

The Dillwyn Collection

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

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JANUARY
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Friday 1	Walked in to a Meeting of the Royal Institution & the Phaeton brought me back. Lewis, Bessie & De la Beche dined with us
Saturday 2	Drove into Swansea on Dock Business with De la Beche from Parkwern & we walked back
Sunday 3	Therm last night 31. Snowed heavily all day. Notwithstanding Mrs & Miss D went to Church, & I have been confined all day to the House by strong Medicine
Monday 4	Drove in the morning to attend a Harbor Meeting. A perfect thaw at Sunrise. For a sort of Lumbago tried a hot Bath
Tuesday 5	My two Mary's in the close Carriage went to visit some sick at Killai in the close Carriage but the weather so wet that I staid at home
Wednesday 6	My two Marys drove to Swansea. Sir Jo Morris, Sir H De la Beche & Lewis & Bessie dined with us
Thursday 7	Drove in the morning to the anniversary of the Savings Bank & walked back to a Feats & examination of the Children at Miss Marys School which I much enjoyed. Miss Mary & I dined at Parkwern
Friday 8	Went in the aft with my two Marys to dine & sleep at Penllergare
Saturday 9	Met all the descendants except little Amy round the Christmas Tree. Got back to Sketty at 5
Sunday 10	went with my two Marys to Swansea Church & I afterwards walked to Parkwern
Monday 11	Took a walk round by Henderwin & Black Pill
Tuesday 12	Walked to call on Sir Jo Morris. Miss Mary Mrs Webber to the Singleton Ball. She returned about 2
Wednesday 13	My two Marys drove about to teach the poorer neighbours how to make Homisy [?]

Thursday 14 Walked in the aft to call on Lord & Lady Stuart at Singleton & thence to Parkwern where I met Mrs D

Friday 15 Walked to Parkwern & etc. Mrs & Mrs Jo Traherne arrived on a Visit in the afternoon

Saturday 16 Mrs D & the Trahernes drove to Swansea. Capt Lindsay dined with us

Sunday 17 Rained last Evening but froze in the night. Therm 28. Mrs D has a cold & I read the Service to her. The Trahernes & Miss Mary went to Church. In the aft I walked with Mr T to Singleton & Parkwern

Monday 18 Therm last night 27. The Trahernes & Miss Mary drove to Penllergare. I walked to the Seaside. Lewis & Bessie dined with us

Tuesday 19 Therm last night 29. Drove with Mr Traherne to Swansea where I remained about an hour & then walked back

Wednesday 20 Therm last night 32 & some heavy snow fell in the morning. Revd Mr Squires breakfasted with us

Thursday 21 Traherne & I drove to dine at 5 with the anniversary of the Scientific & Literary Society. Bessie so bad with a violent Ear ache that Lewis was kept at home. After breakfast Mr & Mrs T & Miss Mary drove for an hour to Penrice
I was in the Chair & I never before heard or read of any Scientific Dinner in Wales

Friday 22 My dear Marys cold worse & she did not come down Stairs. Mr & Mrs T drove for an hour in the close Carriage to Swansea. Mr Wilmot dined with us

Saturday 23 Mrs D's cold rather better, & so is Bessies Ear ache. Mr & Mrs Traherne in the afternoon left us & drove to Penrice

Sunday 24 All the morning rained hard & none of us went to Church. Mrs D's cold somewhat better but still continues. Miss D with a bilious attack confined to her bed. Lewis & Bessie both ill & a poor account at Penllergare

Monday 25 Walked chiefly to Parkwern. All our Invalids better

Tuesday 26 My Mary's not yet well but drove in the close Carriage to Parkwern & Bessie still too weak to leave her Bed. A violent storm of wind & Thunder in the Evening

Wednesday 27 Neither of my Mary's well enough to go out. I drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea

Thursday 28 Mrs D drove in the close Carriage to take her Maid who is ill to Swansea. Mr & Mrs Traherne returned from Penrice to spend a couple of days here

Friday 29 Mrs D in the morning drove in the close Carriage & left Mr Traherne at the Mumbles. I went in Lewis's Carriage to a Meeting at the Royal Institution & on my return home found Miss Talbot & Lady E Pennefeather spending the afternoon here

Saturday 30 Mr & Mrs Traherne left us & went to Penllergare. I walked to Parkwern & etc. A White Frost last night. Therm 31

Sunday 13 Therm last night 30. Miss Mary & most of the Family went to Church. Mrs D not being well I read the Service to her at home

FEBRUARY

Monday 1 Therm last night 28. Drove with Miss Mary to Swansea & I attended a Harbor Meeting

Tuesday 2 Therm last night 31. Polly rode to Penllergare. I walked nearly to Singleton entrance by the Road

Wednesday 3 Therm last night 33. Drove in the morning to Swansea & attended a Meeting of Paving Commissioners. Walked back

Thursday 4 Not well walked only in the neighbourhood

Friday 5 Walked only in the neighbourhood

Saturday 6 Took Calomel & did not go out
Wrote to Gurney, prof Jobart [?] & Dr Lindley

Sunday 7 Rained hard all the morning & about noon a heavy fall of snow commenced. My two Marys notwithstanding went to Church in the close Carriage

Monday 8 Therm last night 24. Heavy snow all day. Did not go out

Tuesday 9 Therm last night 23. Did not stir out. Something ails my Bladder. Took a hot bath in the Evening at 9. Snow all day & is for the County

unusually deep. The London Mail did not arrive till 8 hours after its time i.e. at 9pm

Wednesday 10 Therm last night 24. Some snow in the Night. A beautiful frost all day. Walked to the Sands. Snow deep

Thursday 11 Therm last night _____. Drove in the aft with Mrs D & called at the Willows

Friday 12 Therm last night 18.5. Snow continues to fall & is so deep that I did not go much out

Saturday 13 Therm 24. Drove in the afternoon to Swansea & in the Evening some Rain & a thaw came on

Sunday 14 Therm last night 32.5. Thaw & rain nearly all day. Went with my two Marys to Sketty Church where the Queens Letter was read, & Mr Squires preached a Sermon on behalf of the starving Irish. Only 100.6.0 collected

Monday 15 Some rain. Sands flooded. Walked to Sea shore & etc

Tuesday 16 Rain most of the day. Drove in the afternoon with Miss Mary to call at Brynymor & round by Swansea home. Jo Jeffreys breakfasted with us

Wednesday 17 Drove on Business to Swansea in the morning. Very wet day

Thursday 18 Rained hard all day. None of us went out

Friday 19 Fine day. Walked to Parkwern & etc

Saturday 20 Walked twice to Parkwern & etc, alty [sic] 3 miles & it overtired me

Sunday 21 My two Marys went in the close Carriage to Church. I walked in the afternoon to Parkwern & Veranda but not well

Monday 22 John, Emma & little Willy came to lunch & when on his way to Swansea I walked with the former nearly to Singleton Entrance

Tuesday 23 Drove in the close Carriage with Mrs D for an hour in the aft. to Swansea

Wednesday 24 Took a walk to the Sands & etc

Thursday 25 Therm last night 30. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to look at Rose Cottage which John has taken at the Mumbles & afterwards walked to Parkwern

Friday 26 Therm last night 27. Drove in the morning to the Pottery & afterwards attended a Meeting at the Royal Institution. Mrs D in the close Carriage brought us back

Saturday 27 Therm last night 28. Not well & hardly passed the Threshold

Sunday 28 Therm last night 30,5. My two Marys went to Church. Did not go out

MARCH

Monday 1 Therm 33. The Phaeton took me to a Harbor [?] [Meeting] & walked about ½ way back when Mrs D met me in the close Carriage

Tuesday 2 Therm 32,5. Mrs D went with Emma to Rose Hill Cottage & John remained with me at Sketty. Took a hot bath in the Evening

Wednesday 3 Frost quite gone. Therm 36. Did not go much out. The Assizes began today but I did not feel stout enough to go near them

Thursday 4 Therm 32,5. Drove in the morning with Mrs D about fitting up of Johns Cottage at the Mumbles & afterwards to bring Miss D from Swansea. Mr Talbot after dining with the Judge came here about 9 to sleep

Friday 5 Therm last night 35. Drove Talbot to the Grand Jury & he walked back in the afternoon. Lewis & Bessie joined us at Dinner, & a bad headache kept my dear old Lady upstairs

Saturday 6 Therm 34. Walked with Talbot to call on N Vaughan the High Sheriff, who quarters at Singleton, & about 4 he returned to Penrice

Sunday 7 Therm 37 lowest last night. Much head ach & bad pain in my thigh. My two Marys went to Church. Very fine day

Monday 8 Miss Marys Birthday. Unwell & did not go much out. Lady Mary & Miss Talbot & Mr & Lady E Pennyfeather [?] lunched here

Tuesday 9 A little rain but otherwise fine. Much unwell & sent for Dr Howell by whose advice I remained in doors. Mr & Miss D drove to lunch at Penrice

Wednesday 10 Therm last night 34. In the morning some rain fell mixed with a little snow. Better but Dr Howell did not approve of my going out. Mrs D

drove to see dear Fan who was very unwell, & in her return left Miss Mary to spend the Evening & sleep at Mrs Bunburys

- Thursday 11 Therm last night 26. I should have gone out but a little snow fell, & Dr H thought it more prudent to keep warm. Miss Ward came to spend a couple of days here, & Mrs D took her on a drive to the Mumbles
- Friday 12 Therm last night 36. Miss Ward & etc rode with Miss Mary to Penllergare on Horseback. Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to see Fan who is confined still almost wholly to her Bed. Mr Wilmot & F Eden dined with us
- Saturday 13 Therm last night 34. Miss Ward returned to the Gnoll. Dr Howell at noon gave me some Medicine & confined me to the House. Mrs D went to see Fan & found her still much unwell
- Sunday 14 Mild fine day, & I felt so far better that I walked as far as Parkwern. My two Mary's went to Church
- Monday 15 Therm last night 33. Being too unwell to receive them I threw off[?] 3 Russian geologists who were sent to me by Murchison on Lewis & they dined with him today. In much pain & went but little out
- Tuesday 16 Weather more mild & heavy Rain & etc in the afternoon. Went about in the Phaeton & attended an adjourned Harbor Meeting
- Wednesday 17 A very wet day. Lewis & Bessie dined here & also Mr de Couiar [?] 'Officier du Genie de sa Majestie L'Empereur de toutes les Russes' Monsr de Kovalersky with the same Title & Gramatschikoff 'Ingenieurs des Mines Russes'
- Thursday 18 A delightful day. Drove in the aft with Mrs D to Langland Bay
- Friday 19 Rained heavily nearly all day & I went but little out
- Saturday 20 Drove with Mrs D to Rose Hill to try to introduce some substitute for Potatoes in the Cottage Garden about the Mumbles
- Sunday 21 Side better & I went with my two Mary's to St Mary's Church
- Monday 22 Lady M Cole & Miss Talbot came to spend a few days with us. Emma also & little Willy came to dine & sleep here
- Tuesday 23 Emma returned to Penllergare in the afternoon to meet John on his return with Johnny from Eton. Lewis & Bessie dined with us. Much pain in my side last night

Wednesday 24 Fair Day. Much pain in my side. My two Marys went with Lady Mary & Miss Talbot to Church & the two former went also in the Evening

Thursday 25 Pain in my side continues. Drove to attend the Quarterly Meeting at the House of Correction. Our Friends in the afternoon went to the Gnoll

Friday 26 Mrs D in the close Carriage, the Weather being wet drove in to see Fan who fro several days has been unwell, & I met with her & attended a Meeting at the Royal Institution. Side being very troublesome I tried a hot Bath (102) before Dinner

Saturday 27 Walked to the Sea Shore for an hour & etc

Sunday 28 Rained hard all day. Mrs & Miss D went to Church where some Advocate canted away for 2 hours about the Pastoral aid Society

Monday 29 Walked in the aft to call at Singleton with Miss D. A slight white frost & fine Weather

Tuesday 30 Therm last night 33. Some snow & much pain in the afternoon. Drove in the aft with Mrs D to Rose Hill

Wednesday 31 Therm last night 33. Went with Mrs D to spend 3 or 4 hours at Penllergare & in our way passed the Cockitt passed through heavy snow storm. It again snowed in the Evening

APRIL

Thursday 1 Therm last night 33. Took a walk to the shore & etc

Friday 2 Therm last night 29.5. Good Friday. Drove with Mrs D to see Fan who for the last 2 or 3 days has suffered much from an Inflammation in her Throat. I attended Service at St Marys, & having left Miss D to attend on her Sister returned with Mrs D home. Immediately after our return Prof Jo Phillips & Grove called to Lunch & I walked with them to Singleton. Snowed at Intervals

Saturday 3 Therm last night 28.5. Snowed at Intervals. Drove with Mrs D expecting to meet Emma at Rose Hill. Prof Phillips, Mr Grove & Lewis & Bessie dined with us. Buckland in a Letter calls this the 5th Winter

Sunday 4 Therm last night 33, & weather became Milder. Went with Mrs D to St Mary's & dear Fan not well enough to allow of Miss D's return with us to Sketty

Monday 5 Drove on Business to Swansea & spent near 5 hours at a Harbor Meeting which much fatigued me. Mrs D brought me home. A poor account of our dear Fan

Tuesday 6 Tho' it rained Mrs D drove at ½ past 10 to visit some Cottage Gardens at Killay & I went at 2 to being her home

Wednesday 7 Drove with Mrs D to call on the Pennefeathers & Popkin Trahernes at Penllergare & returned by Swansea to see our dear Fan who continues very ill & confined to her Bed

Thursday 8 Drove with Mrs D who spent a few hours with Fan, & found her better. I attended a Harbor Meeting

Friday 9 The Popkin Trahernes with ...[?] of their Youngsters came to lunch on their way from penllergare to Singleton. Walked with Miss D to Singleton

Saturday 10 Drove & spent most of the afternoon with Mrs D in looking over Cottage Gardens at Killai [sic]

Sunday 11 Rained too much to go to Church & I read the Service as usual in the Dining Room

Monday 12 Weather wet. Drove with Mrs D to spend the afternoon with our dear Fan who is still far from well

Tuesday 13 Mrs D drove to see Fan & I went part of the way with her & took a walk

Wednesday 14 Fan being better Miss D returned to us & drove in the afternoon with her to visit some patients at Killai. I walked to the Sand Hills etc

Thursday 15 Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to see Fan & was grieved to hear that my dear John has severely cut one of [?] his fingers by his new Saw Mill

Friday 16 Miss Mary soon after 5am went to Parkwern & at 6 started with Lewis & Bessie by the Bristol Mail with intent of sleeping in London

Saturday 17 Rained incessantly all day so that we could not stir out

Sunday 18 Went with Mrs D to Church where we were kept 2½ hours by a stupid Funeral Sermon on my late Friend Calvert Jones. We afterwards walked & spent an hour or two with the Chicks at Parkwern

Monday 19 Drove with Mrs D in the morning to see our dear John who suffers much from his accident & to call on the Royd Smiths who are on a Visit to Penllergare. Returned home by Swansea in the afternoon

Tuesday 20 Went after the Servants Dinner [?] for Mrs D to assist Emma in settling Willy & little Nelly at Rose Hill. Visited Cottage Gardens on the way back

Wednesday 21 Drove with Mrs D to visit the poor Cottagers at Killai & afterwards to the Chicks at Parkwern

Thursday 22 Some unexpected Thunder & Rain about Noon kept us chiefly at home

Friday 23 Drove to a Meeting at the R Institution & to the Pottery. Mrs D accompanied me & from the Willows took her to Parkwern where I called for her on my return

Saturday 24 Drove at ½ past 1 with Mrs D to Rose Hill where we found Emma & Mrs R Smith, & from thence we took Willy with us to spend an hour or two in Llangland. I had much pain through my nether half

Sunday 25 I was in much pain all day. Neither Mrs D or I went out, but I read most of the morning Service to her. The 3 Chicks from Parkwern spent the afternoon here

Monday 26 Drove to a Harbor Meeting & on account of Lewis continued absence, to the Pottery & afterwards with Mrs D to Parkwern

Tuesday 27 Much pain in the night but in the morning better. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Killai & then to Parkwern. Walked home to Dinner

Wednesday 28 Drove to Swansea & leaving Mrs D with Fan I went on to the Pottery, & on our return were left by the Carriage at Parkwern & walked home

Thursday 29 My dear Mary too unwell to go out. Drove in the afternoon to see D Edwards & afterwards called at Parkwern

Friday 30 As Mrs D was still too unwell to go out I again drove to see D Edwards & to Parkwern. We had at [?] intervals both Thunder & Hail

MAY

Saturday 1 A strange May Day, for it was delightful till ½ past 8 when it suddenly changed to heavy Rain which lasted all night. Garden very backward & not a single Paeony[?] in flower. Our close Carriage brought the Youngsters from Parkwern about 10 & they spent the day with us

Sunday 2 My dear Mary too unwell to go to Church & I remained & read the afternoon Service with her

Monday 3 A slight Frost last night but the Thermometer not below 36. Mrs D finding herself well enough after luncheon we drove to witness dear Theresa's Birthday, & Mayday kept at Penllergare

Tuesday 4 Drove in the afternoon & left Mrs D at the Willows while I went on to the Pottery & on our return spent ½ an hour at Parkwern

Wednesday 5 Mrs D drove to Parkwern & afterwards & [?] accompanied her to call at Woodlands & Rosehill

Thursday 6 I Walked to call at Veranda & Parkwern. Drove afterwards & left Mrs D at the Willows. Visited the Pottery

Friday 7 Much rain at Intervals, & went little out

Saturday 6 Drove to call at the Willows & then to the Works. About ¼ past 1 met the Mail with our 3 Wanderers & Miss Mary accompanied me while the other 2 returned in their own Carriage home

Sunday 9 Our dear Fans Birthday. Drove to Swansea where we left Mrs D she not being well at the Willows, & Miss D & I went to Church
On yesterday sennight heard from my Sister Mrs Alexander of the death on April 6 of John Cox at his seat Oxmead near Burlington N. America in the 92nd year of his Age. He had married Ann the sister of my Father who has long since been deceased, & to a high Character for Benevolence was added many literary attainments which remained bright to the last

Monday 10 Drove in the Phaeton to Rosehill where we met Emma & Mrs Smith, & Bessie & Miss Mary on Horseback accompanied us. We afterwards

- called on Mrs Hussey Vivian who arrived at Singleton with the Bride Groom last Friday
- Tuesday 11 Mrs & Miss D drove to look over Cottage Gardens at Killai. I walked to Parkwern
- Wednesday 12 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Whites Nursery & round by Swansea home. Much pain in my side & took a hot Bath
- Thursday 13 Mrs D drove Miss D to Penllergare & left her there for a few days. A letter from Vivian informed me that the Preamble of the Swansea Dock Bill passed. I walked to Parkwern etc
- Friday 14 My dear Mary not well enough to go out. I walked to Parkwern. Little Traherne Moggridge came to us as a forerunner of the Family
- Saturday 15 Drove with Mrs D to Rosehill. The Moggridge Family came to us. Miss D in the Evening returned to Penllergare
- Sunday 16 My dear Mary & Fanny both too unwell to go to Church, & I went with Miss D in the Phaeton. Moggridge walked there with Lewis
- Monday 17 Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon & spent an hour or two in Langland Bay. Called on our way at Rose Hill where there was a large party from Penllergare. Miss Mary rode to Penllergare & slept there
- Tuesday 18 Dear little Harry's Birthday. Rained heavily all day & none of [us] could go out & Miss D returned from Penllergare
- Wednesday 19 Lewis' Birthday, & as two of his Chicks Harry & Amy were born on the 16th & 18th the three Birthdays were kept here tres puncta incuno [?]. We had a Childrens Dinner at one & there were present 4 Grand Children from Rosehill - 3 from Parkwern - Fanny's 3. Franklens 4. Annette Jones & Catinka Smith from Penllergare with a Regiment of Governesses Caretakers & etc. The merry party had Tea at 6. Emma & Miss [?] Smith were obliged to return by a Party at Penllergare & only Lewis & Bessie remained to dine with us & the Moggridges
- Thursday 20 My two Marys drove to Killai & etc about Cottage Gardens. I walked to the Sea Side
- Friday 21 Drove to a Meeting of the R Institution, & Mrs D accompanied me to Swansea

- Saturday 22 My two Marys drove to spend a few hours in 3 Cliff Bay & I walked to Parkwern & etc
- Sunday 23 My two Marys & the Moggridges went to Church, but not being very strong I found it more prudent with reference to tomorrow to keep quiet at home today
- Monday 24 As the Institution was thrown open to the public I arrived there about ½ past 10, excepting an attendance at a Harbor Meeting I remained there till past 5. Just [as] we had finished Dinner Dr Buckland arrived at Sketty
- Tuesday 25 Drove with Dr Buckland & left him at a Gas Meeting while I remained at the Institution & returned with him to Sketty at ½ past 5. In the two days we had above 11,000 Visitors & I was much fatigued
The Iris Susiana broke finally into flower this morning & I never anywhere saw it in Blossom more than once before - ie 2 years ago in the same spot of Mrs D's Garden
- Wednesday 26 The D...[?] & M...[?] girls drove with me to Swansea where I attended a Harbor Meeting, & they went on to Penllergare. They returned to Sketty Hall with me at 4, & the following joined our Dinner party. Mr & Mrs Franklen, Arthur Jones & Lewis & Bessie. Lewis drove Buckland in to sleep at Swansea preparatory for an early start homewards tomorrow
- Thursday 27 Moggridge went off intending to stop a fortnight at Lannotydyd [?]. In the afternoon I walked to see a Juvenile party at Parkwern
- Friday 28 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D & spent an hour or so at Caswell Bay
- Saturday 29 My two Marys drove to Swansea & having a head ach I did not go much out
- Sunday 30 Mrs & Miss D went to the Mumbles Church & to see our Grand Chicks at Rose Hill. Summer too in this all the Week [?]
- Monday 31 Mrs & Miss D drove to Swansea & I walked about home. Found a Crop of artlewed [?] which had been planted in January & also of Norfolk early Shews [?] which were planted at the end of March to be infected with the Murrain, & none of the early Varieties were infected but [?last] Year before 24 of June. One of my late Potatoes yet exhibit any appearance of Disease, & last year they all remained healthy till the very end of June

JUNE

- Tuesday 1 Mrs & Miss D who drove to spend the afternoon & sleep at Ynysygerwn took me as far as Swansea when I presided at the Anniversary of the Royal Institution, & Fanny brought me back to Sketty
John with Emma, Willy & Baby went on a Visit to Lanylai [sic] leaving the 3 other Chicks at Rose Hill
- Wednesday 2 My two Marys's returned from Ynysygerwn unexpectedly soon about 2. Weather hot, & I did not go beyond the Gates
- Thursday 3 Drove with Mrs D to the Willows where she remained while I attended a Harbor Meeting
- Friday 4 In the afternoon I drove with Mrs D & Miss Mary went with Bessie & 3 Chicks to Langland Bay where we rambled for near 2 hours
- Saturday 5 The two Mary's went to Swansea & I walked over Vivian's Gardens
- Sunday 6 My two Mary's drove both intending to attend the Mumbles Church but Mrs D found herself rather unwell & remained during the Service at Rose Hill
Compleat Summer weather all the Week
- Monday 7 Drover to a Harbor meeting at Swansea. Mrs D went with Fan to see the Chicks at Rose Hill. In the aft Muss D O walked to look over Vivian's Garden
- Tuesday 8 Some Rain fell in the afternoon & the Weather much cooler. Mrs D on her way to bring the Chicks to spend the Evening with us from Rose Hill took me as far as Black Pill & on my walk home I called at Derwen fawr. Afterwards walked to Parkwern
- Wednesday 9 Therm last night 40,05. Drove to ...[?] at the British School in Goat St. Mrs D in Fans Carriage went to Rose Hill
- Thursday 10 Therm last night 41,05. Mrs D & I drove in the afternoon to Caswell Bay, & we took Theresa with us from Rose Hill
- Friday 11 Therm last night 41,05. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea

Saturday 12 Therm last night 41,05. My two Mary's & Weston set off for Caswell, but were turned back at Newton by a heavy Rain

Sunday 13 Therm last night 43. Rained hard & none of us went out except Miss Mary to her School all day. I read the Service to the Family

Monday 14 Weather very wet & did not leave our Grounds

Tuesday 15 Some heavy Showers. Drove with Mrs D to Rosehill in the afternoon. In the afternoon from 3 to 4 John arrived to spend a few days with us, having left Emma at Lanylai

Wednesday 16 Theresa & Emmy came early from Rose Hill, & when the violent Rain cleared off they went with their Father for an hour to Penllergare & returned to join E Berrington [?] & etc in keeping Westons Birthday & slept here. I drove to the Quarterly Meeting of visiting Magistrates at the House of Correction

Thursday 17 John went to the Board of Guardians & I remained about home. My two Marys spent most of the day at Caswell Bay, & Mr Wilmot leaving the Edens at Tenby arrived to inspect some Improvements at the Bryn & will take his Meals with us. Lewis & Bessie dined with us

Friday 18 John & Miss Mary spent the day at Ynysygerwn. I drove to attend a Meeting at the Royal Institution. Theresa & Emmy came from Rose Hill to spend the Evening with their Father, & Moggridge from Llanyltid joined our party at Dinner

Saturday 19 John returned to Llanylai. Having much pain in my side I did not leave home. The two Mary's with Theresa & Emmy went early & spent the day in Caswell

Sunday 20 The two Marys went to the Mumbles Church, & in the afternoon I walked tho' still unwell to Parkwern

Monday 21 Side continues Troublesome. Took a drive about ½ way to the Mumbles with Mrs D. The two Daughters of my old Friend Robt Wm Fox arrived on a visit at Parkwern & in the Evening Mr Wilmot accompanied Miss Mary to make a Moonlight call & drink Tea with them

Tuesday 22 Walked in the morning to Parkwern, & drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to Langland Bay. Miss D & Wilmot joined the Parkwern party to see Penllergare, & they all dined at Parkwern

Wednesday 23 Drove to a general Meeting of the British & Younger [?] School & as President took the Chair, & in the afternoon drove with Mrs D

halfway to the Mumbles. Lewis & Bessie, the 2 Misses Fox;s, Miss Mary & Mr Wilmot who had before made a party to the Mumbles Castle dined with us

- Thursday 24 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell & afterwards to Rose Hill
- Friday 25 Little Minnies Birthday, & in the afternoon Mrs D & I visited a general [?] Party of our Grand Chicks at Parkwern. After dining with us as usual Mr Wilmot took leave preparatory for a start early tomorrow for London
- Saturday 26 At 11 Mrs D & I with Weston & Sarah went for a few hours to Langland Bay, & Miss D joined us on horseback. Returned home at ½ past 4
- Sunday 27 The others of our party went to St Mary's & Mrs D & I drove to Church at the Mumbles & thence for a short Visit to Rose Hill. I walked in the afternoon to Parkwern
- Monday 28 Drove with Mrs D about 12 to Caswell Bay & returned at ½ past 4. Began to cut Grass in the Evening. Weather sultry
- Tuesday 29 John & Emma arrived back yesterday from Lanylai to Ynysygerwn & Emma came over to lunch & went with Mrs D to see the Chicks at Rosehill. Weather sultry
- Wednesday 30 Weather sultry. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D for ½ an hour to Swansea

JULY

- Thursday 1 Weather sultry. My Grand Chicks from the Mumbles & etc assembled at the Haymaking party at Parkwern, & I went there for half an hour. Side having latterly been very troublesome I took a hot Bath
- Friday 2 Weather hot. Side being bad, I hardly stirred out
- Saturday 3 Weather fine but less hot. better but still in pain - did not go further than my Hayfield
- Sunday 4 Mrs D drove to the Mumbles Church & Fan & Mary went to Swansea. I suffered much pain, more of the Lumbago sort, & walked only as far towards Evening as the Upper Lodge

Monday 5 Pain considerably better & in the afternoon I drove with Mrs D to Rose Hill where we met John & Emma who had come over for an hour or two from Ynysygerwn. The motion of the Carriage made the pain worse

Tuesday 6 The Lumbago or whatever it is continues & I was only able to walk a little in the Garden. Mr & Mrs Paul Bevan arrived on a Visit

Wednesday 7 Lumbago bad & I only walked as far as the Garden. Mr Bevan drove to Swansea, & the two old Ladies somewhere else

Thursday 8 Sent for Dr Howell & was confined quite to the House

Friday 9 Lumbago better but confined almost wholly to the House

Saturday 10 Weather wet. Much better & Dr Howell again visited me. Walked in the aft. with Mr Bevan to Parkwern

Sunday 11 My dear Mary not well enough to go to Church. Miss D & Fan went in the latters Carriage, but a heavy rain kept the Bevans at home in the Morning. They however went to their Evening Meeting

Monday 12 My two Marys & Mr & Mrs Bevan in the morning went to Penllergare where John & Emma from Rose Hill met them, & returned to Dinner

Tuesday 13 This day I have been married 40 years to my most dear & excellent Wife. John & Emma came in the morning but returned with the Chicks to Rose Hill before we went to Dinner. Lewis & Bessie dined with us. Weather still sultry

Wednesday 14 My side still in pain, & I did not go further than the Garden. Mr Bevan is confined by a Cold in his Eyes

Thursday 15 Walked only about home

Friday 16 Mrs D accompanied me in the afternoon to Swansea & I attended a Meeting of the Royal Institution. Moggridge returned from Linwrtyd

Saturday 17 Walked with Mr bevan about the neighbourhood. The Moggridge Family in the Evening returned here. Violent Thunder last night

Sunday 18 Mrs D drove to the Mumbles Church & Rose Hill but I was not well enough to accompany her. Miss D went to Swansea Church & the Bevans to their Meeting
A remarkable Blight of black winged aphides [?] which covered both Plants & People. Poppies were most affected by them. it was the black Bean aphid,[?] & the vial flight extended over the whole County

Monday 19 Drove in the aft with Mr Bevan to Rose Hill & Mrs D took a drive with Mrs D afterwards

Tuesday 20 Side very troublesome. Mr & Mrs Bevan left us after Breakfast for Landilo in their way homewards

Wednesday 21 My dear Mary & I drove to meet John & Emma with their Builder in Caswell Bay about their intended Cottage. On my return I took a Bath at 102

Thursday 22 As Lewis & Bessie with Miss Mary drove yesterday to spend a couple of nights at Rheola I drove in the afternoon to look at the Pottery

Friday 23 Drove early in the aft with Mrs D by appointment to meet John & Emma in Langland Bay & we remained there about 3 hours. Came back to dine & found Miss Mary returned from Rheola

Saturday 24 Drove with Mrs D to call on Miss Jeffreys (Richard's Daughter) at Norton & on the Revd D Davis. I afterwards walked to Singleton & being unwell it much tired me

Sunday 25 Side better than for several previous days. Went with Mrs D to the Mumbles Church & Miss D from Parkwern to Swansea

Monday 26 Walked in the aft to the Sand Hills

Tuesday 27 Walked to the Sand Hills

Wednesday 28 Mrs D drove in the afternoon to Norton, & brought back Miss Jeffreys, (Daughter of Capt Richard J) on a visit to us. I went with her to Black Pill & walked back

Thursday 29 Mrs D after breakfast took Miss Jeffreys to see Vivians Election function [?] taken by Mrs V for the purpose, & nearly at the same time Emma brought her two Boys to spend a few hours here. Walked to Parkwern & brought Bessie to dine with us. Lewis having gone to London by Steamer about Dock affairs

Friday 30 Mrs D, Miss Mary & Miss Jeffreys went to Penllergare. I walked to the Sand Hills

Saturday 31 Drove with Mrs D in the morning to the Willows & from thence in Lewis's absence I visited the Pottery. Walked in the aft to Parkwern

AUGUST

- Sunday 1 The want of an open Carriage to hold three induced me yesterday to buy a Britzka, & I went in it with my two Mary's to Swansea Church. After Dinner walked with Miss D & staid Tea with some of the Fox's at Parkwern
- Monday 2 In the aft drove in the Britzka with the 2 Mary's to Langland Bay for a couple of hours. My Grandsons John & Lewis came to spend a couple of days with us
- Tuesday 3 My two Mary's & two Grandsons spent most of the day in Langland. I drove with Bessie to Swansea to attend a School Meeting & etc. & Fan brought me home in her Fly. Bessie dined with us
- Wednesday 4 It seems as if one of the most delightful Summers that I ever witnessed is over, & rather before noon a heavy Rain set in. None of us stirred out except Miss MARY who went to sleep at Parkwern
- Thursday 5 Drove with Mrs D to Rose Hill in the afternoon & it rained in torrents on our way back. Lewis returned from London
- Friday 6 A fine day but became cloudy in the Evening. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles
- Saturday 7 Drove with Mrs D as far as Norton & then to Parkwern. Lewis & Bessie dined with us
- Sunday 8 Mush unwell & remained at home. Mrs & Miss D went to Swansea Church
- Monday 9 Drove in the aft with my 2 Marys to Swansea, & left Miss Mary at the Willows as Mr Moggridge is gone about the Monmouthshire Election. Last Night I was much unwell & sent for Dr Howell, but had nearly recovered before he came
- Tuesday 10 In the aft Mrs D in her way to Rose Hill set me down at Norton where at Mr Jeffreys I found Prof Forbes & Mr Hanley. I walked to Rose Hill & came home with Mrs D
- Wednesday 11 Dr Howell prescribed some more strong Medicine. Did not stay much out
- Thursday 12 Prof Forbes, Mr Hanley, Mr J G Jeffreys & Mrs R Neville & Lewis & Beiiies dined with us

Friday 13 Miss Eden who had been expected for a Week from Tenby arrived on a Visit to us. Drove in the afternoon with my two Mary's to Swansea & I attended a Meeting at the Royal Institution

Saturday 14 Dr Howell again visited me. Fan brought her Chicks to dine here it being the birthday of little Sarah & Granny & I accompanied the party for a walk on the Mumbles Hill & for Tea at Rose Hill. Got back very soon after ½ past 6 to Dinner

Sunday 15 Much unwell & did not go beyond my Gates. The two Marys & Miss Eden went to Church

Monday 16 Mr Hanley, who remains on a Visit to Mr Jeffreys came to look over my Library in the morning, & in the aft Mrs & Miss D & I in the Britzka took back [?] to Norton & went on to Rose Hill

Tuesday 17 Drove with Mrs D to Penllergare for an hour or two. Mr & Mrs Chs Smith, Mr & Mrs Willmot, Lewis & Bessie, Mr Halliday & Mr Harford of the 82nd Regt, besides our 4 selves including Miss Eden dined here

Wednesday 18 Drove with Mrs D & walked for an hour or two in Langland Bay

Thursday 19 Walked to Parkwern & etc

Friday 20 Miss D took Miss Eden & Bessie to the public Breakfast & to the Race Ball in the Evening. I walked to Parkwern

Saturday 21 I have this day entered on my 70th Year. Miss Mary & Miss Eden went to a Concert & only Mr Moggridge dined with us. Unusually free from pain today

Sunday 22 My dear Mary being far from well I did not go much out all day. Miss D & Miss Eden went in the Phaeton to Church

Monday 23 Mrs D thought herself well enough for a drive to Rose Hill in the afternoon, but it did harm & our removal there is put off for tomorrow. Miss Eden left us

Tuesday 24 Mrs D not well enough for our removal to Rose Hill, but we took a drive there in the afternoon

Wednesday 25 Drove with Mrs D to spend a Week at Rose Hill Cottage which John has taken for some Months & lent us at the Mumbles

- Thursday 26 Emma brought her two Boys in the afternoon & I went fishing with all three in Nicholas's Boat when to Willys great delight he caught a Mackerel & had never caught any Fish before
- Friday 27 Mrs D drove to Caswell Bay. Not being well I remained at Rose Hill
- Saturday 28 Being a very low Spring tide I drove with my two Mary's, & remained [?] nearly 2 hours in Caswell Bay. On our return found Fan & her Chicks at Rose Hill. Miss Mary afterwards dined at Mrs Webbers & slept at Sketty
- Sunday 29 Mrs D & I walked to Church & we afterwards went to spend the afternoon & sleep at Sketty
- Monday 30 Returned in the morning to Rose Hill & taking some of the Parkwern Chicks with us, & Bessie & Minnie soon followed us. Immediately afterwards Emma bringing Johnny & Willy also arrived & after a Chicks Dinner I took the two latter in Nichola's [sic?] Boat a fishing
- Tuesday 31 Bessie came over with her 3 Children & I accompanied her & my two Marys to search for Marine Currants [?] at Caswell Bay. By clearing the Ground for the Foundation Johns new building has this morning been begun

SEPTEMBER

- Wednesday 1 In the morning my two Marys rambled on the Mumbles Rocks & in the afternoon we all three went to dine & sleep at Sketty. In the Evening Miss D & I drove to hear a Lecture which Lewis gave on British Quadrapeds at the R Institution
- Thursday 2 At ¼ before 10 drove to attend the Funeral of my old Friend John Grove & it was near 2 when I got back to Sketty. We soon afterwards returned to Rose Hill where both Fanny & Bessie with their Chicks spent the afternoon with us
- Friday 3 My most dear & excellent Wife was this day launched into her 72nd Year. Jo Jeffreys breakfasted with us to make arrangements with Miss Mary for dredging after Corallius & Mollusca next week. John & Emma set out with their Boys for Eton, & the Girls were prevented by a heavy Rain from joining us. The Weather in the afternoon became fine & we walked over the Hill to Braslet & Limeslade Bays. The Chicks from the Willows & Parkwern however came to us & Lewis & Bessie dined here

- Saturday 4 Theresa & Emmy with the Governess came over at ½ past 12 & in the afternoon we had a ramble in Caswell Bay
- Sunday 5 Walked to the Mumbles Church with Mrs D in the morning & Wm Berrington preached very respectably. From respect for the Grove Family from whom for 45 years I had received much[?] I drove in the afternoon to St Johns Church & heard a superabundantly [?] stupid Funeral sermon from Phillips of Fairy Hill. My dear Mary accompanied me as far as Sketty & we got back to dine at Rose Hill
- Monday 6 Seized with a severe Heartburn all last night & an unaccountable drowsiness all day
- Tuesday 7 Much better towards Evening but did not leave Rose Hill
- Wednesday 8 Went with Mrs D along Shore [?], & walked over the Hill back. A very green Fish in a Pool left by Tides
- Thursday 9 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Caswell Bay where we met Miss Mary who returned with us. With a Woman for her Guide she had walked over the Rocks all the way from the Light House in search of Sea Animals
- Friday 10 I drove to attend a meeting of the Royal Institution at Swansea & my two Marys walked towards the Light House
- Saturday 11 Walked along the Shore with my two Marys & remained about two hours in Braslet Bay. About 5 we all returned to Sketty & closed our visit to Rose Hill Cottage which as the Weather has been generally delightful we have much enjoyed
- Sunday 12 Mrs D passed nearly a sleepless Night & has been nearly all day on the Bed or Sofa. Miss Mary went to St Mary's
A more thorough wet day than I have latterly witnessed & Lewis tells me that there was a Halo round the Sun yesterday afternoon
- Monday 13 My two Marys drove to see the Lady Chicks at Penllergare as John & Emma are still absent, & I walked to the Sand Hills
- Tuesday 14 Drove in the afternoon with my two Marys for an hour to Swansea
- Wednesday 15 In the afternoon drove with Mrs & Miss D to Rose Hill & from thence I walked on the Hill with the former, but a rainy Prospect soon turned us back

Thursday 16 Took my usual Walk to the Sand Hills. Mrs, Miss & the Revd Jo Eden, Mrs Webber & her son Vivian who has just entered the 67th Regt, Arthur Jones & Lewis & Bessie dined with us

Friday 17 Rained very hard all the morning. In the afternoon drove with Mrs D to Woodlands & Rose Hill

Saturday 18 Weather very showery but my two Marys drove to Swansea & I got a walk to Parkwern

Sunday 19 Weather very wet & not being very well I went very little out. My Mary's went however to St Mary's Church & to see after dear FAn who ahs been confined chiefly to her Bed for several days

Monday 20 Drove in the morning with Mrs D to Penllergare & found that John & Emma had returned home on SATurday Evening

Tuesday 21 Took my usual walk down the lane. Mr & Mrs Hussey Vivian, Mr & Mrs Wilmott, Miss Caroline Eden, Mr Moggridge & Lewis & Bessie dined with us

Wednesday 22 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Rose Hill & walked with her for about an hour & a half in the Hills

Thursday 23 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Pottery & afterwards spent an hour at the Willows

Friday 24 Went with Mrs D to Langland Bay where we staid 1½ hours & then called at Rose Hill on Theresa & Emmy who had just arrived there with their Governess

Saturday 25 Mrs D & I in the morning drove with Miss Mary & Graham Vivian to Rose Hill. From there the two latter walked to look for Marine Animals about the Mumbles point, & we walked with our Grand Chicks to Braslet Bay

Sunday 26 Went with my two Marys to Church at Swansea

Monday 27 Drove at Noon with the two Marys & Miss Eden to the Mumbles from whence the two juniors went to search for Marine Animals under the Light House & about the Cherrystones. Mrs D & I walked to meet them on their return

Tuesday 28 Miss Mary & Miss Eden went to spend the morning with the Howsons [?] at the Elms [?], & towards Dusk Mrs D & I on our return from Rose Hill brought them back

Wednesday 29 John & Emma spent much of the day with us & Mrs D & I towards Evening drove to see the Chicks at Rose Hill
About 8 a luminous Arch in the direction & other respects very similar tho' more feint than the one of Dec 3 1845 (see Journal for that Year) & it was crossed by another smaller Arch at an acute angle

Thursday 30 Mrs D & I in the Evening took a drive as far as Norton

OCTOBER

Friday 1 Not being well I did not go much out

Saturday 2 In the afternoon Mrs D & I took a drive & walked for an hour in Langland Bay

Sunday 3 I went very little out. My two Marys attended St Marys Church

Monday 4 Drove to a Harbor Meeting & my two Marys brought me home

Tuesday 5 Lewis came to breakfast in his way from Penllergare & the Infirmary. Weather wet

Wednesday 6 It rained almost in torrents nearly all day. I drove to the usual Quarterly Meeting at the House of Correction

Thursday 7 Drove with Mrs D to meet Emma at Rose Hill & afterwards called on Bessie who has this day returned with her Chicks from a fortnights visit at Penllergare

Friday 8 A very wet day. My two Marys took me to Swansea & I attended a Meeting of the Royal Institution. Theresa came to us on a Visit with their Governess from Penllergare

Saturday 9 Thick clouds this morning [?] from seeing anything of the annular Eclipse. Heavy Rain kept us at home

Sunday 10 In spite of the heavy Showers Miss D & the Governess in our close Carriage accompanied my two Grand Chicks to St Mary's Church & I read the Service to the Family at home

Monday 11 My dear Mary kept awake most of last night & much troubled with the Faceach. I did not go much out

Tuesday 12 A Leach to her Gum had less than the usual effect yesterday & she tried another today. I did not much leave her

Wednesday 13 My dear Mary rather better but still too unwell to come down Stairs. In the afternoon I walked with my Grand Chicks on the Sea Shore

Thursday 14 Mrs D still confined up Stairs. Walked in the afternoon with Theresa & Emmy to Parkwern

Friday 15 My dear Mary continues so far from well that I sent for Dr Howells & to meet him I did not accompany John & Emma & a strong party to see the Pottery. Walked in the Shore towards Evening

Saturday 16 In the afternoon I took a short drive in the close Carriage with Mrs D & it brought on a return of some pain in her face. I afterwards went to the Sands with my Grand Chicks

Sunday 17 Mrs D better but not well enough to go out & I read the Service to the Family. Miss Mary, Theresa & Emmy went with the Governess to the Mumbles Church, & after afternoon Service their Papa walked back with the two Girls

Monday 18 My dear Mary so far better as to drive as far as the Mumbles in the close Carriage & I accompanied her but she did not venture on getting out

Tuesday 19 It being Quarter Sessions I drove in & remained near an hour at the County Court. Theresa & Emma went to keep their younger Sisters company at Rose Hill while John & Emma went for the Sessions Week to Penllergare. I walked in the Evening to call on Mr & Mrs Henry Bruce who are on a Visit to Parkwern

Wednesday 20 Mrs D better & drove in the close Carriage to the Mumbles. I walked to Parkwern & etc. My friend Jo Nicholl dined & slept here & etc

Thursday 21 After an early breakfast I sent [?] him back to Court, not being well enough to accompany him. Walked to Parkwern. Rawleigh Mansell dined with us

Friday 22 Theresa & Emmy with their Governess returned to us from Rose Hill. Mr W R Grove & Mr Moggridge with his Friend Mr Brown of Clifton dined with us. My side being troublesome I only took a drive with my dear Mary in the close Carriage to Norton

Saturday 23 Rained hard all day & none of us went out

Sunday 24 The Penllergare party went to the Mumbles Church & Miss Mary to Swansea. Neither Mrs D or I sufficiently well & I read the Service to the Family at home

Monday 25 A severe attack of pain in my side last night. Drove with Mrs D in the close Carriage to Norton & on our return I joined my Grand Chicks in the Sands

Tuesday 26 Much better. I walked to Singleton & etc. The Penllergare party returned to Rose Hill Cottage

Wednesday 27 A wet day. The Carriage took Miss D to sleep at Penllergare

Thursday 28 Side troublesome. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Friday 29 Suffered more from the old pain in my side than [?] for many preceeding [?] weeks if not Months. Took only a short walk. Miss D returned from Penllergare. Tried a hot Bath at 102°

Saturday 30 Drove in the aft with Mrs D to Rose Hill Cottage, & took a short walk to the Patches [?]

Sunday 31 The pain in my side more severe last night than it has been for several weeks if not Months, & much unwell all day. The Weather being wet none of us went to Church & my two Marys read the Service to the Family

NOVEMBER

Monday 1 Side better. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea & voted for the Town Council. Miss Mary went on a Visit with John & Emma to Ynysygerwn

Tuesday 2 Side better. Dr Howell visited me. Drove with Mrs D to Woodlands & I then walked home & she went on to Rose Hill

Wednesday 3 Took strong Medicine & went very little out

Thursday 4 Drove with Mrs D to Norton & after a Walk in Langland Bay called at Rose Hill on our way home

Friday 5 Weather rainy. Drove in the afternoon & attended a Meeting at the Royal Institution

Saturday 6 The Phaeton went & brought Miss Mary back from Ynysygerwn. Walked to Sketty Park & etc.

Sunday 7 My two Marys went to Church at the Mumbles & thence to see little Emmy who is unwell at Rose Hill. Showery Weather

Monday 8 Theresa & the Governess returned to us leaving Emmy who continues unwell at Rose Hill. Walked on the Sands with Theresa

Tuesday 9 It being the general wish of the Town that Lewis should appear as its representative at the great Wisdom [?] Meeting which is appointed to be held at Swansea in August next he was this day unanimously elected & accepted the office of Mayor. In the afternoon walked with Theresa to Parkwern

Wednesday 10 In the afternoon drover with Mrs D to Rose Hill & Parkwern

Thursday 11 Dear Emmy's Birth day & she arrived here & she arrived here [sic] with her Mother & little Nelly soon after breakfast but Theresa's being put into solitary confinement for a sore throat & incessant Torrents of Rain the whole day spoiled all our intended enjoyments

Friday 12 Drove to a Committee of the Royal Institution about an unavailing attempt to force [?] from the Government a Charter some Money & etc

Saturday 13 Rained hard nearly allday & none of us went much out

Sunday 14 My two Marys in spite of Rain went in the close Carriage to Swansea & my old pain being troublesome I did not take off my Slippers all day

Monday 15 Far from well & took only a short walk

Tuesday 16 Little Emma being recovered has rejoined her Sister from Rose Hill

Wednesday 17 Went with Emma, Mrs & Miss D & our two Grand chicks to visit the Infant School

Thursday 18 Much unwell & remained at or about home

Friday 19 Walked to the Sand Hill & etc

Saturday 20 Frosty. Drove with Mrs D in the Phaeton to call at Hill House & Parkwern where Bessie is laid up by a baddish Influenza. Afterwards took an hours walk

Sunday 21 Frosty. Our Grandchicks with the Governess went in the close Carriage & Miss Mary walked to Swansea Church. I read the morning Service to the Family at home. It rained quite unexpectedly in Torrents all the afternoon

Monday 22 Much unwell & the Weather being showery I had not my slippers off all day. My Grandchicks & the Governess returned to Penllergare

Tuesday 23 This morning we heard from Lewis that our precious little Amys arm had been cauterised last Evening for the supposed bite of a mad dog, but in going about to enquire I was rejoiced to satisfy myself not only that there was no sufficient appearance of madness but that the Spaniel tho' a stranger was not & could not have been mad. In short it seems to be admitted that no Mad Dog goes a courting. In the afternoon I drove & brought Mrs D from Rose Hill & then walked to Parkwern

Wednesday 24 Emma brought Henry Franklen to spend a few hours with us prior to his embarkation for Borneo. Late in the afternoon my two Marys drove to Swansea & I took a walk

Thursday 25 Much unwell with pains just like a Jack o' Lantern all over my trunk & the Weather not being favorable I remained in Slippers all day

Friday 26 Drove with Mrs D as far as Norton & afterwards took a Walk

Saturday 27 Weather unpleasant, but got a walk as far as the Sands. Mr & Mrs L L D & Geo Morris, Mr Wilmot & Alfred Jones dined with us

Sunday 28 My two Marys went to Swansea Church & being in continual pain & the Weather unfavorable I only took a very short walk

Monday 29 My two Marys drove to Killai, & I walked twice to the Sand Hills & back. Afterwards tried a hot Bath

Tuesday 30 A very wet day & none of us went out

DECEMBER

Wednesday 1 My two Marys drove to the Sand Hill & I walked to the Sand Hills

Thursday 2 Drove in the afternoon to the extra general Meeting at the Town Hall of the Dock Company but did not interfere. Miss D went to meet the Vivian family at dinner at Parkwern

Friday 3 Drove in the afternoon with Miss D to Swansea & I attended a Meeting of the Royal Institution

Saturday 4 A very wet & stormy day, but in the afternoon I contrived a walk to the Sea side

Sunday 5 My two Marys went in the close Carriage to Swansea Church & in spite of the bad weather I in the afternoon walked back to Parkwern with Lewis & Bessie

Monday 6 Notwithstanding prevailing heavy Storms I in the afternoon drove with Mrs D to see a Poor Woman at Killai

Tuesday 7 Took a drive with Mrs D as far as Norton, & in the morning had a walk as far as Parkwern with young Buckland when on his way from calling at Sketty on his way to Swansea. He is the eldest son of my old Friend Dr B & now sent to cram Greek with Mr Collins at Ilston

Wednesday 8 Drove with Mrs D in the Britzka to call at Kilfrough & I afterwards walked to the Sand Hills

Thursday 9 Drove with Miss D to Swansea & I took the Chair of the annual Savings Bank Meeting. Graham & Miss Vivian, Caroline Eden, R A Mansell, Lewis & Bessie & Messrs Buckland & Booker (who are students at Ilston) dined with us & the two latter slept here

Friday 10 Weather very wet & Stormy. Did not go out. Miss D spent the Evening at the Bryn

Saturday 11 In the afternoon Lady M Cole, Miss Talbot & Jo Nicholls youngest daughter Cate arrived to spend a couple of days here

Sunday 12 Weather very wet. Miss Mary took Miss Talbot & Miss C Nicholl to St Mary's Church & I read the morning Service to Lady Mary, Mrs D & the Servants at home

Monday 13 Lady Mary, Miss T & Miss N went on to Lanely. In the afternoon Mr Talbot & his Son Theodore came to us for a couple of days

Tuesday 14 In the morning I drove to the Agricultural Show with Talbot & he staid to a public Dinner from which he did get back till we had waited an hour for him. In the Evening all Mr Talbots youngsters came to us & after early dinner went on to Penrice leaving only Theodore behind

Wednesday 15 In the afternoon Mr Talbot & his Son left us for Penrice & I drove with Mrs D to call at Woodlands

Thursday 16 Drove with Mrs D with intent to see our Grandsons but turned back by a violent Storm at Swansea

Friday 17 Both Mrs D & I have slight Colds, & in the bad weather did not leave the House all day

Saturday 18 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea to Swansea [sic] where I attended a Meeting at the House of Correction & it lasted too long to allow of our going on to Penllergare

Sunday 19 Very wet day & only Miss Mary went to Church, & I read the Service to the Family at home

Monday 20 Mrs D not well but went with Miss Mary in the close Carriage to visit a sick Family at Killai. I walked to the Sea Shore

Tuesday 21 The Cocket Road being impassable Mrs D & I went round by Swansea in the Phaeton & spent a few hours at Penllergare

Wednesday 22 Drove with my two Marys in the close Carriage to Swansea & I attended a Meeting at the House of Correction

Thursday 23 I walked in the afternoon to Parkwern & as far as the Mumbles Road

Friday 24 I walked with Lewis & Bessie to call at Derwenfawr. Mr F Buckland came to spend Xmas & Moggridge also dined here

Saturday 25 Xmas day. My two Marys & Mr Buckland in the close Carriage went to St Mary's & Lewis & Bessie joined us at Dinner

Sunday 26 The two Marys went to the Mumbles Church with Mr Buckland & from there he walked round the Bays back to Sketty

Monday 27 Mr Buckland returned to Ilston. I walked to the Sea Side

Tuesday 28 Not having been half well for some Days I took Blue Pill [?] & did not stir out

Wednesday 29 Drove in the morning with Mrs D to Swansea & I attended a Meeting of the British & Foreign School. Capt Henry Eden, Mr Willmot, Arthur Jones, Mrs & Gerald [?] Webber & Miss Eden dined with us. Rain fell all the aft in Torrents

Thursday 30 Walked to Parkwern

Friday 31 Walked as far as the Mumbles Road & etc

1848 JANUARY

Saturday 1 Therm this morning 27 & I had only once before this Winter seen it so low as 32

APPENDIX

July 29 1847

Report of the Potatoes at Sketty

Early sorts in Fields

No 1 in Bryn Field - set Oct 22 with Dung under & ashes over to protect from Frost

Ash leaved & German Kidney mixed

No 2 in Do. set Nov 12 with Dung over & no ashes

No 3 set 29 April with Dung in Pond Field

No 4 one row of Do without Dung

A few small Spots, not on the Surface only but extending thorough the Substance [?] of the Leaf appeared at the end of May but these Spots have never unnaturally encreased & none of the Tubers were not known to be at all diseased till the present week. Several of the Tubers in the Surface are now becoming rotten exactly as they appeared at the beginning of July in the last Year. All the 4 appear to be equally affected but the plants in the row without dung are less vigorous & less productive & the leaves & Stems are perhaps rather more spotted than the others

Apple & other late sorts

In these I cannot yet discover any disease but they are said to be going elsewhere in the neighbourhood particularly in wet places

Aug 1 of No 1 - rather more than one perch [?] dug up. Tubers weighed 181 lbs of which 6lbs diseased

Aug 14 - same quantity dug up. weighed 127½lbs - 14 lbs diseased

Aug 28 - same length dug up. Weighed 114½ lbs 12 - Do

In my Garden

in open air

A Crop of Kidneys set in January. Similar spots on the leaves at the end of May seemed to be rather more numerous than in the Field crops - but they never naturally encreased, & the Tubers were nearly all consumed & the remainder drawn a fortnight ago. At that time a few of the Tubers were partially rotten & others had but ...[?much] of their former perfect firmness & flavor.

A large row of early Shaws set early in April have shown fewer spots than the Kidneys, nor have they the spots till the present week encreased materially in size, & many of the Stems & Leaves are affected, the Tubers so far as a slight inspection goes appear to be sound.

Both the Kidney & Shaws were set in a warm border well trenched to nearly 3 feet deep without dung.

As Mahony [?] of the Royal Institution assured me that last year he had saved his early Potatoes by dusting them with some Lime when the dark spots first appeared a Month ago at my request on June 24 dusted those of mine which were spotted in the same way & it had no effect whatever.

A Crop of Seedlings sown in March & transplanted at the end of May into a warm border with Charcoal instead of Dung appeared last week as healthy & vigorous as possible but the leaves have become badly spotted within the last 2 or 3 days.

In Pond Field

planted:

6 Rows adjoining Plantations, Chapmans Kidneys without dung 161 yards

1 Row do with dung 41 yards

3 Rows of early Shaws without dung 117 yards

1 Row do with dung 38 yards

On July 29 over Vaum & Leaves [difficult to read RLM] from

1 19 yards of Shaws without dung & left 27 yards - weighed 26lbs & only 10 ...[unreadable RM]

2 19 yards of Chapman Kidneys with dung &

3 19 yards do without dung

Mr Moggridge who had been staying for his Health at Llanwrtyd gave me the following list of large Trees which he had observed in the higher parts of Brecons. All the girths [?] measured at 3 feet from the ground -

Larch at Llwynmallocc 86+ years	Girt	9 feet	3in
Alder at Llwynhir by Christies T Road	8 -	2½ -	
Oak at Nantgwyll		22 -	4½ -
Holly at Abergwessin - very lofty		5 -	7½ -
Birch at Carpenters Arms, Aberannel very lofty & well grown	11 -	3 -	