

## The Dillwyn Collection

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

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Parkwern

January 1. Thursday –

Gloomy & threatening – frost in the night – cold all day – Barometer falling –

I attended the meeting of the Finance Committee at Bridgend to day – returned by the train about ½ past 2 P.M – Went over to Sketty before dinner –

January 2. Friday

Rainy & unsettled –

I went out shooting towards Travelly & c with H Bruce – we had a party to

dinner and a Dillwyn childrens dance in the evening –

January 3. Saturday –

Fine in the morning – frost in the night – overcast & windy in the evening –

I went into Swansea & c – H. Thomas came here this evening –

January 4. Sunday

Fine – Wind N.W – clear & cold

a.m. went to church – P.M went over to Sketty and walked on the sands with H.Thomas –

Parkwern

January 5. Monday –

Lowering & overcast – wind S.W.

10 a.m attended committee of works – 11 a.m. water Committee and at 12 – a Harbour meeting which lasted till nearly 3 P.M. I then came home –

January 6. Tuesday

Fine in the morning – overcast in the afternoon –

a.m. at home & over to Sketty – P.M rode with Bessie –

January 7. Wednesday

Heavy storms –

Attended a meeting of the Board of health –

January 8. Thursday

Stormy heavy rain at night

Infirmery at 10 a.m – Float Committee & c afterwards Dock office at 3 P.M – over to Sketty before dinner – Attended annual meeting of the Lit<sup>y</sup> Soc<sup>y</sup> in the evening –

Jan<sup>y</sup> 9. Friday –

Cold. Heavy storms & Snow – frost at night –

Attended Quarter Sessions – sat in the second court with H Bruce – the Bruces left us for Penllergare to day – H Thomas is with us – We dined at Singleton

Parkwern

January 10 – Saturday –

a.m. cold – Wind E. high P.M. wind veered to S S E. heavy rain set in at night

Sketty in the forenoon – in the afternoon I walked with H Thomas to the Mumbles light house

January 11. Sunday –

Unsettled – Wind S.W.

a.m. I spent the morning at Sketty – P.M – called with H.Thomas at Singleton & Sketty &c

January 12. Monday

a.m. heavy rain. P.M. unsettled –

Committee of works – at 10 a.m. Corporation meeting at 11 – Sketty in the afternoon –

January 13. Tuesday

Rainy & unsettled – Wind S.E.

Went to Sketty in the morning & remained at home in the afternoon –

Bessie & Minnie went up to the Marriots for a Ball at Yniscedwin to night –

January 14 Wednesday

Tolerably fine –

I went over to Sketty about the middle of the day but otherwise remained at home all day Bessie & Minnie came home about 4½ PM.

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January 15. Thursday

a.m. wind high – no rain – threatening. P.M. heavy & continual rain –

Infirmary at 10 a.m. Float Committee at 10½ - at 12 I attended the annual meeting of the subscribers to the Deaf & Dumb Asylum – Dock office at 3 P.M.

January 16. Friday

Fine on the whole – rain set in at night –

Sketty after breakfast – at 11 Rode with Bessie to Swansea where we put up the horse & I attended a Water supply Committee meeting – at ½ past 1 – we went over to Penllergare

January 17. Saturday –

Very fine – wind W. bright & clear –

At 11. I attended the Annual meeting of the Dock C<sup>o</sup> returned at 2.& rode with Bessie to Swansea & the Mumbles – went over to Sketty before dinner –

Jan<sup>y</sup> 18. Sunday –  
tolerably fine –  
a.m. went to church – P M- over to Sketty & walked on the Sands with  
Minnie

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January 19. Monday  
a.m. threatening. wind S S.W. P.M. rainy –  
Committee of Works at 10 a.m. at ½ past 2 PM went with Bessie to call at  
the Grenfells – over to Sketty afterwards & home to dinner –

January 20. Tuesday  
Rain all the morning with little intermission – gloomy & dark in the  
afternoon –  
Attended Petty Sessions at Swansea – at 11 a m – returned about 1 P.M &  
went over to Sketty – remained at home in the afternoon

January 21. Wednesday –  
Rain nearly all day  
remained at home the greater part of the day except that I went over to  
Sketty – the Goughs & Mr Croom came to us to day for the Singleton Ball  
to which we went and did not get home till nearly 6 oclock in the morning  
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January 22. Thursday –  
Stormy – occasional hail Storms, wind W.  
Attended a committee on the Water Supply at 12 – home about 3 P.M –  
went over to Sketty & c – We dined at the Hill House – the Goughs & Mr  
Croom remain with us till tomorrow –

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January 23. Friday –  
Fine –  
The Goughs & Mr Croombe left us to day – I rode with Bessie in the  
afternoon

January 24. Saturday  
Rain all day –  
remained at home except that I went to Sketty –

January 25. Sunday  
Unsettled –  
We went to church in the morning and over to Sketty in the afternoon –

January 26. Monday  
Tolerably fine –  
I went over to Sketty in the afternoon & remained at home the rest of the  
day as I was not well

January 27. Tuesday

Gale of Wind in the night – Heavy rain in the a m – tolerably fine in the P.M

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Went up to Badminton with E Morgan & G.G.Francis – We left by the 6 a.m train & got back by that at 10.15 – P.M. – we went by way of Aust Passage.

Parkwern

January 25. Wednesday

Fine –

a.m. I went over to Sketty & c. P.M. rode with Bessie

January 29. Thursday

Heavy rain a.m. it cleared up in the afternoon –

a.m. remained at home. P.M. went into Swansea to the Dock office –

Bessie & Minnie went this evening to Baglan Hall for a Ball at Mrs Biddulphs –

January 30. Friday –

Fine –

a.m. Went over to Sketty. P.M. wrote & c at home – Bessie & Minnie returned this afternoon

January 31. Saturday

Heavy rain in the morning, unsettled in the afternoon.

Attended the Adjourned Dock meeting at 11 a.m. & home afterwards – over to Sketty in the P.M.

February 1. Sunday

Wind W. fine on the whole – driving clouds - very mild –

a.m. we went to Church – P.M. over to Sketty –

February 2. Monday

a.m. rainy – P.M. unsettled –

Committee of works at 10a.m. Harbour meeting at 12 –

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February 3. Tuesday

Fine in the whole

a.m. went over to Sketty & c – P.M. rode with Bessie

Feb 4. Wednesday

Heavy rain the greater part of the day

Attended a monthly meeting of the Local B<sup>d</sup> of health –went over to Sketty in the afternoon – we dined at the Bryn –

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 5 Friday

Heavy rain the greater part of the day

Attended a meeting of the Town Council at 11 – home about 2 ½  
[overwritten ] P M & over to Sketty –

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 6 Friday –

Fine –

a.m. wrote at home & went over to Sketty – P.M. rode with Bessie

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 7. Saturday

Fine –

I went into Swansea after breakfast – returned at 11½ a m & rode with Bessie to the Black Boy to see deer turned out with Woods hounds – we returned about 3 P.M - & walked with Minnie to Sketty & c - -

Parkwern

February 8. Sunday

Heavy rain all day – Wind S.W.

a.m. remained at home. P.M. went over to Sketty.

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 9. Monday

Wind N.W.N. cold – frequent showers of snow 7 hail –

10 a.m – Committee of works. 11½ a.m – Comm. On water supply – 1 P.M. Corporation property committee – afterwards went to office to see Mr Edwards & c – home at 4½ & over to Sketty –

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 10. Tuesday

Fine – clear & cold – Wind N.W–

Petty Session at 11, at 2 P.M – met James at Town Clerks office to settle Corp<sup>n</sup> lease of tramway to Glasbrook & Richards – at 4.Kingscote came & I walked out with him – we had a party to dinner – Kingscote stays here

February 11. Wednesday

Fine –

I went over to Sketty in the morning & in the afternoon rode with Bessie – Kingscote went into Swansea at 10 a m & returned to dinner –

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 12. Thursday

Heavy rain set in in the afternoon –

Infirmity at 10.a.m – meeting of School feoffes at 12 – Dock office at 3 P.M. over to Sketty before dinner – T.E.Thomas dined with us.

Parkwern

February 13. Friday

Heavy rain in the P.M. it cleared off in the P.M.

Town Council quarterly meeting at 11.a.m. Kingscote left us this morning – home about 4.P.M & over to Sketty before dinner –

February 14. Saturday –

Very fine –

a.m. went over to Sketty – P.M. walked with Minnie –

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 15. Sunday

tolerably fine – glass high calm. misty in the morning –  
Bessie had a bad headache & cold & did not get up. I remained at home  
except that in the afternoon I went to Sketty –

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 16. Monday

a.m. tolerably fine – P.M. rainy – wind high W.  
Committee of Works in the morning at 10 – home in the afternoon & over  
to Sketty –

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 17. Tuesday –

Fine –  
a.m. wrote at home & over to Sketty. P.M. gardened with the children – the  
G Llewellyns **pic and footnote** came to us this evening & we had a party  
to meet them –

Parkwern

February 18. Wednesday

Fine – cold – wind N.W. hail fell –  
a.m. walked with Llewellyn to Sketty & c –  
P.M. the Llewellyns left us & I gardened with the children-

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 19. Thursday

very cold – occasional showers of hail & Snow – bright & fine in the  
intervals –  
Infirmary at 10 - & on to Swansea – home about 2 P.M. & went over to  
Sketty with the children –

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 20. Friday

Cold – sharp frost in the night – Therm<sup>r</sup> outside my window at 7½ a.m.  
stood at 29 – clear & bright in the day – overcast in the afternoon  
a.m. wrote & c – at 11½ a.m. went with the children to Sketty & on the  
sands & tried a poney –  
P.M. at 1 I rode into Swansea to attend a Dock meeting – returned at 3¼  
P.M & rode with Bessie towards the Mumbles –

Parkwern

February 21 – Saturday –

a m fine – Wind S.W – thaw. P.M. about 3½ o'clock drizzling rain set in  
which lasted for about 3 hours –  
After breakfast saw H Griffiths on LWD<sup>s</sup> business – I then went over to  
Sketty – in the afternoon I rode with Bessie into Swansea –

February 22. Sunday

Very fine –  
a.m. went to church with Bessie & the children –

P.M – walked into Swansea with T.E.Thomas to see Bevan – went to Sketty before dinner – Benson & C Jones dined with us –

February 23 - Monday –

Fine – cold –

Attended at the adjourned Quarter Sessions H Thomas came to us today & we had a party to dinner –

February 24. Tuesday –

Very fine – frost in the night. Wind N.

a.m. went over to Sketty & c – PM walked with H Thomas into Swansea – home to dinner at 6½ P.M –

#### Parkwern

February 25. Wednesday –

Fine – sharp frost in the night – cold all day

a.m. went over to Sketty – at 12 – attended a Committee respecting the public dinner to the Marquis of Worster [*sic*] – in the afternoon I rode with Bessie – dined with E.Morgan to meet L<sup>d</sup> Worster –

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 26. Thursday –

Fine - cold – Wind N.E.

Infirmary at 10.a.m. from 11 to 3 attended Dock Corporation meetings & procession upon Lord Worcester's cutting the first sod of the Docks – went over to Sketty at 4 – in the evening dined at public dinner to Lord Worcester –

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 27. Friday

Fine –

a.m. remained at home – P.M – rode with Bessie –

February 28. Saturday

Fine – cold – Wind N.W. high – rain in the night –

a.m. went to Sketty – at 12½ went to Swansea returned at ¼ 3.P.M. & rode with Bessie to the Mumbles

#### Parkwern

February 29. Sunday –

Fine –

P.M. went over to Sketty with Bessie & Minnie –

March 1. Monday

Fine

a.m – 10. Committee of Works at 12 Harbour meeting went to the office afterwards

March 2. Tuesday

Fine a.m. – Rainy P.M.

Local B<sup>d</sup> of Health at 11 a.m. over to Sketty in the P.M.



March 3. Wednesday –

Fine – clear –

Went to Sketty after breakfast & then 11 a.m. into Swansea to attend on the grand Jury but was too late – in the afternoon I walked to Woodlands to see Mr Edwards respecting the letting of the Glamorgan Pottery to James Richardson – the Leach Lloyds came to us to day **PIC**

March 4. Thursday

Rain & Snow in the morning, fine the rest of the day –

Infirmary at 10.a.m. water Committee at 11 – Dock office at 3 P.M. Sketty in the P.M. we had a party to dine with us

Parkwern

March 5. Friday

Fine –

a.m. Went over to Sketty with Bessie & the Lloyds – P.M. at 12½ the Lloyds left us – at 2½ P.M. I rode with Bessie into Swansea

March 6. Saturday

Very fine – frost at night –

a.m. remained at home & went over to Sketty –  
P.M. Rode with Bessie –

March 7 – Sunday

Very fine – bright & clear – frost in the night -

a.m. we all went to church – P.M. went over to Sketty

March 8. Monday

Fine. Wind E – cold & high in the morning –

Committee of works at 10 a.m – home in the afternoon wrote &c & over to Sketty before dinner –

March 9. Tuesday

Fine

a.m. went over to Sketty &c – P.M. rode over to Penllergare with Bessie

March 10. Wednesday

Fine. Wind E – cold –

Over to Sketty after breakfast – Meeting of School feoffees at 11 a m –  
rode with Bessie in the afternoon –

Parkwern

March 11. Thursday

Foggy – cold –

Infirmary at 10 a.m – Dock office at 11. Property Committee at 12 –  
Meeting of School Feoffees at 1½ P.M. home in the afternoon & rode with Bessie –

March 12. Friday  
Fine – Wind N.E. cold –  
Sketty after breakfast = Town Council meeting at 11 – in the afternoon  
rode with Bessie & went over to Sketty –

March 13. Saturday  
Fine – Wind N.E.  
a.m. wrote at home – P.M. went over to Sketty & gardened with the  
children –

March 14. Sunday  
Fine –  
a.m. went to Church with Bessie & the children – P.M. we all went over to  
Sketty - & thence I walked with Bessie to Woodlands to see Mr Edwards

March 15. Monday  
Fine – overcast. wind E – cold in the wind –  
10.a.m. Comm. of Works. 11 Local Bd of Health – home in the P.M. & rode  
with Bessie – over to Sketty afterwards –

Parkwern

March 16  
Tuesday  
Overcast – Glass keeps high – no rain. Wind E.  
a.m. went into Swansea on various commissions – at 2 P.M. went to over  
to Sketty & afterwards gardened with Bessie –

Merthyr Tydfil.

March 17 – Wednesday  
Wind N.E. high – cold –  
Over to Sketty after breakfast & then in to Swansea left by the train at 2  
P.M. & came up here to Mr Campbells – gave a lecture at 8 P.M.

Parkwern

March 18. Thursday  
a.m. overcast. P.M. bright & clear – wind E.  
Left Merthyr at 1 P.M. - & returned home – Lit Soc<sup>y</sup> in the evening

Glen Avon –

March 19. Friday  
Weather as yesterday – wind very high –  
a.m. went over to Sketty – P.M. came over here to the Lindsays with Bessie  
& Minnie – in the afternoon I walked with Lindsay to Margam & thence  
Talbot returned with us & took us over his Yacht –

Parkwern

March 20. Saturday  
Fine – wind E. very high  
a.m. went over Lindsays farm & to the Copper Mills –

P.M. I returned by the 1½ P.M. train & went over to Sketty – Bessie & Minnie returned by the express –

March 21 – Sunday

A little rain fell in the middle of the day & the weather looked gloomy –  
Wind still E.

a.m. went to church – P.M. over to Sketty

March 22 – Monday

Fine –

Committee of Works at 10 a.m. Local Bd of health at 11 a.m. home to dinner. H.Thomas came to us this evening –

March 23. Tuesday

Fine – very hot

a.m. Petty Sessions – P.M. over to Sketty & c we dined at the Hill House –  
H.Thomas is still with us –

Merthyr Tydfil

March 24. Wednesday

a.m. very hot – P.M – cold – wind N.E.

I went to Sketty after breakfast, & then into Swansea – at 2 P.M – I came up here to Mr Campbells & gave a lecture in the evening

Parkwern

March 25. Thursday

Fine – Cold & clear –

I left Merthyr about noon & walked across to the Merthyr road station –  
whence I came to Swansea by rail – Mr Campbell & his father accompanied me – I went over to Sketty before dinner –

March 26. Friday

Fine –

The 2 Mr Campbells & H.Bruce went to Gower on horseback & Mary went with them to shew the way – I remained at home except that I went over to Sketty – We had a party to dinner – the Denmans the Grenfells & c –

Parkwern

March 27. Saturday

Fine – glass falling – 29½ -

a.m – went over to Sketty – P.M drove over to Penllergare with the two Mr Campbells, H Thomas left us this morning –

March 28. Sunday

Fine – but rather overcast –

a.m. we all went to church – P.M I went with the 2 Mr Campbells to Singleton & afterwards to Sketty –

March 29 – Monday

a.m. dark & threatening – wind S.E. glass about 29.3  
P.M – heavy rain set in –  
At 10½ a.m I went in to the Committee of works, the Mess<sup>r</sup> Campbell left us by the 2 P.M. train. I went over to Sketty in the afternoon – at 7 P.M. I attended a Public meeting on Free trade at the Town Hall

March 30. Tuesday

Rainy in the afternoon –  
I went into Swansea in the morning & over to Sketty in the afternoon

Merthyr Tydfil

March 31. Wednesday

Fine –  
a.m. I went over to Sketty – came up here to Mr Campbells by the 2 P.M train – gave a lecture at 8 P-M-

Parkwern

April 1. Thursday

Very fine –  
I left Merthyr at 8 a.m & went to Bridgend to the Finance committee meeting – returned home by the express train.

April 2. Friday

Fine –  
Went to Sketty after breakfast – at 11½ a.m. drove with Bessie in the gig to Swansea – attended a meeting at the Deaf & Dumb Assylum [*sic*] at 12 – home about 2 P.M - & gardened with Bessie & the children –

April 3. Saturday

Fine  
I went to Sketty after breakfast – at 11 a.m. I rode with Mary to Penrice to call on Lady Mary & Mrs & Mrs J.M.Traherne. We returned about 6.P.M –

Parkwern

April 4. Sunday

Fine - Wind E.  
a.m. Went to church with Bessie & the children. P.M. we all went over to Sketty & c –

April 5. Monday

Fine – Wind E.  
Committee of Works at 10.a m. Harbour meeting at 12 – at 3 I met Vivian & Hussey Grenfell W Coffin Henry Thomas & S Benson about the County election – home at 6 P.M –

April 6. Tuesday

Fine – Wind E.  
Went over to Sketty after breakfast – Attended at the Quarter Sessions afterwards; Home in the afternoon & remained in the rest of the evening

laid up with Headache & sore throat – Bessie & H.Bruce (who came here this evening dined at Singleton

April 7 – Wednesday

Fine – Wind E –

a.m. remained at home – H Bruce left us –

P.M – went over to Sketty & afterwards I drove over to Penllergare in the gig with Bessie –

Parkwern

April 8. Thursday

Fine. Wind E – high in the morning – P.M. the Sun bright & scorching –

Infirmery at 10 a.m. Harbour Committees afterwards – called at Singleton in the afternoon & afterwards went to Sketty –

April 10. Saturday

Fine -

a.m. went over to Sketty – P.M – went into Swansea and afterwards gardened with the children

April 11. Sunday

Fine –

a.m. we all went to church. P.M. went over to Sketty &c –

April 12. Monday

Fine –

10 a.m attended Comm. of works – afterwards I went over the County register with Rees till 5 P.M. then called to see Fanny & home to dinner at 6. Went over to Sketty afterwards –

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April 13. Tuesday

Very fine – Wind E.

a.m. attended Petty Sessions P.M. over to Sketty –

April 14. Wednesday

Merthyr –

Fine – very hot –

I came up here by the 2 P.M. train & gave my concluding lecture on Zoology –

Parkwern

April 15. Thursday

Very fine –

I came back from Merthyr this morning by the train arriving in Swansea at 10½ a.m. attended the Harbour float & the Property committees – returned home about 2 P.M. DeleBeche & Rosie arrived here yesterday – in the afternoon I drove them & Bessie over to Sketty & then to Swansea – in the evening I attended a meeting of the Lit & Scienc<sup>t</sup> Soc<sup>x</sup>

April 16. Friday

Wind E. high – overcast in the morning –  
a.m. wrote. at 12 attended Town Council meeting – home about 3½ P.M. &  
went over to Sketty –

Parkwern

April 17. Saturday –

Fine –  
Went into Swansea at 11 a.m, & attended a meeting of the Dock Directors  
– went over to Sketty in the afternoon – Mary dined with us & I walked  
back with her in the evening

April 18. Sunday –

Fine –  
a.m. Went to church with Bessie & the children and Rosie – P-M – went  
with DeleBeche to call at Singelton & afterwards over to Sketty.

April 19. Monday

Fine –  
Committee of Works Bd of H. at 10 a.m – over to Sketty in the afternoon -

April 20. Tuesday

Fine –  
Harbour Float Committee at 10½ a.m – home at 12 – Sketty in the  
afternoon – tried a poney for the children – Moggridge and Bate dined  
with us –

Parkwern

April 21. Wednesday –

Fine – wind high – dark & threatening in the afternoon  
a.m. wrote letters at home – P.M. over to Sketty & afterwards took a ride  
with Minnie –

Penllergare

April 22. Thursday

Showers of rain – a good deal of rain fell in the night – Wind S.E.  
Infirmary at 10.a.m. at 12. I attended a meeting of leading liberals in the  
neighbourhood to consider the present state of the representation of the  
county & c – returned to Parkwern about 4 P.M. & then came over here –  
Bessie DelaBeche & Rosie came over in the afternoon –

April 23. Friday

Very heavy rain in the night and all the morning – it cleared off about 1  
P.M. Wind S.E.  
a.m. remained in the house – John showed me the process of Photography  
&c -  
P.M I went for a walk in the woods –

Parkwern

April 24. Saturday

Wind E. high cold – cloudy a.m. bright & clear. P.M.

I left Penllergare after breakfast & rode into Swansea & attended a meeting of the committee on water supply – home in the afternoon & over to Sketty – Bessie & c came home in the afternoon –

April 25 – Sunday

Fine –

a.m. I remained at home – P.M. went into Sketty with Bessie & the children – walked in the Garden with DelaBeche.

April 26. Monday

Very fine

Attended committee of works at 10 a.m - & special meeting of Local Bd of Health at 11. home about 4 P.M. & went over to Sketty till dinner time –

April 27. Tuesday

Very fine –

I went over to Sketty after breakfast – a 11½ a m I took Harry on the Poney to Cline Common. at 2½ P.M G.B.Morris came here to see me on some business – we had a party in the evening –

Parkwern

April 25.Wednesday

a.m. overcast & threatening mild. P.M. heavy rain set in. wind S.W.

a m wrote & c at home – at 12½ PM I rode into Swansea – home in the afternoon with G Byng Morris on business we dined at Sketty

April 29 – Thursday

Heavy rain nearly all day – mild – Wind S W –

Infirmary at 10 a m - - Harbour Committee at 11 a.m. home about 3 P-M. and over to Sketty – H A Bruce came to us this afternoon – I attended a meeting of the Lit<sup>y</sup> & Scientific in the evening –

April 30. Friday

Rain a m, Fine in the afternoon with the exception of one heavy shower about 4 oclock. Wind – W – mild –

a.m. went over to Sketty 1 [?] P.M. walked with H A Bruce to the Mumbles – Benson & Stroud dined here –

May 1. Saturday

Fine. bright –

a.m. wrote down some notes on the process &c of the manufacture of E. Ware for DeleBeche –

P.M – took Amy for a ride over Clyne Common

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May 2 Sunday –

Fine –

a.m. we went to church – P.M. went over to Sketty &c –

May 3. Monday

Fine with the exception of 2 or 3 showers –

DeleBeche left us this morning but Rosie remains with us. I went in to a meeting of the Comm. of Works at 10 a.m. Harbour meeting at 12 – in the afternoon I rode over to Penllergare where there was a May pole &c – Bessie Rosie & the children also went over – **PIC**

May 4. Tuesday

Fine –

Went to Sketty after breakfast – in to Swansea to Petty Sessions at 11 - home in the afternoon & went in the garden with the children –

May 5. Wednesday

Fine –

Meeting of Local board of health at 11 a.m. home in the afternoon & over to Sketty – at 4 P.M. I took Minnie & Harry for a ride upon the sands. Kingscote came to us this afternoon –

Parkwern

May 6 Thursday

Fine

Infirmery at 10.a.m. Harbour Committee at 10½. Dock office at 11 – home about 2 P.M – over to Sketty & c –

May 7. Friday

Fine –

Kingscote left us this morning – I attended a meeting of the property committee at 12-o'clock home in the afternoon, took Amy for a ride, went over to Sketty &c - - Attended at Stricks office at 7½ P.M. with the two other members of the Water Committee Francis & Richards to meet some of the inhabitants of the Town respecting the clauses of the Bill now before parliament – got home about midnight

May 8 – Saturday

Fine – Wind W –

I had a bad headache in the morning and remained at home – In the afternoon went with Minnie & Harry over to Sketty –

Parkwern

May 9. Sunday

Threatening in the morning – Wind S.W. thick rain set in about 1 P.M. & continued all the evening - Mild –



Mr Welby<sup>1</sup> being unwell there was no church this morning & I walked with Minnie to Woodlands to see Mr Edwards – in the afternoon I went over to Sketty – -

London

May 11- Tuesday

Fine with the exception of one or two showers

Left Swansea by express train this morning & came up here. Miss C. came with us to go to the Vivians on a visit.

London

May 12. Wednesday –

Rainy –

At 10½ a.m. met Richards & Strick at the Parliamentary Agents & at Scotts – afterwards had a consultation with W.James – busy all day – dined at the Athenaeum –

May 13. Thursday

Showery

11 a.m. met Richards & T.E.Thomas with Strick – afterwards went with Thomas to the exhibition of the Royal Academy – In the evening I went to the opera –

May 14. Friday

tolerably fine – wind high –

Busy with the Committee the greater part of the day – we met with W.H.Smith & went to the General Board of health – called on the Vivians in the afternoon – dined at the club – went to Exeter Hall concert with T.E.Thomas in the evening – Mendelsohns Elijah was performed –

London

May 15. Saturday

Fine –

11 a.m. met the Committee & the 2 Smiths - & afterwards attended a consultation at the Par<sup>l</sup> agents from 12 to 32. P.M – At two again met the Smiths – at 4 P.M. executed Commissions & c. dined with DelaBeche –

May 16.Sunday

Fine –

Remained at the Athenaeum till about 1½ PM - & then went to Tottenham to see my Aunt Mrs P.Bevan – then I walked across to Walthamstow to see the Jansons – got back to dinner at the Athenaeum about ½ past 8 P.M. –

May 17. Monday

Heavy rain in the morning – unsettled all day – Heavy rain again at night

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<sup>1</sup> Revd. Montague Erle Welby 1827-1910. MA Oxford. Fellow of Magdalen College. Married Mary Dillwyn 1857. Great grandson of Sir William Earle Welby, 1<sup>st</sup> baronet. The family lived at Denton, near Grantham, Lincolnshire.

Engaged with the Committee in the morning. Vivian shewed us the H. of Commons – called on D Edwards afterwards – met DelaBeche at dinner at the Athenaeum & afterwards went with him to a lecture by Hunt on Photography at his Museum

London

May 18. Tuesday

Fine –

Wrote letters till 11 a.m. then went down to Fendalls & with the Committee met the two Smiths who proposed to leave the questions as to Clauses to be introduced into the New Bill respecting the sale of the Water Works to the Council on either side – To this we would not consent as an adjournment of the Committee of the House for a week would be required, and it was also proposed to throw over the General B<sup>d</sup> of Health – In the afternoon I executed commissions & c.

May 19. Wednesday

Fine –

The Bill of the Local Board of Health went in to Committee at 12. Today opposed by the Water C<sup>a</sup> – I had a headache in the evening & did not leave the club - - we got from the H. of Commons about 4 P.M. –

London

May 20. Thursday

Fine –

The Committee again sat upon our Bill & we proved the Preamble and got through all the clauses without any material alterations – I then went to see DelaBeche & afterwards D.Edwards

May 21. Friday

Fine –

a.m. executed commissions & c –

P.M. went to the Zoological Gardens and Brit. Museum –

May 22 – Saturday

Gloomy & Cold –

Met Strick & the Water Committee at 11 a.m. at the Parliamentary Agents (Pritt & C<sup>a</sup>) respecting an accidental error which had occurred in the Bill – I afterwards went to see Vivian – In the afternoon I executed commissions & went to see D.Edwards –

London

May 23. Sunday

Dark – gloomy & Cold –

I did not go out much all day – Dined at Vivians in the evening –

May 24. Monday

Fine –

Went to see D Edwards after breakfast & then to the city – at 1 went to Pritts & found that the error in the Bill had been rectified – I afterwards executed a few remaining commissions intending to start home to night – about 6½ P. I learnt from Strick that the General Bd of Health were endeavouring to insert objectionable clauses in the Bill in the Lords which rendered it necessary for me to remain over tomorrow

May 25. Tuesday

Fine –

Went to see D Edwards after breakfast & then went to them House of Commons where some of us saw Lord Redesdale<sup>2</sup> who said he would not insert the clauses suggested by the General Board – In the afternoon I packed up & c & start homewards by the mail train at 5 min. to 9.P.M.

Parkwern

May 26. Wednesday

Dark – occasional rain – Wind high – E –

I returned from London by the mail train arriving 6,20 a.m. this morning – came out here – went over to Sketty &c.

May 27. Thursday

Wind E – gloomy & unpleasant – no rain

Infirmary at 10 a.m. Harbour Committee at 11. home in the afternoon – After dinner I attended a meeting at the Lit & Scient<sup>c</sup> Soc<sup>y</sup> - Struve read a paper on Coal working.

May 28. Friday

Dark – Wind E – no rain –

a.m. wrote & c – at home & went over to Sketty – P.M. Rode with Minnie over Clyne Common –

May 29. Saturday

Fine, except a shower in the afternoon

The Children had a holiday – in the morning went with them to fish in Sketty Pond – in the afternoon we all went to see a Wild Beast shew –

Parkwern

May 30. Sunday

Fine –

a.m. we went to church – P.M – over to Sketty & c-

May 31 – Monday

Fine –

Comm. of Works at 10 a.m. home about 2½ P.M, & over to Sketty – about 4½ In rode with Minnie – we dined at Singleton in the evening to meet Lord Villiers – DeleBeche & Rosie left us to day –

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<sup>2</sup> John Thomas, Earl of Redesdale. 1805-1886. Died unmarried. Chairman of Committees and speaker of the House of Lords 1851-86

June 1. Tuesday

Fine – Wind W – about 20 or 25 minutes to 8 this morning a sharp shock of an Earthquake was felt – Bessie & I felt it as did Miss Beer – it made the rooms shake & was accompanied by a loud noise as though a heavy body had fallen down a room overhead it was felt in Swansea & at Port Talbot Capt<sup>n</sup> Lindsay tells me it was felt & occasioned much alarm in the coal Pit where the colliers imagined it to be an explosion – I went by a xpress [sic] train to Port Talbot & walked to Margam to see Talbot but he had not arrived, then I went to Lindsay & returned to Swansea by Xpress train – over to Sketty before dinner –

Parkwern

June 2. Wednesday

Showery and overcast all day. wind S.W.  
Attended a meeting of the Local Board of Health at 11 a.m which lasted till nearly 3 P.M. I then went down to the Glamorgan Pottery premises respecting some repairs – home to dinner – over to Sketty afterwards –

June 3. Thursday

Fine – wind rather high. W.  
Infirmary at 10 a.m – Harbour Committee & Dock office afterwards – home in the afternoon & went over to Sketty with Bessie & the children. took Amy for a ride & c –

June 4. Friday –

Fine – Wind high W.W.W  
Meeting at Deaf & Dumb Asylum at 11 a.m – Prop<sup>y</sup>. Com<sup>e</sup>. at 12 – Council meeting at Royal Institution at 2 P.M. home at 4. & rode with Minnie

June 5. Saturday

Threatening in the morning. Rain from S.E. in P.M.  
Went over to Sketty after breakfast – at 12 attended a meeting of the Water Committee – went out with Bessie & the children in the afternoon –

Parkwern

June 6. Sunday

Fine on the whole - but rather showery –  
Went to church in the morning & over to Sketty in the afternoon – Sir J. Morris came to us this evening –

June 7. Monday

a.m. Showery – P.M – Fine – heavy rain last night  
Committee of Works in the morning – Harbour meeting at 12 – home in the afternoon & over to Sketty – T.E Thomas & Iltid dined here to meet Sir J Morris –

June 8. Tuesday

a.m. Fine – P.M. rainy – very mild & close –

Attended 1<sup>st</sup> days sale of the Cameron estates which commenced at 12 – after it was over I went with T.E.Thomas & E.M.Richards<sup>3</sup> to meet Hooper respecting the Bill of the local Board of health

June 9. Wednesday –

a.m. tolerably fine – P.M. Heavy rain –

Went over to Sketty after breakfast – at 1 P.M. attended the Cameron sale – home in the evening – We dined at the Hill House Sir J. Morris is still with us –

#### London

June 10. Thursday

Rainy –

Received a letter this morning informing me that my valued friend D.Edwards (having submitted to an operation for the stone on Monday last) was not going on as well as was expected – in consequence of this I left Swansea by the train at 1 P.M. and arrived here at the Athenaeum about 11 – I at once learnt that poor Mr Edwards died this morning –

June 11. Friday

Rainy, dark & cold –

Called upon Berrington in the morning – found him at Wilton Place, North Gate, Regents Park, at the house where Mr Edwards died – with him & Mr Williams I am one of the executors of his will – we made the necessary preliminary preparations for the funeral & c – I afterwards went down to George Street to see our Parliamentary Agent & c – At 6 P.M. I again went up to Wilton Place to meet Mr Williams –

#### London

June 12. Saturday

Dark – occasional rain –

At 9½ a.m. met Mess<sup>rs</sup> Berrington, Williams, A Jenkin, & Thomas (of High St) at Wilton Place to read Mr Edwards's will – I afterwards went with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Williams & A Jenkin to Kelsal [*sic*] Green cemetery to select a place to bury him in = [*sic*] returned about 12 – shopped & wrote letters & c the rest of the day –

June 13 – Sunday

Dark & unsettled

P.M. I went up to the Zoological Gardens –

June 14. Monday

Rain set in about midday & continued the rest of the day

a.m. called on Mrs [*looks like Mrs & not Mr*] Berrington – went to Tattersals & c - -

P.M. went into the city –

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<sup>3</sup> Evan Matthew Richards of Brooklands, Glamorganshire. JP and DL for Glamorgan. MP for Cardiganshire 1868. Mayor of Swansea 1856 and 1863. Born in Swansea January 1821. Married Maria Sloane.

June 15. Tuesday  
Showery –  
Attended poor Edwards Funeral in the morning – in the afternoon I met  
Strick & c – dined with DeleBeche –

June 16. – Wednesday –  
Showery  
a.m. engaged with Strick – I was sworn at the H of Lords & c - -P.M.  
executed commissions & c

London

June 17. Thursday  
Stormy – very heavy showers –  
In attendance at the House the greater part of the day – our bill did not  
come on however –

June 18. Friday  
Rainy & unsettled –  
Our Bill went into Committee of the H of Lords to day – I went to the  
Theatre with T.E.Thomas in the evening

June 19. Saturday  
Rainy & unsettled – Heavy Thunder & rain in the afternoon  
Made calls &c &c –

June 20. Sunday  
Rain all the afternoon & evening –  
P.M. went with L<sup>d</sup> J.Stuart to the Zool. Gardens – dined at Vivians –

June 21 – Monday  
Fine –  
House of Lords Committee from 11. to 4.

June 22 – Tuesday  
Fine  
Committee of the Lords again to day –went to Princess s [sic] Theatre with  
T.E.Thomas in the evening

London

June 23. Wednesday  
Fine –  
H of Lords Comm. again to day we got through about 2½ P.M. packed up &  
c in the afternoon – I return home by Mail train tonight –

Caswell

June 24 – Thursday  
Fine on the whole –

I returned by Mail train & got to Parkwern about 7 a.m. went over to Sketty after breakfast – We all came down here for a few weeks (John having lent is the house) – I rode down with Minnie –

June 25. Friday

Fine in the morning rainy & unsettled in the afternoon  
a.m. walked with Bessie & the children  
P.M – took the children over to Langland Bay

June 26. Saturday

Rainy early in the morning. fine in the day – Wind S.W.  
Went to Swansea after breakfast – to Parkwern about 3 P.M. & over to Sketty & Sketty Park – home to dinner

Caswell –

June 27. Sunday

Fine – Threatening & some rain at night – Wind S.W.  
Walked with Bessie & the children & c –

June 28. Monday

Dark & overcast in the morning – heavy rain rest of the day –  
I rode into Swansea & attended the committee of Works – afterwards met Berrington & his brother respecting some of Edwards s papers – Went to Sketty about 2½ P.M - & home to dinner at 4½ -

June 29. Tuesday

Unsettled – heavy rain in the morning – showery the rest of the day – fine in the intervals – Wind very high S.S.W.  
Wrote in the morning; walked with B & the children in the afternoon – made sketches & c –

June 30. Wednesday

Wind very high. W.S.W. driving clouds but no rain – mild  
Rode & walked with Bessie & the children & c –

July 1. Thursday

Fine, wind high. S.W.  
Infirmary at 10. Dock office at 11 – Parkwern & Sketty in the afternoon

July 2. Friday

a.m. overcast – P.M. driving small rain – wind S W –  
Adjourned Quarter Sessions at 10½ - Annual Infirmary meeting at 12 –  
Parkwern & Sketty in the afternoon – home to dinner –

Caswell

July 3. Saturday –

Very fine – hot & bright – the first real Summers day this year.  
a.m. Rode with Bessie on Kefn Bryn – P.M. walked with Bessie & the children & c –

July 4. Sunday

Very Hot – bright –  
H.Thomas spent the day here –

July 5. Monday

Sultry. Thunder showers – Wind & overcast with hot Gleams – some heavy rain.  
Com<sup>e</sup> of Works at 10 a m Harbour meeting at 12. Sketty in the afternoon –

July 6 Tuesday

Very hot – bright – Vivid Lightning to N W. at night –  
a.m. went with Amy to the Mumbles & c. P.M. remained at home.

July 7. Wednesday

Very hot. bright –  
Walked to Swansea – attended meeting of Local B<sup>d</sup> of Health –

July 8. Thursday

Very hot, clear & bright – Phosphorescent Light at Sea at night –  
10 a.m – attended Vivians election & proposed him – Sketty in the afternoon – Read a paper on Labuan at the Lit Soc<sup>y</sup> at 8 P.M - home at 11½

July 9. Friday -

Very hot & bright – Sea very luminous at night  
Went to Merthyrmaur by train – to see Nicholl – he was not there & I went on to Lanelay & dined there – I did not see him however – returned by the 10½ P M – train to Swansea –

Caswell

July 10. Saturday

Very hot – fine –  
Went to Sketty Parkwern & Swansea – home to dinner –

July 11. Sunday

Very hot – fine –  
Wrote at home in the morning – We all walked together in the afternoon

July 12. Monday

Very hot – bright & scorching –  
Comm<sup>ee</sup>. Of Works at 10 a.m. election Committee afterwards –went thence to Sketty Hall<sup>4</sup> & Sketty Park & back to Swansea – home about 7 PM

July 13. Tuesday Swansea

Very hot – sultry –

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<sup>4</sup> After 12 July there are no further entries on the Diary of Lewis Weston Dillwyn which probably indicates that he was unwell



Went by Express train to Merthyr-mawr to see Nicholl – returned at 4½ P.M. & met Liberal Committee at Swansea – I dined at the Mackworth arms & shall take a bed to night at Bensons.

July 14 Wednesday - Caswell

Some small rain in the morning – overcast all day & very sultry  
I went with a large party of Liberals to the County election at Bridgend by special train & returned about 3 P.M. I then walked out here calling at Parkwern and Sketty Hall –

Caswell

July 15. Thursday

A shower of misty rain in the morning – fine the rest of the day  
Met Berrington in Swansea respecting D Edwards will &c. home to dinner

July 16. Friday

A slight shower fell occasionally in the morning – fine otherwise – sultry –  
Sketched &c – about here

Parkwern

July 17. Saturday –

Fine with the exception of slight showers –  
a.m. Packed up & made sketches. P.M we all returned here

July 18 - Sunday –

Fine –  
a.m. went to church with Minnie & Amy & in the P.M. took them over to Sketty. Bessie remained with Harry who is not quite well

July 19. Monday

Fine – very hot in the afternoon –  
Committee of Works at 10 a.m. home at 1 P.M went over to Sketty & afterwards rode with Minnie towards Lloughor & home by Fairwood moor –

July 20. Tuesday

Fine.  
Over to Sketty & remained at home

July 21 – Wednesday

Fine  
a.m. at home P.M. over to Sketty –

Parkwern

July 22. Thursday

Fine. very hot  
Infirmary at 10 a.m. Harbour Comm<sup>ee</sup>. Afterwards. Minnie walked with me & we got back at 1 P.M – In the afternoon I went to Sketty & at 7½ P.M. to the meeting of Lit & Scient<sup>c</sup>. Soc<sup>y</sup>

July 23. Friday

Very hot – but fresh –  
Water Committee at 10 a.m. – Sketty in the afternoon – at 6½ P.M. rode  
with Minnie to the Mumbles –

July 24. Saturday

Hot – overcast in the evening –  
At home & at Sketty all day - -

July 25. Sunday

Fine – sultry – rain from about 5½ P.M. to 7½ P.M.-

July 26 Monday

Fine. very hot. a.m. about 4 P.M. heavy rain set in  
Committee of Works &c – at 10 a.m. – went down to the road between the  
Potteries respecting an altercation at 2 P.M. home about 4 P.M. & then to  
Sketty

July 27 Tuesday

Rain in the night – very hot & bright in the day. Wind N.E  
Sketty after breakfast – Petty Sessions at 11 a.m. H of Correction at 2 P.M. –  
home to dinner –

July 28. Wednesday – Parkwern –

Very bright & hot. wind N.E –  
Met Berrington & Dr. Bird with Mr Hall at the H of Correction at 11 - &  
then on to Swansea – returned about 1½ P.M. – spent the afternoon at  
Sketty with LWD – after dinner rode with Minnie to the Mumbles

July 29. Thursday –

a.m. very hot – about 12½ P.M. a Thunder storm with rain came on –  
about 2 ½ P.M. it cleared up & became hot again  
10 a.m. Infirmary – 10½. Harbour committee - 12 Dock office &  
afterwards Liberal registration Soc<sup>y</sup>. home in the afternoon & over to  
Sketty –

July 30. Friday –

Very hot – bright –  
Attended ½ yearly Dock meeting at 11 a.m. no quorum attended –  
afterwards walked over the Dock operations with Hooper & c – Sketty in  
the afternoon – dined with E.Morgan –

July 31. Saturday –

Very hot – bright –  
a.m. wrote at home. P.M. over to Sketty with the children

August 1. Sunday

Fine – hot – bright – cloudy at night –

a.m. we went to church & PM over to Sketty –

August 2. Monday                      Parkwern –  
Fine –  
Committee of Works at 10 a.m. – Harbour meeting at 12. Home in the afternoon & over to Sketty –

August 3. Tuesday  
Heavy rain in the night & morning wind high. W. the weather cleared about 8 a.m. - & the rest of the day was fine but showery –  
a.m. Remained at home writing & c P.M. over to Sketty & rode with Harry –

August 4. Thursday  
Heavy showers in the morning – fine the rest of the day, excepting some slight Showers –  
Local Bd of Health at 11 a.m. – Sketty in the afternoon & rode with Minnie –

August 5. Thursday  
Very heavy storms in the night – Showers in the day – with but little intermission in the evening  
Infirmary at 10 a.m. & then to Liberal registration office – called at the Willows & Heathfield & to Sketty in the afternoon – 8 P.M. Lit<sup>y</sup> & Scient<sup>c</sup> Soc<sup>y</sup> –

August 6. Friday  
Occasional heavy showers – wind high W –  
Attended a meeting of the committee of Works at 10 a.m – over to Sketty in the afternoon – Bessie & I dined at Singleton –

August 7 – Saturday  
Showery – Wind W. high –  
a.m. went to Sketty – P.M – rode with Minnie into Swansea – gardened & c –

#### Parkwern

August 8. Sunday –  
Heavy & frequent showers – fine in the intervals. Wind W. high –  
Went to church in the morning & P.M. over to Sketty with the children –

August 9. Monday  
Showery –  
10 a.m. Committee of Works – afterwards commissions & c over to Sketty in the afternoon & c

August 10. Tuesday –  
Fine –

a.m. over to Sketty – 2 P.M. H of Correction for election of a schoolmaster  
– then home & rode with Harry –

August 11. Wednesday

Unsettled – rain from N.E –  
Meeting of Local B<sup>d</sup> of Health at 11 a.m – over to Sketty in the afternoon  
&c

August 12. Thursday

Some rain a.m. Wind N.E. P.M – the weather looks mending –  
Infirmary at 10 a.m – Harbour Committee afterwards – over to Sketty in  
the P.M –

August 13. Friday

Fine –  
Went to Cardiff to a meeting of the Liberal registration Society – returned  
at 7 P.M –

Parkwern

August 14. Saturday –

Fine a.m. overcast in the afternoon – rain in the evening –  
Wrote after breakfast & then over to Sketty – rode with Minnie to  
Penllergare after breakfast –

August 15. Sunday

Fine –  
a.m. Went over to Sketty. PM remained at home

August 16. Monday –

Rainy and unsettled  
Committee of Works at 10.a.m. home in the P.M. & over to Sketty –

August 17 – Tuesday

Unsettled –  
Petty Sessions at 11 a.m. over to Sketty in the afternoon –

August 18 – Wednesday –

Fine –  
Registration Committee at 11 a.m. – P.M. went to Sketty with the children

August 19 – Thursday

a.m. Fine - about 4 P.M. a tremendous storm of Thunder & lightning came  
on accompanied by a deluge of rain  
10 a.m. Infirmary – 10½ Float Committee and audited Harbour accounts –  
P.M. met Richards on registration work – remained in Swansea till 8 P.M.  
& then attended a meeting of the Lit<sup>y</sup> & Scientific Soc<sup>y</sup> –

Parkwern

August 20. Friday

Very fine –  
a.m. wrote at home P.M. over to Sketty – after dinner I went with Fanny who spent the P.M. here back to the Willows Minnie with her

August 21. Saturday

Very fine –  
a.m. rode with Harry into Swansea. P.M. went to Sketty & c – We dined there it being LWD<sup>s</sup>. birthday - -

August 22. Sunday

Fine –  
a.m. went to church. P.M. over to Sketty –

August 23. Monday

Fine –  
a.m. Comm<sup>ee</sup> of Works – P.M. went down to Singleton & c

August 24. Tuesday

Rainy  
Wrote at home in the morning – over to Sketty & c in the afternoon

August 25. Wednesday

Misty rain the greater part of the day – Wind S.W.  
a.m. wrote & c at home – P.M. over to Sketty –

August 26. Thursday

Very fine –  
Infirmary at 10 a.m. Town Council meeting at 11 a.m. Sketty in the afternoon – Bessie took the children to a circus –

Parkwern

August 27 Friday –

Very fine  
a.m. rode into Swansea with Harry – P.M went over to Sketty & c

August 28. Saturday

Very fine  
a.m. wrote at home & went to Sketty. P.M – rode with Minnie to Caswell

August 29. Sunday

a.m. very fine. P.M. rather showery –  
a.m. Went to Swansea church. Infirmary sermon. P.M over to Sketty –

August 30. Monday

Heavy showers a.m. fine P.M. . stormy & lightning at night –  
Committee of Works at 10 a.m. Saw Hooper on business afterwards –

August 31. Tuesday

Showery in the morning, fine the rest of the day –

Sketty after breakfast – Petty Sessions (Licencing meeting) afterwards

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 1. Wednesday

Unsettled in the morning – Fine in the afternoon. Wind W –  
Wrote in the a.m. P.M. to Sketty & rode with Minnie –

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 2. Thursday

Fine –  
Infirmary at 10 a.m. Dock office at 11 – Sketty in the afternoon –

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 3. Friday

Fine – Wind E –  
Sketty after breakfast – Property, Registration & Dock committees  
afterwards

#### Parkwern

September 4 Saturday –

Fine  
a.m. went over to Sketty and then rode with Minnie into Swansea –  
attended a registration committee – home at 2 P.M – gardened & c in the  
afternoon

September 5. Sunday

Fine – rain in the night –  
a.m. went to church. P.M. over to Sketty & c –

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 6. Monday

Fine – slight showers in the afternoon –  
Committee of Works at 10 a.m. Harbour meeting at 12 – Gardened & c in  
the afternoon

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 7. Tuesday

Fine – a.m. Rain in the P.M.  
a.m. busy at home & over to Sketty – P.M at home

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 8. Wednesday

a.m. Fine – P.M. Thunder showers – wind N.E –  
At home & over to Sketty –

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 9. Thursday

a.m. very fine – P.M. Thunder clouds – a little rain Wind N.E.-  
a.m. 10. Infirmary – 11. Town Council meeting –  
P.M - Gardened & c –

#### Parkwern

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 10. Friday

Fine. Wind N.E.  
At 10.a.m. I went to the train to meet Mr Beadon Miss Bruce & Meg Bruce  
– I then shewed them the Pottery – shopped & c – at 1 P.M. H.Bruce joined

us & we all came our here to Luncheon – they spent the afternoon here & returned to Swansea for the 6 P.M. train –I went over to Sketty with Minnie after dinner –

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 11- Saturday

Fine -

a.m. Rode in to Swansea with Harry – home at 1 PM & went over to Sketty at 2 – gardened in the afternoon

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 12. Sunday

Fine –

a.m. went to church – P.M. over to Sketty & walked in the Garden

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 13. Monday

Fine

Comm<sup>ee</sup>. of Works at 10 a.m. office afterwards – home at 1 P.M. & over to Sketty – gardened & c

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 14 – Tuesday

Fine – some rain came on towards evening

Went to Sketty after breakfast & remained there till 2 ½ P.M, then home & gardened –

Parkwern

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 15. Wednesday

Rain the greater part of the day – it cleared up about 3½ P.M,

a.m. Wrote & c. at home over to Sketty at 1 P.M. home at 3 - & gardened till dinner

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 16. Thursday

Fine –

Infirmary at 10 a.m – on to Swansea afterwards – home at 1-P.M. & over to Sketty – Gardened afterwards – Attended a meeting of the Lit<sup>y</sup> Soc<sup>y</sup> in the evening –

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 17. Friday

Fine – Wind E – rather cold – but clear & bright

Went over to Sketty after breakfast & then rode into Swansea with Harry & took him to Mr Bates about his teeth – we returned about 2 P M & I gardened with Bessie –

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 18. Saturday

Heavy rain in the morning – about 3 P.M it cleared up Wind E. in the a.m. – P.M. it got round to S.W.

a.m – went into Swansea & attended a Dock meeting - -

P.M went over to Sketty & afterwards gardened

Parkwern

- Sept<sup>r</sup>. 19. Sunday  
Tolerably fine – showery towards night –  
Bessie was safely delivered of a little girl about ½ past 3 o'clock this  
afternoon & with the child is doing very well<sup>5</sup> – I did not go out to day –
- Sept<sup>r</sup>. 20. Monday  
Showery  
Went to Sketty about noon – at home the rest of the day
- Sept<sup>r</sup>. 21. Tuesday  
Fine on the whole some rain in the morning –  
At home & over to Sketty as yesterday – Bessie & the child are both going  
on well
- Sept<sup>r</sup>. 22. Wednesday  
Very fine –  
Went to Sketty after breakfast – returned here about 12½ P.M & went in  
the garden in the afternoon with the children –
- Sept<sup>r</sup>. 23, Thursday  
Fine –  
Infirmary at 10. Afterwards on to Swansea & executed sundry  
commissions & c home about 1. & over to Sketty gardened with the  
children & c
- Parkwern
- Sept<sup>r</sup>. 24. Friday  
Very fine –  
At 11½ a.m. rode with Minnie to Penllergare home about 4 P.M. &  
gardened & c –
- Sept<sup>r</sup>. 25. Saturday  
a.m. Wind S.E – dark & threatening – 1 P.M the clouds & c cleared of the  
rest of the day was very fine –  
Read to Bessie & c after breakfast & then over to Sketty – Gardened with  
the children in the afternoon –
- Sept<sup>r</sup>. 25. Sunday  
Fine –  
a.m. remained at home with Bessie – P.M went to Sketty with the children  
& c
- Sept<sup>r</sup>. 27. Monday  
Fine –  
Comm<sup>ee</sup> of Works at 10 a.m. – sundry shops & c afterwards – home in the  
afternoon and over to Sketty – returned about 3½ & Gardened with the  
children – Bessie is progressing fast in her recovery

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<sup>5</sup> Essie Dillwyn



Parkwern

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 28. Tuesday

Rain nearly all day – Wind N.E. raw & cold –

At 10a.m. Strickland came out to see me – at 11 I went into Swansea returned at 1 P.M. & went over to Sketty – wrote & c - the rest of the evening

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 29. Wednesday

a.m. unsettled – wind high – P.M. frequent rain – Wind E –

Town Council meeting at 11 a.m. to Sketty, gardened & read to Bessie in the afternoon –

Sept<sup>r</sup>. 30. Thursday

Fine –

Infirmity at 10 – Harbour Committee at 11 – home at 12 & over to Sketty. P.M. Gardened with the children –

October 1. Friday

a.m. fine – P.M. rainy

Mr Bate breakfasted with us & afterwards I walked with him over to Sketty – P.M. gardened & c

October 2. Saturday

a.m – fine – P.M. showery

a.m. Wrote at home & read to Bessie – P.M. went over to Sketty gardened with the children & c –

Parkwern

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 3. Sunday

Fine –

a.m. read to Bessie & c – P.M. went to Sketty with the children

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 4. Monday

Heavy & unintermitting rain –

Committee of Works at 10 – Harbour meeting at 12 – in the afternoon I had my teeth stopped by Mr Bate, who leaves Swansea tomorrow –

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 5 Tuesday

Fine –

a.m. wrote & went over to Sketty. P.M. read to Bessie – gardened with the children & c

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 6. Wednesday

Heavy rain in the morning – Fine in the afternoon

Attended a Local Bd of Health meeting at 11 a m - & afterwards at 2 PM. at the Quarterly meeting at the House of Correction & also for the appointment of a schoolmaster – then home and over to Sketty before dinner

Parkwern

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 7. Thursday

Fine –

Infirmery at 10 a.m. Dock office at 11 – Property Committee at 2 P.M. & then down to see Rees on business – home to dinner

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 8. Friday

Fine –

Over to Sketty after breakfast – Town Council meeting at 11 a.m. home at 1. Gardened in the afternoon and rode with Amy

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 9. Saturday

Fine – Frost in the night – bright & clear in the day –

Went over to Sketty after breakfast – Gardened the rest of the day –

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 10. Sunday

Fine

a.m. at home P.M. over to Sketty with the children &c

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 11. Monday

Fine

a.m. 10 Com<sup>e</sup> of Works to meet Mr Austen &c – at 12 (noon) attended a meeting of Grammar school Feoffees – at 3 P.M Dock Directors meeting

Parkwern

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 12. Tuesday

Very fine –

a.m. wrote &c at home P.M. rode with Mary and Minnie to call at Kilvrough

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 13. Wednesday

Fine –

a.m. wrote &c & went over to Sketty P.M. gardened –

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 14 Thursday

Fine – Wind E. dark in the morning –

Infirmery at 10 – met Pickering respecting a part of Burrows Lodge property afterwards at ¼ to 12 I went to Bridgend by Xpress train & attended the County Finance Committee – returned by Express – Harry accompanied me – home at 4 P-M - & gardened –

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 15. Friday

Wind E. – dark & lowering in the morning – fine the rest of the day – but cloudy

Over to Sketty after breakfast – Gardened in the afternoon –

Parkwern

October 16, Saturday

Fine – Wind E.N.E. rather cloudy –  
Went over to Sketty after breakfast – at 11½ a.m. rode into Swansea with  
Minnie – home at 1 P.M – gardened in the afternoon –

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 17 – Sunday

Very dark & gloomy – Wind E. Still – fine –  
a.m. remained at home – P.M walked in the garden with Bessie & the  
children, & afterwards went over to Sketty

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 18. Monday

Very fine – clear –  
Committee of works at 10 a.m – Meeting of Local Board of Health at 11 –  
over to Sketty in the afternoon – attended a upper Ward meeting at the  
Town Hall in the evening –

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 19. Tuesday

Very fine –  
Attended the Quarter Sessions – the two Allens came out and dined with  
us –

Parkwern

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 20. Wednesday

Very fine –  
Went over to Sketty after breakfast – Gardened in the afternoon

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 21. Thursday

Rain in the night – unsettled in the forenoon – heavy rain in the evening –  
Wind S.E –  
Infirmary at 10 a.m. Float committee afterwards. home at about 3 P.M. &  
went over to Sketty –

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 22. Friday

Rainy and unsettled –  
Attended a meeting of the Liberal registration Committee at 12 – and  
afterwards a meeting of the Dock Directors – at 2 P.M. I attended a  
meeting of the council of the Royal Institution – home about 4.P.M.

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 23 Saturday

Showery  
Went to Sketty after breakfast – Gardened in the afternoon –

Parkwern

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 24. Sunday

Showery –  
P.M went over to Sketty –

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 25. Monday –

Very heavy rain in the morning – Heavy storms all day – fine late in the  
evening –

Committee of works at 10 a.m – went to Cardiff by the express train to a meeting of the Liberal registration Soc<sup>y</sup> – returned by the 7<sup>h</sup>.45<sup>m</sup> train.

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 26. Tuesday

Very stormy & rainy all day with very short & few intervals – Wind W – a.m. wrote at home P.M – went over to Sketty & about 4. walked into Swansea to see Francis respecting an application of his on behalf of the Swansea Junction Railway to purchase Burrows Lodge – I dined at Singleton in the evening to meet Lord & Lady Cawdor & Lord & Lady Emlyn<sup>6</sup>

Parkwern

October 27. Wednesday –

Showery but not so much as so to signify – in the evening the wind veered to N.E. & it became clear & cold

Wrote at home till ½ past 1 P.M & then rode with Harry into Swansea – attended a special meeting of the council of the Royal Institution – we came back about 4 P-M - & I went over to Sketty –

October 28. Thursday

Cold – fine – Wind N.E.—

Infirmity at 10.a.m - - then in to Swansea – saw Rees as to repairs of Glamorgan Pottery & c – home in the afternoon & over to Sketty –

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 29 – Friday

Cold. Wind E – about 12½ o'clock driving rain & high wind set in from the East –

Attended a Dock Directors meeting at 12 - over to Sketty about 2½ PM, - home in the afternoon

Parkwern

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 30. Saturday

thick & misty. very mild –

a.m rode with Amy into Swansea. P.M – over to Sketty - & gardened –

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 31, Sunday –

Misty & thick – mild –

a.m. went to church with the children – P.M walked with them to the sands Sketty &c.

November 1. Monday

Misty rain the greater part of the day – - very mild –

Attended a Harbour meeting at 12 – afterwards went to the Dock office – home to dinner –

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<sup>6</sup> John Frederick 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron and 1<sup>st</sup> Earl Cawdor. Lord Lieutenant of Carmarthen. 1790-1860. Married Lady Elizabeth Thynne, daughter of 2<sup>nd</sup> Marquess of Bath. Their son, Lord Emlyn, John Frederick Vaughan 1817-1898. MP for Pembrokeshire 1841-60. Married Sarah Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of Hon Henry Compton-Cavendish. The Cawdor residences in Wales were Stackpole Court, Pembrokeshire and Golden Grove, Carmarthenshire.

November 2. Tuesday –

Misty & very mild – not much rain – Wind SW.

Wrote at home, & went over to Sketty in the morning Gardened in the afternoon –

November 3. Wednesday

- unsettled

Meeting of the Local Board of health at 11 – home in the afternoon and gardened – Went over to Sketty before dinner –

Parkwern

Nov<sup>r</sup> 4 – Thursday

Unsettled – Wind S. stormy –

Infirmary at 10 a.m. Harbour Committee at ½ past 10 – Dock office afterwards – in the afternoon I attended of a Government school of design in this district – over to Sketty before dinner

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 5. Friday

Rainy & unsettled –

a.m. wrote at home – P.M – over to Sketty gardened &c - Kingscote came here this evening –

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 6 – Saturday

Very heavy storms of rain & hail in the night unsettled in the morning – heavy rain all the afternoon – Wind high W –

Walked into Swansea with Kingscote after breakfast & attended a Dock Directors meeting & a meeting of the Council of the Royal Institution – Met Francis afterwards respecting the Sale of Burrows Lodge & c to the Swansea Junction Railway –

Parkwern

November 7. Sunday

Rainy – Wind W. very mild. glass rising –

a.m. remained at home – P.M – went over to Sketty – the Calvert Jones dined with us

November 8 – Monday –

Rainy – Wind W. very mild – glass still rising –

Attended a meeting of the Harbour trustees at 12 – over to Sketty in the afternoon

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 9. Tuesday –

Rather foggy – fine on the whole –

Attended at the Dock office at 11 to meet the Harbour Committee respecting the deposit of Ballast & spoil on the sands – At 12 I attended a Town Council meeting for the election of Mayor – home in the afternoon & went out Gardening – over to Sketty afterwards

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 10. Wednesday

No rain – thick - & Gloomy –

Went over to Sketty after breakfast & afterwards gardened

Parkwern

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 11. Thursday –

Wind S.E. very heavy and unintermitting rain all day –

Infirmery at 10 – Harbour trust committee afterwards – over to Sketty in the afternoon home about 3½ P.M –

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 12. Friday

Unsettled & stormy – Wind E. high in the evening

Wrote at home – I dined with Grenfell & afterwards went to a Lecture (being the commencement of a series one of which I am to give) by Grenfell at the Music Hall, Kilvey –

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 13. Saturday

Wind S.E – rainy in the forenoon – tolerably fine in the afternoon –

a.m. rode into Swansea on some business for LWD – home about ¼ 2 P.M.

& gardened with Bessie and the children – over to Sketty before dinner –

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 14. Sunday

Rainy in the morning – it held off in the afternoon –

a.m. at home – P.M. over to Sketty with Minnie

Parkwern

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 15. Monday

- ½ past 8 a.m. still – cloudy – but fine Bar<sup>r</sup> 28.8 – 11 P.M. the weather through the day continued tolerably fine – very mild – Wind S. rain has come on this evening again – Bar<sup>r</sup>. Still falling – tides have been very high & done much damage at the Mumbles –

Committee of Works at 10 a.m. & then went to the Glamorgan pottery respecting some alterations – over to Sketty at 1 P.M. home in the afternoon & gardened with Bessie and the children –

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 16. Tuesday

a.m. 8½ o'clock. Bar. 28.56 – unsettled & gloomy – mild – Wind S.S.W. not high –

11 P.M. Heavy rain all the day till about 2½ PM when it cleared up –

a.m. I wrote all the morning – went out in the garden with Bessie and the children when it cleared up in the afternoon over to Sketty before dinner –

November 17 – Wednesday

8½ o'clock a.m. Bar<sup>r</sup> 28.68 – clear & fine wind S.W. high 11 P.M tolerably fine all day some showers

a.m. wrote & went over to Sketty – P.M. Gardened

Parkwern

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 18. Thursday

8½ a.m. Bar<sup>r</sup> 29.1 - -

11 P.M. the weather has been stormy all day with occasional violent hail.

Wind W. cold.

Infirmery at 10 a.m. Harbour Committee afterwards – Called at the Willows afterwards & sat some time with Fanny – Gardened in the afternoon & went over to Sketty before dinner –

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 19. Friday

(8½ a.m. Bar<sup>r</sup>. 29.44 - -) tolerably fine in the forenoon – cold – Wind S.E. – in the afternoon rain set in

a.m. went over to Sketty & then into Swansea where I attended a Town Council meeting – Went over to Sketty again in the afternoon. –

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 20. Saturday –

(8½ a.m. Bar<sup>r</sup>. 29.2. wind S.E. dark & threatening)

Rain all morning unsettled & showery in the afternoon –... [*unreadable word*] Halo round the moon at night –

a.m. went to Sketty – P.M. Gardened –

#### Parkwern

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 21. Sunday –

(8½ a.m. Rain. Wind S.E. Bar<sup>r</sup>. 28.78) –

Rain all the morning – wind E – it cleared up about 2½ PM –

a.m. remained at home – P.M. went over to Sketty – went in the garden & c

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 22 – Monday –

(8½ a.m. threatening. Wind E.S.E – Bar 28.2)

Unsettled & some raining especially about 1 to 2½ P.M.

10.a.m. attended committee of works – 11. Meeting of Local Board of Health – home about 1 & over to Sketty. gardened in the afternoon –

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 23. Tuesday

(8½ a.m. Bar<sup>r</sup>. 29.27. – still. Wind SE. threatening – there was frost in the night)

Dull and dark in the morning heavy rain in the afternoon wind S.E. Bar<sup>r</sup>. At 11 P.M. 28.64 – **XX**

a.m. went over to Sketty with Bessie and the children – P.M. wrote and went out in the garden

**XX** Wind blowing a gale – veered to S & SSW at night –

#### Parkwern

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 24. Wednesday –

(8½ a.m. dull and dark. still – occasional dropping rain – Bar<sup>r</sup>. 29.22 -) – The Glass rose all day – fine – wind N.W.

Baby was Christened to day at 12 oclock – We had a party to Lunch afterwards – I went down to Sketty before dinner – Miss Hewson stays here to night –

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 25. Thursday –

(8½ a.m – Bar<sup>r</sup>. 29.64 – Still – no rain – overcast) Fine in the morning heavy rain in the afternoon & evening –  
Infirmery at 10 a.m. Harbour Committee afterwards – Attended a Sale of Ivey Lodge at 3 P.M. WE had a party to dinner –

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 26. Friday –

Stormy – Wind high – S.W.- some intervals of fine – clear and bright at night –  
I had a bilious attack and did not go out all day –

Parkwern

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 27 – Saturday

(8½ a.m. Bar<sup>r</sup>. 29.48. bright & fine. Wind NW cumuli clouds) – Fine all the morning rather Showery in the afternoon. hail – Wind W.N.W.  
a.m. over to Sketty. P.M. gardened. The Marryatts came here for a few days –

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 28. Sunday

(8½ a.m. Stormy – Wind W. high. rain. Bar 29.34)  
a.m. rainy – P.M. tolerably fine –  
a.m. We all went to church. P.M. Minnie & I went to Sketty, the rest all went to church

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 29. Monday

(8½ a.m. Bar<sup>r</sup>. 29.4 frost in the night – clear. Wind N.E. cold -) Fine & bright all day – Wind N.E.  
Committee of Works at 10 a.m. – home about 2½ P.M. read & c – Mr Marryatt & Minnie rode to Kilvrough - & Mrs M & Bessie with Harry & Amy went to Penllergare – the Penrices dined with us .

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 30. Tuesday –

(8½ a.m. Bar<sup>r</sup>. 29.73 – cold – frost in the night. Wind N.E. clear & fine)  
Very cold all day – sharp frost – Wind N.E.  
a.m. at home & went over to Sketty with Mr Marryatt  
P.M. Rode with Mr Marryatt & Minnie –

Parkwern

December 1. Wednesday

(8½ a.m. – Rain. Wind S.W. Bar 29.68-)  
Rainy & unsettled all day – mild –  
The Marryatts left us this morning at 11 a.m. I attended a meeting of the Local Board of Health – home in the afternoon - & over to Sketty & c –

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 2 – Thursday

a.m. Fine – P-M. overcast – some rain about 2½ PM –  
Infirmery at 10 – Dock office at 11-a.m. home about 2½ P.M. & then went over to Sketty gardened &c –



Dec<sup>r</sup>. 3. Friday –

(8½ a.m. Bar<sup>r</sup>. 29.83. Therm<sup>r</sup>. 41 - - still. Copper Smoke thick – fine -) –  
a m – fine – P.M. misty set in about dark –

Attended a Canal meeting at 11 a m – at 1 P.M. attended a meeting of the  
Corporation Property Committee – Bessie & myself dined at Grenfells at  
5½ & afterwards I gave a lecture at Kilvey on “Every day Zoology” –

#### Parkwern

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 4. Saturday

Misty rain all day – Wind W.S.W.

Attended a meeting of the Harbour Committee in the morning – over to  
Sketty at 2 – home in the afternoon –

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 5. Sunday

(8½ a.m. Misty rain. Wind S.W. Bar<sup>r</sup>. 29.68)

Misty – but no rain to speak of –

a.m. We went to church – PM over to Sketty & walked in the garden –

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 6. Monday

(8½ a.m. cloudy – no rain. Bar 29.6. Wind S.W.)

Cloudy – mild – Wind W. no rain. – in the day heavy rain at night –

Committee of Works at 10 a.m. Harbour meeting at 12 – Committee of  
Works again at 2 P.M. – over to Sketty in P.M.

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 7. Tuesday

(8½ a m – threatening – cloudy – Wind S.W. no rain Bar<sup>r</sup>. 29.46.) Fine in  
the day. heavy rain at night

Wrote &c- after breakfast – Gardened in the afternoon – went over to  
Sketty with Bessie before dinner –

#### Parkwern

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 8. Wednesday –

(8½ a.m. Bar. 29.09 – Wind. W. cloudy. no rain)

Fine in the day – stormy – heavy rain in the evening –

Attended a meeting of the Local Bd of health at 11 a.m. home about 2½  
P.M - & walked with Bessie to call at Hill House – home round by Sketty –

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 9. Thursday

(8½ a.m. – Fine – Bar<sup>r</sup>. 29.35 -.) Misty thick rain set in in the afternoon &  
continued all evening – Wind S.W.

Infirmary at 10.a.m – Harbour committee at ½ past 10 – Property  
Committee at 12 – home about 3 P.M. & went over to Sketty with Bessie –

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 10. Friday –

(8½ a.m. Very heavy rain. Wind W. Bar<sup>r</sup>. 29.2-)

The weather cleared up after breakfast & held fine all day –

Attended Town Council meeting at 11.& meeting of local B<sup>d</sup> of Health afterwards – about 2 PM I went with Mr Richards to see a piece of land near Landore – over to Sketty before dinner

### Parkwern

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 11. Saturday –

(8½ a.m. no rain – wind S.W. Bar<sup>r</sup> 29.3-) dark & threatening all day bit no rain –

I went over to Sketty after breakfast & home to lunch. Then met Mr Richards on business & arranged for his services for a year in assisting me to establish a trade & c – for £200 – from the 1<sup>st</sup> of this month – it is understood between us that if we succeed in establishing a remunerative business this arrangement shall be reconsidered on a more liberal basis - - I dined at Singleton in the evening to meet the Bishop who is to preach at Sketty church tomorrow –

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 12. Sunday

(8½ a.m. Wind S.W. very heavy rain - Bar<sup>r</sup>.29.15-)

The rain cleared off about noon – P.M tolerably fine –

Went over to Sketty in the afternoon –

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 13. Monday –

(8½ a.m. heavy rain. Wind S.E – nearly calm. Bar<sup>r</sup> 29.26-)

Rainy am – fine PM –

Comm<sup>ee</sup> of Works at 10 a.m. then with Richards to Penroes & Baths yard as to Silver ores – to Sketty with Bessie in the afternoon

### London

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 14 – Tuesday –

(8½ am. Bar<sup>r</sup>. 29.09) tolerably fine all day –

I left Swansea by the express at ¼ to 12 to day & came up here – arrived about 5½ P.M. After dinner went with Dr<sup>r</sup> Playfair<sup>7</sup> to the Adelphi Theatre –

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 15. Wednesday

Rain in the night – fine in the day – Wind high – W-

After breakfast went to see A Gibbes & Sons in the City – had an interview with Mr Davy the managing partner – Mr Richards was with me – we then went to the Museum of Practical geology – saw DeleBeche & Percy – afterwards executed Commissions &c –

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 16. Thursday

a.m. fine – P.M. heavy rain –

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<sup>7</sup> Dr Lyon Playfair.PC, GCB, LLD, FRS. 1st Baron Playfair. 1819-1898. Scottish scientist. Born in Meerut, India. Studied at St Andrews, Glasgow, London and Giessen. Professor of Chemistry, University of Edinburgh 1858-68. Liberal MP from 1868. Deputy Speaker House of Commons 1880-83. Married 1st 1846 Margaret Eliza Oakes who died 1855. 2nd Jean Ann Millington, who died 1877

After breakfast arranged with Richards as to his visiting Freybourg (in Saxony) to see the Silver smelting process carried on there – Afterwards executed commissions &c - Went to see Wolf and Ford & went as to my Labuan illustrations – dined with DeleBeche & back to the club for the rest of the evening about 10 P.M.

### London

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 17. Friday

Some showers – tolerably fine on the whole – in the night there was a very heavy rain with Thunder & Lightning

Museum of practical Geology at 11 a.m. saw DeleBeche Percy & Harry (the chemist) respecting my silver smelting scheme – afterwards executed commissions &c – Richards starts for Ostend “en route” for Fribourg tomorrow morning –

### Parkwern

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 18. Saturday

a.m. Fine. rain set in in the evening –

executed commissions &c. after breakfast &c. &c. packed up &c. in the afternoon – returned home by the evening express leaving London at 5 P.M. & arriving at 11 P.M.

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 19 – Sunday

Weather tolerably fine –

a.m. went to church with Bessie & the children – P.M. went over to Sketty walked in the garden &c

### Parkwern

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 20. Monday –

a.m. rainy – P.M. fine –

Committee of works at 10 a.m. home about 12½ & over to Sketty – Gardened with Bessie & the children in the afternoon –

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 21. Tuesday

Tolerably fine all day –

Attended petty Sessions at Swansea - & was kept there all day – home to dinner

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 22 - Wednesday

Fine – mild –

a.m. went to Sketty & then drove Bessie in the gig down to the Mumbles to look at Meaghers house – returned by Sketty whence I walked with J.D.L. down to the House of Correction to the quarterly meeting - - Gardened in the afternoon –

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 23. Thursday –

(8½ a m. heavy rain. Wind SE. Bar 29.45-)

The rained [sic] cleared off about 11 am. & itn was fine the rest of the day

10 a.m Infirmery. 11. Harbour Committee – Gardened in the afternoon & over to Sketty before dinner –

Parkwern

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 24. Friday –

Rain early in the morning – it cleared off about 9½ am – fine the rest of the day – Mild. Wind SW.

Drove in the gig to Swansea with Bessie after breakfast. Attended a Town Council meeting at 11 – home at 2 – Went in the garden with the children –

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 25. Saturday –

No rain – gloomy & threatening – fine at night –

a.m. We all went to church – P.M. walked in the garden & over to Sketty – at 5 o'clock went over there to dinner with Bessie & the children –

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 26. Sunday –

Fine – Very threatening at night. Wind high – W.S.W.

a.m. We went to church. P.M I went over to Sketty

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 27. Monday –

(8½ a.m. Bar<sup>r</sup>. 28.77. Wind a gale. W.S.W. has been tremendously high all night)

Fine all day – driving clouds – Wind fell towards evening –

Committee of works at 10 a.m. afterwards I went over to see H.J.Bath respecting Silver ores – home at 1½ .P.M. & over to Sketty – Gardened in the afternoon with Bessie & the children

Parkwern

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 28. Tuesday

a.m. fine. P.M. showery –

a.m – at home – P.M. Gardened and over to Sketty –

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 29. Wednesday

a.m. Rainy. Wind S.E. P.M – tolerably fine, Wind S.W.

a.m – at home P-M – over to Sketty

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 30. Thursday

Fine – Wind S.W –

Infirmery at 10 a.m. Harbour Committee at 10½ - Went to Bridgend by the Xpress train & attended the County Finance Committee Meeting – got back by the down Xpress at 3¼ PM & home to dinner –

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 31. Friday

Fine –

a.m. Went over to Sketty &c P.M. walked into Swansea with Minnie –

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