written with 1*]

Swansea in the morning – went to Sketty in the afternoon – Lity & Science Socy in the evening –

July 31. Friday

Very Sultry & hot – Thunder clouds gathered in the P.M. – Thunder & lightning & rain in the evening – not very heavy

Busy in Swansea the best part of the day –

August 1. Saturday

Stormy – Rain from N.E. some thunder

Parkwern
Busy in Swansea in the morning called at Singleton & Sketty in the P.M.

August 2. Sunday
Rainy at intervals – fine between

Bristol
I came here by Mail to day

August 3. Monday
Rainy –

London
Attended the Bankruptcy court at Bristol at one to make affidavit respecting Smiths Annuity to Moggridge – I came on here by the 4 o clock train – Went to the Haymarket Theatre in the evening to see Farren [?
Name written sideways on the page] in “School for Scandal”

August 4, Tuesday
Fine on the whole – there were some showers –

executed commissions & c all day – Went to the Opera with Dr Hooker in the evening – the Opera was “I Lombardi” by Verdi –

August 5. Wednesday
Thunder & Lightning in the morning with heavy rain – about 1 P.M. it cleared up

London
Went to the British museum in the morning where I remained 2 or 3 hours – I afterwards executed a few commissions & c – down at the Atheneum where I saw DeleBeche who has just returned from Ireland – I start homewards by the 9 o clock train tonight –

August 6 – Thursday
Very fine – hot –

Parkwern
I came down last night to Bristol by the night train & came on here by the Packet which started at 5 a.m. landed at the Mumbles about 11½ a.m. Went into Swansea in the afternoon with Bessie

August 7. Friday
Rainy in the morning, tolerably fine in the afternoon

Busy in Swansea in the day Went to the Race Ball with Bessie & Mary in the evening –

August 8. Saturday

Showery in the morning – tolerably fine in the afternoon –

Parkwern

Busy in Swansea in the morning – Attended a meeting at the House of Correction respecting tenders for the new building at 1 P M. Walked back to Sketty afterwards with L.W.D. on my way home –

August 9. Sunday

Showery –

Went to church in the morning - & over to Sketty in the afternoon –

August 10. Monday

Slight showers – glass rising –

Busy in Swansea in the day – We dined at Sketty in the evening –

August 11. Tuesday

Fine in the morning, heavy rain in the evening –

Infirmary in the morning – Works afterwards – Dock meeting at 3 PM.

August 12. Wednesday

Fine all day wind W – rain came on late in the evening

Went out fishing & coursing at Penllergare dined at the Hill House in the evening –

August 13. Thursday

Very heavy rain in the morning – Wind S.E. it cleared up in the afternoon. Wind SW.

Parkwern

Busy at the Works in the morning Went over to Sketty in the afternoon – Lity & Scientific Socy in the evening –

August 14. Friday

Fine in the morning – heavy rain in the evening –

Busy at the Works in the morning – Council of Royal Institution in the afternoon – We dined at Singleton in the evening

August 15. Saturday

Heavy rain in the morning and at intervals all day – fine between

Busy in Swansea & c –

August 16. Sunday

Slight showers at intervals through the day – Wind S.W.

Went to Church with Bessie & Minnie in the morning – we drove to Sketty in the afternoon –

August 17. Monday

Heavy rain set in about 2 P.M. Very heavy rain in the evening – Wind W. high

Works in the morning – committee at Royal Institution in the afternoon –

August 18. Tuesday

Very heavy storms at intervals through the day – Wind very high –

Parkwern

Infirmery in the morning- works afterwards. Petty Sessions at 12 – we went to a Ball at Singleton in the evening –

August 19. Wednesday

Dark but fine on the whole

Busy in Swansea in the morning – We had a party & went to a Ball in Swansea in the evening – Captn Bull & Myself were Stewards

August 20. Thursday

tolerably fine in the morning – about 12 Heavy rain set & lasted till the evening – Wind S.W.

Busy in Swansea nearly all day We had a party in the evening

August 21. Friday

Fine – Wind N.W – fresh breeze –

Works till 2 P.M – came home & took a walk on the Sands with Minnie [.] Bessie & I dined at Sketty in the evening being Papa's Birthday –

August 22. Saturday

Very fine –

Parkwern

Works in the morning – rode over to Penllergare with Bessie in the afternoon

August 23. Sunday

Very fine – it clouded over & felt close & thundery in the evening –

We did not go to church in the morning as the church is shut up being painted & c – in the afternoon I went over to Sketty

August 24. Monday

Haze early in the morning – calm – slight dropping rain the greater part of the day

Busy in Swansea in the morning – remained at home in the afternoon –
Went in the evening with Bessie to Concert for the Mechanics Institute

August 25. Tuesday

Very fine – Wind N.E.

Infirmery in the morning – then on to the Works – Dock meeting at 3 P.M.

August 26. Wednesday

Fine – Wind N E – overcast & sultry in the evening –

I went out fishing at Penllergare

August 27. Thursday

Fine – Wind N E. –

Works in the morning, Board of Guardians afterwards – Institution at 2
PM – Lity & Scient Socy in the evening –

August 28. Friday

Very fine –

Parkwern

Busy in Swansea in the morning – drove into Swansea again in the
afternoon with Bessie & the children –

August 29- Saturday

Very fine –

Works in the morning – in the P.M went with Bessie Minnie & Mary to
Langland bay

August 30 – Sunday

Very fine –

Went over to Sketty in the afternoon with Bessie & the 2 children –

August 31. Monday

Fine in the morning – rain all the afternoon – Glass rising –

Busy at the Works in the morning – Wrote at home in the afternoon –

Septr 1. Tuesday

Very fine –

Infirmery in the morning – Went out shooting with J D L- & Johnny in the afternoon –

Septr 2. Wednesday

Very fine –

Busy at the Works & c – in the day

I gave a lecture at the Institution on Birds in the evening –

September 3. Thursday

Very fine – Barr fell a little in the early part of the night – but rose again towards the morning –

Parkwern

Works & c in the morning – Went to Languard Bay with Bessie & the 2 eldest children in the afternoon we there met the Sketty & part of the Penllergare & Willows⁴ parties – being Mamas birthday Bessie & I dined at Sketty in the evening - -

September 4. Friday

Very hot – fine – Wind E – glass falling a little in the evening -

Busy at the Works & c in the morning – Attended a Dock meeting at 3 P.M. in the evening I went with Bessie to hear a concert of Mr Wilsons - on Scottish songs –

Septr 5. Saturday

Very hot – bright & scorching –

Went out Shooting near Pontardulais with W.B. Hewson –

September 6. Sunday

Thunder & some rain in the morning – fine & very hot the rest of the day-

Parkwern

Went over to Sketty in the afternoon

September 7. Monday –

Dark & cloudy – close –

Swansea in the morning, rode with Bessie in the afternoon –

Septr 8. Tuesday

Rainy in the morning – Wind W. high – fine in the afternoon –

Infirmery at 10 a-m – Works at 10½ am petty Sessions at 2 –

⁴ The Moggridge family.

Septr 9 Wednesday

Very fine –

Went out shooting at Penllergare

Septr 10 Thursday

Very fine – hot –

Works in the morning – Board of Guardians in the afternoon

Septr 11 – Friday

Very fine – hot –

Works at 10 a m - & then on to Llangafelach Petty Sessions

September 12. Saturday

Very fine – hot –

Works in the morning – rode with Bessie in the afternoon

September 13. Sunday

Very fine

Parkwern

Went to Trinity church with Mary in the morning –

September 14 – Monday

Very fine –

Busy at the works in the morning – Rode with Bessie to the Mumbles in the afternoon –

September 15. Tuesday

Very fine

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

September 16 – Wednesday

Very fine

Went with the Dock Directors to wait upon the Duke of Beaufort in the morning – Works afterwards – Lecture on Astronomy in the evening by Mr Jenkins –

September 17 Thursday

Very fine – Glass falling –

Went out shooting at Penllergare with J.D.L- H H Vivian & Moggridge – We dined at Sketty in the evening to meet Dr R Brown⁵

Sept 19. Saturday

A little rain fell about 1 P.M. otherwise the day was fine – wind S.E. Glass falling –

Went to Sketty in the afternoon

Sept 20. Sunday

Fine – Wind E – fresh – glass falling

Went over to Sketty in the afternoon

Sept 21 – Monday

(8 a.m. Wind E – fresh – glass rising a very little – fine – Barr 29.37) fine all day – Wind E – high clear & rather cold –

Busy at Works all morning – Went out shooting in the afternoon –

September 22. Tuesday

(8 a.m. – fine – Wind E. Bar 29.48) Heavy rain set in in the afternoon Wind high E.

Parkwern

Infirmery at 10 a.m. Works afterwards till 5 P.M –

September 23. Wednesday

(8 a.m. Barr 29.21 – stormy but clear -) – Heavy storms at intervals through the day

Busy at the works nearly all the day – in the evening attended a lecture at the Institution by Moggridge on Petra - -

September 24. Thursday

Stormy – Heavy showers –

Duffryn Aberdare

I came up by the Merthyr Mail as far as Hirwain to day and walked thence down here to see H.A. Bruce

September 25. Friday

Slight showers but fine on the whole – Barr at 10½ PM 29.60 –

Parkwern

⁵ Robert Brown, botanist. Born Montrose, Scotland 21 December 1773, died London 10 June 1858. Elected FRS 181- and FLS 1822. President of the Linnean Society 1859-53. See web page www.sciences.demon.co.uk/wbbrowna.htm for a detailed biography.

I left Duffryn at 10½ o'clock this morning and walked to the Lamb & flag where the Mail overtook me & I came on to Swansea by it – in the evening at 8. I attended a Dock Meeting

September 26. Saturday

Barr 8 a.m. 29.43 – Heavy showers during the day –

Parkwern

Busy in Swansea all day

September 27 Sunday

8 am Barr 29.54 – showery all day

Went over to Sketty in the afternoon with Bessie & the Children –

Sept 28. Monday

8 a.m. Barr 29.33 – Stormy – heavy showers

Llanelly House⁶

Busy at Swansea in the morning in the afternoon I came over here with Bessie to dinner. –

Sept 29. Tuesday

Stormy all day –

Parkwern

We left the Chambers s [*sic*] this morning about 12 – stopped at Swansea & remained at the works till dinner time

Sept 30 – Wednesday

Barr 8 a.m. 29.52 – fine – Wind NW – glass rising through the day –

Busy at the works nearly all day

October 1. Thursday

Barr – 8 a.m. 29.74 – mild – small misty rain part of the day

Parkwern

Works in the morning – Dock meeting in the afternoon – Lity & S. Socy in the evening – Bessie came with me in the gig & spent the evening at Fannys –

October 2. Friday

Showery in the morning – heavy settled rain in the evening –

Attended Llangafelach Petty Sessions with J.D.L. we returned by Penllergare

⁶ In 2005 the subject of a restoration plan.

Octr 3. Saturday

Fine – bright – Wind N.E –

Went out Shooting at Penllergare with Moggridge & A Jones.

Octr 4. Sunday

Barr 8 a.m. 29.44. Wind E. high – No rain till after dark – when it set in heavily –

Went over to Sketty & c in the afternoon –

Octr 5. Monday

8.a.m. Barr 29.08 – Stormy all day – Wind S.W.

Busy in Swansea all day

October 6. Tuesday

Stormy all day

Parkwern

Infirmary in the morning Works afterwards

October 7. Wednesday

Wind high S.W – tolerably fine in the morning – heavy rain set in in the afternoon –

Went out Shooting at Penllergare with H H Vivian

October 8. Thursday

8 a.m. Barr 29.30 – Stormy

I went to the Board of Guardians in the morning & then to the works – at 3 P.M. attended a Dock meeting. We dined at Sketty in the evening & afterwards I went to the meeting of the Lit & S. Society

October 9. Friday

8 a.m. Barr 29.35 – Very stormy – rain the greater part of the day

Busy at the works all day

Octr 10. Saturday –

8.a.m. Barr 29.20 – Stormy but not very much rain –

Busy in Swansea at the Works & c. Brunel came to inspect the Port today

October 11.Sunday

8 a m Barr 29.43 – rainy

Parkwern
Went to call at Woodlands in the afternoon

Octr 12. Monday

8 a.m. Barr 29.24 – Fine on the whole except about an hours rain in the afternoon

Busy in Swansea all day

October 13. Tuesday

8 a.m. Barr 29.79 – colder in the night than it has been –

Infirmery in the morning – Works afterwards – in the afternoon I went with Calvert Jones⁷ down to Killanfawr to view the premises for Barrington as his tenants have deserted them & he seeks to recover possession

October 14. Wednesday

8 a.m. Barr 29.12 – it has rained heavily in the night & is now raining hard – Wind SW – 10 P.M – has been stormy all day – frequent & heavy rain –

Went out shooting with JDL & E Morgan at Penllergare. In the evening I attended a lecture at the Institution by Dr Williams on the Science of Weather –

October 15. Thursday

Barr 8.a.m. 28.64. – there has been heavy rain in the night & it still rains heavily –

10 P.M. Heavy showers in the morning – fine in the evening

Parkwern

I went to Pyle with J.D.L. He went to a Police meeting & I to a Finance meeting –

Octr 16. Friday

7.a.m. Thermr 48 –

8 a.m. Barr 28.92 – fine. Wind N

10½ PM – Barr 29.05 – fine all day

Busy in Swansea

Octr 17. Saturday

8 a.m. 29.10 – fine

10½ P.M. 29.33. the weather has been fine all day

⁷ Calvert Richard Jones. 1820-77. Born at Veranda, the third member of the family of that name. His father gave Swansea the site of the present market Early photographer who word with John Dillwyn Llewelyn and others.

Works in the morning – H A Bruce came to us by the mail & in the afternoon I walked out with him our guns over Wig fach &c –

Octr 18 Sunday

8 a.m. Barr 29.36. fine –

10 P.M. – Barr 29.46 – it has been fine all day – but cloudy – the dew lay upon the grass all day –

We went to Church in the morning – Walked out to Sketty in the afternoon –

October 19. Monday

8 a.m. Barr 29.50 – Wind W –

10 PM. Barr rather down – the weather has been stormy – not much rain – but some in the evening Wind S.W –

Parkwern

Works in the morning –

Quarter Sessions in the afternoon – Bruce & I dined with the Magistrates

October 20. Tuesday

8 a.m. Barr 29.34.

Stormy all day – not much rain fine in the afternoon –

Infirmary in the morning – Works afterwards

October 21. Wednesday

8 a m. Barr 28.89

Stormy & heavy rain nearly all day. Wind very high

Went out Shooting at Penllergare with H Bruce

Octr 22 - Thursday

8 a.m. Barr 29.00 –

10 P.M. Barr 29.35 – fine on the whole Wind very high in the morning –

Busy in Swansea – Meeting of Dock Shareholders in the afternoon – Lity & Scientific Socy in the evening

Octr 23. Friday

8.a.m. Barr 29.53 [?55] –

Slight showers but fine on the whole

Busy in Swansea the greater part of the day

October 24. Saturday

Showery

Windsor

I left Swansea by the Bristol mail this morning and arrived here a little after 10 P.M.

October 25. Sunday –
dark – some heavy showers –

Spent the day with Johnny & Mansel Jones – who are at school at Eaton [sic] –

October 26. Monday
Fine

London
I came on here by the 9 oclock train this morning – and went at once to Mr Pages to secure his services for the construction of the new Docks – I found him & engaged him – he will proceed to Swansea this week – in the evening at the Piazza & afterwards went with him to Drury Lane Theatre –

October 27. Tuesday
Fine –

London
I was busy about commissions & c all day – in the evening I went with Mr Stokes to hear a rehearsal of the Sacred Harmonic Society⁸ at Exeter Hall –

October 28. Wednesday
Thick fog all day – fine otherwise – cold - -

I was busy all day and am going to leave London by the 9 o clock train to night

October 29. Thursday
Fine – frosty in the night

Parkwern
I came down by the night train to Gloster on to Swansea by the Mail – I then proceeded with C.R. Jones to give up possession of Killen fawr to Mrs Berring, this being the day we appointed for that purpose on the 13th instant

October 30. Friday
Very fine – calm – rather cold –

Parkwern

⁸ Founded London 1832 as an amateur choral society for the weekly practice of generally sacred music. In 1836 it was granted the use of Exeter Hall. At the Handel Festival in 1859 the choir numbered 2765. It was disbanded in 1878 after losing the use of Exeter Hall. In 1882 the hall was sold to the YMCA and demolished 1907. The Strand Palace Hotel is now on the site.

busy in Swansea all day – Mr Law one of Mr Pages assistants came down by the mail to day & I went round the Harbour & c with him – Mr Page will be here tomorrow –

October 31. Saturday

Fine - rather threatening at times –

I went out shooting in the morning – Went into Swansea at 1.P.M.

November 1. Sunday

8 am Barr 29.81 – fine –

Mr Page the engineer for the Dock Co came to us this evening –

November 2. Monday

fine – threatening towards evening rain about 9 P.M –
10 P.M – Bar 29.65 –

Busy in Swansea with Mr Page all day – I was elected for the Town Council in the upper ward today –

November 3. Tuesday

8 a.m. Barr 29.70 – there has been heavy rain in the night – Heavy rain cleared off again about 11 a.m. Barr 10 P.M. 29.77

Parkwern

Mr Page left us this morning by the Bristol Mail – I attended the Infirmary at 10 – works afterwards, Dock meeting at 3 P.M –

November 4. Wednesday

8 a.m. Barr 29.77

rainy in the morning & day – tolerably fine in the evening – Wild --

Busy in Swansea in the morning Attended a meeting at the House of Correction at 1 P.M – in the evening I went with Bessie to a lecture by Benson in the Lias formation

November 5 – Thursday

Rainy in the morning – tolerably fine in the afternoon

Busy in Swansea all day – Meeting of Lit & Science Socy in the evening –

Novr 6. Friday

8 a.m. Barr 29.85 – Fine –

10 P.M. Barr 29.9 –

Attended Harbour meeting & c

November 7. Saturday

8 a.m. Barr 29.98 – dark but fine –

Parkwern

Went over to Penllergare & shot my way back –

November 8. Sunday –

8 a.m. Barr 30.14 – dark –

Fine all day – Wind E –

We went to church in the morning –

November 9. Monday

8 a.m. Barr 30.22 – Wind E – cold

Thermr about 7 this morning 45° - fine

Attended Town Council meeting – afterwards went to the Works

Novr 10. Tuesday

8 a.m. Barr 30.23 – Fine all day – Wind E –

Infirmary at 10 a m – Harbour meeting at 12 – Works in the afternoon

Novr 11. Wednesday

8 a.m. Barr 30.16 –

Fine all day Wind E - -

Busy in Swansea – in the evening went with Bessie to a lecture by Mr Fletcher on engineering ancient & modern

Novr 12. Thursday

8 a.m. Barr 20.18 – Fine – Wind E. cold –

Busy in Swansea in the day – Lity Socy in the evening

November 13 Friday

Fine – Wind E – cold – no9 frost –

Parkwern

Busy in Swansea at a Harbour meeting & Attwoods office on a case of felony all day –

Novr 14 – Saturday

8 a.m. Barr 30.10. Thermr in the night 42° - Fine – but cold –

I went over to Penllergare about some clay – I shot my way home

Novr 15 – Sunday

Wind E – cold & cutting – fine

I walked over to Penllergare church in the morning & Mary returned with me afterwards – walked with Bessie in the afternoon –

Novr 16. Monday

8 a.m. Barr 29.86 – Wind SE – high
10 P.M Glass falling – threatening –

Busy in Swansea all day –

Novr 17 – Tuesday

Rainy. Wind S.

Infirmery at 1- a.m. Harbour meeting at 12 – Works afterwards – Went with Bessie to a Ball in the evening

November 18. Wednesday

Fine in the morning – heavy rain in the afternoon & evening but not continuous –

Parkwern

Busy at the Works all day – Went to a lecture in the evening –

Novr 19. Thursday

8 a.m. Barr 29.53 –
10½ P.M it has been stormy all day –

Busy at the Works till 3 PM when I went to the Dock office – Lit & Scientc Socy in the evening

Novr 20. Friday

8 a.m. Barr 28.94 – Wind S.W. & blowing a gale – it was very violent in the night –

Attended a Town Council meeting at 12. Works afterwards –

Novr 21. Saturday

8 a.m. Barr 29.39
10.P.M. it has been tolerably fine in the middle of the day – in the morning & afternoon it was very stormy – Wind S.W.

Parkwern

I went out coursing at Caenewydd –

Novr 22. Sunday

8 a m Barr 29.20. One or two storms but otherwise fine all day –

Walked with Bessie in the afternoon

Novr 23. Monday

8 a.m Bar 29.60
Rainy – mild – wind S.W.

Busy in Swansea all day

Novr 24 – Tuesday

8 a.m. Barr 29.40 –
small misty rain occasionally – mild

Infirmery in the morning – Works afterwards – Went to Sketty in the
afternoon – they came home there yesterday having been away a month
where – check lwd diaries

Novr 25. Wednesday

- rainy all day

I went out shooting at Penllergare

November 26. Thursday

8 a.m. Barr 29.07.

Parkwern
Busy in Swansea all day
Works in the morning, Dock meeting in the PM

November 27. Friday

8 a.m. Barr 29.15
Fine with the exception of one or two showers

Busy in Swansea all day –

November 28. Saturday

Frost in the night – thin ice on the pools in the morning – Wind NW & N –
fine – except a shower of Snow & hail about 10½ a m

Went out shooting with Iltid Thomas

Novr 29. Sunday

8 a.m. Barr 29.58. Wind N – Sharp frost in the night
10.P.M – Freezing all day in the Shade – fine –

We Went to Church in the morning –
P.M. went over to Sketty –

Novr 30. Monday

8a.m. Barr 29.70 – Very sharp frost in the night & this morning – Thermr
in night 26.
10 P.M. cold all day – Wind NE –

Busy in Swansea – Works and Dock office –

December 1. Tuesday

Sharp frost in the night – thawing (not rapidly) in the day – Wind N.E.
glass falling

Parkwern

Infirmary at 10 a.m. Works afterwards – Dock meeting at 3 P.M.

December 2. Wednesday –

Fine – thaw but cold – dark

Went out Shooting with Moggridge

Decr 3. Thursday

Frost in the night – fine all day –

Works in the morning – Dock office in the afternoon – Lit Socy in the evening

Decr 4. Friday

Sharp frost in the night – fine & cold all day – Wind NE –

Llangafelach petty Sessions – Works & Dock office afterwards –

Decr 5. Saturday

Frost in the night – Wind came down to S.W in the P.M. & it rained heavily all the afternoon

Went to Swansea in the morning – Captⁿ B Saunderson⁹ came to us by mail today

Decr 6. Sunday

Clear & fine – Wind N.W. frosty in the evening – glass rising –

Went to church in the morning with Bessie & Captⁿ Saunderson – I walked out with him in the afternoon

December 7. Monday

Fine – cold but no frost Wind N

Parkwern

Harbour meeting – Works - & Dock Meeting – Chamber of Commerce in the evening

⁹ Later Colonel Bassett Saunderson. He was a relation of Revd John Montgomerie Traherne of Coedriglan, husband of Charlotte, nee Talbot. There was a Llewellyn Traherne Bassett Saunderson who apparently fought for the Southern Confederate States and died in Ireland 1913. I have not as yet any further information on Bassett Saunderson.

December 8. Tuesday

Fine – cold last night – no frost – fine all day – glass rising

Infirmery at 10 am – Works then till 3 P.M. Dock meeting till 4½ - We dined at Sketty –

Decr 9. Wednesday

Fine – no frost

Went out shooting at Penllergare with Captⁿ Saunderson I.Thomas & JDL – dined at Sketty

Decr 10. Thursday

rain & Wind S.W in the morning – in the evening the wind got up & heavy snow came on

Decr 11 Friday

Sharp frost in the night – Thermr at 7½ am 26° heavy Snow in the night – clear in the morning Snow again from NW in the afternoon

Town Council & paving Meeting in the morning – Works in the afternoon-

December 12. Saturday

Sharp frost – Thermr in the night 26° fine but cold all day – The Snow has not thawed at all –

Parkwern

I drove over to Llanelly in the morning as I wanted to see Chambers – on my return I left the gig near Loughor an [*sic*] Henry drove home – I shot my way home –

December 13. Sunday

Very cold all day – thermr in the night 26°

We did not go to Church in the morning in consequence of the cold & state of the roads –

December 14 Monday

Thermr in the night 25° heavy Snow storm in the morning about 8 – Fine afterwards but cold all day – here it did not thaw at all even in the Sun – in Swansea however the streets were wet & sloppy in the sun – Wind N W –

Went to D Edwards s [*sic*] in the morning at 12. attended a harbour meeting - & afterwards on Dock Director meeting –

December 15. Tuesday

Thermr at 7 am. rather below 25° - Very cold all day – Wind W in the day but got up to N in the evening

Parkwern

Infirmery in the morning – Works the rest of the day till 3½ PM. then called at the Willows & went home

December 16. Wednesday

Thermr in the night 21° - at 7½ o'clock this morning 22° - Thaw in the day – Snow & Sleet in the evening – Wind W – in the day – N W in the evening

Town Council meeting at 11 am. Works till 3 PM came home at 4 & walked with Bessie to Sketty before dinner

December 17. Thursday –

Frost early in the morning – roads very slippery – one entire sheet of ice – worse than I ever saw them – Fine in the morning – heavy rain in the afternoon – frost but not hard after dark – Wind W in the day – NW in the evening Thermr in night 26

Works in the morning – Dock meeting at 3 P.M. – we dined at Sketty in the evening –

Decr 18. Friday

Sharp frost in the night – cold all day – in the evening the wind veered to S & a rapid thaw came on –

Parkwern

Went out shooting at Penllergare with A Jones & Moggridge

Decr 19 – Saturday

Misty rain most of the day

Busy in Swansea all day

Decr 20. Sunday

Mild & Misty – dark – Wind S W –

I did not go out in the morning as I have a bad cold – in the afternoon I went to Sketty & Woodlands –

December 21. Monday

Misty rain in the morning – tolerably fine in the day

Town Council & Harbour meetings in the morning – Works afterwards – Dock office in the afternoon –

December 22. Tuesday

Tolerably fine in the day – heavy rain in the evening –

Infirmery in the morning – Works & c the rest of the day

December 23. Wednesday

Wind E – Cold – fine all day –

Parkwern

Busy in Swansea till 3 P.M. I then went to Sketty – back to dinner at 5½ P.M

December 24. Thursday

Wind N E – cold – frost in the night –

Works in the morning – Dock office at 3 P.M – home to dinner – Lity & Scientc Socy in the evening –

Decr 25. Friday

Sharp frost in the night & Morning – Wind N E fine – cold all day freezing in the evening –

I had a bad cold and did not go out in the morning – Bessie & Minnie went to church – We dined at Sketty in the evening

Decr 26 – Saturday

Sharp frost in the night – Thermr at 7½ a.m. 28° [*unreadable word*] in the night 28.

Busy in Swansea – at works & Harbour meeting –

December 27. Sunday

Frost in the night – Thermr at 8 a.m. 28. A heavy white frost fell & laid on the ground all day - - bright & fine – no thaw

Parkwern

My cough being troublesome I did not go to church – Bessie however went – I walked with her to Sketty in the afternoon

December 28. Monday

Frost in the night – roads very slippery – thaw in the day – thick fog at night

Town Council meeting at 11 am. Works afterwards – meeting of Dock Directors at 8 PM - -

December 29. Tuesday

foggy & thick all day – mild – Glass very high & rainy

Works & Dock meeting in the afternoon

December 30. Wednesday

Thick – damp & dark – some rain in the evening

Went out Shooting to the Loughor marshes in the day – Drove in to meet DeleBeche who came by Bristol Mail in the evening –

December 31. Thursday
dark & lowering

Parkwern
Went to Sketty in the morning & to Swansea afterwards –

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Jan 1. Friday
foggy in the morning fine the rest of the day –

Busy in Swansea all day – We dined at Sketty in the evening

Jan 2 – Saturday –
Fine on the whole – wind E – dark & cold –

Busy in Swansea the greater part of the day

January 3. Sunday –
Frost in the night – wind E – Snow in the day – Thaw at night –

I did not go out today

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