

The Dillwyn Collection

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

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January 1. Tuesday.

Weather. Gradual thaw all day – fine. Copper Smoke over Swansea – Still – Upper Current of Wind – W.N.W ---

Went over to Sketty after breakfast – and then into Swansea attended a Police Court (Petty Sessions) at 11. busy at the Works in the afternoon. In the evening we had a party to dine with us –

January 2. Wednesday

Therm^r. at 7½ . 35^o- Slight frost in the night – Wind NE. Smoke heavy over Swansea – thaw all day – fine – Slight frost about Sunset but thaw again & thick fog in the evening – Calm – Snow which fell last Friday night still thick on the ground –

Went over to Sketty after breakfast – LWD but poorly – Bessie & Minnie accompanied me - at 11½ I went into Swansea went down to the Paving meeting at 12. but did not remain there – Works in the afternoon – Mary dined with us and at ¼ 10 P.M. I walked back with her to Sketty – In the evening we had music & I read Macaulays History of England out –

January 3. Thursday

Thick fog all day – damp & raw – gradual thaw – calm – misty rain in the evening –

Went into the Infirmary at 10 – Float committee at ½ past 10 – Dock office at 1.P.M.

Busy at works in the afternoon – home to dinner at ½ past 5 – we played music & I read Macauley in the evening.

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January 4. Friday

Very mild – occasional slight showers but fine on the whole –

A went out shooting at Penllergare with Hussey Graham and Pen [?] Vivian, Moggridge & John & Johnny – we bagged 64 head of Game – home at 6.P.M.

January 5. Saturday

Frost in the night but slight shower of Snow fell this morning – Wind N.W. very high at night – glass very low – fine all day –

Went over to Sketty after breakfast & into Swansea about 11½ A.M. Busy at the Works all day –

January 6. Sunday

Frost in the night but slight – cold all day – rather raw – Wind E – not high – fine -

Went to Church in the morning with Bessie & Minnie – in the afternoon went over to Sketty with Bessie Minnie & Amy - - Poor Mrs Ireland Jones died this morning after a long & painful illness - -

January 7. Monday

Sharp frost in the night – Therm^r. lowest 25. – 7am 27⁰ – bright & fine all day – Wind N.E. calm

I went over to Sketty after breakfast & thence in to the Works. Bessie & the children went over to Penllergare for the Christmas Tree – Johnny came back here with them for a day or two –

In the evening I wrote the report for the Annual meeting of the Literary & Scientific Society which will take place the day after tomorrow –

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Jan^r 8 – Tuesday –

Sharp frost in the night – Therm 26 at 7½ a.m – fine all day – cold – still – Went out shooting with Johnny at Park – the party was G & R Vivian A Jones Johnny & myself – we bagged 27 – had Kingscote here in the evening –

Jan^v – 9. Wednesday

Sharp frost in the night – Therm^r at 7½ am 27. Slight thaw in the day – wind in night NE. in day S.E.-AM. In E. P.M. – calm

Walked into Swansea after breakfast with Kingscote. We got back here about 11 – about 12 we walked over to Penllergare & Johnny rode over We shot on the Lake – we altogether bagged Mallards 3 Teal 15 – W Cocks 2 - Snipes 2 Hares 1 W Pigeon 1 – of this I bagged 3 Mallards 9 Teal 1 Woodcock 1 Hare & 1 W Pigeon - - Johnny remained at Penllergare. Kingscote remains here to night – Iltid Thomas & Benson dined here this evening –

January 10 – Thursday

Frost in the night Therm^r at 7½ A.M. 31. Wind N.E. - - towards the afternoon the Therm^r changed to S.E. & it threatened rain or Snow – dark & Gloomy all day –

Kingscote left us & walked in with me to the Infirmary at 10 – I attended the meeting of the committee there & went on to Swansea – from the Infirmary I went to the Harbour float committee & then in to the works – left Swansea about 3½ P.M. & went over to Sketty before dinner – at ½ past 7 P.M. I went to the annual meeting of the Literary & Scientific Society – got home about ¼ to 11.-

January 11. Friday -

Slight frost in the night – heavy fall of Snow from about 9 am to 11 pm. Wind E.N.E. high – gloomy & Threatening Snow all day – night Frost at night –

I went down to Kilvrough with Iltid Thomas where we shot with Penrice - We dined there & returned home about 11 P.M.

London

January 18. Friday

Weather. Therm^r. at 5½ a m. 33. rapid Thaw in the day – it snowed heavily for some time in the day & rained & sleeted the greater part of the remainder – the Snow did not lie thickly on the ground –
I left Swansea by the Bristol Mail at ¼ to 6 this morning and got here about 10 P.M. C.H.Smith came up with me –

January 19. Saturday –

Weather – misty. small rain most parts of the day.
After breakfast I went with Smith, Stroud & Francis to Hoopers office – We found that he was at Badminton at the Rent Audits &c- We then went to Dorringtons office and not seeing or hearing anything of Vivian we got a new appointment made with the Chancellor of the Exchequer for Wednesday next - I then went with Smith to the New Museum of Practical Geology in Jermyn Street – DeleBeche was not in – thence we went to the Museum & saw most of his staff – In the afternoon I executed commissions & c – I also saw Vivian who had come up by the express train – DeleBeche dined with me at the Athenaeum –

January 20.Sunday

Weather Sharp frost in the night which continues all day – The Streets where there is not much throughfare are covered with a sheet of ice –

London

Jan^r 20. (on.) [?]

Having a bad cold I remained at the Athenaeum the greater part of the day – In the afternoon I took a walk with DeleBeche and Rosalie.

January 21. Monday

Weather cold & raw –
Executed commissions & c – I dined with DeleBeche in the evening

January 22 Tuesday

Weather – Rain & misty – cold thaw –
Executed commissions & c – Went to the city – saw Bell – Jannon & Lidgett. – in the evening went with Smith Stroud & F.Benson to the Haymarket Theatre –

January 23. Wednesday

Weather
Cold thaw –
We had an interview at 12. with the Chancellor of the Exchequer – he is to give us an answer at 12 on Friday next.-

January 24. Thursday

Weather Frost in the night – thaw in the day –

Went down to Eton after breakfast & brought Johnny up to Town – Shewed him the Zoological Gardens, the Reptile house is new and well worth seeing – We dined at the British Coffee house & I then accompanied him back to Eton & returned here about 10½ PM

January 25. Friday

Weather

Rapid & complete thaw – The wind has got down to the South West –

At 12 we went to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and he admitted the principal of Corporate property being applied for the purposes of the improvement of the property by the construction of the Docks &c – I had a bad headache all day and after we had drawn up our report after coming from the Treasury I remained at the Athenaeum all day

Bristol January 26. Saturday –

Weather – Misty rain & c. Wind W –

I was busy all day finishing commissions &c &c – I left London by the 5 o'clock express train & got about ¼ to 8. *[sic]*

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January 27. Sunday

Weather Sharp frost in the night – continued cold all day – about dark this evening the wind veered to the S.W. & it had begun to thaw –

I left Bristol at 8 this morning by Mail & got home here about 8 in the

evening.

January 28. Monday

Weather Wind S.W. Misty driving rain all day.

I went over to Sketty after breakfast & into Swansea about 12 – Met the Dock Directors – Went down to the Works in the afternoon –

January 29. Tuesday

Weather – Fog in the morning which cleared iff about 8 am. thick misty rain in the afternoon –

Sketty after breakfast - & then to Swansea – Works in the afternoon –

Went over to Sketty again after dinner, Gallander the butler there having died this evening after a very short illness –

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January 30. Wednesday –

Wind E – misty rain part of the day but fine on the whole gloomy & dark

Went To Sketty after breakfast & then to Swansea busy at works all day – except annual Dock meeting at 12 – which was adjourned

January 31. Thursday

Wind S.E – Rain all day
Went out Shooting to Penllergare

February 1. Friday

Weather. wind S.W. mild - rain all day
Went to Sketty after breakfast - & then in to Swansea
Attended a Town Council meeting at 11 & then went down to the Works -
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February 2 – Saturday

Weather – Misty rain all day – Wind S.W.
Went to Sketty after breakfast and then into the Works – Went up to the Willows to see Fanny in my way home –

February 3 – Sunday

Weather very fine – Mild – Wind W. bright & clear –
Went to Church in the morning with Bessie & Minnie – in the afternoon we went over to Sketty & walked home round by the sands –

February 4. Monday

Weather Fine – bright & clear – rain at night
Over to Sketty after breakfast - & then to Swansea

February 5. Tuesday

Weather. Fine in the morning – Rain all the afternoon towards night it blew a gale – Wind S.W. –
Went to Sketty after breakfast & then to Swansea at 11 – went to Dock office to meet a corporation committee appointed to investigate the state of the Docks – after that I went down to the Works – home to dinner at 6.

Feb^y 6. Wednesday

Weather – It blew a gale of wind in the night – Wind very high all day – N.W. Fine –
I went out shooting with H.Vivian in Clyne Wood –

Feb^y - 7. Thursday

Weather – wind W – unsettled – not much rain mild & relaxing –
Infirmary at 10 & then on to Swansea. Dock meeting at 12 – Works afterwards –

Feb^y 8. Friday

Weather – unsettled
Went to Sketty after breakfast & then into Swansea
Attended Town Council meeting at 11 – Works in the afternoon –

Feb^y. 9. Saturday

Heavy rain in the morning fine in the afternoon – wind W –
Went to Sketty after breakfast & then drove into Swansea
Captⁿ Saunderson came to us to day & in the evening went down with me
to dine at Singleton –

February 10. Sunday –

Weather Fine – Wind – W – mild –
A.M. remained at home P.M. went into Swansea with Captⁿ Saunderson &
then over to Sketty before dinner – Benson and Hussey Vivian dined with
us in the evening to meet Saunderson

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February 11. Monday

Heavy rain all the morning – in the afternoon however it cleared up a little
–
After breakfast I drove Captⁿ Saunderson into Swansea on his way to
Penllergare – I then went down to the Works and was engaged there till
about 5 – I then came home & went over to Sketty before dinner –

February 12. Tuesday

Weather – fine p frost in the night – wind N.W.
I walked over to Penllergare after breakfast – about 1. Walked thence into
Swansea – at 3 P.M attended a meeting at the Dock office – home to dinner
–

February 14. Thursday

Weather – Rain nearly all day –
Works in the morning. attended a Public meeting in the afternoon. on the
question of the Corporation joining the Dock C^o home to dinner about 7-
PM-

Feb^y. 15 – Friday

Weather drizzling rain the greater part of the day – close & muggy
I went over to Sketty after breakfast & thence into Swansea Town Council
meeting at 11 & thence to meeting of Council at Royal Institution – Works
afterwards –

February 17. Sunday

Weather – Threatening – rain in the afternoon Wind W –
Went to Church in the morning & over to Sketty in the afternoon –

February 18. Monday

Misty & thick – occasional small rain –
Sketty after breakfast – Works in the afternoon

Feb^y 19. Tuesday

Weather – Misty & thick occasional small rain - mild - wind W.

Went to Sketty after breakfast & then in to the Works – We dined at Sketty in the afternoon to meet Lady Mary Cole & Miss Talbot –

February 20. Wednesday –

Maes derwen – near Yniscedwin -

Weather. Threatening in the morning – fine in the afternoon –

Infirmery at 10 & then on to the Works – at 1 P.M. I came down Street and met Bessie, & we rode up here on a visit to the Marriotts –

Maesdewen – near Yniscedwin

Feb^y 22. Friday –

Weather – fine – bright

Bessie & a riding party went to see the waterfall of Skewd Hendry & home over the Cribbath – I walked up to the Cribbath & Calvert Jones accompanied me on a poney – I sketched and searched for a vein of clay which Motley told me of & which I found – the riding party having joined us on the Mountain we all returned together –

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Feb^y 23. Saturday

Weather – fine – dark

Bessie remained at Maesderwen for a days [*sic*] or two longer and I returned home having business which I was obliged to attend to – I accordingly walked down & arrived in Swansea about ½ past 1-P.M. – at 2½ I attended a Sale of Mrs M. Davies s [*sic*] property at the Mackworth Arms, to bid for some lots for LWD – I did not however get them – home to dinner at 6 –

February 24. Sunday

Weather – fine –

A.M. went into church with Miss Vickerman & Minnie

P.M took the children over to Sketty

February 25. Monday

Weather – fine –

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Went over to Sketty after breakfast and then in to Swansea attended a Town Council meeting at 11 – which lasted till 4 P.M – I then went to the Works – home to dinner at 6 – Bessie returned from Maes derwen today.

February 26. Tuesday

Weather – very fine –

I went into Swansea in the morning to the Works – at ½ past 1 P.M. I walked over to Penllergare to see Johnny who is unwell and confined to his bed – Mary who had been staying there walked back with to [*sic*] as she returns to Sketty for to night –

Feb^y 27. Wednesday

Weather – Fine – Wind E. dark – cold – fog at one time.
Went over to Sketty after breakfast & then in to Swansea busy at the works –

Feb^y 28. Thursday

Weather – Wind E – gloomy – but dry
Infirmary at 10 – Float committee at 10½ & then to works – Dock office at 1.P.M. Works again in the afternoon – got home a little before dinner & worked in the garden with Bessie –

March 1. Friday

Weather – Misty thick rain al day – Wind W – glass rising
Sketty after breakfast – works the rest of the day – home to dinner at 6 –

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March 2. Saturday –

Misty rain nearly all day mild – Wind W –
Went over to Sketty after breakfast & then into Swansea – The Judge came in to day to open the Commission – Henry Bruce¹ & his wife & Henry Thomas came to us –

March 3. Sunday

A.M. occasional rain – Threatening wind W –
P.M. heavy rain – fine & clear at night
In the afternoon I went with H.Thomas to Sketty & Singleton –

March 4. Monday

Very fine – Wind N – Cold –
Went into Swansea & attended on the Grand Jury at 12. Attended a Harbour meeting for the election of a Trustee – G.B.Morris was elected.
Went to the works in the afternoon – home to dinner at 6½ PM

March 5. Tuesday

Fine – bright & clear – Wind N.
Went into Swansea with Bruce & Thomas after breakfast to the Grand Jury room – the Grand Jury were discharged soon after 12 – I then went to the Works – H.Thomas left us to go to Singleton this afternoon – I shewed H.Bruce over the works – We walked out together to dinner at ½ past 6 – the I Thomas's Benson & Napier dined with us –

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March 6 Wednesday

Fine – bright & clear –
Went over to Sketty with H.Bruce after breakfast & then we went into Swansea - He went to the court & I to the works where he joined me about 4½ P.M. & we walked put together – A [?] & T.Allen dined with us

¹ Henry Austen Bruce 1815-1895. Created Lord Aberdare 1873. Married 1846 Annabella, only daughter of Richard Breedon of Clifton.

March 7. Thursday

A.M. Fine – clear – P.M. dense fog –

The H. Bruces left us this morning & went by the Merthyr Mail at 9 o'clock – at 10 I went to the court & attended a Special Jury – on an action for damages for injuries from Gun Cotton – The Plaintiff having been invited by the Traveller of the Defendants to witness experiments with it – an explosion took place & the Plaintiff was blinded – we found for the Plaintiff with damages of £1500 – We left court at $\frac{1}{4}$ to 7.P.M. – I then came home & went with Bessie to dine at Singleton.

March 8. Friday

A.M. – rather Foggy – P.M. very fine –

Went to Sketty after breakfast & then to the works where I was engaged till I came home.

March 9. Saturday

Foggy. raw & cold –

Sketty after breakfast and then in to the works home to dinner at 6 –

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March 10. Sunday

Weather - fine

I was laid up with a bad cold and did not go out all day –

March 11. Monday

Weather Very fine – bright & clear –

Went over to Sketty after breakfast & then into Swansea – Harbour meeting at 12 – Works in the afternoon – In the evening Bessie came in with me to the Royal Institution where I delivered an introductory lecture to a course of Lectures about to be delivered there –

March 12. Tuesday

Weather – Very fine. frost in the night –

Went over to Sketty after breakfast & then to the works – Mr & Mrs Marryat and Miss Ellerman came to us today for a few days

March 13. Wednesday

Weather – very fine –

My cold as so bad all day that I did not go out – the rest of our party went over to see Penllergare

March 14. Thursday

Weather – Fine. Wind E – rather overcast sky at times.

I went over to Sketty after breakfast & then into Swansea - Dock office t 1 P.M - & then to the Works – The Marryats & the rest of our party went down to see 3 Cliffs bay – We dined at Sketty in the evening –

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March 15. Friday
Fine – Wind E – cold – rather high –
Went to the works in the morning & returned about 2 P.M. when I walked
with Mr Marryatt to call at Glanmor – The Marryats & Miss Ellerman left
us today for Singleton – we dined at Dderwen fawr –

March 16 Saturday
Fine –
Went to Sketty after breakfast & then to Swansea –

March 17. Sunday
Fine – sharp frost in the night. cold all day
We went to church in the morning – over to Sketty in the afternoon –

March 18. Monday
Sharp frost in the night – fine all day
Harbour Committee & c in the morning – Works in the afternoon –
Attended a lecture by Benson in the evening

March 19. Tuesday
Fine -
Attended Petty Sessions – Works in the afternoon

March 20. Wednesday
Fine - no frost in the night – overcast
Sketty after breakfast - & then in to the works – My Straw shed near the
Flint Mill was burnt down last night – Bessie went with Mary up to
Yniscedwin on a visit till Saturday –

March 21. Thursday
Very fine –
Infirmary at 10. Police court afterwards – works in the afternoon –

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March 22. Friday –
Wind N.W – threatening – some rain fell towards the evening – Wind high
at night N.W.
Wrote after breakfast & then went to Sketty with Amy – into the Works
about 1 P.M home to dinner – wrote at night –

March 23. Saturday
Wind N.N.W. frequent snow storms through the day – Wind high – keen &
piercing –
Went over to Sketty after breakfast & then into Swansea

March 24. Sunday
Wind N.N.W – very cold – bright – occasional snow storms – Therm[̄] at
midnight 27⁰ –

Remained at home with the children in the forenoon went over to Sketty with Amy in the afternoon

March 25. Monday

Wind N – very cold – occasional Snow – Therm^r in the night 26⁰ –
Went over to Sketty after breakfast & then into the Works – Bessie returned from Ynisedwyn to day –

March 26. Tuesday

Therm^r in the night 25⁰ – the Wind veered a little towards W – to day & the weather became milder in the morning – Some Snow however fell & it was colder again towards dark –
Sketty after breakfast & then in to Swansea – Bessie accompanied me on the Poney, which she sent out from Swansea & walked home with me in the afternoon –

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March 27. Wednesday

Frost in the night – very fine – bright & warm in the Sun – Wind N.
Drove Bessie over to Penllergare in the Dog Cart after breakfast – we got back about 12¼ - I then went in to the House of Correction with JDL who had walked over – thence about 2 PM I went to the works where a little after 4 J.D.L joined me & I walked with him on the Penllergare road as far as the Cockitt turn off – I then came home

March 28. Thursday

Fine in the morning Wind N – in the evening the wind got round to the East and rose a good deal – looks like a change of weather –
Infirmary at 10 - & then went to Llangefelach Petty Sessions where I sat with Miers – I got back to the Works about 2½ P.M. & remained there till dinner time when I came home -

March 29. Friday - - (Good Friday)

Wind E- very high – threatening for rain –
Went over to Sketty after breakfast & then into the Works –

March 30 Saturday –

a.m. Wind very high – it blew a gale in the night – East – some rain fell this morning
P.M Threatening all day – the wind fell towards night & the rain set in –
Wind S.E.
Went to Sketty after breakfast & then in to Swansea – Dock office at 1 –
Works the rest of the day

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March 31. Sunday

Heavy occasional showers –
Went into Church in the morning & then to see Mr Edwards who is very ill – returned home about 4 P.M & went over to Sketty before dinner –

April 1. Monday

A.M. Wind high threatening rain

P.M – heavy rain – Wind S.E. - -

Went to see Mr Edwards about 11 a.m. & then attended a Harbour meeting – Works afterwards – DeleBeche and Rosie came here this evening –

April 2. Tuesday

Fine except occasional showers through the day – Rain set in about 6 PM – Mild –

Went to Sketty after breakfast & then in to Swansea

We dined at Singleton

April 3. Wednesday

Unsettled in the morning – heavy rain all day

Went to the Works about 11½ - & remained there the greater part of the day – We dined at Sketty -

April 4. Thursday

Heavy rain in the morning & last night – unsettled all day – Wind S.W. high

Went to Pyle on the Finance Committee with Mr T.E.Thomas – We got back to Swansea about ½ past 5 - & I went to see Mr Edwards who continues very ill – got home to dinner about 6½ -

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April 5. Friday

fine – wind high –

Went over to Sketty after breakfast & then into Swansea. DeleBeche came to the Works – We went to Juliens concert in the evening –

April 6 – Saturday

Fine in the morning Heavy rain all the afternoon & evening –

Went to the works where DeleBeche joined me & we returned home together in the afternoon –

DeleBeche Rosie & Bessie went to dine at Heathfield – I did not go on account of the weather –

April 7. Sunday

Fine –

I went in & sat with Mr Edwards (who is much better) in the morning – went over to Sketty in the afternoon –

April 8. Monday

Fine with the exception of some showers in the forenoon –

Went over to Sketty after Breakfast & then in to Swansea – I was at the Police Court the greater part of the day attending the examination of a

man who confessed to having set my straw shed on fire – he was committed – went to see Mr Edwards & to the works afterwards & home to dinner we went (children & all) in the evening to see M.Phillipe (the conjuror) at the Theatre

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April 9. Tuesday

Rainy & unsettled

DeleBeche & Rosie left us this morning – I remained at home writing & c till about 2 P.M when I went in to the works –

April 10. Wednesday

Very fine –

I went over to Sketty after breakfast & then in to Swansea

April 11. Thursday

Heavy occasional showers –

Infirmary at 10 – Float Committee at 10½ - Dock office at 1 - & then on to the Works – at ½ past 4 [?] went with Bessie to call on the Places & Callands – Kingscote came to us in the evening -

April 12. Friday –

Showery, still & calm

Busy in Swansea all day – at works meeting at Institution &c –

April 13. Saturday

Thick misty in the morning – mild – heavy rain in the afternoon –

I went over to Sketty after breakfast & then on to Penllergare – fished in the afternoon & home to dinner –

April 14. Sunday

Fine – threatening in the afternoon – rain set in at night –

Went to Swansea in the morning & then went down to see Mr Edwards – about 3 P.M. went with Bessie & the children over to Sketty –

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April 15. Monday

Rain with little intermission all the morning fine in the afternoon – Wind S –

Went over to Sketty after breakfast & then in to Swansea to the Works –

April 16. Sunday

Rainy & unsettled add day –

Petty Sessions at 11. Harbour meeting at 12 – Works in the afternoon

April 17. Wednesday

9.a.m – bright & fine. Wind W. high – Fine all day.

Went to Sketty after breakfast & then into Swansea – attended a Paving meeting at 12 & from it went to a meeting of the Committee of the deaf &

Dumb Asylum – home to dinner – I found that Mary had been knocked down **AT - CHECK** Parkwern close to the door by an ox which ran in from the road – fortunately she was not materially hurt though a good deal bruised & her Ankle strained –

April 18. Thursday

Fine –

Infirmery at 10 – calling at Sketty in the way – Harbour float committee at 10½ - Dock office at 1 – Works in the afternoon –

April 19. Friday

Rain in the morning – it cleared off about 12 –A heavy sea fog came on in the afternoon & rain set in at night –

I went with Iltid Thomas out fishing at Penllergare –

April 20. Saturday

rain in the night & showery in the morning – finer in the day – Wind W – high –

Griffiths of Penllergare came here this morning after breakfast & I went with him to Sketty to see LWD respecting Ynisforfan & c – I afterwards went in to the works – home to dinner at 6.

April 21. Sunday

Very fine –

a.m Remained at home P.M – went over to Sketty with Bessie & the children

April 22 – Monday

Wind N – Very fine – bright & clear –

Sketty after breakfast – Works afterwards met Mr Hall at 12 – respecting an arrangement with the Harbour Trustees as to My Wharves & Quay Walls –

April 23. Tuesday

Fine – overcast towards night –

Went to Sketty after breakfast and then to Swansea – got home about 3½ P.M 7 gardened for the children – Mrs Marryat came to us today & the Franklins and Penrice dined with us –

April 24. Wednesday

Fine on the whole but rather threatening -

I remained at home to day – as I had a sore throat & c – Wrote & c – In the afternoon about 4½ oclock – I gardened with Minnie & Harry – Mrs Marryat left us today –

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April 25. Thursday

Heavy rain nearly all day

I remained at home in the morning writing &c, about 1 P.M I went in to the Docks office - & then down to the Works -

April 26. Friday

Very fine -

Went to Sketty after breakfast & then in to the Works &c - Walked out with Harry & Amy who came in with Bessie in the carriage -

April 27. Saturday

Fine - Wind N.E - rather cold in the wind

Went to Sketty after breakfast with Marry & Amy - Went in to the works about 12 - home at 4 & worked in the childrens garden with them & Bessie -

April 28. Sunday

Fine - Wind N.E. cold -

a.m. We went into Church - P.M -went over to Sketty with Bessie & the children - we also called at the Bryn

April 29. Monday

Fine -

Went over to Sketty after breakfast & then in to the Works -

April 30. Tuesday

fine - cold at night

Went to Sketty after breakfast & then in to Swansea attended a Public meeting to present a testimonial to Mr Kavanagh in the evening -

May 1 - Wednesday

Fine - rather cold -

Sketty after breakfast & then in to the works - &c -

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May 2 - Thursday

Very fine - bright & clear

Infirmery at 10 - float committee at ½ past 10 - at 12 attended a Custom house sale - Works in the afternoon - home to dinner -

May 3. Friday -

Very fine -

Sketty after breakfast - works afterwards - worked in the Childrens Garden with them before dinner

May 4. Saturday

Fine in the morning but cold - Wind N.W - about 3 P.M. rain came on for a couple of hours - Wind E.

Went with Bessie over to Penllergare - she rode the poney & I walked - when there I fished - -

May 5. Sunday

Very cold – Wind N.E. rain with occasional sleet & Snow till about 3 P.M. when it cleared off. George tells me that on the Town Hill the ground was quite white at one time of the day
Remained at home in the morning – went over to Sketty in the afternoon –

May 6 Monday

Cold dark East Wind all day –
Went to Sketty after breakfast at 10 Attended a Harbour meeting Works in the afternoon –

May 7. Tuesday

Rainy & unsettled in the forenoon – somewhat finer in the afternoon
Sketty after breakfast & then in to Swansea – had a long talk with Stroud at the Bank at 11½ on Corporation matters & then went to the Works -

Parkwern

May 8. Wednesday

Fine on the whole –
I had a bad cold & sore throat and did not out all day

May 9. Thursday

Heavy occasional showers – with some hail – very fine between them –
Went in to Swansea with Bessie and Mary in the morning – in the afternoon I went down to Caswell to see Fanny (who is staying there) it being her birthday –

May 10 – Friday

Tolerably fine –
Sketty after breakfast – At 11 to Mr Edwards & met Mess^{rs} Glasson and D Evans who propose taking the Pottery of [sic] me and it is likely that we shall agree – I afterwards went to the Town Council meeting where I remained till about 2 PM & then sent to the Works – home to dinner –

May 11. Saturday

Very fine –
Sketty after breakfast & then in to Swansea – busy at the works the greater part of the day –

May 12. Sunday

Very fine –
I remained at home in the morning and went over to Sketty with Bessie & the children in the afternoon

May 13. Monday

Very fine – bright & clear. Wind rather high. N.N.W –
Sketty after breakfast & then in to the Works – got back about 3½ p.m. & went with Bessie (who rode the poney) to Woodlands and then on to Clyne Common

Parkwern

May 14. Tuesday

There was a shower of rain in the morning – fine the rest of the day

Sketty after breakfast - & then in to the works - -

May 15. Wednesday

Cold – Wind N – fine in the evening

Sketty after breakfast & then in to Swansea – attended Commission respecting Mumbles Roadstead. Captⁿ Washington presided – Works in the afternoon – dined with the Grenfells

May 16. Thursday

Fine –

Infirmery at 10 – Float Committee at 11.

Works in the afternoon – Amys birthday

May 17. Friday

Very fine – the hottest day we have had this spring.

Sketty after breakfast – then in to Swansea – busy at works till dinner time –

May 18 – Saturday –

Overcast & threatening – rain set in in the evening. Wind SW –

Went to Sketty after breakfast with Bessie & then into Swansea – got back about 3 PM & again with to Sketty where we dined & spent the evening – the Children were there also it being Harrys Birthday –

May 19. Sunday

Showery in the morning – fine in the afternoon

Went over to Sketty with the children in the afternoon –

Parkwern

May 20. Monday

Fine – very hot

Attended a Corporation committee in the morning

Works in the afternoon –

May 21 – Tuesday –

Fine very hot – Thermr 6 a m 56° –

Sketty after breakfast & then in to the Works –

May 22. Wednesday

Fine very close & hot – A heavy Thunder Storm passed over in the direction of Neath about the middle of the day

Wrote after breakfast & then over to Sketty about ½ past 1 I went in to Swansea & got back about ½ past 5 P.M. Mrs Franklen & her children

spent the afternoon here and I went with Mary & some of the children to see them home to their house in Cambrian Place in the evening – Mrs Franklen went with Bessie in the Carriage

May 23. Thursday

Very fine – Glass falling – Some rain fell in the night –
Infirmary at 10 – Harbour Float Committee at 11 –
Works in the afternoon – We had a party to dinner

May 24. Friday

a.m. fine but threatening – P.M – fine rain – Wind Calm.
Sketty after breakfast – Harbour meeting at 12. to set the tolls – they set for £3060 – works in the afternoon

May 25 – Saturday

Rainy in the morning – fine in the afternoon – heavy rain again set in at night -
Sketty after breakfast – Went to Dock office at 1 P.M - & then down to the Works –

Parkwern

May 26. Sunday

Rain all the morning – it cleared up in the afternoon
Went over to Sketty with Bessie & the Children in the afternoon –

May 27. Monday

Heavy rain in the middle of the day for some hours – it cleared up in the evening –
Sketty after breakfast – Harbour float committee at 11 – Works in the afternoon, & put up drawings at the institution – In the evening I gave the first of a series of four lectures on Zoology –

May 28. Tuesday

Fine –
Sketty after breakfast – works at 11 to meet the Secretary of the Vale of Neath Railway respecting my Premises & Wharves as a terminus for their line – Bessie & Mary went to the Groll for the Consecration of Resolven Church which is to take place tomorrow –

May 29. Wednesday

Fine –
Sketty after breakfast & then into Swansea – attended a Paving meeting at 12 – Works afterwards – Put up Diagrams & c for lecture at the Institution at 4 - & home to dinner. Moggridge dined with me - & with Minnie & Miss Vickerman came to my 2nd lecture on Zoology on the Homorgangliata [?] – which I delivered – Bessie & Mary returned for it – Mary & Minnie walked home with me afterwards & Bessie & Miss Vickerman came back in the carriage –

Parkwern

May 30 Thursday

There was heavy rain with Thunderclouds in the afternoon –
Infirmiry at 10 – Float committee afterwards
Works in the afternoon –

May 31. Friday

Fine – very hot –
Sketty after breakfast & then into Swansea attended on a committee at the
police Court in the morning - & then down to the works – I got back about
3 ½ P.M. to meet the Marriots & Stanfields who lunched with us –

June 1. Saturday –

Thermr outside my dressing room window at 7 A.M. was at 64^o very hot
all day –
Sketty after breakfast and then in to Swansea – Attended at the Annual
meeting of the Institution at 12 o clock

June 2. Sunday

Very hot – bright & clear –
Went over to Sketty with the children in the afternoon.

June 3. Monday

Oppressively hot – in spite of a fine air which was moving for the greater
part of the day
Sketty after breakfast – Harbour meeting at 12 – Works in the afternoon –
At 8 a.m. [*sic*] I gave my 3rd Lecture on Zoology (Division Heterogangliata)
at the Royal Institution - - Minnie walked to & from it with me & Bessie &
Miss Vickerman went in the carriage – Tarter having eat some poison put
for rats in the evening – I was up with him till about 3 a.m. giving him first
milk & sugar [?] & then emetics – about that time they had the desired
effect & I thought him out of danger –

Parkwern

June 4. Tuesday

Fine – Glass falling –
Sketty after breakfast & then in to Works – Town Council meeting at 4
P.M. home to dinner –

June 5. Wednesday

Fine a.m. – Threatening rain PM – Glass falling 29½ - in
Sketty after breakfast. wrote at home afterwards till 2½ P.M – I then
drove with Bessie in the Dog Cart to Swansea - went down to the Works
& put up Diagrams – Dillwyn Janson, who came to Sketty yesterday Mary
and Moggridge dined with us and we all went in at 8 to the Institution
where I gave a lecture on the Vertebrated animals being the 4th & last of
my Course on Zoology –

June 6. Thursday

Heavy rain all morning – Showery & unsettled in the afternoon –
Wrote at home in the forenoon – Went in to the works in the afternoon –

June 7 – Friday

Heavy rain in the night – Wind nearly a gale – W.W.W. –
Sketty after breakfast - & afterwards went in to Swansea with Janson
showed him the works &c &c – home to dinner – in the evening packed up
& - as tomorrow we go to Llwyn Madoc for a week or fortnight –

Llwyn Madoc

June 8. Saturday

Weather – fine on the whole – there were a few slight showers.
We left Parkwern about 9 o'clock this morning and posted up here – Via
Llandilo & Llandovery – We got here to dinner – Miss Lloyd of Nantgwilt
came here to day also for a few days –

June 9. Sunday

Weather rather showery in the morning, fine in the afternoon –
Walked out with H. Thomas Bessie & Miss Lloyd –

June 10 – Monday

Weather very fine & hot –
I went out fishing on the Gnyffiad & Cammarch – I took 29 fish – weight
13 pounds

Nant Gwilt

June 11. Tuesday –

Slight showers in the morning fine the rest of the day –
We all came over here to day on a visit for a couple of days – H.Thomas &
the ladies came over on ponies – I fished my way over via Llyn Garw – this
place is beautifully situated on the Clairwen –

June 12 Wednesday

Rainy in the morning – fine in the evening –
I went up the wild and beautiful valley of the Elan – I fished & H.Thomas
walked with me – The Ladies went in the carriage to Rhaider – I took a
good basket of Trout – some of them of a very good size - -

Llwyn Madoc

June 13. Thursday –

Heavy showers in the morning & occasionally through the day –
We came back here from Nant Gwilt to day – H.Thomas escorted the
Ladies back with the ponies & I fished my way back by the Clairwen - Llyn
Carw & the Gwessin – I took one trout on the Clairwen weighing full 2
pounds – I caught 52 trout in all – I took none on Llyn Carw – I saw two
people fishing there –

June 14. Friday

Continued rain in the morning & heavy showers in the afternoon –
In the afternoon I went with H.Thomas up the valley of the Irw [?] above
Abergwessin

June 15 – Saturday

Very fine

I went out fishing on the Dulais & took a very good basket of trout-

June 16 – Sunday –

Showery –

Walked with H.Thomas in the morning & in the afternoon Bessie also
came out with us –

June 17. Monday

Fine –

I went out fishing on the Irwan [?] & took 90 trout

June 18. Tuesday

Fine –

Walked with Bessie & H.Thomas –

Llwyn Madoc

June 19 – Wednesday

Very fine –

I fished the Cammarch – took 36 trout weighing 10 pounds – one of a
pound weight

June 20. Thursday

Fine -

Rode over to Nay y rwch on the Towy with Llachlan (H.Thomass keeper)
to try to identify the men I saw fishing on Llyn Carw (& who I also saw on
the Irwan last Monday) – they had left Nanttyrwch – they are a Captⁿ
Martin & Pritchard of Brecon – from Nanttyrwch We came back to the
valley of the Irwan & I fished the river down – I took 40 trout one of which
weighed 1¼ pound –

June 21. Friday - Parkwern

Fine -

We left Llwyn Madoch about 10 oclock this morning & posted home – We
got here about 6½ P.M. –

June 22.Saturday

Fine -

Went to Sketty after breakfast & then in to Swansea to the Works-

June 23. Sunday –

Very fine –

Went over to Sketty in the afternoon with Bessie & the children – Walked
in the Garden & c.

Parkwern

June 24. Monday

Very hot – Sun scorching –

Went over to Sketty after breakfast & then in to Swansea. Drove out with Bessie after dinner –

June 25. Tuesday

Very hot – Therm^r outside my dressing room window at 7 a.m. 70^o –

Went to the works after breakfast & returned about 11½ a.m. when as it is Minnie's birthday we went over to Sketty to spend the day – I drove Bessie in the Gig into Swansea after dinner –

June 26. Wednesday

Very hot – overcast in the evening – Wind N. fresh – Thunder & some rain set in about 9 P.M.-

Sketty after breakfast – then in to Works – at 4 P.M. went up with Bessie to call at the Grenfells – In the evening I went in to a lecture by Moggridge on botany at the Royal Institution –

June 27. Thursday

Rain last night & this morning – fine in the afternoon

Attended a Finance meeting & Special Quarter Sessions at Pyle – Went & returned by Railway – Bessie Mary & Minnie went by rail to Neath to call at the Gnoll -

June 28. Friday

Rain about the middle of the day – fine in the afternoon

Sketty after breakfast – then in to Swansea & on to Llangafelach Petty Sessions

Parkwern

June 29. Saturday

Fine –

Sketty after breakfast & then on to Swansea – Mr Williamson of Staffordshire is in Swansea & I shewed him the Town the Royal Institution & Mr Vivians Copper Works – He dined here in the evening & Benson met him –

June 30. Sunday

Rainy & unsettled – very mild – Wind W.

Remained at home in the morning – Went over to Sketty in the afternoon -

July 1. Monday.

Heavy rain all morning – fine in the afternoon Wind high S.W.

Bessie is going to spend the Summer with her Father in Derbyshire and went up to London to join him to day – I took her as far as Bristol – We left Swansea at 7 a.m. by the train and arrived at Chepstow at 10½ a.m

thence we went on by coach & arrived at Bristol about ¼ to 1. We got some lunch at the George and at ½ past 2 Bessie proceeded to London by the Express train – at ½ past 4 P.M. I returned as we came up & got home here at 11 P.M.

July 2. Tuesday

Rather Showery but fine on the whole – Wind S.W. high
Sketty after breakfast & then on to Swansea – at 3 P.M. I walked out with John –

Parkwern

July 3. Wednesday

A good deal of rain fell in the night & morning fine in the day –
Busy in Swansea at the works – I went over to Sketty with Harry before dinner –

July 4. Thursday

Small rain in the morning – fine in the afternoon Glass rising
Infirmary at 10 – Works in the afternoon – I dined at Sketty to meet Mr & Mrs J Traherne

July 5. Friday

Fine –
Attended the Annual meeting of the Infirmary at 12. – the Council of the Royal Institution at 2 - & then to the works – home at 4½ & took the children over to Sketty with the poney –

July 6 – Saturday

Heavy rain the whole day
I went over to Penllergare & fished down the stream –

July 7. Sunday

Fine – Wind high N.
Went over to Sketty with the children in the afternoon –

July 8. Monday

Fine – Wind N.W.
Swansea in the day – Went over to Sketty before dinner – The children & Miss Vickerman went down to the Mumbles to spend the afternoon & drink tea with Mrs Hewson

Chepstow

July 9. Tuesday

Left Swansea by the 10½ a m train & came up to Cardiff being summoned on the Grand Jury & also to give evidence on the trial of the man who set on fire my Straw shed at the Flint Mill – When the Grand jury met however at Cardiff the Judge (Baron Parke) appointed 10 o'clock tomorrow for them to be sworn – Having thus nothing to do in the afternoon J.D. Llewelyn & myself came on here to sleep – by the train

passing through Cardiff at 4^h.8^m P.M. we got here about 5.30 P.M – after dinner we strolled out & went more especially to see the progress making at the railway bridge over the Wye²

Parkwern

July 10 – Wednesday

Fair – small rain & threatening at night.

J.D.L. & self left Chepstow at 8 a m & came to Cardiff by 9.15.a.m. at 10 a m we went into Court & were sworn on the Grand Jury – We left Cardiff by the 5.30 p m – train which arrives in Swansea at 7.30 – I then walked home here –

Parkwern

July 11. Thursday

Still and close – looks like Thunder – there was rain in the night –

Infirmary at 10 – Float committee at 11 – Dock Office at 1 – Works in the afternoon – Walked over to Sketty with the children after dinner –

July 12. Friday

Thick & Misty in the morning – sunny the rest of the day – very hot & sultry –

Works after breakfast – Town Council meeting at 11 – at 2 P.M. I came out here & went in again with the children to see Wombwells menagerie of Wild beasts which is now in Swansea – dined at Sketty to meet Mr J Woods who is staying there –

July 13. Saturday

Fine - very hot & Close – No air – overcast & looked like thunder a great part of the day

I went to the Works after breakfast & returned about 2 P.M. when I took Harry for a ride on the poney over Clyne Common – I dined & the Children drank tea at Sketty in the evening –

July 14. Sunday

Very fine – hot

Went to Sketty in the afternoon – Mr Woods dined with me

Parkwern

July 15. Monday

Very fine – hot & bright all the morning – about 4 P.M. a heavy Thunder storm passed over in the direction of Crumlyn burrows &c – a heavy shower accompanied it & extended here. But did not last long –

Went to the works after breakfast – came out here about 2 P.M - & took Amy on the Poney over Clyne Common – I dined at Sketty-

July 16. Tuesday

² Designed by I K Brunel. J D Llewelyn took some photos of its construction in 1852 when he and his family went to Cornwall, coming back across the bridge.

Very fine – hot & bright – in the afternoon I saw a low misty cloud over the channel in the direction of Devonshire - & some small clouds of it resting against the Aberavon hills – it soon cleared off however – I went over to Sketty after breakfast & then into Swansea – returned about 3 P.M - & took Harry & Amy out on the poney

July 17 – Wednesday

Very fine – bright & hot –

I went to the Works directly after breakfast & returned about 11 a.m. when I went down to Llangland Bay – Minnie accompanied me on the Poney – Mary also came down with us – we went over Clyne Common –

Parkwern

July 18. Thursday

Fine – Overcast – a little rain fell in the evening

Infirmery at 10. Float Committee at ½ past 10 – works afterwards-

July 19. Friday –

Very fine – hot & bright –

Sketty after breakfast – then in to the works – came back about 12 - & took Harry on the poney to Llangland Bay – I dined at Grenfells at 7 o'clock

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July 20. Saturday

Very fine – hot –

Went to Sketty after breakfast & then into the Works – Young Lidgett dined here –

July 21. Sunday

Very fine –

Remained at home with the children the greater part of the day – Went over to Sketty &c.

July 22. Monday

Wind S.E. overcast – very close & sultry – the Wind though there was a good deal stirring was hot – a slight shower of rain fell about 5 P.M.

Went over to Sketty after breakfast and then into Swansea – I returned about 1 P.M. & took Amy on the poney to Llangland Bay – We got back about ½ past 5 – Johnny came here to day for a visit –

Parkwern

July 23. Tuesday

Rainy the greater part of the day –

Sketty after breakfast – Petty Sessions at 11½ - Works in the afternoon – Johnny & I dined at Sketty & the children drank tea there –

July 24. Wednesday

Fine on the whole – some rain fell in the afternoon but not much –

Went to Velindre & fished on the Llew with Johnny

July 25. Thursday

Showery – very fine in the evening –
Infirmery at 10 – Float Committee at 10½ - Works till 1. when I attended
at the Dock office – Works again in the afternoon –

July 26. Friday –

Fine –
Sketty after breakfast – Johnny left us today – I went to the Works about
12½ - & remained there till dinner time – Kingscote came here this
evening –

July 27 – Saturday –

Fine – Threatening in the morning but the weather cleared off in the
afternoon – wind N W high – Glass steadily rising
Went into Swansea with Kingscote about 10½ a.m – he went by the
Llanelly mail - - Went down to the Works afterwards – returned home
about and [sic] went down to call at Singleton –

Parkwern

July 28. Sunday

Fine – Wind high – N.W –
Went to church in the morning with Mary Miss Vickerman & Minnie – In
the afternoon I went with the children over to Sketty –

July 29. Monday

Fine –
Works after breakfast – home about 3½ p.m & went with the children to
Sketty & round by the sands –

July 30. Tuesday

Very fine – hot & bright –
Sketty after breakfast – Petty Sessions at 11 – Works in the afternoon – At
5 went with Mary & Minnie to the Grenfells to dinner & we afterwards all
went to a Concert at Kilvey –

July 31 – Wednesday

Very fine –
Minnie went with Mary over to Penllergare this morning for a few days – I
went to the Works - & returned home about 4½ P.M - & took the 2
children out – I dined at Sketty to meet E.Morgan

August 1. Thursday

Thick & Misty early – some misty rain fell – very close & hot – the sun
came out about midday & the rest of the day continued very hot –
Infirmery at 10 – Float Committee at 11 – Works afterwards – home about
3½ P.M & out with the children

Parkwern

August 2. Friday

Very fine – hot – Wind S.W.

Sketty after breakfast – then in to the works – took Harry & Amy out with the Poney to Town Hill in the afternoon. –

August 3. Saturday –

Very fine – bright & hot –

Sketty after breakfast & then in to the Works – out with the children in the evening – Minnie came home today

August 4. Sunday

Slight occasional rain – Wind. W – threatening Glass falling –

Went over to Sketty in the afternoon with the children

August 5. Monday

Some rain fell in the night – fine in the day

Police Court at 10½ a.m. Harbour meeting at 12. Works in the afternoon –

Went over to Sketty with Amy before dinner – Minnie again went to Penllergare with Mary for a visit

August 6. Tuesday

Very heavy rain early this morning – fine all day except some slight showers

Sketty after breakfast – Petty Sessions at 11 – Works afterwards home at 4 P.M., & took Amy for a ride on the Sands – Harry went with his Grandmama & Grandpapa down to Caswell Bay

Parkwern

August 7. Wednesday

a.m. bright & fine – PM – about 3 heavy rain set in from S, & S.E. which lasted all the evening –

August 8. Thursday

Showery & unsettled –

Went to the Works about 12 – Dock office at 3 P.M-

August 9. Friday

Slight showers – fine on the whole – Wind W – very high

Went over to Sketty with the children after breakfast, & then in to

Swansea – Attended a Town Council Quarterly meeting at 11 – Works in the afternoon – George Morris dined with me

August 10. Saturday –

a.m. Showery – P.M – Rain all the afternoon

Went to Sketty after breakfast and then into Swansea – first to the Works & then to the Police Court – Mary came home from Penllergare to day & brought Minnie with her – She came through Swansea & sent Minnie on & stopped herself to make some calls – at 2 P.M. she walked back with me –

Parkwern

August 11. Sunday

Frequent heavy Storms – Wind W –
Went over to Sketty with the children in the afternoon –

August 12. Monday

Wind N. Thunder storms & heavy showers in the day – clear & bright at night – glass rising rapidly –
Went to Swansea after breakfast – busy at the works – returned about 8 P.M – dined at Sketty to meet the Marryats –

August 13. Tuesday

Very fine – Wind N –
Went to Sketty after breakfast & then in to the works – returned about 3½ PM – G. Morris dined with me

August 14. Wednesday –

Fine –
After breakfast engaged with Griffiths on business respecting Ynisforan & Burrows Green and afterwards to Sketty – about 12 in to the Works. home about 4 P.M –

August 15. Thursday

Matlock

Very fine –
I left Swansea this morning by the 10 a m train & came to Chepstow, thence on by coach to Gloucester & again on here by trains through Birmingham & Derby – I arrived here about ¼ to 10 PM & joined Bessie DeleBeche & Rosie at tea –

Matlock

August 16. Friday –

Fine –
We all went to Dove Dale and spent the day there –

Derby

August 17. Saturday

Rain in the morning – fine in the afternoon
We walked about Matlock as soon as the weather cleared and in the afternoon Bessie & I came here by Railroad – We stopped at the Midland Hotel close to the Railway Station –

Gloster

August 18. Sunday

Overcast in the day – rain in the afternoon – it cleared of again in the evening –
We left Derby by the 8 oclock train to Birmingham this morning & arrived at the latter place at 10 – We remained at the Queens Hotel at the

Terminus till the evening when we came on here by the 5 o'clock train & arrived about a quarter to 8 – We came on to the Bell Inn

Parkwern

August 19 – Monday

Fine – wind high W. rather cold –

We left Gloster at 8 o'clock & came by coach to Chepstow - & then on to Swansea by the 12 o'clock train – arriving at Swansea at 3¼ P.M. Bessie at once came home & I went down to the works & returned here to dinner –

August 20 – Tuesday

Fine –

Went to Sketty after breakfast & then in to Swansea – busy at the Works & with D.Edwards in the morning – Dock office at 3½ to meet Mr Abernethy – Home to dinner at 5½ -

August 21. Wednesday

Fine – Wind N.E – very cold –

Went to Sketty after breakfast, back here by 9 & met Griffiths on business relating to Ynisfirgan & Burrys Green – then in to Swansea to the Works, returned at 2½ p.m & rode with Bessie down to the Mumbles to look at some lodgings – Being LWDs birthday we dined at Sketty –

Parkwern

August 22. Thursday

Heavy showers at intervals through the day

Infirmary at 10 – Float committee afterwards – Works at 12½ - & Dock office at 3 –

August 23, Friday

Fine – Wind W –

Sketty after breakfast and then in to Swansea busy at Works and went to Baths office about taking Rose Hill – returned here about 2 P.M & went out with Bessie & Minnie over the Town Hill, I walked & they rode – G Morris & Abernethy dined with us –

August 24. Saturday

Fine with the exception of one or two Slight Showers –

Sketty in the morning & then in to the Works – home in the afternoon & read to Bessie & c who us laid up with a cold –

August 25. Sunday

Heavy rain all day – Wind W –

Did not go out on acct of the weather

August 26. Monday

Fine –

Sketty after breakfast & then in to Swansea – busy at the works the greater part of the day – C.Smith met me respecting the delivery of coal at the works –

Parkwern

August 27. Tuesday

Rain the greater part of the day –
Sketty after breakfast – Petty sessions from 12 to 2½ - Dock office at 3 – called at the Works in my way home

August 28. Wednesday

Fine – Busy at the works & in Swansea the greater part of the day

August 29. Thursday

Fine –
Infirmary at 10 – Works in the afternoon – Met Evans & Glasson there and arranged with them the basis of an agreement from them to take the Pottery –

August 30. Friday

Fine except one or two Slight showers – cold Wind N –
Played in a Cricket Match on Crymlyn Burrows –

August 31- Saturday –

Fine –
Went into Swansea after breakfast & thence proceeded to Neath by the 10 o'clock train, from there I walked up to Ynisygerwn to see the Sketty party who are staying there – I returned to Swansea by the train which arrives at 3 P.M – then went down to the Works & home to dinner –

Parkwern

Sept^r 1. Sunday

Fine –
Remained at home with Bessie & the children – Walked in the garden &c

Sept^r. 2 – Monday

Very fine –
Works after breakfast – Harbour meeting at 12. Works again in the afternoon – Home to dinner –

Sept^r 3. Tuesday –

Very fine –
We all went up to Ynisygerwn to see Mama on her birthday – I took Amy to Swansea on the Poney & Bessie took Harry & Minnie in the carriage – thence we went by the 10 o'clock train to Neath – the Sketty carriage met us there – w returned by the 3 PM. train –

Sept^r 4. Wednesday –

Fine – Wind E –

Went in to the works after breakfast – at 12 attended meeting of Town Council to form themselves into a Local board of health – Works again in the afternoon – Appointed Evans and Glasson to meet me at J.T.Jenkins tomorrow to enter into an agreement for their taking the Works –

Parkwern

Sept^r 5 – Thursday

Fine –

Infirmery at 10.a.m – at ½ past 11 I met Mess^{rs} Evans and Glasson at J.T.Jenkins office and arranged the terms of the Agreement & lease of the Works –

Sept^r 6 – Friday

Fine – Wind E –

Went to Ynisgyerwn by the 10 a m train to Neath & returned by the 3 P M. train to Swansea – Busy at the Works till 5 & home to dinner

Rose Hill

Sept^r 7. Saturday

Fine – bright & clear – Wind E.N.E.

Swansea after breakfast, busy at the works all day except for a couple of hours in the middle of the day when I met J.J. Strick & Griffiths at Attwoods office respecting Ynisforgan farm – I walked out here to dinner – We have taken this house & field furnished of Bath for 2 months at £3 a week – Bessie and the children came down in the afternoon –

Sept^r 8. Sunday

Very fine

Went to Mumbles Church with Minnie in the morning – In the afternoon went with Bessie & the children over to Langland Bay

Rose Hill

September 9. Monday

Very fine –

Walked to Swansea after breakfast, attended a Committee at 12 respecting the Health of Towns act – the rest of the day I was at the works – home to dinner at 6 –

Sept^r 10 – Tuesday

Fine – Wind S.E. rather high in the morning –

Walked into Swansea directly after breakfast – busy at the works all day – home to dinner at ½ past 6 –

Sept^r 11. Wednesday

Wind S.E. rather high – looks threatening this evening –

Walked into Swansea in the morning the first thing - at 11 attended at Petty Sessions on a Smuggling case – Works the rest of the day – home to dinner at 6½ -

Sept^r 12. Thursday

Fine. wind S.E.

Infirmery at 10 a.m. Corporation meeting respecting Docks at 11 – Works all afternoon – I dined at the Mackworth arms and afterwards attended a meeting of the Literary & Scientific Society in the evening – Walked home afterwards about 10 PM-

Sept^r 13. Friday

Fine –

Went to Sketty after breakfast & then to the Works – home to dinner –

Llandilo

Sept^r 14 Saturday –

Fine –

Went into Swansea after breakfast, busy at the works till 4 P.M when I came here by coach – D Edwards met me on my arrival & spent the evening with me

September 15 –Sunday

Llwyn Madoc

Very fine –

Left Llandilo by the Mail at 12 by which I came on to Llandovery – thence I came on here by gig – found the case on which I came to give evidence had been settled last night –

September 16 – Monday

Llandovery

Fine –

Came here from Llwyn Madoc to day

Rosehill

Sept^r 17 – Tuesday

Very fine –

From Llandovery I came by Mail to Llandilo at 10½ a.m. at 2 P.M I came with D Edwards to Swansea by the Llanelly railway Bus^s [?] &c & walked out here to dinner –

Sept^r 18. Wednesday

Fine –

Busy in Swansea at the Works nearly all day - home to dinner at ½ past 6 P.M.

Rose Hill

Sept^r 19. Thursday

Dark & threatening. Wind S.E. scuds [?] of heavy rain all day at intervals – Went to Sketty after breakfast and into Swansea about 12½ P.M. busy the rest of the day at the works – home to dinner at 6 –

September 20. Friday

Fine on the whole –

Drove with Bessie into Swansea after breakfast in the gig – busy at the Works all day – We came home to dinner & came round by Parkwern

September 21. Saturday

Very fine – Wind S.W –

Went into Swansea the first thing after breakfast calling at Sketty in the way – busy at the works all day home to dinner at 6½ -

Sept^r 22 - Sunday

Fine –

a.m. Went to church with Bessie & Minnie

P.M. We all went to Langland Bay –

Sept^r 23. Monday

Unsettled but fine on the whole –

Busy at Swansea at the works all day

Sept^r 24. Tuesday

Wind west – fine on the whole –

Busy at works all day –

Sept^r 25. Wednesday

Fine a.m – threatening P.M.

Busy at the works all day

Sketty Hall

Sept^r 26. Thursday

Showery in the morning fine in the afternoon –

I went to the Works & was busy there all day – dined here – Bessie came here to meet me & we remain here to night – the Grants are here –

Rose Hill

Sept^r 27. Friday

Heavy showers at intervals through the morning heavy rain in the evening

Wind W.S.W.

Busy at the works all day – Bessie went to the consecration of the Vivians new church at Sketty –

Sept^r 28. Saturday –

Threatening –

Busy all day at the works and Jenkins's office – I have let the Works to Mess^{rs} Evans & Glasson and to day we settled the amount of Stock, Materials inventories &c, &c – and in the evening executed the agreements &c – In did not get home till about 8 o'clock in the evening –

Sept^r 29 – Sunday

Very heavy showers in the morning – showery & unsettled in the afternoon –

We remained at home in the morning – in the afternoon we all walked on the Mumbles Hill – I afterwards went over to Caswell to see Johnny and Willy –

Rose Hill

Sept^r 30. Monday

Showery but fine at intervals – Wind W.S.W –

I went into Swansea to remove books & c- at the Works – called at Sketty & Parkwern in the way – Bessie & Harry accompanied me on the ponies –

October 1. Tuesday –

a.m. Showery – P.M.fine. Wind W. X N W

Drove with Bessie into Swansea after breakfast & attended Petty Sessions – came home by Parkwern about 4½ P.M – took Minnie & Harry & Weston for a walk over the Hill towards the Lighthouse – G.Morris dined with us –

October 2. Wednesday

Fine all day – Rain set in about 9 P.M

Went to Sketty after breakfast & then on to Swansea – Attended a meeting of the local board of Health at 12.- & Quarterly meeting of the House of Correction at 1 – at 3 met Kingscote who walked out with me to dinner here – G.Morris also dined here –

October 3. Thursday

Overcast – no rain – Wind S E –

Infirmity in the morning – Float committee afterwards – Dock office at 3 P.M – afterwards about 4 walked back here

Rose Hill

October 4. Friday –

Fine with the exception of one or two Showers

Drove Johnny & Willy over to Penllergare & went over shooting there with Johnny & Moggridge who joined us –

October 5. Saturday

Fine – occasional showers – wind W –

Went down to Langland reef to look for marine animals & c at low water (from 12 to 1) – In the afternoon Bessie & N Minnie came with me along the rocks towards Pwlldu – they rode & B I walked

October 6 – Sunday

Rain all day – Wind W –

Remained in the house on account of the weather nearly the whole day

October 7 – Monday

Fine – Wind N.W. very high in the night

Went to Sketty after breakfast & then on to Swansea – Attended a Harbour meeting at 12 – Went down to the Works in the afternoon – home to dinner

October 8. Tuesday

Fine –

Went to Sketty after breakfast and then into Swansea – returned home about 4 P.M & went to call at the Hewsons – We dined at S Davies's to meet Saunders Davies –

Rose Hill

October 9. Wednesday –

Fine –

Wrote & c – after breakfast – about 11 went with Bessie and the Children to Langland Bay – returned at 1 and in the afternoon we all again went over the Hill & c

October 10. Thursday

Showery –

Went into Swansea the first thing after breakfast and at 10 a.m. proceeded by railroad to Bridgend to attend the meeting of the Finance Committee – returned by the train into Swansea at 3.15 – P.M – dined at Sketty and afterwards attended the meeting of the Lit. & Scientific Soc^y a paper on the Cirrhopods was read by Jeffreys with whom afterwards I walked home

October 11 – Friday –

Fine – Wind high. very cold – N.N.E. –

I remained at home in the morning as I had a headache – in the afternoon I drove into Swansea via Sketty & Parkwern – home to dinner

October 12. Saturday

Fine – Frost last night – wind N –

Drove in to Swansea in the Dog cart – I bought a new horse – at 12½ we went up to call at the Grenfells – home about ¼ 3 - & walked with Minnie to Caswell –

Rose Hill

October 13. Sunday

Fine – rather overcast –

a.m. We went to church – P.M. walked over the Gwint between Langland and Caswell Bays with Bessie and the children –

October 14. Monday

Overcast – no rain to speak of –

Went out shooting at Cathelit [?]-

October 15. Tuesday

Fine – There was some rain in the night –

Attended the Quarter Sessions – called at Sketty in my way – home to dinner about 6.P.M.

October 16. Wednesday

Fine in the morning – showery in the afternoon –
Went into Swansea after breakfast – executed commissions &c – till 1 PM
when I went to Sketty & thence home –

October 17 – Thursday

Very fine –
Infirmary at 10 – Float committee afterwards – Council Meeting at the
Royal Institution at 2 P.M. home by Sketty – R Brown (the Botanist) had
just arrived on a visit there –

October 18. Friday

Fine on the whole – Wind S.W – mild- Halo round the moon at night –
Went into Swansea after breakfast to attend a Corporation meeting –
Sketty in the afternoon and home to dinner –

Rose Hill

October 19. Saturday

a.m. misty rain. P.M. fine – rather overcast
Remained at home in the morning writing letters & c – walked out with Bessie
& the children in the afternoon – went with Bessie to dine at Sketty to meet
R.Browne

October 20. Sunday

No rain – overcast & threatening – Wind S.W.
a.m. We went to church. P.M. Walked to Langland with Bessie and the
children –

October 21. Monday

Clemenstone

Fine –
Bessie & I came into Swansea calling at Sketty in the way – We came on to
Bridgend by the train at 1 P.M. & thence here by fly – the Trahernes are
staying here

October 22 – Tuesday

Fine –
I went out shooting with Franklen -

Oct^r 23. Wednesday

Showery in the forenoon – tolerably fine in the afternoon – wind N.W. cold
–
a.m. walked with Franklen over his farm & c
P.M. Went for a walk with Mrs & Miss F & Bessie –

Oct^r 24. Thursday

Fine – frost in the night -

I went out shooting with Franklen

Rose Hill

Oct^r 25. Friday

Fine – cold – wind N.E –

We left Clemenstone this morning at ½ past 8 & got to Swansea by train about 11 a.m – called at Sketty on our way out – in the afternoon I rode up to Ynis forgan to meet Strick –

Oct^r 26- Saturday

Very fine – cold – Wind N.E.

Drove into Swansea with Bessie in the morning – called at Sketty – We got back here about 2½ P.M. & walked with the children –

Oct^r 27. Sunday

Frost in the night and wind N E. in the morning – about 11 a m rain set in heavily which lasted for the greater part of the day – Wind W –

I went to church in the morning & in the afternoon I walked on the Mumble Hill with Minnie & Harry – I dined at Sketty in the evening –

October 28. Monday

Wind N.W – calm. Heavy frequent and continued showers

Drove Bessie in the Dog Cart into Swansea called at Glanmor and Gabalva – got home about 4 P.M.

Rose Hill.

October 29. Friday

Fine – wind N-W. cold –

After Breakfast I went up to Sketty & then on to Parkwern to meet Mr Jenkins – At 11 I attended Petty Sessions – home about 3 P.M. & called with Bessie on the Hewsons –

October 30. Wednesday

Rainy in the morning – Wind W – unsettled & Dark in the afternoon – no rain however

After breakfast I took the Dog cart up to Parkwern & walked back calling at Sketty in the way – got back about ½ past 2 - & walked with the children to Bracelet Bay – Miss E Hewson dined with us & walked with her home in the evening –

October 31. Thursday

Gloomy & damp – Wind S.W – mild

Infirmery at 10 – executed commissions about the Town & met Gregor Mansfield & Beynon respecting my Wharf at ½ past 11 – home in the evening – We dined at Dderwen fawr –

Nov^r. 1. Friday Parkwern

Wind W. Mild – thick & damp

Packed up & c after breakfast & then went into Swansea to attend the Municipal election. We came home to day –

Parkwern

November 2. Saturday

Heavy rain in the morning – fine in the afternoon

Wind W.

Went over to Sketty with Minnie in the afternoon & walked home with her by the sands –

November 3. Sunday

Heavy rain in the night and early morning – tolerably fine in the day

We went to the new Sketty church (being the first time of the performance of regular service in it) in the morning – Brown was taken very ill of an attack of bleeding at the Lungs & c. & Dr. Williams having bled him for it, all afternoon he was subject to fainting fits & delirium – I remained at home. Dr W. also remained with him & will sleep here to night

November 4. Monday

Heavy rain in the night & morning – fine in the day – Wind W –

Brown is certainly much better though not out of danger – in the morning

I went to Sketty & then into Swansea to attend a Harbour Meeting – took a walk with Bessie in the afternoon –

Nov^r. 5. Tuesday

Unsettled –

Attended Petty Sessions & c –

Parkwern –

Nov^r. 6. Wednesday

Fine –

Sketty after breakfast & then into Swansea with Bessie – home about 1½ P.M, & then went out with my gun over Wigfach & c – Brown continues better –

Nov^r. 7. Thursday

Fine in the morning – threatening in the afternoon & cold drizzling rain towards night glass falling –

Infirmary at 10 – Sanatory [*sic*] Committee at 11. Went over to Sketty before dinner –

Nov^r. 8. Friday

Fine all day – clear –

I went out shooting at Park with H.H.Vivian & N.E.Vaughan –

In the evening Bessie dined at Singleton but I had a bad headache and remained at home

Nov^r. 9. Saturday

Misty rain the greater part of the day – calm
Barometer high – rising –
Attended a Sanatory Committee at 10½ a.m and at 12 the Town Council meeting for the election of Mayor – In the afternoon I went down to my office to see Mr Rees respecting the letting of my Wharves and a portion of Burrows Lodge field to Mr Essery –

Parkwern

November 10 – Sunday

Misty thick rain at intervals – mild –

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

November 11. Monday

Mild – Misty & thick – little rain – Wind W.

I went over to Sketty in the morning and went through the Brighton rentals for LWD – in the afternoon I went out shooting towards Felin fach & c –

Nov^r. 12. Tuesday

Thick in the morning – fine in the afternoon

Attended Petty Sessions at 11 – in the afternoon I drove with Bessie down to call on the Hewsons –

Nov^r. 13. Wednesday

Fine –

Wrote & c after breakfast – Walked with the children on the sands & to Sketty & then I went in to Swansea –

Nov^r. 14. Thursday Duffryn Aberdare

Fine –

We came up to day on a visit to the H Bruce's – Minnie came with us – We left Swansea by the 10 a.m. train & came on by it to Cardiff whence we proceeded here by the Taff Vale line and Aberdare junction – We got here about 3 P.M., and I took a walk with Minnie and H Bruce

Duffryn Aberdare

Nov^r. 15. Friday

Rainy –

I went out shooting with H Bruce

Nov^r. 16. Saturday

Heavy rain all morning & the greater part of the day – it cleared up about 4½ P.M.

I went with Bruce to Merthyr & sat with him in the Police Court there – we walked back in time for dinner -

Nov^r. 17. Sunday

Fine in the morning – threatening in the afternoon but no rain – a.m. We all went to Aberdare Church –

P.M. Bessie rode & H Bruce & I walked on the Hills behind the house –

Nov^r. 18. Monday

Rain the whole day –

I did not go out –

Nov^r. 19 – Tuesday

Rain nearly all day – Wind very high – a gale S.W.

Remained at home the greater part of the day

Parkwern

Nov^r. 20. Wednesday

Fine on the whole – Wind high. N.W.

We left Duffryn about 1 P.M - & came home via Cardiff at which place we remained for more than 2 hours waiting for the down SWR train & went to see the Castle, Town, Docks &c & c – We arrived here about ¼ to 8 P.M-

Parkwern

Nov^r. 21. Thursday

Threatening in the morning, rain in the evening

Went over to Sketty after breakfast & then on to Swansea – attended

Committees of the Sanatory board – Dock office at 3 P.M. home to dinner –

Nov^r. 22. Friday –

Rain all day –

Went over to Sketty after breakfast and then in to a meeting of the Board of health for the election of Officers & c – at the Assembly rooms this lasted about 4 hours and at 3½ P.M. went down to the works –

Nov^r. 23 – Saturday

Showery but clear & fine on the whole

Wind WNW.

Wrote & c. at home in the morning & in the afternoon went out Shooting at Penllergare –

November 24. Sunday

Wind very high in the night (a gale) S.W. accompanied with torrents of rain – the rain continued without intermissions till about noon when it cleared off with the exception of occasional heavy showers for the rest of the day –

We all remained at home on account of the weather in the morning – In the afternoon I went over to Sketty and to Church at 3 P.M. –

Parkwern

November 25. Monday –

Fine with the exception of one or two heavy showers – the Wind was very violent in gusts in the night –

A Birch tree was blown down on our lawn –

Attended a committee of the Sanatory board at 10 a.m. – In the afternoon went with Bessie to call at Glanmor & c –

November 26. Tuesday –

Cold & frosty in then night, a Heavy shower came on about 9½ a.m. Fine the rest of the day –

Wrote & read in the morning. Went over to Sketty about 11 & arranged deeds & c – for LWD – back about 1 PM & wrote letters till 2 – I then took Harry out in the afternoon –

November 27. Wednesday –

Fine – cold. Wind N.E –

Made calls with Bessie –

November 28. Thursday

Fine – very cold all day – still – Wind N.E. sharp frost in the night
Infirmery at 10. Float committee at 10½ - met Gregor & Beynon of the Wigfach Colliery C^o at 1.P.M. respecting the letting of one of my wharves – agreed with them on the following terms - £100 per annum – sleeping rent - & in addition they to pay a penny per Ton royalty upon all coal shipped guaranteeing such quantity to amount to 12,000 tons annually – making in fact the fixed rent £150 per annum – for all coal shipped above 12000 tons per annum they are to pay a royalty of two pence per ton – At 3 P.M. I attended a meeting at the Dock office – home to dinner – In the evening I went in again to attend a meeting of the Literary & Scientific Society –

Nov^r. 29. Friday –

Wind rather high N.E. very cold – frost in then night but not very sharp – fine all day, bright – no thaw all day –

Went over to Sketty after breakfast & then on to Llangafelach Petty Sessions – shot my way home – called at Penllergare in the way –

November 30. Saturday

Sharp frost in the night – very cold all day – fine –

I went out shooting at Penllergare – Miss Hewson came to us to day –

December 1. Sunday –

Cold – black thaw – Wind E –

We went to church in the morning & to Sketty in the afternoon after which Bessie went with Miss E Hewson & Harry to afternoon service & I took Minnie & Amy for a walk

December 2. Monday

Heavy rain in the night – threatening & dark in the morning – tolerably fine in the afternoon

I attended a Board of Health Committee in the morning at 10 – and at 12 a Harbour meeting – rode with Bessie to try a horse in the afternoon after

which I went over to Sketty before dinner – Miss Hewson remains with us till tomorrow when we go to Rheola for a few days –

Rheola

December 3. Tuesday

Fine –

We came up here today on a visit for a few days. Mary accompanied us

December 4. Wednesday –

Rainy –

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

December 5. Thursday

Very mild – no rain – but dark & overcast –

I went out shooting with Vaughan & H Rickards in Rheola Wood –

December 6. Friday

Very fine – White frost early in the morning

Went out shooting at Crinant Barncut [?] & c with H. Rickards – Vaughan was unwell & could not accompany us –

Parkwern

December 7. Saturday

Very fine –

I left Rheola this morning at 9 & came down to Neath in time for the train at 10^h. 15^m a.m. by which I proceeded to Swansea where I had an appointment at Jeffreys & Gaskoin's respecting Chappels mortgage (Moggridges marriage settlement trust) which was paid off to day – I afterwards came home & got here about ¼ to 1 P.M – in the afternoon I went over to Sketty with the children – Bessie & Mary rode home from Rheola and arrived about 5 P.M – in the evening I unpacked a box of Zoological specimens & c which have arrived from Labuan from Motley –

December 8. Sunday

Fine – Wind E – cold –

We went to Church in the morning – in the afternoon we went to Sketty & Bessie took Harry to the afternoon service at church & I went for a walk with Minnie and Amy –

December 9. Monday

Fine – Slight frost in the night cold all day – Wind E.

At 10 – I attended a Committee of the Sanatory board – In the afternoon I called at the Bryn & Sketty – We dined at the Bryn

December 10. Tuesday

Fine – Wind S.E. rather high – cold –

Went over to Sketty in the morning & went through some accounts with LWD – I afterwards went out Shooting over Felyn fach & c –

December 11. Wednesday

Sunrise red – Heavy rain set in about 11 a.m. & continued with little intermission till dark – Wind S E. in the morning – in the afternoon S.W. Went out Shooting with Penrice at Kilvrough – Mr R.Eden went down with me in my Dog cart – home to dinner –

Parkwern

December 12. Thursday

Showery but fine on the whole.
Infirmary at 10. Harbour Committee at 10½ - Meeting of the Trustees of the Grammar school at 11½ a.m – returned home about ½ past 2 - & drove Bessie in to Swansea again for some errands. In the evening I attended a meeting of the Literary & Scientific Society –

December 18. Friday

Showery in the day – heavy rain in the evening –
I went over to Sketty after breakfast and into Swansea to a Town Council meeting at 11. in the afternoon I set off with Bessie & Minnie in the gig to to [*sic*] the Mumbles to see Fanny but we were turned back by the rain – We had a party in the evening –

December 14 – Saturday –

a.m. Wind high W. – threatening rain – P M the rain set in torrents accompanied by occasional hail & Thunder & lightning –
I went to Sketty after breakfast – at 11 I drove over to Penllergare & went out shooting with Johnny & Mr Knight – We were soon however driven in by the rain & I returned home about 3.P.M –

Dec^r 15 – Sunday

Rain nearly the whole day –
a.m. I went to church & then called at the Bryn & Sketty where the Bishop of S^t Davids is staying – at 3 P.M. I went with Bessie to church to hear him preach –

December 16. Monday

Heavy rain nearly the whole day – fine & bright at night – but wind high W – unsettled sky
I went in to Swansea at 10 & attended a meeting of the Board of health which lasted till 5½ P.M. the principal business was the appointment of Surveyor – there were 108 candidates – Mr Gant of Westminster having high testimonials from Mr Austin of the London board of health & others was elected – In the evening we dined at Sketty to meet the Bishop of S^t Davids –

December 17. Tuesday –

Stormy & unsettled – rain the greater part of the morning.
Wrote at home in the forenoon – Went into Swansea to execute some commissions in the afternoon & when I returned went over to Sketty – We dined at Singleton –

December 18. Wednesday -

Slight frost in the morning heavy rain in the afternoon - Wind N. in the evening - Bar very low -

I went out shooting at Crinant - -

Dec^r. 19. Thursday

Fine - cold - Wind N.E glass getting up fast - Sky clear -

Infirmity at 10. Float Committee ½ past 10 - Arranged papers & c at my office in the Strand the rest of the day -

Parkwern

December 20. Friday

Tolerably fine.

Sketty after breakfast & then went into Swansea with Bessie out again in the afternoon & again went out walking with Bessie -

December 21. Saturday

a.m. thick, threatening - glass rising - PM thick rain -

Went to Swansea in the carriage in the morning & out shooting in the afternoon - Penrice came to us today

Dec^r. 22. Sunday

Fine - rather overcast - Glass high -

Church at 11 a.m - in the P.M I walked with Penrice in the afternoon to Sketty & on the sands

December 23 - Monday

a.m. Thick Smoke & fog - P.M. mild & overcast -

Board of Health Com^e at 10 - Savings Bank at 1. Railway station to meet Mrs H.Bruce - who with her husband are coming to stay here for a few days -

December 24. Tuesday -

Fine -

Went out shooting with H.Bruce over Canewydd Penyfody & c - We dined at Singleton -

Parkwern

Dec^r. 25. Wednesday

Fine -

We all went to church in the Morning -

I went to Sketty with the children in the afternoon -

Dec^r. 26. Thursday

Fine -

I went with up to [sic] Ynisgerwn shooting - We had a party to dinner -

Dec^r. 27 - Friday

Fine –
Went with Bruce out shooting at Penllergare –

December 28. Saturday –
Threatening but fine on the whole
Went to Sketty, wrote letters & c in the morning and in the afternoon went
out shooting with Bruce over Travelly & c –

December 29 – Sunday
Rainy – Wind W. mild –
We went to church in the morning and in the afternoon I went over to
Sketty after which I drove Bruce in in the Dog cart for the 5 oclock train –
he is obliged to leave us today & Mrs Bruce & her little girl will leave us
tomorrow

December 30. Monday
Rainy –
H. of Towns committee of Works at 10 – over to Sketty in the afternoon –
we dined at Glanmor – Mrs Bruce left us this morning –

Parkwwern
December 31. Tuesday
Rainy and unsettled –
I went up to Cardiff this morning to attend the Quarter Sessions –
returned by the 7 oclock train –

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