

The Dillwyn Collection

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

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1844 JANUARY

"The first week of this Year is in the Journal for 1843"

- Monday 8 Revd John & Mrs Traherne arrived on a Visit, & Lewis & Bessie joined us at Dinner. Walked as prescribed by Dr Prout more than 4 Miles, Traherne & Miss Mary went to a public Ball at Swansea & returned about 2
- Tuesday 9 Mrs D drove with Mrs T to Penllergare. Traherne & I walked to Parkwern, Singleton & etc
- Wednesday 10 Tho' we did not know it till tomorrow our dear Emma was this day confined with a Girl, & thank God all went wonderfully well. Mrs Webber, Arthur Jones & Capt Lindsay joined our party at Dinner. Mr & Mrs Traherne & Miss D went early to the Childrens Ball at Singleton & returned soon after 12
- Thursday 11 Mr & Mrs Traherne left us for the Gnoll. Mrs D & Miss D drove to Penllergare & found everything going on excellently well. John came over & we walked by Parkwern to the Seashore. Much pain in the Lumbar region
- Friday 12 My dear John has this day compleated his 34th year & a violent Rain which lasted till Evening prevented us from driving to Penllergare, & stopped his promised visit to us. Disappointed in not seeing the Nicholls for which we had prepared. Miss D went to the Grand Ball at Singleton & did not come home till about 7 in the morning. John Traherne had come over from the Gnoll to attend it & dined & slept at Parkwern
- Saturday 13 Walked to Parkwern, the Seaside & etc
- Sunday 14 After having been very nearly free for the preceding 8, I have now had much pain in the Lumbar region for 4 days & it has not yet abated. The two Mary's went to Church & I obeyed the Doctor by walking full 4 miles
- Monday 15 Knee in pain. Walked about 3½ Miles. Mrs, Miss & Capt Eden, Miss Jones of Brynewydd, henry bruce & Mr & Mrs LLD dined here

Tuesday 16 Drove with Mrs D round by Swansea & spent a couple of hours at Penllergare

Wednesday 17 Walked about 4 Miles. John took Miss D to spend a couple of days at Penllergare

Thursday 18 Waled about 4½ Miles

Friday 19 Walked to Parkwern & etc, by Pedometer 2 Miles. In the afternoon Mrs D took me to a Meeting at the Institution, & I walked back with Lewis. Miss D returned from Penllergare

Saturday 20 Walked with Miss D to Woodlands & back by the Sands. 4 Miles by Ped. Afterwards full a Mile more

Sunday 21 Mrs D & Miss D drove to Church. Walked a full 5 Miles. Knee troublesome, & side slightly uneasy

Monday 22 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea & I walked back & under [?] my walk to 5 miles. Mr & Mrs LD, Capt Hickey & Miss & Miss F Eden dined with us. Side uneasy

Tuesday 23 Walked to & from the House of Correction & ..[?] to Nicholl about two of the prisoners. Side slightly troublesome

Wednesday 24 John & Miss Talbot having driven over from Penllergare the former accompanied me in a walk of 3 Miles, & I afterwards drove with Mrs D to Norton. Side in pain. Miss Mary went again for a few days to Penllergare

Thursday 25 Walked to the House of Correction & back

Friday 26 Drove with Mrs D for a couple of hours to Penllergare

Saturday 27 Walked to the House of Correction & back, & near a Mile besides. John brought Miss Mary home from Penllergare, Having taken the Nitro Muriatic Acid as directed for one month I now left it off & sent full report to Dr Prout

Sunday 28 Being in pain I last night took some Calomel, & as Mrs D was ailing none of us went out, but I read the Service at home

Monday 29 Drizzling rain & went very little out. Lady Mary Cole & Miss Talbot came on a Visit. Much better

- Tuesday 30 Walked with Miss Talbot & Miss D to Swansea & Fanny brought me through a heavy storm most of the way back. The Ladies got very wet on their return. Lewis dined with us
- Wednesday 31 Drove in the Phaeton with Miss Talbot to Swansea & I afterwards walked to Singleton, veranda & etc

FEBRUARY

- Thursday 1 Walked to the House of Correction & back by Parkwern. Lewis & Bessie joined our party at Dinner
- Friday 2 Walked to Singleton & to black [sic] Pill & etc, 3½ Miles. Lady Mary & Miss Talbot left us to spend one night more at Penllergare on their way to Margam
- Saturday 3 Calling at the House of Correction I walked to Swansea & back. Miss D went again for a few days to Penllergare. Some more pain came on in the Evening & I had not been free all day. Took a hot Bath
- Sunday 4 Took 3 grs Calomel, & 12 Colocynth [?]& did not go out again. Pain continues. Mrs D remained at home & I read the full service to the Family
- Monday 5 Walked to Hill House & etc & took a drive with Mrs d to Norton. Considerable pain continues
- Tuesday 6 Too unwell to go out. Mrs George Jenner & her Sister Jane Traherne arrived on a Visit
- Wednesday 7 Weather too wet for any long walk. Mrs Crawshay & two of the Miss Crawshays (on a visit to Hill House), Iltid Thomas, Mr & Mrs LD & Mr Moggridge joined our Dinner party
- Thursday 8 Walked round by Singleton & afterwards to Derwenfawr & etc. Much tired
- Friday 9 Miss Traherne & Miss Mary went in the Phaeton to Swansea & thence in a Fly to Penllergare. I walked to Swansea & the Phaeton brought me back
- Saturday 10 After other [?] walked, walked with my dear John round by Derwenfawr & Black Pill, & tho' not more altogether than 5 Miles it overtired me! Mrs Jenner seized by something of the Cholera sort. Dr

Howell sent for & we put off the Lindsays & a party from Brinnewydd who were to have dined with us

- Sunday 11 Mrs Jenner better, but did not come down stairs. Only Miss Mary went to Church & I read the Service to the Family at home. Walked 3 or 4 Miles
- Monday 12 Snowed in the morning, rained in the afternoon. None of us went out. Mrs Jenner well enough to come down to Dinner
- Tuesday 13 Mrs Jenner & Miss Traherne left us. Took a walk with Miss D & afterwards a drive with her to Swansea. Had a hot Bath in the Evening
- Wednesday 14 Drove in the morning for half an hour to a Harbor Meeting & Miss Mary accompanied me. John in the afternoon came over with an Account of the Baby's being unwell & Miss D returned with him. A wet day
- Thursday 15 A violent rain all morning, but Mrs D was so uneasy about the Baby that we drove through it to Penllergare. I was present at the baptism of the Infant by the name of Elenor [?] Amy
- Friday 16 A better account from Penllergare but Mrs D drove over & returned to Dinner. I drove with John to a Meeting of the Royal Institution, & walked back with Lewis
- Saturday 17 So much unwell that I again took Calomel last night. Hearing that the Baby continued very unwell drove over with Mrs D in the afternoon to Penllergare, & we returned by Swansea to send over an extra Nurse
- Sunday 18 Too unwell to go out, but read the whole morning Service to the Family tho' hardly able to get through it. Mrs D afterwards drove to Penllergare & found the Baby better
- Monday 19 Much better accounts from Penllergare. Weather too wet for much walking. Took a drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles
- Tuesday 20 Having heard that our dear John was unwell Mrs D & I in the afternoon drove to Penllergare & found he had suffered for 2 days from a sort of rheumatic Gout in his Foot but was getting better
- Wednesday 21 Weather very wet, & could walk little further than to Singleton & back

Thursday 22 A thick snow all the morning. In the afternoon I walked to Parkwern & round home by Singleton

Friday 23 Rained heavily I believe without a minuet's intermission all day, & did not pass my threshold

Saturday 24 Some Hail & Rain. Drove in the afternoon on Business for half an hour in the morning. John with our 2 elder Grand Chicks came over. John himself better & Baby well, but Mrs Peppercorn the valuable head nurse very ill

Sunday 23 Morning very wet & I read the Service to the Family at home. In the afternoon, tho' much unwell walked 2½ Miles with Lewis & Bessie

Monday 24 Weather wet & my side troublesome. Drove with Mrs D to Norton

Tuesday 27 John brought Miss Polly over to see us for 2 or 3 hours & she returned with him to Penllergare. Went with him in search of Mistletoe, & we found altogether 7 plants in my Grounds. Walked altogether 5 miles. The Thermometer last night 25.5 & I have not seen it equally low this Winter

Wednesday 28 Rained hard all the middle of the day. Finding myself much unwell took 4 of Souths Pills at night. Received by Post directions from Dr Prout to resume the nitro muriatic medicine

Thursday 29 Having taken Calomel & the weather being very bad I did not go out. Mr Talbot came to us for the Assizes. Mr & Mrs Calvert Jones, & Lewis & Bessie & Henry Bruce dined with us

MARCH

Friday 1 Early this morning I took the first dose of the nitro muriatic. Drove Talbot in to the Grand Jury & being troubled with the pain in my side returned home. Talbot came back to sleep here

Saturday 2 Drove Talbot to the Grand Jury after Breakfast & remained an hour in the Town. he left us for Penrice about 5, & Judge Maule & Mr Leathsay his Marshall arrived to sleep here about 10

Sunday 3 Weather showery & none of us went to Church. Only the Judge & his nephew Mr Leathsay dined with us

Monday 4 The Judge & his Marshall after an early breakfast went to Court & returned to dine at 7. At Dinner we were joined by Bruce Price the high Sheriff, Mr & Mrs Vivian, Capt & Mrs Lindsay, Mrs Webber, Mr G Llewellyn & Mr & Mrs LLD. John in the afternoon brought back Miss D after an absence at Penllergare of 20 days

Tuesday 5 Hearing that our dear Emma was far from well Mr & Miss D drove to Penllergare. Miss D & I accompanied the Judge & his Nephew to dine at Singleton

Wednesday 6 Miss D drove to Penllergare & returned with a much better account. In the morning I gave & moved to Singleton a large Poplar with mistletoe growing on it. In the afternoon walked to Swansea & returned with the Judge in his Carriage to Dinner

Thursday 7 The High Sheriff, the Mayor & his Brother f.[?] Benson, Serj & Mrs Herbert jones, Mr Chiltern [?], Mr Grove (Barristers) Miss Kitty Jones & Miss T Eden joined us at Dinner

Friday 8 The Judge as usual left us after an early breakfast & the Court having closed returned early in the afternoon. Our dear Miss Mary has this day completed her 28th year

Saturday 9 The Judge & his Marshall Mr Leathsay left us after breakfast for Haverfordwest. A pain in my Knee almost disabled me from walking

Sunday 10 Mrs & Miss D went to Church. Henry Bruce who had arrived there on a Visit on the 28th ult continues very ill at Parkwern

Monday 11 Mrs & Miss D drove in the afternoon to Penllergare & found Emma not yet wholly recovered

Tuesday 12 Walked to Parkwern & etc, altogether full 5 Miles

Wednesday 13 Miss Mary & I took a walk in the morning, & in the late afternoon we set off in the Phaeton for Penllergare, but about halfway met John & Johnny on Horseback & turned back to join them at Sketty

Thursday 14 Took a walk by Parkwern & Singleton with Miss D in the morning. Afternoon very wet. The Moggridge Family arrived on a Visit to us

Friday 15 I walked to a Meeting of the Royal Institution, & the Rain all the afternoon fell in such Torrents that Mrs D drove over to bring me back. Miss D walked with Lewis to Penllergare & she was obliged to remain there

Saturday 16 A very wet & stormy day

Sunday 17 A very wet stormy day. Mrs & Miss D went to Church

Monday 18 The two Johns, son & Grandson rode over & took a walk to the Sands with me

Tuesday 19 Mr & Mrs LLD & Henry Bruce joined us at Dinner, & the latter has just recovered from an illness of very near 3 weeks at Parkwern

Wednesday 20 John came over & I took a walk with him

Thursday 21 Walked into Swansea with Lewis & on my return Mrs D in the Phaeton met me near Singleton & brought me back

Friday 22 John again came over & took me out for a walk

Saturday 23 Much occupied about a Bill called the Swansea Improvement Bill, & which ought to be named the Poor Robbery Bill

Sunday 24 Mr & Mrs Moggridge & Miss D went to Church & I read the Service to Mrs D & such of the Family as remained at home

Monday 25 Drove to Swansea with Lewis about an opposition to the new rascally Bill, prepared by Swindler Saville [?], for paving & lighting the Town. Mrs D in the afternoon drove in & brought me home. John came over & again took Miss Mary away to Penllergare

Tuesday 26 Busy about planting

Wednesday 27 Walked to a Meeting of Magistrates at the House of Correction, & from thence to Jeffreys Office about the new Bill. Mrs D brought me home in the Phaeton

Thursday 28 Remained at or about home

Friday 29 Remained at or about home. A slight return in the pain in my side, after having with few exceptions been nearly free from it for the last four weeks

Saturday 30 Drove after breakfast with Lewis to Swansea about the new paving Bill & walked back. Miss Mary came over with Emma & again returned to Penllergare

Sunday 31 Mrs D & Mr & Mrs Moggridge went to Church. For the last 3 days I have been more unwell

APRIL

- Monday 1 Made altogether a walk of 4 Miles about the neighbourhood
- Tuesday 2 Drove in the morning with Mrs D for 1½ hours to Penllergare, & then afterwards walked full 4 Miles
- Wednesday 3 Emma brought Miss Mary with intent of leaving her at home but she again returned to Penllergare. Mr & Mrs LLD & Graham Vivian dined with us
A letter from Dr Prout reported a divided ...[?] in my de..[?] of oxalate [?] of lime, & desired me to suspend the use of the mineral acid for the present
- Thursday 4 Remained at home
- Friday 5 Knee troublesome. Drove with Mrs D in the morning to Whites Nursery
- Saturday 6 Knee troublesome, & during a drive with Mrs D when stepping in the Phaeton at Parkwern, a fit of violent pain suddenly came on & lasted all the Evening. Tried forentating[?] advised poultice & etc in vain
- Sunday 7 Knee very bad all night. Sent for Dr Howell who came at 10 & thought it nervous. Applied Laurel Leaves all day & they relieved me. Mr & Mrs Moggridge went to Church
- Monday 8 Knee more free from ...[?] pain but bad. Took a drive with Mrs D in the afternoon
- Tuesday 9 Knee quite out of sorts. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to a lot [?] near the back of Woodlands to get some double white primroses.[?] Dr Howell has ordered continued applications of Laurel Leaves
- Wednesday 10 Except a short drive with Mrs D remained at home. Miss D at last returned from Penllergare
- Thursday 11 Drove in the afternoon to meet the Mail at Swansea & brought Dr Buckland back on a Visit to us
- Friday 12 Sent Buckland in the Phaeton to a Gas Meeting in the morning, in the afternoon drove to a Meeting at the Royal Institution & brought him back to Dinner when Mr & Mrs LD, Mr Michl Williams & J G Jeffreys joined our party

Saturday 13 A wet day. Drove Buckland to Swansea in the morning & again in the afternoon drove to bring him back

Sunday 14 Knee about the same. Dr Buckland & my two Mary's went to Church

Monday 15 Took Buckland to Swansea after an early breakfast & he started homewards by Mail. At 12 went to the House of Correction & was engaged in an Enquiry respecting the conduct of the Turnkeys. Our dear little Theresa came to spend a few days here

Tuesday 16 The Phaeton took me to meet other visiting Magistrates at 11 & our investigation ended in the discharge of both Turnkeys. At 4 Mrs D called & brought me home. Knee about the same

Wednesday 17 Mrs & Miss D drove to Penllergare. Theresa accompanied & returned with them

Thursday 18 Drove with Miss Mary for an hour to Swansea in the morning

Friday 19 Knee troublesome & I did not leave home

Saturday 20 Took a drive with Mrs D in the afternoon to the Mumbles. The Moggridges left us & went to Penllergare. Miss Headlam came over to take Theresa back, but we refused to let her go before Monday

Sunday 21 Mrs & Miss D & Theresa went to Church. Knee still troublesome & Dr Howells this morning attacked the Disease in a different way

Monday 22 Mrs D late in the afternoon took Theresa back to Penllergare

Tuesday 23 Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea

Wednesday 24 Busy in preparing to leave home

Thursday 25 I drove in the Phaeton to Neath where I joined my two Marys in the Close Carriage, & went to dine at Cardiff & reached Newport to sleep about ½ past 7

Friday 26 Started from the Steamer at ½ past 8, & before 12 were all safe at the Gloster Hotel, Clifton. Again started at ½ past 2 by Train & reached Everalls Hotel at 20 mins to 8. My dear Mary I trust not at all over tired

Saturday 27 Dear Mary more the worse for her yesterdays Journey. We engaged No 70 Harley Street. I went to Dorringtons about the Water Works Bill & dined at the Athenaeum

- Sunday 28 A good deal of pain in my side, & Dr Prout wishes to wait till the jumbling [?] effects of my journey is over. Mrs D went in the afternoon with Miss D to Church. For a quarter of an hour visited the Bedside of my greatly valued old Friend Hudson Gurney, & he has now remained in an alarming state for 8 months
- Monday 29 My side troublesome, & quite bad in the Evening. De la beche dined with us
- Tuesday 30 My side still very painful but I went with my two Marys & Mrs G Jenner to the Exhibition of the Royal Botanic Society in regents Park, After Dinner, perhaps imprudently I walked with Miss Mary to see the Chinese Exhibition lighted up & it greatly fatigued me

MAY

- Wednesday 1 The Ladies dined at Everalls & I at the Athenaeum after which we met at the House we have engaged for a Month No 70 Harley Street
- Thursday 2 Some strong Medicine which Prout prescribed kept me at home
- Friday 3 A Daughter of Popkin Trahernes accompanied us to the Exhibition of Water Color paintings. I dined at the athenaeum
- Saturday 4 Had a long interview this morning with Dr Prout, who wishes for at least a week to try some milder remedy before he again returns [?] to the Nitro Muriatic Acid. Dined at home
- Sunday 5 Some Coleswicam [?] prescribed by Dr Prout made me queasy [?] all the morning. Tho' the two marys walked to Church in the morning they were neither well enough to go out in the afternoon & I alone took a drive
- Monday 6 Went with Mrs D & Mrs Jenner to Gwens [?] Tulip show at Clapham Rise, & to the Chelsea Physic Garden. Dined at the Athenaeum & De la Beche walked home with me
- Tuesday 7 Attended a Meeting of the Linnean Society in the Evening
- Wednesday 8 Made a Call & etc
- Thursday 9 It appears that at last the Town Council have decided on proceeding with the Swansea Improvement Bill, & I received notice that the Committee will meet on the 17th. revd J M & Mrs Traherne, Sir Js Smith, Sir H De la Beche & Robt Brown dined with us

Friday 10 Went in the afternoon with my two Marys to the Panorama & was much interested by one of the views - Viz Hong Kong

Saturday 11 Made various Calls about Belgrave Square. Drove in the Evening to a Soiree of the new President of the Royal College of Physicians, & from there took Brown & Wheatstone to Babbages Party

Sunday 12 My Knee so bad that I only took a drive in the Carriage & my dear Mary so ...[?] that she did not leave the house

Monday 13 My dear Mary not being sufficiently well to keep her engagement I took Miss D to join Lady Mary & Miss Talbot at the RI [?] Exhibition, & it brought on a return of Pain in my Knee

Tuesday 14 Went in the Evening with Miss D to dine at Sir Js Smiths where we passed a very pleasant Evening, tho' the Weather was too cloudy for the Telescopes

Wednesday 15 My knee so weak that I did not stir out till 3, & then the Carriage took me to join Mrs D & a Party at the Zoological Gardens. Mrs Jenner & Miss Traherne (Popkins Daughter) dined with us & Miss D afterwards went with them to the Ancient Music

Thursday 16 Went with Miss Mary to dine at Sir Js Smiths & spent a very pleasant Evening there

Friday 17 Went with my two Marys by appointment to meet De la beche at 12 at the Museum of Aeconomic Geology [?] when at 2 I left them & proceeded to attend the Committee on the Swansea Bill. In the Evening with Miss Mary I attended a Lecture on the diseases of Wheat at the Royal Institution

Saturday 18 Went with Mrs D to the Exhibition of the Horticultural Society at Chiswick, but Miss D thought the Weather too cold & staid at home

Sunday 19 Mrs & Miss D went to Church & staid the Sacrament. I was almost unc..dally[?] entrapped by the Lawyers coming to hold a Consultation about the Swansea Bill at Noon, & the Business occupied till near ½ past 4, & being much unwell it quite knocked me up. Mrs D took me a drive round Regents Park

Monday 20 Occupied all the morning about the Swansea Bill & attended the Committee where one attempt to defeat the Preamble failed. other important advantages were however obtained. Dined at home with a party

- Tuesday 21 Attended the Committee again, & the Committee got through it about 5, & I carried both the Clauses for which I was most anxious to my entire satisfaction. Miss Mary & I dined at John Nicholsons
- Wednesday 22 Engaged on Business in the morning. In the afternoon went with Miss Mary to a good Lecture on galvanised [?] Iron [?] at the United Services Museum, & to see a picture Exhibition with my two Marys. Dined at home
- Thursday 23 Knee very painful. In the afternoon attended a Meeting about the plating [?] Swansea Bill at the House of Commons. Mrs & Miss D dined & spent the Evening at Capt Smyths at Chelsea & my old Friend Dawson Turner dined with me at home
- Friday 24 For a couple of hours attended the Anniversary meeting of the Linnean Society, & from there descended to the Parliamentary regions about the Swansea & to search for Lord Shaftesbury who I found had left Town in the morning. De la beche dined with me. My Knee very troublesome
- Saturday 25 About one o'clock I took my two Ladies, & was lucky in showing to them with every advantage the splendid collection of Humming Birds belonging to my old Friend G Loddiges at Hackney & Miss Mary & I afterwards dined at Dr Prouts
- Sunday 26 My Knee very troublesome. Only Miss D went to Church. Mrs D & I took a short drive in the afternoon
- Monday 27 My nephew being come from Ipswich to spend the day with us, in the afternoon we took him with us to see Wheatstones Models [?] & etc at Kings College. I dined at the Athenaeum
- Tuesday 28 Busy in preparing for our return home. Spent $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour with my highly valued old Friend Hudson Gurney who continues in suffering & alarming state tho' somewhat better. Dined at the Athenaeum
- Wednesday 29 We started by the Great Western at 2 & about 7 dined at the Bath Hotel at Clifton
- Thursday 30 Mrs D & I spent most of the morning at the Dindham [?] Down Nursery. About $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3 we started by the Steamer for Cardiff & after a thoroughly pleasant voyage we arrived there about 7. Quartered at the Cardiff Arms
- Friday 31 Left Cardiff at 10 & reached home soon after 5

JUNE

- Saturday 1 Attended as President the Annual Meeting of the Institution. Lewis & Bessie dined with us
- Sunday 2 The two Mary's went to Church
- Monday 3 Mrs & Miss D drove in the afternoon to Penllergare & I took a walk with Lewis & Minnie [?] from Parkwern round by the Sand Hills home. On Friday higher this us usual [?] for the last 3 Weeks a severe tho short attack of pain in my Knee, & nothing has ever aided [ailed?] it except an occasional feeling of weakness
- Tuesday 4 In the afternoon drove with Mrs D to dine at Penllergare where Lewis, Bessie & Miss Mary joined us & the latter remained to sleep there
- Wednesday 5 The Phaeton went for Miss Mary & from Penllergare she brought back my Grand Chicks Emma & Willy to spend a Week with us. It rained last night & the day has been showery. Lewis tells [?] me with the exception of one or two mere drizzles that ut has not rained here since Apr 15 & rain has been generally prayed for in our Churches for 2 or 3 weeks
- Thursday 6 Heavy rain last night & in the morning. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D for half an hour to Swansea
- Friday 7 Drove with Mrs D for half an hour in the afternoon to Swansea & found a Meeting at the Institution of which through an error I had not received any notice
- Saturday 8 Walked in the morning with Miss D & Willy & Emmy to ramble on the Seashore for 1½ hours & in the afternoon walked with John to Parkwern
- Sunday 9 Walked with my two Mary's to Church. Spent most of the afternoon at Parkwern. I have throughout the past week been remarkably well
- Monday 10 The two Marys went to make calls at Swansea & I remained at or about home
- Tuesday 11 Mrs N Williams & her Daughter (of Cornwall) [?] lunched & spent the afternoon here

Wednesday 12 Miss Mary & I drove over in the afternoon & dined at Penllergare. Tho' nearly well all last week much pain in the Kidney has returned during the last 3 days & by tonights Post I sent a letter & Phial as usual to Dr Prout

Thursday 13 Mrs D & I drove over to call on Mr & Mrs John Williams, the elder Brother of my late Ex Sheriff

Friday 14 Tho my side is troublesome my Knee is free from pain & I walked to our Quarterly Meeting at the House of Correction & also walked back

Saturday 15 Drove for half an hour with my two Grand Chicks (Emma & William) to a Toy Shop at Swansea & in the afternoon took another short drive with Mrs D

Sunday 16 The two Mary's went to Church, but much pain in my side kept me at home

Monday 17 A letter from Dr Prout advised me some strong medicine which kept me at home all the morning & in the afternoon I took a drive with Mrs D & etc. Mr & Mrs Paul Bevan arrived on a Visit to us

Tuesday 18 Walked about home with Mrs B & Mrs D took Mr B a drive to the Mumbles & etc. Mr & Mrs Williams of Cornwall lunched with us

Wednesday 19 Mrs & Miss D & Mr & Mrs Bevan drove over & spent most of the day at Penllergare. My two Grand Chicks accompanied & returned with them. My side very troublesome & tried Dr Prouts prescription by walking 3 miles. In my way called at Derwenfawr [?] & Cuprino [?]

Thursday 20 Mrs D & Mrs D [? means Mrs B] drove to make calls & I walked with Mr B about Singleton & round by the Shore back

Friday 21 My side in too much pain for me to leave home. Mrs & Miss D & Mr & Mrs B spent most of the day at Penllergare

Saturday 22 Mrs D went with Mrs Bevan to 3 Cliffs & I remained about home with Mrs B. Mr Jo Grove [?] & Moggridge dined with us

Sunday 23 My side rather better but an attack for nearly a fortnight has been more than usually severe. I remained at home & the two Marys went to Church & Mr & Mrs B to Meeting

Monday 24 Remained at home. Mr & Mrs B went for an hour to Swansea & Miss Mary took out two Grand Chicks to Bracelet

Tuesday 25 I remained with much pain in my side at home

Wednesday 26 I remained at home, far from well. Willy took it into his head to return with his Mother to Penllergare & little Emma remained with us

Thursday 27 Mr Bevan went to his Meeting & etc. Much pain in my side & I did not leave home. Tried a hot Bath in the Evening

Friday 28 Mr & Mrs Bevan closed their Visit & started homewards soon after breakfast. Mrs D took little Emma back to Penllergare, & as Miss Mary went to her Sister during Moggridges absence, my old Lady & I were left by ourselves

Saturday 29 In the afternoon Mrs D & I drove to call at Woodlands

Sunday 30 Tho' not well I went with Mrs D to Church

JULY

Monday 1 Side still troublesome. Remained about home

Tuesday 2 Remained about home. Miss Mary returned from Moggridges

Wednesday 3 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Thursday 4 Mr Williams of Glangiby [?] late MP for Monmouthshire, his two Daughters & a Miss Harris who have taken a House at the Mumbles took an early Dinner with us. Miss Mary & I in the Evening attended a Lecture by Dr Wms at the Royal Institution

Friday 5 Walked to attend a Meeting at thw Royal Institution & Mrs D brought me back in the Phaeton

Saturday 6 Side very troublesome & I remained at or about home

Sunday 7 Miss Mary walked to Church, & I read the Service to Mrs D at home

Monday 6 Late in the afternoon Mrs D & I drove to Swansea & back

Tuesday 9 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Wednesday 10 Having last Evening most unexpectedly recd a Summons from Wm Llewellyn I started by the Mail early & before one arrived at Cardiff as a Witness respecting a Deed in an Action which my son Mr

llewelyn has been reluctantly compelled by the rascality of Henry Tennant & co to bring for delapidations at Ynysygerwn. John & Lewis had before gone there as Special Jurors for other causes, & there being no room at Cardiff we all dined & slept at Coedriglan. Royd Smith & his Family arrived on a Visit from Penllergare at Sketty this afternoon

- Thursday 11 Went early from Coedriglan & remained all day at Cardiff. John & Lewis dined at George Thomas, but I found it more prudent to remain at the Cardiff Arms
- Friday 12 Lewis's Business having finished he returned home & John & I remained at the Cardiff Arms. To get rid of the bother he this Evening agreed to accept of 500£ & costs
- Saturday 13 In John's Carriage we reached Sketty at a little before one, & it rained heavily all day & nothing like it had fallen before since March. Lewis & Bessie, Mr & Mrs Iltid Thomas joined the Smiths at Dinner
- Sunday 14 Weather again fine. Smith walked with Lewis to Church at Penllergare, & Mrs S went with the two Marys to Swansea. Moggridge dined with us
- Monday 15 The Smiths left us in the afternoon for a Visit to Rheola. Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles
- Tuesday 16 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles. The pain in my side having been so much more constant than usual in the last Month I wrote to Dr Prout
- Wednesday 17 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea for half an hour. Miss Mary accompanied the Lindsays on their Carriage to spend a few days with them at Taibach
- Thursday 18 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles
- Friday 19 Took a drive with Mrs D
- Saturday 20 Received a new prescription this Evening from Dr Prout with Galbanum [?]¹ in it
- Sunday 21 Seized with much pain throughout my whole trunk last night, & it continued but abated towards Evening. Mrs D went with Lewis & Bessie to Church

¹Galbanum. A gum resin from ferula; it is an expectorant and antispasmodic. Pocket Medical Dictionary. Gould. 1920. First publication 1892.

- Monday 22 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea & back. Having a haunch of Venison Mrs Webber & Mr Moggridge dined with us. The Lindsays were to have joined our Dinner party & brought Mary back, but they were detained by the death of a relation & she has accepted an invitation to the Gnoll
- Tuesday 23 Lady Mary & Miss Talbot unexpectedly called in the afternoon, & they have taken apartments at the Mackworth Arms to try hot bathing for a few days
- Wednesday 24 Took a drive with Mrs D & a short walk at the Mumbles. Lady Mary & Miss Talbot dined with us
- Thursday 25 Took a drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles. Rained heavily towards Evening, & we had seen nothing like it before since March
- Friday 26 Walked with Lewis to Swansea & Mrs D brought me back in the Phaeton
- Saturday 27 Mrs D drove to the Gnoll, & brought Miss Mary home. I accompanied her to Swansea & walked back with Lewis
- Sunday 28 Lewis, Bessie & Miss D went to Church, & Mrs D not being quite well & the weather very sultry I read the Service to her at home
- Monday 29 Took a walk to Caprino & round by the Sands home. Lady Mary & Miss Talbot came to us, & Dr Williams dined here
- Tuesday 30 Walked with Miss Talbot to Whites Nursery
- Wednesday 31 Lady Mary & Miss Talbot left us being hurried away by the arrival of some Visitors at Lanelay. Drove with Miss Mary to Penllergare, & shewed the Lakes & etc to a Mrs Grant & a party from the Gnoll

AUGUST

- Thursday 1 Spent an hour at Singleton in the morning to call on the Vivians, & on the Bruces & etc who have arrived for the Races
- Friday 2 I walked to Swansea & returned in Bessies Carriage. Lewis & Bessie went at night to the Race Ball & did not get back till 4. The Penllergare Family removed [?] to Birds House about ½ a mile on this side of the Mumbles

Saturday 3 A terrific Hurrican set in about 2 this morning & was accompanied with Torrents of Rain till about 4 in the afternoon when Mrs D & I drove to see the Penllergare Family at their new abode. The storm had blown 2 Windows Frames & all, & done them other but not serious damage, & at Sketty the most we had to complain of was in the Garden. Lewis & his Family returned to Parkwern

Sunday 4 Mrs & Miss D went to Church. The pain in my side during the last week has been encreasingly troublesome, & nothing appears to relieve it so much as a walk

Monday 5 Walked to a Meeting of the Royal Institution & Mrs D brought me back after having driven with her to call at Elm Cottage, which is the name of the House John has taken in the Mumbles

Tuesday 6 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to call at Elm Cottage. Miss Mary went to Parkwern to remain there during Bessies absence for change of air at Sir H De la Beches at Builth. Lewis took her to meet Sir Henry at Merthyr, & came back in the Evening

Wednesday 7 Remained at or about home & took a Drive with Mrs D

Thursday 8 remained at or about home

Friday 9 Vivians Birthday & in the afternoon I witnessed a Cricket Match at Singleton & Lewis & Miss Mary from Parkwern attended a Danse [sic] in the Evening

Saturday 10 In the afternoon Mrs D & I met the Penllergare party & Lewis, Miss D & Minny from Parkwern at the Mumbles Castle when the youngsters dined & we afterwards took a Sail in Nicholas' Boat

Sunday 11 Drove with Mrs D to St Mary's Church. Rained hard on our return & continued all the afternoon

Monday 12 Remained at home or Parkwern all day

Tuesday 13 Professor Wheatstone arrived on a Visit to us. He was landed from a Steamer at the Mumbles & John brought him here

Wednesday 14 Drove in the morning with Wheatstone to the Royal Institution & etc. Mrs D much unwell. Mr & Mrs Calvert Jones & D G [?] Jeffreys dined here with us. Lewis & Miss Mary from Parkwern also joined our party

Thursday 15 Remained at or about home

Friday 16 Drove with John & Wheatstone & spent most of the day at Penllergare

Saturday 17 Remained at or about home. Lewis & Miss May from Parkwern dined with us as heretofore

Sunday 18 Mrs D went with Fan & I drove Wheatstone to Church after which the Carriage set us down near Black Pill & we walked on to Elm Cottage. We went up the Mumbles Hill & the walk home rather overtired me

Monday 19 Remained at or about home

Tuesday 20 The following was our dinner party. Self, Wife & Miss Mary, Lord Geo Lennox, Revd T Morris, Miss Morris Senr, George Morris, Prof Wheatstone, Mr & Mrs Robt Thomas, 2 Miss Edens & Capt Mollar of the 75th

Wednesday 21 Drove in the morning with Wheatstone & etc to Elm Cottage. I have this day completed my 66th Year & Lewis & Miss Mary from Parkwern joined us at Dinner

Thursday 22 Drove Wheatstone to Elm Cottage & with John he walked along the Cliff to Pwll Du. In the afternoon I drove with Mrs D to Swansea & from about Black Pill walked to Elm Cottage without meeting Wheatstone who had returned by another road & I walked home alone

Friday 23 Remained at or about home

Saturday 24 Confined chiefly to the House by violent Thunder Storms. Mr & Mrs Calvert Jones dined with us, & after Dinner Lewis & Bessie joined us. he had this Evening brought her from a visit to her Father at Bulth, DelaBeche having brought her as far as Brecon to meet him

Sunday 25 Drove with Wheatstone in the Phaeton, & Mrs & Miss D went in Fanny's Carriage to Church

Monday 26 Remained at or about home. Wheatstone went to see the Hafod Copper Works. Mr & Mrs Lindsay & Arthur Jones dined with us

Tuesday 27 Mr Wheatstone having placed a Bell in our Dining Room with connecting wires to a Magnet at the Lodge explained the principle of his Telegraph to Lord George Lennox, Dr Hewson, Mr S Benson & several others who I had invited to Luncheon

- Wednesday 28 Went with Wheatstone & John to the Island where the Light House stands & from a Boat we made many experiments in the passage of the Electric Current through Sea Water. Got back before 3 to Elm Cottage where Wheatstone remained to dine & I returned to Sketty. Wheatstone returned to sleep at Sketty
- Thursday 29 Drove with Emma to Elm Cottage & walked on the Mumbles where Wheatstone & John with a Boat were making some Electro Magnetic Experiments on passing a Current through Sea Water. Lewis & Bessie & Rawleigh Mansel dined with us
- Friday 30 Walked to attend a Meeting at the Royal Institution & Mrs D brought me back in the Phaeton
- Saturday 31 Drove with Wheatstone to execute some Leases at Morriston. R Mansel dined with us. Lewis & his Family went on a Visit to Clemenstone. Miss Talbot has found the Bovista [?] gigantea measuring 2½ feet in circumference at Lanelay

SEPTEMBER

- Sunday 1 After enjoying an alternative [?] of ease for nearly 3 Weeks, there has for the last 3 days been some return of the Pain in my side. Mrs & Miss D went to Church
- Monday 2 After a 3 Weeks Visit Professor Wheatstone left us on his return to Town. Drove in the afternoon & with Fans & the Penllergare party paid a Visit to Oystermouth Castle
- Tuesday 3 My dearest Mary has this day compleated her 68th Year & John & Emma dined with us. Their & Fans Children had a Tea drinking under the Plane Tree, & I brought Miss Mary back from the Picnic to which she had gone in the morning in Caswell Bay. She also went to a dance at Derwervawr in the Evening
- Wednesday 4 I walked to Swansea & Mrs D brought me back. The weather for several days has been remarkably fine & sultry
- Thursday 5 Went with Miss Mary, John, Emma & little Weston to a Horticultural Shew at Whites Nursery, & afterwards drove with Mrs D to Elm Cottage
- Friday 6 Drove again to go put [?cut] some limes [?] & visited my Estate by Morriston

Saturday 7 Walked to Swansea & Mrs D brought me back in the Phaeton. Went with Miss Mary to dine at Mr Edens. Lewis had walked from Clemestone, leaving his Family there, & dined with his Mother

Sunday 8 After being much more than usually free from pain for the last month it has for the last 2 days encreased considerably. Lewis & his Sister walked to Church at the Mumbles & Mrs D drove to the Mumbles

Monday 9 Moggridge from his Scotch ramble was landed from the Liverpool Steamer this morning & joined us at Breakfast. remained about home

Tuesday 10 Mrs D took Miss Fanny [?] Morris & Miss D went with Miss Lennox & etc to see Penllergare. I walked in the Sands & drove with Emma to Swansea

Wednesday 11 Walked to Swansea & half way back when I was met by Mrs D in the Phaeton

Thursday 12 Walked 3 or 4 mile [?] as usual. Mrs & Miss Jones of Brin Newydd, Mr & Mrs Alfred Jones, Lord Geo Lennox & 2 elder Miss Edens, Miss Webber & Capt Knollys & Lieut Goodwyn of the 75th dined with us

Friday 13 The Moggridges closed their Visit & returned home. Went with Miss Mary, Fan & her 2 eldest, John & Emma & their 4 eldest to see Sands (an American) Eq..tium [?] performances, & we were all much gratified

Saturday 14 Mrs & Miss D drove in the afternoon to Swansea & I walked for 4 or 5 miles

Sunday 15 Such a very rainy day that none of us went to Church & I read the morning Service to the Family

Monday 16 Walked in the morning to call at Woodlands. As the Edens had engaged a Box from a desire to aid Woulds [?] at his benefit I went in the Evening with Miss Mary to the Theater [sic]

Tuesday 17 Walked in the morning to the Pottery, & on my return Mrs D met me near Singleton & I accompanied her to Elm Cottage. My side for some days had been more or less troublesome & the pain was much encreased by a tumble in the White Stile Fields

Wednesday 18 Side very bad last night & very troublesome all day. Did not leave home & tried a warm Bath in the afternoon

- Thursday 19 Walked with John & Emma to Elm Cottage & the Carriage brought me back. Mrs D much confined by a stiff back, so that I sent for Dr Howells to see her
- Friday 20 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea & back
- Saturday 21 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D (herself still much unwell) to see Emma who has been laid up all the week with a stiff neck. Lewis leaving his Family with Lady Mary at Lanelay came home for a couple of days & dined here
- Sunday 22 My dear Mary not well enough to get up till afternoon. Miss Mary walked with Lewis to Church
- Monday 23 Much pain in my side. Walked to Elm Cottage & Miss Mary in the Carriage brought me back. Mrs D still much unwell. Mr & Mrs Alexander & my Nephew & Niece Sims arrived on a Visit
- Tuesday 24 Drove with Mr & Mrs A & the two youngsters & Miss Mary to the Mumbles. The 3 latter sketched at the Castle. Called at Elm Cottage & etc. My dear old Lady still too unwell to go out
- Wednesday 25 Mrs D continues much unwell & unable to go out. With D Sims I attended the opening of a Mummy at the Institution & from thence we proceeded to join the Alexanders & Miss Sims & Miss Mary at Penllergare. Got home to dinner
- Thursday 26 My dearest Mary confined chiefly to her room
- Friday 27 Mrs D so unwell as not to come down stairs. Emma sent her Carriage & took the Alexander party to Caswell Bay. Lewis & Bessie returned to Parkwern from Lanelay
- Saturday 28 Mrs D more unwell & in the Evening we again sent for Dr Howells, tho' he had seen her only 2 or 3 hours before
- Sunday 29 Mrs D very unwell. Did not get up till afternoon not come down all day. Bessie took Mr A & the two Sims to their Meeting, & Miss Mary walked with Lewis to Church. I have a bad sore throat
- Monday 30 Mrs D still very unwell & myself confined by a severe cold. Mrs A went to the Mumbles & at once came back but the remainder of our party under the direction of Miss D walked round Braslet Bay

OCTOBER

Tuesday 1	Mrs D rather better but remains upstairs. My cold also better. Mr Alexander went with Moggridge to see the Copper Works, but the afternoon too wet to allow of more
Wednesday 2	Drove with Richard & D Sims to a Lecture on the Mummy continued from Wednesday last at the Institution. I left them there & attended the Quarterly Meeting of the Visiting Magistrates at the House of Correction
Thursday 3	My sister in much pain. Walked with Mrs D to see Bryn y mor, to Parkwern & etc. In the morning the party had been with Lewis to see the Pottery
Friday 4	Drove with Mr Alexander, the two Sim's & Miss Mary to 3 Cliffs Bay, & while under the Great Tor a heavy rain set in which lasted till we rejoined the Carriage at the Gower Inn
Saturday 5	A wet day. My dear Mary, tho' still too unwell to join us at Dinner, spent most of the Evening in the Drawing Room
Sunday 6	The Carriage took Mr A & the two S's to Meeting & Miss Mary to Church. My dear Mary better & took a short walk in the Garden
Monday 7	Our Ipswich Friends left us & started via Landilo for London at about ½ past 9
Tuesday 9	Walked to Swansea & Mrs D with the Carriage met me on my return. A violent storm last night
Wednesday 9	Drove with Mrs D & found that 3 Vessels had been driven in shore almost against the Garden Wall. Storm again violent at Night
Thursday 10	Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Penllergare where we met John & Emma from Elm Cottage
Friday 11	Walked to Elm Cottage & Mrs D in the Carriage brought me back. My side for several days as been very troublesome but I made up my walk to about 6 Miles without over fatigue
Saturday 12	A very wet day. Our dear Theresa on the foreboard [?] of the last of the Family came to us
Sunday 13	Weather wet. Miss Mary with little Theresa drove to the Mumbles Church & I read the Service to the Family at home

Monday 14 Another rainy day with some Thunder Storms. Took a short drive in the afternoon with Mrs D. Side very painful

Wednesday 30 My side more than usually troublesome. Walked 5 miles round by St Helens & etc

NOVEMBER

Friday 1 As Sir C Lemon spent the whole day at the Copper Works he slept at Singleton & Mrs D & I joined him at Dinner

Saturday 2 Sir C Lemon came to breakfast here at 9 & I drove him over to Penllergare. Returned back to Lunch at 2 & at 3 started for Margam

Sunday 3 Mrs & Miss D & Miss Headlam went to Church at the Mumbles

Monday 4 Busy about improvements in Mrs D's garden

Tuesday 5 My dear Mary much unwell all the morning & tho better towards Evening did not go out all day

Wednesday 6 Busy about Garden improvements

Thursday 7 Ditto

Friday 8 Busy chiefly in the Garden
Received a notice for Lucas's Mortgage to be paid off

Saturday 9 Walked rather too much, & I find that more than 5 Miles usually affects my side which had been before much better all the Week

Sunday 10 Mrs & Miss D & Miss Headlam went to Church

Monday 11 Our dear little Emmy has this day completed her 7th day [sic] & Mrs D took the two youngsters with Miss Headlam to the Toy Shop, but the weather much interfered with our intended Fete

Tuesday 12 A heavy rain all day, & confiend us all almost wholly to the House
Wrote to De la beche about Blackdown [?] & ...[?] Trachelipods [?] & Mr Forbes²

²See Appendix of Diary.

Wednesday 15 My dear Mary has a[?] in the Face. Morning very wet, but afternoon turned out very fine & I drove with her to see Fan & get my Hair cut

Thursday 14 A very wet day & I did not stir out

Friday 15 An unsettled day, & in taking my usual walk of about 5 Miles I got wet through. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea & back

Saturday 16 Attended the Funeral of my kind old Friend & neighbor Mr Eden of the Bryn, at St Mary's Swansea. In the afternoon walked to Carn Glas with Miss Mary & the Weather was too wet to do more

Sunday 17 Miss D & Miss Headlam went to Swansea Church & I erad the mornign Service to others of the Family at home

Monday 10 Chiefly occupied in unpacking & planting 32 new Roses & other Shrubs from Durdham Close [?] Nursery. Did not till today alter our dining hour from ½ past 6 to 6 o'clock

Tuesday 19 At Singleton throughout the morning for the last fortnight a Bird unknown has been pecking strongly against the Windows, & by goping there I ascertained it to be thr Winter Wagtail. Walked about 5 Miles
12.5 Wrote to MD

Wednesday 20 Walked 3 or 4 Miles
Wrote to Mrs RDA

Thursday 21 Mad a Door to communicate with the Shed in the Upper Garden thro' Mrs D's rose walk. Wrote to Dr Prout

Friday 22 Walked to a Meeting at the Royal Institution & Mrs D met me with the Phaeton on my return

Saturday 23 Walked with Lewis to St Helens Corner in the morning, & took a drive with Mrs D in the afternoon

Sunday 24 Mrs & Miss D & Miss Headlam went in the close Carriage to Church. During the past week I have suffered more pain. I received some fresh instructions from Dr Prout in the Post

Monday 25 A Frost. Mrs D drove to Penllergare to procure warmer Clothing for our Grandchicks who remain here. I have had more pain in my side for several days & towards Evening it became severe

Tuesday 26 Pain in my side severe. Towards dusk drove with Mrs D to get a Opium plaster [?], & took a hot bath in the Evening without relief

Wednesday 27 Much pain in my side continues. In the afternoon drove with Mrs D to see Fan who has a bad head ache

Thursday 28 My side so bad last night that I sent early for Dr Howells & he pronounced it to be an attack in the Liver unconnected with my other ailment. Forbid to go out or take [?] anything but slops. Mr & Mrs C H Smith, 2 Miss Grahams, Col Morgan & Capt E Morgan of St Helens, Lewis & Bessie & Mr Moggridge dined with us

Friday 29 Dr Howells came again soon after breakfast. My side not well but better

Saturday 30 Dr Howells for 3 hours kept on a mustard poltice on m y side, & it is very painful. Miss Mary's cold so bad that she has quite lost her voice

DECEMBER

Sunday 1 Mrs D & Miss Headlam went to Church. The Doctor found me better, but prescribed more Medicine, & more abstinence & confinement

Monday 2 Mush better & suffer most from the effects of the mustard poltice [sic]

Tuesday 3 Much better, except as to the Poultice, & in the afternoon drove with Mrs D to Swansea & back

Wednesday 4 Dr Howell took his leave & tho' his poltice has left the surface very sore, it appears to have taken away all pain from the Kidney as well as the Liver. Mrs D took our Emmy & Willy with the Governess to Penllergare, & all Johns Family are expected to reassemble there tomorrow

Thursday 5 Hard Frost. Therm last night 26

Friday 6 Rejoiced by a Visit from John & Emma who reached home yesterday. Thermometer last night 25+

Saturday 7 Therm last night 27. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to spend a few minutes with Fan at Swansea

Sunday 8 Therm last night 26. Both my Marys having slight colds we none of us went to Church & I read the morning Service to the Family

Monday 9 Therm last night 25. Fanny being unwell walked with Miss Mary to Swansea & her there. Mrs D drove in & brought me back

Tuesday 10 Therm last night 23. Walked in the afternoon to Swansea & Mrs D brought me home in the Phaeton

Wednesday 11 Therm last night rather below 30. Mr & Mrs Vivian, Arthur, Alfred & Miss Jones, Mrs Webber & her son Vivian, Col Jones, & Lewis dined here. In the Evening some snow fell

Thursday 12 Therm last night 27, & the ground thickly covered with snow at Sun rise

Friday 13 Therm last night 27. snow remains thick on the ground but no more fell

Saturday 14 Therm 26. Snow not melted but next to no snow fell. John & Emma who through the weather had not been over since this day sennight came round by Swansea for an hours visit

Sunday 15 Therm in the course of the night a little below 30, but at 6 this morning there was a thaw which continued all day tho the wind remained at East. Mrs & Miss D went to Church. Pain in my side

Monday 16 Therm last night 35. Rained in the aft Wind Easterly. Pain in my side, remained at home

Tuesday 17 Therm last night lowest 37. Wind Easterly. Snow all gone. Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea

Wednesday 18 Therm last night lowers 42. I walked to the Quarterly Meeting at the House of Correction & Mrs D took me on in our Carriage to spend Xmas at Penllergare. Emma had driven over & taken Miss Mary in her Carriage

Thursday 19 Mrs D drove over to Sketty. I was last night much unwell

Friday 20 Frost at Penllergare e#severe, but my Therm at Sketty had not fallen below 31.5. Drove with Mrs D to Sketty from whence I walked to a Meeting at the Institution, & returned with her in the Carriage to Penllergare

Saturday 12 Kept awake nearly all night by a severe attack of English Cholera. After breakfast Mrs D drove to Swansea in the Phaeton to bring Dr

Howell back but returned without him & he did not arrive till about 2. He remained here till past 9 & I was bled with a Lancer for the first time in my life, & also put into a hot Bath & etc. By one or both of my excellent Marys I was attended all night

- Sunday 22 Dr Howell arrived before breakfast, & tho better I was kept nearly [?] in bed & had not my Cloathes [sic] on all day
- Monday 23 Tho very weak the Dr found me much better. Up most of the day but confined to my room
- Tuesday 24 Tho' better the Dr did not think it prudent for me to go down stairs
- Wednesday 25 The Dr came early. Allowed to go down to the Xmas Dinner, but took nothing more than a little meat without any wine, & I had not before eaten anything besides some dry toast since Friday
- Thursday 26 Mrs D drove to Sketty. the Doctor pronounced me to be going on quite favorable, but I was allowed only a slice of plain meat & one Glass of Sherry for my Dinner
- Friday 27 I remain without much further improvement, & am confined to the House & to Diet as heretofore
- Saturday 28 The new Hot Bath at Penllergare requires some alteration & our own one being more comfortable we for a few hours went back in the close Carriage to Sketty
- Sunday 29 Rather less well but the Doctor thinks not materially so. The weather being very wet Mrs D read the Service to the Family
- Monday 30 Head ache & dont [?] recover the status quo. Walked out for a ¼ of an hour & took a short drive with Mrs D
- Tuesday 31 Much as yesterday. Again took a short walk

END OF DIARY

APPENDIX

From a letter to DelaBeche, Dec 6 1844

With the hope of seeing Mr Forbes at Sketty I have been rummaging for my Memoranda on the Blackdown Fossils & in the great affinity which most of them bear to the Ancliff pigmies. When Parliament took me off from the Enquiry I had nearly satisfied myself that not a single Genus is to be found in the one that does not occur in the other & in many of

the species that the main difference is in the size. Nothing ever puzzled me so much as this narrow bed of Sillipurlians [?] & most of them besides the carnivorous Trachelifrods [?] have more affinity with tertiary than with secondary Fossils which is also the case at Blackdown

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