The Dillwyn Collection

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

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January 1 Monday Bryn Newydd Mild - Wind S.W. overcast -

¹ Sir Roderick Impey Murchison 1792-1871. Scottish geologist. In 1855 he was made Director General of the Geological Survey and Director of the Royal School of Mines.

Com. of Works at 10 a.m - to the Works afterwards - about 2 P.M. I rode over to Penllergare where I dined - Bessie & the children also went over there

2 Tuesday

Fine on the whole - mild

Petty Sessions at 11-a m - Went out to Hendrefoilan with Richards in the afternoon - over to Sketty before dinner -

3 Wednesday

Fine - Mild - Wind N.W.

Meeting of Local $B^{\underline{d}}$ of Health at 11 a m. Up to Landore in the afternoon - Henry Thomas came to us this evening -

4 Thursday

Mild. Misty rain - fine at intervals -

Went into Swansea with H. Thomas after breakfast to attend the adjourned Quarter Sessions - I took the second court - We returned to dinner at 7 P.M.

5 Friday

Mild. frequent misty rain -

Over to Sketty in the forenoon - in the afternoon went with H-Thomas to call at Singleton and then up to Hendrefoilan -

6 Saturday

Mild. Showers. Wind W.S.W

After breakfast went up to the Works then back to Swansea about 1 P.M. met H Thomas there & walked out with him in the afternoon - I went over to Sketty before dinner - E Morgan, Benson, & D^r Price dined with us -

7 Sunday

Bryn Newydd

Mild - Wind S.W. overcast -

a.m. over to Sketty & c

P.M Do - & up to Hendrefoilan with H. Thomas -

8 Monday

Mild - overcast - Wind S.

Com $^{\underline{ee}}$ of works at 10 a.m. Harbour meeting at 12 - which lasted till $4\frac{1}{2}$ - P.M. then home - H. Thomas left us to day -

9 Tuesday

Mild - overcast - frequent small rain -

a.m. up to Hendrefoilan & then into Swansea back at 2 P.M. & rode with Bessie - over to Sketty before dinner - Kingscote came to us this evening -

10 Wednesday

Bryn Newydd -

Mild - foggy & damp - still -

Busy planting at Hendrefoilan all day -

11 Thursday

Mild - Foggy -

Busy all day at Hendrefoilan planting &C

12 Friday

Very thick fog - still - mild -

Planting at Hendrefoilan all day - we dined at Sketty Park -

13 Saturday

Bryn Newydd

Wind E. Fine - overcast - no frost but rather cold

Busy planting at Hendrefoilan -

14 Sunday

Wind E - overcast - clear & cold at night -

a.m. to church with Bessie & the children -

P.M over to Sketty - called at Hill House - Sketty Park & the Bryn

15 Monday

Sharp frost last night - cold in the day clear & fine - in the evening overcast & thaw -

Committee of Works at 10 a.m. Harbour meeting at 12 - home about 5 P.M -

16 Tuesday

Golden Grove (Carmarthenshire)

Frost last night - fine all day -

I rode into Swansea after breakfast & returned to Bryn Newydd at $11\frac{1}{2}$ - Bessie & I then came on here on a visit to Lord & Lady Emlyn -

17 Wednesday

Frost continues - not very sharp -

Went out Shooting with Lord Emlyn & a party in the House. We bagged 169 head of game

18 Thursday

Frost still sharp - clear & fine -

We went out shooting again & bagged 101 head of game

19 Friday

Bryn Newydd

Sharp frost - some Snow in the night - fine all day except occasional slight falls of snow -

We left Golden Grove at 11 a.m. & returned here - arrived between 3 & 4 P.M. I then went over to Sketty -

20 Saturday

Frost - no fall - cold all day -

Busy at the works the greater part of the day

21 Sunday

Frost in the night - cold all day - Over to Sketty & at home all day -

22 Monday

Bryn Newydd

a.m. Snow & sleet thaw - in the evening clear & fine - frost set in again - $Com^{\underline{e}\underline{e}}$ of works at 10. At 12 attended a meeting of $Prov^{\underline{l}}$ Com. of SW Bay & Lloughor new [?] Rway $C^{\underline{o}}$ at Attwoods office for the purpose of liquidating claims on $C^{\underline{o}}$ at 3. up to the works with Richards - home at 6 - Miss Wells returned this evening -

23 Tuesday

Frost in the night - cold & clear in the day -

Petty Sessions at $11\ a.m.$ home at $2\ P.M$ - up to Hendrefoilan in the afternoon. Mary accompanied me - on my return I went over to Sketty -

24 Wednesday

Frost - sharp - clear & fine a.m. at home & over to Sketty -P.M. went up to Hendrefoilan with Harry

25 Thursday

Bryn Newydd

Sharp frost - fine & clear -

a.m into Swansea - met Mr Williams of Llandilo Trust (D. Edwards s) matters - P.M. home walked with Bessie & over to Sketty

26 Friday

Overcast. frost in the night - slight thaw in the day but frost in the evening - Into Swansea after breakfast & then up to Landore - out to Hendrefoilan in the afternoon -

27 Saturday

Sharp frost - fine -

Up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie in the morning - over to Sketty & c in the afternoon - walked with John to Singleton to enquire after Mr Vivian who is very ill - $\frac{1}{2}$

28 Sunday

Bryn Newydd

Fin - bright - sharp frost -

a.m. went to church with Bessie & the children - P.M. over to Sketty & c & c -

29 Monday

Cold in the night slight thaw in day - overcast - fine & cold again at night - Com of Works at 10 a.m. Harbour & Dock meetings afterwards - then up to works - over to Sketty & c

30 Tuesday

London

Cold - overcast - occasional Snows

Came up here with Bessie by Express train - We arrived about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 P-M and are in comfortable lodgings at Houchins Hotel in S^{t} James s S^{t}

31 Wednesday

London

Very cold - Snow nearly all day with high wind -

Bessie & I were busy nearly all day in looking for a house - we went up however after breakfast to see DelaBeche

Feb 1 Thursday

Cold. but clear on the whole

We were again engaged nearly the whole day in looking at houses - Bessie went to see DelaBeche about midday -

2 Friday

Still very cold -

We were again engaged in the forenoon in looking at houses from 1 to 3 - in the afternoon Bessie went to the Museum in Jermyn $S^{\underline{\iota}}$ & sat with DelaBeche - in the morning I went into the City & c

3 Saturday

Bryn Newydd

Frozen rain in the night - sharp frost early in the morning - thaw & rain came on about noon

We returned home by express train -

4 Sunday

Mild - Wind S.S.E. rain in the P.M.

a.m. Bessie & the children went to church & I went over to Sketty -

P.M. over to Sketty the greater part of the afternoon -

5 Monday

Mild - Overcast, continuous rain nearly all day but not heavy -

Com. of Works at 10 a m - up to the works in the afternoon - over to Sketty on my way home & over there again after tea -

6 Tuesday

Bryn Newydd

Slight frost in the night. Wind E & NE. overcast in the day - some Snow fell in the P.M.

Attended Comme of Works at 10½ A.M. afterwards to Jenkins Office & c. to Sketty and Hendrefoilan in the afternoon - over to Sketty again in the evening -

7 Wednesday

Cold. wind N E -

Harbour Committee at $10 \frac{1}{2}.$ - up to the Works in the afternoon - $D^{\rm r}$ Price dined with us -

9 Friday

Bryn Newydd

Snow in the night - clear & bright all day Wind N.E. very high & keen - sharp frost

Attended meeting of the Town Council at at [sic] 1 a.m. - up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie in the afternoon & afterwards over to Sketty -

10 Saturday

Fine and clear all day. Wind N.E. (not high) very keen - sharp frost - Wrote letters after breakfast - over to Sketty about 12 - In the afternoon went up to Hendrefoilan with Harry - over to Sketty again after tea - Mr Vivian died (after a long illness) about ¼ past 6 this evening -

11 Sunday

Fine - still - very cold - Frost very hard in the night - a.m. Went to Church with Bessie and the children - P.M. over to Sketty -

12 Monday

Bryn Newydd

Sharp frost in the night - occasional Snow in the day -

Comee of Works at 10 a.m. Harbour meeting at 12. Town Council (special meeting in reference to Mr Vivians death) at 2 P-M - Dock meeting at 3 P.M. - Over to Sketty after tea -

13 Tuesday

Sharp frost - Wind N.E. The Town float frozen over so as to bear - Petty Sessions at 11 a m. then up to the works - At 3 P.m. attended a Public meeting to condole with Mr Vivians family on his decease & c home at 6.P.M.

14 Wednesday

Sharp frost - Wind N - not high -

Up to the Works in the forenoon. To Sketty in the afternoon -

15 Thursday

Brvn Newydd

Continued sharp frost - fine -

Wrote accounts and over to Sketty - in the afternoon walked up to Hendrefoilan with Mary -

16 Friday

Very cold. high wind - E.

Attended Mr Vivians funeral -

Over to Sketty in the afternoon -

17 Saturday

Very cold. Wind E.N.E.

I having come forward as a candidate for the Borough of Swansea - remained at home in the morning writing letters &c In the afternoon I rode down to Penrice to see Talbot who promised me his cordial support -

18 Sunday

Bryn Newydd -

Sharp frost -

Attended Sketty church in the morning with the corporation in respect to Mr Vivians memory - In the afternoon over to Sketty &c

19 Monday

Very cold - Wind E - looked like Snow in the day but clear again at night - A shock of an Earthquake was felt in Swansea about ½ past 6 this morning - At 9 a.m. I presided at the election of Councillors for the upper ward - at 10 attended Comme of Works - Went to Port Talbot by the express train where I met W. Llewellyn & with him partially canvassed Aberavon & Kenfig - I afterwards dined with him & returned by the evening train

20 Shrove Tuesday

Still cold - sharp frost - clear & fine.

Busy canvassing Swansea till 3 P.M. & then attended a meeting of the electors convened by the Mayor to take into consideration the question of the election - they determined nearly unanimously that I am the proper person - I got home about 7 P.M. -

21 Ash Wednesday

Bryn Newydd

Overcast - threatening for snow - cold -

Over to Neath by Express train - canvassed the Town - Cordially received - only one refusal in the whole Town - - home about 9.P.M.

22 Thursday

Cold. overcast - Snow at night -

Busy all day at Swansea canvassing - called at Sketty in my way out -

23 Friday

Fall of Snow in the night - Thaw in the day - Halo round the moon at night - Busy all day at Swansea canvassing -

24 Saturday

Bryn Newydd

Slight frost at night - Fine in the forenoon - Thaw and heavy continuous rain from S.E. all the afternoon & evening -

Met Berrington & Mr Williams on D Edwards Trust estate matters at 11½ a m at Jenkins office - canvassed the Town in the afternoon - home aboutn8½ P.M -

25 Sinday

Mild - thick rain nearly alld ay

Over at Sketty the greater part of the day - called at Singleton in the afternoon -

26 Monday

Fog in the morning - mild all day -

Committee of works at 10 a.m. then canvassed Swansea with Rees at $1\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. I rode over to Lloughor & canvassed it with Griffiths - home at 6 P.M.-

27 Tuesday

Bryn Newydd

Foggy & misty rain -

This morning at 10 am I was unanimously elected Member for Swansea without a question asked - Benson proposed & Sankey Gardner seconded me - the proceedings lasted about an hour - Harry came in with me - in the afternoon I went to Hendrefoilan with Mr Richards -

28 Wednesday

Gloucester -

Mild - Fine -

Packed up & c after breakfast - At 12 attended Harbour Committee & met Comee of Local $B^{\underline{d}}$ of Health on the provisions of new health Bill - & c. over to Sketty & home in the afternoon - I came up here by Mail train. Bessie & the children will join me in London on Saturday

March 1 Thursday

London

Fine - Mild -

I came up by Xpress from Gloucester this morning saw after luggage & c being sent to 13 Hyde Park Square which house I have taken - then went to Lord Emlyns respecting my introduction into the House of Commons - at 4 P.M. I was introduced by him & H Bruce & took the oaths & my seat - voted in the Minority for Lord Goodrich's motion for throwing open the higher ranks of the army to private soldiers more than is the case by the present regulations -

2 Friday

London

Slight showers - fine on the whole -

Went into the city after breakfast; at 2 P.M. has an interview with Sir B.Hall on the provisions of the new Public Health Bill - Went into the House about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 P.M - Divided for Mr Murroughs motion for leave to bring in a bill for doing away with the property qualification of Members - 27. For & 20 against - home about $\frac{1}{2}$ a.m.

3 Saturday

13 Hyde Park Square

Very heavy & frequent showers - fine in the evening -

After breakfast went carefully over Public Health Bill & made notes on nit which I gave to Mr Tom Taylor at $B^{\underline{d}}$ of H. office - came up from my lodgings in 12 Pall Mall where I have been for the last 2 days to this House 13 Hyde $P^{\underline{k}}$ square - about 3 P.M - unpacked & c at 6 P.M. met Bessie & the children at Paddington - they arrived by the Express train -

4 Sunday

Very fine a.m. occasionally threatening P.M. but fine on the whole - Busy in the forenoon with Bessie & the children unpacking &c &c - In the afternoon we went to see DelaBeche & thence I went with the children to see the Zool. Gardens - called for Bessie at Blandford Place in our way back to Hyde Park Square - wrote letters & c in the evening -

5 Monday

13. Hyde Park Square - London -

Fine -

a.m. went with Harry to Bond St & c

P.M - called with Bessie on Mrs Palliser & the Herbert Jones's² - I then went down to the House about 5 P.M - & did got [*sic*] leave it till one in the morning -

6 Tuesday

Fine -

a.m. went to Jermyn St with Bessie

P.M. at 4 P.M. went to the House - at about $7\frac{1}{4}$ it was counted out. I then came home -

7 Wednesday

Fog in the morning (thick) - Fine in the day with occasional fog - rather cold - Down to the House at 12 - remained there till about 5 P.M - then to Athenaeum Club & home at $6\frac{1}{4}$ - We dined at the Herbert Jones s at 7 -

8 Thursday

13.Hyde Park Square

Fine -

Went to the City after breakfast

dined at the Athenaeum at 3 P.M. &b then went to the House - Debate on Haywoods motion for doing away with religious tests in places of public instruction & afterwards on Sir C Napiers³ conduct as Admiral of the Baltic fleet - home about 1 a.m. -

9 Friday

 ${\bf Cold.\ frost\ in\ the\ night\ -\ fine\ in\ the\ day\ excepting\ a\ few\ occasional\ flashes\ of\ Snow}$

Wrote letters & c in the morning -to the House in the afternoon - Debate on Ordnance estimates - home about 11-P.M.

10 Saturday

Snow in the night & occasional in the day. Smoke & foggy - Atmosphere very thick - cold - neither frost nor snow -

² Probably Herbert George Jones 1804-66, second brother of Calvert Richard Jones III.

³ Sir Charles Napier 1786-1860. Scottish naval commander. He commanded the Baltic fleet in the Crimean War but he was superseded when the capture of Bomarsund failed to realise expectations. Twice sat in Parliament. Cousin of Sir Charles James Napier who sent the message 'Peccavi' [I have sinned] when he captured Sind in India.

Went to the city after breakfast - in the afternoon called with Bessie on the Ramseys and the R O Jones's - To the Speakers Levee with Sir G Tyler & Admiral Tyler in the evening -

11 Sunday

13 Hyde Park Square

Cold & dark. Snow in the night - occasional snow & sleety rain in the day a.m. remained at home

P.M. called on J.M. Traherne & went with Bessie to see her Father -

12 Monday

a.m. fine - Mild. Wind W - P.M. heavy rain -

Wrote & c after breakfast - then with Bessie to Park $S^{\underline{t}}$ & c - back to $1\frac{1}{2}$ dinner- to the House at 4 P.M - debate on Commissariat estimates & c - home at 12 -

13 Tuesday

Fine - Wind W -

a.m - After breakfast went with Harry to the G.W Railway station & received 2 boxes of Silver - We then went with them to the City & sold them to Balts - paid the money into Jones Loyds & returned home to dinner at 1 P.M - via Covent Garden where we got some flowers -

P.M. I made a few calls & went to the House at 4 oclock - the principal debate was on the question of marrying a deceased Wifes sister - I came home about 11 P.M.

14 Wednesday

Sketty Hall

Fine early in the morning - rain in the day

I left London by Express this morning & came here - Arrived at Landore at $\frac{1}{4}$ 4 P.M - to Swansea at 6 & dined at the Sheriffs ordinary - out here about $9\frac{1}{2}$ P.M -

15 Thursday

Rain the greater part of the day -Attended the Grand Jury from 10 a m to $5\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. dined with the Judge at $6\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. here about $9\frac{1}{2}$ -

16 Friday

Fine - Mild. Wind W. dark & threatening at night -

Grand Jury in the morning at $10\frac{1}{2}$ - we were discharged about $11\frac{1}{2}$.I then saw various of my constituents respecting some measures in Parliament - at $1\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. Lunched at the Castle with H.H. Vivian - At 3 P.M. went with Richards to Hendrefoilan - home to Sketty at $6\frac{1}{4}$ P.M - at night put away into the Sketty cellar 48 doz & 7 bottles of Sherry - gave out 1 doz -

17 Saturday. St Patrick's Day

Skettv Hall -

Rain (heavy) nearly all day -

Into Swansea about 11 a.m. executed various commissions & c - Up to the Works in the afternoon - home about $6\frac{1}{2}$ - P.M. -

18 Sunday

Gloucester -

Fine -

Over to Penllergare to church - back to Sketty aboutn3½ P.M. Came up here by Mail Train "en route" to London -

19 Monday

London. 13. Hyde Park Square

Gloomy but tolerably fine on the whole -

Came up here by Xpress train which arrives at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11-a.m. - Wrote letters & c. down to the House at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 - Debate on Newspaper Stamps Act - & on Ireland revenue supplies - House adjourned at 1 oclock a.m. home at $\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 a m

20 March

13. Hyde Park Square

Thick fog in the morning - fine in the day -

Went down to Balts about some silver after breakfast - met E.M. Richards in the city & returned with him at 2 P-M to dinner here - to the House at 4¼ P.M - debates upon Sandhurst Military School - & the propriety of opening the British Museum & National Gallery on Sunday afternoon - House adjourned about 1.a.m.

21 Wednesday

Dark - Cold - Wind E -

A general Frost day - We remained at home in the morning - in the afternoon I went with Bessie to see DelaBeche -

22 Thursday

Rain & occasional flakes of Snow - all day cold -

Went into the city after breakfast to see the Hibberts respecting the Halse Hall⁴ estate - back to the Athenaeum at 2 P.M. & wrote letters - home at 6 a there was "no house" -

23 Friday

13. Hyde Park Square -

Cold. Wind N.E - Fine -

Called on Benson & c in the morning - at 12 went to see the Photographic exhibition⁵ - & called on Sir J Morris then to the House respecting the Swansea Vale railway bill - at 3 P.M. to the Treasury respecting the Council of Education - to the House again at $4\frac{1}{2}$ - Debate on Balaclava transports & c - debate [unreadable word] on Scotch education bill - No division - home at 2.a.m. -

24 Saturday

Dark - very cold & raw - wind N.E.

⁴ Sir Henry DelaBeche's house in Jamaica. It still exists.

⁵ Photographic Exhibition of the Photographic Society of London, now the Royal Photographic Society. John Dillwyn Llewelyn, Lewis's younger brother, was a founder Council member and was exhibiting.

a.m. wrote letters & c - P.M went with Bessie to call on R. Brown⁶ and at the Museum in Jermyn $S^{\underline{t}}$ - C.H. Smith & J.W. James dined with us -

25 Sunday

Fine - cold - Wind N.E -

a.m. at home - P.M. with Bessie & Minnie up to DelaBeche's -

26 Monday

13 Hyde Park Square

Fine - cold but bright & sunny.

Went to Tottenham with Bessie & Minnie to see Mr & Mrs Paul Bevan. In the evening went to the House. a long debate on the Sardinian loan & the Newspapers stamp duties Bill - home at $2\frac{1}{4}$ a.m -

27 Tuesday

Fine -

a.m. wrote & c

P.M. to Jermyn $S^{\underline{\iota}}$ to see DelaBeche & then on to the House - debates on reconstruction of Poland & appointment of Comee to enquire into system of promotion in the Army

28 Wednesday

Rain & Skeet in the morning - gloomy & damp all day -

To the H.of C. at 12 - debate on Bill respecting Exchange Bills - Vacating Seats on Ministerial changes & c - home at $6\frac{1}{2}$ - Ramsey & his brother dines with us -

29 Thursday

13. Hyde Park Square

Fine - Wind E

a.m. wrote & c -

P.M. called with Bessie on the G. Thomas's & the E. Bucklands & then to the House - - debate on the Balaklava Cavalry charge (Lord Lucans) and on the Church Rate question -

30 Friday

Fine - Cold - Wind E.

Wrote & c at home in the morning -

at $2\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. walked with Bessie Minnie & Harry in Kensington Gardens - Down to H. of C. at $4\frac{1}{2}$ P.M - debate on abolition of jurisdiction of Ecclesiastical Courts in testimentary cases - the House at its rising adjourned to April 16 -

⁶ Robert Brown 1773 - 1858. Botanist. Born Montrose 21 December 1773. Explored the vegetable world for four years with Captain Flinders of New Holland and Van Diemen's Land from 1801. 1798 elected Associate of the Linnean Society becoming their Librarian. 1810 became Librarian to Sir Joseph Banks and under the terms of his will transferred his library to the British Museum. 1811 elected FRS and was several times on the Council. 1839 Copley Medal for discoveries "on the subject of vegetable impregnation". Keeper of Botany, British Museum 1827. Died 19 June 1858.

31 Saturday

Fine - but cold & ungenial - Wind E -

a.m. at home writing letters, reading & c -

P.M. Went with Minnie & Harry to the Zool. Gardens Bessie & Rosie with Baby joined us there - In the evening Bessie & I dined with D^L Fitton -

April 1 Palm Sunday Hyde Park Square

Fine - but cold & gloomy. Wind E.

a.m. Went to church with Bessie & the 2 elder children

P.M. We went up to see DelaBeche

2 Monday

Sharp frost in the night - cold but fine -

I went down with some Silver (which came by train this morning) to the city after breakfast. sold it & returned by 2 P.M - then went with the 3 eldest children to see the British Museum -

3 Tuesday

Showery. Mild. Wind S.W - much rain in the afternoon -

a.m. went to the Admiralty (Somerset House) respecting some Steam Coal (Cadoxton) -

P.M went with Bessie & the children to the Polytechnic Institution -

4 Wednesday

Hyde Park Square

Showery -

a.m. with Bessie to Jermyn S¹ where I left here & went down to the Treasury on Swansea business - We returned at 2. & in the P.M. we went to see Rosie who is poorly - in the evening went with Bessie & Minnie to Exeter Hall to hear "Messiah" performed

5 Thursday

Sketty Hall -

Fine - P.M. thick & misty - Wind S.W.

I came down by the Xpress train - got out at Landore & down to the works - came out here by about $1\!\!/_{\!\!4}$ past 6 P.M -

6 Good Friday

Very fine - mild -

I walked over to Penllergare after breakfast remained there till about 3 P.M - I then walked across to Hendrefoilan - & back here about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 -

7 Saturday

Sketty Hall

Fine - mild -

Into Swansea after breakfast - lunched at the Castle Hotel at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 1 - up to Landore afterwards - called at the Willows in my way back

8 Easter Sunday

Wind a.m. N.W - clear - fine - in P.M. the wind fell to S.W. and about $5\frac{1}{2}$ rain set in -

I went over to Penllergare after breakfast - (H. Thomas is staying there) - I got back about 6 P.M. - John is still very unwell and I did not see him today

9 Easter Monday

Unsettled misty & thick - heavy rain at night - Harbour meeting at 12 - Works in the afternoon

10 Easter Tuesday

Sketty Hall

Wind very high stormy - Hail & Thunder storm about 3¼ P M.

Harbour Committee at $10\frac{1}{2}$ a.m. County Committee at 12. Afterwards there was a Committee of the Union of 4 Counties as to the Lunatic Asylum - at 3 P.M. I went out to Hendrefoilan

11 Wednesday

a.m. Fine but unsettled - P.M. thick misty rain - mild -

Up to the Works after breakfast - home about $4\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. called at the Willows in my way -

12 Thursday

Very fine in the day - mild & Sunny - Wind S.W. in the afternoon about $5\frac{1}{2}$ oclock mild thick rain set in -

Up to the Works in the morning - back to Sketty to dinner at $1\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. - up to Hendrefoilan with Mary in the afternoon

13 Friday

Hyde Park Square -

Unsettled - wind S.E. rainy -

I $rec^{\underline{d}}$ a letter from Bessie this morning informing me of DelaBeches serious illness - I came up by xpress train but found that he had died at 10 oclock this morning - I went straight to Blandford Place where I remained some time - returned here with Bessie about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 oclock

14 Saturday

Very fine -

a.m - at home. P.M. to Blandford Place with Bessie & the children after breakfast - then brought the children back & went to Jermyn $S\underline{t}$ on to Jenkins & Phelps office in Red Lion Square respecting DelaBeches Will - afterwards to Hibberts - In the afternoon tried to see Sir R. Murchison - in which I failed - $4\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. went to Kensal Green Cemetery to select the spot for DelaBeches grave

15 Sunday

Very fine -

a.m. at home. P.M. to Blandford Place. home to Tea -

16 Monday

Hyde Park Square

Very fine - hot & bright -

To the city after breakfast to see Hibberts then to Jenkins & Phelps (Red Lion Square) & thence to the Home office respecting a memorial from the $Corp^n$ of Swansea as to a cemetery -

17 Tuesday

Very fine - bright - hot in the sun -

Wrote letters & c. after breakfast - into the city to A Gibbs & Sons in the afternoon home to tea -

18 Wednesday

Very fine - bright - Wind N.E. rather cold - a.m. at home - P.M. walked with Harry to Blandford Place & c

19 Thursday

Hyde Park Square -

Fine - bright - sun very hot -

After breakfast I went with Bessie and Harry to Blandford Place - Thence at $11\frac{1}{2}$ oclock Harry & I followed DelaBeche to the grave - he was buried in Kensal Green Cemetery - The funeral was also attended by all the professors & c of the Museum of Practical Geology (except Willis who was unable to attend) and Reeks, Aveline D^{Γ} Playfair Mr Gay (Medical Man) & Phelps (Solicitor) - we returned about 2 P M - -

20 Friday

Fine - Wind E. cold -

Went to Phelps - the Museum & c in the day - in the afternoon went to the House of Commons - Debate on the Budget & c I had a bad head ache & came home about 10 P.M.

21 Saturday

Fine - bright - Wind N.E.

Met an appraiser at Blandford Place at $10\frac{1}{2}$ this morning respecting the valuation of DelaBeches effects - at $11\frac{1}{4}$ met Trev. Jenkins & G. G. Francis at Hoopers Office respecting Pickerings appointment to the Dock Bill - then to the Athenaeum to lunch & write letters afterwards executed some commissions & home about 5 P.M. -

22 Sunday

Hyde Park Square

Fine & bright but cold. wind high. E.

a.m. Went to Church with the children -

P.M. Walked in Kensington Gardens with Bessie & the children -

23 Monday

Fine -

To the city after breakfast with Silver - left it at Balts - received $5500\pounds$ on acc[‡] for it - paid the sum to Jones Loyds to credit of D & Co - then home - to the H of C. at 4 P.M. debate upon Chancellor of Exchequers finance scheme & c - afterwards on Newspaper stamp Bill & the addition of a new member to the Sebastopol Committee - No division - home about $\frac{1}{4}$ 2 a m -

24 Tuesday

W. Wind - cloudy a great part of the day - no rain - a.m. wrote letters & c to the city & Museum at 2 P.M. - To the House at 5 PM - House counted out at $7\frac{1}{4}$ P.M - dined at the Athenaeum & then home

25 Wednesday

Hyde Park Square -

Fine - cold - Wind N E at night -

After breakfast wrote letters & c went down to the House at 12 - home at 7 PM - debate at the House on Marriage with deceased wifes sister. debate adjourned

26 Thursday

Fine - cold -

Wrote & c after breakfast - then to Red Lion Square - home at $2\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. to the House at $3\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. went with Price to the Admiralty - then to the House - a long debate principally on the Scotch education Bill - home about $\frac{1}{4}$ 3.a.m. -

28 Saturday

Hyde Park Square

Cold and Dark -

Moggridge breakfasted here - then walked with him down to the Athenaeum - thence to the Tavistock to see D.W. James who was out however & home at 1 P.M - in the afternoon went with Harry to make some calls & then took him to see the Panorama

29 Sunday

Cold - Wind N.E. occasional fine bright gleams of sun shine -

a.m. at home writing & c -

P.M. Walked with Bessie & the 2 younger children in Kensington gardens. Rosie & Minnie went to Blandford Place.

30 Monday

Cold

Attended Committee on Swansea Dock Bill - & Debate in the House in the evening on Loan Bill & Newspaper Stamp Bill - home about $2\frac{1}{2}$ a.m. -

May 1 Tuesday

Hyde Park Square

Dark & cold -

Committee on Swansea Dock Bill again - passed - Debate in the evening on Maynorth Grant - adjourned - home about 2½ P.M. -

2 Wednesday

Fine -

Day sitting at the House to day -

Went there at 12 - home at 6.P.M. Debate on Sir J Packingtons education Bill - Adjourned -

3 Thursday

Fine in the day - dark overcast & cold at night -

a.m. & the H of C. at 12 to meet Mr Chalk - I missed him there & came back - & found him here at 2 P-M. transacted business with him in the afternoon & then to the House - home at $2\frac{1}{4}$ a m - -

4 Friday

Hyde Park Square

Very cold - Wind E. high - overcast

To the City after breakfast on Silver works business - to the H. of C. at 1 P.M. on select committee on Criminal Justice Bill - In the evening Bessie & Rosie came to the Ladies Gallery of the House - I returned home with them about 10 P-M -

5 Saturday

Fine - Wind E. bright & clear -

Wrote letters & c after breakfast - about noon went with Harry to the City - shewed him S^t Pauls the Docks & c - came home by Covent Garden to get some flowers for the House - home about 5 P.M. -

6 Sunday

Fine. Wind W.high - driving clouds -

Remained at home in the morning and saw Mr Colling respecting the chimney pieces at Hendrefoilan - In the afternoon went out with Minnie & Harry - called on Captⁿ Bennett & then on to the Zoological Gardens -

7 Monday

13. Hyde Park Square

Wind W. rain at night

Went out with Bessie after breakfast to a sculptors to make a call & c - at 2 P.M. I went down to the City - to the House at 4 - Debate on supply & c. no division - home at $12\frac{1}{4}$ -

8 Tuesday

Wind W. high - cold - overcast -

Went to the city after breakfast - sold Silver to Bults [sic] & tendered for Ore at Gibbs's - to Comm^{ee} of Criminal Justice Bill at 1 P.M - at 4 there was no House - I went to the Athenaeum to write letters & c - home to tea at ½ 6 - P.M. -

9 Wednesday

a.m. Fine. Wind W. P.M. overcast & dark rain in the evening - Wind still W After breakfast went down to the New Water Colour exhibition & on to the House at 12 - - Debate on Marriage with Deceased wifes Sister Bill House divided about 5½ P.M. - I then came home with a bad headache

10 Thursday

Hyde Park Square

Fine - Wind W -

After breakfast went with Bessie & Rosie to see some Serpentine Chimney pieces - then to $\text{Exh}^{\underline{n}}$ of Royal Academy where I left then - from 12 to 4 attended meeting of Glamorganshire Committees on prisons & Rates at Trafalgar Hotel - to the House at 4 - home about $\frac{1}{4}$ 2 a.m - debate on Indian Army & Scotch Education

11 Friday

a.m. fine. P.M. overcast - a heavy Thunder storm violent rain about 3 P.M. Committee on Criminal Justice Bill at 12 - House of c. in the evening - debate on Newspaper Stamps Bill - home about $1\frac{1}{2}$ a.m -

12 Saturday

Fine but cold - wind N.W -

Wrote letters & c in the evening - in the afternoon went with Bessie to Richmond to call on Mrs Hooker - We then went to East Sheen near Mortlake to see $D^{\underline{r}}$ Rowdens school - home about 7 P.M -

13 Rogation Sunday

13 Hyde Park Square -

Wind E. & S.E. cold rain nearly all day -

We did not go out - I had a bad toothache, which has troubled me since Friday -

14 Monday

Fine - Cold - Wind E -

Went to the City after breakfast - home at 1 P.M - to the house at 4 P.M. I had a headache & came home at $6\frac{1}{2}$. - down to the House again at 10 - & home at $12\frac{1}{2}$ -a.m.

Fanny came up this evening & brought Sarah with her who is come to us for a visit -

15 Tuesday

Gloomy - rain at night -

Went to the city (to tender at Gibb's) after breakfast - the the [sic] House at 12 - Crim. Justice Bill committee till $\frac{1}{4}$ 4 P.M - Debate in the evening, on inventors of Screw propellers & c - home at $11\frac{1}{2}$ P.M -

16 Wednesday

Hyde Park Square -

Overcast - no rain -

To the City after breakfast about some Sulphate of Copper for the works - to the House at 12 (day sitting). Debate on Church rates - 2^{nd} reading - home at 7 - In my way called to see JDL at Everalls who has come up for a few days with Emma & Theresa - Fanny left by Xpress train this morning - - Sarah remains with us -

17 Thursday

Fine -

I was laid up with a bad headache all day - to the House at 4 P.M. home about 10 - no division or important business -

18 Friday

Very fine -

Breakfasted early & took Harry to Mr Phillips s who took him with him to the platform for Members of Parliament (he having my ticket) to see the distribution of Crimean tickets by the Queen in $S^{\underline{t}}$ Jamess park - at 12 I attended the Committee on Crim $^{\underline{l}}$ Justice Bill - at 4 the House sat - adjourned debate on Scotch Education Bill - home about $\frac{1}{4}$ 2-a.m -

19 Saturday

Hyde Park Square

Fine - Wind W - mild

Went with all our party except Baby to the Crystal Palace -

20 Sunday

Fine -

I had a headache & did not go out -

21 Monday

Rain in the night - fine in the day. Wind W -

a.m. went to make calls & c

P.M. took Bessie Rosie & Sarah over the House of Parliament Emma & Theresa accompanied us - I remained at the House - the House adjourned at about $8\frac{1}{2}$ oclock - I then came home

22 Tuesday

Hyde Park Square

Fine - Mild -

To the city after breakfast to sell silver & tender for ore - at 1 P.M - Crim. Justice Bill Committee at the House of Commons - In the evening debate on the Ballot - home at $6\frac{1}{2}$ a m -

23 Wednesday

Very fine - Wind W. Mild -

Went to call on the I Thomas s with Bessie after breakfast - We then went to the Water colour exhibition - in the afternoon I went with Minnie to see the Royal Academy exhibition -

24 Thursday

Very fine - Warm -

Drove to the Athenaeum & c - after breakfast - called on Bruce in the way - to the House at $3\frac{1}{2}$ - Long debate on a motion of D'Israelis taken as a vote of want of confidence in Ministers on the question of peace & war - debate adjourned at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 1 a.m -

25 Friday

Hyde Park Square

Very fine -

From $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 to $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 P.M. I was busy with Mr Rees on some business for Miss Hewson - at 3. Met some independent M.P.s at Lord Goodrich's house respecting the course we should take to night on D'Isreali's motion. Attended the Debate afterwards $10\frac{1}{2}$ (- before which I went with Bessie Sarah & Rosie to Exeter Hall) home at 4 a.m. - We voted against D'Isreali & he was beat by 100 -

26 Saturday

Sketty Hall

Very fine - hot - sultry -

I came down to day by Xpress train for the Whitsuntide holidays - got out at Landore & came on here to tea -

27 Whit Sunday

Fine - slight showers - sultry

Went in the Garden with Mama in the forenoon - in the afternoon went up to Hendrefoilan

28 Whit Monday

Sketty Hall

Rainy in the morning - very fine in the afternoon - hot -

Remained at home writing letters & c & c till about 3 P.M when I went up to Hendrefoilan -

29 Whit Tuesday

Fine - Wind N.E. rather cold -

Went to the Works after breakfast, out to Hendrefoilan with Richards in the afternoon -

30 Wednesday

Very cold - Wind N.E. - fine -

Met Glasbrook & Rees after breakfast at the Pottery wharves respecting some alterations in them - then with Richards up to the Works - at 3 P.M met several of the secretaries - Managers & c of the building Societies respecting the provisions of the new Friendly Societies bill - home at 6 - P.M -

31 Thursday

Sketty Hall

Wind E.N.E - dark & rainy - cold -

Wrote & c at home in the morning - in the afternoon I went up to the Works - home at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 P.M -

June 1 Friday

Cloudy but fine. Wind W.

Wrote & c at home in the morning - To Swansea in the afternoon - up to Hendrefoilan at 4-P.M. -

2 Saturday

Fine. Mild.

Busy at Hendrefoilan the greater part of the day

3 Sunday

Gloucester -

a.m. Fine - PM. overcast some rain in the evening - Wind S.E -

Went into Swansea to see E.M. Richards after breakfast - to Sketty & out in the Landau with Mrs D - in the afternoon - came up here "en route" to London in the evening by Mail train -

4 Monday

London -

Slight showers. fine on the whole

I came up from Gloucester by Express Train this morning arrived at $11\frac{1}{2}$ a.m - down to the House at 4 - to present petitions - adjourned debate on conduct of the war - again adjourned - no division - home at 1 a.m.

5 Tuesday

Fine -

Busy drawing out a rough draft of Dr Prices agreement & c - saw Reeks upon it & c - to the House at $4\frac{1}{2}$ P.M - adjourned debate - no division again - debate adjourned to Thursday - home at $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 a.m -

6 Wednesday

Hyde Park Square

Very fine - hot & bright

Wrote letters after breakfast - to the House at 1 P.M. Harry accompanied me - at 3 P.M. shewed the Houses to Bessie and our party - afterwards returned to the House with Harry - Home to tea at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 -

7 Thursday

Fine -

Wrote letters & c after breakfast - then to the City - to the Bankers & called on Phelps in Red Lion Square - to the House at $4\frac{1}{2}$ - Adjourned debate on the War - no division - debate again adjourned to tomorrow night -

8 Friday

Fine -

Remained at home till ¼ t0 4 P.M. expecting D^r Price who did not come however

- to the House at 4 Adjourned debate on the war no division Motion agreed to
- Home at 3 a.m -

9 Saturday

Hyde Park Square

Fine with the exception of heavy showers in the forenoon

a.m. engaged with Mr Richards - & then with a deputation of colliery proprietors respecting the Inspection of Mines Bill - in the afternoon I made calls & drove in the Park with Bessie & Minnie - Walked with Bessie in Kensington Gardens in the evening between 5 & 6 -

10 Sunday

Very fine -

a.m. Went to the Temple Church with Minnie & Sarah

P.M. to the Zool. Gardens with Bessie & the 3 younger children -

11 Monday

Fine -

a.m. to see Richards at the Tavistock & c

P.M - to the House - Debate on Education no division - home with a bad headache at $1\frac{1}{2}$ a.m. -

12 Tuesday

Hyde Park Square

Fine -

Busy all day - had an interview with $D^{r.}$ Price at the Athenaeum at 12 oclock & c to the House in the evening - debate on Decimal Coinage - carried the resolution in favour by a division - House counted out between 11. & 12.

13 Wednesday

Rain in the night - fine in the forenoon - showery in the afternoon - a.m. saw Dr Price here - Then with Richards to the City - Saw the Hibberts & c to the H of Commons at about 3 P.M. home to tea at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 -

14 Thursday

Unsettled -

Met D^r Price at 12 at the Athenaeum - then to the Tavistock to see Richards - at 5 PM to 28 Jermyn S^t to see Reeks - to the House at $6\frac{1}{2}$.P.M. debate on Victoria & New South Wales colony bills - home at $\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 a.m. -

15 Friday

Hyde Park Square

Heavy showers in the afternoon - Wind W -

a.m. Wrote & c at home - P.M went for a ride with Bessie in the Park - to the House at $4\frac{1}{2}$ PM - debate on Layards motion for administration reform - debate adjourned - home about 2 a.m.

16 Saturday

Very heavy showers in the forenoon tolerably fine in the afternoon - a.m. Wrote & c P.M. went with Bessie & Harry to Jamrocks (Redcliffe Highway) to get a bird for Minnie -

17 Sunday

a.m. dark & cold - Wind W. P.M. showery -

a.m. I remained at home writing & c

P.M. Walked with Bessie & the children in Kensington Gardens -

18 Monday

Hyde Park Square

Rainy - cold. unsettled -

Met $D^{\underline{r}}$ Price at 12 respecting our agreement - then to see $D^{\underline{r}}$ Playfair - & on to Buckingham Palace to see Col. Phipps⁷ respecting the Swansea ragged school. To the House at 4 PM - Debate on Layards motion on Administrative reform - home about 3 a.m. -

19 Tuesday

Cold - Fine -

Went with Bessie to Callipers [?] Hall near Rickmansworth to see Mr John's school for Harry - Home by the City to see Q Gibbs & C° - To the House at 6 P.M - unimportant questions - home about ½ past 11 - the House being up -

20 Wednesday

Cold - Fine -

To the House at 12. Harry came with me - home at ½ past 6 - Took Weston & Treherne (who came up with Fanny yesterday) to Albert Smiths at 8 P.M.

21 Thursday

Hyde Park Square

Fine -

Attended at the H of C. at 12 (day sitting) at 3 P.M. met Fanny & her children at the R.A. exhibition & then shewed them over the Houses of Parliament - Debate in the evening on Irish tenant right bill - home at ½ past 2 a.m. -

22 Friday

Fine -

County Prison Committee (Local) at Trafalgar Hotel at 12. Then to B^d of Health & c - to the House at $4\frac{1}{2}$ P.M - debate on Scotch Education Bill - home at 3 a.m.

23 Saturday

Overcast - misty rain for a short time about 3 P.M -

Wrote letters & c. after breakfast -to the City at $1\frac{1}{2}$ -to the Bank & c - returned at 4P.M.I then rode with Bessie in the Park - at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 - dined at Mrs Pallisers - & at 11-to a Soiree at Sir R.Muchisons - Fanny returned home by the Xpress train this evening & took Sarah with her -

24 Sunday

13 Hyde Park Square

Bright & fine -

a.m. At home writing letters & c

P.M. Walked in Kensington Gardens with Bessie & the Children -

25 Monday

Fine on the whole - Gloomy in the PM. But no rain

To the City after breakfast with silver -To the Zoological Gardens in the afternoon with Bessie Rosie & all the children -to the H. of C. at 5 - debate on S. Wales Government Bill & c -home at 2 a.m.

⁷ Probably Colonel C B Phipps, Equerry to Prince Albert.

26 Tuesday

Fine - very sultry -

At $9\frac{1}{4}$ a.m. went with Bessie to Mortimer near Reading to see Mr Harpers school (for Harry -) we returned at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2P.M.I went down to the House at 5 P.M. Debates on various subjects -home about 2 a.m.-

29 Friday

Very hot -

After breakfast wrote letters & c - then down to see Phelps & Van Voorst - to the House at ½ past 4 - debate on Limited Liabilities Bill - & afterwards on an Irish Bill respecting advisers for Lunatic Asylums -home at 3a.m.

30 Saturday

Hyde Park Square

Very fine - bright & warm but with a fresh breeze - a.m. wrote letters & c -P.M. went to Kew with Bessie Rosie & the 3 eldest children- we went & returned by rail -

July1 Sunday

Fine -

a.m. Went to the Temple Church with Bessie & Rosie -P.M we walked in Kensington Gardens & Hyde Park with the children -

2 Monday

Fine - very hot -

Went to the city with silver - after breakfast -to the house at $4\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. Debate on Scotch Education Bill - home about $2\frac{1}{2}$ a.m -

3 Tuesday

13 Hyde Park Square

Very fine - hot -

Went to the city with Bessie after breakfast about a fire grate for the dining room at Hendrefoilan - Rode in the Park with her from 4to 6 & then I went down to the House - the House was counted out between 7 & 8 & I then went home -

4 Wednesday

Fine - very hot -

Day sitting at the House of Commons - Debate on Coal Mine bill in Committee - & c - took Harry with me -home at 6 - at 7 P.M. dined with Michael Williams -

5 Thursday

Fine - hot -

Went with Bessie to the city again - called at Mintons & then went to Jeakes's an ironmongers near the British Museum - to the House of Commons in the evening - Debate on Irish Tenant Bill - home about 4 a.m -

6 Friday

13 Hyde Park Square

Fine -

Wrote letters & c after breakfast - then to Red Lion Square to see Phelps - called on Mrs Palliser, Mr Colling & c - & to the House at 4 - Debate on the Vienna conferences - home at $2\frac{1}{2}$ a m -

7 Saturday

Fine - Fresh - & pleasant -

At noon went with Bessie to Jeakes s Mintons & c about the fire place & c - At 5 P.M. we rode in the Park

8 Sunday

Fine - Very bright Sun, hot & scorching - wind fresh - E -

a.m. wrote letters & c - P M went down to the Athenaeum Club & then home - afterwards walked with Bessie Rosie & the children in Kensington Gardens

9 Monday

13 Hyde Park Square - Fine - rain at night

a.m. wrote at home & c

P.M. Met M Williams at 3 P.M. at office of $B^{\underline{d}}$ of Health & then to the House - home at $2\frac{1}{2}$ a.m - debate on Coal Mines Bill

10 Tuesday

Fine - very sultry -

a.m. to the City - to the House at 12 - debate on Nuisances removal Bill at $4 \, \text{P.M}$ - to the Athenaeum & at 6 to the House again - Debate on Administration reform - Bessie & Miss Palliser went to the Ladies Gallery - home at $2 \, \text{a.m.}$

11 Wednesday

Heavy Rain all day -

House of Commons day sitting - Church Rates abolition Bill - debate on - home at ½ 7 P.M.

12 Thursday

13. Hyde Park Square

Fine -

At the House from Noon to $\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 a.m. Debates of Nuisances removal bill - Scotch Education Bill & c

13 Friday

Fine - very hot - - lightning at night

Wrote letters after breakfast - To the City at $1\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. to see a cake of Silver & c -to the House at $\frac{1}{4}$ to 4 - Debate on Irish Tenant right bill - home about $2\frac{1}{2}$ a.m. - -

14 Saturday

Fine -

a.m. wrote & c at home -

P.M. Went with Bessie Rosie & the 3 eldest children to Kew - We returned by Water down the river -

15 Sunday

13 Hyde Park Square

Fine -

a.m. I remained at home -

P.M. We all went to Kensington Gardens -

16 Monday

Heavy & frequent showers -

At 2 P.M. I went with Harry to the city & afterwards took him to the House of Commons to hear the debate on Sir B Lyttons want of Confidence in Ministers & the explanations consequent upon Lord John Russels resignation (on acc^t of which Sir B.L. withdrew his motion -) We got home about $\frac{1}{4}$ to 12 -

17 Tuesday

Fine -

Day sitting at the House from 12 to 4 - again at 6 P.M. debate on Roebucks motion condemnatory of Ministers for the Conduct of the War - adjourned - home at $2\frac{1}{4}$ a.m.

18 Wednesday

13 Hyde Park Square

Fine -

To the House at 12 - debate on Standing orders and Irish Bill & c - home at $\frac{1}{4}$ to 7 P.M -

19 Thursday

Heavy rain all forenoon tolerably fine in the afternoon -

a.m. Wrote & c at home - P.M. to the House - debate on Roebucks motion of censure upon all Members of $L^{\underline{d}}$ Aberdeens administration - a Division For. 182 - Against 289 - Home about ½ past 3. a.m.

20 Friday

Fine

a.m. Went with Bessie to Kelsal [sic] Green Cemetery to see the Monument which I have had put up over DelaBeches grave -

P.M. I went to the Serpentine C^{os} office & c & to the House at 4 P.M. debate on the Turkish Loan - Home about $\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 a.m.

21 Saturday

Hyde Park Square

Fine -

Wrote letters after breakfast & c at 12 went out with Bessie to Red Lion Square & to see some furniture shops - In the afternoon we took all the children to the Zoological Gardens -

22 Sunday

Fine. hot.

a.m. Went to the Temple Church with Bessie and Amy -

P.M. We walked in Kensington Gardens with the children -

23 Monday

Very sultry - thick & dark - Thunder & some rain in the evening -

At the House all day - Nuisances removal bill (3^{rd} reading) at 12 oclock - Debate on Turkish Loan in the evening - Bessie & Minnie came to hear the debate in the evening - home about $11\frac{1}{2}$ P.M - I had a bad headache -

24 Tuesday

13 Hyde Park Square

Fine -

To the House at 12 - adjourned at 4 - at 6. Counted out - Home at once - -

25 Wednesday

Showery -

To the House at 12 - a day sitting - Home at 7 P.M.

26 Thursday

Heavy rain the greater part of the day -

To the House at 12 - Debate on Limited Liability Bill till 4, when House adjourned to 6 - House went then into Committee on Supply - Educational Grants & c - home about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 1 a m -

27 Friday

Sketty Hall

Showery - Wind W.

Came down here to day with Bessie by Xpress train. Miss Wells Minnie & Amy came with us to Swansea and thence went to Penllergare on a visit -

28 Saturday

Fine - Wind W. high -

Busy with Bessie at Hendrefoilan all day

29 Sunday

Very fine - bright & clear. Wind W - a heavy bank of Cloud or fog over the Channel

Went to church with Bessie in the forenoon - in the afternoon walked in the garden & c -

30 Monday

Gloucester -

a.m. overcast - P.M. rain set in about 1.P.M. & continued heavy & without ceasing for the rest of the day -

After breakfast I went with Bessie into Swansea - respecting furniture & c - we afterwards went down to the Mumbles to take lodgings for the children - returned to Sketty at 3.P.M. We came up here by Mail train en route for London -

31 Tuesday

London

Rainy in the morning (not heavy) tolerably fine in the evening

We came up here from Gloster in the morning - I went to the City in the afternoon - to the House at $6 \, \frac{P.M}{4}$ home at $3 \, \frac{1}{4}$ a.m -

August 1 Wednesday

Fine -

To the House at 12 - home at ½ past 6 P.M.

2 Thursday

13. Hyde Park Square

Fine - except a heavy storm or two in the afternoon -

To the city after breakfast with Silver - to the House at 1 2 - from 4 to 6 - called on H. Gurney⁸ - walked about & c at 6 to the House again - home at 3 a.m. -

3 Friday

Fine

To the city in the day - to the House at at [sic] 6 - debate on Vienna Conferences - home at about $2\frac{1}{2}$ am -

4 Saturday

Fine with the exception of one or two showers.

Out with Bessie to Furniture shops & c

5 Sunday

13. Hyde Park Square

Fine -

a.m. at home -

PM - walked in Kensington Gardens with Bessie Rosie & Harry -

6 Monday

Showery - but fine on the whole -

To the House at 12 - adjourned from 4 to 6 - & again resumed - home at 4½ a.m. -

7 Tuesday

Very showery & unsettled - heavy rain nearly all the evening - In the day went with Bessie buying Furniture & c - to the House at 6 - home about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 -

8 Wednesday

13 Hyde Park Square

Rainy

House of Commons - day sitting - home at 7 P-M -

9 Thursday

Fine -

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⁸ Burke's Landed Gentry is dedicated "to Hudson Gurney Esq, of Keswick, in the county of Norfolk, Vice-President of the Society of Antiquaries. This Work is respectfully dedicated." b. 19 January 1775. Married Margaret Barclay. Gurney was MP for Shaftesbury 1812 and Newtown, Hants 1816 and six successive parliaments. Information from Burke's Landed Gentry 1846

Went to various furniture shops & c with Bessie in the day - at 6 to the House of Commons - home at about $\frac{1}{4}$ 12 -

10 Friday

Very fine -

Went out with Harry in the day - in the afternoon to the House of Commons - home about $6\frac{1}{2}$ P.M.

11 Saturday

Hyde Park Square

Fine -

To the House at 1 - to make a House - home at 4 P.M. & went out with Bessie & Harry to Regents $S^{\underline{t}}$ Wardour St & c -

12 Sunday

Fine -

To Church with Bessie, Rosie & Harry after breakfast - In the afternoon we were busy packing & c -

13 Monday

1W [?] Pall Mall

Very fine -

Bessie Rosie Harry & Essie all went down to day by the Xpress train - I am obliged to remain for a day to receive some Silver & came down to a lodging here for a night - I went into the city & c

14 Tuesday

Swansea

Very fine -

Went down to the City with silver after breakfast - then settled a few remaining bills & c - left London by the 4.50 P.M. Express train & arrived here at $11\frac{1}{2}$ - P.M - as it is late to go out to Sketty I take a bed at the Castle Hotel -

15 Wednesday

Sketty Hall

Very fine -

I came out here to breakfast & then went down to the Mumbles with Bessie to see the children - We then went into Swansea where I arranged with the Mayor as to the Races ordinary & c - in the afternoon we went up to Hendrefoilan - dined here at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 -

16 Thursday

Very fine - Sun very scorching -

Up to the Works after breakfast - to Hendrefoilan with Bessie in the afternoon - at $4\frac{1}{2}$ PM - we went to the Mumbles to see the children - We dined with the Biddulphs at Sketty Park at $7\frac{1}{2}$ P.M -

17 Friday Sketty Hall Very fine a.m. into Swansea P.M. to Hendrefoilan -

18 Saturday

Fine - Wind S. Fresh - rather high -

a.m. I wrote & c at home - Bessie took Minnie into Swansea Church to be confirmed -

P.M. I went up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie -

19 Sunday

Rainy -

a.m. went to church with Bessie & Rosie -

P.M. walked ion the garden with Bessie -

20 Monday

Sketty Hall

Showery but tolerably fine on the whole -

Attended a Harbour Committee at 12 - then up to the Works - home about 4.P.M.

21 Tuesday

Fine -

Attended Bazaar for Ragged school at Burrows Lodge - I dined with the Biddulphs at Sketty Park in the evening

22 Wednesday

Fine - Wind W.

I went to the Races (of which I am one of the Stewards) at $12\frac{1}{2}$ oclock - I was however summoned back here about $4\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. by Mary as my Father was very ill - When I got here I found he had rallied & I did not think it necessary to send for John -

23 Thursday

Sketty Hall

Wind S.E - overcast - fine -

Father continues something better - After breakfast I drove over to Penllergare with Bessie in the gig - We returned by 2 P.M. & went up to Hendrefoilan

24 Friday

Fine on the whole

Up to Hendrefoilan the greater part of the day -

25 Saturday

Showery - fine in the intervals - bright & clear - Wind W. a.m. down to the Mumbles with Bessie to see the children

P.M. We went up to Hendrefoilan - I went over to Penllergare to dinner to meet Lord Lansdowne⁹ - home about 11 P.M. -

26 Sunday

Sketty Hall -

Rather Showery early in the morning Very fine the rest of the day a m. we went to church - P.M. went to the Mumbles & took the children to Langland Bay

27 Monday

Heavy rain all the forenoon - overcast & threatening in the afternoon but no rain to speak of -

Up to the works & c

28 Tuesday

Fine -

To Swansea in the morning - attended a Harbour Committee meeting - wrote letters & c in the afternoon -

29 Wednesday

Sketty Hall

Fine -

Up to the works after breakfast back here at $2\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. & over to Sketty Park sale & on to Hendrefoilan - Home to dinner at $6\frac{1}{2}$ P.M -

30 Thursday

Very fine - A clear fine Harvest day

Attended a Harbour Committee meeting at 10 a.m. Up to Hendrefoilan in the afternoon -

31 Friday

Very fine -

I was all day in attendance upon my Father - He was taken much more unwell yesterday evening & was very ill in the night - this morning it became evident to me that his end was approaching and at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 he expired -

My Mother my 2 sisters D^{<u>r</u>} Howell, the Nurse & myself were with him - He suffered little or no pain all day and died without a struggle -

September 1 Saturday

Sketty Hall

Very fine -

At home all day - writing letters & c & c - John came here at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3. He returned to Penllergare at night -

⁹ The youngest sister of Lady Mary Cole, (Emma Llewelyn's mother), Louisa Emma, was married to the 3rd Marquess of Lansdowne of Bowood Park, Calne, Wilts.

2 Sunday

Very fine -

At home all day - John came over in the afternoon with Johnny - I had a bad headache -

3 Monday

Very fine -

At home all day -

4 Tuesday

Sketty Hall

Very fine -

At home all day -

5 Wednesday

Very fine - Dark Thunder looking clouds in the afternoon -

At home all day

6 Thursday

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

My Fathers funeral took place at Penllergare Church today - it was strictly private & only attended by our family - D^I Howell & the clergymen - Mr Welby performed the service - After it was over I returned here with Bessie & Harry -

7 Friday

Sketty Hall

Very fine -

At 11 a.m. LWDs will was opened in the presence of J.D. Llewelyn M.Moggridge and myself by Mr J Trev^r Jenkin - In the afternoon I went up to Hendrefoilan with Harry. We met Bessie & Rosie there - back here to dinner at ½ past 6 p.m.

8 Saturday

Very fine -

Into Swansea at 11 a.m, & then up to the Works - home about 51/4 P.M -

9 Sunday

Very fine - Sun hot & scorching - Wind N.

After breakfast I went over with Bessie & Harry to Penllergare Church where Mr Welby preached a Funeral sermon - We afterwards lunched at Penllergare & then returned here - about ½ past 3 - I walked down to the Mumbles to see the Children -

10 Monday

Sketty Hall

Fine -

Attended Harbour Committee & Harbour meeting - out to Hendrefoilan at $3\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. Minnie, Amy, Baby & Miss Wells went there today to stay -

11 Tuesday

Fine -

Went into Swansea with Bessie after breakfast - to Hendrefoilan at 2 P.M - home here to dinner - -

12 Wednesday

Fog early in the morning - Fine in the day Rain at night from West - Into Swansea after breakfast - home in the afternoon - busy arranging papers writing letters $\&\ c$

13 Thursday

Hendrefoilan

Rainy on & off all day - fine in the evening -

Harbour Comm. meeting at 11 a.m. Dock Directors meeting at 3 P.M. to Sketty to dinner at ½ past 6 - Came up here with Bessie for the first time to stay, at ½ past 9 - Harry remains at Sketty till Saturday -

14 Friday

Overcast but fine on the whole

a.m. busy unpacking arranging rooms & c

P.M. Went down to Sketty with Minnie and Amy - Home to dine at ½ past 6 -

15 Saturday

Overcast and gloomy in the morning - fine in the afternoon and evening - Into Swansea after breakfast and up to the Works - to Sketty in the afternoon where I met Bessie & the Children - home to dinner at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 -

16 Sunday

Hendrefoilan

Mild misty rain the greater part of the day - Wind S.W.

Went with Minnie to Church after breakfast & afterwards we went to Sketty - Minnie remained there and about 3½ P.M. I returned here -

17 Monday

Rain the greater part of the day - Wind N in the morning - SW in the afternoon - Up to the works after breakfast - to Sketty at 2 P.M & home about 4 -

18 Tuesday

Fine -

Breakfasted at Sketty and afterwards went round the House with Glazer [?] who took the Inventory preparatory to proving LWDs Will - I returned home to dinner

19 Wednesday

Hendrefoilan

Fine -

a.m. Laid out the Terrace borders with Bessie. P.M. We dined early and then went to Sketty with all the children & spent the afternoon there, at [sic] it is Essys [sic] Birthday - We returned here about 8 P.M. -

20 Thursday

Showery all day - Wind W -

Went into a Harbour Com. Meeting at 11 a.m. then to Jenkins office - Home & called at Sketty in the way

21 Friday

Showery

Went down to Sketty about 1 PM for an hour & the rest of the day was busy in laying out the Terrace & c

22 Saturday

Hendrefoilan

Very fine. Wind N.E. clear & bright. Hot -

Busy all day making out the borders of the Terrace - Penrice called here about the middle of the day

23 Sunday

Very fine - Sun very hot

We all went to Church in the morning & afterwards Bessie and I went down to Sketty & spent the afternoon there - We returned here about 5 P.M. -

24 Monday

Dark East Wind, fine -

Into Swansea after breakfast - home about 4½ P.M. calling at Sketty in he way

25 Tuesday

London

Fine - Wind E. high

I came up here by Xpress train - arrived at 6. dined at the Club with R Browne & afterwards went to his house & spent the evening with him -

26 Wednesday

Fine - cold in the morning & evening

I had a headache - Went to see Sir G. Grey respecting the appointment of Borough Magistrates -

27 Thursday

Hendrefoilan

Fine

Wrote letters - & executed some commissions. Left London at 10 minutes to 5 P.M - & returned by evening express - I got here about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 12 a.m.

28 Friday

Hendrefoilan

Heavy & frequent rain - except from 9 a m to 3 P.M. during which time it was tolerably fine -

Rode up to the Works in the morning - to Sketty about 1 P.M. & home at 2 P.M.

29 Saturday

Tolerably fine - occasional rain - heavy for about an hour at 5 P.M -gloomy all day - wind E -

Busy about the grounds all day -

30 Sunday

Heavy rain all day - Wind S.S.W.

We remained at home on acct of the weather -

October 1 Monday

Hendrefoilan

Fine in the morning - Rain set in between 4 & 5 P.M.

Up to the Works after breakfast - to Sketty about 3 P.M. home about 5 P.M.

2 Tuesday

Very fine -

Harbour Committee at $10\frac{1}{2}$ a m at 1 P.M. Attended the annual meeting of the Subset to the Deaf & Dumb Asylum & afterwards proceeded to be present at the ceremony of laying the first stone - The Bishop of St Davids officiated - Home about 4 P.M.

3 Wednesday

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

After breakfast wrote & c - Went down to Sketty about $11\frac{1}{2}$ a m. returned at 2 P.M - Gardened & c in the afternoon -

4 Thursday

Hendrefoilan

Heavy & frequent Showers -

Harbour Comm. at 11 a.m -

Dock office at 3 P.M -

5 Friday

Wind high - Showery in the morning fine the rest of the day Breakfasted at Kilvrough & went out shooting with Penrice

6 Saturday

Heavy & frequent showers -

Up to the works after breakfast - to Sketty in my way home in the afternoon - before dinner I again went down to Sketty with Minnie & Harry - Minnie remained there for the night - Harry & I returned here -

7 Sunday

Hendrefoilan

Fine on the whole. Some showers -

We went to Church in the am - Bessie & I returned by way of Sketty

8 Monday

Fine all day - rain for an hour & a half at 8 a.m -

Attended a Harbour meeting at 12 - Home in the afternoon calling at Sketty in the way

9 Tuesday

Fine on the whole -

Went into Swansea with Bessie after breakfast & thence we went up to the Works - Home about 2 P.M. calling at Sketty in the way

10 Wednesday

Hendrefoilan

Fine -

About here all day -

11 Thursday

Wind very high at night with heavy rain from S.S.W.

Went to Bridgend to attend a meeting of the County finance meeting - returned by Express train & called at Mr Squires in my way out to prove LWDs will -

12 Friday

Wind very high - Frequent & heavy rain - Wind S.S.W. - clear at night - Went to Bridgend to attend a Quarter Sessions respecting the Lunatic Asylum - Returned about $8\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. to Swansea & came out here with Bessie who supped with me -

13 Saturday

Hendrefoilan

Fine

At home the greater part of the day - down to Sketty in the afternoon

14 Sunday

Very fine -

To Church with Bessie & the children after breakfast - after church I went to Sketty with Minnie - home about 5 P.M.

15 Monday

a.m. Very Stormy - frequent & violent rain & hail - P.M. fine -

I drove into Swansea in the gig after breakfast to attend Quarter Sessions - In the afternoon I walked out to Sketty with John & then back to Swansea - As soon as the court broke up I brought H. Thomas & R.O. Jones out with me -

16 Tuesday

Hendrefoilan -

a.m. Threatening & dark - P.M. rainy -

Up to the Works after breakfast - home about 5 P.M.

17 Wednesday

Tolerably fine - rather showery -

Went to Sketty with the children after breakfast - back by 1 P.M. and planted shrubs & c in the afternoon -

18 Thursday

Dark and Misty - occasional small rain, but fine on the whole - I went to Swansea after breakfast and attended a Harbour Committee - out to Sketty at 2 P.M. and then back home - planted &c &c till dinner time -

19 Friday

Hendrefoilan

Fine -

To the works at 12 - Dock office at 3 P.M - Home to dinner at 6½ PM.

20 Saturday

Frequent Misty rain -

Busy all day planting shrubs & c

21 Sunday

Rain all day -

To Sketty & Sketty Park in the P.M.

22 Monday

Hendrefoilan

Fog in the morning - fine the rest of the day -

To the works - The Marriots, H Thomas & Kingscote came to us this evening -

23 Tuesday

Rainy nearly all day -

To Swansea after breakfast - Harbour Comee - to Sketty at 2 P.M & then home

24 Wednesday

Tolerably fine - Wind high W -

Attended a Harbour meeting & c home about 5 P.M. The Marryats left us to day -

25 Thursday

Hendrefoilan

Rain all day. Wind W. very high -

Drove Kingscote (who left us) into the Train after breakfast - then on to the Works - home by 1 P.M. -

26 Friday

A Gale of Wind from S.W. in the night - wild all day & frequent heavy storms of rain & hail -

I drove H Thomas (who left us today) into Swansea after breakfast - I then attended at a meeting of the Dock Committee till afternoon - home between 4 & 5 P.M - called at Sketty in the way -

27 Saturday

Fine - cold - Wind in the evening N.

After breakfast went to a conference of the Dock & Harbour Committee - then up to Jenkins office - at 1 attended a sale of Minerals part of which are under Llanerah [?] & Cwn Llwyd - home at $3\frac{1}{2}$ - & walked with Bessie about here

28 Sunday

Hendrefoilan

Fine -

To Church with Bessie and the children after breakfast - afterwards I went to Sketty Hall and home about 5 PM calling at Sketty Park in the way

29 Monday

Fine - cold - Wind NE

Harbour meeting at 10½ a m. home in the afternoon & c

30 Tuesday

Cold - frequent rain from N.E.

Planting & c in the day - In the evening went with Bessie Rosie & Amy to a concert in aid of the Deaf & Dumb institution -

31 Wednesday

Hendrefoilan

Wind N.E - high - Dark & cold -

I had a headache and stayed at home all day -

November 1 Thursday

Fine. wind N.E - Cold -

Up to the Works after breakfast - called at Sketty in my way home - home about $3\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. Miss Stone (a new Governess) came to us this evening -

2 Friday

Fine. frost in the night. Wind N.E. cold - I went out Shooting towards Loughor & c

3 Saturday

Hendrefoilan

Fine - cold - there was some rain about 7 a.m.

I was busy about the place all day -

4 Sunday

Sharp frost in the night - very fine but cold all day =

To church after breakfast - afterwards to Sketty with Bessie and Minnie - We called at Bryn Rhydyrhelig & Sketty Hall in our way home

5 Monday

Misty rain - occasional -

To the Works - called at Sketty in my way home -

6 Tuesday

Hendrefoilan

Dark & unsettled - showers & c Wind W. high - Drove over to Penllergare with Bessie ands Harry - home about 3½ P.M -

7 Wednesday

a.m. Dark overcast & threatening - P.M. Rain from S.E. Wind S.S.E. very high - Wrote letters & c after breakfast & then to Sketty Hall with Harry - home in the afternoon - planted & C.

8 Thursday

Showery & unsettled -

To the works about noon - at 3 PM attended a Dock Directors meeting - home at $5\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. We dined at Derwen fawr -

9 Friday

Hendrefoilan

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

Went into Swansea with Bessie - I attended the Town Council meeting at the election of Mayor - E.M. Richards was elected without opposition - home in the afternoon -

10 Saturday

Showery in the morning - fine in the afternoon - At home wrote letters & c & c - to Sketty in the afternoon -

11 Sunday

Fine -

To Church after breakfast - afterwards to Sketty with Bessie & Amy - home between 4 & 5 PM -

12 Monday

Hendrefoilan

Fine - overcast -

To a Harbour meeting which occupied the greater part of the day - called at Sketty in my way home

13 Tuesday

Wind N.E. cold - overcast - dry -

Up to the works - home at 6. We had a dinner party

14 Wednesday

Wind E. Cold - dry -

Planted & c about the place

15 Thursday

Hendrefoilan

Fine. Wind E. cold. dark -

Went into Swansea after breakfast & attended meeting of Harbour Commee - to Sketty at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 1 P.M - home in the afternoon -

16 Friday

Fine. Wind E. Dark. Cold -

Went to Sketty about the middle of the day - the rest of the day I was busy about here Mary came up to make Photographs & c INSERT PHOTO

17 Saturday

Llwyn Madoc

Fine. Wind N.E -cold - overcast some drizzling rain fell about 4 P.M.

Bessie & I came here to day we left home about ½ past 5 P.M. The Henry Bruces & Mr Fowler are staying here

18 Sunday

Llwyn Madoc

Dark and cold - Wind N.E - dry -

Walked with Bessie in the afternoon

19 Monday

Dark - Cold - Wind N.E. dry

Went out shooting with H Bruce and Fowler to Llwynfarwen -

20 Tuesday

Dark cold - Rainy

Out shooting with Bruce & H Thomas

21 Wednesday

Fine Wind N.E.

Out shooting with Bruce & Fowler

22 Thursday

Fine - Wind N E

Out shooting with Bruce & Fowler at the Killay

23 Friday

Fine. Wind N.E.

Out shooting with Bruce & Fowler at Dolygran & c

24 Saturday

Hendrefoilan

Fine - Wind N E

We came home today - Mr Colling came to us this evening

25 Sunday

Fine - Frost in the night - Cold all day - Wind N.E.

Busy all day writing letters & c - and with Mr Colling - I went down to Sketty about 2 P.M. Mr Colling left us this evening -

26 Monday

Very fine - cold - wind N.E. frost in the night -

In to Swansea after breakfast & then up to the works - to Sketty in my way home

27 Tuesday

Hendrefoilan

Fine - Wind N.E - cold

Busy planting all day -

28 Wednesday

Fine. Wind N.E -

Went out shooting at Kilvrough with Penrice & I. Thomas -

29 Thursday

Fine. Gloomy. Wind E -

In to Swansea - Called at Sketty in my way home dined at Glanmor

30 Friday

Hendrefoilan

Fine - Wind N.W - rather dark -

At home all day planting writing letters & c -

December 1 Saturday

Fine -

Into Swansea after breakfast and the up to the Works - called at Sketty in the afternoon & home to dinner

2 Sunday

Fine - Rain last night -

To Church after breakfast - home to dinner at $1\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. down to Sketty with Harry in the afternoon -

3 Monday

Hendrefoilan

Fine. frost in the night - rain set in this evening about 8 or 9 oclock -

Busy at home planting &c &c all day - In the evening I went down to Sketty and gave an opening address to the people there upon the opening of a reading room

4 Tuesday

Rheola

Rain in the morning - Fine in the afternoon -

Into Swansea after breakfast & then to the Works. at ½ past 1.P.M - I came up here by train with Bessie & Rosie -

5 Wednesday

Fine - Except a very heavy hail Storm in the afternoon - Went out shooting with Vaughan & Pendarvis Vivian -

6 Thursday

Rheola

Unsettled in the morning but bright & fine on the whole snow & sleet in the afternoon for a couple of hours - Frost & Snow last night - the hills all covered with snow -

Went out Shooting with Vaughan Penrice & P. Vivian -

7 Friday

Hendrefoilan

Cold. Clear & fine - there was a heavy snow storm here in the forenoon - We came home this afternoon - I called at Sketty in my way home -

8 Saturday

Sharp frost in the night. cold all day - fine Wind N. The Snow lies thick on the ground - Frost again at night -

Into Swansea - busy there - called at Sketty in the way in & out -

9 Sunday

Hendrefoilan

Fine - Sharp frost in the night. Wind N - The Snow has hardly thawed at all - At home in the morning - to Sketty in the afternoon with Minnie & Harry -

10 Monday

Sharp frost in the night - cold all day Wind N.E. fine -

Attended a General meeting of the Dock Shareholders - Bessie & I dined at Parkwern -

11 Tuesday

<u>London</u>

Frost at night - Snow & sleet in the day -

Bessie and I came up by Express train to day -

12 Wednesday

London

Fine - (for London) cold - dark

Busy executing various commissions & c

13 Thursday

Very cold - thick atmosphere - but fine -

Busy about various commissions & c - Mr Colling dined with us -

14 Friday

Thaw - Heavy rain in the afternoon -

Commissions after breakfast - at 12 with Bessie to Jenkins & Phelps & thence on with the latter we went to the city to appear before the Lord Mayor respecting a deed - afterwards I went to various Bankers & c on business & Bessie with me - on our way home we saw the Crimean exhibition of Photographs -

15 Saturday

Hendrefoilan

Fine - mild -

We left London by Xpress train this morning and came home - arrived between 5 & 6 - PM.

16 Sunday

Thick & dark - Misty rain in the evening -

Went to Church with the 3 Children in the morning - afterwards we went to Sketty - home between 3 & 4 P.M.

17 Monday

Fine - dark & Gloomy -

Harbour Meeting at 12 - to the Works afterwards

18 Tuesday

Hendrefoilan

Cold - Wind E. high - dark - dry -

To a Dock Directors at 10 - & afterwards to the Works - called at Sketty on my way home

19 Wednesday

Very cold - Wind very high & keen. E - freezing sharply all day -

Went over to Penllergare with Harry in the Dog Cart about $11\frac{1}{2}$ a.m. We shot our way home

20 Thursday

Very Sharp frost all day - Wind E very high & keen -

Savings Bank annual meeting at 12 - to the Works in the afternoon 0 JDL accompanied me & I then walked part of the way with him on his way home - I Returned over the Cockitt & called at Sketty on my way home -

21 Friday

Hendrefoilan

Very cold - frost all day - Wind E. high -

To the quarterly meeting of magistrates at the House of Correction at 1 P.M. then out to Sketty. Home to dinner -

22 Saturday

Very cold - Wind has lulled - appearance of change -

I went out shooting with Penrice -

23 Sunday

Thaw & rain in the night - Wind S.W - mils all day. Spongy clouds with intervals of clear sky -

To Church in the morning with Bessie and the children - after church to Sketty with Bessie - home about $3\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. & took a walk with Minnie -

24 Monday

Hendrefoilan

Occasional showers but fine on the whole. Wind high W -

Into Swansea & up to the Works -

25 Tuesday

a.m. Rainy - P.M. dark & unsettled -

a.m. remained at home on acc^t of the weather - P.M. went down to Sketty with Minny [sic] Amy & Harry

26 Wednesday

Rainy - dark - unsettled -

Up to the Works after breakfast home in the afternoon calling at Sketty in the way -

27 Thursday

Hendrefoilan

Rain all day

Attended the Police court for E M Richards who went to Town yesterday - - To the works in the afternoon -

28 Friday

Gloomy & unsettled -

At home in the morning writing & c to Sketty in the afternoon - I dined at $S^{\mathtt{L}}$ Helens -

29 Saturday

a.m. Fine - P.M. Rain - Wind S.S.W.

Went with Amy to the works after breakfast - returned at $1\frac{1}{2}$ P.M - at home in the afternoon on acc^t of the weather -

30 Sunday

Hendrefoilan

Fine -

a.m. to Church with Bessie Rosie & Harry - afterwards I went to Sketty - Home about $3\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. -

31 Monday

Fine - cold & Wind E - Gloomy -

To Penllergare with Bessie in the morning - home about 2 P.M - about here in the afternoon -

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