

The Dillwyn Collection

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

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Journal . commencing

May 1. 1858

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London

1858 -
May -

May 1. Saturday -

Cold and showery - Wind high. S.W.

a.m. went with Minnie up to Paddington - In the afternoon Bessie & Minnie went out in the carriage & I made some calls & c

May 2. Sunday -

Showery. cold -

At home the greater part of the day - in the afternoon we walked to call on the Llewelyns -

May 3. Monday -

Cold - gloomy

Committee all day - dined at the club Home at night -

May 4. Tuesday

Cold a.m. rain about 5 P.M. fair afterwards

With Minnie in the morning to the club for letters & c Committee at 12 to 2 - & House in the evening - home to tea - - home from the House at 1¼ a.m -

May 5. Wednesday

Fine but cold -

With Bessie & Minnie to Albermarle [sic] St^t at 11½ a m to the House at 1 P.M - at 7 P.M. attended a meeting of the Religious liberation Society at St^t Martins Hall -

May 6. Thursday

Very cold - Wind N.E. high - fine -

a.m. walked with Minnie to the Club & c P.M - to the House on the committee at 12 - home at 5 & walked in the Park with Minnie - to the House again at night -

May 7. Friday

Cold. Wind N.E. fine

a.m. to the club & c & to the House at 12 - home to tea at 7. & to the House again at 8½ Debate on India resolutions - home about 1.a.m.

May 8. Saturday -

Fine - cold - Wind N.E -

After breakfast with Minnie to the Club for my letters - at 11½ rode with Bessie till 1 P.M. & in the afternoon went to the Royal Academy exhⁿ with Bessie & Minnie - I dined with the Speaker in the evening -

May 9. Sunday -

Fine - Wind E. Cold -

Went to the Temple Church in the morning with Bessie & Minnie - In the afternoon we walked in the Park & c -

May 10 - Monday

Fine - cold -

a.m. with Bessie to Hunt & Roskills & then to Albermarle St John returned with us here & then walked with me to Pall Mall - I went to the House at 12 - at 5 P.M - Bessie & Minnie joined me there & went up to the Ladies Gallery -

May 11. Tuesday -

Fine -

To the House at 12 - home at 7. & went with Bessie & Minnie to dine with the Erles - To the House again at 10½ - home at 1.a.m. -

May 12. Wednesday

Rainy & unsettled -

a.m. at home. at 1 I went with Bessie & Minnie to the Gurneys in Princes Gate where I left then & then down to the House - at 4 attended the Committee to draw up reasons for the Commons disagreement with the Lords amendments to the Oaths Bill - at ¼ to 8 went with Bessie to dine at the Gallweys -

May 13 - Thursday

Showery

Walked with Minnie in the morning - & then went with her & Bessie to the Weguelins where I left them & where they had been asked to Lunch - To the House in the afternoon & remained there all night -

May 14. Friday

Showers & some heavy rain in the evening -

Went with Minnie to the Athenaeum after breakfast & then we called at Everalls - home at 12½ & I then went to a political meeting at Lord Palmerstons & afterwards to a meeting of independent [scan letter] Liberals at the House of Commons - Debate at night on Cardwells motion of censure on Government for the despatch to Lord Canning on Oude Proclamation - I moved an amendment approving L^d C^s general policy in the Indian Crisis up to the Oude proclamation & declining to enter upon that without further information - - Debate adjourned a little after 12 - & I came home - I had a bad headache all night & day

May 15. Saturday

Unsettled Weather

~~With Minnie~~ to the club & c after breakfast at 12 - Went with Bessie & Minnie to the Queens Drawing Room & then we walked in the Park - We dined with the Weguelins

May 16. Sunday

Stormy -

To the Temple Church with B. & M - after breakfast - walked in the Park in the afternoon & c -

May 17. Monday

Showery

To St James's St & c with B & M after breakfast & then I went down to the House - Home about 1½ a.m. - adjourned debate from Friday

May 18. Tuesday

Wet in the morning - fine in the evening - Wind high - W -

With Minnie after breakfast - To the House at 12 - on committee till 4 P.M - & then in the House till 1 a m

May 19. Wednesday -

Wind high - - fine on the whole -

To the Club with Minnie for my letters after breakfast & then rode in the Park with Bessie till 2 P.M - at ¼ 3. went to the Crystal Palace with Bessie & Minnie - home to dinner at 7½ -

May 20. Thursday

Fine

~~With Minnie~~ To the club & c after breakfast & then with JDL to Hatton Garden - to the Committee room in the H of C. at 1 - House all night adjourned debate on the Governor General of India question - again adjourned

May 21. Friday

Fine

With Minnie to the Club & Everalls after breakfast - to the House at 4 - Debate terminated by withdrawal of motion by Cardwell & amendment by myself - home at 8½ - Harry came to us this afternoon for a few days -

May 22. Saturday -

Fine -

a.m. Went with Minnie & Harry about some commissions - in the afternoon we all went to see an exhibition of American Horsemans Life & c - We had a party to dinner in the evening -

May 23. Sunday -

Very stormy - Wind N.W - frequent and very heavy showers -

At home the greater part of the day

Hendrefoilan

Rainy -

Came down here by Express train - called at Sketty on my way out & met Amy there - returned here with her -

May 25. Tuesday

Wind high. N.W. bright & fine -

After breakfast went with Amy to Sketty and on to Swansea - we returned about 3 P.M. & I again went to Swansea & took the chair of a dinner of the Odd fellows society - home about 11.P.M.

May 26. Wednesday -

Very fine - Wind from S.E. to S.W. (not high) -

a.m. into Swansea - P.M - to Sketty in my way out - met the children there & returned here with them about 6 P.M -

May 27. Thursday

Rain in the night - very fine all day Wind W. bright & pleasant.

After breakfast walked into Swansea with Amy & she had a tooth taken out - back to Sketty at 1 P.M. where Essie met us & we dined - John & Emma also joined us as did Mary in the afternoon We went in the Garden with my Mother & about 4½ I returned here with Amy & Essie - J.D.L. also came with us in his way home - at 7 P.M. I again went into Swansea to an Odd fellow lodge when I joined the Society - home at 9 P.M -

May 28. Friday

Fine. mild

To Sketty at 1. with Amy - back at 2½ P.M - About here the rest of the day with Amy & Essie

May 29. Saturday -

Very fine -

To the Works after breakfast - to Sketty at 3 P.M. & met the children there - home with them here about 5½ P.M -

May 30. Sunday

Very fine -

To Church after breakfast & then with Amy to Sketty - home about 3 P.M. & then out about the grounds & c the rest of the evening with Amy & Essie

London

May 31. Monday

Fine. Very hot -

I came up here by Express train to day - leaving Swansea at 11.30 a.m. Amy came in with me to the Station & returned in the Sketty Carriage -

June 1. Tuesday

Fine. very hot

With Minnie to the club for my letters after breakfast - To the House in the evening - home at 3 a.m -

June 2. Wednesday

Very hot - slight showers in the evening -

Day sitting at the House - home at 5½ & walked with Minnie in the park -

June 3. Thursday

Very hot -

To the City with Minnie after breakfast - home at 3 P.M, & down to the House - home about 1½ a.m. -

June 4. Friday -
Fine - bright & pleasant -
With Bessie & Minnie to Albermarle St to the dentists & c after breakfast - To the House in the evening - Debate on Estimates - Home about 1½ a m -

June 5. Saturday
a.m. Heavy showers - Thunder & c - P.M. tolerably fine - but dark & threatening -
To the Athenaeum for my letters with Minnie after breakfast - In the afternoon rode with Bessie to Roehampton to call on the Schreibers - We had a party to dinner -

June 6. Sunday
Fine -
Went to the Zool. Gardens in the afternoon with Rosie Bessie & Minnie -

June 7. Monday
Fine -
a.m. With Minnie to the Athenaeum & c
P.M - To the House - debate on Indian resolutions - home about 1½ a m -

June 8. Tuesday
Fine -
At the House nearly all day and night - Church Rates Bill came on at 12 - & at the evening sitting the Ballot question came on

June 9. Wednesday
Fine. very hot -
Walked with Minnie to the club after breakfast & then back here. wrote & c till the afternoon (about 4 o'clock) & then went down to the House - home by the club & c
- Walked with Minnie again to Chelsea Bridge in the evening -

June 10 Thursday
Fine very hot -
To the club with Minnie after breakfast - To the House in the evening - home about 1½ a m

June 11. Friday -
Very fine - hot
a m. To the club & c with Minnie - To the House at 4 P.M. India debates - at 6½ I paired off till 11¼ with Sir W. Gallwey & went with Bessie Rosie & Minnie to H. Leslie's concert at St Martins Hall - To the House again at 11¼ & remained there all night - home about ¼ to 2 a.m.

June 12. Saturday
Very fine. hot -
With Bessie to the City after breakfast - Walked with Minnie in the Park in the afternoon - In the evening went to the Olympic Theatre with Bessie Rosie & Minnie

June 13. Sunday

Very hot -

a.m - we went to church - P.M. Bessie Minnie & self went to Clapham and dined at Sir W. Napiers¹ -

June 14. Monday

Very hot - the hottest day this year -

a.m - to the club with Minnie - P.M. attended a deputation to the Board of Trade as to the South Wales Railway Bill clauses - at 8 P.M. attended on a recommitment of the Birkenhead Gass [*sic*] Bill - House at night - home about 1½ a.m -

June 15. Tuesday

Very hot. Therm[̄] 85⁰ in the shade

To the club in the afternoon & to the House at 5 - in the evening went with Bessie & Minnie to a ball at Mrs Irelands

June 16. Wednesday

Very hot - hotter than yesterday -

To the House at 12 - in the evening we dined with the T Allens & afterwards went to a party at Mrs Martins -

June 17. Thursday

~~Fine~~ - not as hot as yesterday - cloudy - some rain in the middle of the day -

Day sitting at the House - Walked with Minnie in the afternoon - In the evening we all went to the Haymarket Theatre -

June 18. Friday

Fine -

To the S Wales Board at 1 P.M - to the House at 5 - home about 12½ -

June 19. Saturday

Fine -

Went down to Silsoe with Bessie & Minnie to see Harry - We left at 8 a.m & returned about 8½ P.M - having spent the day & dined there -

June 20 - Sunday

a.m. overcast - P.M. heavy rain

In the afternoon Bruce called and went with Bessie Minnie & self to Little Holland House - We returned at 6 P.M -

June 21. Monday -

Fine -

After breakfast I and Minnie accompanied Rosie to Kings Cross station whence the latter started to visit her friends the Ellis s near Leeds - Minnie & walked [*sic*] home - I went to the House at ¼5 P.M - & remained there till 12½ - then home

¹ Probably Sir William Napier 1785-1860 soldier and military historian. Brother of Sir Charles James Napier. Served in the Peninsular campaign.

June 22. Tuesday

Fine - very hot - -

At home the greater part of the day - to the House at 6 - We dined at the Burrs at ¼ to 8 -

June 23. Wednesday -

Very fine -

To the House in the day - Rode with Bessie at ¼ to 6 P.M - We dined with the Biddulphs² - -

June 24. Thursday

Fine -

2½ P.M - went with Talbot & a deputation of S.W Directors to Woods & Forrests office - At home in the evening laid up with a bad cold - Bessie also laid up with an attack of Diarrh [*rest of word obliterated*]

June 25. Friday

Fine -

S.W. Railway shareholders meeting at 1 P.M - in the afternoon went with Bessie & Minnie to see the United Service Museum & c - to the House at 6 - & remained there all evening - debate on India Bill (in Committee - home at 1½ a.m.

June 26 - Saturday

Fine -

a.m with Minnie to the club & Covent Garden market for flowers - P.M - at home & walked with Minnie in the Park. Bessie did not go out - We had a party to dinner -

June 27. Sunday

Fine -

In the afternoon went to the Zool. Gardens with Bessie & Minnie -

June 28. Monday

Fine - Fresh & cool -

With Minnie to the Club after breakfast - To the House at 1 & remained there the rest of the day & night till except taking a walk & to dinner - home at ¼ to 2 a.m -

June 29. Tuesday

Very fine -

At home engaged with Mr Richards & c till 8 P.M. - then out with Bessie & Minnie to the National Gallery & the French exhibition of pictures - to the House at 6 - home at 2 a.m.

June 30. Wednesday

Fine -

² John Francis Thomas Biddulph of Dderwen, near Swansea. 1804-? JP, DL for county of Glamorgan. 2nd son of John Biddulph of Ledbury and brother of Robert, MP for Ledbury.

With Minnie to Covent Garden Market after breakfast - to the House at 2 - home at 6 - we had a dinner party in the evening

July 1. Thursday

Fine - cool -

With Bessie shopping & c after breakfast - to the House at 2 till 4 - & again at 6 P.M. home. . home at ½ past 1 a.m.

July 2. Friday

Fine in the P.M. some rain in the forenoon - cool -

At home in the morning - to the House at 3 P.M. home at 1½ a.m.

July 3. Saturday

Gloomy & cold - Wind N.E.

Went with Bessie in the afternoon about some commissions in Bond St & c - & c - afterwards walked with Minnie in the Park -

July 4. Sunday

Fine -

P.M went to the Zool Gardens with Bessie & Minnie

July 5. Monday

Fine -

a.m. at home packing & c as we give up the House tomorrow -

P.M - to the city & then to the House - home at 1½ a.m -

7 Suffolk St.

July 6. Tuesday

Fine -

a.m - with Bessie to the club & c after breakfast - at 1.P.M. I went to see her & Minnie off by the G. Northern train for Grantham³ where they have gone on a visit to the G. Welbys at Barrowby. We gave up our house in Eaton Place West today & I have taken a lodgings here - after seeing B.& M. off I went down to the House - home about ¼ to 2 a.m.

July 7. Wednesday

Stormy. Heavy Thunder & lightning with rain in the afternoon -

Day sitting at the House - dined with Bonham Carter in the evening -

July 8. Thursday

Tolerably fine - cold -

Day sitting in the House- & at night -

July 9. Friday

Rainy - heavy rain all night - cold -

Day & night sitting at the House -

³ The Welby family lived at Denton Manor, near Grantham.

July 10 - Saturday

Malshanger - near Basingstoke

Heavy & frequent storms -

At 3 P.M. I went to Kings Cross station & met Bessie & Minnie - the former was much knocked up by a bad attack of influenza - We came on here however on a visit to the Portals⁴ by the 5 o'clock train and arrived about ½ past 7 -

Malshanger _____ July

July 11c- Sunday

Very fine -

Bessie was very unwell this morning and Minnie & I remained at home with her - she was better in the afternoon & Minnie & I went with Portal Mr Sclater & Mr Slade to see Oakley Park, Gardens & c -

July 12. Monday

Very fine -

Bessie much better - I went up to London by the 9.30. train & attended in the House - I returned here to dinner by the 5 o'clock train -

London

July 13. Tuesday.

Very fine-

I came up here this morning from Malshanger by the 9.30 train - arriving at 11 a.m. - Bessie & Minnie remain there till Thursday when they return to Hendrefoilan - Upon my arrival I accompanied a deputation from Norwich to the Charity Commissioners about a school at Norwich - I then went to Sergeants Inn - All night at the House -

July 14. Wednesday -

Very hot - fine -

To the House at 12 - In the afternoon I paired off & went up to see Theresa at 112 Gloster Terrace - She leaves for the Continent tomorrow - At the Club the rest of the day - headachy -

July 15. Thursday -

Very sultry all day. Violent Thunder & heavy rain in the night -

At home writing & c till 5 - Then to the Home office with Hewood & some Members to see Walpole on an education question - on to the House - Home about 2¼ a m

London (7. Suffolk St) _____ July

July 16. Friday -

Rainy all day

At 1 P.M. attended a meeting of the Directors of the S. Wales Railway Co to the House at 6 - home at 2¼ a m -

⁴ Probably the future Sir Wyndham Spencer Portal, created 1st Baronet 1901. He married 1849 Mary Jane, daughter of William Hicks-Beach of Oakley Hall, Hants and Keevil, Wiltshire.

July 17. Saturday -
Fine -
Wrote made calls & c -

July 18 - Sunday
Rain early in the morning - fine the rest of the day -
At home all day - Dined with Lord Palmerston in the evening

July 19. Monday
Fine -
Meeting Parl^y. Com. S.W directors at 10¼ a m home & c the rest of the day -
House at night - home about 3¼ a.m.

July 20. Tuesday
Fine -
S.W.R. Directors Parl^y. Com. at 2½ - till then wrote & executed commissions for
Bessie - House all night - home about 2½ am

July 21. Wednesday -
Gloomy - but fine on the whole -
House all day - dined with Rothschild⁵ at 8 P.M. Met Lord Lyndhurst Lord J
Russell⁶ - Sir J. Graham⁷ &c &c - a dinner in celebration of the Jews Bill being
passed - party consisted various leaders friends of civil & religious liberty & c -
every thing very magnificent.

July 22. Thursday
Threatening - Rain in the evening & at night - At home & at the club in the day -
House all night - home about 2 a.m. -

July 23 - Friday
Fine in the day rainy at night -
At the House in the day and again in the evening - home at 12 -

July 24 - Saturday
Catchy [*sic*] - Misty rain on & off -
To the House at 12 - & to the City at 1 P.M. in the afternoon made some calls &
executed some commissions & c

July 25. Sunday -
Fine but very high wind - A gale in the night S.W. -
At home & at the club the greater part of the day - In the afternoon I called on
Herbert Jones & Bonham Carter

⁵ Baron Lionel Nathan de Rothschild. 1808-79. Elected MP for Coty of London 1847, 1849, 1852 and 1857 but did not take his seat in Parliament until 1858 when the disability of Jews to sit in Parliament was removed.

⁶ Rt Hon Lord John Russell 1792-1878. Third son of 6th Duke of Bedford. Member of Parliament for forty seven years. Ancestor of Bertrand Russell. Raised to the peerage as Earl Russell 1861.

⁷ Rt Hon Sir James Robert George Graham 1792-1861. PC. MP. First Lord of the Admiralty 1830-34 & 1852-55. Home Secretary 1841-46: this coincided with the Rebecca Riots with which he had an involvement.

July 26. Monday

Fine -

At the House - Harry came here en route for Silsoe - We dined together at the House at 7 - home early -

July 27. Tuesday

a.m. Fine - P.M. rainy - heavy rain all evening late -

To the House at 12 - afterwards executed commissions packed up & c - I return Home tomorrow morning - the House is expected to be prorogued on Monday next -

Hendrefoilan - July 28. Wednesday

Rain all night & early in the morning - Fine in the day -

I left London by Express train this morning & got here about 5.PM -

July 29. Thursday

Very fine -

To Swansea & the works - to Sketty in the way home

July 30. Friday

Very fine -

About here all day -

July 31. Saturday

Very fine -

To Sketty with Minnie after breakfast - back here at 1 P.M - Gardened &c. in the afternoon

August 1. Sunday

Very fine -

To Church after breakfast with Bessie Minnie & Harry - Then to Sketty - home in the afternoon & about with the children - Spent the evening at Sketty -

August 2. Monday -

Wind S.E.. threatening - rain in the evening -

To Swansea & the works -

August 3. Tuesday

Fine on the whole - showers in the night & forenoon - Wind W.S.W -

To Sketty with Essie after breakfast home at 1 P.M - Gardened in the P.M -

August 4. Wednesday

Threatening in the morning. Heavy rain from S. set in about noon & lasted all day Walked into Swansea with Amy after breakfast - & at 12 attended a meeting of an association for giving prizes to School Children - it was over about 8 P.M - & Amy & I then came home

August 5. Thursday

Fine.

Into Swansea & then up to the Works - back to Swansea at 3.P.M. & met Bessie & called with her on the Herberts - we afterwards came home by Sketty Hall.

August 6. Friday

Wind N.W. fine -

Went out fishing with Harry to the Penllergare valley - Minnie & Amy came with us -

August 7. Saturday -

Very fine - Wind N.E. bright & hot -

a.m. wrote & c- at home - P.M. went out about here with Bessie -

August 8 - Sunday

Very fine -

To church after breakfast with Bessie & the Children - To Sketty afterwards and home in the afternoon - about with the Children -

August 9 - Monday

Very fine -

Harbour meeting t 12. Then to Rees & c home at 4½ P.M. T. Franklen came to us this evening -

August 10

Very fine -

In to Swansea & to the works - a party came to us today - the Bruces the Trahernes & Baron de Rutzen Jun^r 8- I met them at the Train - We had a dinner party in the evening -

August 11. Wednesday

Very fine - hot -

Went to an Archery Meeting in Singleton Grounds - there was a Ball at Singleton at night - We got home a little after 2 a.m - -

August 12. Thursday

Very fine-

Our Party left us to day - in the afternoon I went down to Sketty with Essie - In the evening there was a dance at Singleton to which Bessie Minnie Harry & myself went - home about 2 a m -

August 13. Friday

Fine.

Walked with Amy to the Works after breakfast - thence to Swansea and home via Sketty Hall - The G. Welbys⁹ and W. Welby came to us this evening -

⁸ Probably Rudolph William Henry, Baron de Rutzen 1828-1915. JP for Pembrokeshire. Barrister-at-law, Inner Temple 1864. Family seat Slebach Park, Pembrokeshire.

⁹ Probably Rev George Erle Welby and William Erle Welby, elder brothers of Mary Dillwyn's husband.

August 14. Saturday -
Fine - Thunder about in the afternoon -
About here in the morning - In the afternoon we all went to Caswell - I walked &
some of the party accompanied me-

August 15. Sunday
Fine in the day - rain at night -
We all went to church in the morning - the Welbys afterwards lunched at
Parkwern & I went to Sketty - All home to dinner

August 16. Monday
Heavy rain nearly all day -
I went to Ynisgyerwn with the Welbys & Minnie - home to dinner -

August 17 - Tuesday
Heavy rain in the forenoon. Wind E - Fine in the afternoon -
a.m - I went to Swansea - & Sketty -
P.M. - Rabbit shooting & c. with Harry & c

August 18 - Wednesday
Fine -
The Welbys left us this morning - I then walked into Swansea with Harry & Amy -
Home in the afternoon & gardened with Bessie -

London

August 19 - Thursday
Fine on the whole -
I came up here by Express train to attend the South Wales Railway half yearly
meeting tomorrow -

Hendrefoilan

August 20. Friday -
Tolerably fine - occasional rain -
I attended the Railway meeting at Paddington & executed sundry commissions in
the day - returned home by the evening express train - arrived about ¼ to 12 -

August 21. Saturday
Showers but fine on the whole
a.m. to Sketty with Essie - P.M. gardened with Bessie -

August 22. Sunday
Fine - some showers -
To church after breakfast & then with Bessie to Sketty - home about 4 P.M. & at
5½ down to Sketty again where I spent the evening -

August 23. Monday
Very fine. hot & bright -
Up to the Works - home about 5 P.M - & about with Bessie & the children in the
evening

August 24. Tuesday
Fine -
About here all day

August 25. Wednesday
Wind high N.W. cold - but fine -
To Sketty with Essie after breakfast - home at 1½ & about here with Bessie the rest of the day -

August 26. Thursday
Fine. Wind high - cold.
To the Works at 11 & over to the Zinc [?] works with E.M.R at 1 - home through Swansea at 5. laid up in the evening with a headache

August 27 - Friday
Fine. Wind high - N W -
About here all day - shooting rabbits with Harry & c

August 28 - Saturday
Weather as yesterday -
Gardened with Bessie & c. -

August 29 Sunday
Rain in the night & morning - fine the rest of the day -
At home in the morning - Spent the afternoon & evening at Sketty -

August 30 - Monday
Fine. but wind very high - W.
To the Works - home at 4 P-M - gardened & c - Sarah who has been here on a visit left this morning -

August 31. Tuesday
Fine - occasional slight showers
About here with Bessie all day

Sept^r .1. Wednesday
Rain in the night & early morning - Fine in the day -
I went out shooting over Caergynydd & c with Harry -

Sept^r 2. Thursday
Threatening in the a.m. rain in the P.M.
To Swansea & Sketty with Minnie after breakfast home at 1½ PM - - We dined with the Biddulphs

Sept^r 3. Friday
a.m. unsettled. P.M. Heavy rain -
To Sketty after breakfast & then on to Swansea

Sept^r 4. Saturday -

Heavy rain all night & in the morning - Fine in the afternoon -

We all (except Essie) went over to Penllergare - Amy & Harry & I went about 12 - & Bessie & Minnie came to dinner - Harry went out shooting with Johnny - in the evening we all had a good view of the Comet (Donatis) **PICTURE** through a deer stalking glass - We returned home about 10 P.M

Sept^r .5. Sunday

Fine -

To Church in the forenoon & then to Sketty - Home in the afternoon - spent the evening at Sketty

Sept^r .6. Monday

Unsettled in the day - rain in the afternoon -

Gardened went to Sketty & c -

Sept^r 7. Tuesday

Unsettled -

Gardened - to Sketty & c Mr & Miss Fox dined here

Kilvrough -

Sept^r .8. Wednesday

Fine -

About the grounds 7 c - to Kilvrough with Bessie & Minnie in the afternoon -

Sept^r 9. Thursday

Rain in the Forenoon - fine in the afternoon

All the party here viz Mr & Mrs Penrice Howman & Miss Pearson Bessie Minnie & I went down to Minchin Hole in the afternoon - We had come here to go to Worms Head but the Weather quite prevented us -

Hendrefoilan

September

Sept^r .10. Friday -

a.m. Threatening - P.M. Rainy - Wind S.W.

We returned form Kilvrough this morning - I went to Sketty at 1 P.M. back in the P.M - The Benthams¹⁰ came to us this afternoon - Johnny is also with us - We had a dinner party in the evening -

¹⁰ George Bentham. 1800 - 1884. Botanist. Second son of Sir Samuel Bentham and nephew of Jeremy Bentham. Born 22 September 1800 at Stoke, near Plymouth. 1828 his Herbarium arrived from France. 1828 elected to the Linnean Society. 1828 proposed by Robert Brown for election as a Fellow of the Royal Society, but withdrew, with others, in protest at the election of a royal duke, the Duke of Sussex, as President. 1829 began an association with the Horticultural Society and Hon Secretary until 1840. 1854 presented his collection to Kew Gardens. Elected FRS 1862. Royal Medal 1859. Corresponding member of the Institute of France. 1878 on completion of Australian Flora made a CMG. Married the daughter of Sir Harford Brydges. Died 10 September 1884 leaving no issue.

Sept^r 11. Saturday -

Rain early in the day - Fine in the afternoon.

Bessie took the Benthams to 3 Cliffs bay with Minnie & Amy - John & Harry went out shooting - I went about the farm & wrote letters & c till 2½ P.M. & then drove in to Swansea to bring out Sclater who came by the train at 3.20 P.M - Benson also came to us this evening - We had a dinner party - the G Morriss - the Miss Lindsays - G Vivian &c & c

Sept^r 12. Sunday

Very fine -

We all went to church in the morning - in the afternoon Johnny left us & Bentham Sclater Amy & myself walked over to Penllergare with him to dinner

Sept^r 13. Monday

Very fine. hot -

The Benthams left us early this morning at 11 I drove with Benson (who also left us) into Swansea - attended the Harbour meeting - I went up to the Works in the P.M - home about 5 P.M -

Sept^r 14. Tuesday

Very fine - oppressively hit -

I went to Sketty & c in the morning - about here the rest of the day in the Garden & c Sclater is still with us - Harry returns to Silsoe tomorrow & I accompany him to London on his way

London (Howchins Hotel) _____ September

Sept^r 15. Wednesday

Fine - Windy - E -

I came up here with Harry by the Express train - in the evening took him to see Her [*sic*]Frikel the Conjurer -

Sept^r 16. Thursday

Fine -

After breakfast went with Harry to execute sundry commissions - at 2½ P.M. he went (by Great Northern) to Silsoe -

Sept^r .17.Friday (Dowlais)

Rain in the night - fine in the day

I left London by Express this morning and on to Cardiff - Whence on here by Taff Vale line - Bessie and Minnie came here yesterday on a visit to the Clarks¹¹ -

Hendrefoilan Sept^r .18. Saturday -

Showery in the morning - fine on the whole -

Went over Dowlais works in the morning with Clark - at 2 P-M - we returned here - Minnie & I walked out from Swansea

¹¹ George Thomas Clark, the antiquarian, whose ironworks turned out rail track for Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

Sept^r 19. Sunday

a.m. Dark & Gloomy - Wind N.E. P.M. Rain -

Bessie laid up with a cold - Minnie & Amy went to church after breakfast & then to Sketty to Lunch where Essie (whose birthday it is) & I joined them - home in the afternoon -

Sept^r 20. Monday -

Fine. Wind E -

To Sketty after breakfast & then on to the Works - home at 3 - & then went to Llanarch & c -

Sept^r 21. Tuesday

Fine -

About here all day Garden Farm & c Bessie with me - Mr Richards called in the afternoon respecting D^r Prices agreement

Sept^r 22. Wednesday

Heavy rain early - fine in the day - Wind very high -

About here all day

Sept^r 23. Thursday

Milford Haven - Neylands.

Rain a.m. Fine (except some showers) in the P.M.

I went into Swansea after breakfast to see Richards on business - home at 1½ P.M - into Swansea again at 5 - mistook as to a train & remained there till 10½ when I came on here by the 11 o'clock Express to attend a meeting of the S.W. Board held tomorrow -

Hendrefoilan -

Sept^r 24 - Friday

Fine -

Attended a South Wales Directors Brach meeting at Neyland to day - returned here by Mail train arriving in Swansea at 7. Mr Matthews the Vice Chairman of the South Wales Board accompanied me home -

Sept^r 25 - Saturday

Fine -

After breakfast took Mr Matthews into Swansea - shewed him the Docks & c - he left by the Express train - Bessie came in with us & I returned with her about 1 P.M - in the P.M. we gardened & c J.D.L was over here -

Sept^r 26. Sunday

Fine - Gray [*sic*] & overcast but calm & mild -

To Church in the morning, afterwards to Sketty to lunch -- home in the afternoon - I spent the evening at Sketty - home about 9 P.M. -

September 27. Monday

Unsettled - misty rain in the afternoon

To Sketty in the morning - about here in the afternoon - The Charles Thomas s came to us this afternoon on a visit -

Sept^r 28 - Tuesday

Fine in the morning - rainy in the afternoon
Out shooting with C.Thomas - on Travelly & c

Sept^r 29. Wednesday

Fine -
Out shooting about here with C. Thomas

Sept^r 30. Thursday

Fine -
I attended an enquiry at the Town hall in Swansea by the Commissioners respecting Harbours of Refuge as to the Mumbles road tend being a proper place for one -

Oct^r 1. Friday -

Showery
Out Shooting with C. Thomas -

Oct^r 2 - Saturday

Rather showery. Wind W. high
Went down to Sketty at Lunch - after which the C. Thomas s left us - in the afternoon I gardened & c

Oct^r 3. Sunday

Unsettled - thick - occasional rain -
To Church after breakfast & then to Sketty - Home in the afternoon - spent the evening at Sketty

Oct^r 4. Monday

Rainy a.m - Fine P.M.
Up to the Works after breakfast - home in the afternoon & out about here -

Oct^r 5. Tuesday

Fine - Wind high. W & W.M.W. showers -
Out shooting with Grenfell & Penrice over Coed Trane - which Grenfell preserves - In the evening dined with Grenfell - Bessie & Minnie also dined there-

Oct^r 6. Wednesday -

Tolerably fine -
With Essie to Sketty after breakfast - home to lunch - about here in the afternoon

Oct^r 7. Thursday

Unsettled - Rainy in the morning - Wind very high W.S.W -
With Bessie & Amy to Swansea after breakfast - home in the afternoon - shot Rabbits & c -

Oct^r 8. Friday

Cold. Fine -

To Sketty in the forenoon with Minnie & Essie - About here in the Gardens & c with Bessie -

Oct^r 9. Saturday

Showery in the morning - otherwise fine -

Out shooting about the boundaries to get game for next week when we expect company

Oct^r 10. Sunday -

Rainy -

a.m. at home - P.M. to Sketty at 1½ & remained till 9½

Tingley Hall (Leeds)

Oct^r 11. Monday

Fine - except showers -

At 9 this morning I received a telegraphic despatch from Mr Ellis who lives here & with whom Rosie has been for some time staying, informing me of her serious illness & requiring my immediate presence - Bessie & I accordingly set off at once leaving Swansea at 11.20 by Express train & came on here via Birmingham Derby & c - we arrived about 12½ o'clock & found Rosie very ill & in a most precarious state from an attack of the Heart. -

Oct^r 12. Tuesday

Gray & overcast. cold & raw

Wrote letters in the morning - walked out in the afternoon - Rosie rather better this evening -

Hendrefoilan

Oct^r 13. Wednesday

Fine in the day - rain at night -

As I could be of no use at Tingley Hall & having appointments in Swansea tomorrow & next day I returned here & arrived by the late Express train - I met Bruce in the train

Oct^r 14. Thursday

Unsettled - rain & misty in the morning

In the morning I walked in with Bruce to Swansea (calling at Sketty in the way) to attend a County Finance meeting - in the afternoon we met Gilbertson & the officials at the Railway Station respecting the reduction of Coal rates from the Vale of Neath - home to dinner at 7

Oct^r 15. Friday

Mild & thick -

Went with Bruce to the Lunatic Asylum - we walked home - at 8 I presided at a lecture in Swansea

Oct^r 16. Saturday -

Mild & misty - no rain -
Out shooting over Caernewydd & c with Bruce - We bagged 9 Part^s 4 Pheasants 1
Jack Snipe 5 Rabbits & 7 Hares

Oct^r. 17. Sunday

Very fine -

To Church with Minnie Amy & Miss Beer in the morning - I afterwards went to
Sketty to lunch. returned here about 4 P.M. & walked with the Children - Bruce
made some calls in the afternoon - at 7½ P-M. I rec^d a telegraphic despatch from
Bessie informing me of the death of poor Rosie & begging me to meet her (with
the body) on Tuesday afternoon in London - I start by Express train

London (8 Suffolk St October

Cold continuous rain from the ENE all day -

I came up here by Express train - Saw John Emma Young Emma & the
Maskelynes on my arrival - then on & saw the Undertaker (Garstin of Wigmore
St^r) to arrange respecting the reception of Rosies body tomorrow & the
subsequent funeral

Oct^r. 19. Tuesday

Rainy & cold all day -

Up to see Phelps after breakfast & then on to Johns house & about with him all
day - Met Bessie & Kendel at Kings Cross at 4 P-M - Bessie came down with me
here - Rosie body also arrived at ¼ to 4 - & Garstin took charge of it & conveyed
it to his establishment -

Oct^r. 20. Wednesday

Fine -

About with Bessie & Phelps &c &c

Oct^r. 21. Thursday -

Very fine -

This morning poor Rosies funeral took place - we buried her in her fathers grave
at Kensal Green Cemetery - John, Reeks & myself attended - we got back about 1
P.M. in the afternoon I went to the dentists about my teeth & afterwards went
out with Bessie -

Oct^r. 22. Friday

Fine. Wind N.E

At 1 P.M. attended a meeting of the S.W Railway Board at Paddington - back
about 4 P-M & walked out with Bessie -

Hendrefoilan

Oct^r. 23. Saturday

Fine in the day but overcast. Wind E - Rain at night -

Bessie & I came down from London by Express train - I called at Sketty in my
way out -

October 24. Sunday

Very fine -

Minnie & I went down to church & then to Sketty to Lunch - home about 2½ & out with Bessie Amy & Essie - I drank tea & spent the evening at Sketty -

Oct^r. 25. Monday

Fine. Wind E. overcast -

About here all day planting & c - Mrs Richards came here in the afternoon - In the evening I attended a Soiree of Mr E. Davies s Lit^y & Scientific Society at the Assembly rooms -

Oct^r. 26. Tuesday

Fine. Wind E. overcast -

About here all day -

Oct^r. 27 - Wednesday

Overcast - Wind E- but fine & mild -

About here planting & c - Mr Richards came here in the afternoon

October 28 - Thursday

Rainy - Wind W - it cleared up in the evening & the wind got up to the N -

Into Swansea after breakfast & then up to the Works - called at Sketty in my way home -

Oct^r. 29. Friday -

Fine. Wind N E. clear & cold -

To Sketty with Essie in the morning - home in the afternoon -

Oct^r. 30 - Saturday

Fine -

About here all day -

Oct^r. 31 - Sunday -

Fine - Wind ENE -

a.m. to church - afterwards to Sketty to Lunch with Bessie - home in the afternoon and out with Amy & Essie - to Sketty to tea & spent the evening there - home at 10 -

November 1. Monday -

Fine. calm. Wind NE

I went to Margam & back by Express train to see Talbot on Railway matters -

Nov^r. 2. Tuesday

Very fine -

I went out shooting over Travelly & c bagged 7 Hares 2 Rabbits 3 Pheasants 2 Partridges 2 Snipes 1 Woodcock -

London -

Nov^r. 3. Wednesday

Fine

I came up here by Express train -

Nov^r. 4. Thursday

Fine on the whole. but gloomy & dark - some rain at night

To Somerset House & c other places on business all day -

Nov^r. 5 - Friday

Fine - dark - rain at night -

S.Wales Board at 1 P.M - before which I went to the Sergeants Inn to see D^r

Foster - after the Railway Board meeting I went to see Theresa

Hendrefoilan

Nov^r. 6. Saturday

Fine. Wind N.E.

I returned home by the Express train -

Nov^r. 7. Sunday

Very fine - cold. Wind N.E.

To Church with Bessie &c after breakfast - then to Sketty to Lunch - My Mother not very well wished to be quite quiet & we returned - about here in the afternoon

Nov^r. 8. Monday

Very fine - cold -

Walked into Swansea after breakfast with Minnie - she went to the Willows - I attended a Harbour meeting - we called at Sketty in going & returning - the Marryatts came to us to day

November 9. Tuesday

Very fine - Wind N.E-

I went out shooting with Penrice at Wimblood & c Lord Guernsey¹² was out with us -

Nov^r. 10. Wednesday

Fine - cold. Wind N.E.

Into Swansea - met EMR & D^r Grice at Jenkins office - home to dinner at 6½

Nov^r.11. Thursday

Wind E. Very high - clear & fine -

The Marryatts left us this morning - I went down to Sketty to Lunch - about here in the afternoon - Bessie Minnie & myself went over to Penllergare to dinner -

Nov^r. 12 - Friday -

Wind E. high. cold. clear -

To Sketty at 12. About here in the PM - at 4½ walked with JDL. part of the way towards Penllergare - Amy with me

¹² Heneage Finch (1824-1871) Lord Guernsey, became 6th Earl of Aylesford 1859.

Nov^r. 18. Saturday -

Wind E. high - dark & threatening - rain in the afternoon - not very much however

I went down to Sketty in the afternoon -

Nov^r. 14 - Sunday

Cold. Rainy - Wind E.N.E. high

a.m. at home - spent then PM at Sketty.

Nov^r. 15 - Monday

Cold - Wind high - E -

In to Swansea after breakfast & then on to the works - called at Sketty in going & returning

Nov^r. 16. Tuesday

Cold - Wind NE . dark & gloomy

a.m. at home P.M down to Sketty -

Nov^r. 17. Wednesday

Cold Wind NE. fine -

To the Works after breakfast & on to the Zinc work with Penrose - back to Sketty at 2 PM - met Bessie there & returned with her - About here in the P.M. -

Nov^r. 18. Thursday

Very fine. Wind N.E. sharp frost -

I went to Bridgend to attend a County Committee - called at Sketty in my way home

Nov^r. 19. Friday

Fine - sharp frost. Calm - Wind N.E -

Rode with Bessie at 12 - busy about here in the afternoon planting & c

Nov^r. 20. Saturday

Fine - overcast - thaw -

I went out shooting at Park with H. Vivian P. Vivian & Arthur Jones

Nov^r. 21. Sunday

Cold. dark. Wind E.

To church with B. & the children after breakfast - to Lunch at Sketty & spent the P.M & evening there

Nov^r. 22. Monday

Very fine - cold - sharp frost - Wind N.E.

Busy planting all day

Nov^r. 23. Tuesday

Very cold - fine - very sharp frost. Wind N.E

Busy planting -

Nov^r. 24. Wednesday
Wind high ESE - Thaw -
To Sketty in the forenoon - planted in the afternoon

Nov^r. 25. Thursday
Rainy & Stormy
At Sketty in the forenoon and till 3 P.M. about here in the afternoon -

Nov^r. 26. Friday
Showery. fine on the whole - mild -
Went out shooting at Kilvrough

Nov^r. 27. Saturday
Slight showers but fine on the whole - Wind S. very mild -
Busy with Amy planting - all day

Nov^r. 28 - Sunday -
Fine -
a.m. to church - P.M lunched at Sketty home at 3. again to Sketty to tea spent the evening there -

November 29. Monday
Very stormy - frequent heavy rain -
To the Works after breakfast - home at 2 P.M & about here - too wet to plant -

Nov^r. 30 - Tuesday
Stormy & unsettled - Wind W. cold -
Planted all day

Dec^r. 1. Wednesday
a.m. fine. P.M. showery -
a.m. planted P.M. went out shooting

Dec^r. 2. Thursday
Fine -
Planted all day

Dec^r. 3. Friday
Fine
Planted all day - We dined at Parkwern

Dec^r. 4. Saturday
Fine -
Planted all day

Dec^r. 5. Sunday
Very fine -
To Sketty in the afternoon & evening -

Dec^r. 6. Monday

Fine. thick fog at night -

a.m. Wrote & c - P.M. out shooting In the evening I lectured on "Amusements" at the Royal Ins^{tn}

Dec^r. 7. Tuesday

Fine -

Planted all day - The Gwyns¹³ The Bassets Benson & Johnny Llewelyn came to us in the afternoon - we had a party to dinner -

Dec^r. 8. Wednesday

Fine -

Planted & c - a party to dinner

Dec^r. 9. Thursday

Overcast - Wind S.E -

Our party left us this morning - in the afternoon I rode with Bessie to Swansea

Dec^r. 10 - Friday

Cold. threatening. no rain. Wind S.E.

Planted all day -

Dec^r. 11. Saturday

Overcast. cold - no rain. Wind SE. -

Busy planting all day - drove to Sketty with Minnie before dinner -

Dec^r. 12. Sunday

a.m. dark & threatening. Cold. rain - Wind S.E- P.M. heavy rain -

a.m. to church with Minnie - we lunched at Sketty - home at 2½ P.M - I went down to Sketty again at 5 p.m. & spent the evening there -

Dec^r. 13. Monday

Thick fog on the lower grounds - still - fine bright at times. Wind variable -

After breakfast rode with Bessie into Swansea - I attended a Harbour meeting &c

- returned at 3 & I then went to the Garden Farm & c & afterwards with Amy to

Sketty - home to dinner at 6½ P.M -

London

Dec^r. 14. Tuesday

Foggy

I came up here by Express train -

¹³ Howel Gwyn of Abercrave, Brecon and Baglan House, Glamorganshire. Born 24 June 1806. Magistrate for counties of Brecon, Carmarthen and Glamorgan. Deputy Lieutenant of Glamorgan. High Sheriff of Glamorgan 1837-8 and Carmarthenshire 1838. Burkes Landed Gentry 1846.

Dec^r. 15. Wednesday

Foggy - not much so however for London at this time of year.

a.m. to the City on various commissions - afterwards to the Committee of Privy Council on Education as to a grant for York Place School - then on to R. Halls respecting our lease at Llansamlet - called on Theresa in the evening - back to my lodging (7 Suffolk St) at 6 P.M. had a bad headache & remained in all evening.

Dec^r. 16. Thursday

Tolerably fine.

a.m. executed some commissions - ! P.M. - met Mackinnon by appointment - afterwards to the club & c - Harry joined me at ¼ to 5. - in the evening we went to the Polytechnic -

Hendrefoilan

December

Dec^r. 17. Friday

Cold & raw -

Out with Harry shopping & c in the day - We left London by the late Express & got home about ¼ past 12 at night -

Dec^r. 18. Saturday

Heavy & frequent storms of rain hail & Thunder & Lightning. Wind W.S.W -

I had a headache in the forenoon - in the afternoon I drove with Minnie into Swansea - We called at Sketty in our way home

Dec^r. 19 - Sunday

Stormy. Very heavy rain in the evening

Spent the evening with Mrs D -

Dec^r. 20. Monday

Stormy

Harbour meeting & to the works -

Dec^r. 21. Tuesday

Rainy all day. Mild - Wind S.W.

Harry & I went out shooting to Penllergare

Dec^r. 22. Wednesday

Stormy

Went out shooting with Harry H.Thomas with us in the evening. -

Dec^r. 23. Thursday

Stormy -

H.Thomas left us this morning & Minnie & I walked into Swansea I attended a Savings Bank meeting - Benson came to us in the evening for Christmas

Dec^r. 24. Friday

Stormy -

a.m. down to Sketty - P.M. out shooting with Benson & Harry

Dec^r. 25. Saturday -

Misty thick rain in the forenoon - tolerably fine in the afternoon -
To Church with Amy after breakfast - to Sketty to Lunch spent the afternoon
there - back at 4½ & walked with Bessie Benson - The Moggridges dined here

Dec^r. 26. Sunday

Stormy - wind high in the evening. W.
To church in the morning - to Sketty afterwards & spent the afternoon there -
home to dinner -

Dec^r. 27. Monday

a.m. Dark & overcast - wind W. P.M. fine -
a.m. wrote & c at home. P.M into Swansea - Benson went out shooting in Clyne
with H.Vivian - in the evening we went to a ball at the Bryn -

Dec^r. 28. Tuesday

Unsettled - frequent heavy showers - Wind W.
Into Swansea with Benson & Harry - Miss Crawshay & a friend of hers (Miss
Lorraine) came to us today - H.Thomas also returned -

Dec^r. 29. Wednesday

a.m. unsettled. P.M fine on the whole
I went out shooting with Benson & Harry - We all went to a ball at Singleton in
the evening - Young Lloyd of Kilybebyll with us

Dec^r. 30. Thursday

Mist & thick. mild -
I went down to Sketty in the afternoon - & afterwards to the farm & c - In the
evening we all went to a Ball at Parkwern - in addition to the rest of our party the
2 Miss Wards came to us to day

Dec^r. 31. Friday

Thick misty rain the greater part of the day -
a.m at home P.M - into Swansea with Minnie - In the evening we had a charade
party & Dance -

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Jan^y. 1. Saturday

Fine -
Our Party all broke up to day except Miss Crawshay & Miss Lorraine - in the
afternoon I walked with Minnie & Amy to Penllergare & home by Sketty -

Jan^y. 2. Sunday

Fine - but foggy on the lowlands -
To Church & afterwards to Sketty -

January 3. Monday

Gloomy & thick.

Miss Crawshay & Miss Loraine left us this afternoon - I walked into Swansea & up to the Works -

Jan^y. 4. Tuesday

Thick & foggy morning & evening - fine in the day

I attended Quarter Sessions at Cardiff - home by Express train -

Jan^y. 5. Wednesday

Wind E - thick & raw - no rain till dark when thick rain came on -

Rode with Bessie to the Works - about here in the afternoon

Jan^y. 6. Thursday

Thick in the forenoon Misty rain in the evening - Mild -

We all went to Penllergare for the Christmas tree - Home to dinner - Bruce came to us this evening

Jan^y. 7- Friday -

Fine - cold -

a.m. at home - P.M - rode into Swansea with Bessie & Minnie - Bruce engaged at

Q. Sessions all day - back to dinner

Jan^y. 8. Saturday -

Fine. sharp frost -

Bruce left us this morning by the 8 oclock train - Harry & I accompanied him to the station, whence we went on to Penllergare being engaged to shoot there - We also dined there as did Bessie & Minnie who came over in the carriage with Amy - home about 11 P.M -

Jan^y. 9. Sunday -

Rain & cold - but tolerably fine -

a.m. at home writing & c P.M. to Sketty

Cafarthfa Castle - Merthyr

Jan^y. 10. Monday

Fine -

Harbour meeting at 12 - came on here in the afternoon to shoot -

Jan^y. 11. Tuesday

Fine -

Went out shooting here, with a large party -

Jan^y. 12 - Wednesday

Fine -

Out shooting again -

Jan^y. 13. Thursday

Hendrefoilan

Fine -

We shot a Pigeon match at Cafarthfa in the forenoon - I returned here by the afternoon train - Bessie met me in Swansea & we called at Sketty in our way out -

Jan^y. 14. Friday -

Thick & foggy - calm, cold - Wind N.E.

a.m. at home writing &c - P.M. went into Swansea with Bessie and Minnie - We called at Sketty in the way out -

Jan^y. 15 - Saturday -

a.m. Fine. P.M rainy -

I went out shooting with Harry - Mr Richards dined here -

Jan^y. 16. Sunday -

Unsettled - rain in the forenoon

To Sketty to Lunch - about here in the afternoon with Bessie & the children to Sketty again in the evening -

Jan^y. 17 - Monday

Fine on the whole - wild looking. Wind SW

At 11 a.m. met a deputation as to the Marie Liquor law at the Town hall - to the works afterwards - home to dinner calling at Sketty in the way -

Jan^y. 18. Tuesday

Heavy rain - Wind high-

At home - till the afternoon & then out about here - E.M.R. Penrose D^r Price C Bath & Mr Davidson [?] a partner of Graham Kellys dined here

January 19. Wednesday -

Fine - very Mild -

a.m. down to Sketty with Amy & Essie - back at 2½ P.M and gardened with Bessie

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January 20. Thursday -

Wind S. high - overcast & threatening -

a.m. with Bessie to Swansea in the Dog cart P.M about here

Jan^y. 21. Friday

Threatening & dark all day - wind S. high Rain at night -

Down to Sketty & about here in the day - We dined (i.e. Bessie Minnie Harry & self) at Penllergare home at night. Harry remained there -

Jan^y. 22 - Saturday

Rain early in the morn^g - fine in the day - wind high W.

In Swansea & at the Works all day - D^r Hooker came here on a visit this evening -

Jan^y. 23. Sunday

a.m. heavy rain - P.M fine. wind W. high -

I went down to lunch at Sketty - returned here about 3½ P.M - Walked with Hooker & c D^r Price dined here -

Jan^y. 24. Monday

Fine on the whole but rather stormy

a.m. at home - at 12½ I went down to Sketty where at 2 PM. Dr Hooker & Amy joined me & we all went on to Swansea Johnny came to us to dinner & remains the night here

Jan^y. 25. Tuesday

Stormy wind S.W. - frequent rain

I went out shooting with Johnny & Harry - the former returned to Penllergare - I presided at a Burns Centenary dinner - at the Mackworth Arms in the evening -

Jan^y. 26. Wednesday

Wind high - W. stormy -

At home the greater part of the day

January 27. Thursday

a.m. unsettled. P.M tolerably fine -

I attended a special County Sessions at Bridgend for the election of Chaplain -

Jan^y. 28. Friday

Fine - mild -

To Sketty with Essie at 12. home at ½ past 1. down there again with Hooker in the afternoon - Mr Thomas & Iltid dined with us -

Jan^y. 29. Saturday -

a.m. threatening - Wind S.W - P.M heavy rain

Hooker left us this afternoon for Penllergare I drove Amy into Swansea in the afternoon to have a tooth out -

Jan^y. 30. Sunday

Very stormy. Wind a point to N of W Hail showers - cold -

To Sketty at 1 P.M - & about here in the afternoon

Jan^y. 31. Monday -

Fine with the exception of occasional hail storms - clear & rather cold

Talbot came here this morning at 11½ & I went with him to attend a meeting of the Registration Soc^y at 12 oclock. We returned here about 3½ - & dined at 5½ - Benson also came here to dinner & to remain for the night - At 7 - we all went in to attend a Reform meeting at the Town Hall - back about 11½ -

Feb^y 1. Tuesday -

Fine - Wind S.W. high - cold & raw

Talbot & Benson left us this morning & at 1 P.M - I drove with Bessie into Swansea calling at Sketty in the way - home about 4½ P.M.

Gloucester -

Feb^y 2. Wednesday

Fine -

With Essie to Sketty in the morning - about the farm & with Bessie in the afternoon - I came up here in the evening by Mail train -

London February

7.Suffolk St

Feb^y 3. Thursday

Fine -

I came up from Gloucester by the morning Express & got here at ½ past 11 -
Attended at the opening of Parl^t & c - At the Club in the evening -

Feb^y 4. Friday

a.m. fine. P.M - rainy -

at 12 went with Biddulph & the 2 Carmarthenshire M.P^s to the B^d of E. to present a memorial for retaining the Branch of the B^d of E. at Swansea - afterwards executed some commissions & to the House at 4 - House up early - At the Club in the evening -

Feb^y 5. Saturday

Fine -

a.m - wrote letters & c P.M to Paddington to call on Theresa & c back to Suffolk St at 6 to receive Harry who came about 6½ - In the evening we went to Drury Lane Theatre -

Feb^y 6. Sunday

Raw & unsettled. not much rain -

a.m. with Harry to the Temple Church P.M. we went to the Zool. Gardens - G.T. Clark accompanied us

Feb^y 7. Monday

Unsettled - frequent heavy rain -

a.m. executed various commissions with Harry - P.M. Harry left for Silsoe & I went down to the House - at the Club in the evening -

Feb^y 8. Tuesday

Unsettled -

I did not go out much - to the House at 4 - House up about 8. & then to the Club to dinner - Spent the evening there

Feb^y 9. Wednesday

Rain (heavy) all day -

at 12 went to Sergeants Inn - at home or at the Club the rest of the day -

Feb^y 10. Thursday

Unsettled -

In the morning I went to Walthamstow to attend the funeral of Mrs Janson - returned about 3 P.M. & then down to the House - House up early & at the club the rest of the evening

Feb^y 11. Friday -

Unsettled -

In the afternoon I called on Theresa - To the House at 4 P.M. House up about ¼ to 10 - to the club in the evening

Feb^y 12. Saturday -

Unsettled

I did not go out much

Feb^y 13. Sunday

Tolerably fine -

At the Club & my lodgings all day -

Feb^y .14. Monday -

Unsettled - frequent heavy rain -

Attended S.W. Board meeting at Paddington at 2 P.M. walked down to the House with Talbot afterwards

Feb^y 15. Tuesday

Unsettled

House at 4 P.M. up early - to the Club in the evening -

Feb^y 16 - Wednesday

Tolerably fine -

Day sitting at the House - Debate on Deceased Wives Sisters marriage Law -

Feb^y 17. Thursday -

Fine -

Busy at home & at the Club till 2 P.M - then to the House at 3 - attended Petitions Committee - In the evening my Bill for Endowed Schools stood for 2nd reading - I withdrew it however at 7 P.M by the advice of Bethell who promised to draft me a new one

Hendrefoilan

February

February 18. Friday

Fine.

I attended a Board meeting of the S.W directors at 12 & at 1 the ½ yearly meeting of the shareholders took place - I came down here afterwards by the late Express train -

Feb^y 19. Saturday

Thick misty rain the greater part of the day

To Sketty after breakfast & on to Swansea at 2 PM - home to dinner at 6½ P.M -

Feb^y 20. Sunday

Very fine -

To church in the morning & then with Bessie down to Sketty - home in the afternoon & about here

Gloucester

Feb^y 21. Monday -

Fine -

Into Swansea this morning to the Bank & c - home in the afternoon calling at Sketty in the way - - Came up here with Bessie by Mail train -

London. 7. Suffolk St

Feb^y 22. Tuesday -

Rather showery in the afternoon but fine on the whole

Came up with Bessie by morning Express from Gloucester - as soon as I had disposed of an accumulation of letters we went out - at 4 I went to the House - met Bethell & Massey there respecting the Endowed schools Bill - back here at 7½ P.M - -

Feb^y 23. Wednesday -

Fine -

To the House 7 c - & about with Bessie -

Feb^y 24 - Thursday

Fine -

Writing & c in the forenoon to the House at 4 - at 8 went with Bessie to a concert at St^t Martins Hall - House again at 11 - home at 1 a.m.

Feb^y 25. Friday

Fine -

a.m. wrote & c - P.M. out with Bessie House again at night - home at 1.a.m -

February 26. Saturday -

Showery - cold -

To the club after breakfast - met Bruce & with him to the Lunatic commissioners & c as to the selection of an architect - in the afternoon I went with Bessie to call on Theresa - & afterwards to Jenkins & Phelps - home at 4½ - to meet Harry who joined us - we all three dined with the G. Gurneys at 7 P.M -

Feb^y 27 - Sunday

Cold - Fine.

Went to the Zoological Gardens with Bessie & Harry in the afternoon -

Feb^y 28. Monday

Fine -

Wrote & c after breakfast - out with Bessie in the afternoon - to the House at night. Government brought forward their Reform Bill - home about 12 -

March 1. Tuesday -

Fine (very) -

Wrote & c after breakfast & then out with Bessie - she came to the House at night - Walpole & Henley who have resigned from the Ministry gave their explanations - Debate on Shipping interests grievances afterwards - I brought in my amended Bill to amend the Law to Endowed Schools - home about ½ past 12 -

March 2. Wednesday

Fine -

To the House at 12 - engaged there all day home at 6. after dinner went with Bessie up to Gloucester Terrace to see Theresa

March 3. Thursday

Fine -

To the club after breakfast - met with Bessie afterwards to the House - Late Debate - home about 1 a m -

March 4. Friday -

Fine -

At 1 P.M. I went up with Bessie to Therasas House in Gloucester terrace where I left her to attend a S. Wales Railway Board meeting - we afterwards returned here about 4½ -P.M. & I went down to the House

March 5. Saturday -

Very fine -

Made calls with Bessie & c -

March 6. Sunday -

Fine - Went to Kew with Bessie in the afternoon. Walked about the gardens with Hooker & c - We got back about 7 P.M

March 7. Monday

Wind high S.W. in the day - threatening Heavy rain in the evening -

To the club after breakfast to meet the Solicitor to Christs Hospital respecting the exemption of that Institution to my schools Bill - back here at about 12¼ - found John & Johnny here - about 1 went out with Bessie - To the House at ¼ to 4 - back here at 7½ - & to the house again at 9½ - home about ¼ to 12 -

March 8. Tuesday

Showery - cold - Wind N.W.

Went up to St Parsons Iron foundry with Bessie about some wire net & c to the House at night

March 9 - Wednesday

Fine very cold - wind NE -

Out with Bessie till 1.P.M. to the House at 2 - Church Rate debate - With Bessie in the evening to the Westbourne Crescent to see JDL & party -

Hendrefoilan

March 10. Thursday

Fine - cold - frost in the night

Came down here with Bessie by Express train - Talbot with us - I dined at the Sheriffs ordinary afterwards home with Benson - Talbot & his 3[?] daughters - H. Thomas & Benson are staying with us -

March 11. Friday

Heavy rain nearly all day - Wind very high. S.W.
Attended on the Grand Jury - Talbot H Thomas & Benson also - We dined with
the Judge in the evening -

March 12. Saturday

Rainy. Wind S.W -

I went to Sketty after breakfast & then on to Swansea - home about 5 - We had a
dinner party

March 13. Sunday

a.m. Rain - P.M - thick & misty but not much rain - Wind S.W - high -

I went down to Sketty at 1 P.M. - back here about 3½ & took a walk with Talbot &
Bertha & Amy - a party to dinner in the evening -

London

March 14 Monday

Rainy - Wind S.W & S.S.E -

I came up here by Express train to the House at night -

March 15. Tuesday

Stormy - cold - & unsettled

Day sitting in the House on Trelawnys Church Rate Bill - No house in the evening
& I went up to the Westbourne Crescent -

March 16. Wednesday

Cold. threatening in the day - dined with the Speaker in the evening- &
afterwards to a Soireè [sic] at Sir R.Murchisons

March 17. Thursday

Rain in the evening -

To the club in the morning - to the House at 3 - Remained there till 12 & then
home -

March 18. Friday

Fine - Wind N - Cold -

At the Club in the morning - at 2 P.M. on Jew Com^{ee} at House - House at night I
had a headache & came home early

March 19 - Saturday

Fine -

In the afternoon I went to Silsoe to see Harry -

March 20 - Sunday

Overcast - no rain -

In the P.M. went to see John - called on the Biddulphs & c

March 21. Monday

Rain in the night & early morning - fine in the day

At the club in the day - House at night - commencement of debate on reform

March 22 - Tuesday

Fine - cold & raw

To the Club in the morning - at 2½ PM to the General Post Office about the Aberavon Postal arrangements House at night -

March 23. Wednesday

Fine. Cold - overcast

House all day - Annuity Tax Bill on [?]

March 24. Thursday

Fine

In to the City to see Gilby [?] & C^o. - House at night

March 25. Friday

Fine

Committee on Jew Bill at 1 P.M - House all night

March 26. Saturday

Fine -

a.m. at the Club & walked with J.D.L -

P.M at the club writing & C - I dined at the Jones's (of Pantyglass) and afterwards went to the Speakers Levée -

March 27. Sunday

Fine.

At the Club all day - bad headache at night

March 28 - Monday

Fine - rain at night - showery in the day

Made some calls & c with J.D.L about 12 to 2 PM. To the House then - debate on Govt Reform bill still continues - home about 1 a m.

March 29. Tuesday

Fine -

Went with J.D.L. to Walthamstow & Tottenham - House of Commons at night

March 30. Wednesday

Heavy fall of Snow nearly all day -

To Paddington to meet Talbot & Bruce at 11 a.m. We were appointed a committee to meet Lord Sherbourn & c Committee of the Great Western - To the House about 4 P.M. - at the club in the evening -

March 31. Thursday

Fine - cold -

To the House at night - The Division on the Gov^t. Reform Bill took place about 1 a.m. for Gov^t. 291 against 328

April 1. Friday

Fine - cold -

Committee of the House at 1 PM - to the Club at about 4. & remained there all the evening - except that I went to see John at Westbourne Crescent -

10 Arlington Street

April 2. Saturday -

Rain nearly all day -

Looked for a lodging & c in the day - moved here in the afternoon - Bessie came here by the Express train & I met her at Paddington -

April 3. Sunday

Very fine - bright & hot - (damp heat)

In the afternoon I went with Bessie to call at the Biddulphs & then across the Park to Westbourne Crescent - thence to call on the W Bennetts & Mrs Jones Bateman - and on the Philipps on our way home

April 4. Monday

Very fine - hot -

a.m. out with Bessie - P.M. to the House - Johnny & Willy came also to hear the debate & announcement of Ministerial course in consequence of their defeat - They will dissolve Parliament

April 5. Tuesday -

Very fine -

Went with Bessie to call on Lady C Schreiber at Roehampton - back at 3 - I then went to the House - Bessie dined with the Biddulphs

April 6. Wednesday

Very fine - oppressively hot -

To the House in the day and in the afternoon went with Bessie to see the French exhibition of pictures - in the evening we went up to Westbourne Crescent-

April 7. Thursday -

Very fine - hot -

Made calls with Bessie in the afternoon - To the House at 4 P.M - back at 7 - & took Bessie to Mrs J. Batemans where we dined - I had a bad headache & went to the Athenaeum - went for Bessie again at ½ past 10 -

April 8. Friday

Rainy & raw. Wind S.W.

To the House at 1 P.M. on the Jew Committee - back here at 3 P.M. & to the House again at night - home at 9½ P.M. -

April 9. Saturday

Heavy rain in the night - tolerably fine in the day - Wind high -

To the Club after breakfast & then out to the city - back at 2½-P.M. and out with Bessie - In the evening we went up to Westbourne Crescent -

April 10 - Sunday -

a.m. Rainy & unsettled - P.M. fine. Wind high -
We lunched with the Bruces & afterwards made calls & walked in the Park

April 11. Monday

Unsettled - cold - hail storms &c

Out with Bessie in the morning - at 2 P.M to the House on the Jew Committee - 3 P.M - Com^{ee}. on Petitions. House at 4 - House up a little after 6 & then home

April 12. Tuesday -

Cold & raw. Rain at night - & in the evening

After breakfast I went with Bessie to Mr Phelps in Red Lion Square - afterwards we went to the British Museum to see the Gorilla Ape - home at 2 - at 3 Bessie went to a lecture at the Royal Institution in Albermarle St with Johnny & I went to the House. Division on the Ballot. at 10½ I went to fetch Bessie home from the Biddulphs where she had dined -

April 13. Wednesday -

Cold - rather unsettled - wind N -

To the House at 12 - home about 2 P.M and with Bessie to Westbourne Crescent & c - home by the Park -

April 14. Thursday

Raw & threatening in the forenoon - Heavy & continuous rain all the afternoon & evening -

At noon to the Tavistock to meet Mr Richards on business - to the House in the evening - home to dinner at 7 P-M -

Hendrefoilan

April 15. Friday -

Showers of Snow & hail but fine in the interval - cold - Wind N.W. -

Out with Bessie after breakfast shopping & c - at 2¼ P.M. Harry joined us - at 10 to 5 PM we left Paddington & returned here by the late Express -

April 16. Saturday -

Fine. cold. Wind NW -

To Sketty at 1 & to Swansea in the afternoon - home at ½ past 6 -

April 17. Sunday

Fine - cold - Wind N - high -

To church & afterwards with Bessie & Harry to Sketty. home in the afternoon & walked in the grounds with Amy - To Sketty again in the evening -

April 18. Monday -

Fine - Wind NE-

To Sketty after breakfast & on to Swansea & the works in the afternoon - home to dinner calling again at Sketty in the way -

April 19 - Tuesday -

Very fine - still cold -

To Neath by the Express train - saw Rowland & the Mayor as to a public meeting on Thursday - returned by the 3.30. train - home to dinner - Mr Richards dined with us -

April 20 Wednesday

Very fine - Wind NE - cold at nights - bright and warm in the day

To Sketty in the forenoon with Essie - home at 2½ PM & about the grounds & c with Bessie In the evening at 8 o'clock I attended a public meeting of the Electors & Inhabitants of Swansea at the Town Hall to explain my Political views and give an explanation of my Parliamentary conduct - home about 11 P-M -

April 21. Thursday

Much the same weather as yesterday

In the evening from about 10 PM till 1 a.m. there was the finest Aurora Borealis I ever saw -

About here till 3 P.M. & then to Sketty - In the evening I went to Neath to attend a similar meeting there to that held yesterday at Swansea - Home about 1 a.m.

April 22 Friday (Good Friday)

Fine - bright.

a.m. to Church - afterwards with Minnie to Lunch at Sketty - home in the afternoon -

April 23 - Saturday -

Black East wind - overcast -

a.m. at home - P.M - to Aberavon - returned by the Express Train - The Clarks of Dowlais & Warrington Smyth & Reeks came to us to day - We had a party to dinner

April 24 - Sunday

Wind N.E. dark & overcast -

a.m. to church - PM to Sketty with Harry & then home - afterwards walked out with the Clarks Reeks Bessie & the children

April 25. Monday

Wind E. fine on the whole - in the P.M wind SW. & some rain

We went over to Penllergare - a party to dinner in the evening

April 26. Tuesday

Rainy & unsettled -

a.m. at home - P.M. to Sketty & on to Swansea - called on Grenfell & c. Walked home with Reeks -

April 27. Wednesday

Wind E. high -

To Swansea in the afternoon & in the evening to Aberavon to address a meeting of constituents - home by Express - Smythe & Reeks went down to Gower -

April 28. Thursday

Heavy rain from E -

Walked with Smythe to Loughor - He went on to Pembrey & I called on R Jones, the Vicar, the Portreve & c - Reeks & Smythe both left us to day - Benson came here to dinner & stay till Saturday - In the evening we went to a Ball at Singleton on the occasion of Miss C. Edens¹⁴ wedding this morning -

April 29. Friday

Very fine on the whole in the morning showery in the afternoon

I rode into Swansea at 10½ with Bessie & Harry & Benson drove Amy in to the Borough election which took place at 11 a.m. I was returned without opposition - home in the afternoon & walked about here - In the evening Benson & I went into Swansea again to a Public dinner at the Mackworth Arms to which I was invited - We got home about 11 P.M -

April 30. Saturday

Heavy rain till about 3 P.M. fine afterwards - Wind E -0 cold -

To Sketty & about here in the afternoon Benson left us this afternoon -

May 1 - Sunday

Fine - Wind E -

To Church & then to Sketty to lunch home in the afternoon & to Sketty again in the evening

May 2. Monday

Wind E.N.E. cold - fine -

Went out fishing with Harry on the Penllergare stream. Amy accompanied us -

Margam

May 3. Tuesday

Fine. Wind N.E. cold -

Attended an adjourned Quarter Sessions at Bridgend & afterwards walked back here with Talbot - Bessie Minnie Amy & Harry also came here to dinner & for the night; to attend the County election tomorrow

Hendrefoilan

May 4 - Wednesday

Fine - cold - Wind N.E.

We attended the County election at Bridgend & returned here afterwards - I called at Sketty in my way home

May 5 - Thursday

Wind E.N.E. fine in the day the wind went round to S & S.W - with the sun at night up to the N. again -

To Swansea and up to the works - called at Sketty in the way home -

May 6. Friday -

¹⁴ The Rev Welby, as Vicar of St Pauls at Sketty, officiated at the wedding of Felix Hussey Webber, the youngest son of the late Arthur Webber, and Caroline Eden, daughter of the late Thomas Eden of the Bryn, Swansea.

Fine - Wind E - & in the P.M. to S & S.W. -
Harry left us today to return to Silsoe - I went with him as far as Landore & then went with E.M.R to the Brick Yard & the new works in Lansamlet - to Sketty in my way home -

May 7 - Saturday

Wind S.E - overcast in the morning - heavy rain in the afternoon & wind round to S.W.

At home & about here all day -

May 8.Sunday -

Very fine - Wind W. bright & hot -

a.m. to church & then to Sketty with Bessie - home in the afternoon and out with the children - to Sketty again to tea & spent the evening there

May 9. Monday

Very fine - wind E.S.E.

To Swansea with Bessie after breakfast. I went to the Harbour meeting - home at 2½ P.M. & about here the rest of the afternoon -

May 10. Tuesday

a.m. rain from E. till about 3 P.M. when it cleared off a little - cold in the evening -
To Sketty & about here -

London

May 11. Wednesday -

Fine - rather grey & overcast Wind E -

I came up here by Express train -

May 12 - Thursday

Fine - Wind E - cold out of the sun -

Looked for Lodgings - engaged at 11 guineas a week. breakfasts 2/- Dinner 4/6 - from Monday fortnight May 30th - afterwards went to the city - at 2½ went with the Mayor to the Home Office about a Stipendary Magistrate from Swansea -

May 13. Friday -

Fine -

Attended a Board Meeting of S.W. Directors at Paddington - to the club in the evening -

May 14 - Saturday

Hendrefoilan

Very fine - Wind N.E. but bright & hot -

I came home by Express train - laid up all evening with a bad headache

May 15. Sunday

Very fine - Wind - N. but bright & hot

About here in the day - to Sketty in evening -

May 16. Monday

Very fine -

a.m. into Swansea with Bessie & Essie

P.M. about here with Amy it is her birthday - Mr Richards came in the afternoon & dined here

May 17. Tuesday

Fine -

a.m. about here - P.M. to Swansea & Sketty -

May 18 - Wednesday

Fine -

Went with Minnie & Amy to see the Kilhepste Waterfalls - back at 9 P.M -

May 19. Thursday

Fine - Thunder showers in the evening -

About here & down to Sketty -

May 20. Friday

Fine - Thunder showers (slight) in the evening -

Into Swansea & to Sketty - about here in the afternoon from 3½ P.M.

May 21. Saturday

Fine -

About here all day, gardening & c

May 22 - Sunday

Fine. Wind N.E.

To church in the morning. with Minnie to Sketty to lunch - about here in the afternoon - To Sketty in the evening -

May 23 - Monday

Very fine - hot & bright

To Swansea on to the works -

May 24. Tuesday

Very fine -

With Minnie & Amy to Penllergare and on to the Lliew Valley -

May 25. Wednesday

Very fine -

a.m. to Sketty. P-M. about here

May 26. Thursday

Very fine -

To the Works at 11 a.m. home in the afternoon at 4 oclock & out with Amy -

May 27. Friday -

Fine. very hot -

About here in the morning at 12½ to Sketty & then on to Swansea to attend a meeting respecting Rifle corps - Mr Richards dined with us & Mary & Mr Welby came in to tea - I had a bad headache

May 28. Saturday -

Heavy rain in the forenoon - overcast but no rain the rest of the day. close & hot - Wind NW -

I went to Sketty in the morning & about here in the P.M.

May 29. Sunday

a.m. fine. rain in the night. P.M. Showery -

To church in the morning - about here in the afternoon -

London May

May 30. Monday -

Thunder storms in the P.M. hot & bright in the morning -

Bessie Minnie & myself came up here by Express train - We have got apartments at 17 Dover St - In the evening Minnie & I went up to Westbourne Crescent to see the Penllergare party who leave Town tomorrow -

May 31. Tuesday -

a.m Fine. P.M - heavy showers -

About here in the morning - to the House at 2½ P.M - election of Speaker - afterwards to Serjeants Inn &c - at home in the evening

June 1. Wednesday

Fine -

a.m. to the club & out with Bessie & Minnie P.M. to the House at 2 - & was sworn in - in the evening to the Adelphi Theatre with Bessie & Minnie -

June 2. Thursday

Fine in the day - rain at night -

After breakfast went with Bessie & Minnie to the Royal Academy Exhibition - - In the afternoon we did some shopping - I had a bad headache in the evening & did not go out. Bessie & Minnie went to a concert at Mrs Biddulphs -

June 3. Friday

Close & hot & overcast in the day about 4½ P.M heavy rain came on -

I attended a meeting of the South Wales Board at Paddington at 12 - afterwards walked with Talbot to the House - dined at home & remained at home all the evening -

June 4. Saturday -

Close & hot - heavy & frequent storms of rain in the afternoon -

a.m. out with Minnie to various Gunmakers about Rifles as I have been com^d by Talbot to form a Rifle corps for Swansea

P.M. - with Bessie & Minnie to the Rhododendron shew in Regents Park Botanical Gardens - In the evening we went to the opera -

June 5 - Sunday

a.m. fine hot - P.M. A heavy Storm from about 4 to 6.

In the afternoon went to the Zoological Gardens with Bessie & Minnie -

June 6. Monday

Fine -

a.m. to the Athenaeum & c . P.M attended a great meeting of the Liberal party at Willis s rooms.

June 7. Tuesday

Very fine -

At 1 P.M. went with Bessie & Minnie to the H of C to see the Queen go in state to open Parliament - at 4 P.M. again to the House where I got a place for B. & M in the Ladies Gallery to here the debate on the address - home about 1 a.m. -

June 8. Wednesday

Fine

To the House at 12 - home at 2 P.M and then with Bessie and Minnie to the Water colour exhibition - We dined with the W. Bennetts -

June 9. Thursday

Fine

With Minnie shopping & c in the morning - To the House at 4. Debate

[unreadable- **scan words**] continues - House adjourned about 1 a.m. & then home -

June 10 Friday -

Fine

To a meeting of the S. Wales Board at Paddington at 1 P.M - To the House at night - Division about 2 a.m. Ministers defeated by a majority of 13 -

June 11 - Saturday

Fine -

To the Queens drawing Room with Bessie & Minnie - Harry came to us in the afternoon for the Whitsuntide - In the evening we all went to the Olympic Theatre

June `1. Sunday

a.m. Fine. About 1 P.M. a violent Storm of Thunder & lightning set in

accompanied by torrents of rain - it cleared off between & 4 & 5 P-M - [sic]

P.M. 5. I went out with Bessie as soon as the rain cleared off -

June 13. Monday

Fine

With Harry & Minnie to the City 7 c - in the forenoon - About here with Harry in the P.M. went to a Ball at Mrs Lathams in the evening with Bessie & Minnie

June 14. Tuesday

Fine -

a.m. to the House & c on business. At 1½ went with Harry to Kings Cross as he returns to Silsoe to day - in the afternoon walked with B. & M. in the Park - We dined with the R. Martins -

June 15. Wednesday

Fine -

To the club & about here all day -

June 16. Thursday

Fine -

To the club after breakfast & then on to the city - At home in the afternoon - in the evening walked with Minnie to see the Moggridges

June 17. Friday

Fine

To the Club after breakfast - wrote letters & c - To the House at ¼ to 4 - home about 5½ P.M. We dined with the Wightmans in the evening -

June 18. Saturday -

Fine

To the club after breakfast & then home - wrote letters &c till 3 P.M - then out with Bessie & Minnie to hear Cristys [sic] Minstrels - home in the evening

June 19 - Sunday

Dark & Gloomy -

To Church in the morning with Bessie & Minnie - in the afternoon went with Minnie to call on the Talbots - we afterwards walked in the Park -

June 20. Monday.

Dark & gloomy in the forenoon - heavy continuous rain in the afternoon -

To the city after breakfast on business - in the afternoon Bessie went out with Mrs Iltid Thomas in the Carriage & Minnie & I went to the British museum - home to dinner at 7½. In the evening we all went to a concert at Mrs R. Martins -

June 21 - Tuesday

To the club after breakfast & then out with Bessie & Minnie to Peters the Coachmakers - & on to call on Fanny - I went to the House at 4 - home at 6. Laid up in the evening with a sore throat headache & c -

June 22. Wednesday

a.m. fine. P.M - Rainy -

To the city at 10½ & at 12 to a meeting of the Reform Association at Fendalls [?] after which I went to the House - home at ½ past 2 P.M - & went for a walk with Minnie - Bessie took Mrs Iltid Thomas for a drive -

Swansea

June 23 - Thursday

Fine -

To the club after breakfast & to the Home office with Mr Lambert at 11½ - then to see for Talbot but he was out - at 2 to the War Office to see S Herbert about the formation of Rifle Corps - left London at 4.50 PM. by Express train & came down here where I got a bed at the Castle Hotel -

Penllergare -

June 24 - Friday

Fine

After breakfast I went to Sketty then to Landore to see G Morris - back to Swansea at 4 - come over here at 5. Amy & Essie are staying here

June 25 - Saturday

Fine -

After breakfast drove in the carriage to Swansea with J.D.L. & Amy - about 2 P.M. we walked to Sketty & back here calling at Hendrefoilan in the way

June 26. Sunday

Rain last night & in the morning - fine in the day

To Church here in the morning - In the afternoon Amy & I walked over to Sketty & Hendrefoilan - back here to dinner -

Gloucester. June 27. Monday -

Fine

To Hendrefoilan with Amy at 12 - then to Sketty at 3½ & into Swansea - I came here by Mail train

London

June 28. Tuesday -

Rain nearly all day -

I came on here from Gloucester by Express train this morning - We dined with the Erles

June 29. Wednesday

Fine

To the City with Minnie in the morning. Called on Talbot on the way home - wrote letters & c in the PM - & walked with Bessie - We went to the Portals in the evening -

June 30. Tuesday

Fine

Out with Bessie shopping in the morning - To the House at 4 - Bessie & Minnie went to the Opera with the Iltid Thomas s.

July 1. Friday

Fine -

In then morning the British Museum with B. & M. to the House at 4. In the evening we went to the Haymarket Theatre

July 2. Saturday

Fine in the day - A Thunder Storm & violent rain came on about 10½ PM -
To the club & c after breakfast - in the afternoon I went with B. & M. to the
Zoological Gardens - We dined with the H. Vivians and afterwards went to a party
at Mrs Biddulphs

July 3. Sunday

Fine - Rain at night -

Out in the afternoon with Bessie & Minnie - We drank tea at the Biddulphs -

July 2 - Monday

Fine -

Bessie & Minnie left this morning for Oxford. I moved down to 12 Suffolk St - To
the House at 3½

July 5. Tuesday

Very hot

a.m. wrote letters & c - To the House in the P.M

July 6 - Wednesday

Very hot -

At the House all day. My Bill on endowed schools came on -

July 7. Thursday

Very hot -

Wrote & c in the day - To the House at night

Hendrefoilan

July 8 Friday

Very fine & hot -

After breakfast to the Admiralty to see Sir J Pallington [*? Packington*] as to select
Com^{ee} on End^d Schools - then Upper Belgrave St to see H. Vivian - At 1 P.M to
Paddington to a meeting of S W Directors - left London by evening express &
came here by ¼ to 12.

July 9. Saturday -

Very fine

To Swansea & Sketty - home about 5 P.M.

Gloucester

July 10. Sunday

Very fine -

Rode over to Penllergare to breakfast & back directly afterwards - in the
afternoon to Sketty - back to Hendrefoilan about 2½ PM. Came here en route to
London by Mail train

London

July 11. Monday

Very fine -

I came on here by Express train - To the House in the evening -

July 12. Tuesday

Very fine - tremendously hot

Went about some commissions in the day - to the House in the evening -

July 13. Wednesday

Very fine - hot -

In the House all day - Church Rate debate -

July 14. Thursday -

Fine -

After breakfast with Theodore Talbot about uniforms rifles & c - I then went to call on Mrs Biddulph - To the House at night-

July 15. Friday

Very hot. Therm^r (said to be) 82 in the shade

To the City & c in the day - To the House at night -

July 16. Saturday

Very hot -

Writing & c in the morning - called on Trewlany Vivian & c in the evening -

July 17. Sunday

Tremendously hot. bright & clear -

I did not go out much - in the afternoon H. Vivian called on me & I went to his house with him to see an uniform

July 18. Monday - Violent Thunderstorm Very hot at night -

To Dolans [?] & c about uniforms in the morning - to the House at night

July 19. Tuesday

Very hot. Thunderstorm at night

To the House at night - wrote in the day

Hendrefoilan

July 20 - Wednesday

Heavy rain in the morning fine the rest of the day

To the House at 12 - Committee on Endowed Schools at 1 - left the House about 2½ P.M - Went to War Office & c came down here by the late Express - H. Vivian accompanied me

July 21. Thursday

Fine - Thunder & rain at night -

After breakfast with H. Vivian to see for practice ground for Rifle corps then to Swansea - I called at Sketty in my way out - We dined at 6 P.M. & then H.V. & myself went into Swansea to attend a meeting of volunteers for Rifle Corps - H.V. went to Parkwern afterwards as he leaves for London tomorrow morning -

July 22 - Friday -

Very fine - clear & pleasant -

I Thomas came here after breakfast about Rifle corps matters - at 12 I went with Amy to Sketty & then on to Swansea - home to dinner at 6 - in the evening I again went into Swansea to attend a meeting of volunteers for my corps to arrange preliminaries & c

July 23. Saturday

Occasional heavy Thunderstorms with violent rain -

After breakfast tried a rifle & c - to Sketty to Lunch & then with Bessie o Swansea - at 4 P.M. I met Richardson¹⁵ & Richards about the rifle corps. Home at 6½ P.M.

July 24. Sunday

Gloucester

Very fine -

a.m. wrote letters & c - P.M - to Sketty & then home about the garden & c with Bessie & the Children - I came up here by Mail train -

London

July 25 Monday

Very fine -

Came up by early Express from Gloucester - Committee on Endowed schools at 2 P.M - House in the evening -

July 26. Tuesday

Very fine -

At the House in the day on Com^{ee}. of Church Rate Bill - afterwards to the City to see Rothschild about some silver ore - "No House" in the evening -

July 27. Wednesday

Fine -

To the House at 12 - then to Jenkins & Phelps s & on to the City to Rothschilds about silver ore -

Back to the House at 4 P.M. wrote letters & c

July 28. Thursday

Fine

Committee as to Glamorganshire Lunatic Asylum at Trafalgar Hotel at 12 -

Committee of Endowed Schools at 2 P.M. House at night -

July 29. Friday

Gloomy in the day - Heavy rain at night -

I had a headache & remained in nearly all day - To the House at night

July 30. Saturday

Fine in the day.

To Sergeants Inn after breakfast - in the afternoon executed commissions & c

¹⁵ John Crow Richardson of Pantygwydir, Glamorgan. JP for the county and also Borough of Swansea. Mayor of Swansea 1860-1. Captain and Acting Commandant of the 3rd Glamorgan Rifle Volunteers. Born 1842, married Theresa Eden Pearce Serocold.

July 31. Sunday

Fine with the exception of one or two slight showers -
Up to the Zoological Gardens with H. Thomas in the afternoon -

August 1. Monday

Fine - showers.
To the city & c - House at night -

August 2 - Tuesday

Fine -
To Sergeants Inn at 11 - House at 12 & at night -

August 3. Wednesday

Fine in the day - rain at night -
To the Lunacy Commissioners with Bruce at 11 - To the House at 12 - At night to
a party of Mrs Sidney Herberts -

August 4. Thursday

Fine -
To the House at 12 - at 4 PM went with Bruce to call at Sidney Herberts - House
again at 6 - home at 2 a.m -

August 5 Friday

Fine - one or two short & very heavy showers -
Up to Red Lion Square after breakfast - on to Paddington (Directors meeting) at 1
P.M - to the House at 6 -

August 6 - Saturday

Unsettled - rain great part of the day but not heavy -
To the House at 12 - & then to the city the rest of the day busy finishing off some
things I had to do as I return home on Monday - At the club in the evening -

August 7. Sunday

Fine in the day but overcast & threatening
To the club & at my lodgings all day - packed up & got ready for leaving
tomorrow morning -

Hendrefoilan August

August 8. Monday

Heavy rain in the night - showery in the day -
I left London by Express train - got to Swansea at 4 P.M - intended to be at the
Regatta ordinary but had a bad headache & came home

August 9. Tuesday

Fine but overcast. Wind E.
Into Swansea after breakfast - to the Stand of the Regatta - at 3 to the Town Hall
& met my corps about their uniform & c Mr Browne measured them - home at
7½ PM

August 10. Wednesday

Fine -

After breakfast to Sketty & remained there to Lunch - then into Swansea - home to dinner at 7.

August 11. Thursday

Fine -

To Bridgend by Express train to a meeting of the Lunatic Asylum Committee - home to dinner - H.Thomas came with me

August 12. Friday

a.m rainy - P.M. tolerably fine -

After breakfast I drove H. Thomas into Swansea to the 11 a.m. train - called at Sketty in my way home & in the afternoon gardened with Bessie.

August 13 - Saturday -

Rainy -

Wrote & c - after breakfast - to Sketty at 2½. - in the afternoon drove into Swansea with Bessie -

August 14 - Sunday

Fine - showers in the evening -

To Church & then Sketty - about here in the afternoon with Bessie - To Sketty at tea

August 15. Monday

Fine - Rain in the night -

To the Works after breakfast - In Swansea in the afternoon - home to dinner at 7 PM -

August 16 Tuesday

Fine -

To Sketty after breakfast - about here with Bessie the rest of the day - PM 21st Wedding day

August 17. Wednesday

Fine -

Into Swansea in the day arranging as to drill & c of my Corps. At 7 a.m I again went in with Harry to attend a meeting -

August 18. Thursday

Fine -

Into Swansea to Morning Drill with Harry at 6½ a.m. back to breakfast - Wrote letters afterwards - at 2 P.M. to Sketty. on to Swansea at 4 P.M. & at remained [sic] till 8 P.M. for evening drill -

August 19 - Friday -

Very hot. bright sun - rain in the night -

At 6 a.m. Into Swansea to drill my Corps with Harry - home to breakfast - afterwards went with Bessie in the gig to Pontardulais about letting the Coal under Talyclyne farm - called at Penllergare in our way home - home at 4½ P.M. & went out to try some rifles - - Into Swansea again at 6 for the evening drill

August 20. Saturday -

Very fine - hot & bright -

Wrote letters & c after breakfast - at 2 P.M. rode into Swansea calling at Sketty on the way - at 6. Evening drill & then went to meet the packet as Mrs Phillimore came by it on a visit to us - home at 9 P.M.

August 21. Sunday

Very fine -

To church in the morning & then Sketty home about 3½ P.M. & walked out with Bessie & Mrs Phillimore

August 22. Monday

Very fine -

Into Swansea by P a.m. with Harry for morning drill - home to breakfast - afterwards wrote letters & c at 12 into Swansea with Amy calling at Sketty in our way - We executed some commissions and then Amy went to the Willows while (at 3 PM) I went to officers drill - We came home about 6 P.M. & had a party to dinner - The Gibson Craigs, G Morris &c

August 23. Tuesday

Very fine -

Into Swansea to drill with Harry at 7 a m back to breakfast - in the afternoon again to Swansea - officers drill at 3 P.M. at 4 to the train - the Bassetts & the Miss (S.) Thomas s came to us -

August 24. Wednesday

Very fine -

Into Swansea with Harry at 7. Back to breakfast - afterwards practised with Rifle with Bassett & Harry - at 1 P.M. we all went to an archers meeting at Singleton - at 6 I went to Swansea for evening drill & c - in the evening there was a ball at Singleton - home at 2 a.m.

August 25. Thursday

Fine

Into Swansea in the afternoon - we had a dance here in the evening & kept it till 3 or 4 a-m-

August 26. Friday

Fine -

I had a bad cold - all our party went with Bessie Minnie & Harry to a party of the Woods at 3 cliffs bay - Amy & I drove into Swansea in the afternoon called at Sketty on our way

August 27. Saturday -

a.m fine. P.M. Showery -

All our party except Miss Phillimore viz the 2 Miss Thomas s H.Lloyd & Bushby left us today - In the afternoon I went into Swansea calling at Sketty in the way - home to dinner - I attended at the morning drill in Swansea at 7 - & returned to breakfast -

August 28. Sunday

Very fine -

We all went to church in the morning - thence I went to Sketty Hall - home about 3½ & about here -

August 29 - Monday

Heavy rain in the day - Wind High. S.W-

In with Harry to morning drill at 7 - home to breakfast Into Swansea again in the afternoon -

Gloucester -

August 30. Tuesday -

Unsettled

Into Swansea & c at 7 a m - attended Harbour meeting - home in the P.M came here by Mail train -

London -

August 31. Wednesday

Fine - but cold -

Came on here by morning Express - attended ½ yearly meeting of S.W. R^{way} C^o. at Paddington - at 7 P.M - afterwards executed commissions & c -

Sept^r. 1 Thursday

Fine -

Executed various commissions & c busy all day

Hendrefoilan Sept^r. 2. Friday

Rainy -

Attended meeting of S.W. Directors at Paddington at 1 - returned home by late Express -

Sept^r. 3. Saturday -

Fine -

Laid up all day with a bad headache - down to Sketty at 5 P.M. to see Mama on her birthday

Sept^r. 4. Sunday

Fine -

a.m. at home P.M. about here with Bessie - to tea at Sketty & spent the evening there

Sept^r. 5. Monday

Threatening but fine on the whole -

To morning drill with Harry at 6 a.m. home to breakfast - Into Swansea again at 2 P.M. -

Home to dinner at ½ past 7. Mr Southey & his brother came to us this afternoon -

Sept^r. 6. Tuesday

Tolerably fine but showery

7 a.m. to drill - after breakfast with the Mess^{rs}. Southey walked to my Works & on to Swansea - Private drill in P.M. - home to dinner - Smith of Scilly came to us this evening on a visit - we had a party to dinner -

Sept^r. 9. Wednesday

Showery

Drill at 7 a.m. with Harry - home to breakfast afterwards I attended a meeting in Swansea & remained till evening The rest of our party went some to Caswell & some to Penllergare

Sept^r. 8. Thursday

Fine - Wind high -

a.m. 7 oclock morning drill - Into Swansea again in the day -

Sept^r. 9. Friday

Fine. very high wind

Out shooting here with Johnny & Harry. We bagged 22½ brace of Partridges 3 Hares & ! Landrail -

Sept^r. 10. Saturday -

Fine -

To drill before breakfast - afterwards to Swansea with Bessie & Smith - shewed the former the Market Docks & c & c -

Sept^r. 11 - Sunday

Very fine - Halo round the moon at night -

To church in the forenoon - About here in the afternoon -

Sept^r. 12 - Monday -

Overcast & threatening - Wind getting up in the evening

Drill at 7 a.m. . home at 9 - A. Smith left us this morning - P.M - to Swansea & attended evening drill - home at 8½ P.M.

Sept^r. 13. Tuesday

Gale of Wind from SW - Rain & Storm all day

Into Swansea after breakfast in the Dog cart & then out to the Mumbles where I went out to board the Capricorn - met Talbot & his daughters coming on shore - they came up here to dinner & remained the night -

Sept^r. 14. Wednesday

Fine -

Before breakfast & drill - Into Swansea with Talbot after breakfast shewed him the Docks & c - at 1½ PM we returned and Bessie Minnie Amy & I accompanied

the Talbot party on board the Capricorn where they remained - we returned home & B.M. & self dined at Singleton -

Sept^r. 15. Thursday

Rainy - Wind E -

Before breakfast to drill - in the afternoon into Swansea again -

Sept^r. 16. Friday -

Fine.

Out shooting from Penfody home - H Vivian & Harry with me. We bagged 18½ brace of Part^s 4 Hares & 2 rabbits -

Sept^r. 17. Saturday -

Fine -

Morning drill at 7 - after breakfast shot with rifles - then to Sketty with Essie - at 3 P.M. into Swansea - home to dinner at 7 -

Sept^r. 18. Sunday

a.m. Threatening & gloomy - 5 P.M heavy rain set in -

a.m. to Church & then to Sketty - P.M about here at 5 to Sketty - spent the evening there -

Sept^r. 19. Monday

Gloucester -

Wind high to drill at 7 - busy writing & c in the morning - Came up here by the 3 P.M train - Bessie & Minnie came with me as far as Bridgend, whence they went to Merthyr Mawr for an Archery meeting

London

Sept^r. 20. Tuesday

Fine - rain at night -

I came up here by the morning train from Gloucester - went to the city, Somerset House & c -

Sept^r. 21. Wednesday

Heavy Rain in the forenoon - fine in the P.M -

To the City after breakfast - attended the adjourned ½ yearly meeting of South Wales Railway shareholders at 1 P.M -

Hendrefoilan

Sept^r. 22. Thursday -

Unsettled -

Came home to day by Express train - Talbot with me - we joined Bessie & Minnie at the 2 Eldest Miss Talbots J.C.Nicholl & Miss Nicholl at Bridgend - who came here - C [?] K Baker, Bassett & H Thomas also came here

Sept^r. 23. Friday

Unsettled -

Swansea Dock opening at 2½ P.M. [ECDL PIC] Miss Talbot officiated - Public breakfast at 3½ P.M. Home to dinner at 7½ P.M - & again to a Ball at night -

Sept^r. 24. Saturday -

Unsettled & Stormy -

At 1½ P.M. went with Talbot on board the Capricorn at the Mumbles roadstead & came with him into the New Docks about 4 P.M. Then to drill & home to dinner at ½ past 7 - All our party left us to day -

Sept^r. 25. Sunday

Wind high - showery but fine on the whole -

To church after breakfast & then to Sketty - About here in the P.M - with Bessie & Essie - To Sketty to tea -

Sept^r. 26. Monday

Rain set in about 9½ a.m & lasted till the afternoon when it held off

To drill at 7 a.m - Again into Swansea to drill & c in the afternoon -

Sept^r. 27 - Tuesday

Very fine.

Drill at 7 a.m. home to breakfast - to Penllergare with Bessie afterwards - home at 3 P.M. & again into Swansea. to evening drill & c

Sept^r. 28. Wednesday

Heavy rain in the forenoon - clear in the afternoon

I went out shooting after breakfast - in the afternoon went with Bessie into Swansea -

Sept^r. 29. Thursday

Wind high. showers but fine on the whole

To Sketty with Essie after breakfast - To Swansea in the afternoon - attended evening drill -

Sept^r. 30. Friday

Rain without intermissions till 4 P.M - it then cleared up

At home in the day - rode into Swansea in the evening -

Oct^r. 1. Saturday -

Unsettled - much rain - Wind S.S.W -

To Sketty after breakfast - about here in the afternoon farming & c -

Oct^r. 2. Sunday -

Mild & misty but fine on the whole -

To Sketty with Essie to lunch - home & about in the afternoon - To Sketty to tea & spend the evening -

Oct^r. 3. Monday

Fine -

Into Swansea to a Harbour Com. meeting at 11 a.m. also went to Stricks office about Musketry Instructor from Hythe who has been sent down from the War Office for our Corps - To the drill in the evening -

Margam

Oct^r.4.Tuesday

Fine -

Drill at 7 a.m - Home in the forenoon at 3 P.M. came here - Bessie Minnie & Amy with me -

Oct^r.5. Wednesday

Very fine, hot & bright.

Went out shooting with Talbot - we bagged 48 Hares 25 Pheasants 26 Partridges & 7 Rabbits

Hendrefoilan

Oct^r. 6. Thursday

Very fine -

Walked about Margam in the forenoon Bessie & I returned here in the Afternoon - I attended evening drill in Swansea - Minnie & Amy remained at Margam till tomorrow

Oct^r.7. Friday

Rain about 8 a.m. for an hour - fine the rest of the day

I was busy at accounts & c - till 3 P.M. I then rode into Swansea & attended evening drill - home to dinner at 7 -

Oct^r.8. Saturday

Fine -

To Sketty after breakfast home at ½ past 11 - then out about the Grounds - rifle practice & c - at 3½ P.M. rode into Swansea with Bessie - evening drill at 5 - at ½ past 6. We returned -

Oct^r.9. Sunday

Fine. Wind E -

To Church & afterwards with Bessie and Minnie to Lunch at Sketty - home at 2½ P.M. and out for a walk with Minnie Amy & Essie - to Sketty again to tea & spent the evening there -

Oct^r.10. Monday

Fine -

Busy in Swansea - Harbour meeting & c - drill in the evening - 50 present.

Oct^r.11.Tuesday

Bonvillestone

Grey & overcast wind E. no rain -

We (Bessie Minnie & Self) came here on a visit to the Bassetts -

Oct^r.12. Wednesday

Fine - a heavy storm about 6 P.M.

We went to Caerphilly Castle **[PIC]** today - Clarke of Dowlais who is staying here with us - back about 7 P.M.

Hendrefoilan

Oct^r. 13. Thursday

Gray & Overcast in the morning. fine in the day - Wind E - -

We returned from Bonvillestone to day Bessie & Minnie by the afternoon train - I came by a early train & attended the Finance & other County Committees at the Town Hall - Swansea - Drill at 5 - - home to dinner -

October 14 - Friday -

Very fine. Wind ENE - rather cold -

Wrote letters & c in the morning - to Swansea in the afternoon home to dinner at 7 -

October 15 - Saturday

Wind E - dark - rain at intervals

I went out shooting over Upper Ystrad & Caenewydd -

October 16. Sunday -

a.m. Heavy rain - P.M. tolerably fine. Rain at night

At home in the forenoon on account of the weather About here in the afternoon and at 5 - to Sketty Hall where I spent the evening - home at 9½ P.M.

Oct^r. 17. Monday

Fine on the whole -

In to Swansea Officers drill & c in the afternoon Musketry drill afterwards. The C.Thomas s & Harry Thomas came here in the afternoon

Oct^r.18. Tuesday

Fine -

Attended Quarter Sessions - drill & c in the afternoon. Talbot & his 2 Daughters & H Bruce came to us this evening - we had a party to dinner

October 19. Wednesday

Very fine -

In the morning we practised with Rifles. In the afternoon all went into Swansea to see My Corps Assemble for the first time for drill & parade in full uniform - I took the Command - The Talbots left us to day - home to dinner

Oct^r.20 Thursday

Fine

I went out shooting with C E Thomas. Bruce left us to day

October 21 - Friday

Cold - Wind N.W. storms of Snow & Hail in the afternoon - The Snow lay on the ground -

Walked into Swansea in the afternoon with Amy - the Marryatts & Merles came to us to day

October 22.Saturday

Still cold - fine in the morning. Heavy storms of Snow in the evening - a.m. out shooting with Merle. P.M. into Swansea to swear in my Corps - Amy accompanied me - The C.E. Thomas s & H. Thomas also left us to day

October 23. Sunday

Fine - cold - Wind N.

To church & then to Sketty - walked about here in the afternoon with Merle & c -

October 24.Monday

Wind variable - apparent struggle between N.E & S.W. large black cumuloid clouds frequent to all round the horizons - fine here - Thunder at night - cold - Deep snow on the Devonshire hills - Here the Snow still remains in the shade - The Merles & Marriots left us this morning - in the afternoon I rode into Swansea with Bessie -

October 25.Tuesday

Wind - NE - very cold - snow sleet and rain set in with a gale from the NE in the afternoon

Into Swansea after breakfast - up to the Works at 1½ - back to Burrows Lodge at 3½ - In the evening Bessie Minnie & self dined at Singleton to meet the Arbuthnots - We had difficulty in getting there a tree having been blown down across the road

Gloucester _____ October

October 26. Wednesday

Wind in the morning N.Ws still blowing a Gale which in the night was tremendous. In the afternoon it cleared up & was fine -

At home in the morning - at 2 P.M. drove into Swansea and at 3 went to Burrows Lodge to swear in members of my Corps & c at 4 Drill & Parade in uniform - afterwards to the Castle Hotel changed my uniform & got some tea - came up here by Mail train -

London

October 27. Thursday

Rainy in the forenoon - Fine in the P.M.

Came up here by the 8 oclock train from Gloucester - Went to Somerset House the Home Office the War Office & c -

Hendrefoilan

October 28. Friday -

Unsettled - heavy rain in the evening - from 5½ to 8½ P.M - afterwards it cleared up -

Attended a railway meeting at Paddington at 1 P.M. returned home by the late Express -

October 29 - Saturday
Wind W - high cold - clear -
I had a bad headache all day & did not go out -

October 30. Sunday
Rainy - Wind E.S.E-
To Sketty at 2 P.M. & spent the afternoon & evening there

October 31. Monday
a.m. threatening - Wind SE - P.M. heavy rain and a gale of Wind -
Walked into Swansea in the forenoon with Bessie Minnie & Amy - they returned
in the carriage - I executed various commissions & c & at 4 P.M. went to Burrows
Lodge to Musketry drill. - home to dinner at 7 P.M.

Nov^r. 1 - Tuesday
A tremendous gale from W.S.W in the night & all day - Bar^r about 28.3. Storms of
rain.
To Sketty in the afternoon & about here -

Nov^r.2.Wednesday
Unsettled - frequent heavy storms -
a.m. at home P.M. to Sketty & on to Burrows Lodge to drill -

Nov^r.3.Thursday
Very stormy & Unsettled -
About here allay - planting & c

Nov^r.4. Friday
a.m. rainy. wind SW - Tolerably fine in the P.M.
In the afternoon we all went down to Singleton to see H.Vivians Corps turn out -
Called at Sketty in going & returning -

Nov^r.5. Saturday -
Unsettled - much rain in the middle of the day - Wind SW -
I had a bad cold & threatening Bronchitis & remained at home till the afternoon
when I went down to Sketty with Minnie -

Nov^r.6 - Sunday
Unsettled - Wind high S.W -
I remained at home all day with an attack of Bronchitis & c -

November 7. Monday
Stormy - Wind W.S.W - very high - frequent showers-
I remained at home all day -

Nov^r.8. Tuesday -
Much the same as yesterday -
Still confined to the house by Bronchitis -

Nov^r.9. Wednesday

Fine - cold - Wind N -

I went into Swansea with Bessie in the afternoon in the close carriage and attended Parade of my Corps -

Nov^r.10. Thursday -

Frost in the night - cold in the day but tolerably fine -

I went to Bridgend to attend an adjourned Quarter Sessions for the appointment of Prison Chaplains, & afterwards a Lunatic Asylum Committee to meet the Architect (Mr.Bell) - returned by Express & called at Sketty on my way home

Nov^r.11. Friday

Wind E. high - cold & dark -

To Sketty in the afternoon with Bessie. Back here at 4½ P.M - -

Nov^r.12. Saturday

Fine. Wind E. dry & clear -

a.m. at home - P.M. to Sketty & on to Swansea

Nov^r.13. Sunday -

Very fine - clear & cold - Wind N.E.

To church after breakfast & then to Sketty with Amy - home again at 2½ P.M & about with Essie - to Sketty again to tea & spent the evening there

Nov^r.14. Monday

Very fine. clear & cold - Wind N.E - still -

Planting &c here in the forenoon - to Swansea with Minnie & Amy in the afternoon - to Sketty in our way home - In the evening with Bessie and Minnie to Singleton to a dance -

Nov^r.15. Tuesday

Fine. clear Wind N.E - frosty at night

About here - to Sketty & c

Nov^r.16. Wednesday

Fine. clear - frosty at night -

P.M. In to drill - We dined at Parkwern

Nov^r.17.Thursday

Fine. some indications of change -

Into Swansea in the afternoon - attended drill & c - at 6 attended at the Institution a meeting for the distribution of certificates of the Oxford Middle Class examinations to the Scholars of E. Davies - home to dinner.

Nov^r.18. Friday

Wind S.E. threatening -

To Sketty in the morning and in the afternoon about here with Captⁿ Young trying Rifles & c - he dined here in the evening -

November 19. Saturday

Threatening - but tolerably fine -

At home & about the grounds in the morning - in the afternoon to Sketty & on to attend drill - We dined & Dderwen fawr.

Nov^r.20. Sunday

Wind E. cold - dark in the PM fine in the morning -

To Church with B & the children after breakfast - With Minnie to lunch at Sketty - home in the P.M. Spent the evening at Sketty -

Nov^r.21. Monday -

Fine. Wind E-

Rode into Swansea with Bessie to Sketty in the afternoon -

Nov^r.22. Tuesday

Misty & Rainy -

I went out shooting at Kilvrough

Gloucester

Nov^r.23. Wednesday

Fine -

a.m. at home - P.M. to Sketty & then on to Swansea attended Parade at 4 P.M.

came up here with Bessie by Mail train en route for London -

London 10 Arlington St

Nov^r.24. Thursday

We came up here by morning Express & spent the day looking for Houses. I had a bad headache in the evening

November 25. Friday

Fine on the whole

I attended - meeting of the G W Directors at Paddington at 12 - in the afternoon walked out with Bessie

Nov^r.26. Saturday

Hendrefoilan

Rainy -

I went to Somerset House & c after breakfast - House seeking with B. in the afternoon - We returned by the evening Express -

Nov^r.27. Sunday

Fine -

I went to Sketty to Lunch - back here at 3½ P.M & out with Essie - Dr. Foster dined here -

Nov^r. 28. Monday -

Fine

I went out shooting - in the evening went with Bessie into Swansea - she went to the Willows I attended the anniversary meeting of the Sailors Soc^y at the Sailors Chapel - home about 10 P.M.

Nov^r.29. Tuesday

Rain nearly all day. Wind E.

To Sketty & on to Swansea - engaged with Mr Richards on business nearly all day

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Nov^r.30. Wednesday

Fine - cold -

To Swansea after breakfast and with Mr Richards to the Bank - Drill and Parade in the afternoon - Captⁿ Jenner¹⁶ came to us to day

December 1. Thursday

Fine - sharp frost -

Shot with Rifles with Jenner & in the afternoon walked with him to make some calls & c - The Talbots 2 of the Nicholls Emmy Llewelyn & J. Homfray came to us in the afternoon and in the evening we had a ball -

Dec^r. 2. Friday

Fine - frost in the night -

Talbot Theodore Homfray & Jenner left us today - the 2 Miss Talbots and Nicholl & his Sister remained however in the afternoon we went to Caswell some of the party walking & the rest in the carriage - Emmy Llewelyn remained there -

Dec^r.3. Saturday

Sharp frost in the night & all day very fine - in the evening it clouded over & the wind veered to the S.

All our party left us today - in the afternoon I walked with Amy into Swansea - She went to the Willows and I attended drill - home to dinner -

Dec^r.4. Sunday

Heavy rain from S & SW all day. Therm^r in the evening & afternoon about 50 -

At home all day on account of the weather - at 5 P.M. I went down to Sketty Hall and spent the evening there -

December 5. Monday

a.m. Heavy rain P.M. Stormy -

To the Harbour office at 11½ & afterwards with Richards up to the Works - to Sketty in my way home

December 6. Tuesday

Stormy and unsettled - Wind W - cold -

Went with Bessie to call at Rheola¹⁷ -

[according to an info at Swansea Museum LLD gave a lecture 'On Amusements' this day.]

¹⁶ Probably Robert Francis Jenner of Wenvoe Castle, Glamorgan. Born 13 January 1802. Married 10 August 1824 Elizabeth Lascelles Jenner, eldest daughter of Rt Hon Sir Herbert Jenner Fust. The son of R F Jenner, Albert Lascelles, married Henrietta Julia, elder daughter of Sir John Morris, Bart, of Swansea

¹⁷ Home of N Edwards Vaughan.

December 7. Wednesday

Fine -

Wrote letters &c at home in the forenoon - Attended drill and Parade of my Corps in the afternoon -

December 8. Thursday

S.E. Wind - threatening & wild but tolerably fine on the whole - no rain - wind high -

Into Swansea after breakfast - home at 2 P.M - & went for a ride with Bessie -

December 9. Friday

Wind E. Cold - Fine -

a.m. Rode with Bessie up to the Works. back at 1¼ [~~1¼~~ *crossed out*] P.M & planted about here in the afternoon - to Sketty at 4¼ PM.

Dec^r.10 - Saturday

Fine - Wind E. cold -

a.m. practised Rifle shooting with Richardson Richards Capt^d Young &c - in the afternoon to drill - We dined at Parkwern to meet Col^l Stepney -

Dec^r.11.Sunday

Fine.

a m to Church afterwards to Sketty - at home in the evening as Penrice came here to dine & sleep -

Dec^r.12. Monday

Wenvoe

Misty & thick - mild -

a.m. Penrice & I shot with Rifles - P.M We came up here for a days shooting with Jenner -

Dec^r.13 - Tuesday

Mild in the day. - cold in the evening

Out shooting with Jenner Penrice & c

Hendrefoilan

Dec^r.14. Wednesday

Sharp frost in the night - wind N - cold & fine all day - some snow fell about here in the night -

I returned from Wenvoe by the early train - came out here & again into Swansea to drill & Parade -

Dec^r.15. Thursday

Cold all day - Therm^r in night about 26 outside my window - fine in the day - heavy snow in the evening -

I went out shooting with Grenfell & afterwards dined there - Bessie & Minnie also - To a dance at Singleton in the evening -

Dec^r.16. Friday

Very fine - Therm^r in the night about 24½ - deep snow - cold all day -
Target Practice day for my Rifle corps out here - at it all day - about 40 came out -
To Sketty at dusk - We dined at Rhydyhelig -

December 17. Saturday

Very cold all day - Therm^r in the night about 26 -
About here in the morning - writing & c. in the afternoon with Harry to Swansea
attended drill at 3 P.M - H. Thomas came to us in the evening

Dec^r.18. Sunday

Therm^r in the night and at 8 this morning 23⁰ - . Cold all day - Wind veered a little
to SSE in the afternoon but got up again at night - fine -
To church in the forenoon & afterwards to Sketty with Harry - home in the
afternoon

Dec^r.19. Monday

Therm^r in the night about 23½. Sharp frost all day - Wind E. calm - The Snow
which fell on Thursday has not in the least melted - -
Went out shooting with Harry in the Llan river from Travelly up - We bagged 8
Ducks 1 Teal - 2 Partridges & a hare - This evening it is very cold & the wind
seems to be rising - -

Dec^r.20. Tuesday

Thaw set in this morning - Wind S. heavy rain in the afternoon - Wind high -
a.m. at home - P.M. to Swansea & Sketty.

Dec^r.21. Wednesday

Fine - Thaw still continues - The Snow & Ice have quite disappeared
Rifle Practice with my Corps out here

Dec^r.22. Thursday

White frost in the night - slight showers in the day & afternoon but fine on the
whole
a.m. Wrote letters &c &c - P.M. practised rifle shooting with Captⁿ Jenner and
Arthur Jones - They dined here in the evening -

Dec^r.23. Friday

Wind E - cold & raw in the afternoon -
a.m. wrote & c at home - P.M to Sketty and on to Swansea with Harry to Parade
at 3 P.M. H Thomas came here this evening

Dec^r.24. Saturday

Fine - Wind S W. mild -
a.m. rode into Swansea with Bessie -
P.M. about here rifle shooting & c -

Dec^r.25.Sunday

a.m. no rain but threatening - P.M. rain all the evening.

We all went to Church in the morning & afterwards to Sketty - I remained there till about 2 [?6] P.M. & then came home - H. Thomas still with us

Dec^r.26. Monday

Tolerably fine - slight Showers. wind N.W. -

a m. about here - shooting with Rifles with Harry &c. P.M - rode over to Penllergare with Bessie

Dec^r.27. Tuesday -

a.m. Stormy & Rainy. P.M. fine -

To Sketty at 11½.& then on to Swansea and the Works - home about 5 P-M -

Dec^r.28. Wednesday

Stormy & unsettled -

Rifle shooting &c in the day - In the evening with Bessie & Minnie to a concert in aid of the Lit^x Society -

Dec^r.29. Thursday -

Rainy nearly all day

I had a bad headache & stayed at home

Dec^r.30. Friday

a.m. Rain. Mild. Wind S.W. high - P.M. the rain ceased but in other respects the weather remained the same

a.m. at home writing &c - P.M - with Bessie & Minnie into Swansea - I attended Parade & c - home here at 5½ P.M -

December 31. Saturday -

Rain and Wind nearly all day -

At home unpacking 2 boxes of Birds & other Zoological specimens which I have received from Banjemassing (S. Borneo) collected by poor Mottley - In the afternoon I went down to Sketty with Minnie -

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