

The Dillwyn Collection

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

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Parkwern -

Jan^y 1. Friday -

fog in morning - fine afterwards -
Busy in Swansea We dined at Sketty

Jan^y 2. Saturday.

Dry. Wind E. dark & cold -
Busy in Swansea

Jan^y 3. Sunday

Frost in the night - Wind E. Snow in the day - - Thaw at night
I did not go out -

Jan^y 4 - Monday

Dark & rainy -
Busy in Swansea Harbour meeting & works -

January 5. Tuesday -

Misty rain on & B off -
Infirmary at 10.a.m - works afterwards -

January 6. Wednesday

Misty rain all day - not heavy. very mild -
Busy at works with DelaBeche all day - We dined at Sketty in the evening -

January 7 - Thursday -

Mild - Wind S.E - wild & wind high in the evening - no rain
Busy in Swansea all day. DelaBeche was with me at the Works modelling

January 8. Friday

Wind E - dark & gloomy - cold -
DelaBeche left us by Mail this morning - I as busy at the works afterwards -

January 9 - Saturday

Wind E. very cold & cutting no frost - dark.
We went over with Minnie & Harry to the Xmas tree at Penllergare

January 10 Sunday -

Bessie had a cold & did not go out to day - in the afternoon I called at Sketty &
Sketty Park -

January 11. Monday -

Cold - & dark - wind E - some rain fell after dark.
Busy in Swansea all day

January 12. Tuesday -

Frost in the night - wind S - in the morning very cold & dark - in the afternoon
the wind got up to N.E. and the sky cleared -
Busy in Swansea all day after the Infirmary meeting at 10 a.m -

January 13. Wednesday -

Dark & gloomy - wind East -
Busy in Swansea at the Works all day -

January 14 - Thursday -

Dark & gloomy - wind E -
Went to Sketty in the morning & then to the Works & c -

January 15. Friday -

Dark - Wind SE. rain came on at night -
Busy in Swansea all day -

January 16. Saturday -

Rain nearly all day - Mild & thick - Wind nearly due East -
Remained at home in the morning on account of the weather - Went to the
Works in the afternoon and executed commissions & in Swansea -

January 17 - Sunday

Frost in the night - cold all day - Therm^r about 29° - Wind E -
We went to church in the morning went to Sketty & Veranda in the afternoon

January 18. Monday

Sharp frost in the night - Therm^r at 27°. Cold all day - Wind E -
Busy in Swansea all day - We dined at Sketty in the evening to meet the J
Trahernes

January 19. Tuesday

Frost in the night - Wind E - slight thaw in the afternoon & evening -
I went to the Infirmary in the morning & then on to the Works - I made some
calls in the afternoon with Bessie -

January 20. Wednesday -

Cold - about Freezing point in the morning - Snow but not heavy - Thaw in the
afternoon & evening -
I went out Shooting to Penllergare with Iltid Thomas -

January 21 - Thursday

Rainy in the morning - wind W - Dark all day but in the afternoon the rain held
off -
Bessie has a bad cold & earache - & I remained at home in the morning with her -
I went to Swansea in the afternoon

January 22. Friday -

Dark & threatening - occasional rain - Wind SE -
Bessie still continues very unwell & I remained at home with her in the morning
- Mary came over in the afternoon & I drove into Swansea

January 23. Saturday -

Dark & Rainy - & S E Wind in the morning – about 10 to 11 a m the wind got to NW and it was a fine day – it looks stormy again however this evening this evening –

I did not go out much to day but remained at home with Bessie –

January 24 Sunday –

Wind S.E. & torrents of rain in the morning – in the day Wind W & fine – in the evening wind again SE & heavy rain –

I had a bad headache & did not go out – Bessie is much better this evening –

January 25. Monday –

Stormy – wind W. & S.W.

Went to the Works in the afternoon –

January 26. Tuesday –

Very Stormy in the night – fine in the morning but heavy rain in the afternoon – in the evening it blew a gale accompanied by Thunder & lightning

I went to the Infirmary at 10 a.m. – then to the Works & afterwards to the Petty Sessions

January 27. Wednesday

Heavy rain during great part of the day – Wind W. high

Went into Swansea in the afternoon

January 28. Thursday

The rain held off & the weather has been tolerably fine – Wind W.

Works in the morning – Dock office in he afternoon –

January 29. Friday –

Fine - -

Went over to Sketty in the morning & then into Swansea

January 30 – Saturday

Foggy – fine with the exception of some rain in the afternoon – slight frost in the night –

I went out Shooting at Penllergare

January 31. Sunday

Very fine – Wind N. Frosty at night

Took Minnie & Harry for a walk on the sands in the morning – went to Sketty & Veranda in the afternoon

February 1. Monday –

Fine – sharp frost in the night -

Works in the morning – Harbour meeting at 12 – Dock directors meeting at 3 PM.

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February 2. Tuesday –

Sharp frost at night – fine –

Infirmery in the morning – works afterwards – I dined at St Helens to meet Mr Page –

February 3. Wednesday

Frost in the night Fine – looks dark & to be Snow in the evening. Wind N.E.
Paving meeting at 11.a.m. Works afterwards

February 4. Thursday –

Frost in the night – fine all day – Wind N.E –
Busy at the Works in the morning – Dock meeting at 3 PM

February 5 – Friday –

Rather Showery but fine on the whole – Mild – wind W
Attended Llangafelach petty Sessions – Walked home with JDL by Penllergare

Feb^y 6. Saturday –

Rainy & mild – wind W. rather high –
Went to the Works &c - & to Sketty in the afternoon –

February 7. Sunday

Rain from the East in the morning – about the middle of the day it turned to Snow –
a m Remained at home
PM – Went over to Sketty

February 8. Monday –

a.m. Heavy Snow from the E –
P.M – Snow continued but from N & NW – cold all day – Therm in night 25.
Remained at home all day

February 9 Tuesday –

Frost in the night – Therm^r 25 – occasional heavy Snow Storms all day – frost all day. The Snow is deeper on the ground than I ever recollect it - -
Infirmery in the morning & then out to the Works – in the afternoon I took my gun to the Water Works pond & shot a brace of Tufted Ducks –

February 10. Wednesday

Cold in the night Therm. about 26°. fine all day – No thaw except in the Sun –
I went out shooting at Penllergare

Feb^y 11. Thursday –

Frost in the night – clear & bright in the day – wind N.E – the Snow has not melted anywhere except in the streets & even there only partially
I went into Swansea where I was busy all day –

February 12 Friday –

Very sharp frost in the night the Therm^r outside my window at 7 a.m – stood a little above 23° - at the Sketty Hall the Self registering Therm^r was down to 18½°

- Bright in the morning overcast in the afternoon – Thaw in the Town – but not here –
Town Council meeting at 12 – Works afterwards –

February 13 – Saturday –

Frost in the night but not so sharp as it has been – fine in the day – in the Evening wind veered to S.W. & thaw came on – at night heavy rain set in –
I went out shooting at Penllergare

February 14 – Sunday –

Heavy rain in the night – this morning the greater part of the Snow was melted –
Rain continued nearly all day – wind W –
Went to Sketty in the afternoon

February 15. Monday

Rainy in the morning – tolerably fine in the afternoon – wind W –
In went to Swansea where remained all day

February 16. Tuesday –

Heavy rain all morning – fine in the afternoon – wind W –
Went to the Infirmary at 10 a.m - & to the Works afterwards – Dock office at 8.P.M –

February 17 – Wednesday –

Fine in the morning – Heavy rain all the afternoon –
Busy in Swansea all day – Mr Page came to us this evening.

February 18. Thursday

Heavy rain all day – wind W –
Attended the court of the Admiralty engineer (Mr Hartley) who reports on the Dock Scheme to the Admiralty

February 19. Friday –

Fine – mild –
Busy at the Works all day

February 20. Saturday –

Fine – one or two Showers – Wind W –
Coursed on Mynydd Carn Gogh –

February 21. Sunday –

Misty – Mild – Wind. W. glass high – 7 rising –
We went to Church in the morning & to Sketty & Veranda in the afternoon –

Feb^y 22. Monday

Misty & mild – wind W –
Busy in Swansea –

Feb^y 23. Tuesday

Wind E – cold –
Infirmary in the morning – Works afterwards

Feb^y 24. Wednesday

Fine & bright – cold. Wind E-
Went over to Penllergare –

February 25 – Thursday –

Fine. & bright – sharp frost in the night -
Works in the morning – Dock office in the afternoon – Lit & Scient^c – Soc^y in the evening – subject of paper – heat – Mr Dawe –

February 26. Friday

Sharp frost in the night. cold all day
Busy in Swansea – went over to Sketty in the morning & drove in afterwards with LWD

February 27 – Saturday –

Very cold all day – sharp frost in the night – Wind E – high
Went out coursing at Penllergare

February 28. Sunday –

Still cold – wind N.E –
We went to Church in the morning & walked to Sketty in the afternoon –

March 1. Monday

Cold – no frost – wind E – fine
Busy in Swansea –

March 2. Tuesday –

Wind NE – fine – cold –
Infirmary in the morning – works & Dock office afterwards – in the evening went with Bessie to a concert.

March 3 – Wednesday.

Fine – Cold – Wind E –
Works in the morning – dined at the Sheriffs ordinary in the afternoon & went out top meet the judge.

March 4 – Thursday

Fine – cold – Wind E –
Works in the morning – attended the Grand Jury in the afternoon – Lit & Scient^e
Soc^y in the evening –

March 5 – Friday –

Fine – Wind E – Cold –
Grand Jury in the morning – works in the afternoon – We dined at Sketty –

March 6 – Saturday –

Fine – Wind E – cold –
Works in the morning – gardened with Bessie in the afternoon –

March 7 – Sunday

Fine – cold – Wind E –
We went to Church in the morning & called at Sketty & Singleton in the P.M.

March 8. Monday

Fine. cold – some rain fell at night
Busy in Swansea in the day – We dined at Singleton in the evening

March 9. Tuesday

Showery – cold – Wind N.W.
Infirmary in the morning. Works afterwards – went over to Sketty before dinner
–

March 10. Wednesday

Very cold. Wind N – some flakes of Snow fell – sharp frost at night.
I went out coursing with G.B. Morris at Sketty Park –

March 11 Thursday

Fine –
Busy at works and Dock office in the day – Lit & Scient. Soc^y in the evening

March 12. Friday –

Fine –
Town Council in morning – Llangafelach Petty Sessions afterwards –

March 13. Saturday –

Very fine
I had a bad headache & did not go beyond the garden all day

March 14. Sunday –

Fine. Wind E. –
One of the horses having a cold we did not go to church – Went to Sketty in the afternoon

March 15 – Monday –

Wind S.E – high – roads very dusty – clear & bright – cold –
Harbour committee in the morning – works afterwards – we had a party in the evening

March 16. Tuesday –

Windy – S.E – rain in the evening –
Harbour & Dock meetings –

March 17. Wednesday –

Heavy rain all morning –
I did not go to Swansea – We dined at Sketty in the afternoon

March 18 – Thursday

Fine – Mild –

Busy at the works in the morning Dock offices at 3.PM Litv Socv at 8 P.M

March 19 Friday

Heavy rain nearly all day – wind high E – S.E.

Busy at the Works all day –

March 20.Saturday

Very fine in the morning – overcast & Windy in the afternoon – wind S –

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

March 21. Sunday

Fine - - We went to Sketty in the afternoon

March 22. Monday

Very fine – Wind S.W – mild –

Swansea to the Works & c

March 23. Tuesday –

Heavy rain in the morning – for about 3 hours – fine the rest of the day – wind W –

Town Council meeting at 11 am – at 11 a m – Works afterwards – We dined at Sketty to meet Lady M Cole

March 24. Wednesday

Very fine – mild – -

There was a general fast today by the Queens proclamation – I did not go to Swansea

March 25 – Thursday

Fine in the day – Wind SE – heavy rain at night –

Works in the morning – Dock office in the afternoon –

March 26. Friday

Heavy rain on and off –

Works the greater part of the day

March 27 – Saturday

Rain all the morning – it cleared up in the afternoon –

I went to the Works in the afternoon –

March 28 – Sunday

Heavy rain all the day – about 4½ PM it ceased – I went to Sketty about 4½ PM

March 29. Monday

Fine – cold – Wind N - - I went out fishing at Penllergare

March 30 Tuesday -

Fine except cold Showers in the afternoon -Infirmery at 10 a m. Town Council meeting at 11 - Works afterwards

March 31. Wednesday -

Fine except a few slight showers - cold - some Snow fell in the evening
Busy at the Works all day -

April 1. Thursday

Very cold - wind N.W - frequent Snow storms -
Attended a meeting of the finance Committee at Pyle Inn -

April 2. Friday - Good Friday.

Cold - occasional slight showers of Snow - Wind NW. - sharp frost in the night -
Busy at the works the greater part of the day -

April 3 - Saturday -

Cold - one or two Showers of Snow & hail in the forenoon - Wind N.E -
Busy in Swansea at the Works - We dined at Sketty in the evening to meet J.
Phillips who is down here as to the meeting of the British Association in Swansea
in 1848

April 4. Sunday -

Fine in the morning - mild rain (not very heavy) came on in the evening - Wind
W-
We went to church in the morning - & to Sketty in the afternoon -

April 5. Monday

Fine - Wind N.W - fresh - but not cold -
Works in the morning - Harbour meeting & Dock office afterwards -

April 6.Sunday

Mild rain at intervals - Wind W -
Infirmery at 10.a.m - works afterwards Dock office in the afternoon -

April 7. Wednesday -

Fine in the day. rather overcast - mild - Wind W - small rain set in at night -
Paving meeting at 11 - works afterwards - Dock Directors met Harbour Trustees
com^e (in the evening) -

April 8 - Thursday -

Misty rain in the morning - fine in the day - Hail storms at night - wind W. & NW
-
Harbour meeting & Dock office - Lit & Scient^s Soc^y in the evening -

April 9. Friday

dark - Showery - Page came here in the evening -

April 10. Saturday

Mild – occasional misty rain – overcast
Busy in Swansea –

April 11. Sunday

Rainy in the am – fine afterwards – Page left us this morning – I went to church in the morning –

April 12. Monday

Unsettled – mild – dark – occasional misty rain – Wind W –
Busy at the Works –

April 13. Tuesday

Wind N.E. – dark – occasional cold rain –
Infirmary at 10 – Town Council meeting at 11. Works afterwards –

April 14. Wednesday –

Wind N.E – dark & Cold - -
Busy at the Works nearly all day - -

April 15- Thursday –

Wind N.E – dark & cold –
Busy at Works Dock office &c all day – Bessie Mary & I all start for London tomorrow –

April 16. Friday – London –

Dark – gloomy – no rain –
Mary Bessie & I came up here to day by Bristol – we arrived about ½ past 10 – and came to Everalls Hotel – We intend to get lodgings tomorrow –

April 17. Saturday

Fine –
Looked for lodgings in the morning & got one at 13 Conduit St – As soon as we got into them I went to Pages & c on Dock matters – We all went to the Princesses theatre in the evening –

April 18. Sunday

Fine –
Went with Bessie to the Catholic chapel in the morning – Mary went to Church – I afterwards fetched Rosalie from school & we all went to the Zoological Gardens –

April 19. Monday –

Fine –
Busy at Pages & in the city on Dock matters – dined at the Athenaeum – We all went to a Hullah concert in Exeter Hall in the evening –

April 20. Tuesday –

Fine –

We went to the Pantheon¹ executed commissions &c – we did not go out in the evening –

April 21. Wednesday –

Dark – threatening – a little rain fell –

Went to DelaBeches Museum with him – We afterwards went to the British Museum – Drury Lane Theatre in the evening – (a Spectacular of beasts &c) !!!

April 22 – Thursday –

Fine. cold –

We all went out Shopping in the morning – at 1 P.M. I left Mary Bessie & Rosie at the Craigs Court Museum & proceeded to the City where I attended a Dock meeting &c – in the evening we all went to the Covent Garden opera –

April 23. Friday

Fine cold –

Called on Hooper in the morning – at 12 met Vivian at the Admiralty on the Harbour Bill – Went to the Dock office in the afternoon – dined with DelaBeche at the Athenaeum

April 24. Saturday

Fine –

a.m. We went to see the New House of Lords – P.M – attended Dock meeting – DelaBeche dined with us –

April 25. Sunday

Fine & Bright – but windy & rather cold –

In the P.M. we all lunched at the Deanery with the Bucklands & afterwards attended afternoon service at Westminster Abbey - DelaBeche dined with us in the evening –

April 26. Monday

Heavy rain in the morning – Wind S.W. fine the rest of the day –

We moved our lodgings in the morning from Conduit St to 274 Regent St – afterwards I went to the Dock office – dined at the Athenaeum – in the evening we went to the Polytechnic Institution – We heard a lecture on Artificial light –

April 27. Tuesday –

Fine – Wind S.W. rather high –

Went in the morning to Pages & Dock office – afterwards went with Mr Reeks to Mess^{rs} Pellatts glass works about my red ware² – in the evening we all went to the Coliseum –

April 28. Wednesday –

Pellats, Solartes & c in the morning Craigs Court & wrote letters in the afternoon – We dined at the Batemans in the evening –

¹ The Pantheon, Oxford Street, London. Designed by James Wyatt and opened in 1772.

² Red ware was the term used to describe Dillwyn's Etruscanware.

April 29. Thursday

Heavy showers during the whole day – some hail –
Dock office & Dock business the greater part of the day – DelaBeche dined with us

April 30. Friday

Heavy showers in the afternoon, fine the rest of the day
Went with E Morgan to the Dock office in the morning – in the afternoon I went with Bessie to the Baker St Bazaar –

May 1. Saturday –

Fine in the morning – rain in the afternoon –
Busy on Dock business the greater part of the day – We went to the Haymarket Theatre in the evening

May 2 – Sunday

Showery –
We went to the Temple church in the morning – P.M. Bessie went out with Rosie & her father & Mary & I went to the Zoological Garden –

May 3. Monday

Very Showery
Busy on Dock matters, shopping &c all day

May 4. Tuesday –

Rather Showery – fine on the whole – Wind E –
We all went to the exhibition of the Royal Academy in the morning – afterwards to a Modeller – Dock office in the afternoon – Polytechnic with Bessie in the evening

May 5. Wednesday

Showery – but fine on the whole
Shopped & c the greater part of the day – In the evening we went to the Princesses Theatre to see Mrs Butler act in the Gamester –

May 6. Thursday

Fine on the whole –
The Dock Bill went into Committee to day & I attended at the Committee room – in the evening we went to the Covent Garden Opera –

May 7. Friday –

Fine –
In the morning I went to the British Museum – afterwards to the H of Commons – I was examined on the Dock bill – we start home wards tonight by the night train to Gloucester –

Parkwern**May 8. Saturday**

Rainy – mild –
We left London last night & came here by the Gloucester train & Mail –

May 9. Sunday –

Very Mild & fine in the day – rain in the evening -
Went to Church in the morning – afterwards went to the Willows to see Fanny on
her Birthday – (P.M.) we went over to Sketty

May 10. Monday -

Very fine – Bright & Mild – wind W –
Busy in Swansea –

May 11. Tuesday

Very fine – some Thunder clouds about –
Infirmary in the morning – works afterwards – 3 PM, rode over to Penllergare
with Bessie

May 12. Wednesday

Heavy rain in the morning – fine in the afternoon – Wind a.m. S.E. PM S.W.
Busy at the Works the greater part of the day –

May 13. Thursday

Very heavy showers in the morning – fine in the evening –
Busy in Swansea at the works - -

May 14. Friday –

Fine –
Went to Sketty in the morning – then to Swansea – Town Council meeting &
Works –

May 15. Saturday –

Fine in the morning – heavy rain in the evening – close –
Works in the morning – Bessie called for me about 11½ & we drove to
Penllergare & spent the day there –

May 16. Sunday –

Very heavy rain early in the morning fine the rest of the day –
I walked into Church in the morning with Moggridge & in the P.M. went with
Bessie & the children to Sketty –

May 17. Monday

Showery. Mild
Busy in Swansea

May 18. Tuesday –

Showery in the morning – heavy rain in the afternoon –
Infirmary at 10 – then Works the rest of the day –

May 19. Wednesday

Fine with the exception of a few showers – Wind S.W – rather high –
I rode to Llanelly in the morning & back by Swansea – we all spent the afternoon
and dined at Sketty –

May 20. Thursday

Fine –

Busy in Swansea in the day – works & Dock office – in the evening Moggridge
dined with us & went with me to the Lit^x & Scientific Soc^x –

May 21 – Friday –

Very fine –

I had a headache & did not go out in the day – in the evening Bessie & I dined at
Dderwen fawr

May 22 – Saturday –

Very fine –

Went to the Works in the morning – In the afternoon I went for a ride over
Fairwood &c – with Bessie –

May 23. Sunday –

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

We went to church in the AM – P.M. We went with the children to Sketty

May 24. Monday –

a.m. Fine – P.M. rainy wind SW –

Works in the morning. Harbour meeting at 12 –

May 25. Tuesday

Fine – Wind high S.W. in the day – calm at night –

a.m. – 10.oclock Infirmary – Works afterwards – we had a dinner party in the
evening

May 26. Wednesday –

Very fine –

Works in the morning – Harbour meeting at 12 which lasted till nearly 4½ PM

May 27. Thursday –

Very fine –

Went to Sketty in the morning – Swansea afterwards – Works till 3 P.M. & then
Dock meeting – got home about 5 P.M – the children has a Maypole party – Lit &
Scient^s Soc^x in the evening –

May 28. Friday

Very fine – hot – overcast towards evening – Wind S.W –

Went into Swansea. at 11 attended a meeting of traders & bondholders of Sw.
Harbours respecting the New Bill – works afterwards –

May 29. Saturday –

Heavy rain in the Morning – Mild – Wind S.E - P.M. very fine – Wind W –

Busy in Swansea in the morning – P.M – went over to Penllergare fishing with A Jones

May 30 – Sunday

Very fine – bright & hot but not sultry –
a.m. we went to church – P.M – went over to Sketty with the children –

May 31. Monday

Very fine – hot & bright –
Busy at the Works – We dined at Hill House in the evening –

June 1. Tuesday

Very hot – Thunder cloudy in the middle of the day –
10 a.m. Infirmary till 12½ P.M. when I attended Annual meeting of the Royal Institution – Works in the afternoon – rode with Bessie in the evening

June 2. Wednesday

Very hot – bright –
Busy at the Works nearly all day – called at Woodlands with Bessie before dinner

June 3. Thursday –

Very fine – wind N.E – the hottest day this Year
Works at 6 am – home to breakfast at 8 – works again at 10 – Harbour meeting at 12 –
Lit^v & Scientific Soc^v in the evening

June 4 Friday –

Very fine – bright & hot – Wind E. rather fresh –
Town Council meeting at 12. Works afterwards –

June 5. Saturday

Fine – rather overcast in the forenoon – Wind E – high –
Busy at works all day

June 6 – Sunday

Fine –
I had a headache & did not go to church – Went over to Sketty in the afternoon –

June 7. Monday

Fine – colder than it has been. Threatens rain in the evening –
Works in the morning – Harbour meeting at 12 – Works in the afternoon –

June 8. Tuesday

Fine except one or two showers in the afternoon – dark & threatening –
Infirmary at 10 am Works afterwards –

June 9. Wednesday –

Fine in the day – wind high – very dusty – rain from N.W. in the evening -
Works after breakfast – Meeting at Goat St boys school at 12 – Works again
afterwards

June 10 Thursday –

Fine – wind fresh – NW –
Busy at Works all day

June 11. Friday –

Fine – rather cold –
Busy at the Works nearly all day – except a Town Council meeting at 12 –

June 12. Saturday –

Threatening in the morning heavy rain in the evening. Wind S.W.
Busy at Works all day –

June 13. Sunday –

Heavy rain nearly all day. Wind S. & S.W.
Remained at home nearly all day

June 14. Monday -

Unsettled all day – Sun at times warm & bright – Wind S. Rainy in the evening –
Busy in Swansea in the day – The N Vaughans & a party dined with us in the
evening

June 15. Tuesday

Unsettled – Cold – Tremendous showers at intervals – some hail – fine between
whiles – wind W.
Infirmary at 10 – Petty Sessions at 11 – Works in the afternoon

June 16. Wednesday

Very heavy rain in the morning – Showery in afternoon –
Works in the morning – House of Correction at 1 P.M. $\frac{1}{4}$ ly meeting of visiting
Magistrates –

June 17. Thursday –

Fine on the whole – Thunder showers flying about in the afternoon –
Works nearly all day – We dined at Sketty in the evening

June 18. Friday –

Fine– cold – Wind N.W –
Works all day except a meeting at the Institution at 2 P.M.

June 19. Saturday

Very fine – Wind N.W.
Went to the Works before breakfast & afterwards went out fishing at Penllergare
with I. Thomas – We dined at the Hill House in the evening –

June 20. Sunday – Fine – rather threatening – Wind W. Close & warm

We went to church in the morning & to Sketty with the children in the afternoon

June 21. Monday

Fine –

Busy in Swansea – The Miss Fox's came to us today for a couple of days

June 22. Tuesday

Fine. Wind W. a few slight showers –

10 a.m Infirmery – Works afterwards & on to Penllergare to shew the place to the Miss Foxes – Mr Wilmot & Mary dined with us –

June 23 – Wednesday

Fine in the day – showery in the evening –

Boys School Meeting at 12. Works the rest of the day – We all dined at Sketty

June 24. Thursday –

Showery – mild –

Busy at the Works till 3 PM – then went to the Dock office –

June 25. Friday –

Fine –

Works nearly all day –

June 26. Saturday

Fine –

I went over to Penllergare with Bessie – I fished rowed on the lake & c

June 27. Sunday

Very fine –

Church in the morning – We went with the children over to Sketty in the afternoon

June 28. Monday -

Very fine –

Busy in Swansea all day –

June 29. Tuesday –

Very fine – Wind E –

Infirmery at 10 a.m. Works afterwards – Dock office at 3.P.M. –

June 30. Wednesday

Very fine – hot & bright

Busy at the Works nearly all day

July 1. Thursday –

Very hot –

Works in the day – Lit^y & Scient^c Soc^y in the evening –

July 2. Friday –

Fine –
Annual meeting of the Infirmary at 12. Busy at the Works the rest of the day –

July 3. Saturday –

Overcast in the morning – Wind E. about 11 am. The clouds cleared off & the rest of the day was bright & hot –
I went out fishing at Penllergare with I. Thomas –

July 4. Sunday

Fine –
Went to church in the morning with Mary – P.M. went over to Sketty with Bessie & the children –

July 5. Monday

Fine – very sultry –
Works and Harbour meeting all day – dined at a Dock dinner in the evening

July 6. Tuesday –

Some rain fell in the morning – fine in the day –
10.a.m. Infirmary – works the rest of the day – Bessie went to Britton Ferry for a night with the Foxes

July 7. Wednesday

Thunder & Rain in the night – Fine in the day – except some slight showers –
Paving meeting at 11 – Works afterwards – Went over to Sketty with the children in the afternoon – Mr & Mrs Paul Bevan are staying there – Bessie came home in the evening

July 8. Thursday –

Rain in the night, Heavy storms & Thunder in the forenoon – fine in the afternoon –
Busy in Swansea nearly all day –

July 9. Friday –

Rainy in the afternoon – Mild –
Town Council meeting at 11 – Works the rest of the day – We dined at Sketty –

July 10. Saturday –

Misty – Mild rain nearly all the whole day – The Glass is & has been rising for 2 days–
I went out fishing at Penllergare –

July 11. Sunday

Rainy in the morning, fine in the afternoon – the Glass is still rising –
We went over to Sketty in the afternoon

July 12. Monday –

Very fine – hot & bright –

Busy at Works till about 4 P.M – when I drove down to the Mumbles with Bessie & the children

July 13. Tuesday –

Thick fog in the morning – Very fine the rest of the day – bright & hot –
Infirmary in the morning – Petty Sessions at 12 – Works afterwards – We dined
at Sketty in the evening –

July 14. Wednesday

Very fine – hot & bright –
Works till 3. when I attended a Dock meeting – in the evening I drove Bessie
down to the Mumbles –

July 15. Thursday –

Thick sea fog in the night & morning – it cleared off about 9 am. and the rest of
the day was very bright & hot –
Miss Fox came to spend the day with us – I went to the works in the morning &
returned by 1.P.M. & went with Miss Fox Bessie & Minnie & Harry down to 3
Cliffs bay – we returned at 7 and – in the evening I attended the meeting of the
Lit^y & Scieny^c Soc^y –

July 16. Friday –

Lowering and dark all day – at night Thunder & lightning set in –
Busy at the Works all day - -

July 17. Saturday –

Very fine.
We went to Church in the morning - & over to Sketty in the afternoon

July 19. Monday

Fine
Busy at the Works the greater part of the day

July 20. Tuesday

Fine
Infirmary at 10. Works afterwards

July 21. Wednesday – Rheola

Lowering in the morning – rain came on in the afternoon –
I went to the Works after breakfast – attended a Dock meeting at 12 – at 3 P.M.
We came up here to stay till Friday – Mary accompanied us –

July 22. Thursday –

Rainy in the morning – fine afterwards –
I went with some of the party staying here up to the Dinas rock in the afternoon –

July 23. Friday – Parkwern

Fine – We returned home to day –

July 24. Saturday

Fine –
Busy in Swansea nearly all day

July 25. Sunday -

Fine – rather showery in the afternoon – there was heavy rain & some thunder in the night
a.m. Went to church P.M – Went over to Sketty with Bessie & the children

July 26. Monday

Very fine –
Busy at the Works –

July 27. Tuesday -

Very fine –
Infirmary at 10 a.m. (went to Sketty before breakfast) Works rest of the day –

July 28. Wednesday -

Fine –
Busy at the Works & in Swansea the greater part of the day – went over to Sketty with Bessie in the morning –

July 29 - Bristol

Fine –
I came up here to day by Steamer on my way to London to a Dock meeting –
Slept at the George in [*sic*] – Bristol election going on – E. Morgan Eaton & other Dock Directors accompany me –

July 30. Friday London

Fine –
Came up here by express train at 8 oclock his morning – we arrived about a quarter to 11 – We came the last 36 miles in 39 minutes – Attended a meeting of the Dock directors at 1 P.M –

July 31. Saturday

Fine –
Busy in the city the greater part of the day – Went to the Opera in the evening.

August 1. Sunday - -

Very fine –
I went to Tottenham in the afternoon to see the Bevans – I dined with D^r Fitton in the evening –

August 2 - Monday - Fine -

Busy in the city executing commissions &c all day

August 3. Tuesday -

Fine –

Attended a meeting of the Dock Scriptholders – went to Pellatts &c – in the Evening I went with Hooker to the Opera to hear Jenny Lind –

August 4. Wednesday –

Fine –

Attended the Accountant generals office to get the Deposit money (£2866) for the Docks – afterwards paid it into the Commercial B^k of London &c – I start homewards this evening by the night train to Gloster

August 5. Thursday Parkwern

Rainy in the night and showery in the day – heavy rain has set in this evening I came down by Gloster & on by Mail – went to the works upon my arrival in Swansea – after I came out here I went with Bessie over to Sketty

August 6. Friday

Fine –

Busy at works –

August 7. Saturday

Driving rain in the forenoon – fine in the afternoon – Wind W –

Busy at the works in the morning – We dined at Sketty in the afternoon –

August 8. Sunday –

Fine in the morning showery in the afternoon –

a.m. went to church with Bessie – PM took Minnie over to Sketty

August 9. Monday

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

a.m. busy at Works – came home about 2 P.M. & drove Bessie into Swansea –

August 10. Tuesday –

Heavy & continued rain in the night – rainy in the morning – it cleared off about noon – Wind West – rather high –

Infirmary in the morning – works afterwards –

August 11. Wednesday

Fine in the morning – rainy in the afternoon –

Works at 10.a.m. Dock office at 12 – Works afterwards till about 4½ P.M.

August 12. Thursday

Mild rain the greater part of the day

Busy in Swansea – We dined at Sketty in the evening

August 13. Friday –

Fine – Glass rising & has been rising for some days –

Works in the morning – Town Council meeting at 12 – Works in the afternoon –

August 14. Saturday

Fine – Wind E –

Remained at home & drove Bessie into Swansea in the afternoon

August 15. Sunday -

Very fine - Wind ENE - rather high in the morning - (Sirocco)
a.m. We went to church - & P.M - took the children over to Sketty

August 16. Monday

Very fine -

6.a.m went into Swansea to see the Foxes off by the Steamer to Ilfracombe
returned home to Breakfast, went in again after breakfast to the Works - returned
about 1 P.M. & went with Bessie down to 3 Cliffs bay - we got back to Parkwern
about ½ past 6 P.M -

August 17 - Tuesday -

Rainy & unsettled all day - Wind N.E - dark & gloomy -
Infirmary at 10 a.m - Works the rest of the day - We dined at Sketty -

August 18. Wednesday

Gloomy & threatening in the morning - Fine in the afternoon. Wind N.E.
Works in the morning - Went down to the rocks near 3 Cliffs bay with Bessie in
the afternoon -

August 19. Thursday

Fine

Works in the morning - Dock meeting at 12 - - Lit^y & Scient^e Soc^y in the evening

August 20. Friday

Very fine

Town Council meeting at 11 - Works afterwards - Ball afterwards

August 21. Saturday

Very fine - bright & hot -

Sketty in the morning. Works afterwards - We dined at the Biddulphs

August 22 - Sunday -

Fine - looked threatening & glass fell but no rain -

a.m. we went to church - PM went with Bessie & the children to Sketty

August 23. Monday -

Wind N.E - rather high - bright & clear but very sharp & n cold for the time of
year

Works in the morning & played cricket on Crumlyn Burrows afterwards -

August 24. Tuesday -

Fine -

Works in the morning - Played at Cricket at Singleton afterwards

August 25. Wednesday -

Fine -

Works in the morning – drove Bessie in the Gig over to Penllergare in the afternoon –

August 16. Thursday –

Works till 12 – when I attended a meeting of Dock Directors – Works again in the afternoon. Literary & Scientific Society in the evening –

August 27. Friday –

Fine –

Works in the morning – Llangafelach Petty Sessions afterwards

August 28. Saturday –

rainy in the morning – fine in the afternoon

Works in the morning drove Bessie to the Mumbles in the afternoon –

August 29. Sunday

Fine – there was rain in the night –

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

August 30. Monday

Fine in the morning – Glass falling – rain in the afternoon –

Busy at the works – Bessie & the children spent the day at the Mumbles –

August 31. Tuesday

Fine

Infirmity at 10 – Works afterwards

Sept^r 1. Wednesday

Rainy in the morning – fine in the afternoon –

Wrote at home in the forenoon – Drove Bessie into Swansea in the afternoon – in the evening at 8 o'clock I delivered a lecture at the Institution on British Quadrupeds –

Sept^r 2. Thursday –

Fine – Wind high. W –

Busy in Swansea in the day attended meeting of the Lit & Scientific Society in the evening –

September 3. Friday –

Heavy rain in the morning – it cleared off in the afternoon –

Went to Swansea in the morning – & down to the Mumbles in the afternoon. We dined at Rosehill Cottage there where the Sketty party are staying –

September - 4. Saturday

Fine – Wind N.W – cold –

Busy in Swansea in the morning – came home about 3 P.M & walked with Bessie in the garden –

September 5. Sunday

Wind N.W. heavy showers & hard storms in the morning – bright & fine in the intervals - fine in the afternoon –
We went to church in the morning – Took a walk with Bessie in the afternoon –

September 6. Monday

Fine –

Works in the morning – Harbour meeting at 12 – Works in the afternoon again –

September 7. Tuesday –

Fine in the morning Wind N.E. wind got to SE about 10a.m. & heavy rain set in for the afternoon –

Went to the Works before breakfast – Infirmary at 10 a.m. – Attended Annual licensing meeting at the Town Hall at 11 am –

September 8. Wednesday

Fine –

Works in the morning – drove down to the Mumbles in the Dog cart with Bessie in the afternoon – We attended Dr Nicols lecture on the Brain at the Royal Institution in the evening –

September 9. Thursday –

No rain – it looked threatening however -

works in the morning Dock office at 12 – Works again in the afternoon – meeting of Lit^y & Scient^eSoc^y in the evening –

September 10 Friday

Fine –

Town Council meeting at 12 – Works afterwards –

September 11. Saturday –

Fine – bright & clear – at 4½ PM I saw a Halo round the Sun – it extended from the horizon about 35 to 40 degrees – clouds gathered up in the evening –
I went to the Works in the morning returned about midday & went down to the rocks near 3 cliffs bay with Bessie –

September 12.Sunday

Showery all day – Wind west – the rain not very heavy but light & driving –
Walked over to Sketty with Bessie in the afternoon –

September 13. Monday

Very heavy continuous up & down rain in the morning. it cleared up about 11 & the rest of the day was fine –

Remained at home till nearly 12 - & then went into the works – walked in the garden with Bessie before dinner

September 14. Tuesday

Fine in the day – wind N.W – showery in the evening –

Infirmary at 10 – Petty Sessions at 12 – Works in the afternoon –

September 15. Wednesday –

Fine in the day – very heavy rain & high Wind (S.W.) in the evening –
Busy in Swansea – We did not attend the Lecture this evening

September 16. Thursday –

In the night the Wind was very high and a good deal of rain fell – to day it has
been fine but the wind has been very high (S.W.) driving clouds over the Sky –
I was busy at the works the greater part of the day – We dined at Sketty

September 17. Friday

Heavy rain in the morning – it cleared off in the afternoon – Wind W. high
I remained at home in the morning on account of the weather – Went into the
Works in the afternoon – We dined at Dderwen fawr –

September 18. Saturday –

Wind N.W – fine but rather showery
Went to the Works in the morning – returned about 2½ P.M & took a walk with
Bessie & Minnie on the sands & home by Sketty -

September 19. Sunday –

Fine in the morning – Heavy rain set in in the evening – Wind S.W –
am. We went to church – P.M went over to Sketty with the children –

September 20. Monday –

8.a.m. fine & bright – Wind W – P.M. cloudy & rather showery –
10.a.m. Met Hoper respecting Flint Mill - - Went to the works afterwards –
returned about ½ past 2 - & went with Bessie to make some calls –

September 21. Tuesday –

Rain set in from the S.W. about 7 am. – 10 a.m – wind S. heavy rain – 10PM – it
has rained the greater part of the day, but cleared up in the evening –
Infirmary at 10.a.m. Petty Sessions afterwards – Works in the afternoon We
dined at Sketty in the evening –

September 22. Wednesday

Dark. but no rain to speak of –
Busy at the Works the greater part of the day –

Sept^r. 23. Thursday –

Rain in the morning – fine in the afternoon –
Busy in Swansea all day – Lit^v Soc^v in the evening –

September 24. Friday Penllergare

Very fine –
Went into Swansea & on to Llangafelach petty Sessions at 12 - I afterwards came
on here – Bessie & the children also came in the afternoon on a visit –

Sept^r. 25. Saturday –

Misty rain in the morning – fine in the afternoon –

Went out shooting with JDL Arthur Jones & Moggridge –

Sept^r. 26. Sunday

Dark & Gloomy but no rain –

a.m. Went to Church – P.M we took a walk with the children

Sept^r. 27. Monday

Very fine –

Went into Swansea with Bessie about 10 a.m. she returned at once & I walked out about 3 P.M. Met JDL. & Evan near the paper Mill & shot my way home.

Sept^r. 28. Tuesday –

Fine. Wind E. Cold –

Walked with the children in the morning & with Bessie in the afternoon –

Sept^r. 29. Wednesday

Fine & bright – Wind E – high & cold –

Went out Partridge Shooting with JDL. we bagged 12½ & 8½ 21 brace 2 hares 1 & 1 2 rabbits 1 & 1 & 2 snipes 1 & 1

September 30. Thursday –

Fine – Wind E. Cold.

Walked with JDL to Swansea – Works at 11 – Dock office at 12 – works again in the afternoon & walked back with JDL to dinner

October 1. Friday –

Fine –

Went out shooting with JDL at Ynisygerwn –

October 2. Saturday

Fine –

Went over to Sketty after breakfast & then on to Swansea – returned here to dinner. Capt^a Saunderson came here to day –

Oct^r 3 Sunday

Fine – cold. Wind E

We went to church in the morning – I walked with JDL & Capt^a Saunderson in the afternoon –

Oct^r 4 – Monday

Fine – Wind E – Cold

Went to Swansea – Attended a meeting of the Harbour Trustees –

Oct^r 5. Tuesday

Wind. E – occasional dropping rain all day

Walked over to Sketty to Breakfast - & then on to the Infirmary – Works afterwards – home to dinner –

October 6. Wednesday

Wind. E – very heavy rain the whole day
We did not go out –

October 7 – Thursday – Parkwern

Fine. Wind N.W – there have been a few slight showers –
We all returned home – I shot my way

October 8. Friday –

Heavy showers – Wind S.W –
Works in the morning – In the evening I attended a meeting of the lower Ward
burgesses respecting the Municipal election for next November –

October 9. Saturday

An eclipse of the Sun took place this morning at 6 to 8 a.m – it was not seen here
however as the sky was overcast – in the afternoon heavy rain from S.E – set in –
I went into Swansea and was busy at the Works the greater part of the day –

October 10. Sunday –

Rainy & unsettled –
We did not go to church – I went over to Sketty in the afternoon –

October 11. Monday –

Fine on the whole – Wind high S.E –
Busy at the Works –

October 12 – Tuesday

Fine in the morning rainy in the PM –
Infirmary at 10 – Works afterwards –

October 13. Wednesday

Rainy in the a.m. Fine in the P.M. Wind high
Went out shooting at Penllergare

October 14. Thursday –

Fine
Busy at the Works the greater part of the day – At 12 however I attended a
meeting of the Dock Directors –

Oct^r 15. Friday –

Fine – Wind E. high
Went to Sketty in the morning & afterwards in to the Works – Took the
Penllergare & Willows parties over them in the afternoon – returned to dinner &
in the evening went in to a meeting at the Dock office –

October 16. Saturday

Very fine =
I went out shooting towards Llangafelach –

October 17. Sunday

Very fine.

We went to Church in the morning - & in the afternoon went with the Children over to Sketty -

Oct^r 18. Monday -

Foggy in the morning fine the rest of the day - rain set in about dark

Busy in Swansea at the Works - the Henry Bruce [*sic*] came to us to day for the Quarter Sessions

October 19. Tuesday

Heavy rain in the night - showery in the day but tolerably fine on the whole

Attended the Quarter Sessions in the morning. Works in the afternoon -

October 20. Wednesday

Showery - Wind W -

Works and Town Hall - we had a party in the evening -

October 21. Thursday

Fine on the whole - Wind W. high

Attended a meeting of the Dock Shareholders at 12 - Went to the Works afterwards - We dined at the Hill House

October 22. Friday -

Showery - Wind W - high -

Went out shooting at Penllergare with Henry Bruce -

October 23. Saturday

Heavy rain without any intermission the whole day -

H. Bruce left us this morning but as the weather is so bad Mrs Bruce remains with us till Monday - I was at the works all day -

October 24. Sunday -

Rainy in the morning tolerably fine in the afternoon - Wind W -

a.m. We remained at home on acc^t of the weather -

P.M. I went over to Sketty - Mary came over to spend the evening with us & I walked back with her about 10 o'clock -

October 25 Monday -

Fine - threatening in the evening - red sunset - glass high -

I went in with Mrs Bruce (who left us this morning) & saw her off by the Merthyr Mail at 9 a.m. - Busy at the works the greater part of the remainder of the day -

October 26. Tuesday -

Fine - Glass high 30.1 - looked threatening in the morning & again in the evening.

Infirmery at 10 - Works afterwards - went over to Sketty before dinner

Oct^r 27. Wednesday

Wind E.S.E. rain in the morning which lasted nearly all day -
I did not go out -

October 28. Tuesday -

Fine in the morning - Misty rain in the afternoon - very mild -
Works in the morning - Dock office at 12- Works again afterwards

Oct^r 30. Saturday -

Fine in the day - rain set in in the evening -
I went over to Sketty with Harry after breakfast and afterwards to Swansea
where I was busy the rest of the day.

October 30. Sunday -

Unsettled & showery in the morning - dark but no rain in the afternoon -
Went over to Sketty in the afternoon -

November 1. Monday -

Bright & fine in the morning Mild 7½ am Therm^r 53 - fine all day
Busy in Swansea

November 2. Tuesday

Fine - Mild - bright - fog in the morning -
Infirmary at 10. Works afterwards -

November 3. Wednesday

Fine - Wind E. colder than is has been of late -
Works the greater part of the day - Attended a Paving meeting at 11½ -

November 4. Thursday -

Wind E - fine all day -
Went over to Sketty after breakfast and then on to Swansea - busy at the works
the greater part of the day - Attended a meeting of the Lit^x & Scient^e Soc^x in the
evening-

November 5 - Friday -

a.m Wind cold S.E. high PM. The Wind veered to the South & some rain fell about
1 P.M.

Works in the morning - Dock office in the afternoon - got home about 4 P.M -

November 6 Saturday -

Fine on the whole - wind SW. mild -
I went out shooting to Caerwydd & Penefody -

November 7. Sunday.

Dark & threatening - rainy in the forenoon - Wind high S.W.
Went over to Sketty in the afternoon -

November 8. Monday

Wind very high - it blew a gale in the night - stormy all day -

Works after breakfast – Harbour meeting at 12 – Works again in the afternoon –

November 9. Tuesday –

Fine all day – bright & mild in the morning, rather colder in the afternoon
Infirmery at 10 – Town Council at 12 – I was elected Mayor – works in the afternoon-

November 10. Wednesday

Fine –
Police court at 10 am – Works afterwards –

November 11. Thursday –

Threatening in the morning – Wind W – at began to rain soon after breakfast and continued the rest of the day without intermission –
Police court at 10 – Works afterwards – Dock office at 12 - & Works again in the afternoon – We dined at Mrs Webbers –

Nov^r. 12. Friday –

Fine – Wind W – showery in the middle of the day –
Police office at 10 – Watch & Ward Committee at 11 – Works afterwards Royal Institution at 2 –

November 13. Saturday

Rainy all day – Mild – Wind W –
Went out shooting at Penyfody with A Jones and Moggridge –

November 14. Sunday

Rainy –
I went to Sketty in the P.M.

November 15. Monday –

Misty mild – fine in the evening
Police court at 10 – Works afterwards & Dock office –

November 16 Tuesday –

Rain in the morning – fine after about ½ past 9 –
Infirmery at 10. Works afterwards – Dock office about ½ past 4. home to 6 o clock dinner

November 17. Wednesday

Fine – cold – wind N –
Remained at home writing in the morning – went into Swansea in the afternoon –

November 18. Thursday

Fine – Sharp frost in the night –
Police court at 10. Works afterwards – Lit Scient^s& Soc^y in the evening

November 19. Friday –

Sharp frost in the night – fine –
Police court at 10. Town council meeting at 12 – Works in the afternoon – I dined
at Singleton in the evening – Bessie has a cold and could not come –

November 20 Saturday

Dark and gloomy – no rain – Wind E. no frost –
Went out shooting with Iltid Thomas –

November 21. Sunday –

Threatening in the morning – Wind S.W. & S.
Bessies cold still keeps her at home. I went over to Singleton in the afternoon

November 22. Monday

Fine in the morning. Rainy in the afternoon & evening – Wind W –
Busy in Swansea at Police office & Works – (Little Amy was bit by a dog to day)

November 23. Tuesday

Rainy in the morning. fine in the afternoon – Wind W
Infirmary at 10. Town Hall at 12 – Works afterwards –

November 24. Wednesday

Showery but tolerably fine on the whole
I went out shooting at Penllergare with Hussey Vivian –

November 25. Thursday

Rainy –
Police court in the morning at 10 – Dock office afterwards Works in the
afternoon –

November 26. Friday –

Rather Showery. fine on the whole –
Works at 9½ a.m. Police court at 10 – at 12 went out Shooting with Hussey
Vivian in Clyne wood –

November 27. Saturday –

Rain from the North E. all day – Cold & raw.
Police Court at 10. Works afterwards – We dined at Sketty Hall.

November 28. Sunday

Threatening & dark in the morning Rain in the afternoon
a.m. We went to Church – P.M – we went over to Sketty – The Bryn & c –

November 29. Monday

Rainy –
10 a.m. Police court – Works afterwards

Novr. 30. Tuesday

Rainy all day – mild –

10 a.m. Infirmary – afterwards met H H Vivian at works – Dock Directors meeting in the afternoon –

Decr. 1. Wednesday

Fine –

Went to Sketty after breakfast – meeting of Paving Commissioners at 12 - Works afterwards – I gave a lecture in the evening at the Institution on Clay & its uses –

December 2. Thursday

Threatening in the morning – Rain the rest of the day –

10.a.m. Police Court – 2 P.M. general meeting of Dock shareholders – We had a dinner party in the evening –

December 3 Friday –

Rain in the morning – tolerably fine in the afternoon –

Police Court & c at 10 – at 12 went with C H Smith to Llangafelach petty Sessions – I returned however at once as a 2nd magistrate was there & was busy at the works the rest of the afternoon

December 4. Saturday

Stormy all day – A gale of Wind from WSW came on about 5 P.M. and lasted till about 10 – tremendous rain then set in –

I went in to the Works in the morning and got back about 11 – when I went out shooting with G.B.Morris at Sketty Park – Bessie & I dined at Heathfield in the evening –

December 5. Sunday –

Wind W – rather cold – One or 2 showers but fine & bright on the whole – stormy towards night – wind high

We went over to Sketty & c in the afternoon –

December 6 Monday –

A Gale of Wind in the afternoon & towards night - stormy all day – in the evening at 10 the Barometer had fallen to 28.38.- Wind W –

Police court at 10 – Harbour meeting at 12 – Works in the afternoon –

December 7. Tuesday

Wind very high N.N.W – very heavy occasional storms of rain and hail – cold Infirmary at 10 – Works afterwards –

December 8. Wednesday –

Frost in the night – fine in the day – heavy rains et in at night

I went out shooting with Hussey Vivian – over Loughor Marshes & up to Penefody & c –

December 9. Thursday

Mild – Misty – Wind W. glass rising –

Police Court at 10. Dock office at 12 – Savings Bank meeting at 1. Works in the afternoon – We dined at Sketty Hall –

December 10. Friday -

Rainy all day - mild -

Police court at 10 - Town Council meeting at 11 - Works in the afternoon We dined at the Bryn -

December 11. Saturday

Fine in the day - rain set in again about 10 P.M -

Went to the Works - got home about 4.P.M. & walked with Bessie -

December 12. Sunday -

Mild - Calm - thick rain in the morning which lasted all day

We did not go to church on acc^t of the weather - I went over to Sketty in the afternoon

December 13. Monday -

Rainy in the morning - the rain held off the rest of the day - and towards night the sky cleared - the Wind began to rise -

Police court at 10 - Works afterwards -

December 14. Tuesday -

Wind high - bright & clear -

Infirmary at 10 - Works afterwards - at 3 P.M - I dined with the farmers club - of which the annual exhibition was held to day -

December 15. Wednesday -

Heavy rain in the morning - fine in the afternoon -

I went with Bessie into Swansea in the afternoon -

December 16 - Thursday -

Threatening in the morning - Heavy rain in the afternoon -

Police court at 10 - Dock office at 12 - Works in the afternoon - I had a headache in the evening -

December 17 - Friday

Heavy rain the greater part of the day -

Police court at 10. Town committee afterwards till 2 P.M. I then went to the Works -

December 18 - Saturday

Rain all last night & this morning - it held off however in the day - Very heavy flood in the Cadley stream in the morning

I went out shooting at Penllergare with I. Thomas -

December 19. Sunday

Stormy in the morning Wind S.E. - high - in the afternoon there was no rain -

Remained at home in the morning - in the afternoon I went over to Sketty & c with Bessie & Minnie

December 20. Monday

Fine on the whole

Police court at 10 – Dock Directors meeting at 12 – Works in the afternoon – attended a Public meeting in the evening for the purpose of petitioning Parliament in favour of removing Jewish Disabilities

December 21. Tuesday

Cold – Wind E –

Infirmery at 10 – Works afterwards

December 22 – Wednesday

Sharp frost in the night – fine but cold all day

Went out Shooting at Penllergare –

December 23. Thursday

Wind high E – very cold – frost in the night – rain set in the evening and it became rather incessant

Police Court at 10 – Works afterwards &c –

December 24. Friday –

Fine – Wind N.E. cold – no frost –

Police Court at 10 – Watch & Ward committees & c at 11 – Works afterwards – got home a little after 2 - & walked with Bessie to Sketty and Dderwen fawr

December 25. Saturday

Dark but fine – cold – Wind N.E –

We dined at Sketty in the evening –

December 26. Sunday

Fine – cold – Wind NE –

I went to church in the morning with Mrs I Jones – in the afternoon went with Bessie and the children over to Sketty –

December 27. Monday –

Dark. cold and raw – Therm^r has been very little above freezing all day – it froze a little early in the morning.

Wind N.E – Glass high & rising -

Police Court at 10. Works afterwards –

December 28. Tuesday

Cold Wind E – Fine but dark

Town Council meeting for setting the Town & Market dues at 11 – Works afterwards –

December 29. Wednesday

Dark & threatening in the morning – Wind E – cold – about 1½ P.M heavy & continual rain set in – still very cold -

I drove down to Llanelly to the Chambers – in my way home I sent the gig on & shot my way home from Penefody –

December 30. Thursday

Wind NW – cold – fine & bright –

I went to Pyle to attend the meeting of the Finance Committee

December 31. Friday –

Sharp frost in the night – ground very white in the morning & continued sop all day except where the Sun had thawed it – Bright & cold all day

Police Court at 10 – Works afterwards – attended a meeting of the Council of the Royal Institution at 2 P m –

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