

The Dillwyn Collection

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

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JANUARY

- Saturday 1 Therm last night 27, & I had only once this Winter before seen it so low as 32. Morning fine & frosty but a heavy Rain set in soon after breakfast & lasted all day. Seized by a cold & pain in my chest
- Sunday 2 The two Mary's went to Swansea Church. The Influenza kept me in the House & I tried a hot Bath in the Evening
- Monday 3 The Influenza confined me to the House all day
- Tuesday 4 Influenza better, & Dr Howells thinks it will go off. Our Butler very bad with it
- Wednesday 5 Our trusty & respectable Butler continues so ill that Dr Howell despairs of his recovery, & it is sad for my dear Mrs D at a time when so many of our friends were invited to partake of the Singleton Gaieties to lose her Factotum. Mr & Mrs Franklin, Mr Penrice, Mr Bruce Traherne, Lewis & Bessie, Mr Buckland & Mr & Mrs John Traherne dined here, after which they all with Miss D went to a Ball at Singleton, & the 4 former returned at from 3 to 5 to sleep here
- Thursday 6 Only Mrs Franklen dined with us, & some came back late to sleep here after dining & romping at Singleton
- Friday 7 Mr & Mrs Franklen brought our two elder Daughters from Penllergare, & Mr Penrice, Mr Bruce Traherne & Miss Traherne (Popkins Daughter) went with Miss D to Vivian's second Ball & came back at late hours to sleep here
- Saturday 8 All our party left us. Mrs D from over exertion & anxiety in bed all day. Our poor Butlers recovery pronounced to be quite hopeless
- Sunday 9 Therm 30. My dear Mary in Bed with a violent head ach allday but became better in the Evening. None of us went out. Poor Davis contrary to Dr Howells expectations has continued to struggle on
- Monday 10 Mrs D better this morning. A Consultation was held this morning by Drs Howell & Bird about poor Davis whose Case was considered to be quite hopeless & he died at 10 mins to 6 this Evening. He was his

Mistress confidential House Steward as well as our Butler & is an irreparable [sic] loss

- Tuesday 11 Took a drive with Mrs D to Swansea in the afternoon
- Wednesday 12 We had a petition from David's relations, that they might 'have the pleasure of his Company' for one day prior to the Funeral & in the Evening they took away his Corpse in a Hearse
- Thursday 13 Our dear Emma has been chiefly confined to her Bed for several days, by the prevailing Pest, but is getting better & Mrs D & I drove over to spend a couple of hours at Penllergare
- Friday 14 Poor Davis was buried this afternoon in the Burial Ground of Beshesda [?] Chapel, & there is said to have been quarrelling among his relations about his money before they left his Grave
- Saturday 15 Drove with Mrs D & Bessie to call on Mrs L Crawshay at Hill House, & on account of Emmas continuing unwell Miss D rode over to spend a few days at Penllergare
- Sunday 16 As Mrs D tho' better is still unfit to go out I read the morning Service at home & in the afternoon took a walk with Mr & Mrs Vivian through the Shrubbery
- Monday 17 John & Johnny brought Miss Mary over for a couple of hours & she returned with them to Penllergare
- Tuesday 18 It snowed or rained all the morning & we did not go out. Thermometer last night 27
- Wednesday 19 Mrs D & I in the afternoon went in the close Carriage to the Mumbles & took a short stroll on the Shore
- Thursday 20 Miss Mary returned to us from Penllergare, & in the Evening accompanied Lewis & Bessie to a Conversazione at the Institution where I was to have taken the Chair if sufficiently well. In the afternoon I drove with the two Ladies to pay a few Bills at Swansea, & much felt the loss of my trusty Butler
- Friday 21 My Lungs have not thrown off the effects of Influenza & I took only a short walk with Mrs D in the Garden
- Saturday 22 Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to Swansea, but we remained there only a few minutes

Sunday 23 A little Snow & Sleet in the morning. My two Mary's taking Mrs Iceland [?] Jones with them in the close Carriage went to Swansea Church & my Cold or Influenza being still troublesome I went very little out

Monday 24 Therm 28 last night. Weather delightful but my Cough being rather worse I kept at home all day

Tuesday 25 Frost continues. My two Mary's drove for an hour to Penllergare but I did not not [sic] venture out at all

Wednesday 26 Therm last night 27 & not lower all day. Neither Granny or I ventured out

Thursday 27 Therm last night 27 & 28 at midday. My poor Butlers Property was taken possession by his Nephew Titus Davis who had obtained letters of administration & the Delivery was witnessed by Mr Rees [?] the Notary & Dr Edwards. I afterwards took a walk down the Lane. Miss Mary in the Evening went to a Childrens Ball at Mr Biddulphs

Friday 28 Therm last night 22,23. All day 24. Drove in the aft with my 2 Mary's & attended a Meeting at the Royal Institution

Saturday 29 Therm last night 23. Therm at 37 at Noon. Took a walk in the afternoon

Sunday 30 Rained very hard all day & none of us stirred out. I read the Service to the Family as usual in the Dining Room

Monday 31 Therm last night 31 & froze slightly all day. In the aft. took a drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles. The Mayor being engaged at Swansea Bessie dined & slept the Evening here

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 1 Therm 28 fine sunny day. Attended in the afternoon an examination & feast at Miss Mary's School. A large party dined at Vivian's of the Committee for the Counties new Lunatic Asylum, but the worries [?] of my Influenza disabled me from going. Lewis went & Bessie dined & spent the Evening here

Wednesday 2 Therm last night 31. Mrs D drove with me to call at Woodlands in the afternoon & Bessie who called took a walk with me

Thursday 3	Therm last night 32 with rain. Mrs & Miss D drove to see the Children at Penrice
Friday 4	It rained hard all day & none of us stirred out
Saturday 5	The compleat Ditto of yesterday
Sunday 6	A third day of incessant Rain & none of us went out. I read the Service to the Family
Monday 7	Weather still wet, but Mrs D & I in the close Carriage went to the Willows
Tuesday 8	Drove with Mrs D to Swansea but it came on to rain so hard that we did not stop there
Wednesday 9	Showery. The arrival of John & Emma prevented Mrs D & I from taking a drive. I walked to the Sands
Thursday 10	At 11 Mrs D started about 11 in the Britzka for Penrice & got home at 5
Friday 11	A fine day. Mrs D & I took a drive to the Mumbles & Parkwern
Saturday 12	Morning Fine, aft Showery. Miss Mary & I drove & then walked up to call on Mr & Mrs Grenfell
Sunday 13	Set in for Rain soon after breakfast, & rained all the rest of the day. My two Marys went to Church & I did not well enough to stir out all day
Monday 14	Took a drive in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles
Tuesday 15	Took a drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles
Wednesday 16	Therm 30,5. Fine day. My dear Mary has the face ache. Drove with Mrs D in the Phaeton to see the Children at Penrice
Thursday 17	Therm 29,5. Mrs D's face ache better but she did not stir out. I walked to call at Singleton
Friday 18	Therm 27,5. The third day of a white Frost, but the Wind changed before Noon & it returned to rain hard in the Evening. Emma came over to meet her here, & drove with Mrs D in the Britzka to see the Children at penrice. I walked with Miss D to call on Mr Eaton & etc & she dined at Parkwern

Saturday 19 Very wet & did not go out

Sunday 20 Showery. Went with Mrs & Miss D to St Mary's Church

Monday 21 Rained hard all day, & did [not] pass the threshold

Tuesday 22 Rained hard nearly all day. Drove with Mrs D in the close Carriage to call on Mrs Hewson. Moggridge dined with us

Wednesday 23 Mrs & Miss D went in the Britzka to see the Children at Penrice as Mr Talbot has gone to London for a few days. Rain returned in the afternoon, & it reminds me of a speech of Capt Fane's "rather live under a Pump that is this Country's"

Thursday 24 Rained hard nearly all day & remained at home

Friday 25 Showery. Drove with Mrs D to Swansea, & attended a Meeting at the Royal Institution

Saturday 26 Too wet a day to go much out. The Sheriff Bisker [?] went out to bring in the Judge - Vaughan Williams

Sunday 27 Showery. Mrs & Miss D went to Church. Mr Talbot arrived from Town just as we were sitting down to Dinner & Bessie also dined with us

Monday 28 A ----- [sic] dry pleasant day. Drove with Talbot to Swansea & at ¼ past 10, the Grand Jury had just ben sworn in & he was too late. His Chicks Theodore & Emily arrived to spend a few days here with their Father. Emma brought Theresa to meet her Cousins for a couple of days

Tuesday 29 From great surprise & shock we heard early this morning of the Death at ½ past 9 last Evening of Mrs Hussey Vivian at Singleton. It rained in torrents all day & [neither?] Talbot or I stirred out. The Judge, Sheriff & etc had accepted our Invite to dine here on Thursday, but from the melancholy Event we have put off the party

MARCH

Wednesday 1 Drove with Talbot to Swansea in the morning & towards Evening he returned with his Children to Penrice

Thursday 2 Took a drive with Mrs D towards Mumbles & afterwards with Miss Mary to see a sick Man at Killai.[sic] Lewis, Bessie & Mr Edmund Traherne who is staying with us dined here

Friday 3 My dear Mary unwell today & we did not go out

Saturday 4 Therm 33. Fine day but rain returned in the Evening

Sunday 5 Therm 34. My dear Mary much unwell. More heavy Rain. Only Miss D went to Church

Monday 6 Emma came from Penllergare & went with Mrs D to spend 2 or 3 hours at Penrice. Fine day but heavy Rain returned & lasted all night. In the afternoon I walked to the Sands

Tuesday 7 My dear Mary not well enough to go out, & the weather wet, but I got a Walk to the Sand Hills

Wednesday 8 Miss Mary's & little Trahernes Birth day. Weather very wet but Fan brought over her 3 Chicks to dine & spend the afternoon with us. My dear Mary not strong & neither ---- [sic] I stirred out & it rained all day. The Parkwern Family were to have come to us for a long visit, but their 3 Youngsters have the Hooping Cough

Thursday 9 Very wet day & went very little out

Friday 10 Wet weather again. In the aft drove to the Pottery for half an hour. Dr Howell in the morning called [on] Mrs D who is unwell

Saturday 11 Rained very hard nearly all day, & I went very little out. Miss D remained with the 3 Chicks at Parkwern who are all much unwell till about 9 in the Evening when our Phaeton brought her home

Sunday 12 Mrs D much unwell, & Miss D went early & remained all day at Parkwern where Bessie has a violent cold & the Children are ill. I walked to Parkwern in the afternoon, & Miss Mary did not return when we sent her Carriage for her at 10

Monday 13 Mrs D went in the close Carriage to visit the Hospital at Parkwern & found some Improvement. I walked to the Sands

Tuesday 14 Mrs D tho not well again drove to Parkwern & while she remained there I called at the Willows & found dear Fan much recovered from a severe attack of her old Headach from which she latterly had been unusually free. I afterwards took a Walk

Wednesday 15 Mrs D took a drive to Norton & I walked also to the Sands

Thursday 16 Lewis by bristol set off this morning on Dich [?] & Potting affairs for Bristol & Birmingham. I walked to see the Chicks at Parkwern &

afterwards drove with Mrs D to see Fan in the close Carriage. Afternoon as usual wet

Friday 17 Walked in the morning to Parkwern & found the Chicks getting better

Saturday 18 Neither of us well but took a drive with Mrs D in the close Carriage to Norton

Sunday 19 I took some Calomel & did not stir out but read at home with Mrs D. Lewis returned from Birmingham & brought us the news of Lord Butes sudden Death

Monday 20 My two Marys went in the close Carriage to the Willows & I walked to Parkwern

Tuesday 21 Wet day

Wednesday 22 Drove to the Quarterly Meeting at the House of Correction. Continued wet weather

Thursday 23 Moggridge brought me a lump sucker taken in the weirs this morning. Weight when alive 13lbs. After death 11lbs 10ozs. length along the curve of the back 22 ins [?] circumference 23½. Also brought Morrhua[?] luscus which I wished to examine. Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles. Mr Wilmot, Capt Rodney & Lewis & Bessie dined with us. The Lump Fish was full of sperm & had quite lost all its brilliant colors

Friday 24 My two Marys in the Britzka left me at Swansea while they drove on to Penllergare, & during their absence I attended a Meeting of the Royal Institution

Saturday 25 Walked with John as far as Parkwern & afterwards drove with Mrs D to Norton

Sunday 26 Very ill last night with violent Head ach, giddiness & Cramp. Did not move out or take any Dinner. Only Mrs D went to Church & my old Lady not half well

Monday 27 Better but not enough so to take more than a 5 minutes walk in the Garden

Tuesday 28 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles

- Wednesday 29 Drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles & there took a short walk with her on the Shore. Almost if not the only lovely day that we have had in March
- Thursday 30 Walked with Miss D to Parkwern. Some heavy showers
- Friday 31 Drove to a Meeting of the Royal Institution, & Mrs D came with Emma to Swansea & returned with me. Lewis & his Family came on a Visit to us[?]. A fine day

APRIL

- Saturday 1 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles, & afterwards walked to the Sand Hills. A lovely day
- Sunday 2 The rest of our party all went to Church, but I was too drowsily given & remained at home. A Summers day & found a few Cowslips in flower
- Monday 3 Weather very fine & remarkably sultry. Drove with Mrs D to Caswell Bay expecting to meet John & Emma but they were detained by E's cold at Penllergare
- Tuesday 4 Delightful weather. Drove with Mrs D to the Willows & left her there while I attended a Canal Meeting. Lewis went to the Quarter Sessions at Cowbridge & returned at night
- Wednesday 5 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles & took a walk along the Shores. Weather fine but cooler & Wind Northerly
- Thursday 6 Drove with Mrs D to call on the Grants & Wards at Penllergare
- Friday 7 Heavy showers. Went with my two Marys & all the Parkwern family to see a Show of Wild Beasts at swansea
- Saturday 8 Walked to the Sand Hills & etc
- Sunday 9 My two Mary's & all the Parkwerners went to Swansea Church but a great drowsiness kept me reluctantly at home. Mr Warrington Smith who is commissioned to investigate the cause of a horrible Coal Pit accident at Neath came to spend a couple of days with us, & Michl Williams of Cornwall [?] dined here
Mr Moggridge brought me a Specimen of Molatte [?] tricerrheta[?] very near 7 inches long which he had found at the Worms Head last Wednesday without any spots

Monday 10 Last week the weather was tropical & today it is polar with Hail, Snow & frozen fingers

Tuesday 11 Mr Warrington Smith returned to Neath. Mrs Grant & Mrs Warde came to lunch & left Miss Ward [?] to spend a couple of days here. Drove with Mrs D & little Harry for a Job or two at Swansea in the afternoon

Wednesday 12 Miss D took Miss Warde to Caswell Bay. I walked chiefly with Mrs D about home

Thursday 13 My two Marys took Miss Warde to Swansea on her way back to the Gnoll, & in the aft. I was caught by a heavy Rain in my walk

Friday 14 Drove with Mrs D to Penllergare to see our Grandsons who yesterday arrived for the Easter Holidays

Saturday 15 Rained violently till late in the afternoon when I took a walk

Sunday 16 A nasty drowsy head ache continues & I spelt much in my Chair both this & preceding days. The Children have colds & only Mrs D, Miss D, Miss Southern (the Governess) & Lewis went to Church. Just as they were starting the Skirting Board next the Fire place in the[?] Room which L & B occupy took Fire, but was soon extinguished

Monday 17 Much unwell in the Main Spring but in the afternoon drove Mrs D to Norton, & from there we walked to Llangland Bay

Tuesday 18 Just after we had gone up to bed little Harry seized by croup & Dr Williams sent for who staid here all night

Wednesday 19 Harry better. Tho' unwell I drove to attend a Meeting at Swansea about employing the Poor, & another at the House of Correction

Thursday 20 Dr Howell sent for early & found me suffering from an inflammation of the Pleura, & some[?] approach to an affusion of water in my Chest. Submitted to leaches, Blister & etc

Friday 21 Kept upstairs on nothing but Tea & dry Toast

Saturday 22 The Ditto of yesterday

Sunday 23 The Ditto of yesterday

Monday 24 Continued ill as heretofore

Tuesday 25 Continued ill but allowed a little Dinner

Wednesday 26 Do of yesterday

Thursday 27 Hitherto dressed in my Flannel Gowns[?], but put on regular Clothes & went down about noon to my Study. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Norton in the close Carriage. Towards Evening nearly all my right arm swelled & made tiresome by Erysipilis [sic?]

Friday 28 Erysipilis very tiresome & remained chiefly upstairs

Saturday 29 The Do of yesterday

Sunday 30 The others went to Church & my beloved Mary remained with me. Not much better

MAY

Monday 1 Continued unwell & chiefly upstairs

Tuesday 2 Erysipilis so much better that I put on my Coat for the first time since Tuesday, & took a drive in the close Carriage with Mrs D to the Mumbles. Weather delightful

Wednesday 3 Better tho weak, & returned chiefly to my Library. Walked to the upper Garden & drove in the close Carriage with Mrs D & little Mary through Swansea but did not get out

Thursday 4 The two Boys came to say Good by, as they will start again for Eton tomorrow. Weather continues delightful & on [?] the afternoon I took a drove in [the] Britzka with Emma & Mrs D to the Mumbles. Took a hot Bath at ½ past 5 & resumed my place at our Dining Table

Friday 5 Much unwell all the morning but towards Evening better. Drove in the Phaeton with Mrs D to the Mumbles, & got out in the Garden

Saturday 6 John called with his Oriel Friend Mr Stevens & Miss Mary joined them for a ride on Horseback to Caswell. The lovely Weather & too much reliance on my former powers to rally from illness[?] tempted me with Mrs D in the Phaeton to join the party & it overtired me

Sunday 7 Remained very quiet at home & the others of our Family went to Church

Monday 8 Miss Mary & Bessie with a party of Lord Geo Lennox, the Edens & etc started early by the Steamer & after spending the day at Ilfracombe, returned to Sketty soon after 11

Tuesday 9 Our dear Fans Birthday, & she came over to us with her Chicks in the afternoon

Wednesday 10 Do not recover my strength. Took a drive in the afternoon with Mrs D to Fairwood. Weather continues very fine & hot

Thursday 11 Weather delightful but very hot. Continue weak & languid. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea but did not get out or stop there

Friday 12 Weather very hot, & only went out in the Garden

Saturday 13 Drove in the Britzka with Mrs & Miss D & Harry to the Mumbles

Sunday 14 Continue too unwell to go out. The others of our Party except Bessie went to Church

Monday 15 Delightful summer weather continues. In the afternoon accompanied Mrs D for a few errands of hers to Swansea

Tuesday 16 In the aft. in the Britzka drove with Mrs & Miss D & little Harry to the Mumbles & took a short walk by the Sea side. A little rain fell at our return

Wednesday 17 A little Showery. Drove in the morning across the Cockett & spent about 3 hours at Penllergare. Not overtired

Thursday 18 Harry's Birthday. Drove with him as on Tuesday

Friday 19 Lewis's Birthday his, Harry's & Amy's Birthdays ----- [sic?] so nearly together, that they are usually kept on the same day. Rained incessantly which prevented partied from Penllergare & the Willows from joining us

Saturday 20 Lewis, Bessie & Miss Mary went to Bacon Hole. John, Emma & Theresa spent the afternoon with us. Tho' still troubled by a return of the old pain in my side I am much better & I appreciated that Dr Howell ha this morning paid me his last professional visit

Sunday 21 Continue far from well. The remainder of our [arty except Bessie went to Church

- Monday 22 Took Mrs D for some shopping & to see Fan in the morning & went again in the Britzka to bring her back in the afternoon
- Tuesday 23 So much better that i drove in & attended a Meeting of Magistrates at Swansea. Lewis & his Family returned to Parkwern
- Wednesday 24 Mr & Mrs Ll took Miss Mary in their Carriage & I with Mrs D followed them to spend an hour at Caswell where the Villa is now nearly finished
- Thursday 25 Mary started early with Lewis & Bessie to spend a couple of days about the head of the Swansea Valley. Drove with Mrs D to take[?] a short walk on the Shore at the Mumbles & little Minnie accompanied us
- Friday 26 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D for a walk on the Sea Shore at the Mumbles & we took Miss Southern & the 3 Chicks from Parkwern with us
- Saturday 27 About 4 Miss Mary returned from her 2 days ramble just in time to escape a Thunder Storm & all the little party in extacies [sic?] with their ramble. The Dr took his leave of me, & tho' not well I am greatly better
- Sunday 28 I did not feel equal to it, & my two Mary's went to Church without me
- Monday 29 The main spring seems to be out of order. Drove with Mrs D for an errand to Swansea
- Tuesday 30 Drove with Mrs D & called at Woodlands
- Wednesday 31 Head ached much & I did not go beyond our Garden

JUNE

- Thursday 1 Much better & drove to attend the Annual Meeting of the Institution
- Friday 2 Head more muzzy than yesterday, & did not go out
- Saturday 3 Took Dr Prouts 'strong asperient[?] (calomel & coly...[?]) & staid chiefly at home

Sunday 4 Head ache continuing I tried calomel again & did not go out. The others went to Church

Monday 5 Drove to dine & sleep at Penllergare on our way to Tenby

Tuesday 6 Mrs & Miss D & I in our Britzka & own horses soon after 10 set out. Waited for an hour at the Mansell Arms & dined & spelt at the Bush Carmarthen. The Governess & 2 younger Children also came to sleep at the Bush

Wednesday 7 Left Carmarthen about 10. Waited for an hour & a half at Landeilo[?] & reached a house[?] we had engaged South Cliff House, to Dinner[?] about ½ past 5. John & the remainder of his Family arrived soon after us at No 4 Rock Building

Thursday 8 Delightful weather but I was much unwell & did not go out all day

Friday 9 Rained showers in the morning & Torrents all afternoon

Saturday 10 Partly in the Carriage & partly on foot, John, Emma, Theresa & Emma bach went with Granny & I beyond Penally where we alighted & rambles leisurely about the Cliffs for a couple of hours

Sunday 11 Granny & all of us except myself went to Church in the morning, & I went with Miss Mary & the Penllergares[?] in the Evening

Monday 12 Granny, Emma, 2 elder Grand Chicks & self went in our Britzka to Lidstep where John & Miss Mary joined us in[?] foot & we all except John returned in the Carriage. We walked for near 2 hours in the Bay & I was rather overtired

Tuesday 13 Took Dr Prouts strong Pill & went little out. Mrs D & Miss D drove to Penelly from where they walked to the Cliffs & found a Shawl which the latter had lost yesterday

Wednesday 14 Miss Mary found that she had caught the Mumps & called in the aid of |Surgeon named Jones

Thursday 15 I took a drive with Mrs D in the afternoon to Gamblestone

Friday 16 Took more strong Medicine & went little out. Mrs D drove to Penally & walked on the Cliffs with the Penllergare party

Saturday 17 After visiting the great Cave together in search of Mollusca John, Emma & Theresa went in a Boat to Calday [?sic] & Mrs D & I drove to visit Manorbier Castle

Sunday 12 Mrs D not well enough to go out. I went with the Penllergare Family to Evening Service

Monday 19 Drove with Mrs D to Saundersfoot

Tuesday 20 Drove with John, Emma & Mrs D to Manorbier & walked for an hour in the Bay

Wednesday 21 Miss Mary walked to the great Cave in St Margarets with her Mother & me & on our return I clumsily contrived to get a Tumble

Thursday 22 I did not go out, or much leave my room all day

Friday 23 Hardly moved out

Saturday 24 A very wet day

Sunday 25 Mrs D with a large party went to Church in the morning. In the afternoon we all took a short walk in the North Sands & in the afternoon I went with Miss D, John, Emma & their two senior Chicks to Church

Monday 26 Miss Mary with J & E to Cadly. Mrs D & I drove to penally & there walked to Galter. In the Evening Miss D & J & E & etc went to a Concert

Tuesday 27 My dear Mary far from well & did not go out not did I much leave her

Wednesday 28 Drove in the afternoon with Emma, Theresa & little Emma to Pembroke & visited Lampley[?] in the way

Thursday 29 John & Polly[?] walked 5 miles out & back, & the others a drive to meet them. I took a short walk

Friday 30 Pretty much the ditto of yesterday

JULY

Saturday 1 I walked a little in the Sands

Sunday 2 All of both parties went to Church morning & Evening except myself in the former & Mrs D in the latter

Monday 3 The Penllergare Family all started homewards

Tuesday 4 Drove with Mrs D beyond Penally, & walked to the Cliff above Lidstep. Miss Mary took a Sail for 5 hours

Wednesday 5 Mrs & Miss D went sketching in the same directions as yesterday. Not being well I went but little out

Thursday 6 Mrs D & I left tenby at one. Dined at Landarrow[?] & with out our own horses went on to sleep at Carmarthen. The Beauty of the Weather tempted Miss [D] to go in the -----[sic] Steamer (the Bristol) to Swansea

Friday 7 Early in the afternoon reached Penllergare & dined & slept there. Miss Mary who had a pleasant passage in the Steamer joined us there

Saturday 8 Reached Swansea about noon, & having staid an hour there returned to Sketty Hall

Sunday 9 Rain fell in Torrents all the morning & none of us went out. Mrs D not well & Miss D & I read the Service to the Family

Monday 10 Drive in the aft. with Mrs D to the Mumbles & took a walk on the Shore. In the way called at Parkwern & took Harry with us

Tuesday 11 Weather hot & remained chiefly at home

Wednesday 12 Mr Molley[?] came in the afternoon & remained to dine & sleep here. Lewis & Bessie also dined with us

Thursday 13 Drove with the two Marys for an hour to Swansea in the afternoon. Our Wedding day

Friday 14 Weather very sultry & did not go much out

Saturday 15 Drove with my two Marys in the afternoon to the Mumbles. Head giddy all day. Very sultry

Sunday 16 Head better & I went to Church with my two Mary's. Weather very sultry

Monday 17 Drove early in the afternoon with my two Marys to Swansea from whence Miss D went on with Fan & some of her Chicks to spend a few days at Penllergare. On its return the Carriage took Mrs D & me home

Tuesday 18 Delightful weather continues & finished getting in the hay

Wednesday 19 Weather changed to heavy Rain all day. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D for 10 minutes to Swansea, about printing my Bagatelle

Thursday 20 Drove in the aft. with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Friday 21 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea & attended a Meeting at the Institution which is under repair

Saturday 22 Drove in the aft. to see Fan at Penllergare. The Llewelyns still at Lanelay

Sunday 23 My dear Mary too much unwell to go to Church & I remained at home with her. Walked in the aft. to Parkwern

Monday 24 Drove in the aft with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Tuesday 25 Went with Mrs D to call at Derwnfawr, & then drove on to Norton

Wednesday 26 Drove with my two Marys in the afternoon for a few jobs at Swansea

Thursday 27 In the aft. drove with 2 Mary's to visit some sick People about Killai

Friday 28 Drove for an hour with Mrs D to Swansea. Prod Dr Js[?] Phillips came with Lewis & Bessie to dine here

Saturday 29 Took a Drive with Mrs D to Norton

Sunday 30 Went with my two Mary's to Church. Rained in torrents all the afternoon

Monday 31 Drove in the morning for a couple of hours to Swansea

AUGUST

Tuesday 1 Drove in the morning with my two Mary's to the Mumbles where Mrts D & I remained for near 2 hours while Mis D went to search for Mollosks [sic] about Mumbles Head

- Wednesday 2 Drove after Breakfast to wanseia to compleat my Fauna & Flora at the binders. In the aft. drove with Mrs D & Bessie to call on Mrs Jeffreys & Mrs Hewson
- Thursday 3 Walked in the aft. to call at Singleton & Mrs V walked back in the afternoon. Drove late with Mrs D for half an hour to Swansea
- Friday 4 Col Beech's 2 Daughters & Son, accompanied by Theresa came over from {Penllergare where they are on a Visit & Mrs D took them to the Mumbles. Prof Js Phillips, Dr Percy, Mr Bowerbank[?], Mr Moggridge & Lewis & Bessie dined with us
- Saturday 5 Drove with my two Marys to call on Col Beech & Family at Penllergare
- Sunday 6 Having a headach I did not go out, my two Marys went to St Marys' Church
- Monday 7 [No entry]
- Tuesday 8 Went to Swansea to overlook the arrangements for the Windom Meeting & saw some of my Friends whi had already arrived. In the Evening Professors Ramsey & Oldham arrived at Sketty
- Wednesday 9 Went to the Committee of the Association at one. The Bishiop of St Davids with his Nephew Mr Thirlwall arrived in the afternoon Dinner party besides visitors [?] Bishop, Thirlwall, Oldham & Ramsey. All went to the Opening Meeting at 8
- Thursday 10 At Breakfast, T E Thomas, Dr Roget & Iltid Thomas joined our party. Attended all day as President of the Nat His Sect. Buckland joined us At Dinner besides our own party Sir Dd Brewster, Dr Lankester, Mr C C Babbington & Prof Rogers of Philadelphia. Many of our party went in the Evening to a Lecture by Dr Percy
- Friday 11 Mr Squire breakfasted with us. Mr Mesuiris [?] came to us instead of young Thirlwall. I attended the Section as before At Dinner we had the Bishop, Dr Buckland, Messrs Oldham & Ramsey, Mr Mesurrier[?] & Bessie. Most of them went to a Gala at Singleton in the Evening
- Saturday 12 Went with my dear Mary, the Bishop etc to Johns display at Penllergare. At Dinner besides our whole party, Dr Mantell[?], Mr Leonard Horner, Dr Playfair, Bessie & Miss Grenfell. All went to a Soiree in the Evening except Mrs D

- Sunday 13 The Bishop preached 2 Charity Sermons. The one at St Mary's in the morning & at Trinity in the Evening. He took an early Dinner when the others lunched. Mrs D & I & most of us attended the former. In the aft. Baron Hergel, the celebrated Botanist from Vienna, Prince Metternich, Sir D Brewster, Prof Oldham, Prof Forbes, Mr Mesurier & Col Sabine dined with us
- Monday 14 Prof Daubney, Dr Roget & T E Thomas breakfasted here. Mr Thirlwall rejoined us. At Dinner besides our own party we had Sir Ed Belcher, Dr Walrich[?] & Mr Bentham. In the Evening Mrs D & all went to a Lecture on Microscopes[?] by Dr Carpenter
- Tuesday 15 This morning the Bishop & his Nephew returned to Abergwilli. Mr Oldham & Ramsey dined at the Mayors Feast & we had only Mr Solly, Mr Mesurier, Mr Broom & Mr Thwaites. In the Evening Mrs D & all went to a Soiree
- Wednesday 16 To go to the Ball this Evening Mr Thirlwall returned from Abergwilli. AT Dinner besides ourselves we had Lewis & Bessie, Dela Beche, Prof Forbes, Oldhams, Ramsey, Lemeisurier[?], Thirlwall & Strickland
- Thursday 17 As President I had regularly attended every Meeting & at one oclock finished the Business of the Nat Hist Section.
At Dinner Profss Oldham & Ramsey, Mr Mesurier & Mr A Henfrey
- Friday 18 Before Noon Mr Mesurier, & Professors Oldham & Ramsey left us Prof John Phillips, Lewis & Bessie. DelaBeche, Mrs G Jenner, Miss Jane Traherne & Miss C Traherne dined with us & the latter 3 slept here
- Saturday 19 In the afternoon the 3 Ladies left us & thus our Gaieties ended
- Sunday 20 Miss Mary walked to Church & I with Mrs D read the Service at home
- Monday 21 I am 70 today & most thankful for the many Blessings I enjoy. When the excitement of the late Meeting ceased a feeling of fatigue came on & still continues. Drove with Mrs D for an hour to Swansea in the afternoon
- Tuesday 22 Mrs D visited a strong party of the Jenners & Trahernes who have apartments at Norton, & from there went on to join them in Caswell Bay. A feeling of Fatigue kept me at home

- Wednesday 23 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D for an hour to Swansea, & leaving Mrs D at Singleton from thence walked home which rather overtired me
- Thursday 24 Mrs F Jenner & her Sister Jane Traherne, 3 of Popkin Trahernes Daughters & their Governess & Mrs Thackery & her son & daughter came to spend the day & take an early Dinner with us. P Trahernes eldest daughter remained here for a Visit
- Friday 25 Miss D took Miss T for a drive & etc & Mrs D & I remained about home. Lewis & Bessie joined us at Dinner
- Saturday 26 Mrs D took Miss Traherne & visited her old Friend Mrs G Jenner at Norton
- Sunday 27 Weather very wet, & the Ladies filled the Close Carriage to Church. Lewis started early in the morning for London
- Monday 28 Mrs D took Miss Traherne in the Phaeton & Miss D went with Mr Thackry [sic] in [?] Horseback to Penllergare where Emma is still con fined by a severe Cough. Miss T left us in the Evening
- Tuesday 29 After lunch Mrs & Miss D & I took Minnie & Harry in the Britzka & while they went to Miss Bassetts Bazar [?sic] I visited the Pottery
- Wednesday 30 Mr & Mrs St John in the way to Tenby from Penllergare spent the morning with us. In the afternoon Mr & Mrs Janson & their 4 youngsters arrived on a Visit. Bessie dined with us
- Thursday 31 Much heavy Rain & Thunder & we did not go much out. Miss Traherne rejoined our party. Bessie dined with us

SEPTEMBER

- Friday 1 Our party self excepted joined Mrs Jenners at caswell & I walked to the Sand Hills. Bessie dined with us
- Saturday 2 Mrs Janson & the youngsters walked to Swansea & I went with my Sister & Mrs D to the Willows where dear Fan is confined to bed by one of her violent headachs. Miss Traherne returned to Coytraherne
- Sunday 3 My excellent wife has this day compleated her 72nd Year. A want of a -----[sic] & not being very well kept me at home & the remainder of our party all went to Church

- Monday 4 Except myself all our party in the Britzka or on Horseback went to Penllergare. Lewis who had just returned by Mail from Staffordshire called on me in the afternoon
- Tuesday 5 My Sister did not go out. Drove with Mrs D to see Fan who has continued ill for several days. Mr Janson walked with the Young ones over Singleton Gardens & etc. Lewis & Bessie dined with us
- Wednesday 6 The youngsters of our party went to 3 Cliffs Bay & I accompanied Mrs D to see poor Fan who is getting better at the Willows, & my Sister to look at the house
- Thursday 7 After Mrs D had made some Calls with my Sister in the neighbourhood, the Carriage took Alfred & the youngsters to the Mumbles from whence they walked to Langland & drove back. Moggridge dined with us
- Friday 8 It was intended that we should all have spent the day at Penllergare but till late in the afternoon the rain fell in Torrents. Mr & Mrs Janson however went for a few hours in our Close Carriage & Mrs D & I across the Cockett in the Phaeton[?]
- Saturday 9 Another wet day. Between the showers Mr Janson & I walked to Glanmor & Mrs D & Mary Ann [?] took a drive to the Mumbles
- Sunday 10 Till towards Evening it rained in Torrents, & only the Janson Family who filled our Close Carriage went to Church. I read the Service to the Family at home
- Monday 11 Wind Northerly & frosty. Weather very fine. The Jansons left us soon after breakfast with intent of reaching Cardiff tonight & of going tomorrow on to Ross via Chepstow & Tintern. Mr & Mrs St John (late Miss Beech) in the afternoon came on a Visit from Penllergare. Lewis & Bessie joined us at Dinner
- Tuesday 12 The St John's went with my two Mary's to Langland & Caswell Bays. T E Thomas dined with us
- Wednesday 13 Mrs D in the morning drove our Friends & Miss Mary to the Mumbles from whence they walked to the Mumbles & back to Sketty
- Thursday 14 Mr & Mrs St John with my two Marys went to Three Cliff Bay & after various rambles returned home to Dinner. I walked to Parkwern

Friday 15 Mr & Mrs St John left us about noon for a Visit to Lord Emlyn at Golden Grove. Drove with my two Mary's to see Fan & attended a Meeting at the Royal Institution

Saturday 16 Drove to the Mumbles with Mrs D & brought Miss D who had gone to search for Molluscar on Horseback

Sunday 17 Miss D walked by choice with Lewis & I went in the Phaeton with Mrs D to Church

Monday 18 Mr & Mrs D Ll, Capt Strangways, Mrs ---- D---d [?] & Miss Strangways came over from Penllergare & went with Miss Mary to Caswell Bay where Mrs D & I soon after joined them

Tuesday 19 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D for an hour to Swansea. Remarkably fine weather continues but the Glass has begun to fall

Wednesday 20 Mr Mothy[?] spent the afternoon & dined here

Thursday 21 Drove in the aft. with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Friday 22 Drove in the aft. with Mrs D to Langland Bay

Saturday 23 Drove in the aft with Mrs D to Johns Cottage at Caswell Bay & remained there about an hour

Sunday 24 Went in the Britzka with my two Mary's to Church

Monday 25 Drove with Mrs D & spent the afternoon at Johns new Cottage at Caswell Bay

Tuesday 26 Mrs & Miss D went to Caswell Bay, & I walked to Parkwern

Wednesday 27 Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea

Thursday 28 Heavy rain & confined to the House all day

Friday 29 A wet day but took a drive with Mrs D as far as Johns Cottage

Saturday 30 All kept at home by rain all day

OCTOBER

Sunday 1 My two Mary's went to Church. Showery

Monday 2	Very wet
Tuesday 3	Very wet. Took only a short drive with Mrs D
Wednesday 4	Weather wet. I drove to Swansea & then attended the Quarterly Meeting at the House of Correction. Revd J M Traherne & Mrs T arrived on a Visit
Thursday 5	Wet weather continues. Mr Traherne drove with me to call at the Willows & etc. Miss Hewson came to spend as couple of days here
Friday 6	Weather still wet but Mr & Mrs T in the afternoon drove in the Britzka to meet Lewis at the Pottery. Lewis dined with us but Bessie was detained at home by the indisposition of little Harry
Saturday 7	Weather improved. Mrs D took Mr & Mrs T to spend the afternoon at Caswell Bay. Miss Hewson left us. Moggridge & Arthur Jones dined here
Sunday 8	Weather again very showery. Mr & Mrs Traherne & Miss D went in the close carriage to Church & I read the morning Service at home to Mrs D
Monday 9	Rained hard till near 2 when the Wind changed abruptly from the Southward of East to the Northward of West & I took a drive in the Britzka with Mrs D & Mr & Mrs Traherne to the Mumbles & Parkwern. Mr & Mrs Wilmott & Miss Eden joined us at Dinner
Tuesday 10	The Trahernes left us soon after Lunch for the Gnoll & I drove with Mrs D, & had a walk on the Beach at the Mumbles
Wednesday 11	Weather fine. In the afternoon drove with Mrs D to Norton & etc
Thursday 12	Weather delightful. Drove with Mrs D & spent the afternoon at Caswell where we met Emma & 3 of her Chicks. They are now busy furnishing their Cottage
Friday 13	After Lunch drove with Mrs D to see Fan by whose own illness & that of her two Boys she is prevented from coming on a Visit to Sketty. I attended a Meeting at the Town Hall respecting the Stench which arises from the Patent Fuel Works
Saturday 14	Drove with Mrs D & spent the afternoon in Caswell Bay. From the basket of as Man who had been catching Lobsters in [the] Bay I took a specimen of M....[?] Topknot

Sunday 15 My two Mary's went to Church. Fan & her two Boys much unwell & Miss D went to stop with her

Monday 16 Mrs D went to visit our dear Fan, & I accompanied her as far as St Helens where I called. From there I walked to Parkwern where I found Emma & she took me to Sketty in her Carriage

Tuesday 17 Theodore Talbot arrived about 11 & his Father having stopped at the Sessions came to Dinner & to stop a couple of days with us. I drove to Swansea & sending Miss D back in the carriage I remained at the Meeting for Country Business

Wednesday 18 Rather a heavy Snow fall in the morning. Talbot after lunch walked to the Sessions for an hour or two, & I drove with Mrs D to call on our dear Fan. Lewis & Bessie & Henry Bruce who is staying at Parkwern dined with us

Thursday 18 Therm last night rather below 32. Mr Talbot & Theodore returned in the aft. to Margam, & Mrs D took Miss Mary & her niece to the Willows. I walked to Parkwern

Friday 20 Mrs D drove to the Willows, & I accompanied her to attend a Meeting at the Royal Institution

Saturday 21 Drove with Mrs D to spend the afternoon at Caswell Cottage of which John & Emma took possession yesterday & were joined by 3 of their Chicks today

Sunday 22 Drove with Mrs D to Church & called on dear Fan who continues much unwell in our way both there & back

Monday 23 Drove in the aft. to the Willows & found Fan quite confined upstairs. Brought back Miss D to sleep at Sketty

Tuesday 24 Took Miss D to Swansea where I left her with Fan who continues much unwell & I attended a Meeting of Harbor Trustees

Wednesday 25 My dear Mary has some rheumatism in her Shoulder & the Weather being still showery we took only a short drive to call at Hill House etc

Thursday 26 The Weather for a Wonder being fine I drove with Mrs D to spend the afternoon at Caswell

Friday 27 A very stormy wet day. In the afternoon I however got a walk to Parkwern & back round by Cross Farm [?Inn]

Saturday 28 Very stormy & wet. Drove with Mrs D in the close Carriage in the afternoon & brought Miss D back from the Willows

Sunday 29 My dear Mary too unwell to go out, & I staid at home & read the Service to her. In the afternoon walked with Lewis & his Family to Parkwern, & round by Cross Inn[?] home

Monday 30 Drove with Mrs D to call at Woodlands & etc

Tuesday 31 Mrs M continues so very unwell that Miss Mary again returned to the Willows. Mrs D & I about noon drove to Caswell, & remained there 3 or 4 hours

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to see our dear Fan who is confined to her Bed. I drove to vote at the Trades Hall in High Street for the Town Council

Thursday 2 With Mrs D in the afternoon to see after dear Fan who continues very unwell

Friday 3 Drove with Mrs D & spent the afternoon in Caswell Bay

Saturday 4 Mrs D went in the close Carriage to bring Fan who tho better is still very poorly, & Moggridge & the Chicks followed on a Visit to us. I walked to Parkwern

Sunday 5 Not being well, partly from a faceache I did not leave the House but Mrs & Miss D went to Church

Monday 6 Sent down a 2 Horse Cart with Shrubs for Caswell & drove there with Mrs D in the aft. but John & Emma gone for a few hours to Penllergare

Tuesday 7 Drove in the morning with Mrs & Miss D & Miss Sarah & spent the afternoon at Caswell

Wednesday 8 My two Mary's took a drive to make Calls, & I took a walk

Thursday 9 Drive with Mrs D as far as Norton & returned early to see John & Emma who had promised to call at Sketty. Lewis Mayoralty happily expires this day

Friday 10 Drove with Mrs D & spent the afternoon at Caswell

Saturday 11 Mrs & Miss D took a drive to make some Calls & I walked to Singleton

Sunday 12 Went with my two Mary's to Church

Monday 13 Drove to the Mumbles with Mrs D. Talbot who had come over to meet some of the Admiralty Lords at Singleton walked over to spend an hour here

Tuesday 14 Drove with Mrs D to see John & Emma at Caswell but they had taken a drive to Penllergare & we did not stop there

Wednesday 15 Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to Caswell

Thursday 16 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Friday 17 Drove at 12 to a Harbor Meeting at which it was unanimously resolved to make a Float in the Town Reach instead of that for which the Dock Company have pursued[?] an Act. All parties have amicably united to effect it! Also attended a Meeting of the Royal Institution

Saturday 18 Weather showery. Drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Sunday 19 Went with my two Mary's in the close Carriage to St Mary's Church

Monday 20 For several days troubled with a sort of Sciatica. Weather wet & stormy & none of us went out

Tuesday 21 Mrs D after breakfast went in the close Carriage to Swansea about a temporary Governess for Fans Children. Not well & I did not go out. Weather wet & stormy

Wednesday 22 Weather very bad, & our Carriage went over to bring Miss Davy [?] as a temporary Governess for the Children

Thursday 23 Weather still rather Stormy, but in the afternoon drove with Mrs D as far as Duns [?]John's] Cottage

Friday 24 Drove with Mrs D & spent the afternoon at Caswell

Saturday 25 Weather very wet & none of us went out. Our dear Fan continues very ill, & has now been in thus[?] 3 Weeks without having left her Chamber more than twice

Sunday 26 Miss Mary chose to walk & the two elder Children with Miss Dury [?Drury] went in Fans Carriage to Church. Mrs D remained with dear Fan & a sort of sciatica kept me entirely at home

Monday 27 Drive with Mrs D & spent the afternoon at caswell. All the Family have fixed on returning to Penllergare tomorrow

Tuesday 28 Weather very bad but in the afternoon drove Mrs D for a few Errands at Swansea. Dear Fan considerably better & came down to the Drawing Room for an hour in the Evening

Wednesday 29)
Thursday 30) No entries

DECEMBER

No entries until:

Thursday 28 It is 4 Weeks this day that I was attacked by a congestion of the Brain & when I first found that my Legs, Ears & Eyes were nearly useless I thought myself halfway to another World. I have since been confined almost entirely upstairs but for the last few days have occasionally visited my Library. Today for the first time I have been out & taken a drive in the close Carriage with my dear Mrs D

Friday 29 Took another drive to Norton with my dear Mary. Emma with Theresa, Emmy & Willy dined with me at my hitherto solitary Dinner

Saturday 30 Another relapse has come & my legs have again become paralyzed [sic] & as weak as Bean Stalks. My dear Mary also attacked by Lumbago. The Moggridges leaving only their two younger Children who have colds, left us & returned to Swansea

Sunday 31 Deafness & paralysis in my Legs both bad & Mrs D's Lumbago severe. Little Traherne also taken very ill & placed under Dr Williams

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