

The Dillwyn Collection

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| JANUARY 1851 |
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| Wednesday 1 | Weather very wet |
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| Friday 3 | Miss Mary met the Vaughans, Henry Thomas Jn[?] & at Parkwern |
| Saturday 4 | Miss Mary met another merry party at the Bryn |
| Sunday 5 | Read morning Service at home to Mrs D |
| Monday 6 | Drove with the two Marys to Swansea & in the evening Miss D met a large New Years party at Derwenfawr |
| Tuesday 7 | Weather still very wet & we did not go out |
| Wednesday 8 | Weather continues very unfavorable but drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to see Fan who has severe head ache |
| Thursday 8 | Attacked by a severe pain in my Chest for which Dr Howell prescribed some strong medicine. Miss D went to witness some theatricals at the Gnoll. Mrs D took a drove to see Fan & found her much better |
| Friday 10 | On acct of my indisposition Miss D returned from the Gnoll. Mrs D in the afternoon drove to Swansea. I am much better |
| Saturday 11 | Weather continues wet. Drove in the afternoon to see Fan |
| Sunday 12 | Mrs D much unwell & confined all day to her Room. Only Miss D attended Church |
| Monday 13 | Mrs D in the afternoon much better, & on a drive to Swansea I left her for a Call at St Helens |
| Tuesday 14 | In the afternoon we rove to see Fan who is far from well |
| Wednesday 15 | My dear Mary had promised to join the Penllergare party at their Christmas Tree but neither of us sufficiently well & ...[?] & the continued bad weather kept us all day in the House |

Thursday 16 R & Capt G Mansell, Arthur Jones, Lewis & Bessie & 2 of the Miss Edens dined with us

Friday 17 Went with Mrs D to Swansea & attended the monthly Meeting of the R Institution

Saturday 18 My dear Mary far from well but in the afternoon I drove with [her] to see Fan

Sunday 19 My dear Mary not well enough to go out & I read the morning Service to her

Monday 20 Weather very wet & neither if us went out

Tuesday 21 Weather continues stormy & wet but during a dry hour in the afternoon I walked half way along[?] Sketty Lane

Wednesday 22 John, Emma & the 2 boys spent an hour here on their way for a visit to Penrice. Mrs D & I went for a couple of hours to Swansea

Thursday 23 Drove with Mrs D to call on T E Thomas & Mrs tennant [?] the latter not at home

Friday 24 Drove with Mrs D to call [at] Heathfield & Mrs Tennants

Saturday 25 Drive with Mrs D to call [on] Fan. Afterwards walked near the half way down Sketty Lane

Sunday 26 Very heavy rain. I read the morning Service to Mrs D

Monday 27 Mrs D went for a Meeting at her school. I walked to Parkwern & back with much over fatigue

Tuesday 28 Rained in Torrents & none of us went out except Mrs [D] in the Carriage to dine at Parkwern

Wednesday 29 Tho' it rained hard Mrs D drove down for ¼ of an hour to Swansea & I accompanied her

Thursday 30 Col Morgan, Mrs LD & Debbie [?] Eden dined here

Friday 31 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea for an hour in the morning

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| FEBRUARY |
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Saturday 1 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to see dear Fan who is far from well. A white frost & snow on the Hills

Sunday 2 Both the Marys went to Church in Frost conditions. I walked halfway down Sketty Lane

Monday 3 Again heavy rain most of the day. Mrs D in the afternoon drove to the Goat Street School & I remained at the Institution. Dear little Harry is ill D Williams thinks with the Scarlet Fever & his sister to escape infection has removed to Sketty

Tuesday 4 Mrs D all day attended the Monthly Meeting of the Goat Street School & I walked with Miss Mary to the end of Sketty Lane which much tired me

Wednesday 5 A white Frost with the appearance of some possible change yesterday but rain has now returned as bad as ever. Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to see dear Fan who continues quite ill

Thursday 6 Again rained hard all day & kept us at home

Friday 7 My dear John came over for a couple of hours

Saturday 8 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to see dear Fan who continues much unwell

Sunday 9 Only Miss Mary went to Church, & I read the morning Service to Mrs D with her assistance

Monday 10 Mrs D in the morning went to her Swansea School, & I walked to Parkwern & back which much tired me

Tuesday 11 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Wednesday 12 Lady Mary Cole & Miss Talbot arrived on a visit

Thursday 13 Mr H Vivian, Revd Mr Sandford & Miss Eden joined us at dinner

Friday 14 Lady Mary & Mrs D drove to Swansea. Slight white Frost. Fine day

Saturday 15 Lady Mary & Mrs D went in the Britzka to Caswell & it much overtired the latter. I walked with Mr Webber to the end of Sketty Lane & it overtired me. Two [?] of the Miss Edens joined us at Dinner

Sunday 16 My dear Mary kept to the house by yesterdays fatigue. Harry much better & Amy has now taken the disorder

Monday 17 After 2 days fine Weather, & heavy rain has again returned. John, Emma & some [?their] young ones having gone back From Margam Mr Friend [?] in the afternoon left us to join them at Penllergare

Tuesday 18 Mrs D drove to the School at Swansea & I accompanied her to the Institution. Miss Mary went for a couple of days to Penllergare

Wednesday 19 My dear Fan far from well & I walked half [way] down the Sketty Lane

Thursday 20 Miss Mary returned from Penllergare

Friday 21 John with his 3 eldest came over & I walked with them to Sketty Church by which I was much overtired & my dear Mary suffers from a pain in her side

Saturday 22 My dear Mary much unwell & the Doctor desires that she will confiner herself to the House for a few days

Sunday 23 Neither Mrs D or I went out & we read the morning Service at home

Monday 24 Mrs [D] drove for half an hour to the Swansea Schools & I accompanied her to the Institution

Tuesday 125 Miss Talbot came in the Britzka & seduced[?] Miss Mary for a couple of days to Penllergare. I drove with Mrs D to call at St Helens & Parkwern

Wednesday 26 Fan returned from the Mumbles & Granny & I paid her a Visit at the Willows

Thursday 27 Mrs D & I took a drive to the Mumbles

Friday 28 Mrs D drove about School affairs & In accompanied her to Swansea in the afternoon

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| MARCH |
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Saturday 1 Took a drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles. Miss D returned from Penllergare

Sunday 2 Rather a sharp frost & Mrs D & I read the morning Service at home

Monday 3 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea for a couple of hours

Tuesday 4 Mrs D attended a Monthly School Meeting & in the afternoon I drove to bring her back. Mr Moggridge & Mr Step [?] Toogood dined with us

Wednesday 5 Drove in the aft with Mrs D to Swansea

Thursday 6 Drove in the aft with Mrs D to Swansea

Friday 7 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Saturday 8 Miss Marys Birth day & also little Trahernes. The Moggridges had engaged to spend the day at Sketty but a violent headach of dear Fans prevented them. Drove with Mrs D to see her

Sunday 9 Mrs D went to Church at Sketty, & it rained hard all the afternoon which kept us at home

Monday 10 Mrs D went about her School to Swansea & I waited for her at the Institution

Tuesday 11 Mrs D went before Luncheon, & afterwards we availed our systems of some luncheon for a walk & other [?rather] hobble about our Garden

Wednesday 12 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles [? & Swansea] for an hour

Thursday 13 The Moggridge Family came to Visit us. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Friday 14 Mrs D & Mrs M took a drive to the Mumbles & I had a walk on our Lawn

Saturday 15 Mrs D took a drive to the Mumbles but neither Fan or I well enough to accompany her

Sunday 16 My two Mary's & all the Moggridges went to Church

Monday 17 Mrs D drove to Swansea but neither Fan or I well enough to accompany her

Tuesday 18 Drove with Mrs D as far as Norton. Lewis & Bessie & Mr Starling Benson & Mr Frazer dined with us

Thursday 20 Lewis started by Train to spend a few days principally among his Zoological Friends in Town

Friday 21 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea & I remained at the Athenaeum [?] while she attended her school

Sunday 23 Our whole circle went to Church & it was thought[?] but go out

Monday 24 Subscribed 100£ towards the Erection of new Schools opposite the Church & at the wish originated with my dear Mary I placed the

subscription in our joint names & afterwards drove for half an hour to Swansea

- Tuesday 25 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles
- Wednesday 26 Mrs D to drive in the morning to Swansea [sic?] & shoot & afterwards called for half an hour in the garden
- Thursday 27 Drove with Mrs D to call at the Grenfells, & met them by the Bridge. Wilmott dined with us
- Friday 28 Got a tumble in my Library. In the afternoon drove with Mrs D for a call on the Grenfells & Griffith Llewellyns
- Saturday 29 Drove & remained half an hour at the Institution while Mrs D attended to her School affairs. Lewis returned this afternoon from London
- Sunday 30 Mrs D & all the Moggridges etc attended Sketty Church both morning & afternoon
- Monday 13 Seized by Guiddiness [?] & Phlem [sic]

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| APRIL |
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- Tuesday 1 Mrs D attended the Monthly Meeting of the Swansea School
- Wednesday 2 Much unwell
- Thursday 3 Much unwell
- Friday 4 Much unwell
- Saturday 5 Much unwell
- Sunday 6 Did not stir out & Mrs D also remained in the House
- Monday 7 Mrs D in the morning went to her Swansea school & in the afternoon took me a drive on the Mumbles Road. Less giddy & better today
- Tuesday 8 Took a short drive on the Mumbles Road with Mrs D
- Wednesday 9 Pain about my Loins [?] & did not go out
- Thursday 10 Drove with Mrs D on the Mumbles Road

Friday 11 My dear Mary attended her School & I a Meeting of the Royal Institution

Saturday 12 Fan & her Family closed to their visit to us & [re]turned to Swansea

Sunday 13 Pain in the back & loins [?] troublesome & ...[?] Mrs D went at all out

Tuesday 15 A sort of Lumbago smotes [?] my back

Wednesday 16 Mrs D went to [her school & left me for half an hour at the Institution] [this latter crossed out] call on a Mrs Hanson [?] & I drove on an hour to the Mumbles [?] calling for her on my return

Thursday 17 Mrs D went to her School & left me for half an hour at the Institution

Friday 18 Passed almost a sleepless night. Good Friday. The two Mary's went to Church

Saturday 19 Confined to the House

Sunday 20 Much pain for [?] a sort of Lumbago which confined me to the House. Both Mary's went to Church

Monday 21 Took a drive with Mrs D, as far as Norton. Lewis & Bessie with Minnie [?] went for a weeks visit to Coedriglan

Tuesday 22 The Youngsters came to us from Parkwern during their Parents absence

Wednesday 23 Delightful weather. Took a short drive with Mrs D

Thursday 24 Tempted [?] by the Weather to spend much of the afternoon in the Garden

Friday 25 Took a Drive with Mrs D in the Phaeton with Mrs D. She afterwards went on to bring Miss D back from her new School halfway to Penllergare & they were overtaken by a violent Thunder Storm

Saturday 26 In the afternoon drove with Mrs D as far as Norton

Sunday 27 Mrs D too unwell to leave the House. Fan has an attack something like Croups & Miss D went to keep her company at the Willows. I walked to afternoon Service at Sketty Church, & walked back accompanied by Mrs Vivian, Mrs Lloyd & which much overtired me. It froze last night & snow fell at breakfast time. The day was fine it continued cold

Monday 28 Dear Fan continued ill & both the Marys ...[?] doing chiefly with her at Swansea. In the afternoon I went in the carriage to bring them home

Tuesday 29 Lewis & Bessie returned from Coedriglan & the Youngsters went back to Parkwern. Both the Marys went early to spend the day with dear Fan who continues ill & Miss D remained with her till Evening

Wednesday 30 My dear Mary not well enough to go out. Miss Mary spent the day with Fan & I went in the Phaeton to bring her home in the Evening. Fan continued very ill & as Mary did not like to leave her till late I returned home alone

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Thursday 1 On ..[?] my two Marys went ...[?] Fan, & Miss D remained with her till Evening. Yesterdays entry belongs to this day

Friday 2 Drove in the Phaeton to the ...[?] Penllergare [?]. Got a tumble which hurt my head

Saturday 3 Dear Fan still unwell & drove with Mrs D to see her but still confined to my bed

Sunday 4 Stormy showery weather & neither of us went out. Some occasional Storms of Snow & Hail

Monday 5 Remarkably showery & Cold. Snowy ...[?] & Hail

Tuesday 6 Weather more fine. Goat St School Monthly meeting. Went to Miss Mary in the Evening, tho she had walked over & left home [?] very unwell

Wednesday 7 A fine day for a Wonder[?] Dear Fan very ill. Mrs & Miss D joined her after breakfast & about noon Mrs D came home at 5. Mrs D & I in the Phaeton went to bring Miss D home

Thursday 8 Chiefly occupied in going backwards & forwards with the two Marys to see our dear Fan & Miss Mary did not come home till late

Friday 9 Fanny continued very ill, & as nothing remains in her Stomach she became very weak

Saturday 10 On our way to the Willows Mrs D & I called on the Daughter [?] of old Rvd Iltid Thomas at Glanmawr[?]. Fanny no better

Sunday 11 Mrs D immediately after breakfast went to the Willows & Miss Mary spent the afternoon there. We trust that dear Fan is a triful [?] better

Monday 12 My dear Mrs D & Miss D drove ...[?] to Swansea the former to the School as well as the Willows, & the Doctor reported some marks [?] of approaching [?] in dear Fan which led us to hope that the latter would be

able to join a Penllergare party in visiting the Exhibition Galleries [?Gaieties] of London

Tuesday 13 My dear Mary twice returned [?visited] to the School & Willows & brought home an improved account of our dear Fan

Wednesday 14 Feeling more than unusually well I accompanied Miss Mary early to Swansea & reports of Fan being still improving I placed [?] her in the Train with John, Emma, Theresa & Emma who have taken a Floor at Everalls Hotel in Albermarle Street, & Lewis & Bessie & their 3 Youngsters for change of air after the Scarlet Fever are at a house they have taken at Reading. Afterwards drove with Mrs D to see Fan who for the first time for several weeks was able to sit up

Thursday 15 Drove with Mrs D again to Swansea, & tho not quite so well as yesterday found Fan still lying where fell [?] on the Sofa. Weather continued delightful & it has much relieved my giddiness

Friday 16 Drove with Mrs D soon after breakfast to the Willows & found dear Fans improvement [?] progressive. John's two youngest Girls came from Penllergare to remain with us. Towards Evening the weather returned to a Cold rain, & I felt the change

Saturday 17 Weather again more favorable. Drove with Mrs D to the Willows

Sunday 18 Mrs D drove to Sketty Church

Monday 19 Mrs D drove after breakfast to the Swansea School & I drove to bring her back from the Willows in the afternoon. Fan rather less well

Tuesday 20 Drove with Grammy in the afternoon to see dear Fan & she is thought to be rather better

Wednesday 21 The Ditto of yesterday

Thursday 22 Again drove with my old Lady to see our dear Fan & she is certainly better. Revd Mr Sandford dined with us

Friday 23 Drove with Mrs D as usual to call at the Willows & the School

Saturday 24 Drove with Mrs D to call on Mrs Tennant

Sunday 25 Mrs D walked to Church in the morning & in like manner I went to afternoon service

Monday 26 Our dear Johnny's Birthday. He came with his brother & Tutor Mr Knight to spend the day here. The little ones might [?] join the party

we[?] dined at 3 & Moggridges joined us. They returned by the Evening train to Ynysygerwn

- Tuesday 27 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D & called at the Willows
- Wednesday 28 Tho' not expected till tomorrow Lewis arrived just when we had finished Dinner by Train from Reading
- Thursday 29 Fan brought her Boy & Girl to spend the afternoon with us
- Friday 30 In the afternoon Mrs D took Miss Southern [?] & the two Chicks to see Miss Silvester at the Mumbles
- Saturday 31 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Caswell & took a short walk on the Sands which much tired me

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| JUNE |
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- Sunday 1 Lewis walked with his Mother to the morning Service at our Church, but the head [?] of the weather & considerable giddiness kept me at home
- Monday 2 Anniversary of our Institution but unable to attend. Lewis in the afternoon started on his return to Reading
- Tuesday 3 Mrs D drove to the Monthly Meeting of the Goat Street School & towards Evening I went in the Phaeton to bring her back
- Wednesday 4 Took a drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles
- Thursday 5 In the afternoon drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles
- Friday 6 Mrs D drove early to her School & returned about one. I then drove to the usual Meeting of the Institution which lasted till near 5 when Mahony [?] was finally discharged & a temporary successor appointed. Called at the Willows for Miss Mary who with the Party had arrived about 3 by the Train from London & took her home. Mahony [?] had been before discharged for long continued embezzlement
- Saturday 7 Emma came over & took her two Girls back to Penllergare
- Sunday 8 The two Marys went to Sketty Church in the morning & Miss D with me in the afternoon
- Monday 9 Incessant heavy rain all day

Tuesday 10 Some Rain. With Mrs D went in the close Carriage in the afternoon to Swansea

Wednesday 11 Went with Mrs D in the Phaeton to Penllergare & met Mr & Mrs Llewelyn on their way to Caswell at Cocketts. Both went on & again met at Sketty for an hour at 4

Thursday 12 Mrs D went to her School. I accompanied her to meet John at the Board of Guardians

Friday 13 Drove with Mrs D to her School & I attended a Meeting of the R Institution

Saturday 14 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Sunday 15 Had on a Mustard Poultice for 4 hours

Monday 16 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Tuesday 17 Drove with Mrs D to call on Fan

Wednesday 18 Took a drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Thursday 19 Drove with 2 Mary's to Penllergare

Friday 20 The [?Mrs] Edwd Thomas, Iltid Thomas, Miss Thomas, the Daughter of old Iltid Thomas, the Revd Mr Sandford, & 2 of the Miss Edens dined with us

Saturday 21 My dear Mary confined to the House, & I drive alone over to call on dear Fan who tho' tolerably well is far from brilliant

Sunday 22 My dear Mary confined wholly to Bed

Tuesday 24 My dear Mary found herself equal to it & drove in the morning to her School & to call on Fan who she found better than usual

Wednesday 25 Mr Herschell Babbage, the son of my old friend Chs Babbage who is about to settle in Adelaide came on a good by Visit to dine & sleep here [JUNE 1851]

Thursday 26 Drove with Mrs D to her School & to call on Fan

Friday 27 Took Miss Mary to meet John & Emma & joined with them to Everalls Hotel on their way to the Wisdom Meeting at Ipswich. They were accompanied part of the way at least by Moggridge. Fan & Weston [?] for Fan[?] in Town to hold a consultation with Dr Chs Williams of

Hollies Street who is celebrated for such direares [?] as she is tormented with. Weather very hot. Mrs D & I in the Evening drove to the Mumbles

- Saturday 28 Weather very sultry, & neither Mrs D or I ventured out for more than a few minutes in the Garden
- Sunday 29 Remarkably sultry & neither of us went out. Our pet Scotch Terrier Bob Br...[?] ill yesterday & died this day at Noon
- Monday 29[sic] Very sultry

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| JULY |
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- Tuesday 1 Drove with Mrs D to the Monthly Meeting of her School & left there at Noon. All the afternoon violent Thunder & lightening
- Wednesday 2 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea
- Thursday 3 Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to the Mumbles & we took a little stroll on the Shore
- Friday 4 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea & I attended a Meeting of the Institution
- Saturday 5 Drove with Mrs D to Penllergare
- Sunday 6 Mrs D walked to Church
- Monday 7 Drove with Mrs D to Penllergare where I had promised to attend my dear Theresa in laying the first stone of the new Equatorial Observatory. At 9 in the Evening Lewis & Bessie having deposited their Youngsters at Parkwern surprised us by walking to Sketty Hall
- Tuesday 8 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles & both took a stroll on the Shore
- Wednesday 10 Mrs D went to Swansea in the afternoon. Lewis & Bessie dined here
- Friday 11 Mrs D & I drove in the afternoon to the Mumbles & took a short stroll on the shore
- Saturday 12 I walked to Parkwern in the afternoon
- Sunday 13 Mrs D walked to Church in the morning & I in the afternoon. Mr & Mrs Calvert Jones dined with us & he for the last 3 Weeks has assisted in performing the Service during Mr Sandford absence

Monday 14 Walked with Mrs D to Parkwern. Much tired

Tuesday 15 John & Emma returned home from Ipswich. My hay finished

Wednesday 16 Polly arrived with Moggridge & Fan in the train & came on to us from the Willows in a Fly

Thursday 17 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Friday 18 Went with 2 Mary's in close Carriage & I attended a Meeting of the Royal Institution. Elected M...[?] a Keeper

Saturday 19 Went with Mrs D to call on Fan at the Willows

Sunday 20 Rain[?] all day neither Mrs D or I stirred out

Monday 21 Mrs D attended her school & I at the Institution for an hour

Tuesday 22 Drove to the Mumbles with Mrs D

Wednesday 23 Took a Drive with Mrs D

Friday 25 Mr Dillwyn Jansen arrived on a Visit in the Evening. Drove in the afternoon to the School

Sunday 27 Mrs D seized badly with cramp last night. Wet afternoon neither of us went out

Monday 28 Very wet day s...[?] only the end of the great eclipse

Tuesday 29 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles & she took a stroll under the rocks but my legs[?] were too weak. Moggridge came back from fishing at Penllergare & dined with us

Wednesday 30 Rained hard all day

Thursday 31 Did not go out side [?]

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| AUGUST |
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Friday 1 John & Emma called & Mrs D & I accompanied them to Caswell. Miss D & Mr Jansen went with the Eden party to the Pictnic [sic] at Great Tor

Saturday 2 Fannys two Boys came to us she having gone on a Visit to Lady Mary at Langlais [?Lanelay]. Lewis's leg much injured by a Cricket Ball

Sunday 3 Mrs D, Mary & Mr Jansen went in the Carriage to Church

Tuesday 5 Monthly Meeting of Mrs D's School. Drove to Swansea in the afternoon & brought her home

Wednesday 6 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles & took a short stroll on the Banks[?]

Thursday 7 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea

Friday 8 Very sultry. Drove for some fresh air to the Mumbles

Saturday 9 Do. of yesterday

Monday 11 Drove with Mrs D to Penllergare & left Mr Jansen to stop a couple of days there

Thursday 14 Mr Moggridge & Mrs [?] Williams (nephew of Langily [?]) dined with us. Mrs D went to her School in the Morning & in the afternoon I drove her back

Friday 15 Drove to & spent most of the afternoon with Mrs D in Caswell Bay

Saturday 16 Fan & her 3 Youngsters came over to keep Miss Sarahs Birth. Lewis & Bessie dined here to keep their Wedding Day & brought Mr Janson back after spending a few days with them

Sunday 17 All except self went to Church

Monday 18 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell & lunched [?] & spend [?] most of the day there. Mrs Franklin [?] with part of her Family is at the Mumbles. Took Miss Jane with us. Mr Jansen & Miss Mary went round by Bishopston & joined us at Caswell. Got home to Dinner at ½ past 6

Wednesday 20 Mr W [?] Strangways spend [?] the morning here. In the afternoon Mrs D went to her school

Thursday 21 My Birthday good for a ...[?] Fannys & Lewis Chicks had Tea here. Granny & I did a drive to Norton

Friday 22 Mrs D much oppressed by Heat & was much refreshed by a drive in the Breeze on Fairwood Common

Saturday 23 The same as yesterday

Sunday 24 Much rain nearly all day

- Monday 25 D Jansen after a visit of 4 or 5 weeks left us for Tenby. Mr & Mrs L D started the former [?] still very lame & much [?] impudently [?] for a Visit to N Vanshen [?] & for Deer stalking near Dingwell in the Highlands
- Tuesday 26 Mrs D went to her School at Swansea. The Youngsters came to us from Parkwern
- Wednesday 27 Mrs D in the morning went to her School at Swansea & in the afternoon I drove with her to call on Mrs Franklin
- Thursday 28 Mrs D in the morning drove to her Swansea School & in the afternoon again ...[?] her to Swansea. Saw a large Sun Fish caught in Caswell Bay exhibited in the Town. It measures 6 feet & is said in the Cambrian to have weighed 8 cwt[?] but I dont think it half so heavy. It was taken sleeping on the surface
- Friday 29 In addition to the Young ones of Parkwern we had a strong party of Juveniles [?] to spend the day with the Franklins & Moggridges
- Saturday 30 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles
- Sunday 31 Mrs D with a view to some Treaty with Mrs H...[?] forsaking[?] the Edens[?] for a week or two drove to Church at the Mumbles

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| SEPTEMBER |
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- Monday 1 Mrs D after breakfast drove to School for a couple of hours to Swansea & I accompanied her
- Tuesday 2 Mr Jansen returned to us from Tenby
- Wednesday 3 My dearest old Lady this day completed her 74th Year. With the Youngsters we made a party & spent it happily at Caswell
- Thursday 4 Miss Polly again visited the Wormshead accompanied by Mr Jansen & a party of Edens. Granny & I drove to Swansea
- Friday 5 In the afternoon Mr Jansen started by Train for London. I drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles & enjoyed sitting on a rock by the Seaside
- Saturday 6 A young Party in the afternoon. Fanny & her Youngsters - three from Parkwern & the young Goughs who ...[?] ...[?] the Mumbles
- Sunday 7 All except myself went to Church

Monday 8 Drove with Mrs D to call at Penllergare on Lady Mary Cole, Mrs C Traherne & etc

Tuesday 9 Drove with Mrs D in the morning to Swansea where she attended the school

Wednesday 10 Drove with Mrs D on the Mumbles Road

Thursday 11 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea

Friday 12 Drove in the aft[ernoon] with Mrs D to Swansea. A Major Hawks[?] for Dinner. Moggridge, A Jones & Mr Sandford dined with us

Monday 15 The change being thought desirable for a few days Fanny removed with her young ones to Norton villa for a few days

Tuesday 15 With the aid of Lewis carriage we took his youngsters & also Fanny with us to spend the day at Caswell & with Miss Mary got home to a late Dinner

Wednesday 17 Mrs D & I drove to see our dear John an accident has befallen whose leg which much resembles the one by which Lewis was laid up three weeks ago [?]

Thursday 18 Attended a strongly contested Election for the Registrar [?Register] of Births & Burials occasioned by the Death of Mr W Strick of the Board of Guardians & my dear John tho' he did not vote attended which I yesterday did not expect he would be able to do, & he had the gratification of congratulating Mr Oakshott on his success by a large majority 129 to 115 which in[?] defiance of a disreputable Canvass by Mr Glover was not expected. When it was announced by the Doctor that there was no chance of Stricks recovery he with Glover commenced an active Canvass & I was happy in having assisted to defeat it

Friday 19 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles & Norton

Saturday 20 Took Master Harry with us & at Norton joined the Moggridge party & went for the Evening to Caswell

Monday 22 The Moggridges returned from Norton to the Willows & Fan & the Chicks dined here on the way home

Tuesday 23 Drove with Mrs D to Penllergare in the afternoon

Wednesday 24 Lewis & Bessie returned from Holland & their Youngsters returned to Parkwern. Drove with Mrs D to Swansea

Friday 26 Mrs D confined to her Bed this morning. I drove to the Monthly Meeting of the Institution. Lewis & Bessie dined with us

Saturday 27 Mrs D still confined to her Bed by a Cold. Drove with Miss D to Swansea

Sunday 28 Mrs D still remains confined to the House

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| OCTOBER |
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[Dates appear to be incorrect and are given as in the Diary]

Monday 1 Drove to the Mumbles with Mrs D

Tuesday 2 Accompanied Mrs D to Swansea

Wednesday 3 Lady Mary Cole leaving Miss Talbot on her way from penrice at the Franklin Lodging at the Mumbles came on to pay a Visit at Sketty

Thursday 4 Lady Mary drove with Emma to look at Caswell

Friday 5 Mrs D took a Drive with Lady Mary

Saturday 6 Lady Mary called at Mrs Franklins Lodgings for Miss Talbot & returned to Llanelai [sic]

Sunday 7 My dear Mary has increased her Cold & did not stir out

Tuesday 9 Seized with much giddiness & the Doctor thought bleeding would be reasonable [?]

Wednesday 10 The Doctor brought cupping glasses, but thought the depletion might be postponed till after our proposed visit to ynnygerwn

Thursday 11 Mrs D & I went in the close Carriage to Ynnygerwn. Weather bad

Saturday 13 Mrs D & I returned [?] in the close Carriage to Ynnygerwn

Sunday 14 Very wet weather I did not go out

Monday 15 Weather very foul. Did not go out

Tuesday 16 Weather too foul for taking more than a short drive

Wednesday 17 To relieve Mrs D's anxiety Dr Howells came over & pronounced [?] her [?] practically [?] better

Thursday 18 Took only a short drive

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| Friday 20 | Called at the Gnoll |
| Saturday 20 | Hardly moved out |
| Sunday 21 | Weather still foul |
| Monday 22 | Through much giddiness & some slipping steps in the Court at Ynysygerwn I had a severe fall & it was near Midnight before any medical aid could be found from Swansea or Neath. Dr Howells first arrived & staunched the blood [?] from a severe wound |
| Tuesday 23 | Kept in bed all day. John, Lewis & Moggridge all came over to see me |
| Wednesday 24 | Still confined to my Bed |
| Friday 26 | Dr Howell performed a very painful operation by extracting ex..sited[?] Blood from the Wound in my forehead |
| Saturday 27 | Moved back to Sketty in the close Carriage with less difficulty than was anticipated. Moggridge this morning procured a Norway [?] Bergylt [?] which had been taken in a Swansea Weir by one [?] of Fisherman & by my desire he sent to Farrall [?Yarrell] to have it well preserved at my expense by Yarrell for our Museum |
| Sunday 28 | Very deaf & a jar [?] of the skin [?] very painful |
| Monday [29] | Drove with Mrs D on the Mumbles Road in the close Carriage as far as Revd L Davis's |
| Tuesday 30 | Drove as yesterday as far as Norton |
| Wednesday | Drove as little [?] of yesterday on Mumbles Road |
| Friday | Weather not favorable |

[NB Diary dates incorrect for October - dates given as in original Diary]

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| NOVEMBER |
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| Saturday 1 | Took a short drive as heretofor with Mrs D |
| Sunday 2 | Mrs D did not go out |
| Monday 3 | Drove as heretofor with Mrs D to Swansea |

Tuesday 4 Drove to Swansea & bought my dear Mary back from a School Meeting

Wednesday 5 Weather too cold & it was not ...[?] thought fit for my deafness to venture out

Thursday 7 Did not venture out

Friday 7 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Saturday 8 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea in the afternoon

Sunday 9 Did not leave home, but Mrs D went to Church

Monday 10 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Tuesday 11 Did not go out

Wednesday 12 Went with Mrs D to call at the Willows

Thursday 13 Drove with Mrs D for half an hour to the Willows & Swansea

Friday 14 Drove with Mrs D on the Mumbles Road

Saturday 15 Weather cold & we did not stir out by the Doctors desire

Sunday 16 Mrs D went to Church to hear our new [?] Clergyman, Mr Sandford having removed to another Living. Did not stir out

Monday 17 A Frost last night. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea & she had been there before at the School in the morning

Tuesday 18 A sharp Frost last night. Drove with Mrs D in the aft[ernoon] to the Mumbles

Wednesday 19 Drove on the Mumbles Road with Mrs D

Thursday 20 Drove to the Mumbles with Mrs D

Friday 21 Mrs D attended at her School & I a Meeting at the R[oyal] Institution

Saturday 22 Neither Mrs D or I went out

Sunday 23 Mrs D not well & neither of us went out

Monday 24 Mrs D & I called at the Willows (She having spent the) [this bit crossed out] morning at the School & I drove to bring her back

Tuesday 25 Mrs D went over early to her School & I drove in the afternoon to bring her back

Wednesday 26 Drove over to the Willows

Thursday 27 Frosty & did not go out

Saturday 29 Much pain in my side

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| DECEMBER |
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Tuesday 2 Drove with Mary & called on the Hewsons at the Elms [?]

Wednesday 3 My side increasingly painful & did not go out

Friday 5 Did not go out

Saturday 6 Side increasingly painful & the Doctor called it congestion of the Liver. Dr ordered a Mustard Poultice

Sunday 7 Much unwell & Mrs D remained at home to look after me

Tuesday 9 Liver better & at last allowed by the Doctor to drive as far [as] the Mumbles in the close Carriage with Mrs D to the Mumbles. Unluckily much alarmed Mrs D & much hurt my left thigh [?] & knee by a fall in the Carriage

Friday 12 Took a short drive with Mrs D & continue very lame

Monday 15 Dr Howell again consented to my taking a drive as far as Norton in the close Carriage & my thigh is much better, tho still very black

Tuesday 16 The Ditto of yesterday

Wednesday 17 Ditto nearly [?]

Friday 19 Accompanied Miss D a shopping to Swansea but I did not get out of the Carriage as my leg continues very black & troublesome

Sunday 21 Only Miss Mary well enough to go to Church

Monday 22 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Tuesday 24 Did not go out

Wednesday 25 Drove with Mrs D to Norton

Thursday 25 Do day [?]
Saturday 27 Drove with Mrs D on the Mumbles Road
Sunday 28 My dear Mary unwell & did not move out
Tuesday 30 Drove with Mrs D to Mumbles
Wednesday 31 Drove with Mrs D on the Mumbles Road

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| 1852 JANUARY |
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Thursday 1 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D
Friday 2 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea. Johnny came to sleep here & go to the [?]
Christmas Ball at his Uncles
Saturday 3 Drove with Mrs D's D [?] to call at the Willows. Fan & the Family
having this afternoon returned from their Christmas Visit to Penllergare

END OF DIARY