

## The Dillwyn Collection

The Journals of Lewis Weston Dillwyn (b.1778 d.1855)

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JANUARY

- Thursday 1            After 2 Months of much suffering I have continued to improve for the last fortnight & am now I believe as free from pain as I have been since my Kidney was first attacked in June 1843. Bessie drove De la Beche to Swansea in the morning, & in the afternoon I brought him back in the Phaeton. In the Evening Lewis, Bessie & Miss Mary went to a private Dance at Singleton
- Friday 2              Drove in the afternoon to attend a Monthly Meeting at the Royal Institution & De la beche accompanied me. Lewis, Bessie & Miss Mary went to what is miscalled the Childrens Ball at Singleton & little Minnie & De la Beche went there with them. The former remained till ½ past 5 in the evening, & the two latter came away early. Moggridge dined with us
- Saturday 3            To the regret of all our party De la Beche left us this morning & Lewis took him to meet the Mail at Swansea at ½ past 11. The afternoon became fine
- Sunday 4              Tho' in less pain I am much unwell, & all the others of our party went to Church
- Monday 5             John & Emma having on Saturday set out to select quarters for Johnny at Eton, I drove over with Grandmama to see the Chicks at Penllergare
- Tuesday 6            Took some strong medicine prescribed by Dr Prout, & did not pass the threshold all day. Bessie had hurt her feet, & only Lewis & Miss Mary went to a public Ball at the Assembly Rooms
- Wednesday 7        Again consulted Dr Howell. In the afternoon took a drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles
- Thursday 8            Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D fort an hour to Swansea
- Friday 9              Took a walk with Miss D round by Singleton & the Sands home. Mr, Mrs & Miss Hussey Vivian, Capt & Mrs Campbell & Messrs Arbide [?] & \_\_\_\_ [sic] of the 52 Regt Geo & Frederick Morris & Capt Hickey dined with us. the latter slept & will spend a few days here

- Saturday 10 Took a drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles
- Sunday 11 Lewis on Business relating to the proposed Docks went off by Mail with Hussey Vivian to London. My dear Mary being much unwell remained at home & I read the morning Service to her. Hickey went with Bessie & Mary to Swansea Church - Moggridge dined with us
- Monday 12 My dear Johns Birthday & Mrs D & I drove & spent a few hours at Penllergare - Hickey dined at Chs Smiths & returned to sleep here. The season hitherto has been unusually mild without any Frost & Vegetation is remarkably forward. At Penllergare I saw some Flowers of the common laurel quite out, & they are rather more forward than ours at Sketty
- Tuesday 13 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles - Miss & Miss Frances Eden & Rawleigh Mansell dined with us
- Wednesday 14 Mrs D & I drove early to witness the Childrens enjoyment of the Xmas Tree, but in account of their not being free from Hooping Cough, none of our other Chicks could join them. Bessie, Miss D & Hickey however joined us there for a short time
- Thursday 15 Capt Hickey left us for London for a Visit to Lord Jas Stuart & Lewis returned from London
- Friday 16 For the first time for 2 or 3 Months, I walked about 4 miles & it rather overtired me
- Saturday 17 Mrs D & Miss Mary drove over to see John & Emma who have today in the afternoon left Penllergare to spend a fortnight at Ynysygerwn. Again walked 3 or 4 miles
- Sunday 10 The three Ladies went to Church - Lewis to see Mr Birdel [?] who is Vice Chairman of the Welsh Midlands Railroad at Ystylyfera [?] on Business connected with the proposed new Docks
- Monday 19 It rained nearly in Torrents all day. Drove in the morning to a Meeting at Cross Inn about founding a Boys school in our [?] Valley & in the afternoon, tho' satisfied [?] that it is too late to do anything [?] in the approaching [?] Parliament, I drove to take the Chair of a Meeting of the ...[?] Committee for our new Docks
- Tuesday 20 My dear Mary much unwell but she drove as far as Mr Moggridge in the afternoon & I accompanied her

- Wednesday 21                    Mrs D quite ill in the evening but towards Evening became better. It rained hard nearly all day & all night. Miss D after Breakfast rode in to sit with her old Nurse Ormond who (about 83) is supposed to be dying, & in the afternoon I drove in to bring her back
- Thursday 22                    Miss D after breakfast was driven by Lewis again to attend to her old Nurse Ormond, & when Mrs D went in the afternoon went in the Phaeton to bring her back I accompanied her as far as St Helens & walked home. Just when Mrs & Miss D were on the point of leaving her to return the old woman at the age of 81 without a sigh or struggle suddenly expired & it was Mrs D who closed her eyes. she had been the faithful Nurse from the Birth of all our Children except Fanny, & her indefatigable attention during the illness of my lost darling William had much attached us to her
- Friday 23                        Miss D went with her Brother to Swansea & I took a drive in the Mumbles Road with Mrs D
- Saturday 24                    Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea & she staid at Fanny's while I settled some accounts
- Sunday 25                      Rained very hard nearly all day, & none of us except Lewis stirred out. troubled with some giddiness to my head, but contrived to get through the whole Service to the Family
- Monday 26                     Weather still very wet. Attended with Mrs D a Meeting in the Village to establish a Boys School. In the aft: my two Mary's drove to Swansea & between the showers I got a walk to the Seaside
- Tuesday 27                    Mrs & Miss D drove to Swansea & etc & I walked to the Sea side
- Wednesday 28                About noon I pitched headlong from the bank between the River & Lower lodge [?] & was much hurt. Dr Howell happened to be in the neighbourhood - I had 24 leaches put in the nape of my neck
- Thursday 29                    Kept in Bed till 4 & then sat up for 3 or 4 hours. Allowed nothing but a little Gruel. Mr Warrington Smith dined & spelt her but it was kept from my knowledge. He is the son of my Friend Capt Smyth, & now on De la Beches Staff
- Friday 30                      Got up about ½ past 12. Tho' in pain the Doctors opinion is decided [?] that no material injury has been sustained either by the skull or spine

Saturday 31 Pulse still 90. Allowed only some Turnip for dinner. Got up about ½ past 12. Went down to see Mr Smyth for an hour after dinner. Lewis at Black Pill saw *Calthepalistis* [?] in flower

## FEBRUARY

Sunday 1 Lewis, Bessie, Mary & Mr Smyth went to Church - not allowed any Food but Hops

Monday 2 My back & neck still troublesome. Had some Partridge for Dinner at 3 & it raised the Pulse to more than 100

Tuesday 3 Certainly better today

Wednesday 4 An early Dinner of Mutton Chops & a Glass of Water brought on a return of pain in the back of my head, & shows a necessity for continued abstinence

Thursday 5 Took a short drive in the Phaeton with Mrs D as & feared by Dr Howell was less well afterwards. Mr Smyth late in the Evening left us to sleep in the Steamer, & start early tomorrow for London

Friday 6 Had a baddish night & am less well today

Saturday 7 Suffered much from the back of my Head & neck last night, & less well today - A little mashed Turnip was my Dinner

Sunday 8 On the whole better today but dismally weak. The three youngsters went to Church & with Mrs D assistance read the short 'morning service' to her. Weather fine & some appearance at last of an approaching frost. The display in the Garden is extraordinary with some Roses, the *Ceanthus agincus* [?] & other remains of the Autumn with most of the vernal [?] Flora in full blossom

Monday 9 Therm last night 31½. In front of my Library window there is a large Standard Rose (*R. indica major*) a carnation in full bloom & various Narcissus & other Spring flowers in blossom. The statum..[?] *latifolia* [?] which is hung with flower against the South Wall in the Lower Garden was this afternoon ..[?], & also *Pasone montana altiflora* [?] & several others which are so ....[?] forward that any frost must otherwise destroy them

Tuesday 10 The back of my Head & neck still troublesome & made more so by some Gravy & Dry Toast which I ventured on for my Dinner - Self

registering Therm last night 28.5 - Lewis, Bessie & Miss Mary dined at St Helens

Wednesday 11                      Therm last night 27 - Not much better - went but little out

Thursday 12                      Therm not below 33 - Walked to the Seaside without any .....[?] fatigue but starvation continues to be the Doctors order

Friday 13                          Wind continues Northerly, but no Frost. The Dr gave me a strong dose of Calomel & I did not stir out

Saturday 14                      Walked with Miss D to the bottom of the Hill, & I ventured to day on a Mutton Chop for Dinner

Sunday 15                        Therm not lower last night than 38, but the Wind still kept to the Northward of West. Mrs D very unwell & in Bed nearly all day. our 3 juniors went to Church

Monday 16                        A delightful day like Summer. Mrs D much better. Mrs D much better. [sic] My neck & head are still in pain & Dr H seems to think that time & abstinence must be the remedies

Tuesday 17                        The shaking of a Carriage is still more than my neck can bear, but I took a walk to the Sand Hills

Wednesday 18                      Made my first appearance since the accident at our Dinner table, but I am still restricted in diet, & allowed only one Glass of Sherry & water

Thursday 19                        Took a walk to Parkwern

Friday 20                         Neck & shoulder continue very troublesome. Walked together about 2 miles, but have not yet ventured to expose myself to the shaking of a carriage

Saturday 24                        Took a short drive on the Mumbles Road with Mrs D, & it did not hurt my neck, tho' the attempt was made contra to the Drs advice

Sunday 22                         A very wet morning & only Miss Mary went to Church. I read the whole Service to the rest of our Family

Monday 23                        I took a walk not exceeding 3 Miles & it seemed to increase the pain in my Head & Neck

Tuesday 24                        Weather wet. A more excited pulse in the night brought on much pain in my Head & Neck & I did not go out all day

- Wednesday 25                    Again much pain in my head & neck in the Night. In the afternoon I ventured on another drive on the Mumbles Road with Mrs D, & walked to Singleton
- Thursday 26                    Better & enjoyed a Walk on the Sand Hills. Lewis went to the Sheriffs Ordinary to meet Judge Weyhtman [?] for the Assizes. Mr Bassett Sanderson arrived to dine & spend a few days here  
Our Lawn was mown & I never before recollect the Grass so forward in February
- Friday 27                        Drove in to attend a Meeting at the Royal Institution & Mr Sanderson accompanied me but walked with Lewis. being less well than I was two days ago the exertion tired me, to which my Friends being as ....[?] Port [?] much contributed  
Peach Trees in blossom
- Saturday 29                    The little excursion yesterday injured me & I have been much unwell all day, so that I could not go as I had intended to Penllergare. My two Mary's went to dine & sleep there. Mrs [?] B Sanderson returned to Coedriglan by Mail

<b>MARCH</b>
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- Sunday 1                        My two Mary's having staid the Sacrament at Penllergare returned home in the afternoon. My head & neck obliged me to keep quiet
- Monday 2                        John took Bessie & Johnny by Mail to Cardiff on their way to London with intent of leaving the Former to visit her Father & the latter to Eton. Emma & Theresa spent the day here & at night Lewis & Miss Mary went to a public Ball at Swansea
- Tuesday 3                        A stormy wet day. Lewis in a special Jury but got home joust after we has sat down to Dinner. The Sheriff R Franklen, his Chaplain, Bloss, Capt & Mrs Lindsay, Miss Kitty Jones & T E Thomas dined with us
- Wednesday 4                    The two Mary's drove to see Emma & I took only my usual walk. Head & neck certainly better
- Thursday 5                        In the afternoon ventured on a drive with Mrs D to Woodlands & it did not harm me

- Friday 6 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to make my first call on Fan at the Willows. Miss Mary rode to dine & sleep at Penllergare
- Saturday 7 Miss Mary rode back from Penllergare, & there saw John after his return by Mail from Eton. I took my usual walk
- Sunday 8 A white Frost but my self-registering Therm do not go lower than 35. I went in the carriage with Mrs D & Lewis & Miss Mary walked to St Mary's Church
- Monday 9 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles
- Tuesday 10 The Carriage took down Mrs D & our Grand Chicks to the Sands in the morning & I accompanied them - In the afternoon John with Miss Mary & I had my hair cut in Swansea
- Wednesday 11 A delightful Summersday. Miss Mary & Lewis rode to Lanelly. Took my usual walk on the Sand Hills  
Wrote to Janson & Buckland
- Thursday 12 Weather delightful. Walked on the Sea shore in the afternoon & in the Evening drove with Lewis to a Meeting of the Literary & Scientific Society at the Royal Institution  
Wrote to H Gurney & sent some buds of the Strantonc [?] latifolia to Lindley
- Friday 13 Took my usual walk on the Sea shore. Mr & Mrs Iltid Thomas, the two Miss De winters, Mr Moggridge & his Sister Mrs Toogood & george Morris dined with us
- Saturday 14 Drove with Mrs D to Penllergare, & she was so much fatigued on our return as to lie Dinnerless on the Sofa all the Evening
- Sunday 15 My dear Mary much unwell & I staid at Home & read the whole Service to her. Only Miss D walked to church  
Blue Bells in flower below my Ice House! Some blossoms still remain on the Ceanthus axureus [?]
- Monday 16 My dear Mary better but not well. I drove about the Neath encaustic [?] Tiles [?] to Swansea in the morning when rain fell in Torrents but the afternoon became fine & I took my usual walk to the Sea shore
- Tuesday 17 Hail & sleet in the afternoon but took my usual walk
- Wednesday 18 Self registering Therm last night lowest 34. Walked at noon to a Meeting at the House of Correction, & then to the Willows from whence Mrs D brought me home in the Carriage



Thursday 19 Therm last night 29. Hail & sleet in the morning - a heavy snow the whole afternoon

Friday 20 Therm last night 30 - Rather fine & Frosty - took my usual walk

Saturday 21 Therm during the night had been down to 28.5 but it thawed at Sunrise. Went to a Meeting at the House of Correction & remained there all afternoon. Lewis drove to sleep at the Mackworth Arms preparatory for starting to meet De la Beche & Bessie at Bristol

Sunday 22 Therm last night 36. Went with my two Mary's to Church in the morning, & walked in the afternoon to Glanmôr

Monday 23 Weather mild & stormy. Therm last night -- [not entered]. In the afternoon drove with John to Swansea & returned in the Carriage with Miss Mary. Lewis & Bessie having travelled by the Mail from Bristol reached us to Dinner at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 8

Tuesday 24 Therm 38. Walked twice to the Seashore  
Wrote to Dr Prout & informed him that my general Health had not been so good or my side equally free from pain as during the last month since the attack on my Kidney first began

Wednesday 25 Walked in the morning to Swansea with Lewis, & returned in the Phaeton which the Coachman came with the horses to take back after some repairs. Attended the Quarterly Meeting at the House of Correction & afterwards drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Thursday 26 Still stormy & mild. Walked to the Seashore

Friday 27 Walked to attend the Monthly Meeting at the Royal Institution, & Mrs D in the Phaeton brought me back

Saturday 28 Drove after Breakfast with Lewis to raise [?] payment for any Mortgages on Watkins [?] Estate, & being disappointed returned home with Fan in her Carriage in the afternoon. J G Jeffreys & Mr Mansfield came with the Money & Deeds at 9 in the Evening

Sunday 29 White frost, but my Therm was not in the night lower than  $32\frac{1}{2}$ . Lewis, Bessie & Miss D went to Church & I staid at home & read the whole Service to my dear Mary who is far from well

Monday 30 Therm in the night 34. Cold easterly wind. Drove with Lewis after breakfast to Swansea, & in the afternoon took another drive with Mrs D to the |Mumbles

Tuesday 31 Therm 39. Wind easterly [?]. In the aft. drove with Mrs D to Woodlands

<b>APRIL</b>
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Wednesday 1 Wind changed - mild. Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles & took my usual walk

Thursday 2 The Ditto of yesterday

Friday 3 Nearly the Ditto of 2 preceeding [?sic] days. Miss Mary returned home having spent the last week (except Sunday) at Penllergare during Johns absence to bring Johnny back from Eton

Saturday 4 Rained in Torrents until about ½ past 4 & I then got a walk to the Sands. My dear Mary much palgued by a decayed Tooth

Sunday 5 My dear Marys head ach so bad that she did not leave the Pillow [?] even to have the Bed made all day. Lewis & Miss Mary went to Church

Monday 6 It rained & snowed so hard that I did not stor out all day. Mrs D much better

Tuesday 7 Drove in the morning for an hour to Swansea & in the afternoon Mrs D to Woodlands. It unhappily brought on a return of her Faceach which was very severe in the Evening. I took a warm bath after Dinner

Wednesday 8 My dear Mary tho' better remained all day in Bed, & in the morning [?evening] I had Dr Howells to visit her

Thursday 9 My dear Mary got to the morning room, but her tooth still very tender, I walked to Singleton & etc

Friday 10 My dear Mary continues better tho' still unable to come down stairs, & [?] it being Good Friday I eard the Service to her. Lewis & Miss Mary walked to Church & in the afternoon I walked on the Shore & round to call at Derwn fawr, home

Saturday 11 Rained heavily nearly all day, but I got a walk to the Seaside before Dinner

Sunday 12 Mary in much less pain, but nmot well enough to come down stairs. I staid at home & read the Service to her. Lewis & Bessie & Miss Mary went to Church. In the afternoon I took my usual walk to the Shore

Monday 13 Took my usual walk in the afternoon. My dear Mary certainly better. I went with Miss Mary to dine at Singleton

Tuesday 14 Drove with Miss Mary in the morning to Penllergare. Mrs D Better & came down stairs. Lewis & his family after a pleasant visit of 6 Months returned to Parkwern which is now ready to receive them. In the Evening Miss Mary went to a Dance at Singleton

Wednesday 15 Drove to a Meeting of Visiting Magistrates at House of Correction

Thursday 16 Mrs D so much better as to visit her Roses. I walked to Singleton & etc

Friday 17 In the afternoon took a drive with Mrs D in the close carriage to Norton & afterwards walked to the Sands

Saturday 18 Busy chiefly in my Farm & Garden

Sunday 19 Miss Mary walked to Church, but her Mother tho' greatly better did not think it prudent, & I read the Service to her & others of the Family who remained at home  
The plant which Lindley calls Stauntinici [?] latefolia a fortnight ago without hesitation produced numerous Umbels of female flowers & within the last 2 or 3 days other Umbels have come into blossom with male flowers of a different shape

Monday 20 Took a drive with Mrs D to Norton, & afterwards walked to the Sands

Tuesday 21 Troubled by a sort of Lumbago, but walked in the afternoon to the Sands

Wednesday 22 Took some Blue Pills [/], & took my usual walk in the afternoon. Mrs & Miss D drove in the close Carriage to Penllergare & found dear Emma so ill in Bed, that the latter returned towards Evening to Penllergare. Not being well I tried a warm bath

Thursday 23 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to meet John at Swansea, & were rejoiced by a better account of Emma. Johnny was to have returned to Eton tomorrow but a continued sore throat detained him

Friday 24 Took some stronger Medicine, & in the aft. drove with Mrs D to Norton

Saturday 25 Heavy thunder storms in the afternoon & we did not go much out

Sunday 26 A fine day. Went with Mrs D to St Mary's Church. Miss Polly still at Penllergare

Monday 27 Miss Mary came over for an hour to see us & brought still poor account from Penllergare. Drove with Mrs D to Swansea for half an hour in the afternoon

Tuesday 28 Drove with Mrs D & spent a couple of hours at penllergare in the afternoon & found most of the family confined to their beds or Rooms, but on the whole rather better

Wednesday 29 Drove with Mrs D to Oystermouth where near the old Castle we met Lewis in search of Fossils

Thursday 30 Mrs D not quite well & did not go out. Walked chiefly about my Grounds

<b>MAY</b>
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Friday 1 Took a drive in the close Carriage with Mrs D to Norton

Saturday 2 John, Johnny & Miss Mary came over to stay a couple of hours here, & the invalids are getting better tho' not so fast as we had hoped for. Servants & all the household [?] been quite an hospital

Sunday 3 Mrs D & I went to St Marys Church & I walked to Parkwern & etc in the afternoon

Monday 4 Our precious Theresas' Birthday happening on Sunday the 3rd was to be kept today & my old Lady & I had planned it to go over. At starting however she found it more prudent to stay at home & I drove over & remained a couple of hours at penllergare without her. Found all the family much better & Polly still acting as head Caretaker

Tuesday 5 Rained incessantly till late in the afternoon. Wrote to Bicheno

Wednesday 6 Theresa's Birthday kept & Mrs D & I in the afternoon drove in the close Carriage to Penllergare - Miss Mary having a cold returned with us to dinner. We look [sic] at some antiquities in St Marys Church & stopt at Swansea & walked home

Thursday 7 A lovely Day. Mainly with Mrs D in the Garden. Miss Mary went back with her Brother to Penllergare

- Friday 8 A lovely day. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Norton
- Saturday 9 Weather fine. This is our dear Fan's Birthday & it is now 38 years since I became a Daddy. She brought over the three youngsters to spend the afternoon with us
- Sunday 10 My dear Mary not being well we did not go to Church & I read the Service as usual at Home. In the afternoon walked to call at Derwenfawr with Lewis, Bessie & Minnie
- Monday 11 Our afternoon drive was shortened by the arrival of John & Miss Mary to spend an hour with us
- Tuesday 12 Dr Hooker the Son of my good Friend Sir W Hooker arrived early on a visit & had been appointed by De la beche to investigate the Fossil Flora of this neighbourhood for the Geological Survey.[?] I drove in the morning with him to Swansea, & in the afternoon Mrs D & I accompanied him to see the Singleton Shrubbery
- Wednesday 13 Lewis introduced Hooker to some of the Quarries & Collieries of the Neighbourhood. Mrs D drove to Penllergare & bring Miss Mary back after having remained there as a Nurse for 3 Weeks. Willy & little Nelly also came to us for change of air. Moggridge dined with us
- Thursday 14 Dr Hooker engaged at Collieries & etc about Fossil Plants. I took a short drive with Mrs D & two walks to Parkwern
- Friday 15 Dr Hooker set off after breakfast with Moggridge for a two days ramble in Gower. Weather delightful & I took my usual walks. Little Elinor became unwell & Dr Bird was sent for to her late in the Evening
- Saturday 16 Neither of my two Mary's or of the two Children well enough to go out. Johnny came to us at noon & his Father took him away in 3 or 4 hours after. Dr H & Moggridge returned from the Gower Expedition about ½ past 9. Lewis & Bessie dined with us
- Sunday 17 As a heavy rain prevented everybody from going to Church I read the morning Service as usual. My dear Mary too unwell to come downstairs from some return of the pain in her face
- Monday 18 Mrs D & the 2 youngsters both much unwell & Dr Howells visited the former & the latter were attended by Dr Bird. In the afternoon I drove for a couple of hours to Swansea. Dr Hooker visited Cline & Killai & I afterwards dined with him at Parkwern

- Tuesday 19 My dear Mary by Dr Howells particular desire remained in bed the whole day. It was Lewis's Birthday, & Lewis, Bessie & Mr Benson [?] dined with us
- Wednesday 20 My dear Mary continues much unwell & did not join us at Dinner or come down stairs. In the afternoon I drove to a Meeting at the Royal Institution & Mr Jeffreys brought by [?] Mr Hanley [?] to dine with us
- Friday 22 At 4 I joined the Council of Officers of the Royal Institution at Oystermouth Castle where Mr Francis gave us a lecture on the different excavations, & we afterwards dined together at Mr J G Jeffreys whose House is close by - Dr Hooker who had gone with Moggridge to the Mumbles in the morning joined us there & he returned home with me by 10 o'clock
- Saturday 23 My dear Mary more unwell so as to remain in Bed all day & I did not much leave her
- Sunday 24 Miss Mary with Willy, & Dr Hooker with the Parkwern party went to Church. My dear Mary still is to be in Bed all day & I read the morning Service by her Bedside
- Monday 25 My dear Mary still in Bed all day, & in consequence of her continued illness Emma sent to take our two Grand Chicks back to Penllergare. Dr Hooker breakfasted at the Willows & dined at Parkwern. I drove to call on J G Jeffreys & etc & in the afternoon walked by the Seaside round by Singleton home
- Tuesday 26 Dr Hooker after breakfast went with Capt Lindsay to spend a couple of days at Glanyafon [?]. My dear Mary better & got up for 3 or 4 hours in the afternoon
- Wednesday 27 Mrs D was out of her Bed for 2 or 3 hours both in the morning & Evening, but continues very unwell. I took my usual walk to the Seaside
- Thursday 28 Mrs D again in Bed the whole day & I did not go much out. Capt Lindsay brought Dr Hooker back & both dined with us.
- Friday 29 Mrs D considerably better & went to the Morning Room. I drove Dr Hooker in the afternoon to dine & meet Mr & Mrs Jo Traherne at Penllergare. Polly also rode over for a few minutes in the Evening

- Saturday 30 Mrs D passed nearly a sleepless night but spent some hours in the Morning Room. Miss Mary drove in the morning to Penllergare, & dined with Lewis & Dr Hooker at Parkwern
- Sunday 31 Miss D went with Bessie, & Dr Hooker walked with Lewis to Church. My dear Mrs D better & got into the Morning Room where I read the Service to her

<b>JUNE</b>
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- Monday 1 Mrs D better & went for a short turn in the Garden. I drove to attend the Annual Meeting at the Institution & afterwards a Harbor Meeting. Dr Hooker went to Abercorn [?] for a couple of days & Dr Buckland arrived about 8 in the Evening
- Tuesday 2 Mrs D continues better, tho' still much unwell & found a short drive too much for her. I drove Dr Buckland to a Gas [? Geo] Meeting & Mr Francis drove him back. I attended the Whitsuntide Admission to our Institution, & remained till near ½ past 4 when I walked home. Very sultry. Lewis & Bessie dined with us
- Wednesday 3 Drove Dr Buckland to Swansea & he went by Mail to visit Conybeare at Landaff. I afterwards attended for an hour & a half a Meeting of Paving Commissioners. Dr Buckland returned from Abercorn [?]
- Thursday 4 Weather continues very sultry. We dined at 5 in order that Mrs D might have a drive in the cool of the Evening, & I accompanied her
- Friday 5 Drove for a few essentials [?] to Swansea in the morning & in the cool of the Evening with Mrs D in the close Carriage to Norton. Dr Hooker went to Breakfast & for a 2 days ramble with Moggridge
- Saturday 6 Weather for the last week has been unusually sultry. Drove as before with Mrs D in the cool of the Evening to Norton
- Sunday 7 For a violent headach I took some Calomel, & continued much unwell. Dr Hooker & Miss Mary went in the Parkwern Carriage to Church. Mrs D continues much better. After a long spell of dry, very sultry weather, a shower of rain fell in the afternoon
- Monday 8 Not well, & walked only to call on Arthur Jones at Rhydyhelig [?]. February 4, 2010r Hooker dined at Parkwern & slept at the Willows preparatory to a start for Merthyr tomorrow with Moggridge
- Tuesday 8 Drove over with Miss Mary in the morning to Penllergare & found that Emma, whose confinement approaches had sent for the Dr &

Nurse in the night, but it appears to have been a false alarm. Left Mary at Penllergare

- Wednesday 10                      Drove in the close Carriage in the aft with Mrs D & called at the Willows
- Thursday 11                      Mrs D still afraid to venture in any other than a close Carriage, & I drove with her to Norton. Weather very fine with some rain at Intervals
- Friday 12                      Drove with Mrs D in the open Carriage to Norton & her recovery appears now to be compleat. Weather continues fine & sultry
- Saturday 13                      Drove soon after breakfast with Mrs D to Penllergare where we found Lewis fishing & he gave his Mother a delightful row on the Upper Lake. Theresa returned with us in the afternoon in exchange for Miss Mary who remains at Penllergare
- Sunday 14                      Mrs D, Theresa & I went to St Marys Church - Thermometer in the shade at Mr Jenkins Observatory in Wind Street 89, the other instruments in the Town were only 77-73 & no other higher than 82
- Monday 15                      Dr Hooker on his return from Merthyr slept at the Willows last night, & came back soon after breakfast. Owing to the sultry weather we dined at 5 & went out very little before. At 7 I walked to Black Pill where I met Mrs D & Theresa on the [?their] return from the Mumbles & all three took a walk on the Sand Hills & returned at 9 in the Carriage
- Tuesday 16                      Walked in the Evening with Theresa to Parkwern
- Wednesday 17                      Drove in the morning to attend a Meeting at the House of Correction - Miss D came back for the purpose & I took her to a Lecture on his last Antarctic[?] Voyage which Dr Hooker gave at the Royal Institution
- Thursday 18                      Miss D rode back to Breakfast at Penllergare. I did not take off my Dressing Gown or leave my Premises all day. My Thermometer in my coolest & constant shade 81 & it has not been higher
- Friday 19                      Went with Mrs D & Theresa in the close Carriage to Swansea where I attended the Council Meeting at the Royal Institution & the Ladies waited for me at the Willows. Lewis & Bessie, Rawleigh Mansel & Moggridge dined with us



- Saturday 20 Drove to an adjourned Meeting at the Royal Institution. Weather became more cool in the Evening - Miss Mary came back from Penllergare to remain till Monday
- Sunday 21 Much unwell & had rarely been without some head ach for the last fortnight. By Dr Hookers [?Howells] advice I took some strong medicine & staid at home all day. Mrs & Miss D, Theresa & Dr H went to Church
- Monday 21 Better but much unwell. The beautiful sultry weather rather abruptly terminated in a violent thunderstorm at noon, & Mrs & Miss D & Theresa who drove in the open Carriage to Penllergare just escaped it. Theresa returned with her Grandmother in the afternoon, & left Mary at Penllergare. Lewis & Bessie dined with us, & late in the Evening Dr Hooker closed a pleasant visit & slept at the Willows in readiness to start by the Steamer early tomorrow
- Tuesday 23 Mrs D & Theresa much enjoyed a Visit to Langland Bay. Not half well & remained about home
- Wednesday 24 Still an invalid. Fanny & her Youngsters arrived on a Visit to us
- Thursday 25 This being little Minnies Birthday, Lewis, Bessie & their 3 Chickc came to us soon after 12, & our seven Grand Chicks all dined together. The afternoon was merrily spent & they all had tea in Grandmama's Tool[?] House which had been formed into a Bower for the purpose. Lewis & Bessie dined with us
- Friday 26 A wet day - but I got a Walk to the Sand Hills before dinner, & another in the Garden with Fan afterwards
- Saturday 27 Moggridge who had gone to Bristol with Dr Hooker returned to jopin his Family here. Fir several days I have been seized [?] by Lumbago. Mrs D drove with Theresa for 3 of 4 hours to Penllergare & the latter returned with her, but Miss D came over to Dine & in the Evening took Theresa back with her
- Sunday 28 Seized still by Lumbago. The others of our family went to Church
- Monday 29 Soon after 12 drove with Mrs D to Norton from whence we walked to Langland Bay where she enjoyed the colelcting of shells for 2½ hours. The recovery of her Health & activity I thank God seems to be compleat

Tuesday 30 Continuing again much unwell with head aches & lumbago I sent for Dr Howell. Mrs D drove to Penllergare & unexpectedly brought Lady Mary back to spend a day or two with us

<b>JULY</b>
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Wednesday 1 About Noon Miss Mary arrived to announce the Birth of a Girl at one in the morning & brought an excellent account of the whole affair. She took Lady Mary back with her in the afternoon to Penllergar

Thursday 2 Weather very wet, & prevented me from taking more than a short drive halfway to Black Pill with Mrs D. The Doctor found me but little better. Mrs D in the afternoon drove with Fan to Penllergare

Friday 3 Mrs D with Fan & her two elder Chicks spent most of the afternoon in Langlan [sic] Bay & returned to Dinner at 7. John came to see me & we walked to call at Veranda

Saturday 4 I drove for an hour to Swansea in the morning. In the afternoon Miss Talbot brought Miss D over to remain with us till Monday. A delightful fine day

Sunday 5 A violent storm of Thunder Lightening & rain lasted from about 8 to 11 & as none of us got to Church I read the Service to the Family at home. Afternoon tolerably fine

Monday 6 Some return of Lumbago & Dr Howells gave me some strong medicine. A nasty wet day

Tuesday 7 Better. Mrs D drove with Miss D to Penllergare & left her there

Wednesday 8 A heavy rain nearly all day & prevented from going out till after dinner

Thursday 9 Mrs D drove to Swansea. I walked with John & W Grove to the Sand Hills

Friday 10 Drove in the morning with Moggridge to attend a special Meeting of the Royal Institution for the purpose of petitioning the British Association to hold one of their annual Meetings at Swansea. Mrs D in the afternoon brought me back

Saturday 11 In our Carriages I went with Mrs D, Fanny & her two eldest Chicks, & put up at the Mumbles while we walked for 1½ hours on the shore

Sunday 12                   Granny & I with the 4 senior Moggridges went to the morning Service & there met Lewis, Bessie & little Minnie it being the first appearance of the latter at Church. Walked to Parkwern in the afternoon

Monday 13                   This is the Anniversary of our Wedding & I have [been] married 39 years to the best of wives. We drove over & spent the morning at Penllergare

Tuesday 14                   Not well. Miss Mary came over with 3 of the Penllergare Youngsters & tool her Mother with her to spend 2 or 3 hours at Langland Bay

Wednesday 15                   Drove with Mrs D & Weston in the Phaeton to the Mumbles & walked with them under the rocks to Braslet [sic] Bay

Thursday 16                   Moggridges Birthday aged 42. Rained so hard that it was hardly possible to walk out

Friday 17                   Drove to a Meeting of the Royal Institution & a little attention to Business brought on a bad headache. I am becoming good for nothing

Saturday 18                   Rained all the morning, but John & his 2 Girls came over. When they went at 5 I drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles. Much unwell all day

Sunday 19                   I accompanied Mrs D & the Moggridges in their own Carriage to Church. In the afternoon Mrs D walked to Parkwern & back & I accompanied her

Monday 20                   John & Miss Mary came over on horseback from Penllergare & went on to see a purchase which the former made in Caswell Bay. Mrs D, Weston & I accompanied them in the Phaeton & Moggridge on to meet us there

Tuesday 21                   Mrs D & Fanny drove in the afternoon to Penllergare & I walked on the Sand Hills

Wednesday 22                   Mrs D & I & Fanny & her 2 elder Chicks drove immediately after Luncheon, & rambled in the afternoon on the Rocks & in Caswell Bay. I was tired

Thursday 23                   In the aft. Mrs D went with Fan to the Mumbles but a heavy rain drove them back. I attended a Committee at the Royal Institution

Friday 24                   Mrs D in the afternoon brought home Miss Mary in the Phaeton from Penllergare, & in the Evening the latter accompanied Lewis &

Bessie to a Ball given by Mr Gwyn at Neath & slept at Parkwern. I walked to the Seaside

- Saturday 25 Drove in the afternoon for a walk under the Mumbles & Fan in her Carriage accompanied us to make some Sketches
- Sunday 26 Mrs D too unwell to go to Church & I remained & read the Service to her at home. In the afternoon I called with Moggridge at Singleton
- Monday 27 Drove with Mrs D in the Phaeton & attended by Fan & her Chicks in their Carriage again to look over Oystermouth Castle
- Tuesday 28 Mrs D, Fanny & Weston set off in the Phaeton & spent the afternoon in 3 Cliffs Bay. I walked to Parkwern & etc
- Wednesday 29 As his Father had yesterday brought Johnny from Eton, Mrs D & I drove in the morning & spent the day at Penllergare. We dined in the Shanty. Weather very sultry
- Thursday 30 Miss Talbot & Johnny brought Miss Mary from Penllergare to spend a few days with us. Weather sultry & showery
- Friday 31 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D for a walk under the Mumbles Rocks. A heavy Thunder Storm in the Evening, & Miss D returned through it from a ride to Ynysygerwn

## AUGUST

- Saturday 1 In the afternoon Mrs & Miss D drove to Penllergare & I walked to Parkwern & etc
- Sunday 2 Went with my two Marys to Church where our new Vicar Mr Squire performed for the first time. Walked in the afternoon with Mrs D to Parkwern & etc. Moggridge started yesterday by Steamer & Lewis this morning by Mail to Bristol, on Business relating to Swindler Smiths Bankruptcy - the latter only as a Witness or[?] Trustee for Moggridge
- Monday 3 Mrs D & Miss Mary drove to the Mumbles & I walked to the Sand Hills & etc
- Tuesday 4 Mrs D & I drove for an hour in the morning to Swansea & Lady Mary Cole & Miss Talbot came to us in the afternoon. Bessie joined our Dinner party as Lewis remains away

Wednesday 5 Mrs D took a drive with Lady Mary, & I walked to the Sand Hills & etc. Therm in perfect shade 75 & about noon has not been lower for several days

Thursday 6 The Ladies took sundry drives. Lewis returned from a visit of 2 days to London

Friday 7 Mrs D drove with Lady Mary round by Fairwood & through Bishopston home. I walked on the Sands with Miss Talbot & Polly. The latter accompanied Lewis & Bessie in the Evening to the Race Ball & slept at Parkwern. Moggridge returned from Clifton

Saturday 8 Drove to attend a Meeting at the House of Correction, & walked back that Mrs D & Lady Mary might have a drive in the Phaeton. Miss Talbot returned to Penllergare & left Lady Mary with us

Sunday 9 Lady M Cole, Mrs & Miss D filled the Chariot to Church [?] & having a headach I remained at home

Monday 10 Rained all the morning. In the afternoon Lady Mary & Mrs D drove to the Mumbles & Lewis & Bessie dined with us. We were kept up till ½ past 12 by the sudden illness of Mrs D's Maid with something of the Plurisy [?] sort

Tuesday 11 In the afternoon Mrs D drove Lady Mary Cole to Penllergare & left her there

Wednesday 12 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to see Wily & Emmy who have been left with the Governess at Johns Cottage at the Mumbles & rambled for an hour on the Hills with them

Thursday 13 My dear Mary kept awake all last night by a Bowell [sic] complaint which is prevalent hereabouts & Dr Howell attends her. I walked to Parkwern & etc

Friday 14 Mrs D better. I drove to a Meeting at the Royal Institution

Saturday 15 Mrs D Better but still weak. In the afternoon we drove to call at Woodlands but she did not get out of the Carriage

Sunday 16 My dear Mary tho' better, not well enough to go out, & only Miss Mary, Moggridge & Myself attended Church

Monday 17 It rained violently all the afternoon. I attended a Committee at the Royal Institution. Miss Mary who had been detained by her Mothers illness returned to Penllergare

- Tuesday 18 Another very wet day. Mrs D & I in the afternoon drove to see our Grand Chicks at the Mumbles. There was to have been a great Cricketing & Ball at the Singleton, but the weather was too bad for the former, & from this House only Moggridge attended the latter
- Wednesday 19 Mrs D & I started at ½ past 10, & at 12 my new Grand daughter Lucy Catherine was christened in the Chapel at Penllergare. I never before saw any Child of six weeks old that I thought equally interesting & intelligent, & it was altogether an enjoyable day. Alfred Janson as God papa had John for a proxy & Mrs Munday & Christine Nichol the God mamas were represented by Miss Talbot & Miss Mary. We dined with the party & returned home in the Evening
- Thursday 20 Took some strong medicine & the weather being very wet I did not stir out
- Friday 21 This is my Birthday, & tho' much unwell the warm affection of my beloved Wife & youngsters have enabled me to pass it most happily. John with his two elder Chicks & Miss MARY came over from Penllergare, & being joined by Willy & Emmy was passed the afternoon in Langland Bay. Besides Lewis & Bessie, Gerald Webber & a son\* of Popkin Traherne dined with us.  
\*Bruce Traherne
- Saturday 22 Being much unwell I again took the strong pills, & did not leave home. Mrs D with Fan took a drove to Langland Bay & engaged an apartment there. Moggridge much unwell from the prevailing sort of English Cholera
- Sunday 23 St Marys Church being under repair has been shut for a month, & I read the Morning Service at home. Fanny went to Mrs Berringtons Pew at the Mumbles, & in the afternoon I walked to Singleton & Parkwern
- Monday 24 Drove in the afternoon to the Mumbles & walked under the Rocks with Mrs D
- Tuesday 25 Mrs D has taken an apartment in Langland Bay. She went there with Fanny & they walked over to Caswell. I took my walk to Parkwern & etc
- Wednesday 26 Mrs D & I accompanied by Fan & her two eldest Chicks went to Lagland in the morning, & were joined by the two Penllergare Youngsters from the Mumbles. We lunched there & except the Chocks returned home to Dinner

- Thursday 27 Mrs D accompanied the Moggridges to Langland Bay & were there joined by Miss Mary with 4 of the Penllergare Chicks. I drove to a Meeting at the Royal Institution & walked back. Miss Mary returned to us
- Friday 28 Mrs D & Miss Mary & I all went out at 11 in the Phaeton & returned soon after 6 from Langland Bay
- Saturday 29 Mrs D drove to Caswell Bay with Miss Mary & Weston & they then walked across the Hills to Langland where Lewis & Bessie & their two elder Chicksd met them. I went in the afternoon with John to see Johnny play Cricket with a Juvenile party at Singleton. The Moggridges returned to the Willows afetr a visit of over ten [?] weeks
- Sunday 30 Far from well either yesterday or today. My two Martyrs went to Trinity Church
- Monday 31 A wet day & Mrs D was prevented from going to Langland. We drove in the afternoon to see our two Grand Chicks at the Mumbles

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
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- Tuesday 1 Drove after lunch with Mrs D to Langland & there found Fanny & her two eldest waiting for us. Not well & tried a hot bath
- Wednesday 2 The two Marys drove to make calls & I walked to Parkwern. In the Evening drove with Miss Mary to hear Lewis lecture on Ornithology at the Royal Institution
- Thursday 3 My most beloved and excellent Wife has this day compleated her 70th Year, & we passed several hours right happily with a Family party in Langland Bay. John was kept at home by a severe headach & from Penllergare & the Lodging at Mumbles we had the 4 eldest Chicks with the Governess. From Parkwern we had Lewis & Bessie & their two eldest, & Fan brought her two eldest from the Willows. Miss Mary was also there. Lewis & Bessie afterwards dined with us at Sketty
- Friday 4 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles. In the morning John had started with our dear Johnny for Eton, & Emma came with Theresa, & the Juniors on a visit to us. Willy & Emmy being still with the Governess at the Mumbles

- Saturday 5 Emma went to spend the morning with her two Youngsters who for the last month have been quartered at the Mumbles. At 11 drove with my dearest to see the Cottage which John has bought at Caswell Bay, & from there we walked over the Cliffs to Langland & remained there till about 5 in the afternoon. The weather was delightful & we greatly enjoyed the day
- Sunday 6 The two Marys, Emma & Theresa went to Trinity Church & brought back John who had arrived by Mail from taking his precious Boy to Eton. Walked in the aft. to Parkwern
- Monday 7 Drove with Mrs D & Theresa to Langland where John walked to meet us, & Emma went to the other Chicks at the Mumbles. A remarkably low Tide & the Oyster Beds left so bare that many thousands were brought away by pedestrians
- Tuesday 8 Rained hard all the morning, but the Weather became better soon after noon & John & Miss Mary on Horseback & Mrs D & I in the Phaeton went to Langland
- Wednesday 9 Mrs D spent most of the day with the Youngsters at the Mumbles. Drove with Emma in the afternoon to Swansea & walked back. Lewis & Bessie dined with us, & they & I later in the Evening attended a very interesting Lecture on Education at the Royal Institution by the Revd Mr Kavanagh
- Thursday 10 The others of our party busily [?] engaged & I drove after lunch with Mrs D to Langland
- Friday 11 Drove in the morning to Swansea & attended a Meeting of the Royal Institution. Sent the carriage back for the two Marys & Theresa to go to Langland & I walked home
- Saturday 12 John accompanied Mrs D in our Carriage to examine his new purchase in Caswell Bay, & afterwards I went with Emma to meet them there
- Sunday 13 The Llewelyns drove to the Mumbles Church in the morning, & in the afternoon Mrs D & I attended Service at Trinity Church, which in the afternoon is now used for the congregation while St Marys is under repair. Heard a Sermon from our new Vicar Mr Squires
- Monday 14 In the afternoon I drove with Mrs D to the Cottages at the Mumbles & then went for a couple of hours to Langland



- Tuesday 15 Lady Mary & Jo Traherne came from Penrice to lunch & spend the afternoon here, & kept us from going to Langland. My old Friend Robt Brown was landed about 8 from a Steamer at the Mumbles & our Phaeton brought him to pay us a Visit
- Wednesday 16 Mrs D went with Theresa to the Mumbles Cottage & walked to Braslet [sic] Bay with the Youngsters. In the afternoon I took Brown to the Institution & to look at Swansea
- Thursday 17 Emma & etc went to the Mumbles - my two Marys to Langland & Brown to see an [?] old friend of his Col Dyke at the former [?]
- Friday 18 In the afternoon Mrs D Brown & I visited Caswell & Langland Bays. Lewis Bessie & Moggridge dined with us
- Saturday 19 Brown went with a strong party to see Penllergare & I remained at home expecting a call from Borrer of whose intention to do so I had heard
- Sunday 20 Brown had a tooth ach & only went to Parkwern. My old friend Borrer<sup>1</sup> spent the afternoon with me
- Monday 21 Made a party to see Lady Mary & the Trahernes who are still at Penrice. I went all the way in the Carriage, & Moggridge Brown & Miss Mary walked from Pennard round by the great Tor to meet me there
- Tuesday 22 My two Marys regardless of approaching rain went to Langland, & it rained hard nearly all the afternoon
- Wednesday 23 My two Marys again went in spite of the weather to Langland & it being the low water of Spring Tide Miss D again found the *Lucinaria campanulata* [?] in considerable numbers. Brown & I by frequent showers were kept about home. J G Jeffreys dined with us
- Thursday 24 A wet day but drove by posting with Brown & Miss Mary to see Margam. Mrs D & Theresa spent the afternoon at Langland
- Friday 25 Drove with Brown to Langafelach & retrieved [?] John at the Petty Sessions where he took him on to the Habitat of *Griephelium margariticum* [?] near Mynydd y Geonir. Much unwell

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<sup>1</sup>William Borrer, botanist. Born Henfield, Sussex 13 June 1781. Died 10 January 1862. Fellow of the Royal, Linnean and Wernerian Societies. Several plants named after him. See DNB page 868.

- Saturday 26 A return of the old pain in my side kept me at home & prevented me from going with Brown John & Miss Mary to dine at Parkwern. In spite of very showery weather the two Marys in the afternoon visited Langland
- Sunday 27 Some strong medicine kept me at home. The two Marys went to Trinity & John & Emma to the Mumbles Church. Brown aft dinner went to sleep at the Willows in readiness to start early tomorrow by the Steamer to Ilfracombe on his way to visit Sir Richd Vivian
- Monday 28 Drove to Swansea with Mrs D & called on the new Vicar
- Tuesday 29 Much unwell. Rained most of the day. In spite of the weather Mrs D in the afternoon accompanied John to take possession of his new Cottage in Caswell Bay
- Wednesday 30 Took the strong Pills which Dr Prout prescribed & did not go out. John & Miss Mary went on horseback to Penrice & Mrs D with Theresa to Langland

<b>OCTOBER</b>
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- Thursday 1 Better. Drove in the aft with my two Marys to Swansea
- Friday 2 Weather wet & not being well I did not stir out. Miss D went with Theresa on a Visit to Penrice
- Saturday 3 At 11 Mrs D & I accompanied by John & Emma & little Elly [?] started for Langland Bay, where we were joined by the Chicks from the Mumbles & remained till ½ past 4. Weather delightful & we much enjoyed the day
- Sunday 4 The two Llewelyns & Mrs D went to the Mumbles Church  
This autumn the abundance of Papilio Atalanta on our Neighbourhood has been remarkably abundant particularly in our Garden, & I have frequently seen a very large Arbutus when the sun has shone on it almost covered by them. I don't think that I ever saw an hundredth part of the number in any other Years
- Monday 5 Weather showery & not being well did not go out. Mrs D went to spend a couple of hours at Penrice & brought Miss Mary back

- Tuesday 6 Mrs & Miss D went to Langland & I took a drive with John & Emma to the Mumbles
- Wednesday 7 John on his way to a Road Meeting at Neath left me at Swansea & on his return brought me back. I attended a Meeting of the Paving Comission [sic] & at the House of Correction. A violent storm of wind & rain in the afternoon & Miss Mary who went on horseback to Penrice on her return was drenched to the skin by it
- Thursday 8 Weather stormy & did not go much out. My Baby unwell & Dr Bird sent for. Lewis & Bessie dined with us
- Friday 9 Weather still very stormy. Mrs D accompanied me to Swansea where I attended a Meeting of the Royal Institution, & she waited for me at the Willows
- Saturday 10 Weather improved but still stormy. Emma & Miss Mary went to Penrice & the latter remained there. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles
- Sunday 11 A good deal teased by giddiness. The weather being very wet I with Johns assistance read the Morning Service to the Family. In the afternoon Mrs D went with John & Emma to Trinity Church
- Monday 12 To our great regret the Penllergare Family returned home immediately after luncheon when Mrs D & I drove to Langland & remained there till Sunset. Found that by the late storms a large assortment of Ophineas Asterior [?] & Abiosveius [?] had been washed on Shore
- Tuesday 13 A delightful day, & spent most of it in Langland where we were joined by Fan & her 3 Chicks & by the party from the Mumbles. Given up our Apartments at the Cottage
- Wednesday 14 Rained all the morning in Torrents. In the aft Mrs D went to Woodlands & in the Evening I attended a Meterological Lecture by Dr Williams at the Royal Institution
- Thursday 15 Morning showery. In the afternoon drove with Mrs D to Langland
- Friday 16 In the afternoon drove with Mrs D to Caswell Bay & on my return was attacked by a severe pain in my side
- Saturday 17 Took some strong Medicine & remained at home. Mrs D drove in the morning to Penrice & in the Evening brought Miss Mary back

- Sunday 18                    Much unwell & except a little towards evening did no go out. Mrs & Miss D went to Mumbles Church
- Monday 19                   Traherne arrived early from Penrice to spend the day here. I drove him to the County Business of the Quarter Sessions, but became too giddy to remain more than a few minutes at the Meeting. He returned with me to dine & sleep here
- Tuesday 20                 In the morning my two Marys went with Mr Traherne to inspect the recent attractions in Oystermouth Castle, but I was too unwell to accompany them. Mr Traherne returned in the afternoon to Penrice & Mrs D walked with me as far as the Sand Hills
- Wednesday 21             Heavy Rain & Wind all day. Went to dine at Parkwern but was not well enough to accompany Lewis, Bessie & H Bruce to a Lecture at the Ro. Institution as I had engaged to do. Returned home at ½ past 7
- Thursday 22                My two Marys went to Langland, & in the aft. I walked to the Sand Hills
- Friday 23                   Drove in the afternoon with my two Marys in the close Carriage to Swansea. Weather fine
- Saturday 24                Weather very showery all day. My two Marys however in the afternoon ventured to Langland Bay, & I walked to Parkwern & etc. Lewis in the morning started for London about Dock affairs
- Sunday 25                   Went in the morning with my two Marys to the Mumbles Church & afterwards walked to Parkwern & etc
- Monday 26 [at Penllergare]                    Granny in the close Carriage & Miss Mary & I in the Phaeton went to spend about 10 days at Penllergare while Sketty Hall undergoes a thorough scrubbaton
- Tuesday 27                 John went to Dyffryn [?] with his Fox Hounds & killed after a long chase. Went with Emma & Miss Mary to dig up snow drops at Nydfwch
- Wednesday 28             John drove with me to Swansea where on various affairs we remained most of the day
- Thursday 29                After Breakfast Miss Mary & I took a longish walk to show the grounds to Rowland Fothergill [?] who had dined & slept here last night. In the afternoon I took a drive with Mrs D towards Pontardylais

Friday 30 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D for an hour to Swansea. Edward Vaughan & Edmond Traherne dined & slept here

Saturday 31 Drove round by Swansea with Mrs D to Sketty

<b>NOVEMBER</b>
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Sunday 1 I have a bit of a cold & sore throat but not bad. Went with all our party to the morning Service at St James Chapel & took a walk with them in the afternoon

Monday 2 Took a walk in the afternoon with Mrs D & Emma. Mr & Mrs Traherne arrived here in the afternoon from Penrice

Tuesday 3 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D for an hour to Sketty

Wednesday 4 Drove with Jo Traherne to Swansea where I attended a Paving Meeting for about an hour, & afterwards another at the House of Correction

Thursday 5 In consequence of Talbots arrival in low spirits at Penrice & the illness of his youngest Girl John & Emma drove to make some stay there with little Emma & left Mrs D in charge of the other Children here. Rained most of the day. The Trahernes in the morning set off for Lanelay

Friday 6 Attended a Petty Sessions with Mr Miers at Langafelach, it lasted 3 hours & luckily did not injure my head

Saturday 7 Went with Mrs D to Swansea, from where she went on to Sketty & [?] rode on back to Penllergare on her return

Sunday 8 Went with Mrs D & Theresa to Church. Miss Mary & Miss Headlam were engaged at the Keepers Cottage where one of the Children died of the Croup early in the afternoon

Monday 9 Drove with Mrs D to Sketty to dispose of some Roses & other shrubs which had arrived from Bristol. Weather frosty & we got back at ¼ to 5

Tuesday 10 Took a short drive with Mrs D on the Loughor Road

- Wednesday 11 Drove over with Mrs D to Swansea in the afternoon. Weather very fine & frosty for the last week
- Thursday 12 Mrs D & Theresa drove rather early to Sketty & returned at Dusk. I walked with Miss Mary round by Nydfwch & etc
- Friday 13 I drove to Swansea in the morning & attended a Harbor Meeting
- Saturday 14 Mrs D & Theresa took a drive in the afternoon to the Willows
- Sunday 15 Went with my two Marys & Theresa to Church where Lewis joined us, & afterwards he walked with Miss Mary to dine & sleep at Parkwern
- Monday 16 Drove round by Swansea to Sketty & brought Miss Mary back to Dinner
- Tuesday 17 Morning very wet. In the afternoon I drove to Swansea for 2 or 3 trifling Errands
- Wednesday 18 All remained at penllergare all day. Our Coachman having sprained his ankle [sic] severely our Horses have been returned to Sketty & Johns are at our Service
- Thursday 19 Drove to Swansea in the morning but it rained so hard that I only remained about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an hour & returned to Penllergare & Mrs D was with me
- Friday 20 A violent stormy & wet day. Miss D & Miss Headlam drove for a couple of hours to Swansea. I hardly stirred out of doors. Mrs D has not left the house since Sunday & has an increasingly heavy cold
- Saturday 21 A very wet day so that I hardly moved out. John, Emma & etc returned from Penrice. Mrs D did not leave her Room
- Sunday 22 My dear Marys cold still very troublesome & she did not leave her Room till Tea time. Went with others of the Family to the Trinity Church in the morning & walked with them in the afternoon
- Monday 23 [Sketty Hall]  
Miss D in the Phaeton early & afterwards Mrs D & I in the close Carriage returned to Sketty
- Tuesday 24 A nasty wettish day. My dear Marys cold still bad & she did not come down stairs

- Wednesday 25                    A showery day. Mrs D not well enough to go out. I walked to Singleton & etc
- Thursday 26                    Ditto of yesterday & I only walked about in the immediate neighbourhood
- Friday 27                        Mrs D on her way to Swansea set me down at Fynone Terrace where I called on Mrs Bunberry & afterwards at St Helens & Parkwern on my walk home
- Saturday 28                    Miss D & I drove with Post Horses in the Phaeton to call at the Gnoll & in the way we met a heavy storm of Rain & sleet, but the afternoon was fine
- Sunday 29                        Therm last night 30.5. A sharp frost. Miss D walked to Church & I read the morning Service to Mrs D at home
- Monday 30                        Therm last night 26. Mrs D & I went in the close Carriage with Post Horses to spend a couple of hours at Penrice. The Road so icy [?] that one of the Horses fell at Killay & we were detained at Park [?] for ½ an hour to have them roughed

<b>DECEMBER</b>
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- Tuesday 1                        Therm in the morning below freezing point but in the aft it thawed. Drove with Mrs D to call at Woodlands
- Wednesday 2                    It being Bessies Birthday Miss D dined at Parkwern but I did not feel sufficiently well. I walked to Parkwern & etc & Mrs D took a drive. Therm about 32
- Thursday 3                        Therm about 31. Drove with Mrs D to Penllergare & John arrived there a few minutes before us, having brought Johnny who has the measles from Eton
- Friday 4                            Not very well. A strong hoar Frost. Mrs D took me in the Phaeton to attend a Meeting of the Royal Institution & the Carriage came again to bring me home
- Saturday 5                        Therm last night 28. Walked with Miss Mary round by Carnglas, Parkwern & etc. Afternoon wet & the Phaeton took her to dine at the latter
- Sunday 6                            I still have a cold & went but little out. Mrs & Miss D attended Swansea Church & staid the Sacrament

Monday 7 Mr Basset Sanderson came from Parkwern to spend a couple of days here, he having invited himself to do so. Col Morgan & Calvert Jones dined with us. Miss Mary laid up by a severe cold

Tuesday 8 Mrs D drove Capt Sanderson to the Mumbles Castle & he walked back. Lewis & Bessie & Rodney Eden dined with us

Wednesday 9 Lewis drove Sanderson to shoot at Penllergare & they killed 33 Pheasants 10 Woodcock 8 Hares besides some Rabbits. Lewis & Bessie & Miss Eden dined with us

Thursday 10 Drove for an hour with Mr Sanderson to Swansea. Miss Eden has remained since yesterday & Bessie joined us at Dinner. When Lewis who had been detained at Swansea came for her to our surprise it snowed apace

Friday 11 Snow this morning rather deep. Drove Mr Sanderson to Swansea & he went on to Penllergare. I attended a Meeting of the Swansea Improvement alias Paving Commissioners. Miss Eden left us

Saturday 12 Therm last night 25. Road very slippery. I walked to Parkwern

Sunday 13 Therm last night 26 & froze all day. Only Miss Mary walked to Church & I read the Service at home

Monday 14 Therm last night 28. Snow at Intervals & Not much below 28 all day. With Miss Mary to Swansea, & attended a Harbor Meeting about the Docks

Tuesday 15 Therm last night 25.5 & more snow fell. Mrs [D] drove to call on Lady Vivian & having taken me up on the Road afterwards called at Woodlands

Wednesday 16 Therm last night 22. After breakfast 24. snowed till the Evening & then thawed a little. None of us went out

Thursday 17 Therm 26, last night. 36 after breakfast. A thaw but too slippery to go out tho' Arthur Jones, Vivian Webber & Lewis & Bessie contrived to dine here. It again froze in the evening

Friday 18 Therm in the night about 26 - after breakfast 28. I walked only about the Grounds & neighbourhood

Saturday 19 Thawed all day. I drove to call on the young heir at Kilfrwch

Sunday 20 Went in the close Carriage with Mrs & Miss D to St Marys Church



Monday 21 Drove to a Meeting of the Harbor Trustees

Tuesday 22 In the morning took an hour & a half round among her Pensimes [?] with Miss Mary this morning, & she then drove with her Mother to Penllergare

Wednesday 23 Drove to the Quarterly meeting at the House of Correction

Thursday 24 Walked only with Bessie & Miss Mary to Parkwern where the latter dined

Friday 25 My dear Mary so unwell that she did not leave her Bed till near Dinner time. It being Xmas Day Miss Mary went with Bessie to Church & Lewis & Bessie dined with us. Froze hard towards Evening

Saturday 26 Therm last night 26. Mrs D better & in the afternoon I drove with her in the close Carriage to Norton

Sunday 27 Therm last night 27. The Barometer within these four days has been from 28,5 to 30,5. Polly with Bessie to Church & my dear Mary being much unwell I read the Service to the Family at home

Monday 28 Therm last night 27. Slight thaw in the morning. Vivian having alarmed me with some accounts of the new Docks I drove immediately to Swansea. I was far from satisfied with Lewis's continuance in the direction

Tuesday 29 Thaw. Mrs D unwell & I have a cold. Neither if us stirred out all day

Wednesday 30 Neither Mrs D or I much well. Drove with Miss D to call at Hill House & Parkwern. De la Beche arrived on a visit to the latter

Thursday 31 Neither Mrs D or I stirred out. De la Beche who arrived last Evening at Parkwern called here for a couple of hours

END OF DIARY FOR 1846

#### APPENDIX

Letter to Dr Buckland. Augt. Potatoes

Exactly as you had described the crop at Wilbeck [?] (the Duke of Portlands) I last autumn left a Quarter of an acre of perfectly rotten Tubors[?] untouched in the Ground & they threw up fine Foliage which retained a healthy appearance till the murrain appeared in some places in the neighbourhood at the very end of June

Less than a furlong distant Vivian had a Field in excellent order which had never been used for Potatoes before, so as to avoid every chance of infection in the Soil, & as the Murrain had never appeared in the north of Scotland he procured from the Member for Rosshire a Lot of perfectly untainted Tubors to put in it. In this Field the Leaves remained unspotted about a Week longer than those thrown up by my fetid Tubors, (I believe through their being of a later sort) & they are now equally black & offensive to the smell!  
[?]

#### Misc Memoranda

Of early Kidney Potatoes I had an abundant crop which was nearly all consumed when the disease first appeared on the leaves at the very beginning of July, but for a fortnight before I had remarked a loss of Flavour, & the watery consistence of the Tubors as well as a brownish Stain in the middle of some of them

My Gardener at the foot of a S. Wall planted 6 of the most rotten potatoes we could find of rather an early sort called 'Prolific' - they came up linpuriently [?] & the produce on July 6 weighed about 6 lbs, of which \_ were wholly free from disease

Augr. In a field which had been cultivated with potatoes for 2 years apart was planted from distressed Tubers of which every mark of disease had been cutaway & the other part from a perfectly untainted crop in Gower - the Leaves of the later where greater purity was expected are now much blacker than the other

Sept. I have not been able in this neighbourhood to find the disease on any plant before flowering, or on the Ash leaved or other flowerless Varieties, till the leaves had arrived at maturity. all the crops are equally bad whether raised from fetid or immaculate Tubers, or in peat or any other sort of soil or sissiatim [?], & the only rule that I can find for the infection seems to be the rule of Contraries

In August in a long Frame some early ash leaved were planted & they flourished greatly till the first week in December, when the old Murrain seized them & at Xmas 9 out of 10 of the Tubers were throw away rotten.