

## The Dillwyn Collection

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

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<b>JANUARY 1840</b>
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- Wednesday 1            Walked to Swansea to attend a Meeting of the Corporation & of the Paving & Lighting Commissioners, & afterwards met the officers of the 45<sup>th</sup> about filling up the new Barracks- M<sup>rs</sup> D took me home in the Carriage –
- Thursday 2            Walked in the afternoon to call on Capt Hickey, M<sup>rs</sup> Tennant & T E Thomas.
- Friday 3                Drove after breakfast with M<sup>rs</sup> D. & with John attended a Petty Sessions at Langafelach- Afterwards John & I went to the Funeral of our worthy old neighbour Hopkin Bevan of Kilfrennor, & he was buried in the centre of his Meeting House of which he had been Minister from its origin - Mrs D & I returned to Dinner.
- Saturday 4            M<sup>rs</sup> D who drove with Post Horses to call at Dyffryn set me down at Swansea & brought me home on her return in the afternoon- Lewis & Bessie both unwell with colds. I dined at Singleton.
- Sunday 5                Lewis had a bad sore throat & only the two Mary's went to Church -
- Monday 6              Walked to Swansea & attended a Turnpike & Harbor Meeting after which I returned home with M<sup>rs</sup> D.- DelaBeche dined & slept here -
- Tuesday 7             The following party dined with us- M<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup> & Miss Harry & Graham Vivian, & M<sup>r</sup> John Vivian - Capt & M<sup>rs</sup> Butler & Ensign Gordon of the 45<sup>th</sup> Capt & Edw<sup>d</sup> Hickey & M<sup>r</sup> DelaBeche- The latter went late to sleep at Burrows Lodge, in readiness for a start by the Mail tomorrow -
- Wednesday 8         Walked with Lewis after breakfast to a Town Council, & M<sup>rs</sup> D. brought me home in the Phaeton -
- Thursday 9            Walked to attend a Building Committee of the new Rooms & about half way back the Carriage met me & brought me -- The two Marys Lewis Bessie & I went to Vivians Ball.
- Friday 10              M<sup>rs</sup> D & M<sup>rs</sup> L D. returned about one from Vivians Ball & it was near 4 when the others got back- Lewis & I walked in to attend a Town Council at 11, & M<sup>rs</sup> D brought me home in the Phaeton.

- Saturday 11 Lewis walked to Penllergare, & M<sup>rs</sup> D. & I followed him in the Phaeton as the 3 younger Children have had a mild sort of Croup & Theresa the Scarlet Fever which for several weeks has been very prevalent hereabouts. We all returned to Dinner -
- Sunday 12 This is my dear Johns Birth day, & on Acct of the illness of the Children M<sup>rs</sup> & Miss D & Lewis went early to Penllergare- While there they heard that Fanny's Boy was last night seized with a violent inflammatory Croup, & immediately drove to Swansea, from whence, as the alarming symptoms had abated they returned home to Dinner.
- Monday 13 Little Moggridge so ill from the Croup in its most alarming Form that his Life was all day dispaired [*sic*] off, [*sic*] & from one Fit he was restored by cutting the Jugular Vein- M<sup>rs</sup> & Miss D. spent the day & slept at Swansea- M<sup>rs</sup> G Jenner arrived in the afternoon on a Visit to us, & M<sup>r</sup> Logan, Starling & Florence Benson, D<sup>r</sup> Lucas & J<sup>o</sup> Jeffreys dined here -
- Tuesday 14 My Grandson better, & M<sup>rs</sup> D. returned home in the morning, & later in the Evening Miss D. followed her- The Accounts brought by John from Penllergare are highly satisfactory -
- Wednesday 15 Walked to Swansea, & M<sup>rs</sup> D. brought me home in the Phaeton -
- Thursday 16 M<sup>rs</sup> D & M<sup>rs</sup> G Jenner drove to Swansea & brought back the good news that D<sup>r</sup> Bird now considers little Moggridge to be out of danger -
- Friday 17 I took some Calomel & remained at home- Miss Mary went to a Bell at Sketty Park in the Evening -
- Saturday 18 Weather very bad, & I far from well- Lewis Bessie & their Baby returned to Burrows Lodge -
- Sunday 19 It rained in Torrents all the morning- M<sup>rs</sup> D. drove in the close Carriage to spend the time with Fanny & M<sup>rs</sup> Jenner & Miss Mary went to Church- I read the Evening Service to the Family.
- Monday 20 M<sup>rs</sup> Jenner left us on her way home- I walked to Swansea & M<sup>rs</sup> D. brought me home in the Phaeton -
- Tuesday 21 A tremendous Storm of Wind all day, but as the Accounts we had received from there were far from satisfactory my 2 Marys drove through it to Penllergare, & returned to Dinner -
- Wednesday 22 Sent for to Swansea in the afternoon by Col Jones & the Rev<sup>d</sup> Sam. Davis who were frightened out of their wits by the non Arrival either of the Mail or Coach which ought to have arrived yesterday Ev<sup>ng</sup> & they supposed that the detention must have arisen from some Chartist outbreak- It seemed [?] obviously more for the violence of the Storms,

but to please them I dined at Burrows Lodge & did not return home till the Mail arrived about 8 in the Evening.

- Thursday 23 In consequence of Emma's being far from well, Miss Mary went yesterday to Penllergare & my old Lady & I are by ourselves at home- Weather very stormy & bad.
- Friday 24 M<sup>rs</sup> D. & I being quite deserted had fixed on going for a couple of days to Penllergare - but the Weather was so unusually rainy & tempestuous that we did not leave home -
- Saturday 25 Walked to Swansea, & from there accompanied M<sup>rs</sup> D in the Carriage to spend a couple of days at Penllergare -
- Sunday 26 Weather very stormy & wet- Emma was too unwell to go out, but John, M<sup>rs</sup> & Miss D & I attended Service at the new Chapel by GorsEynon.<sup>1</sup>
- Monday 27 Weather very bad but in the afternoon we walked to the new Lake, & John gave M<sup>rs</sup> D a row on it -
- Tuesday 28 Leaving Miss Mary at Penllergare, M<sup>rs</sup> D & I returned through Swansea home -
- Wednesday 29 Weather continues bad & I remained about home -
- Thursday 30 Walked to Swansea & attended a Committee of the Royal Institution- Returned home to Drive with M<sup>rs</sup> D in the Carriage -
- Friday 31 Remained at home -

## FEBRUARY

- Saturday 1 Weather continues very wet & stormy- Remained at home- Seized in the Evening with a severe sciatic pain in my Thigh -
- Sunday 2 Some strong medicine kept me all day in the House & M<sup>rs</sup> D. went alone to Church at Swansea- I read the Evening Service to the Family -
- Monday 3 Drove to Swansea & attended a Harbor Meeting which lasted till 5- Miss Mary had come in from Penllergare & returned home with me to Dinner -
- Tuesday 4 The whole Penllergare Family arrived on a Visit to us.

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<sup>1</sup> John's new Chapel of Ease, now Penllergaer Church.

Wednesday 5 Drove to a Meeting of the Paving & Lighting Commissioners at Swansea -

Thursday 6 Remained at or about home -

Friday 7 Drove with John to a Petty Sessions at Langafelach & round by Penllergare home -

Saturday 8 Drove to Swansea & took the Chair of a public Meeting to consider of the best mode for doing honor to the Queens Marriage on Monday.

Sunday 9 Not half well- John & Emma & my 2 Mary's went to Church -

Monday 10 Not half well, but went after breakfasting at ½ past 8 to attend the Funeral of M<sup>rs</sup> Calvert Jones where I caught a bad cold- I was too unwell to attend as Mayor the public Dinner in honor of the Queens Marriage -

Tuesday 11 Face swelled & very unwell- John & Emma & the Youngsters returned to Penllergare

Wednesday 12 Some Laudanum which I yesterday put in my Ear gave me a dreadful Head ache & I felt thoroughly ill all day -

Thursday 13 Very unwell & in the afternoon sent for D<sup>r</sup> Bird -

Friday 14 Continued very ill towards Evening when I became rather better -

Saturday 15 Much better all day -

Sunday 16 Had a bad night & less well today- The two Mary's went to Church- I read the Evening Service to the Family- The Shore all the way from Swansea to the Mumbles is nearly covered by Myriads of the Medusa Vellila.

Monday 17 I am better, but not yet well enough to venture out- John & Lewis came to bid good by [*sic*] - intending to start for London tomorrow- The Moggridges came to us on a Visit- Miss Mary went to stop at Penllergare during John's absence

Tuesday 18 John & Lewis started by Mail for London- I am better & ventured out for 10 minutes- Cold weather seems to have set in at last -

Wednesday 19 Drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D. to Burrows Lodge & back- Weather very cold -

Thursday 20 M<sup>rs</sup> D. drove to Penllergare & I did not venture out.

Friday 21 Drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D. in the afternoon & for the first time since my illness walked about as usual.

Saturday 22 Drove in the afternoon for a couple of Hours to Swansea

Sunday 23 Weather bitter Cold & Winter at last appears to have set in- Only M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Moggridge went to Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family -

Monday 24 M<sup>rs</sup> D. drove to Penllergare & brought back Miss Mary who remained here an hour or two & then returned to Swansea

Tuesday 25 Drove in the afternoon to Swansea, & sent Bessie back in the Carriage- I returned on foot & by S<sup>t</sup> Helens met M<sup>rs</sup> D. who thus far had accompanied Bessie in her walk home -

Wednesday 26 Remained at home

Thursday 27 Drove in the afternoon with M<sup>rs</sup> D & spent 1¼ hours at Penllergare -

Friday 28 Drove to Swansea on Business as Mayor accompanied by M<sup>rs</sup> D. & at Swansea we met Miss Mary who on acc<sup>t</sup> of John's expected return from London had come in from Penllergare & she walked with me back to Sketty- M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Moggridge left us.

Saturday 29 Walked to Swansea after Breakfast & attended a Building Committee of the Institution- Fan who had left her Boy behind yesterday took him away this afternoon. Lewis had returned from London last Evening, & walked over with Bessie to see my dear Mary who has a swelled Face. I came home in the Phaeton to Dinner -

<b>MARCH</b>
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Sunday 1 My dear Mary remained in bed all day, & I did not leave the House- Miss Mary walked to Church -

Monday 2 After an early Breakfast, drove to hold Elections for Auditors & Assessors & at 12 attended a Harbor meeting- At 3 dined with the High Sheriff & accompanied him to meet my old Friend Maule the Judge- Talbot returned with me to dine & sleep at Sketty.

Tuesday 3 Drove with Talbot to Swansea where he is Foreman of the Grand Jury & as I had got my name taken from the List I walked home, & left the Carriage to bring Talbot to Sketty in the Evening -

Wednesday 4 My dear Mary better & came down Stairs- M<sup>E</sup> Talbot returned to Margam- I drove for a couple of hours to Swansea -

Thursday 5 Walked to Swansea & returned in my Carriage- Sir John, Lady & Miss B. Morris, M<sup>E</sup> M. Williams of Cornwall - the Sheriff - M<sup>E</sup> M. Williams of Swansea his Cousin, Rob<sup>L</sup> Savors & Major Penrice dined with us.

Friday 6 I walked to Sketty & the Carriage brought me home- Dined with a large party at Singleton -

Saturday 7 Walked to Swansea to attend a Meeting of the Institution Building Committee & the Carriage brought me home- M<sup>ES</sup> D. much unwell- My old Friend Maule, the Judge, & his Marshall M<sup>E</sup> Webster came to dine & sleep here- Vivian & M<sup>E</sup> Socket also dined here -

Sunday 8 My dear Mary still too unwell to go out- Miss Mary & M<sup>E</sup> Webster walked to Church, & I took a walk with Maule to Singleton- Maule & his Marshall left us soon after 3 to call at Penllergare & go on to Carmarthen-

Monday 9 My dear Mary took a drive in the close Carriage about 1½ Miles on the Road & I walked from there to attend a Harbor Meeting at Swansea- Walked half way back with John & Emma & got home in their Phaeton.

Tuesday 10 Miss Mary walked with Lewis to Swansea & in the afternoon I went more than halfway to meet her & we walked back together -

Wednesday 11 M<sup>ES</sup> D. took me part of the way & I walked in to a Paving & Lighting Meeting, & the Carriage met me on my return- M<sup>E</sup> Hooper the Duke of Beaufort's Factotum & M<sup>E</sup> T Thomas his Steward dined with us.

Thursday 12 Remained at home -

Friday 13 Walked to attend a Town Council at 11, & returned with M<sup>ES</sup> & Miss D in the close Carriage -

Saturday 14 Through having my Hair Cut yesterday I had some symptoms of a return of the Face & Ear ache & did not quit the Fireside -

Sunday 15 From the same cause as yesterday I remained at home- M<sup>ES</sup> & Miss D. went to Church -

Monday 16 Obligated to attend a Corporation Committee at 3 - & drove to Swansea in the afternoon -

Tuesday 17 The morning being unusually delightfull [*sic*] I walked & breakfast at 8 with Lewis, & spent some hours in examining the old Corporation records- Walked back to Dinner -

- Wednesday 18 Drove to attend a Corporation Committee at 12 - & again drove to dine at Glanmore & walked back -
- Thursday 19 My dear Mary has some return of the Swelled Face & I did not leave home -
- Friday 20 Drove in the afternoon & after dining at Burrows Lodge returned home in the Evening -
- Saturday 21 My dear Mary still unwell & I did not leave home.
- Sunday 22 Being very cold I did not stir out & only Miss Mary went to Church- I read the Evening Service to the Family -
- Monday 23 Drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D. to Swansea & attended a Harbor Meeting -
- Tuesday 24 Walked in the afternoon to Swansea & M<sup>rs</sup> D. brought me home in the Carriage -
- Wednesday 25 Drove to Town in the Evening, & slept at Burrows Lodge -
- Thursday 26 Started by the Mail soon after 6, & stopt at ½ past 11 & spent the Day at Coedriglan -
- Friday 27 Spent the day at Coedriglan with my Friends the Traherne [*sic*] -
- Saturday 28 M<sup>r</sup> Traherne drove me to Cardiff in the morning - took a row over Lord Butes new Dock, & at 2 embarked in a Bristol Steamer- From there went on to Bath & took a Hot Bath- Slept at the York House -
- Sunday 29 Went in a York House coach & reached London a little before 6- Took up my Quarters at Hatchetts Hotel -
- Monday 30 Spent most of the Day at the British Museum- Dined at the Athenaeum
- Tuesday 31 Went about Corporation Business to the Treasury- Dined at Bellamy's -

<b>APRIL</b>
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- Wednesday 1 Dined at Edw<sup>d</sup> Hawkins, having spent the day chiefly in executing various Commissions.



Thursday 2 Presented Address at Buckingham Palace to Prince Albert & the Duchess of Kent- Dined at Vivians & attended a Sitting of the Royal Society, & succeeded in carrying the Election of J G Jeffreys.

Friday 3 Spent the morning at the British Museum- E Hawkins & M<sup>r</sup> Bond afterwards dined with me at Hatchetts.

Saturday 4 Spent most of the Day at the British Museum- Dined at Hudson Gurneys.

Sunday 5 Went to spend the afternoon with my Sister M<sup>rs</sup> Bevan at Tottenham -

Monday 6 Went in the morning to the Treasury on Corporation Business & spent the afternoon chiefly at the British Museum- Dined with a large party at Vivians.

Tuesday 7 M<sup>r</sup> Bond of the British Museum breakfasted with me at Hatchetts & I afterwards accompanied him to the Museum- Spent the afternoon in preparation for returning home- Dined at the Athenaeum -

Wednesday 8 Went about ½ past 9. from Hatchetts- Started by the 10 oclock Train as far as Reading on the Great Western Railway, & before 9 reached the Bush at Bristol.

Thursday 9 Went by Mail from Bristol to dine at Burrows Lodge & got home to Tea -

Friday 10 Drove to Swansea to attend a Town Council & Miss Mary accompanied me -

Saturday 11 My friend John Traherne came to spend a couple of days with us- Being much unwell I did not go out -

Sunday 12 Being much unwell I did not stir out- Traherne & the two Lady's went to Church in the morning.

Monday 13 I drove to shew Traherne some of the old Deeds in the Corporation Chest- He went to dine & sleep at Burrows Lodge preparatory for tomorrows Mail, & the Moggridges came to us -

Tuesday 14 Much troubled with a sort of Sciatica & remained at home

Wednesday 15 Remained at or about home

Thursday 16 Drove with my dear Wife & spent a couple of hours at Penllergare -

Friday 17 It being Good Friday we all went in Moggridges Carriage or our own to Swansea Church & I walked home which brought on a bad pain in my thigh -

Saturday 18 Thigh bad & I kept about home

Sunday 19 My dear Mary much unwell, & M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Moggridge & Miss Mary went to Church- I read the Evening Service to the Family.

Monday 20 The Moggridges closed their Visit to us & went to Penllergare- I drove on Corporation affairs to Swansea.

Tuesday 21 I went in the Phaeton & the two Mary's in the Chariot to pay a Visit at Margam - where we arrived soon after 5- Met the J<sup>o</sup> Trahermes there -

Wednesday 22 Went with Talbot & Traherne in my Phaeton to Tybach & from there walked to Port Talbot & examined the Foot marks of Oxen Deer & Sheep (or Goats) in the Clay 23 feet below high water mark- We also saw the remains of Hedge & the spot where a House had been found, full four feet below high Water Mark.

Thursday 23 Walked with Talbot about the Plantations.

Friday 24 Went in my Phaeton accompanied by Talbot to Aberavon & from there we walked to Port Talbot & saw a most ancient sea Wall of which to top is 6 feet below the present high Water Mark- From Aberavon I returned home & on my way dined at Burrows Lodge where I met DelaBeche who had just arrived there -

Saturday 25 Drove in the afternoon on Corporation affairs to Swansea -

Sunday 26 Went with the two Marys to Church where D<sup>r</sup> Hewson preached one of those splendid Sermons with which he occasionally favors us- I afterwards spent an hour with DelaBeche & walked home.

Monday 27 Drove to Swansea on Corporation affairs & walked back- The weather as hot as the Dry days.

Tuesday 28 Drove early to meet a Corporation Committee at 11, & at 3 a Town Council- Lewis & Co. came on a Visit to us- M<sup>r</sup> Moggridge gathered the Hawthorn in flower.

Wednesday 29 Lewis & I breakfasted at ½ past 7 & accompanied by Miss Mary we drove to Swansea- I & Lewis attended a Jury empanelled to assess some Lands required by the Water Work C<sup>o</sup> from the Corporation, & did not leave it till ½ past 5- R Mansell & M<sup>r</sup> Durrier[?] dined with us- Weather continues wonderfully fine- Lilacs, Pinks, Lillies of the Valley & most other Plants which do not usually blossom till 3 weeks later are in flower.

Thursday 30 Drove to Swansea with John, & I completed the Purchase of Tyllwyd after a bother of 2 years & a quarter since I **hasted[?]** for it- John &

Emma with my two eldest Grand Chicks came over early- Spent the day & dined with us & returned to Penllergare in the Evening -

<b>MAY</b>
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Friday 1	Drove in the afternoon on an App <sup>l</sup> to finish some arrangements about Tyllwyd & was obliged to defer it till tomorrow- Such a lovely May Day was hardly ever seen, & Miss Mary went to partake with the Children in some May Pole Diversions at Penllergare- M <sup>rs</sup> D. accompanied me to Swansea.
Saturday 2	Drove to Swansea & at last completed the purchase of Tyllwyd- R. Mansell dined & slept here -
Sunday 3	My dear Mary very unwell all day & I remained at home with her- Lewis, Bessie & Mary went to Church -
Monday 4	Drove with Bessie to Swansea & I walked home with Lewis- Attended a Harbor Meeting- My dear Mary had a large Tooth extracted by D <sup>r</sup> Bird
Tuesday 5	Remained at home & in the afternoon R.A Mansell came & dined & slept here -
Wednesday 6	Drove early to Swansea to attend a Town Council, & afterwards a Meeting of Paving Commissioners- M <sup>rs</sup> D in the afternoon drove over & brought me home -
Thursday 7	Remained at home all day- Miss [ <i>no further entry</i> ]
Friday 8	Drove to Swansea & attended a Town Council -
Saturday 7	I remained at home -
Sunday 10	After much almost constantly delightful Weather for the last two Months some very acceptable rain fell to day- The rest of our party went to Church so as to fill our Carriage -
Monday 11	Drove in the afternoon to a Meeting of our Institution Building Committee & M <sup>rs</sup> D accompanied me -
Tuesday 12	I remained, not well, at home- Lewis left us early to join his Brother, M <sup>r</sup> Moggridge & M <sup>r</sup> Gutch & spend 2 or 3 days in exploring the head of Cwm Tawe -
Wednesday 13	Drove for an hour with M <sup>rs</sup> D to Swansea in the afternoon -

Thursday 14 Much unwell with a severe pain in or about the Liver- Remained at home

Friday 15 Lewis returned from his ramble at the head of the Swansea valley- I continue much unwell, & for the sake of a drive went in the Phaeton to Swansea for 5 minutes with M<sup>rs</sup> D, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Calvert Jones, jun<sup>r</sup>, R.A Mansell - T E Thomas, Iltid & M<sup>rs</sup> Thomas & Lieut. R Thomas dined here.

Saturday 15 Much unwell & remained at or about home -

Sunday 17 Much unwell from a pain in the Liver & remained at home- The remainder of our party went to Church

Monday 18 Tho' better the pain continues & I remained about home -

Tuesday 19 Took a drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D. towards the Mumbles- My dear Lewis has this day completed his 26<sup>th</sup> Year, & we were very happy together- Between 9 & 10 at night M<sup>r</sup> Jackson Pirie arrived to inform us of the Death of my old Friend Capt Hickey at Bath -

Wednesday 20 Met my Co Executtee M<sup>r</sup> Eden &c at Parkwern immediately after breakfast, & in the afternoon drove to Swansea about poor Hickeys affairs-

Thursday 21 Engaged much as yesterday either at Parkwern or at home -

Friday 21 My dear Mary has all this Week been so much unwell that I sent for M<sup>r</sup> Bird, & he confidently foretells her recovery in a few days- I went early to Parkwern -

Saturday 23 Drove in the afternoon with my Co Executor M<sup>r</sup> Eden & had some Tea at Burrows Lodge- About ½ past 8 the Steamer with the Body of my late Friend arrived, & we followed the Hearse on which it was taken to Parkwern.

Sunday 24 My dear Mary rather better, but still attended by D<sup>r</sup> Bird- After more than two Months of unusually dry & delightful Weather it rained hard to day, & I read the Service to the Family at home- Spent the afternoon with M<sup>r</sup> Eden in search of a Codicil at Parkwern

Monday 25 As Edward Hickey had arrived last night I went immediately after breakfast to Parkwern & spent most of the day there -

Tuesday 26 Spent the morning with M<sup>r</sup> Eden at Parkwern, & drove on some Business in the afternoon to Swansea -

Wednesday 27 M<sup>r</sup> Eden & I as Executors attended Edw<sup>d</sup> Hickey as Mourners at his Fathers Funeral at S<sup>t</sup> Marys- I remained at Swansea & walked home -

Thursday 28 Engaged all morning with M<sup>r</sup> Eden at Parkwern- Edw<sup>d</sup> Hickey walked home with me -

Friday 29 The pain in my back has returned & I only took a drive with M<sup>rs</sup> D. as far as the Mumbles & back- We engaged apartments for the occasional use of M<sup>rs</sup> D. at Mumbles to begin on Monday next.

Saturday 30 Drove in the afternoon with M<sup>rs</sup> D. to Swansea, but did not put up.

Sunday 31 M<sup>rs</sup> D. remained at home & Miss D [&] I went to Church & took up Edward Hickey at Parkwern -

<b>JUNE</b>
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Monday 1 The Carriage took me to Swansea & I attended a Harbor Meeting - Walked back & Ed<sup>d</sup> Hickey dined with us.

Tuesday 2 The Carriage took me after breakfast to Swansea & I attended the annual Meeting of the Royal Institution & was reelected President- I walked back- M<sup>r</sup> Logan M<sup>r</sup> Gutch. Rawley Mansel & Ed<sup>wd</sup> Hickey dined with us.

Wednesday 3 The Carriage took me to Swansea & I attended a Paving & Lighting Meeting- Walked home by Parkwern -

Thursday 4 Remained all day at or about home. M<sup>rs</sup> D. as usual spent the afternoon at the Mumbles, & going up the Hill on a Donkey has certainly been of service to her -

Friday 5 The Carriage took me soon after breakfast to Swansea, & then returned to be in readiness for M<sup>rs</sup> D<sup>s</sup> daily expedition to the Mumbles- I walked back-

Saturday 6 Took some strong medicine which D<sup>r</sup> Bird yesterday proscribed for me, & remained at home -

Sunday 7 Not being well I did not leave home & the rest of our party went to Church -

Monday 8 Tho' not well, the Weather was so delightful that I was tempted to join a large Pic nic party to Pwll dy, & accompanied M<sup>rs</sup> D in the Phaeton as far as Bishopston from whence I walked & she rode on a Donkey -

Tuesday 9 Drove in the morning to Swansea & walked back -

Wednesday 10 Pain in my back very troublesome- Drove in the afternoon with my dear Mary, to an apartment which she has taken at the Mumbles, & were followed by the Moggridges, after which we took a stroll to Braslet [sic] Bay, & got home rather late to Dinner.

Thursday 11 Weather wet- Drove late in the afternoon to Swansea on Corporation affairs for a few minutes.

Friday 12 Drove with Moggridge to a Town Council & afterwards attended an Infirmary Meeting to elect D<sup>f</sup> Bird a Physician in the room of D<sup>f</sup> Lucas who has left Swansea- In the afternoon John arrived having left his family at Lanelay & brought his Friend M<sup>f</sup> Smith of **Landorf** on a Visit to us. Lewis & Edw<sup>d</sup> Hickey joined our party at Dinner -

Saturday 13 Walked with Miss D. to Swansea & the Carriage which had been undergoing some repairs brought us back -

Sunday 14 Being much unwell I took some strong Medicine proscribed by D<sup>f</sup> Bird & remained up- All the others of our party except Fan went to Church -

Monday 15 Again took some strong Medicine & remained about home- Smith, Moggridge & Miss Mary went with a party to Penrice- John to Penllergare & M<sup>rs</sup> D & Fan to the mumbles & we all met again at Dinner-

Tuesday 16 I drove to Swansea chiefly on some Penllergare Business, & walked home-

Wednesday 17 John & M<sup>f</sup> Smith left us & the former returned to his family at Lanelay- The Carriage took me part of the way to pass the quarterly accounts at the House of Correction & I walked back -

Thursday 18 The Carriage took me in the morning to Swansea & I walked back -

Friday 19 Drove with Moggridge to a Town Council, & I returned in the Carriage -

Saturday 20 Drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D. in the afternoon for a couple of hours to the Mumbles.

Sunday 21 We all except dear Fan went to Swansea Church in the morning -

Monday 22 Drove to Swansea & took the Chair at a public Meeting for addressing the Queen & Prince Albert on their late Escape from Assassination -

Tuesday 23 Drove in the afternoon to Swansea- dined at Burrows Lodge- attended as President a Meeting of the Bill Society at 7. & got home about 10.

Wednesday 24 Remained at home, not being very well -

Thursday 25                      Remained at home

Friday 26                         Drove in the morning to Swansea & walked back -

Saturday 27                      Much troubled with Ear Ache, but in the afternoon ventured on a drive to see M<sup>rs</sup> D's new Apartment in Langland Bay & it encreased the pain -

Sunday 28                        Ear ache very bad last night, but some gathering in the eustachian tube broke this morning & it much relieved me. The rest of our party went to Church, but I remained at home -

Monday 29                        Early in the afternoon was seized with a severe fit of Lumbago & immediately sent for D<sup>f</sup> Bird -

Tuesday 30                        Much suffering till seven & I took nothing but some Tea & a very few rusks all day- D<sup>f</sup> Bird came twice -

<b>JULY</b>
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Wednesday 1                    Very much the Ditto of yesterday, but D<sup>f</sup> Bird in the Evening found me rather better -

Thursday 2                        So ill last night that we sent for D<sup>f</sup> Birds advice, but was much relieved from pain, tho' very weak throughout the day -

Friday 3                         Rather better- The most beautiful Cauliflower that I ever saw was brought in from the Garden today & it measured 3 feet 9 inches in circumference & weighed 7 3/4 lbs.

Saturday 4                        Much better, but D<sup>f</sup> Bird will not allow me to stir out- The Moggridges returned home.

Sunday 5                         Tho' better I am very weak, & still a close Prisoner to the House- Only Miss Mary went to Church -

Monday 6                         Drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D on some Corporation Business to Swansea, & she then went on to Penllergare as John & his Family had returned from Lanelay last Friday Evening, & on her way back she took two hours- I am better but did not venture on attending the Harbor Meeting.

Tuesday 7                        Remained all day at home- We had Family Visits from Emma & her two eldest & Bessie & her chick -

Wednesday 8                    Remained about home.

Thursday 9 I walked into Swansea & M<sup>rs</sup> D. with the Carriage brought me home -

Friday 10 The Carriage took me to a Town Council which lasted long & I walked back- Much weakness still remains & it overtired me -

Saturday 11 The knocking up of yesterday stuck to me & I did not leave home -

Sunday 12 We all 3 went to Church, & were kept there more than 3 hours by a tremendously long Sermon about the Bethel Society -

Monday 13 This being the 33<sup>rd</sup> happy Anniversary of our Marriage, my dear Mary & I drove about noon to Penllergare where we dined & did not return home till 9 in the Evening- John rowed us about on the Lake, & we thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Tuesday 14 Remained at home.

Wednesday 15 Drove in the afternoon with Miss Mary for an hour to Swansea- M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> John Jeffreys - M<sup>rs</sup> A. Webber - M<sup>rs</sup> the two eldest Miss & the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Eden - Ed Hickey – R A Mansell – Lieut. Gordon, W<sup>m</sup> Hewson - & M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> L.L.D. dined with us -

Thursday 16 I walked into Swansea & M<sup>rs</sup> D. brought me home in the Phaeton.

Friday 17 Drove after breakfast to a Town Council & afterwards attended a Meeting of the Building Committee of our Institution- M<sup>rs</sup> D brought me home- As Moggridge had gone for a week to Monmouthshire Fan & her Boy came to us

Saturday 18 Drove in the afternoon with Miss Mary round by Swansea - to call at Penllergare on Sir Michael & Lady Hicks Beach- Saw a Torpedo which weighed 45 lbs, & it was caught yesterday in one of the Weirs in this Bay.

Sunday 19 A very wet day & I read both the morning & evening Service to the Family at home.

Monday 20 Remained at home- A Fly arrived later in the Evening to take Miss D. to Burrows Lodge preparatory to a start with her Brother for Tenby tomorrow.

Tuesday 21 I drove to breakfast at Burrows Lodge, & at 9 the following party embarked in the Mountaineer Steamer for Tenby- Sir Michael & Lady Beach & 2 children from Penllergare – Lewis, his wife & Baby & Miss D.- I afterwards returned home -

Wednesday 22 Drove in the afternoon with M<sup>rs</sup> D. for an hour to Swansea -



Thursday 23 Drove in the afternoon with M<sup>rs</sup> D. to call at Woodlands -

Friday 24 Drove for a couple of hours in the morning to Swansea- Moggridge returned from Monmouthshire, & joined his Family here -

Saturday 25 The Ditto of yesterday -

Sunday 26 M<sup>rs</sup> D & I drove & Moggridge walked to morning Service at S<sup>t</sup> Mary's -

Monday 27 Drove in the afternoon to Swansea about my Book for the Bazar -

Tuesday 28 Drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D. round by Swansea to spend a couple of days at Penllergare

Wednesday 29 I drove from Penllergare to Sketty & round by Swansea back to Penllergare- Bought a Sting Ray & gave it to the Museum -

Thursday 30 Drove in the afternoon to Chaperone Emma while she made a Drawing of Cradocks Tomb for J M Traherne- Returned to dine at Penllergare -

Friday 13 Left Penllergare in the afternoon & returned by Swansea, home -

<b>AUGUST</b>
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Saturday 1 Remained at home

Sunday 2 My dear Mary being much unwell, we remained at home -

Monday 3 Drove to attend a Harbor Meeting at Swansea, & M<sup>rs</sup> D. in the afternoon came over to look at the Town Hall preparatory for a Bazar & brought me home -

Tuesday 4 Remained at or about home -

Wednesday 5 Drove to meet the Mail at Swansea at 6 this morning expecting the return from Tenby of Lewis & Mary but they disappointed me- I afterwards again drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D to Swansea & attended a Meeting of the Paving & Lighting Commissioners -

Thursday 6 Lewis & Miss Mary arrived from Tenby about 11, & had travelled all night in a hack Chaise & breakfasted at Penllergare in the way- Lewis had left Bessie still very ill in Bed, & returned to Tenby by the Mail- I drove into Swansea to shew myself at the Boat Races.

Friday 7 Drove in the afternoon with M<sup>rs</sup> D to Swansea.

- Saturday 8 Late in the afternoon I drove about my forthcoming Book to Swansea -
- Sunday 9 The struggle to get out my Book in time for the Bazar kept me at home- Weather very sultry- M<sup>ts</sup> & Miss D. went to Church -
- Monday 10 Drove M<sup>ts</sup> D to Penllergare to call on W Beach Sen<sup>f</sup> & his Son & Sister & returned home by Swansea -
- Tuesday 11 Drove with M<sup>f</sup> Eden about Capt Hickeys Will to Swansea & returned with him early in the afternoon. At Swansea I met Emma, & accompanied her with Theresa & Johnny to a Show of Wild Beasts.
- Wednesday 12 We breakfasted early & M<sup>ts</sup> D. remained from ¼ before 10 till near 4 engaged in fitting up or supervising her stall at the Bazar- I remained there till it closed & we did not get home to Dine till near 7 -
- Thursday 13 Miss D. drove to Penllergare & brought Miss Beach on a Visit to us. I went to Swansea & found that Fan had shewn symptoms of her approaching confinement- Miss D. stops with her through the night-
- Friday 14 At ¾past 7 this morning our dear Fan was safely delivered of Daughter,<sup>2</sup> & thank God all as favorable as possible- M<sup>ts</sup> D & I drove immediately after breakfast to Swansea where we remained all day, & returned home to Dinner.
- Saturday 15 We drove in to attend the second days Bazar, & Miss Beach closed her short & comfortless visit to us. M<sup>ts</sup> D & I returned to Dinner, leaving Miss Mary with her Sister.
- Sunday 16 M<sup>ts</sup> D & I went to Church, & finding our dear Fan not quite so well she & Mary both remained & slept at Swansea- I dined at Singleton.
- Monday 17 The Bazar closed with what is called a fancy Fair & everything went off admirably- The sum actually received is 519.11.10. but some sums are owing, & the whole including some donations will not fall much short of 550£. We got home to Dinner- Fan is much better & Mary returned with me to Sketty- the 300 Copies of my Contributions towards a History of Swansea all sold at 7/- so as to nett exactly 100 guineas for the Infirmary.
- Tuesday 18 M<sup>ts</sup> D & I drove soon after breakfast to Swansea & found Fan going on very well- We returned home to Dinner & I in the Evening if the Weather had been fine, I should have gone to M<sup>ts</sup> Lucas of Stouthalls Ball- Miss Mary who remained at Swansea went there with M<sup>f</sup> Moggridge.
- Wednesday 19 My dear Fan much unwell, but late in the afternoon she drove with me to see Fan.

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<sup>2</sup> Sarah, who later emigrated to New Zealand.

- Thursday 20 My dear Mary too unwell to go out, & in the afternoon I drove over & found Fan again pretty well.
- Friday 21 Early in the morning Lewis arrived having come from Tenby by the Mail - & after breakfast I took him in the Phaeton to Swansea- My dear Mary tho' far from well drove in, in the afternoon & we both returned with her to dinner at Sketty- I held a long Town Council, & it was not a pleasant way for spending the 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of my Birthday- Thank God - for the many Blessings which he has conferred on me -
- Saturday 22 Drove after breakfast with Lewis to Swansea & left him there with the intent of proceeding by the Evenings Mail to rejoin his family at Tenby.
- Sunday 23 My dear Mary so much unwell that I sent early for D<sup>f</sup> Bird, & Miss Mary who had been attending on her Sister came back to us in consequence
- Monday 24 My dear Mary in Bed all day, & I wished to have put off our Party- The Rev<sup>d</sup> Iltid Thomas - T E Thomas - M<sup>rs</sup> I Thomas - M<sup>f</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Penny - Rev<sup>d</sup> J & Miss Eden, Frederick Hickey & his friend M<sup>f</sup> Courtney, D<sup>f</sup> Bird & M<sup>f</sup> Mors dined with us & the latter slept here -
- Tuesday 25 My dear Mary continued very ill, particularly towards Evening, & as Fanny was less well Miss D. returned like a Shuttlecock Nurse to Cambrian Place- To get some medicine which D<sup>f</sup> Bird had proscribed I drove for a few minutes to Swansea.
- Wednesday 26 M<sup>rs</sup> D. continues very ill, & I did not leave home.
- Thursday 27 No material improvement in M<sup>rs</sup> D. & the Disease is called a Rheumatic Fever- I did not leave home -
- Friday 28 Obligated to go in to hold a public Meeting of the Town, but my dear Mary remains without material improvement & I hurried home again- Miss Mary accompanied me to see after Fanny- The object of the Meeting was to purchase Jenkins, the Ironmongers Houses & throw open the old Castle- Mary though she came back with me returned in the Evening to sleep in Cambrian Place -
- Saturday 29 Tho' she had a bad night M<sup>rs</sup> D. improved throughout the day, & a Blister which had arrived for the back of her Head it was not thought necessary to put on- I in the afternoon drove on an Errand for her to Swansea -
- Sunday 30 Miss D. went to Church & I did not leave home till about ½ past 6 in the Evening when Vivian & Sir Hussey persuaded me to dine & meet a German Professor from Bonn- On my return soon after 10, I found my dear Mary in much pain tho' she had appeared to be better all day.

Monday 31 Mary had not a good night, but became better towards the afternoon- I drove in the afternoon to a Meeting at 2 of the building Committee & to take possession from the Contractor of the new Institution which the Architect had reported to be compleat.

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
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Tuesday 1 Remained at home- My dear Mary attempted to get up for 10 minutes but was too weak-

Wednesday 2 Drove in to attend a Meeting of the Paving & Lighting Commissioners -

Thursday 3 My dear Mary has this day completed her 64<sup>th</sup> year, & I did not leave home- Tho' the Fever has abated she suffers from Rheumatic pains in her Limbs through every night & it keeps her sadly weak -

Friday 4 Drove to attend a public Meeting at 11 & a Town Council at 2. on the subject of throwing open the old Castle- Lewis & Bessie returned from Tenby.

Saturday 5 My dear Mary remains without any material improvement, & attempted to sit up for 10 minutes but was found to be too weak- I drove for a few minutes to see Bessie -

Sunday 6 M<sup>rs</sup> D. continues very ill & I did not leave home- Miss D went to Church.

Monday 7 Drove to attend a Public Meeting respecting the old Castle, but as no answer had been received from the Treasury it was at once adjourned & I returned home -

Tuesday 8 M<sup>rs</sup> D. very ill & appears top be rather more on alternative days- I did not leave home -

Wednesday 9 M<sup>rs</sup> D. we hope a trifle better but still very ill & dismally weak- I drove to Swansea in the afternoon about some Medicines -

Thursday 10 M<sup>rs</sup> D. a little better- I drove to call on DelaBeche who arrived by yesterdays Mail at Burrows Lodge on his way to embark for the Wisdom Meeting at Glasgow-

Friday 11 Drove early in to attend a Committee prior to a Town Council, & while I was away M<sup>rs</sup> D. was bled by D<sup>r</sup> Bird- I hurried back & the operation seemed to have taken away half the little strength that was left her -

Saturday 12 M<sup>rs</sup> D. tho' much more free from pain has been dismally weak & languid the whole day- I did not leave the house & Miss M. & I amused

ourselves for a short time by putting up the new Telescope which Sir J<sup>s</sup> South has sent me.

- Sunday 13 M<sup>rs</sup> D. when the Doctor came at 10 was very weak & languid so that he thought it necessary to revisit her two hours after- she had then rallied & continued better all day- Miss Mary went to Church -
- Monday 14 My dear Mary continued to improve slowly -
- Tuesday 15 M<sup>rs</sup> D. decidedly better, but too weak to leave her Bed- I was obliged to attend a Committee of the Town Council at ½ past 10 & a Council at one oClock- Returned home about 2, & at ½ past 6 dined at Sketty Park -
- Wednesday 16 Mary considerably less well, & when John & Emma (who had returned last Evening from Tenby) came they found her worse than she had been for some days- I did not leave home.
- Thursday 17 Mary better, except as to weakness- I drove to attend a Committee of the Town Council at ½ past 10, & a Council at 1, & then hurried home- Found my dear Mary so decidedly better that I dined at Glanmôr.
- Friday 18 Remained all day at home- Mary rather better
- Saturday 19 Remained all day at home- Mary rather better & enjoyed being read to, but is wholly unable to leave her Bed
- Sunday 20 The Ditto of yesterday- Miss D. walked to Church -
- Monday 31 Drove to attend a Committee of the Town Council at ½ past 10 & a Council at ½ past one- Reached home about 3- Weather very stormy.
- Tuesday 22 My dear Mary rather better but still unable to leave her Bed- I remained with her all day, & in the Evening dined at Vivians -
- Wednesday 23 It being the Birthday of our dear Emma she came over with John & their two eldest Chicks, & it rejoiced them to find my dear Mary able to enjoy their Society- Weather very stormy & wet- At 4 drove for half an hour on some Magisterial business to Swansea -
- Thursday 24 Drove to Swansea for an hour on magisterial Business -
- Friday 25 Drove to attend a Town Council at ½ past one- I hurried home for M<sup>rs</sup> D. appeared rather less well -
- Saturday 26 My dear Mary appeared very unwell, & her face had become quite yellow from the Jaundice- I did not leave home all day -

Sunday 27 M<sup>rs</sup> D. still very unwell, & has now for more than 5 Weeks [*been*] confined to her Bed- As it was her Mothers wish Miss D went to Church -

Monday 28 Mary certainly rather better, but continues very yellow- I did not leave the House & the day was very wet.

Tuesday 29 Mary on the whole rather better, but still dismally weak & yellow- Miss Mary went over to see Bessie who is confined to her Bed & I drove to bring her back in the Phaeton at 2.

Wednesday 30 My dear Mary less well, & I did not leave home except for a walk- Another mishap has befallen our dear Bessie -

<b>OCTOBER</b>
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Thursday 1 The Ditto of yesterday

Friday 2 My dear Mary continues very weak & very yellow & I remained at home- Not expecting that her recovery would be retarded by the Jaundice, by her wish I had a week ago sent out invitations & the following party dined here- Mr, M<sup>rs</sup> & Harry Vivian - M<sup>rs</sup> A Webber - Miss C. Jones - M<sup>rs</sup> & Miss Sarah Eden - T E Thomas - Capt Morgan RN - Messr<sup>s</sup> Wilkins & Dawson of the Rifles & W<sup>m</sup> Hewson -

Saturday 3 My dear Mary more ill, & I did not leave her till Evening when I drove to dine with a party at Moggridges

Sunday 4 Miss D. went to Church, & I remained at home with M<sup>rs</sup> D. who yesterday had been for six weeks confined to her Bed. The largest perfect mushroom (*Agaricus campestris*) that I ever saw was gathered in one of our Fields this morning- It is nearly 7 inches in diameter & weighs 6¾ oz.

Monday 5 Drove in to a Harbor Meeting & a Town Council, but only remained there about ½ an hour & M<sup>rs</sup> D. was so ill that I hurried back to her.

Tuesday 6 My dear Mary appeared so much better that it put us all into grand Spirits.

Wednesday 7 M<sup>rs</sup> D's convalescence has sadly retrograded today & I left her with regret at 11 about Hickey's will - to hold a paving & lighting Meeting at 12 - & a Meeting of the House of Correction - but I contrived to get home before 3- In the Evening I drove in to dine at J G Jeffrey's, & returned home early.

Thursday 8 My dear Mary rather better & I did not leave home -

Friday 9 Drove to the Town Council & hurried back to my dear Mary tho' it was several hours after my return before she was able to see me -

Saturday 10 Having rec<sup>d</sup> a refusal from the Treasury to our application for leave to buy Jenkins' premises for the purpose of throwing open the Old Castle I drove to deliver it at Swansea & returned immediately to my dear Mary.

Sunday 11 My dear Mary by the quantities of Calomel given to her has been compleatly salivated, & appeared very ill- I did not leave her & Miss Mary walked with one of the Edens to Church -

Monday 12 My dear Mary rather better- I did not leave home -

Tuesday 13 Drove in to breakfast with Lewis & held a Registration Court at 9, & got back to my dear Invalid by ½ past 10.

Wednesday 14 M<sup>rs</sup> D. tho' still suffering from salivation, I thank Heaven, is decidedly better today- In the afternoon I took only a short drive to call on M<sup>r</sup> Spencer

Thursday 15 M<sup>rs</sup> D. continues better- Late in the afternoon I drove to Swansea for some Medicines.

Friday 16 Drove in the afternoon to Swansea, & leaving the Horses to be shod at once walked back with Lewis.

Saturday 17 My dear Mary has now been confined to her Bed for 7 weeks & still remains so, but she is now thank Heaven convalescent- I remained at home -

Sunday 18 My dear Mary sadly disappointed us by being much more unwell today, & I did not leave her. Miss D. drove to Church.

Monday 19 Drove in to hold a further Meeting respecting an app<sup>n</sup> to Parliament for further Powers with regard to Paving & Lighting the Town, & returned immediately to my dear Mary who tho' better in essentials suffers much still from the salivation- Dined at 7 at Vivians to meet **Lord & Lady** ---- [?], Sir R<sup>d</sup> & Lady Phillips - John & M<sup>rs</sup> Nicholl &c

Tuesday 20 Reluctantly left home for my dear Mary's mouth is very bad & sat at the Quarter Sessions as assistant Chairman from 11 till near 7- Dined with the Magistrates & got home at ¼ to 10 -

Wednesday 21 A leech applied to M<sup>rs</sup> D's mouth last evening has been of service & she is better- I attended the Court from 10 till ¼ past 6 & if it had not been

for my dear Mary I should have again dined at Singleton- returned home to Dinner -

- Thursday 22      Again attended the Court from 10 till past 6, & got home at 7 to Dinner- Found Mary decidedly better -
- Friday 23        Again attended the Sessions from 10 till past 5, & on my return home to Dinner, there were some appearances of my having Caught a Cold -
- Saturday 24      Attended the Sessions from ½ past 10. till they closed about 2 & then returned home- Found my cold troublesome -
- Sunday 25        My dear Mary better, tho' she has not yet left her Bed, & my cold so bad -accompanied by sore throat that I placed my self under D<sup>r</sup> Bird's care- Miss Mary went to Church.
- Monday 26        My cold very bad & I did not leave the House -
- Tuesday 27       The Ditto of yesterday, & I was of course unable to attend a Town Meeting about a Bill for a new paving Rate &c
- Wednesday 28    My cold very bad, & I did not leave the House -
- Thursday 29      The Ditto of yesterday- Mary so much better as to be wheeled into the morning Room & remained there on a Sofa for as couple of hours- She is however still dismally weak and unable to stand.
- Friday 30        Mary not quite so well as yesterday & I continue to be wholly confined to the House
- Saturday 31      The Ditto of yesterday.

<b>NOVEMBER</b>
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- Sunday 1        Some strong Medicine which the Doctor found it necessary to repeat kept my dear Mary low, & as my Cough was very bad I did not leave the House- Miss D went to Church.
- Monday 2        This being the day for Election of Town Councillors I drove early to Burrows Lodge, but my cough was so severe that I did not quit the House till I returned home soon after 4- the Upper Wards where there was no contest were superintended by Alderman Phillips & the lower by Col. Cameron- At the latter Owen Williams beat Smith of Henderwen by 17.



Tuesday 3 My dear Mary continues to mend, but my cough is still troublesome & I did not leave the House.

Wednesday 4 Drove in the close Carriage to attend a Meeting of the Paving & Lighting Commissioners & returned home as soon as I could- Mary was wheeled into the Morning Room & remained there on the Sofa 4 hours without over fatigue -

Thursday 5 Cough still troublesome & I did not leave the House- Mary tho' not yet able to walk again visited the morning Room for 3 or 4 hours.

Friday 6 Went in the close Carriage to a Harbor Meeting, & my Cough being still bad I returned home as soon as I could -

Saturday 7 Confined all day to the House- My dear Mary is every day wheeled for 4 or 5 hours to a Sofa in the Morning Room.

Sunday 8 Read the morning Service to my dear Mary- Miss M. went in the morning to Church -

Monday 9 Drove in the close Carriage on account of my Cough to the Town Hall & having declined to serve the second Year, I resigned my Mayoralty- A canvass for the office had long been carried on by D<sup>r</sup> Bird & M<sup>r</sup> Aubrey in opposition to M<sup>r</sup> Moggridge who tho' he did not canvass it was well known would come forward- M<sup>r</sup> Aubrey withdrew & the Election committed [?] Moggridge 14 Bird 7 -

Tuesday 10 Remained all day at home- My Cough very troublesome.

Wednesday 11 Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea.

Thursday 12 Cough bad- Remained at home.

Friday 13 Soon after Breakfast my friend Sir. James South arrived on a Visit to us- Weather very bad- Drove him in the afternoon for an hour to Burrows Lodge.

Saturday 14 Drove Sir J<sup>s</sup> South to Penllergare where he accompanied John & M<sup>r</sup> Smith to shoot, & my Cough being still bad I remained in the house, & brought him back towards Evening- Vivian Lewis & M<sup>r</sup> Moggridge dined with us.

Sunday 15 Sir J<sup>s</sup> South accompanied Miss D. to Church- M<sup>r</sup> Moggridge dined with us.

Monday 16 Weather too bad for shooting, & I only drove Sir James for half an hour to Swansea- M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Vivian M<sup>r</sup> Spencer, & M<sup>r</sup> Moggridge dined with us -

Tuesday 17 Sir James & Moggridge went to shoot at Park (now rented from the Duke by M<sup>r</sup> Spenser) & tho' it rained heavily all day, they had very fair sport- Moggridge returned after Dinner to Swansea- My Cough tho better being still troublesome I did not stir out.

Wednesday 18 My cough being still troublesome Miss D. had appointed to take Sir James to Penllergare, but heavy falls of Rain, Sleet & Snow prevented them- Sir James & I dined at Singleton.

Thursday 19 Weather still rough- Miss D. drove over to Penllergare with Sir James South, & accompanied him to dine at Burrows Lodge where he slept, en route for tomorrows Mail -

Friday 20 Dined at Singleton to meet the new Bishop &c.

Saturday 21 Drove in the afternoon with Miss D. to Swansea.

Sunday 22 Miss D. walked to Church, & I read the full Service to M<sup>rs</sup> D. who when she got up in the afternoon threw off he shroud like Flannels & for the first time since her illness began put on her usual Dress.

Monday 23 Remained at home

Tuesday 24 Drove after breakfast to a Meeting at the Infirmary called in consequence of a most unjust & injudicious attack which D<sup>r</sup> Hewson made on the Management in a Sermon which he preached at S<sup>t</sup> Mary's on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday 25 Remained at home- Clegg & Dawson of the Rifles - Wyndham Bruce - M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> L. Dillwyn - M<sup>r</sup> Moggridge - Rodney Eden & Capt T Morgan dined with us -

Thursday 26 Drove in the afternoon & dined with a party at Burrows Lodge -

Friday 27 My dear Mary got up today & went to the morning Room at ½ past 1, which is the earliest attempt she has yet ventured on- I drove for an hour to Swansea in the afternoon -

Saturday 28 Drove to attend a Meeting of the Building Committee at the Royal Institution- My Cough has nearly left me, but I am much teased by a Rheumatism in the left Shoulder -

Sunday 29 Miss D. walked to Church & I read the full Service to my dear Mary- She got up today before 2. put on her cap for the first time, & in the afternoon saw M<sup>rs</sup> Vivian –

Monday 30 Unwell & did not stir out -

<b>DECEMBER</b>
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Tuesday 1                      Drove in the afternoon to Swansea -

Wednesday 2                    Our dear Bessie this day came of Age, & M<sup>rs</sup> D was well enough to receive her, Fanny & Emma in the afternoon -

Thursday 3                      Drove in the afternoon to the Annual meeting of our Horticultural Society-

Friday 4                         The Rheumatism on my left Shoulder being still very troublesome I drove in the afternoon to Swansea & tried a hot bath- Fanny has been made very uneasy by some appearances of Croup in her Boy.

Saturday 5                        Remained at or about home- Accounts from Cambrian Place rather more favourable.

Sunday 6                         Accounts of little Weston rather less favorable & soon after breakfast Miss D. drove & spent the day in assisting to nurse him- I read the full Service to my dear Mary whose strength continues to improve, tho' she has not yet ventured further than the morning Room.

Monday 7                         Mary went at 8 in the morning & remained all Evening at Cambrian Place where dear Fan is much knocked up by the illness of her Boy- I drove to attend a Meeting to address the Queen & Co on the Birth of a Princess & a Harbor Meeting afterwards

Tuesday 8                        Remained about home.

Wednesday 9                     Drove to Swansea & took the Chair of the Annual Meeting of the Savings Bank.

Thursday 10                      Remained at home- Two Miss Edens, **Miss Gibson [?]**, Ch<sup>s</sup> Smith - the 2 Hickeys - Lewis & Bessie - Starling Benson – Rodney Eden - & T E Thomas dined here.

Friday 11                         Drove to Swansea & attended a Town Council -

Saturday 12                        My dear Mary has rather retrograded & is less well to day- I drove in the afternoon to Swansea & found an excellent report at Cambrian place.

Sunday 13                         My dear Mary continues less well,& I read the Service to her as usual in her Rom- Miss D walked to Church -

Monday 14 Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea- Very cold- Thermometer 28 -

Tuesday 15 Remained about home- Thermometer at Burrows Lodge at Sunrise 25.

Wednesday 16 Drove to a special Meeting of the Paving Commission- Thermometer in the night from 21 to 24- Miss D. dined at Singleton, but my Rheumatism was too troublesome & I remained at home.

Thursday 17 My Rheumatism troublesome & I remained at home- Miss D. went to a Ball given by T E Thomas at Glanmôr.

Friday 18 Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea- The Thermometer at 4 this morning was 19 at Burrows Lodge. -

Saturday 19 Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea -

Sunday 20 My dear Mary at last is so much recovered that she only waits for some milder Weather to venture down stairs- I read the full Service in the morning & Miss D. walked to Church -

Monday 21 Drove to Swansea for an hour in the afternoon- Mr Bicheno,<sup>3</sup> M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Calvert Jones jun<sup>r</sup> -, Miss Car<sup>e</sup> Eden & the two Hickeys dined here- M<sup>r</sup> Bicheno slept here.

Tuesday 22 Drove with M<sup>r</sup> Bicheno to Swansea in the morning & in the afternoon he went to Penrice- A Cough & Rheumatism in my Shoulder stick to me.

Wednesday 23 M<sup>r</sup> Bicheno returned to dine & sleep here- Moggridge dined with us & Fan spent the Evening upstairs with her Mother- In the morning I walked to attend the Quarter Meeting at the House of Correction & thence to Swansea & the Phaeton brought me home -

Thursday 24 Bicheno left us & I remained at home.

Friday 25 Xmas Day- Miss Mary went with the Phaeton to Church & I read the Service to my dear Invalid who is prevented by the severity of the Weather from leaving her Room- the Thermometer at the Bryn stood at 19 at ½ past 7 this morning- Lewis Bessie DelaBeche & Moggridge dined with us, & Fan spent the Evening upstairs with her Mother -

Saturday 26 Walked to Swansea to compleat the purchase of Madges House in the High Street, & to attend a Meeting of the Building Committee of the Institution- The Carriage brought me home -

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<sup>3</sup>James Ebenezar Bicheno- See DNB Volume II page 463-

Sunday 27 Miss D. went to Church & I read the Service to our dear Invalid, who by the continued severity of the Weather has yet been prevented from leaving her Room -

Monday 28 Remained at or about home -

Tuesday 29 Poor John Miers was buried today with much parade at Neath, & I was prevented by my Cough & Rheumatism from attending the Funeral in this severe Weather- I walked in the afternoon to Swansea & the Carriage brought me back

Wednesday 30 Walked to Swansea & the Carriage brought DelaBeche back with me- Lewis who was to have dined with [us] was too ill from a severe cold to leave home- Our Dinner party consisted of M<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>rs</sup>, Henry & Graham Vivian - Col & Miss Georgina Jones Mr Del Beche & M<sup>rs</sup> L D - Rawleigh Mansel & Cap<sup>t</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsey- Thermometer at ½ past 5 this morning 26 -

Thursday 31 Remained at or about home- Miss D. went to the New Years Ball at Swansea, but I was too much teased by Cough & Rheumatism in my shoulder to accompany her- The Frost which has been more than unusually severe since the 13<sup>th</sup> broke up- This cold weather has confined my dear Mary to her Room & she has not left it or the adjoining morning room since Aug 22.

END OF DIARY FOR 1840

#### APPENDIX

Copies of 2 last Chapters of Contributions sent

22 D<sup>r</sup> Buckland  
D<sup>r</sup> Graham  
J. E. Gray  
W Yarrel.

23 Henslow  
Jos Woods  
D. Don  
DelaBeche

24 M<sup>r</sup> Bowman  
Sir W J Hooker

25 London  
Bicheno )  
Sharp )  
  
Moggridge )  
**Rostery[?]** )

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Liverpool - D<sup>f</sup>  
Truro - D<sup>f</sup>  
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